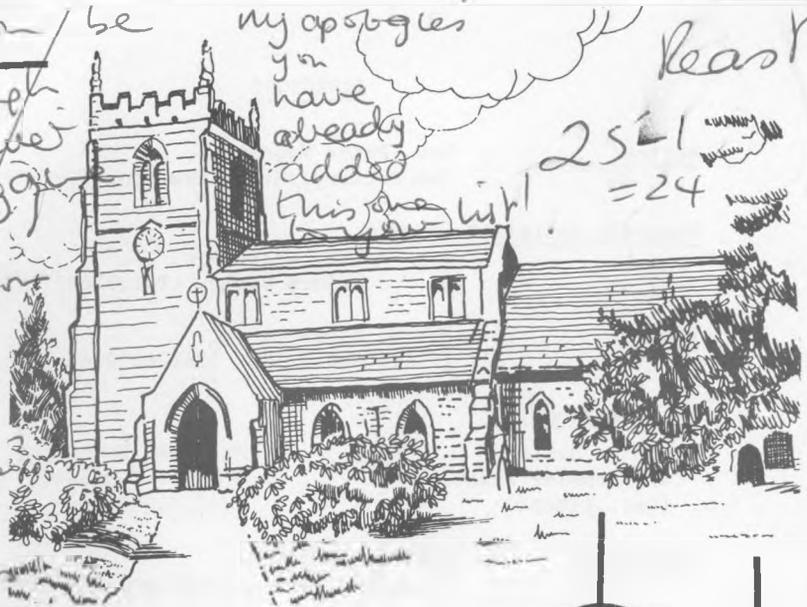


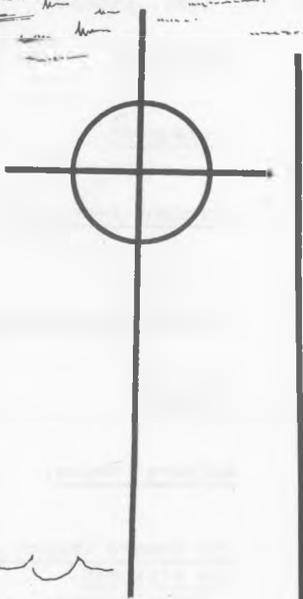
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They do say that no news is good news. It is some time since I wrote about the financial state of the parish. Can this be a sign of good news? The answer is a qualified 'yes'. Like the Chancellor of the Exchequer I feel I ought to make my annual autumn economic statement!

So far this year we have managed to pay our way. In particular we have successfully maintained our Parish Share payments to the Diocese. The Parish Share is our main commitment, and in 1987 we have paid £500 per month. Our total for the year is £6000. Let me remind you that this is the money we pay towards the national running costs of the church. Most of this money is used to support the full time ministry of the church. In addition to paying the Share, we have also managed to set aside money for our other main expense, the insurance costs of our three buildings. Altogether the premiums amount to about a thousand pounds. Financially we are in a much stronger position than we have been for some time.

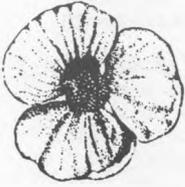
How has this been achieved? There is only one way in which a church can avoid financial difficulties, and that is by regular, committed, weekly giving through the envelope scheme. The majority of our worshippers now use this method of supporting the church, and I would like to thank everyone for their response to recent appeals to use envelopes. The other vital component of church finance is to covenant your giving if you pay income tax. Our present covenanted income brings us an annual payment of around £1500 from the Inland Revenue - a considerable sum of money. If you do not yet use the envelope scheme, or covenant your giving please contact the treasurer, Mrs. J. Firth, or the covenant secretary, Mr. J. Gardham.

Despite our healthier finances there are one or two clouds on the horizon. Firstly, our Parish Share for next year is likely to increase by about £800 to £6,800. This is an increase of almost £70 a month. Secondly, the reduction of the rate of income tax reduces the amount of money we can claim from the tax man. As individuals we benefit, but the church and other charities lose income. The solution seems obvious - if you have benefitted from tax cuts, increase your giving! Which brings me to the next problem - the danger of complacency.

Experience has shown that churches run into financial problems when giving is allowed to get out of date. Unless we review our giving annually the value of what we give gradually decreases. I ask you therefore to consider increasing your giving if you have not done so within the last year. It is only in this way that we will avoid future crises in our finances.

The pattern of morning services on Remembrance Sunday will be as last year. The Parish Communion will be held at 10 a.m. and will be shorter than usual, in order to finish for the Remembrance Sunday Service at 11 a.m. The collection for the Remembrance Service will be for the Poppy Fund of the British Legion.

Once again we shall hold a Christingle Service on Advent Sunday, 29th November at 6.30 pm. The money raised at the service is for the Church of England Children's Society. This year we shall be joined by the area secretary of the Children's Society, Mr. Stan Evans. Last year the children of Ackworth raised the incredible total of £467. Can we beat that this year?



The Royal British Legion in Ackworth.

Do the residents of Ackworth think that the British Legion is non-existent, now that the British Legion Club is closed?

Do Ackworth people realise that its Branch was one of the first of fourteen to be formed in 1923?

What is the British Legion all about?

The British Legion was formed out of four national ex-servicemen's organisations that came into being as a result of the Great War when no one seemed to be interested in the wounded soldier. This came about in 1921 when the Legion became a non-political, non-sectarian organisation of ex-service people. In 1971, its Golden Jubilee year, the Legion was granted "The Royal" prefix.

What does the British Legion do?

The Ackworth Branch meets every second Sunday in each month at the Angel Inn and endeavours to carry out the following objectives:-

- a. To perpetuate the memory of those who died in service for their country.
- b. To assist ex-servicemen and women and the widows and children dependants of those who have served, in matters relating to pensions, allowances, grants and war gratuities.
- c. To raise through the Poppy Appeal, funds for the purpose of assisting ex servicemen and women and their dependants, materially and financially.
- d. The Legion has also in our area 1468 housing units that are tenanted by ex service men and women - like St. Oswald Court at Hemsworth. It has throughout the country convalescent homes similar to Lister House at Ripon, along with Residential Homes for long term care.
- e. It provides financial help in an emergency, on the Branch Committee recommendation.
- f. Also members of the British Legion make regular hospital visits in the Pontefract and Hemsworth areas, providing friendship, where possible.

No! The Royal British Legion is not dead.

It has been alive for 63 years and will continue to be interested in its ex service community.

The Branch meets at the Angel Inn every second Sunday in each month.

Its President is Lord St. Oswald, the Chairman is Mr. E. Myers, and the Secretary is Mr. I. Higgins.

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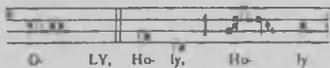
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HUDDERSFIELD PLAINCHANT FESTIVAL

In recent years the tradition of music and plainsong at **St Thomas's, Longroyd Bridge, Huddersfield** has been extended by a series of Plainchant Festivals. The response to these Festivals has always been enthusiastic and encouraging with people coming from as far away as Merseyside and Sheffield. Enthusiasts of all levels of experience have welcomed and enjoyed the day. The Festivals have included both Masses and Offices and have been sung in Latin as well as English. Indeed people of many Christian traditions have come making the events truly **ecumenical**.

The fifth in the series is to be on Saturday 28 November under the aegis of the **Royal School of Church Music**. The day will centre round the Office of Compline at 5.50pm. As a special extra event the people of St Thomas's are performing an eleventh century **Mystery Play** in the church after the service. This is based on the parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins. The evening will conclude with a social evening in the church hall which will include supper and entertainment by a **Barber Shop Quartet**.

Anyone interested in attending the Festival should contact Fr Richard Giles (tel 0484 20660) **as soon as possible** for further details.

BISHOP DAVID WRITES

THE MINISTRY OF HEALING

Jesus the Healer

One of the inescapable features of the Gospel accounts is that Jesus healed people. Jesus, faced with a mixture of illnesses and handicaps brought healing and wholeness to folk. So the ministry of healing has become an important part of the Christian tradition down through the ages.

Over recent years this ministry has grown in significance within the Christian church. Several churches now have "healing services" and many people, clergy and lay, feel they have a ministry towards the sick. We have seen the growth of the Hospice movement and the large and impressive work churchfolk have done in that area. And of course there are the many hospital chaplains who exercise a very significant ministry. Included too at all levels, is the dedicated and committed work of surgeons, physicians, nursing staff, ancillary workers, as well as those of us who have to care at home for a sick member of the family. It is indeed a full and important scene.

Prayers for Healing

We all in our churches have prayers for the sick but that raises many questions in our minds, what are we about when we pray for the sick? What expectations are there in our minds? There are surely no easy answers in this complex area,

yet it is a very important subject. We can say, as with all prayer, that it is an attempt on our part to be open to God – to tune in as it were to his wavelength; prayer is a venture in which we seek to deepen our trust in and love of God.

Here I would like to quote from a new book, **“Prayers for Healing”** by Canon John Gunstone, he writes, “I want to affirm as emphatically as I can that what matters in the ministry of prayer for healing is what God does. Our role in that ministry is to trust him and to cooperate obediently with him.”

This book will be a great help and resource in this complex area. It contains many prayers for different occasions as well as explanations of different forms of prayer including a very interesting appendix on Spontaneous Prayer. I do commend it very warmly and keenly to all those who are involved in this ministry both clergy and lay, as a very sane, practical and pastoral handbook.

The Debate continues

As well as such books it is clear that there is a need for discussion about the ministry of healing to try and clarify any misunderstandings that may be around and to see if we can reach some agreement as to what we are about in this sphere of our work. To this end I have initiated a series of seminars on healing. I have called together various people who have an interest in this subject and we can do some theology to try and tease out what are some very intricate matters.

Is there a difference between healing and being cured of a particular disease? What role do healing services have in the church and how should a healing ministry be conducted? What about the effects of those who, having been prayed for, do not apparently make the progress we had been expecting?

These are just some of the questions which we will be touching upon. There are no easy answers but it is important to address the questions as this is an issue which can all too easily become contentious and divisive without such an openness to the questions themselves, it is important for us “to hear” each others point of view, we may have rather more in common than we suppose! Further it is very easy for us to see this as the preserve of one special group, or a particular individual in the church – that cannot be so, always it is the activity of God in his church in the world.

The Advent Hope

The end of this month sees the beginning of the Christian Year, a time when we look forward to the coming of the kingdom already glimpsed here on earth. As followers of Jesus we strive to enable that “kingdom come”. As the Lord was indeed **the** healer, then wholeness will be a mark of the kingdom. One of our favourite and well loved Christmas carols speaks of the new born prince of peace “risen with healing in his wings”. Continue then to pray for the sick in your worship and in your own prayer times. Continue to grapple with the many problems posed by the ministry of healing and let us all look to Jesus for the sign of real hope no matter what our concerns or our condition. In him we can indeed find wholeness and true healing.

And by way of a proper preparation for the Lord’s coming and a celebration of Advent, don’t forget **Advent Praise** in the Cathedral at Wakefield on **Friday 4th December at 7.30 pm**. We are extremely fortunate in having been able to secure Canon John Gunstone as preacher on this occasion – come yourself and bring all your friends with you.

Greetings and good wishes in Christ.

+ DAVID WAKEFIELD

* “Prayers for Healing” is priced £4.95 and will be available from the bookstall in the Cathedral.

NOVEMBER MUSIC

21 "ELIJAH" (Mendelssohn), in the Civic Theatre Halifax, by Halifax Choral Society - 7.30.

THE MRS SUNDERLAND MUSIC COMPETITION

There is a class for church choirs and the anthem set for the 1988 Festival is "Ave Verum" (Elgar), each choir also sings a hymn of their choice. Choirs day is Sat 27th February 1988: - entries close on the 28th of November 1987.

There is also a Bible-reading class for both children and adults. Details & syllabus (inc entry forms) from Mrs Ruth Horsfall, Rock Bottom, Daisy Lea Lane, Lindley, HUDDERSFIELD HD3 3LL, Yorkshire. Tel Hudd 22288 (day), or 533444 (eve & w/e).

BEREAVEMENT COUNSELLING COURSES in November

14 One day course at Dewsbury in Bereavement Visiting for prospective volunteers. Apply: Joy Gunter, Community Health Council, Town Hall, DEWSBURY WF12 8DG, Yorkshire. Dews. 450706 or 465151, ext 228.

16 A day on Bereavement Counselling at Pinderfields Hospital. The speaker will be Dr Gabrielle Syme. There will be a small charge to cover lunch & refreshments during the day. Places are limited, apply: Martina McClements, Dept of Social Responsibility, Church House, WAKEFIELD WF1 1LP, Yorkshire. Wk 371802 ext F5.

UNICEF HARVEST THANKSGIVINGS



THE JAR OF GRACE

Please would you consider having a **Jar of Grace** on your table from Harvest to Christmas - for what better time to show concern than when we sit down

to a comfortable and adequate meal? Please send for as many labels as you can use, stick a label on any empty jar - each member of a family puts in 1 penny per meal, give the proceeds to the parish Treasurer after Christmas. The address for the labels and receiving the contents of all the jars is:- The N of England Centre, UK Committee for UNICEF, 69 Cross St, SALE M33 1HF, Cheshire. Tel 061 973 4957. Some leaflets and posters are also available. Thank you.

THE UNICEF PRAYER

Almighty God, Creator of the Universe and Father of the whole human race, look in love upon the children of your world. Bless and prosper the work of the United Nations Children's Fund; grant to those who work for it, the resources and ability to relieve the sufferings of children in all countries where their needs are greatest.

Whilst we in our richness celebrate with thanksgiving yet another harvest of great abundance, help us to remember those millions of children who struggle for survival.

Keep us from complacency and self-satisfaction and let us never forget that it is upon all children everywhere that the future of your world depends: so that they may grow, in body and mind, to use their energies and talents in the service of their fellow men and of You, our God and Father. Amen.

WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER

FOUR EVENINGS IN ADVENT — a course for study groups, providing an opportunity for members of congregations to prepare for Christmas. Apply to the Rev David King, Education Dept, Church House, Wakefield. Wk 371802.

1 EVENING PRAYER MEETING, 8pm, St Mary's Illingworth, preparation for the Taize Rome Meeting (28 Dec - 2 Jan 88). Please contact the Rev D. Clarke for further information, St Mary's Vicarage, 157 Keighley Road, Illingworth HX2 9LL, Yorkshire. Tel. Hx 244322.

2 "REQUIEM MASS" — Faure, Mozart's "Ave Verum" & more in a concert by St Peter's Singers and the Chamber Orchestra of Leeds — St Mary's S Elmsall at 8. Tickets £2 for St Mary's Restoration Appeal.

2-6 "SIGNS OF HOPE IN THE CITY" conference at Lee Abbey. Speakers include the Archbishop's Officer for Urban Priority Areas, Rev D. Horn, Jeanne Hinton, the Rev Neville Black - the Bp of Liverpool's Advisor on Urban Ministry & Leadership. Cost £66, Booking Office, Dept D/N, Lee Abbey, Lynton EX35 6JJ, Devonshire.

7 & 8 'YORKSHIRE VIEWS' by Stanley Chapman & Art Exhibition by Yorkshire Artists, + craft stalls and refreshments. At All Saints Parish Church, Dewsbury for the organ & restoration fund. 50p entry. (7th, 10-4 & 8th, 12-4).

7 DAY CONFERENCE at Horbury Community Centre, 10-4.30, £2 - includes hot lunch. Theme "The Prayer We Offer" organised by the Diocesan Church Union Committee. Bookings: Mrs J. Silverwood, 68 Lea Lane, Purston, Featherstone.

9 QUIET DAY at St John's Upperthong 9.45-4.30. Details Sue Dawson, Holmfirth 687462.

14 CHRISTMAS FAIR - The Community Centre, Whitley Parish Church. Open 2, refreshments.

14 CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA, Cleckheaton Town Hall 10-4. A joint fund-raising venture by the Churches of St Luke & Whitechapel.

14 CONCERT by the choir of Chetham's School & organ recital, St John's Upperthong 7.30. £3, £1 or family £6. Details - Di Ellerton, Holmfirth 684207.

20 THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY TALK by Dr J. Addy, St Mary's Hall Honley, 7.30. Tel. Huddersfield 843583. Coffee - Talk - Discussion.

21 YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS, Western Branch evening meeting at Lightcliffe.

26 CHRISTMASS FAYRE at Thornes Parish Church, Wakefield 10-12. Stalls and refreshments.

PEOPLE & PLACES

The Rev David Rhodes is to be the Incumbent of Roberttown.

The Rev Deacon Barbara Lydon is to be Minister-in-Charge of Kellington-w-Whitley.

The Rev Nicholas Smith, A/c Christchurch, St Marylebone, London is to be the A/c in the Parish of Barnsley St Mary with special responsibility for the District Church of St Paul.

NOVEMBER INSTITUTIONS & LICENSINGS

6 Skelmanthorpe	7.30	+DW
22 Roberttown	3.00	+DW

MARKET PLACE

ORGANIST REQUIRED for duty at St Cuthbert's Birkby, Huddersfield. Please contact Fr Timothy Kaye, Hudds 24071.

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The Retreat Movement

Jesus said to them 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'. (Mark 6.31).

On several occasions in the Gospels Jesus and his disciples retreat into the mountains, to a lonely place, in order to get away from the crowds. It is this example set by Jesus which forms the basis of a retreat. A retreat is a time of quiet and reflection when we can 're-charge our batteries'. Normally silence is kept, and the leader gives a number of talks about the Christian's life of prayer. It is a break from normal routine and gives you time to think, read and pray.

Margaret Ward recently went on retreat, and here are her thoughts about the experience.

"A few weeks ago the weekly newsheet at St. Cuthbert's Church invited members of the congregation to join with other christians on a retreat at 'Whirlow Grange' in Sheffield. Further enquiries revealed that this retreat was aimed at attracting people who had not been on one previously or possibly had, but a long time ago. My interest and enthusiasm grew and I decided to pay my deposit. The previous 18 months of my life had been very demanding, with moving house and church, sitting exams and caring for my family, whilst working full time. However, on arrival at Whirlow Grange for evening meal at 6.30, on Friday, 4th September, the outside world with its cares and woes was soon forgotten.

The first evening was a group discussion about what we expected to gain from the retreat, and about our relationship with God and other people. This was followed by evening prayer. The rest of the weekend was spent in silence and included addresses by the leader and a personal interview with him, plus various services. The purpose of the silence was to find an inner peace, and to learn to listen to God and to pray. Silence ended at lunch on Sunday and the weekend was over after tea at 4.00. On reflection I needed a little bit longer and will possibly look for a retreat in the future of about a week.

If you see one advertised, do join in, you will be glad you did. I did."

If you wish to try out a retreat please contact the Rector.

THE FIVE-TOWNS PLUS HOSPICE FUND LTD.

Money for this Community project is being raised all over the area by a variety of voluntary efforts.

The Coffee Morning in August at the Low Ackworth Community Hall raised over £300 and generated much interest. Realisation of the value of a Hospice is steadily growing and it is hoped that Ackworth will play a full part in the raising of the necessary funds.

If anyone is able and willing to assist in working for the Hospice, please telephone or write to either:-

Mrs. Matthews - The Granary, Ackworth Grange, East Hardwick.
(Telephone Pontefract 620717)

OR

Mrs. Barran - Ackworth Grange, East Hardwick.
(Telephone Pontefract 620727)

All help would be most gratefully received.

COFFEE MORNING

18 Charlestown, 10 a.m. to 12 noon

Tuesday, 10th November, 1987.

Coffee and biscuits 25p.

Bring and Buy * Fancy Goods
Proceeds for Church Funds.

PARISH WOMEN'S GROUP

Wednesday, 18th November, at the Rectory,
at 7.45 p.m.

"Getting Ready for Christmas"

Everybody welcome.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

IN AID OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

ST. CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

SUNDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER, 6.30 p.m.

Speaker: Mr. Stan Evans
Area Secretary of the
Children's Society.

Details will be circulated in Church,
and through children's organisations
in Ackworth.



YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED

ONE OF THE BEST SERMONS I ever heard was also the shortest. It was given at a youth service by a young writer I knew, who begged me to allow him to borrow my pulpit. The children were quiet in the presence of a stranger. "Look first to your right," he told the kids, "and then look to the left. On one side you will see your mother and on the other your father. Well that is what you will be like, that is how you will end up, no better, no worse. Good morning. Amen."

RABBI LIONEL BLUE

TRINITY

*Earth, sky and sea, all three
God created them.
Body, mind and soul, the whole
God created them.
Father, Spirit, Son, all one
Glorious Trinity.*

IRIS SELLER
in Christian Herald

"There is not enough darkness in all the world to put out the light of one small candle."



N O V E M B E R

SUNDAY SERVICES

St. Cuthbert's: 10.15 am The Parish Communion
All Saints' : 8.30 am Holy Communion (2nd Sunday, 1662 Prayer Bk)
6.30 pm Evensong (2nd Sunday, Holy Communion)

Guide and Brownie Parade and Family Communion - 2nd Sunday in the month.
Service for Mothers and Toddlers - 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the month
(except August), 2 pm at All Saints' Church.

Baptisms normally take place at the 10.15 am Parish Communion on the 4th Sunday in the month.

Ministry to the Sick. Please inform the Rector of anyone who is in hospital or very ill at home.

Enquiries about Baptisms, Marriages and Banns. The Rector is normally available every Tuesday evening between 7.30 and 8 pm. at the Rectory. Please telephone beforehand to arrange an appointment.

1st ALL SAINTS' DAY

Readings: Rev 7.2-4,9-end (Mrs. J. Waites); Matt 5.1-12. ASB 812.

2nd Mon. 6.45 pm Holy Communion

7.30 pm PCC, both at the Howard School, Low Ackworth.

3rd Tues. 9.15 am Holy Communion (SC)

4th Wed. 9.15 am Holy Communion (AS)

7th Sat. 2.30 pm Autumn Fayre, the Mission Room.

8th SEVENTH SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

10.00 am The Parish Communion

Readings: Genesis 22.1-18 (Mr. R. Firth); Luke 20.9-17. ASB 410.

11.00 am Service for Remembrance Sunday.

10th Tues. 9.15 am Holy Communion (SC)

2.00 pm Service for Mothers and Toddlers (AS)

11th Wed. 9.15 am Holy Communion (AS)

15th SIXTH SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Readings: Exodus 6.2-8 (Mr. S. McDougall); Mark 13.5-13. ASB.415.

16th Mon. 7.30 pm Deanery Synod.

17th Tues. 9.15 am Holy Communion (SC)

8.00 pm Standing Committee

18th Wed. 9.15 am Holy Communion (AS)

7.45 pm Parish Women's Group, the Rectory.

22nd FIFTH SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Readings: Isaiah 10.20-23 (Mrs. M. Moorhouse); Mark 13.14-23. ASB 420

24th Tues. 9.15 am Holy Communion (SC)

2.00 pm Service for Mothers and Toddlers (AS)

25th Wed. 9.15 am Holy Communion (AS)

26th Thur. 2.30 pm Mothers' Union, All Saints' Church.

29th ADVENT SUNDAY

Readings: Isaiah 51.4-11 (Mrs. M. Ward); Matt. 25.31-end. ASB.424.

6.30 pm Christingle Service, St. Cuthbert's Church.

DECEMBER

6th ADVENT 2

Readings: Isaiah 64.1-7 (Mr. D. Cook); Luke 4.14-21. ASB.430.