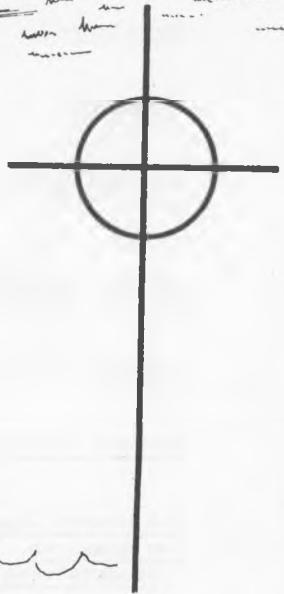


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This year sees the Centenary Celebrations of the Diocese of Wakefield. Various events are planned to mark the occasion, and details will be given in 'See Link', the inset in this magazine. Each parish has been asked to draw up a profile of itself, to be used in planning for the future. In order to do this for Ackworth a parish conference has been arranged for the weekend of 6-8 May, to be held at Barrowby House near Harrogate. The leader of this weekend will be the Revd. David King, the Diocesan Youth Adviser, and a man with considerable experience in organising this kind of event. I have invited David to preach on Sunday 7 February, so that members of the congregation may get to know him and hear some of his suggestions for the weekend. The weekend will be an enjoyable event, with plenty of time for relaxation as well as thinking about church life. Barrowby House is a comfortable centre, overlooking the valley of the River Wharfe.

Do you give to charities? If you support the church financially then of course you do. But what about other charities? In my mail I receive a constant supply of requests from charities for help from the church. Many of these are worthy causes, but it is impossible for any parish to give to them all.

These requests were discussed at the December meeting of the Church Council. Charitable giving is a Christian duty. It is, or should be, a part of our spirituality. Each individual and parish has to ask themselves 'do we spend all our money on ourselves or are we open to the needs of others?' It is interesting that the Book of Common Prayer assumes that money given in church is for the needs of the poor, not for running the church! Clearly the Prayer Book was written under different circumstances to that facing the church to-day. However, it is a reminder to us that the church as a community should help those in need.

The church council has decided to support a number of specific charities, some of which have been helped in the past, and one or two new ones. Money will either be donated out of income or raised by fund raising events, boxes and retiring collections. The charities to be supported are set out below.

Overseas Missions: Christian Aid; United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel; Leprosy Mission.

Home Missions: Church of England Children's Society; Missions to Seamen; Church Army; Bible Society; Petertide Appeal (for families of clergy in training).

Other Charities: Five Towns Hospice; British Legion.

Our Christingle Service raised the quite staggering total of £587! I would like to thank all the children who took part in collecting money, for the support of parents, and to thank the people of Ackworth for their generosity. I would also like to thank Mr. Jimmy Lamprey for so generously donating the oranges used to make the Christingles. The numbers taking part in the service were so great (190 children) that there was standing room only in St. Cuthbert's Church, and next year we may have to think about holding two services.

A Happy New Year To You All.

Peter Moorhouse.



PHYLLIS ASQUITH

Phyllis Asquith's family farmed at Upton Beacon prior to the early 1930s. It was then they moved to Ardendale, a small village between Knaresborough and Boroughbridge.

She was brought up a Methodist but, because there was no Methodist Chapel in Arkendale, Phyllis began to attend the Anglican Church.

In 1939 she married Austin Asquith in that church and moved to live in Ackworth her husband's home. Austin's mother ran the post office in High Ackworth. It was at that time housed in Phyllis's present home. After Mrs. Asquith senior died Austin and Phyllis continued to run the post office.

During the war she was a member of the W.V.S. helping with the war effort by working in the local canteens.

When she moved to Ackworth Phyllis became a member of St. Cuthbert's congregation and she was confirmed in the early 1940s. She soon became a member of the Church Council and has been a member for over 40 years. During that time there have been four incumbents in the Parish - Revd. Bouch, Canon Armstrong, Revd. Courtley and our present rector. She told me that congregations nowadays are as good, if not better, than she has ever seen in the village.

Until quite recently Phyllis was in the choir at St. Cuthbert's - music and singing have always brought her great enjoyment.

She is on the Ackworth Fellowship of Churches. There are two members from each Church in Ackworth on the Fellowship and they meet about four times a year in order to organise and run the joint services in the village.

She is on the Social Committee of St. Cuthbert's and All Saints', and is also a member of the Mothers' Union.

Last year she was President of the Social Centre at the bottom of Mill Hill. The ladies meet there every Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. and usually have a speaker.

One wonders how she manages to fit in time for hobbies, but she enjoys knitting and reading very much.

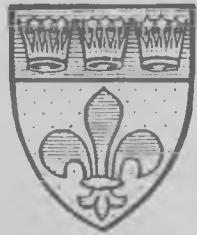
Her daughter Elaine, a teacher in Ferrybridge, is married and lives not too far away in Millgate.

Some years ago Austin and Phyllis donated the Book of Remembrance now in St. Cuthbert's Church. Sadly Austin died before the Book could be put on display.

Although her house and garden are now a bit of a handful, its most unlikely that she will move. She is close to all her friends and all the places of interest to her - not to mention the bus stop!

Carol Dorking.

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NEWS FROM

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WAKEFIELD DIOCESE

JANUARY 1988

BISHOP DAVID WRITES

Our Diocese

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in this Centenary Year of our Diocese. We have been preparing for it for some time now, and like all good parties, you can hardly believe it when the day actually dawns. This is **the event** towards which all our preparations have been directed — our hundredth year as a Diocese. One hundred years ago "it" was merely a formal declaration encased in much legal jargon. Now it has become "us", you and me and the whole family of Jesus Christ in this Diocese of Wakefield.

Thanks to God

Our first response must surely be thanksgiving to God for his good hand upon us through these past one hundred years. And we pray that we, as chosen people, might continue faithfully and obediently, with the same freshness, vitality and enthusiasm of those who made it possible for the Diocese to become the family it so obviously is.

Reading through some of the back numbers of the Diocesan Gazette (later the Wakefield Diocesan News and now See-Link), it has been a considerable encouragement to me to note how much work has been done, fresh ideas set forth, creative proposals for the furthering of the kingdom taken on. That process continues in this month of January (the month of facing both ways), as our vision is directed from the past, through the present and into the

future. And it is the future, the more immediate as well as the longer term, to which we should really be setting our sights. And that goes for every parish in the Diocese — for the real Christian perspective must always be forwards and future.

That is one of the aims of the "Bread not Stones" enterprise. I shall be in touch with every parish very shortly, inviting you to share with me your own vision locally for the future. I hope to learn how you are hoping and expecting to put into action the strategy whereby what you are planning now — the goals you have set for yourselves — can practically be achieved.

Mission and Prayer

Our task is to move from Maintenance to Mission. Unless we are prepared to take the risk of striking out in new directions, to launch out into the deep, then we shall undoubtedly resign ourselves to constant retrenchment. That is not what I believe the call to follow Jesus Christ and to go out into the world and proclaim the good news is at all about.

And of course the 'hard word' of that same good news is that nothing can even begin to happen without a firm spiritual discipline of prayer and fasting. It must undergird all our endeavours both as individuals and as a Church. So whatever else you may or may not be able to do, the faithfulness and constancy of prayer and praise is open to us all, and I hope that above all else every one of you will be committed to this work. I hope you will draw daily to the Lord our God

that his will be done in our Diocese and that we might have the courage to turn that backward looking phrase 'but we have never ever done it like this before' (end of story), into a forward looking opportunity. Then we shall find we are drawn into the excitement of the Spirit of the living God at work among us — 'behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?'

Perhaps this is the text we should hold before us as we move into our Centenary Year, eagerly expectant and confidently joyful that we shall indeed perceive where the Lord is both nudging and leading us in the parish and in the Diocese.

Many blessings and greetings in Christ.

+ DAVID WAKEFIELD

PEOPLE AND PLACES

The Rev Philip Martin, A/c of Pontefract St Giles is to be A/c St Mary's Wantage (Oxford).

The Rev Brian Swinnerton, Chaplain at Rishworth School is to be Chaplain at Acton Reynald School, Shrewsbury.

The Rev C Ollier is to retire from Holgate Hospital, Hemsworth in the new year.

The Rev Derek Mathers, A/c in the North Huddersfield Team is to be Team Vicar of St Michael & St Helen, Fleminghouse Lane, Almondbury.

JANUARY INSTITUTIONS & LICENSINGS

17	Installation of Canons — Cathedral	+DW
18	East Ardsley — Institution 7.30	+DW
31	D Mathers — Licensing 6.30	+RP

FOILED!

Just when I thought I had got away with it, I was caught! My 'real' phone number is Halifax 822339. Ed.

SCARGILL HOUSE RETREATS in February

12-14 Marriage Review (Part 1), a well-tried course for married couples of any age. £35.

12-14 Youth (14-16) Weekend, inc walking, music and drama. £25.

15-26 Spirituality today, examines Christian ministry and life-style. Devotional but intensely practical. £195.

26-28 Focus on renewal, discover more about the work of the Holy Spirit today. £35.

Apply — Scargill House, Kettlewell, SKIPTON, Yorkshire. Tel (075676) 234 or 315.

WHAT'S ON IN JANUARY

Every Thursday — Prayers for Peace in the Cathedral. (Nave Altar) 12.30-1 followed by picnic lunch. All welcome to all or part. If you cannot be present you are invited to join in prayer on these Thursday lunchtimes.

12-16 "Follow the Star" a pantomime in Christ the King Church, Battyeford. £2 & £1. Tel Mirfield 496257 or 495950 for tickets/details.

22,23,27,29,30 "Dick Whittington" at St Mary's Mirfield Parish Hall - 7.15 nightly. £1 & £1.50. Reductions on 22nd & 23rd. Party bookings welcome. Tel Mirfield 495360 for tickets/details.

23 CHURCH PASTORAL AID SOCIETY — Regional Day Conference at Bradford Cathedral. Lots of workshops & seminars. Tel The Rev C P Johnson, Cullingworth 272344 or Mr S Shackleton, Bradford 599802.

27,29,30, Feb 2,3,5 & 6 "Hansel & Gretel" in Crosland Moor Parish Hall. £1.20 & 60p. On 27th only, OAP's only 60p. Tel Hudds 651091 for details.

CENTENARY CELEBRATION PREPARATIONS

Advance notice of the Area music rehearsals:-

13 April Halifax Parish Church

20 April Wakefield Cathedral

27 April Batley Parish Church

4 May Pontefract St Giles' Church

11 May Huddersfield Parish Church

These are all at **7.00** and will rehearse the music to be used at the **Diocesan**

Centenary Eucharist: All the rehearsals will be in the hands of the Cathedral Organist and Precentor. **All choirs and anyone else interested** are warmly invited to attend their nearest venue from the list of 5 above. Please book a date NOW!

CHURCH ACTION ON PIT CLOSURES

Clergy of the Wakefield Diocese have written to Sir Robert Haslam, Chairman of British Coal, asking him to open his books to independent mining experts so that people can understand properly the reasoning behind the proposed closures of Woolley and Redbrook Collieries.

The letter, signed by those clergy of the Barnsley Deanery most closely involved, together with the Rev George Nairn-Briggs, the Bishops's Adviser for Social Responsibility, aims to make clear how concerned the Church is for local communities which will be deeply affected by the closures. It says that many ordinary people "feel that they have become pawns in a political game with pit closures being carried out on other than purely economic grounds". Whether or not this is true, the clergy who have signed the letter say that "it is **perceived** to be true" and therefore they are asking Sir Robert to open his books. "Openness can only help heal broken relationships and distrust," they say.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

The Diocese of Wakefield has responded quickly to the campaign to alert those in danger of losing the right to register as British Citizens at the end of this year.

This Diocese, through its Bishop, has made an immediate contribution to the newly established Kirklees Nationality Trust Fund to help launch an emergency leaflet campaign.

Speaking earlier this week, Bishop David said, "there are still people who have been living in this country for many years with an absolute right to British Citizenship who will lose it at the end of 1987 if they fail to register. Others are unable to afford the £60 registration fee, so I welcome the setting up of this Trust Fund and commend it to church people and others as a way of demonstrating our concern for the rights of individuals, irrespective of race, creed or colour."

The Bishop's initiative has been welcomed by local minority groups.

THE WAKEFIELD DIOCESAN CENTENARY PRAYER

God our Father, bless the Diocese of Wakefield. Grant that we, with all Christ's people, may live and work in the power of the Spirit. May we, through faith in the Son, enter into our true heritage as your children. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RINGING MEETINGS

16 Jan Evening meeting – Queensbury YACR – Western branch.

20 Feb Evening meeting – Drighlington YACR – Western branch.

JANUARY MUSIC

2 Carol Concert at St David's Holmbridge, 7.30 in the Parish Hall, Woodhead Road, Holmbridge, with The Hinchliffe Mill Brass Band. For church funds & charities. Tel Holmfirth 683559 for details.

MARKET PLACE

DIOCESAN ORGANIST TUITION SCHEME – help for pianists who play for services, and encouragement for young people to learn. Applicants must not have had organ lessons previously. Contact:— The Rev Chris Sterry, 19 Wood Mount, Overton, WAKEFIELD WF4 4SB, Yorkshire. Wk 276159. Please apply before 31 January 1988.

CONTACT for the 'John & Henry Taylor Fund' (See-Link Oct 87):— Mr C Mason, Hopwood Hall, HALIFAX HX1 5HW, Yorkshire. Hx 65215.

ORGANIST AVAILABLE for weddings or funerals. Does not drive. Tel. Wk 822227

VOICE TRIALS — for St John's College, Cambridge on Saturday 9th January 1988 at 9.00 am. Age 7-9. Apply:— The College Organist.

PLACES AVAILABLE, boarding and day at Monkton School, Bath, Somerset. Govt Assisted Places & Scholarships for pupils from 10 through the VI Form. Headmaster:— Mr R Meredith, Monkton Combe School, BATH BA2 7HG, Somerset.

YAMAHA ORGAN for sale, offers — £250, 2 keyboards, Tel Mrs M Rhodes, Holmfirth 685353.

Wakefield Cathedral — Open Evening for parents interested in entering their boys for Choral Scholarships — Tracey Hall Jan 31st 5.15, preceded by Evensong at 4. There will be an opportunity to talk to the Provost, the Organist, the Heads of both Junior & Senior Schools and to parents of present choristers. Applications for choral scholarships (tenable at QEGS) soon as possible. See last See-Link for details.

A SMALL ALTAR CROSS is needed for use in Oakes Villa OP Home, Oakes, Huddersfield. Please contact the Editor with description & price!

SEE-LINK EDITOR — The Rev Hugh N Lawrance, Christ Church Vicarage, Stainland Road, Barkisland, HALIFAX, Yorkshire. Tel. Hx 822339. Changes of order and Copy for February, **in writing please, by 4th January 1988**.

SEE-LINK PRINTERS — John Lindley Son & Co Ltd, for the Wakefield Diocesan Board of Finance, 1. South Parade, WAKEFIELD, Yorkshire.

Available free:

Hymns A & M (Standard), hard-backed, dark blue, 71 copies.

RV-New Testaments, hard-backed, black, 194 copies.

AV Bibles, hard backed, 10 copies.

1 unused, leather-bound (Desk) BCP.

1 Altar copy, Series 3 HC Book.

Tel Rev J Weston, Hudds 522998.

CATHEDRAL CHOIR CASSETTE, with popular choral and organ music and featured on both sides is the sound of the Cathedral Bells (**anything** with bells on it must be a good thing! Ed). Definitely a bargain at **only £5.99** from either the Cathedral Bookshop or Peter Beckett - Wk 373923.

A "BARING-GOULD ASSOCIATION" is to be formed, to perpetuate the memory of Sabine Baring-Gould former Curate of Horbury and later Dalton. Contact David P.R. Shacklock, St Mary's Vicarage, 2 Edith Road, West Kensington, London W14 9BA.

SPEAKER CABINETS for sale, several speakers in each. Tel. C. Hamer Huddersfield 511158.

ACCOMMODATION available in the form of a small cottage connected to Church centre. Would suit a couple called to active involvement in the Church. Please ring Rev M. Whittock, The Rectory, Methley, LEEDS LS26 9BJ, Yorkshire. Tel. Castleford 515278.

BOOKS FOR FUND-RAISING Usborne Books are good, reasonably priced and well presented. Suitable for children and young adults. Available for fund-raising with 15% discount, sale or return. Tel. Mrs A. Lunn, Wk 822227.

TENOR & BASS REQUIRED, for the Symroyd Singers based in Brighouse. The 16 voice chamber choir rehearses Weds 8-9.30. Tel. Graham Kennedy, Brig. 717283.

NEW YEAR

RESOLUTIONS

'I HAVE NEVER HEARD of the Resolutions of the Apostles, but a great about their Acts,' caustically wrote Horace Mann. Nevertheless there was a day when the Apostles resolved to follow Jesus, and without those resolves there would have been no acts. First must come the thought, and then the deed.

'Resolutions,' mourned Alexandre Dumas, 'are like eels, easy to catch, but hard to hang on to.' Some one else has reminded us that January 2nd is the day when most people find it easier to break a resolution than to break a habit.

Why should this be? 'Because', as Jules Renard wrote, 'most resolutions are like cheques drawn on an account with insufficient funds.' The spiritual capital necessary to sustain a resolution is built up by finding time for prayer, worship, Bible study, the Holy Communion. Then, like Temple Gairdner, we could make, and expect to keep, a resolution like this:

'From this day I have determined to try to see Jesus in all I meet, and to try to be Jesus to them'.

G. E. Diggle.

TIME OUT



THE COMING OF the New Year is a reminder of the passing of time - time the stuff our lives are made of, as Benjamin Franklin, the American statesman and scientist told us. He warned that if we love life, we should therefore avoid squandering time.

Nothing is more precious than time, yet nothing is less valued, thought St. Bernard. Yet, may God forgive us, we actually speak of killing time. We also speak of saving time, and then it is well to go on to ask ourselves 'For what?'

Let the Psalmist have the last word - 'So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom'

Psalm 90: 12 RSV.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR



AMID ALL THE excitement and planning for the New Year let us keep our ears open, to hear the voice of the Lord. He speaks very quietly. Set aside a little time in which to be still, to be silent; perhaps to go and kneel in a Church and let God speak to you, to quieten your restlessness, to bring you His peace to comfort and strengthen you. And ask Him to go with you into the coming year, to bless particularly your family and work. If you do, you will find that He will answer your prayer. Invite Him to come into your life, to guide it, to bless it, to use it in His Service. He will.

AUTUMN AND CHRISTMAS FAYRES

The Autumn Fayre held on Saturday, 7th November, raised a total of £323, and the Christmas Fayre, held on Saturday, 5th December, raised a total of £350.

Our thanks go to all who supported these events, or who helped in any way to make them so successful.

PARISH WOMEN'S GROUP

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* Wednesday, 20th January 1988,
* 7.45 p.m. at the Rectory.
* Annual General Meeting
* followed by sherry and mince pies.
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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS had been told the story of the infant Moses. The teacher ended dramatically, 'Now whom do you suppose the Egyptian princess found to care for the little boy found the bulrushes?' Without hesitation came the answer: 'A babysitter'.

THE MOTHERS' UNION

- January 6th 9.15 a.m. Corporate Communion at All Saints' Church.
- January 28th 2.00 p.m. Committee Meeting before the service.
- 2.30 p.m. Service. Afterwards there will be a film entitled 'Keep Britain Tidy'. We extend a warm welcome to anyone who wishes to join us.

Kitty Cooper.

THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

- November 22nd Caroline Dorothy Bromley, 66 Holly Bank.
November 22nd Andrew Gilbert Thompson, 2 Low Green.
November 22nd Thomas Andrew Bradley, 21 Flounders Hill.
November 22nd Leanne Roddam, 60 Pontefract Road.

Holy Matrimony

- November 7th Jason Paul Bailey and Joanne Amanda Lloyd.
November 7th Graham Robert Bilbrough and Janice Ann Palmer.

St. Cuthbert's Flower Rota

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| January 3rd | - | January 24th | Mrs. P. McWilliam. |
| January 10th | Mrs. Kidson. | January 31st | Mrs. J.D. Smith. |
| January 17th | Mrs. Reast. | | |

Brass Cleaning Rota

Mrs. P. McWilliam

All Saints' Flower Rota

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| January 3rd | - | January 24th | Mrs. Cooper. |
| January 10th | Mrs. Turton | January 31st | Vacant. |
| January 17th | E.M. Smith and
M. Walker. | | |



Greet the Lord with thanksgiving

J A N U A R Y

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.

3rd SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Readings: Rev.21.22-22.5 (Mrs. J. Waites); Matt 2.1-12, 19-23.
ASB 458

4th Mon NB NO SERVICE AT HOWARD SCHOOL.

5th Tues 9.15 am Holy Communion (SC)

6th Wed THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
9.15 am Holy Communion (AS)

10th EPIPHANY 1

Readings: Ephesians 3.1-12 (Mr. R. Firth); Matt 2.1-12. ASB 461.

11th Mon 7.30 pm Worship Committee, the Rectory.

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)

17th EPIPHANY 2

Readings: Galatians 1.11-end (Mr. S. McDougall); John 1.35-end.
ASB 469.

19th Tues 9.15 am Holy Communion (SC)

8.00 pm Standing Committee, the Rectory.

20th Wed. 9.15 am Holy Communion (AS)

7.45 pm Parish Women's Group, the Rectory.

24th EPIPHANY 3

Readings: Phil.4.10-20 (Mrs. M. Moorhouse); John 6.1-14. ASB.474.

26th Tues 9.15 am Holy Communion (SC)

2.00 pm Service for Mothers and Toddlers (AS)

27th Wed. 9.15 am Holy Communion (AS)

31st NINTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER

Readings: 1 Cor 2.1-10 (Mrs. M. Ward); Luke 8.4-15. ASB.488.

FEBRUARY

7th EIGHTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER

Readings: 2 Cor 12.1-10 (Mr. D. Cook); Mark 7.24-end. ASB.493.

10.15 am Parish Communion: Preacher: 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.