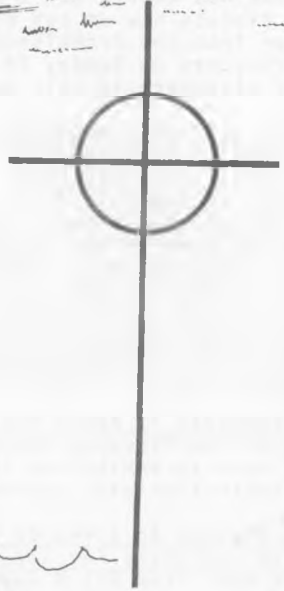


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## RECTOR'S NOTES



This month sees the launch of a major project by the Church of England. On Wednesday 20 April the Church Urban Fund will be launched. This Fund is a central part of the Church's response to the Report 'Faith in the City' which highlighted the problems facing the Inner City, and the often daunting task facing parishes in such areas. Those of us fortunate enough to live in a community like Ackworth can easily overlook the problems of living in decaying

city centres. As the Bishop of Liverpool, David Sheppard, has pointed out people with talent and initiative often move out of these areas. The result is that inner city areas become centres of poverty, with high rates of unemployment, poor housing, greater rates of ill health and crime. The Church's aim is to raise a total of £18 million, and each diocese has been given a target figure to raise. The Church Council will discuss how we can play our part in this project, and a pastoral letter from the Archbishop of York and Canterbury will be read out in all churches on Sunday 24 April. Further details of the Fund are given elsewhere in this magazine.

Do you find this magazine interesting? Do you think it could be improved? Have you ever come across items of interest in other magazines which you think we could publish? Have you the courage to put pen to paper in order to write a short article? I am concerned to find out the answers to these questions, and to encourage more people to contribute to the parish magazine. Let me know what you think. A small group has been formed to help edit the magazine, and we would welcome other members if this is of interest to you. Please note that the copy date printed each month is always the first Sunday in the month. This is the last possible date for copy. If you wish to advertise an event it will help our plans if you let me have details as far in advance as possible, so that an attractive advertisement can be designed.

On Wednesday 13 April the Bishop of Wakefield will visit Pontefract as part of the Diocesan Centenary celebrations. At Pontefract Library he will open an exhibition illustrating the life of parishes in this area. The exhibition will include material from Ackworth.

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Jacque Dawson has agreed to act as parish secretary for the Church of England Children's Society. She takes over from Mrs M Jupp, whom I would like to thank for the work she has done for the Society in the past. I know that a number of people in the parish have Children's Society boxes. Arrangements will be made to have these collected, and new ones distributed.

Please note that because of school holidays the Family Communion Service with the Guides and Brownies will be held on Sunday 17 April and NOT on Sunday 10 April.

Mr and Mrs John Gardham are organising an Ackworth Quiz as a fund raising venture for the church. Fifty questions must be answered on a printed sheet, available at 30p each. Entries to be submitted not later than Saturday 21 May. The winners will receive their prizes at a Cream Tea Afternoon on Saturday 4 June to be held at the Gardham's home, Tenter Ings House, 83 Pontefract Road, High Ackworth. Quiz sheets on sale at church from Easter onwards.

Peter Moorhouse

# CHURCH URBAN FUND AIMS TO RAISE

# £18 M

THIS SPRING SEES a vital new move in the Church of England's efforts to come to grips with the inner city decay and deprivation highlighted two-and-a-half years ago by the report 'Faith in the City'.

On 20 April a massive fund raising campaign is being launched to raise £18 million for the new Church Urban Fund which will provide much-needed money to get a multitude of locally based Christian initiatives off the ground.

Meanwhile Parliament has been asked to approve the transfer of £1 million from the Church Commissioners to the new Fund. And there are expected to be other substantial sums donated from companies, trusts and foundations. The aim is that eventually there will be enough capital to provide £4 million a year to spend on projects.

## ARCHBISHOPS LETTER

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York announced the campaign last Autumn, in a letter sent to all the Church's clergy. In particular, many churches will be marking the start of the campaign on the following Sunday, 24 April.

Speaking about the new Fund in Synod last Autumn, Dr Runcie challenged the Church that the Fund would only get large-scale help from industry if it became clear that church members were themselves giving sacrificially.

## 'MECHANISMS NEEDED'

'The Church of England has no financial mechanisms or legal powers specifically to target financial assistance to the UPAs' (Urban Priority Areas), reported 'Faith in the City' at the end of 1985.

The Report went on to recommend the creation of a new 'Church Urban Fund', in the way that in the 50's New Housing Areas received special help from the then Church assembly. The Fund should 'strengthen the Church's presence and promote the Christian witness in the urban priority areas', said the Report.



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FOR YOUR DIARY

C R E A M T E A A F T E R N O O N

Saturday 4 June, at 2.30 pm  
At the home of Mr and Mrs J Gardham,  
Tenter Ings House, 83 Pontefract Road.

Winners of the Ackworth Quiz will receive their prizes:-  
(See Rector's Notes for details)

First prize: Half dozen bottles of assorted table wines  
Runner up: Box of chocolates.

TWO MORE BOOKS FROM THE PARISH LIBRARY

'A POCKET GUIDE TO CHRISTIAN BELIEF' by Jean Smith

Based on the revised Catechism of the Church of England, this little book gives short, clear commentaries on the basic tenets of the Christian faith - the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and Ten Commandments and the Sacraments. As the author points out "how you react to them depends of course on your free will", but it has never been the intention of the church that you should be left to muddle along on your own. An excellent little book for those who believe, but would have some difficulty in saying exactly what they believe.

'LAMPS OF FIRE' Daily Readings with St John. of the Cross. Ed. by Elizabeth Ruth ODC

A short introduction to the writings of one of the great Christian contemplatives of the 16th Century. In sixty short extracts from his major works, Sister Elizabeth shows that, although considered as one of the great mystical writers of the church, St John's path is not one of "visions, ecstasies and abnormal phenomena." He rejects all these as diverting us from the God we can only know by faith - the true guide, which is dark to the understanding.

"Faith tells us of things we have never seen, and cannot come to know by our natural senses"

FIVE TOWNS HOSPICE FUND

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 16 April, 10 am - 12 noon  
at Low Ackworth Community Centre

Tickets: 25p. Includes coffee and a draw for 3 prizes

We are most grateful to all who have helped already, and will be glad to have contributions in cash or kind for the various stalls

Pat Matthews and Pat Barran

T H E M I S S I O N S T O S E A M E N

Mrs Uprights coffee morning on Shrove Tuesday raised £100 for the work of the Missions to Seamen. Captain Clayton thanks everyone for their support, and our thanks go to Mrs Upright for organising this event.

JUMBLE SALE - The jumble sale on 5 March raised £100 for Church funds. Many thanks to all who supported and helped on the day.

Jean Reast and Margaret Lloyd

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## WAKEFIELD DIOCESAN CENTENARY YEAR

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### ARCHBISHOP'S VISIT

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The Archbishop of Canterbury will be in the Diocese 23-25 April. **On the 23rd** he will preach at a major Diocesan event, the conclusion of Bishop David's week-long pilgrimage round his Diocese, in the **Cathedral at 4 pm.**

**On Sunday the 24th**, The Archbishop will preach at the morning Communion Service at **St Peter's Morley**, and go on to a private lunch with the Community of St Peter, **Horbury**. In the evening he will join in the celebrations at **Heptonstall** for the 600th anniversary of the founding of the parish. At the Choral Evensong he will preach again.

**On the final day**, Dr Runcie will attend a seminar in the parish of **Rawthorpe**, a Huddersfield 'urban priority' parish. It will concentrate on the issues raised in the report "Faith in the City", and will examine what is being done about them at local level. In the afternoon he will visit the Church's Deanery school in **Barnsley** and then go on to the NUM headquarters to meet the Yorkshire Secretary, Jack Taylor. The afternoon will finish at the local office of the **Council for Voluntary Service** where he will meet the Mayor of Barnsley.

Bishop David observed that the Wakefield Diocese is at present getting a higher level of attention from the two Archbishops than usual. "We have recently had the Archbishop of York in the Diocese on an official visit and during our Centenary Year we shall be delighted to welcome both our Archbishops on further visits.

Dr Runcie's April visit will certainly help to set our Centenary celebrations on the road - we look forward to showing him around."

### DEANERY FESTIVALS & EXHIBITIONS

Following the Parish Profiles, each Deanery is to collect the displays from the parishes to form an exhibition which will be visited by the Bishop and the Archdeacon - and will be open to the public.

Date	Area
13 April	Pontefract
16	Wakefield + Chevet
25	Almondbury
14 May	Dewsbury
21	Huddersfield
4 June	Birstall
11	Kirkburton
18	Calder Valley + Halifax + Brighouse & Elland

## CENTENARY EVENTS

I only have details of these, if there are any others being planned, please let me know asap. Ed.

**2 May – Brighouse & Elland Deanery walk.** This will start on the Industrial Estate at Brighouse at 9.0am with, it is hoped, Bishop David to start things off. This will be a long day's walk which will be, in the words of Cardinal Newman...

"O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent till the night is gone..."

No sponsoring, just a grand day out, getting to know the Deanery and each other a little better. Anyone (even from another Deanery) is welcome to join in (is there life in Hx??) for further details please ring Rev John Flack (Brighouse) 714032.

**21 & 22 May – A "Bread! Not Stones" Exhibition** in St Matthew's Church, Northowram, open all day. This is in conjunction with St Matthew's 75th Anniversary on the Sunday.

**22 May – "Birstall on the Move!"** – another Deanery walk. This is a young people's event (10-25) which will leave Birstall at 11.0am with the intention of dropping in on Bishop David at Bishop's Lodge. If you are at all interested please ring either The Rev Ian Gaskell (Cleck) 873964 or Kath Pinnock (Cleck) 876995.

**26 May – The Bishop makes visits** to several schools by Helicopter, weather permitting!

**14 June – Rock Gospel Concert** at the Roof Top Gardens, Wakefield.

**26 June – Centenary Eucharist** at Huddersfield Town Football Ground.

**10 July – Link Diocese Charter Service** in Wakefield Cathedral, 4.0pm.

**3 Sept – Family Day at Bretton Hall**, for all families in the Diocese, organised by the Mothers' Union.

**6-10 Sept – The Diocesan Conference** at Lancaster University, of which more anon.

## MARKET PLACE

**For Sale - 55 copies of The New Cathedral Psalter.** Hard-back & in vgc. 50p per copy or nearest offer, buyer collects. Also available, copies of the Diocesan Centenary Tie (£6). Ring The Rev Peter Calvert, Todmorden 813180.

**For Sale - 200+ copies of Ancient & Modern Revised.** Also 100+ copies of 100 Hymns for Today. Apply to The Rev Kit Widdows, St Hilda's Vicarage, Gibraltar Road, Halifax.

**Organist wanted** - for Thornhill Lees Parish Church. Sunday Mass, 10.30 and Sung Mass on Holy Days at 7.30pm. Ring Fr Ashworth, Dewsbury 461269.

**Organist/Musical Director required** for St Anne's Church, Wrenthorpe, Wakefield. Apply for specification from The Rev J K Butterworth, 121 Wrenthorpe Road, WAKEFIELD WF2 0JS, Yorkshire.

**Special thanks** for all the offers following the request for a cross and lights for Oakes Villa, Huddersfield. Replies came in from as far as Sussex, but in the end we accepted help from a kind donor in Halifax. Thank you to you all - HNL.

**C.P.A.S.** have just produced Pack No. 9 for the leaders of Mothers & Toddlers Groups. These are available from:- CPAS Sales Dept, Falcon Court, 32 Fleet Street, LONDON EC4Y 1DB. Tel 01-353 0751. Copies are £1.20 each.

Articles include such topics as organising a pram service, looking after other people's children, teaching children to pray and surviving as a young mum, plus ideas for the programme.

The Dept also has a leaflet called 'Ministry to young mothers'.

## ADVANCE NOTICE - OCTOBER

**6 S.A.M.S. Rally** in Lepton Parish Church for the Diocese of Wakefield on this Saturday afternoon. More details later.

*Bread!*

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.....not stones

## LOOKING BACK

What a privilege to have served as Verger of Halifax Parish Church. Could anyone wish a greater privilege than be "door-keeper" of such an ancient and important building?

I look back after serving 18 years both as Clerk and Verger on a job that entailed much, particularly the responsibility of security. There is the preparation for the services, having the Altar ready, to be present at all services and to assist the Vicar and carry out his wishes.

### **Different Vicars**

During my stay at Halifax I have worked with 3 different Vicars – different men – but I was able to build up a special relationship with each.

Many schools hold Carol Services, Holy Communion and Founder's Day Services. There were Civic Services and the impressive Remembrance Day Services and the Mothers' Union Festivals as well.

### **Not in English**

The Ukrainians and the Lutherans hold occasional services and gatherings. I once assisted the Ukrainian Priest at a wedding, having been asked to read the Gospel in English as well as the words addressed by the groom and bride to each other. These were the only words of English spoken.

### **Embarrassing and amusing**

The collapse of 9 banners behind the High Altar at a Mothers' Union Festival. When working on the screen the ladder slipped leaving me up there until help came. The day 3 fire-engines and a police-car arrived after a fortunately false alarm.

### **Distressing**

Break-ins. The offertory plate being thrown at a window which caused great damage. The organ-pipes being taken from the organ – but returned the same evening. Lead being removed from the roof. A flower arrangement that was knocked over. Con men and women.

### **Concern for others**

There was once a distressed man in the Sanctuary – phone the Samaritans. The really upset woman in the Rokeby Chapel – phone the Curate who takes her to the Doctor. Mother and child in the Nave.



### **Joy**

It gives me much joy however, after being present at Baptisms to see the boys and girls grow up – pass through Sunday School and choir – prepare for Confirmation and now serve at the Altar or teach in the Sunday School.

### **What are we doing?**

The Church has stood for centuries – a great witness. Think of some of the great events in history, local as well as national. We sit in the Parish Church – who are we – what are we doing? Each one of us is so important but we are only here for so short a time. Our little systems have their day.

For centuries public worship has been offered. There has been Feast and Festival and ordered activity. The Sacraments of Grace have been administered and there has been the faithful preaching of The Word.

### **The Heritage**

We remember the Saints – some known to us. Perhaps some of us have lost a loved one who worshipped here, there is a link in that the Church and your loved one are both dear to you.

What a heritage we have entered into, surely we are duty bound to hand it on to those who follow – with its beauty unimpaired.

A R Beavers, January 1988

## **NEW PRIEST-IN-CHARGE FOR EMLEY PARISH**

The Bishop of Wakefield has announced the appointment of the Rev Canon John Lodge, Vicar of Warmfield, near Wakefield, as the new priest-in-charge at the parish of Emley.

Mr Lodge, a former civil engineer, aged 58, is married and has three adult children. He has spent his ordained life entirely in the Wakefield Diocese. As a curate, he was in

charge of the churches at Fixby and Cowcliffe in Huddersfield. He was then successively Vicar of Shepley, of St Jude's in Halifax, and of Mixenden. He then moved to be the Vicar and Rural Dean of Almondbury before his most recent appointment to Warmfield.

His present parish post has been held alongside Diocesan responsibilities as Chaplain to two Bishops of Wakefield, first to Bishop Colin, then to Bishop David.

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## **THE BISHOP'S APRIL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE**

The seven days of pilgrimage will culminate in the service in the Cathedral (see below), and they are arranged as follows:—

<b>Date</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Preacher</b>
16	Wakefield/Chevet	4.30	The Bishop of Wakefield
17	Pontefract	6.30	The Bishop of Knaresborough
18	Barnsley	7.30	The Bishop of Sheffield
19	Kirkburton	7.30	The Bishop of Chester
20	Huddersfield + Almondbury	7.30	The Bishop of Middleton
21	Halifax + Calder Valley + Brighouse & Elland	7.30	The Bishop of Bradford
22	Dewsbury	7.30	The Bishop of Repton
23	The Archbishop of Canterbury at Wakefield Cathedral	—	4.00pm.

## **WAKEFIELD DIOCESAN CENTENARY**



### **MORE ABOUT THE CENTENARY EUCHARIST**

For the handicapped

Special provision is to be made for handicapped people. Invalid cars can be driven straight into the ground. Anyone wishing to use a wheelchair will also be provided for, together with an attendant. It is hoped to make provision for the service to be signed to deaf people.

Parties will be able to find their own position in the ground. There is the Stand with seating for 5000 people (otherwise standing), and tickets for the seats will be allocated to the parishes — the number of tickets per parish being based on the May Sunday attendance figure.

Parishes will be responsible for seeing that the elderly and infirm have first claim on the seating accommodation. There is of course plenty of standing room!! Just thought you'd like to know!

The St John's Ambulance Brigade will be in attendance and it is hoped that 2 Doctors will be available — if required. Extra toilet accommodation for Ladies is being provided. As we said in October's 'See-Link' the Diocese is NOT arranging for any refreshments to be available. Please bring whatever you want on this occasion. It is suggested that you bring a rug to sit on.



## BISHOP DAVID WRITES

### Triumph over Tragedy

At the heart of the New Testament there is the earth shattering news that Christ is risen. The Gospel writers tell of the women coming to the tomb of their Lord early in the morning, they find it empty. "He is Risen", is the message which is briskly told, but not without a degree of mysteriousness, among them. It is this same good news of triumph out of tragedy, of God's overwhelming love and commitment to his creation that the Christian world throughout the Church celebrates at Easter. Together, we can proclaim "on the third day He rose again according to the scriptures". This must surely be the motivating force of our enthusiasm and our mission as it was and has been from the beginning.

### The new Diocese

It was a concern for the mission of the Church in these parts that led to the establishing of our Diocese of Wakefield 100 years ago. People were in no mood to doubt that they would succeed in the various deliberations and negotiations, as well as the raising of the necessary finance.

### Bishop's Pilgrimage

Towards the end of this month there is the Bishop's Pilgrimage around the Diocese — a sign to all of us both of who and what the Bishop is and who and what we as the people of God in the Diocese are. It is the Bishop who links the local Diocese with the

other Dioceses which make up the Province, for us in Wakefield, the Province of York.

### Lambeth Conference

As will be very clearly seen at Canterbury this year, when all the Bishops from the Anglican Communion come together for the Lambeth Conference, Wakefield becomes a part of that 'universality' of the Church, the Church of God.

My Pilgrimage is also saying something about who and what we all are as God's people here and now Bishop, Lay folk and Clergy. And here the key word is *Pilgrim*. It is a word which indicates movement, a people on a special kind of journey. We are in the business of search and discovery for the things of God. But it is not a search which removes us from being concerned about the things of this world. Pilgrimage is about how the Church continues to celebrate and proclaim the joyful good news of Jesus Christ who is Risen to the world and in the world without becoming bogged down either in its own structures or in the world's. It is about how we address ourselves in the light of our Christian faith to the concerns and problems of our society, both local and national.

### Bread not Stones . . .

Already a great deal of information about your local 'Bread not Stones' projects is coming in to Bishop's Lodge. This will provide both an enormous encouragement and a great chal-

lenge for our Lancaster Conference in September as we try together to work and pray through all this searching to discern God's way forward for us. In making this pilgrimage then around the Diocese at the end of this month, culminating in the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury, may the Lord bind us all more firmly together in that unity which we share one with another in our Diocese, thus enabling each and everyone to be more adventurous, the more daring and risky in the living out of our Easter faith. With all joy in Christ,

+ DAVID WAKEFIELD

## MUSIC IN APRIL

- 9 Organ Recital**, St Paul's Morley 7.30pm. Julie Ann Crosby.
- 11-16 "Kiss Me Kate"**, Woodhouse Church AOS, Deighton High School, 7.15. Tel Hudds 549922. Or write - Mr D Clegg, 27 Brackenhall Road, Sheepridge, Huddersfield.
- 16 Recital by St Peter's Consort** in the Chapel of St Peter's Convent, Horbury, 7.30pm. £1 includes refreshments. Music of the Early Masters with a touch of French spice!
- 23 Celebrity Organ Recital**, St Paul's Morley 7.30pm. £1.50. Tel Leeds 523631. **Dr Francis Jackson**
- 25 Concert by Barnsley Male Voice Choir & Stuart Scrutton** (organ), 7.30pm. St Edward's Barnsley. For the restoration fund.
- 30 Concert by the Symroyd Singers**, The Art Gallery, Brighouse Library, Halifax Road, Brighouse. 7.30pm. £2 & £1.50 at the door. To include Mozart's "Mass in C Major". Tel Hudds 535611 for further details.

## WHAT'S ON IN APRIL

- 19 Mar-5 Apr The exhibition** "Called to be Adult Disciples", in Wakefield Cathedral.
- 4 Easter Flowers** in St Michael's Church Mytholmroyd, 10-4, + refreshments.
- 14-16 "Pharaoh to Freedom"**, a musical to be presented in St John's Church, Rastrick at 7.30pm. For further details Tel Brighouse 718241 or 715889 or 722004.
- 16 Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers**, Evening meeting - Longwood. Outing on the 21st of May.
- 18 Grand Garden Party**, 1.30-5.0 at Bishopthorpe Palace, York. This event is being held by kind permission of The Archbishop of York and Mrs Habgood and all proceeds from the event are to be donated to The Children's Society. For further details, either watch this space or contact Alison Shersby, 1 Fox Garth, Brafferton Helperby, YORK YO6 2PQ, Yorkshire. Tel Boroughbridge (0423) 360234.

## APRIL RETREATS & CONFERENCES

- 26 Quiet Day**, St Peter's Convent, Horbury. 10.30-3.30, organised by the Mothers' Union. Led by The Rev Gavin Walker, Vicar of Brotherton. Bring packed lunch - tel Mrs Cooper (Hemsworth) 611274.
- 20 Public meeting** on "World Development", in Huddersfield Methodist Mission, King Street at 7.15pm. Guest Speaker - Bob Matthews of the World Development Movement.
- 22-24 Arts Festival** in St Mark's Church, Halifax Road, Dewsbury. Craft stalls with demonstrations, display of Victoriana, tombola and concerts of music in the Church. Opening 6.30 (on the 22nd) by Sir Marcus and Lady Fox.
- 23 Huddersfield Walsingham Cell** excursion to Ampleforth Abbey and Lastingham. Tel (0484) 658083 for details.

## ADVANCE NOTICES — MAY

- 2 4th Annual Procession of Prayer for Peace** with The Anglican Pacifist Fellowship, Molesworth. 12 noon Eucharist. Later the Bishop of Huntingdon will speak. Tel (060684) 3376 for details etc.
- 2-7 "Jesus Christ Superstar"** in the Parish Hall, St Michael's Mytholmroyd. Tel Halifax 883663 for tickets/details.
- 7 "Copley Heritage"**, an exhibition of aspects of Copley - one of the oldest places in the West Riding. In the Old Rishworthians clubhouse - proceeds towards St Stephen's Church.
- 7 Songs of Renewal Evening**, All Saints' Normanton, with special guest John Pantry in concert. Tickets - Mr D Barraclough, 68 Firville Avenue, Normanton.
- 7 4th Annual Craft Fair** in Mirfield Parish Church Hall, 10-5. Anyone wishing to display their craft, please ring Mirfield 496221.
- 7 Celebration of Praise & Healing Ministry**, with Trevor Dearing - 6.30pm, St Matthew's Church Northorram.
- 13-14 Art & Craft Exhibition** at St Mary's Church, Horbury Junction, 2-9pm (13th) & 10-7pm (14th). Displays and demonstrations.

*Bread!*

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## ADVANCE NOTICES — JUNE

- 3-4 Exhibition of Arts & Crafts**, Pinderfields Hospital. 9-5 (3rd), 9-3 (4th). Work of staff, patients and friends, cake stall.
- 12 Annual Healing Service**, Diocesan Prayer Fellowship. Halifax Parish Church, 2.30.
- 18 A One-to-One & Friendship day**, Fieldhead Hospital, Wakefield. Although there will be the usual fundraising activities, this is primarily for the enjoyment of the residents.

**19 140th Anniversary Tea**, St Michael's Mytholmroyd. Tel Halifax 884454.

**24 The Society for the Study of Theology**, meeting in St Mary's Parish Hall, Honley, 7.30.

## ADVANCE NOTICE — JULY

**9 Commemoration Day** - The Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield. 12 noon, Solemn Eucharist. More details later.



## THE MAGDALENE FELLOWSHIP

"Do not judge, or you too will be judged" says Jesus according to Matthew 7.1. Too many people in our society are only too anxious to adopt a judgemental attitude towards others and unfortunately this sometimes comes from Christians who therefore deny Our Lord's words. One area that is especially open to judgement seems to be difficulties in or failure at MARRIAGE.

The Magdalene Fellowship seeks to draw into Fellowship those who have been hurt by society or even felt rejected in Christian circles because they are divorced, separated or remarried. Many such people wish to bring Christ into their lives and continue to grow in him through having a specific basic Rule of Life and the support of other Christians. Not only that, but many other people — married or single, clergy or laity — feel a particular concern for those under marital stress and wish to express this concern through intercessory prayer. With the rising number of people involved in marital breakdown these days, this particular prayer work seems vitally important. Such people, too, are welcome as Brothers and Sisters of the Magdalene

Fellowship. This is a disciplined body of Christians whose concern is for those who have difficulties resulting from a marital situation. They may be of any Christian denomination and many will have been through stressful relationships themselves.

Mary Magdalene stood by the cross at the Crucifixion (Mark 15.40) and was the first to encounter the Risen Lord (John 20.10-18). **We believe in the Biblical ideal of marriage as a 'one flesh' union for life** (Genesis 2.24 & Matthew 19.4-6) and will do all we can to help people fulfil these ideals. However, we also believe that **sinners can stand by the cross of pain and suffering and pour out their own hurt and weakness with sincerity**. Then with confidence they can be ready to encounter the Risen Saviour, like Mary Magdalene. The joy and hope is that there are others who care and pray and understand.

For further details, write to:-

The Guardians,  
The Magdalene Fellowship,  
Meadow View, Rectory Lane,  
Fringford, Nr Bicester,  
Oxon OX6 9DX.

## PEOPLE & PLACES

**The Rev Anthony Dawkins**, currently Rector of St Mary's Dodleston in the Diocese of Chester, is to be the new Vicar of Felkirk with Brierley.

Mr Dawkins, aged 55, comes originally from Edgware but also has local roots, having been educated at Rishworth School, near Halifax.

Later, after completing the North-West Ordination Course, he was ordained in Manchester Cathedral in 1973. Since then he has worked as a curate in three parishes, two in Manchester Diocese and one in the York Diocese, at Scarborough. He then became priest-in-charge at Kexby and Wilberfoss. He moved to his present post in the Chester Diocese in 1984.

During his ministry he has gained experience in school work and in broadcasting, with BBC Radio Manchester. His spare time is spent in a wide range of interests, including colour photography, railway preservation, model railways, postal history, reading, music and micro-computers.

He is married to Roma and has a 22-year old daughter, Samantha, who is studying music at Northampton. He will take up his post soon after Easter.

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## NEW ECUMENICAL OFFICER

Bishop David has appointed the **Rev Stephen Kelly** (a former See-Link editor) as the new part-time Diocesan Ecumenical Officer. Recent moves towards each other by national and local church leaders have been considerable. Mr Kelly will have responsibility for developing the Church of England's ecumenical work in the Diocese and for making constructive links with the newly-formed West Yorkshire Ecumenical Council.

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## BOOKS

### Children in the way. (NS/CHP - £3.95)

This book examines models for Christian Education work and suggests one in particular that parishes might explore. Realistic in its approach, it provides many examples of good practice and illustrates its discussion with authentic, and sometimes surprising, comments made by children themselves.

"This is an important Report for the whole Church to consider and is strongly commended to all those concerned with the care of children in and by the Church."

+Graham London

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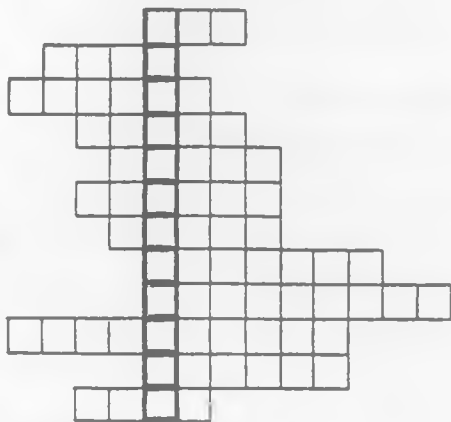
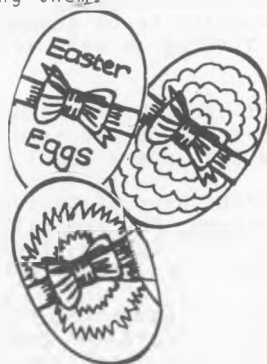
EASTER EGGS HAVE been in the shops since soon after Christmas but they are not a modern idea! The egg has symbolised rebirth since before Christian times. The English name for Easter is said to come from Oestre, a northern goddess of spring. The

rebirth of growing things in the spring, after the long winter, was a time of rejoicing in the pagan world. Many primitive rites and symbols were carried over into the celebration of the Christian festival of Easter.

Chocolate eggs are a new idea: the traditional Easter egg is a decorated hen's egg. These eggs are called Pace eggs and the custom of Pace egging is still continued today in Lancashire. In Preston, thousands gather each Easter Monday to watch people roll their eggs down the slopes of Avenham Hill, the aim is to roll them as far as possible without cracking them.

## LITTLE GREEN MEN

WHEN YOU HAVE EATEN your normal boiled egg for tea you can turn it into a little man with green hair! Draw a face on the empty shell with felt tip pens. Fill the shell with a damp, folded bit of kitchen towel. Sprinkle it with mustard and cress seed and leave him on the kitchen window sill - but you have to make sure that the paper is kept damp. When the hair grows you can give him a haircut!



Answer to It's the Word:  
RESURRECTION

## IT'S THE WORD

APRIL, AND THE GARDEN is full of all the beautiful colours of spring - some of the colours are in this list. If you fit them in properly, going across, the bold squares will spell out the most important word that we mustn't forget when we are enjoying ourselves with chocolate eggs; the real message of Easter.

blue, cerise, crimson, green, lemon, mauve, pink, purple, red, orange, turquoise, vermillion.



## FIRST FUND CASH FOR PROJECTS

THE NEW CHURCH Urban Fund, set up under the impetus of the Church of England but in fact an independent charity, is already funding projects, although its main fundraising efforts get their main national launch on April 20. With its first, relatively small amounts of available cash, a number of grass-roots projects have been able to get off the ground.

They range from a day centre for homeless families living in bed and breakfast accommodation, to support for isolated women living in high-density tower blocks, or the refurbishment of church buildings to provide a community centre.

'The Trustees are delighted to be in business', said Sir Richard O'Brien when he announced the first grants made by the Fund late last year.

The Fund will make grants to locally based projects which build on the Church's existing work in an area. Wherever possible the projects are expected to be ecumenical in nature, and to receive a degree of local funding as well as money from the Fund.

### PLANT - AND PEOPLE

Many of the approved projects in the pipeline for funding include the provision of people as well as buildings - such as community workers for an area where local residents are especially under pressure.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York reminded clergy in a letter last Autumn, "We are called to offer fresh hope, purposes and opportunities to many who often feel excluded from society (including the Church) and unable to influence their own lives.

"The Church can do this because it is already present in these areas, through the hard and costly work of priests and congregations. We need now to support and strengthen them ... it is a question of all together sharing in a witness to the love of Christ for everyone in our society."

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### T H E M O T H E R ' S U N I O N

- 6 April 9 15 am Corporate Communion at All Saints' Church.  
22 April 6 30 pm Jumble Sale in the Mission Room. If you have any jumble to collect please contact me.  
26 April 10 30 am to 3 30 pm Diocesan Quiet Day at St Peter's Convent, Horbury. Conductor The Reverend Gaven Walker, Vicar of Brotherton. If you wish to attend please contact me.  
28 April 2 30 pm Service and meeting at All Saints' Church.  
29 April 2 pm Deanery Committee Meeting at St Giles Parish Hall.

### Advance Notice

- 9 May 7 30 pm Ecumenical Social Evening in the Parish Rooms, Bell Lane. Film show on 'A Visit to Austria' by Mr Jowitt.

If you have not yet paid your tribute, or money for Home and Family I would be pleased to receive it as soon as possible.

Kitty Cooper

T H E P A R I S H R E G I S T E R S

Holy Baptisms

28 February Liam Michael Goldthorpe, 7 Brackenhill  
28 February Jamie Cawthra, Chez Nous, Brackenhill  
28 February Jennifer Masters, 39 Charlestown  
28 February Luke Wilson Hutchinson, The Mount, Station Road

Holy Matrimony

20 Febraury Trevor Arthur Carter and Janet Elizabeth Lindsay

Christian Burials

11 February Joseph Carruthers Newsome, aged 67 years  
17 February Laura Alice Gawthorpe, aged 67 years  
22 February David Swales, aged 40 years  
25 February Annie Smith, aged 82 years  
1 March Edna May Cleave, aged 81 years  
7 March Irene Wigglesworth, aged 74 years

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St Cuthbert's Flower Rota

April 3 Easter April 17 Miss J Hurst  
April 10 - April 24 Mrs M Clayton-Smith

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Brass Cleaning Rota

Miss D Crossley Mrs Nunns

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All Saints' Flower Rota

April 3 Easter April 17 Mrs Taylor & Mrs Alderman  
April 10 April 24 Mrs Turton

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Copy for the May magazine should be handed to the Rector by  
Sunday 3 April.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

St Cuthbert's: 10 15 am The Parish Communion  
All Saints' : 8 30 am Holy Communion (2nd Sunday, 1662 Prayer Book)  
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 GOOD FRIDAY 10 30 am Good Friday Service (AS)  
2 00 pm The Good Friday Liturgy (SC)  
7 00 pm Evensong and Meditation on the Passion (SC)  
2nd EASTER EVE 8 00 pm Lighting of the Easter Candle and Renewal of Baptismal Vows (SC)

3rd EASTER DAY  
Readings: Colossians 3.1-11 (Mrs M Ward); John 20.1-18. ASB 577.  
6 30 pm Service of Easter Praise (AS)

4th Tues - NO MIDWEEK SERVICES

5th Wed - NO MIDWEEK SERVICES

9th EASTER 1

Readings: 1 Cor 15.53-end (Mr D Cook); John 6.32-40. ASB 605.

11th Mon 6 45 pm Holy Communion  
7 30 pm PCC, both at the Howard School

12th Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)  
2 00 pm Service for Mothers and Toddlers (AS)

13th Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)  
Bishop's Visit to Ponteract Deanery

16th Sat 10-12 noon Coffee Morning, Low Ackworth Community Centre, in aid of Five Towns Hospice

17th EASTER 2

Readings: 1 Peter 5.1-11 (Mrs D White); John 10.7-16. ASB 611

19th Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)

20th Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)  
7 45 pm Parish Women's Group, the Rectory

23rd Sat 4 00 pm Archbishop of Canterbury preaches at Wakefield Cathedral

24th EASTER 3

Readings: Col. 3.1-11 (Mr C Tanswell); John 11.17-27. ASB 616

26th Tues ST MARK THE EVANGELIST  
9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)

2 00 pm Service for Mothers and Toddlers (AS)

27th Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

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1st EASTER 4

Readings: 2 Cor. 4.13-5.5 (Mrs J Waites); John 14.1-11. ASB 620