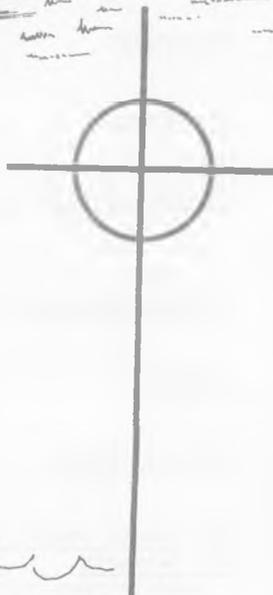


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## RECTOR'S NOTES

What's the point of Lent? By tradition Lent is a time of preparation for the most sacred time in the Christian calendar, Holy week and Easter. We shall start our keeping of Lent with a Parish Communion on Ash Wednesday 17th February at 7.45 pm at St Cuthbert's Church. In addition, during Lent, I intend to hold an early morning eucharist at 7.15 am on Thursdays, at St Cuthbert's Church. Details of house groups in Lent will be given in church. Lent is a good opportunity to review our own personal commitment to Christ and to the life of the church.

In 1977 St Cuthbert's churchyard was closed by what is known as an Order in Council. This means that no further burials are possible at St Cuthbert's Church, except in certain rare circumstances. Under the terms of an Order in Council it is possible for the Parochial Church Council to request the local authority to take over the maintenance of the churchyard.

Over the past few years a small group of parishioners have valiantly tried to maintain St Cuthbert's churchyard. However, the size of the churchyard and the inadequacy of the equipment available has made this a daunting task. During most of the summer of 1987 our mower was out of action, and the grass grew out of hand. As a consequence of these problems the Church Council has now asked Wakefield Metropolitan District Council to do the work. The local authority has agreed to preserve the character of the churchyard, which we hope will be maintained to a high, professional standard. This should release some of our own manpower to carry out urgent repairs to the building.

Sunday 7th February will see two visiting preachers in Ackworth. In the morning the Revd David King, Diocesan Youth Adviser and leader of our Parish Weekend will preach at St Cuthbert's Church. In the evening the Right Revd Richard Hare will preach at the United Service organised by the Ackworth Fellowship of Churches at 7 pm, The Meeting House, Ackworth School. I hope that many will make the effort to hear both visiting speakers.

A number of candidates will be presented for confirmation from this parish on Thursday 3rd March at St Paul's Church, Glasshoughton. The service will be conducted by the Bishop of Wakefield. Confirmations in 1988 are only being held on a deanery basis because of the Bishop's extra commitments in this Centenary Year. A list of candidates for remembering in your prayers is included in this edition.

As part of our policy of supporting charities, the retiring collection at the 6.30 pm Carol Service on Christmas Eve was donated to the Five Towns Hospice Appeal. I am pleased to announce that the total donated amounted to £104. Many thanks to all who generously contributed to this worthy cause.

For the past three years Jean Reast has typed the Parish Magazine. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond her control, she is now unable to do so. I would like to thank Jean for the care with which she has done this job, and for the way in which she has made our magazine so attractive in its layout.

Peter Moorhouse

# WAKEFIELD DIOCESAN CENTENARY



## CENTENARY BROCHURE

Well, where do you live in this funny old thing called the Wakefield Diocese? Barnsley? Dewsbury? Halifax? Huddersfield? Pontefract?

This year the Diocese celebrates its 100th birthday - and like all good birthday parties this one's a family affair.

You can find out about some of the great people who make up our Christian family in the multi-colour, super-duper, amusing, gripping and informative Diocesan Brochure which will be published soon.

When the Diocesan Centenary Brochure comes out, you stand a pretty good chance of finding things in it to interest you. It won't be all history. It'll try to reflect all sorts of Yorkshire life within our boundary, as it was, as it is and as it is trying to be.

Read about the gun-slinging curate and his story of forbidden love, the woman churchwarden who climbed her church tower - on the outside, the good-hearted millionaire who rescued a town from ruin, and how we all nearly became the Diocese of Halifax!

Stories and picture of people and places will make this brochure fun to read and a great souvenir of our 100th birthday celebrations.

A smart product is promised, with plenty of pictures and stories. We expect it to land in parishes in February - and at £1.50p you won't find a better magazine for the price. The brochure will be on sale in church. Don't miss it!

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## A COUPLE OF VALENTINES

### WHO WAS ST VALENTINE?

That's a difficult question to answer because there were two (some scholars think they could have been the same man). One was a priest physician in Rome, the other (?) was the Bishop of Terni.

They are both recorded as having died on the same day in AD 270 and that is why they are commemorated on 14th February.

Both were brave (they were martyred for their faith) but are not known to have been romantic. The connection with the romantic tradition is probably accidental.

The origin of the Valentine custom may lie in the mediaeval belief that the birds began to mate at the start of the second fortnight of the second month. Chaucer has a line in his 'Parlement of Foules' which goes: 'For this was on seynt Valentyne's day, whan every foul cometh ther to chose his mate'.



# NEWS FROM WAKEFIELD DIOCESE

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### 50 YEARS A READER

Congratulations and best wishes to **Alick Shaw of St Paul's Glasshoughton.** He



was licensed and admitted to the office in the private chapel at Bishopgarth by the Bishop of Pontefract. Bishop Seaton was ill at the time. Alick was in charge of St George's Mission Church Cutsyke until being called into the Army early 1940. He served in France, Egypt, Italy and Greece and was Mentioned in Despatches for gallantry and distinguished service.

After the war he became secretary of the Pontefract Readers for 12 years and was closely involved with the local scouting movement for 40 years.

### KIRKBURTON RURAL DEANERY

**The Rev Arthur Crow**, Vicar of Flockton, (Wk 848349) is also the Acting Rural Dean of Kirkburton. All Ruridecanal calls to **him** please and **NOT** to The Rev Edward Roberts.

### CENTENARY YEAR CRICKET

The Diocesan Clergy Cricket Team desperately need **2** more players. There are only 5/6 matches, May/June 1988. Can they have offers in this Diocesan Centenary Year please? **The Honour of Wakefield Diocese is at stake!!** Tel The Rev Stephen Cooper (Elland 73184) or The Rev Mark Thomas (Cleck 872131)

### BISHOP RICHARD WRITES

It takes all sorts to make a world, or so we are told, and it certainly takes all sorts to make a church.

Later this year, as parishes gather their exhibition material, we shall have the chance to understand more of the rich variety of life and experience which our diocese has somehow held together over the years.

We shall be reminded that it is a time for looking back and a time for looking forward. But there are different ways of doing both.

Two emotions, in this context, have no place at all in the spiritual life of a christian. Fear is one, and nostalgia is the other. There is a risk, as we look at old photographs and hear anecdotes about the parish in the good old days, that we shall think wistfully of a Golden Age: when Canon So-and-So was here, and the church was packed, and the clergy used to visit, and if an old person coughed more than twice a curate brought the Blessed Sacrament. But what are we coming to now?

At that point the conversation can become doom-laden, as we contemplate what will happen to the parish as the faithful die off one by one.

Fortunately there are not many places where it is like that. Most of our parishes already sense that the best is yet to come, and many see a harvest white for reaping. They know that it

the Centenary Year, when we look back it is to be in thankfulness, and that when we look forward it must be in hope.

"To hope is to trust in what God will yet do, and the basis of that trust is always to be found in what God has already done."

We can look back this year and see that God has dealt faithfully with us in the past: and from that we can be sure he will be no less faithful as the years go by. More than that: many of the older ones among us will tell you that the church in which we minister and worship now is a lot more relevant and exciting than the church in which we were brought up and first began to minister ourselves.

+ Richard Pontefract

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## PEOPLE & PLACES

**The Rev P Sweeting**, Vicar of Airedale has resigned.

**The Rev Deacon Shirley Goldthorpe** has been appointed Minister-in-charge of Purlwell St Andrew.

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## FEBRUARY INSTITUTIONS AND LICENSINGS

4 Holy Trinity Huddersfield	7.30	+RP
7 Inauguration of Almondbury Team	4.15	ADC
28 Deacon Anne Jennings, Cathedral	4.00	+DW

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## CENTENARY RINGING

It is the specific request of Bishop David that ALL the bells in the diocese be rung on Saturday the **25th of June 1988** between **10 & 12 noon**.

Any band or incumbent wanting any help with this, please get in touch with:—

### In the Halifax Archdeaconry

Mr Chris Jones, 1 Deer Croft Avenue, Salendine Nook, Huddersfield HD3 3SH, Yorkshire. Tel Hudds 651470.

### In the Pontefract Archdeaconry

Mr R G Corby, 73 Mountbatten Avenue, Sandal, Wakefield. Tel Wk 250729.

I'm free Chris! — Ed.

## MARKET PLACE

**Pianist/Organist** (male or female) required for chapel services in HM Prison, Wakefield. 2 services & 1 practice. Tel The Rev Ivan Meads (Wk 256167) after 9 pm.

**Wakefield Cathedral Choir Scholarship** applications can still be made. Entrance exam 4th Mar, voice trial 12th Mar. Age 7-9, apply:- The Headmaster, Q.E.G.S., Wakefield.

**Palm Crosses** — excellent quality and low priced. Only 4 per 100, all proceeds to the women who make them and the church at Kwa Zulu. Contact:- The Rev J F A Knight (Palm Crosses), Emmanuel Shared Church, Weston Favell Centre, NORTHAMPTON NN3 4JR, Northamptonshire. Multiples of 50 please.

**Catering Managers** working in Ecclesiastical surroundings are warmly invited to attend an open meeting at St Albans Abbey 31st Jan 1988. Tel Leslie Bridge (St Albans) 60780.

**Pilgrims of St Francis** — 60 Anniversary Year

4-13 Aug International Pilgrimage  
to Assisi

27 Aug-3 Sept National Pilgrimage  
Scotland

21-23 May International Chapter  
The Netherlands

Details:- Mrs Pam Foster, 49 Houghton Road, SHIFNAL TF11 8DF, Shropshire. Tel (0952) 460694.

**Self-catering holidays** available through St Mary's Church Brading IOW. £50 per chalet per week, only for the weeks beginning:- 14, 21, 28 May, 4 June and 3, 10, 17 Sept. All proceeds for St Mary's Church. Tel IOW 402687.

**14 pews for sale.** Open to offers. Tel Stephen Hodgson, Mirfield 498285.

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## UNEMPLOYMENT SUNDAY

**1st May 1988.** A study pack is being prepared at Church House so that parishes can include the special worship material if they wish. There is to be a special service in the Cathedral on this day at 6.30 pm. The singing will be led by Wakefield Met Band and the preacher will be The Rt Rev Hugh Montefiore. All parishes are warmly invited to send representatives.

## WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY

2, 3, 5, 6 "Hansel & Gretel" - St Barnabas Church Amateurs, Crosland Moor Parish Hall. £1.20 & 60p.

10-13 "Sleeping Beauty" - Elland Parochial Hall 7.15 - Elland Church Dramatic Society. (+Sat Matinee, 2.00) £1.50, £1.00 (OAP's £1.00 evenings only). 2 for the price of 1 on the Wednesday. Tickets:- Scotts Travel Elland or Mrs M Upson (Elland 78982).

20 Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers, evening meeting - Drighlington.

25 Huddersfield Walsingham Cell, St Thomas' Church, Longroyd Bridge. Mass at 7, followed by an evening on Contemplative Prayer led by The Rev Michael Gartland. Tel Huddersfield 658083 for details.

## LOOKING AHEAD TO MARCH

5 Day conference on "Child Abuse - the care of the abuser and the families of the abused." New North Road Baptist Church, Huddersfield. Details, Eileen Turner (Wk 374213) or Ruth Calvin-Thomas (Brig 713386).

18 Theatre Roundabout - "Lighting-up Time", All Hallows Almondbury, 7.30. Details, Hudds 21753.

19 Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers, Quarterly meeting - Gargrave & Skipton.

26 "African Sanctus" (Fanshawe) - Halifax Choral Society, as will be performed in Wakefield Cathedral Oct 1988.

## CENTENARY KNEELERS

Members of Heptonstall Parish Church have produced a design of the Centenary Emblem, to make kneelers. The pattern is squared at 5 to the inch and is adaptable to other sizes. Copies of this pattern are available from:- The Rev John Harrison, The Vicarage, Heptonstall, HEBDEN BRIDGE HX7 7NT, Yorkshire. Please send an S.A.E.

## SANDERSON PENSIONS FOR WOMEN

The Charity Commissioners have recently given their approval to a new Trust Deed to enable the Trustees to apply income from the fund for any women in need living within the Diocese of Wakefield. Further advice, help or assistance may be had from Mr K L Duce (Clerk to the Trustees), Church House, Wakefield.

## FEBRUARY BREAKS, RETREATS & CONFERENCES

Parcevall Hall (Burnsall 213)

12-15 Winter walking weekend  
29-3 Mar. Clergy private reading

Scargill House (Kettlewell 234)

12-14 Marriage review

12-14 Youth (14-16) weekend

14-20 Mountain leadership

15-26 Spirituality today

26-28 Focus on renewal

## Northern Province Clergy Wives Conference 1988

Scargill House 9-11 May, £45 per person. Wakefield Diocese has 6 places to offer, possibly more. Theme "Health & Wholeness". Speakers, Bible study, worship, group discussion, brains trust and a social evening with outdoor pursuits if desired!!

Lee Abbey, N Devon (0598) 52621

25 - 29 Jan The healing Church

29 Feb - 4 Mar. Signs of hope in the rural church

## PRAYER CARDS

The Julian Shrine at Norwich have produced Prayer cards with a prayer for Terry Waite and others on. The cards are available at 25 for £1 or 100 for £3 in either case delivery free, cheques payable to JULIAN SHRINE and they can be obtained from The Chaplain, Julian Shrine, c/o All Hallows, Rouen Road, Norwich NR1 1QT.

## A PRAYER FOR TERRY WAITE AND OTHERS

Lord, in your mercy,

Look with compassion on Terry Waite  
and all prisoners of conscience.

Strengthen and protect them,  
and supply their needs.

May your love enfold them,  
your presence cheer them,  
your peace sustain them.

Soften the hearts of their captors,  
and hasten the time of their release.

## VOCATIONAL CONFERENCES

Opportunities for Christian service at home and abroad. For young people (aged 16-19) of both sexes.

The Advisory Council for the Church's Ministry have organised two conferences **over the Easter period**. They will include group discussions and a placement with Christian workers in parish, hospital, industrial or other situations. If you would like further details or would like to go to either, please contact, The Rev Tim Thornton (0924) 255349 or The Rev David King (0924) 371802.

Jesus College, Oxford

Mon 11th April - Thurs 14th April

Chairman: The **Right Rev David Galliford** The Bishop of Bolton

St Chad's College, Durham

Mon 21st - Thurs 24th March

Chairman: The **Right Rev Christopher Mayfield** The Bishop of Wolverhampton

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## COMMUNITY RURAL AID

Community Rural Aid is a non-profit making company, funded by the Manpower Services Commission to set up projects for the community benefit, on which the long-term unemployed of the area may work for one year, or until they are offered full-time permanent employment.

CRA is constantly seeking new projects of varied natures to achieve both these aims. With this in mind, they are asking if anyone in the Diocese would like to consider using their services, for any building, renovation, pointing, repairs, landscaping or decorating to any land, buildings or boundary walls.

Several local projects are under way – assisting Church organisations to both build, make improvements and repair their facilities. It is worth pointing out that this is all undertaken at the cost of the materials only – and all for the good of the local community.

Further information, and references can be easily supplied, please contact Mr Stuart Henshaw, CRA Ltd, Albion Street, CASTLEFORD WF10 1QX, Yorkshire. Tel Cas 557515.

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**SEE-LINK EDITOR** – The Rev Hugh N Lawrence, Christ Church Vicarage, Stainland Road, Barkisland, HALIFAX, Yorkshire. Tel Hx 822339. **Copy for March, in writing please, by 8th of February 1988.**

**NEXT CHANGE OF ORDER DATE**, 1st April 1988.

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## “LIVING WITH PARADOX – JOHN HABGOOD, ARCHBISHOP OF YORK” by John S. Peart-Binns.

(Darton, Longman & Todd. £4.95)

This is one of a series of studies by John Peart-Binns of contemporary or recent leaders of the Anglican Church. The author's aim is not to produce a biography, but rather a study of the thoughts of the Archbishop on topics which are of concern to the Church, the nation and mankind generally. The range of subjects covered, and of the Archbishop's contribution to them, is somewhat breathtaking. Among others, it includes Science and Religion, Medical Ethics, Nuclear Technology, Ecumenism, Episcopal Leadership, Priestly Ministry, Church and State, Folk Religion, Prayer Book Revision.

“He sees the facts in their just proportions and discerns tendencies as well as situations. This is the scientist. What he discloses he interprets. This is the moralist. What he interprets he neither exalts nor condemns. This is Habgood”.

I found this a well researched, readable and thought provoking book, which does justice to its subject, who emerges as a man who invariably sets problems within the context of God's loving purpose, and who believes they are soluble only if careful analysis, great sensitivity to the views of others, and balanced judgement are applied to them. His own exercise of these skills account for the demands made upon him by many groups who are grappling with some of the major issues of our age

+ **Clifford Selby**

Extract from York Diocesan Leaflet, Oct. 1987.

## LIVE IN THE PRESENT AND PRAY -SPECIFICALLY!



FAR TOO MANY PEOPLE, including many Christians, lack inner harmony and peace because they do not live fully in the present, which is the gift of God.

"They constantly go over the past (they speculate on the 'might-have-beens' of life), or they worry about what might happen in the future.

"All this adds to anxiety and detracts from living in the present. It hinders being quiet with God."

"I think we must be very specific in our prayers about our concerns and anxieties. Some people think we should not bother God with minute details. But if he knows about the sparrow falling to the ground, he is certainly able to look after our worries.

"When we have a worry on our mind we should present it to God in prayer, precisely as it is in our mind, and do so as soon as possible. We must put it into his hands - far more capable than ours - and we should leave it there, for him alone to deal with. The problem is that so often we do not believe enough, we do not trust God enough, to do that.

"So what happens is that we entrust our worries to God for a few minutes or a few hours, perhaps even a few days - and then we lose confidence in him, and we take them back again, and start worrying again ourselves.

"We must learn to deposit our worries with God - and leave them there."

ANTHONY BLOOM

Metropolitan of the Russian  
Orthodox Church.

## A FAMOUS PRAYER

*GOD GRANT ME the serenity to accept  
the things I cannot change.  
The courage to change the things I can.  
And the wisdom to know the difference.*

## CHILD CARE TAKES NEW FORMS

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY is still helping around 10,000 children, but the traditional 'children's home' image has become a thing of the past.

Today there are 38 Family Centres, for instance. These house after-school clubs, adult education facilities, mother/toddler groups, counselling units and so on.

There's the first of a new concept: a 'safe house' where children on the run from a situation they can't bear at home may stay, knowing the staff will respect their confidence.

The Society provides alternatives to custody for young offenders. It also cares for children during custody disputes between parents.

It's all in character for a society that has adapted itself continuously since it was founded in the 1880s as the 'Waifs and Strays'. The full title in fact was 'The Church of England Central Society for Providing Homes for Waifs and Strays'.







## F E B R U A R Y

### SUNDAY SERVICES

St. Cuthbert's: 10.15 am The Parish Communion  
All Saints': 8.30 pm 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 pm and 8 pm at the Rectory. Please telephone beforehand to arrange an appointment.

- 1st Mon. 6.45 pm Holy Communion  
7.30 pm PCC, both at the Howard School
- 2nd Tues. THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE  
9.15 am Holy Communion (SC)
- 3rd Wed. 9.15 am Holy Communion (AS)
- 7th EIGHTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER  
Readings: 2Cor. 12.1.-10 (Mr. D Cook); Mark 7.24-end. ASB 493.  
10.15 am Preacher at Parish Communion: The Revd David King,  
Diocesan Youth Adviser and leader of the Parish Weekend  
7.00 pm Ackworth Fellowship of Churches United Service,  
Ackworth School. Preacher: The Bishop of Pontefract
- 9th Tues 9.15 am Holy Communion (SC)  
2.00 pm Service for Mothers and Toddlers (AS)
- 10th Wed 9.15 am Holy Communion (AS)
- 14th SEVENTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER  
Readings: Colossians 1.18-23 (Mrs. D White); John 8.2-11 ASB 497.
- 16th Tues. 9.15 am Holy Communion (SC)  
10.00 am Coffee Morning, 24 Mount Pleasant,  
for Missions to Seamen  
8.00 pm Standing Committee, the Rectory.
- 17th Wed ASH WEDNESDAY  
9.15 am Holy Communion (AS)  
7.45 pm Parish Communion (SC)  
8.30 pm Parish Women's Group, the Rectory.
- 18th Thurs 7.15 am Holy Communion (SC)
- 21st LENT 1  
Readings: Hebrews 4.12-end (Mr. C Tanswell); Luke 4.1.-13 ASB 506.
- 23rd Tues. 9.15 am Holy Communion (SC)  
2.00 pm Service for Mothers and Toddlers (AS)
- 24th Wed. ST MATTHIAS, APOSTLE AND MARTYR  
9.15 am Holy Communion (AS)
- 25th Thurs 7.15 am Holy Communion (SC)
- 28th LENT 2  
Readings: 1 John 3.1-10 (Mrs. J. Waites); Matt 12.22-32. ASB 511.

### MARCH

6th LENT 3

Readings: 1 Peter 2.19-end (Mr. R Firth); Matt 16.13-end. ASB 515.