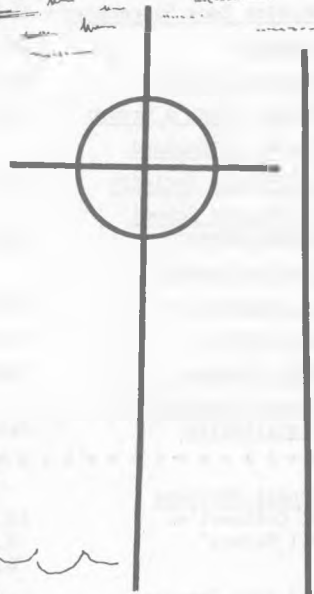




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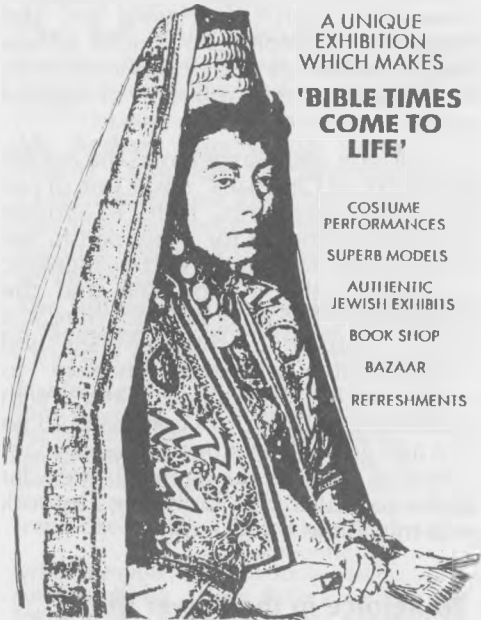
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6.30 pm Evensong (2nd Sunday, Holy Communion).
- Mid Week Services
- Tuesday 9.15 am Holy Communion, St Cuthbert's Church.
- Wednesday: 9.15 am Holy Communion, All Saints' Church.
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WAKEFIELD DIOCESAN CENTENARY YEAR

NOVEMBER 1988



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REFRESHMENTS

**Opening by Bishop David,
2.15, 26 Nov with the Mayor
& Mayoress of Calderdale
HALIFAX PARISH CHURCH HALL
Nov 26, 28, 29, 30 - 1988
Secretary - Halifax 54875
School bookings - Hx 65552**

For the first time - an offering to both the City and Diocese of Wakefield.
AN ADVENT CAROL SERVICE.
The Cathedral on Advent Sunday 4pm. The Diocese, City and Cathedral coming together in Centenary Year.
All are welcome.

BISHOP DAVID WRITES

Lambeth and Lancaster

It was surprising how similar Lambeth and Lancaster turned out to be. The way the two conferences had been set up had distinct parallels, though clearly Lambeth for three weeks with something like a thousand people was an altogether larger and longer conference than Lancaster for two days and nearly six hundred.

Being Together

The most important thing in both was the "atmosphere" - the experience of being there. There had been some doom and gloom about the Lambeth Conference with talk of splits and walk outs. As it happened, there was if anything, a strengthening of the bonds of fellowship and unity, and a greater determination being expressed about staying together.

At Lancaster there seemed to be something of the spirit of Huddersfield Town Football Ground around - a real sense of belonging and family and friendship. Again there were different points of view being expressed, divergent theologies being set forth, strongly held convictions being stated. Yet, there was an amazing feeling of unity, and a confidence that the church has something to say and to offer.

As we take the Lancaster Consultation into our system one of the main questions we need to be asking ourselves is to do with "atmosphere" - how does it feel as we come together in our local churches? Is there a sense that, in spite of, different approaches and different points of view,

we are united in the one mission of the one Lord and Saviour? And when we come together is there a warmth of welcome to the stranger, the visitor, the enquirer? These are some serious and hard questions that every parish needs to ask about the nature of our life together as a congregation, and how this is expressed and felt by young and old alike.

In Worship and Prayer

Another important aspect was the enfolding and undergirding of the whole enterprise with worship and prayer. And it is this which strengthened considerably those bonds of unity among us as we prepared to participate, and indeed opened ourselves during the conference, to the direction and guidance of the Holy Spirit. There seemed to be a very strong endorsement from everyone of what was being said by the Worship and Spirituality section at Lancaster about the priority of deepening our own prayerfulness and spiritual life and of "recovering a real sense of **expectancy** that God is active in and able to use, worship".

Worship is at the very heart of our response to God, and yet much of what passes for worship is mediocre and dull. Are we really and truly giving of our best to God in worship, or has it become a somewhat tedious routine? Do we prepare ourselves for the Spirit's presence, as we come together in worship Sunday by Sunday?

There was an overwhelming desire too that silence should become an integral part of our worshipping together as well as of our private prayer. And certainly the silence of the all night vigil which we experienced at Lambeth, as well as at other times together, was an enriching experience for us all.

In Mission and Evangelism

Coming through the "resolutions" both of Lambeth and Lancaster there seemed to be a strong urgency about Mission and Evangelism. It was both moving and humbling for us at Lambeth to listen to the stories of bishops from very different parts of the world, many of them

from strife and war torn countries, countries with serious problems about food and water and the sheer lack of the basics of life. Yet these are the churches which are alive and confident. Poor in so many ways, they are rich in the Gospel. You and I have much to learn from them.

Indeed that is the major reason for having set up and entered into the link with Bishop Gershom of Mara and the people of his diocese. I can myself testify to the great resilience and faithfulness of many African Christians – a continent where the church is growing fast, and where for example one African Bishop might confirm on one occasion alone as many candidates as a Bishop of England might hope to confirm in a year!

"Mission and Evangelism is the natural activity of all Christians" – was one of our Lancaster statements. Here is another overarching theme for every parish. For without this missionary and evangelistic perspective the mission fails and the church dies. The mission is not ours, it is God's, and it is the privilege and responsibility of every Christian to respond in faithfulness and with generosity to the Lord's command to go out and go forth. We need to ask a sharp question about all our agendas – how far is this particular item furthering the work and mission in this place?

To Rejoice in the Power of the Spirit

There is much, much more that I could have written. I must content myself with these three major themes where I felt Lambeth and Lancaster came together and where both the world wide Anglican Communion and our own local Diocesan concerns were summoning all of us into the nineties with renewed faith and confidence in the power of the Spirit to rejoice among ourselves and with others in the Gospel of salvation and reconciliation.

With greetings in Christ,

+1) and Walsfield .

PEOPLE & PLACES

The Rev Dr David Foss, Tutor/Lecturer at The College of The Resurrection, Mirfield is moving next door to become Vicar of Battleyford.

The Rev George Fryer, Vicar of St Swithin's Lincoln (Lincoln Diocese) is to be P-in-C of Walsden.

The Rev Michael Hall, Lecturer of Halifax Parish Church is to be Vicar of Southwram.

The Rev Canon J Mellors, Vicar of Mirfield has accepted the appointment as Vicar of Leyburn (Ripon Diocese).

The Rev Philip Wadham, formerly working in Canada has been appointed Area Secretary for Bradford & Wakefield USPG.

Mr Andrew Guy of 56 Wong Lane, Tickhill, Doncaster, has been appointed Church Army Area Representative for the Diocese, also York & Sheffield. He has the Bishop's permission to speak at public services if so requested.

The following Readers were Admitted & Licensed in Castleford Parish Church, 2 Oct 1988 by the Bishop of Wakefield:-

Stanley Benn
John Beverley
Pat Bloodworth
Ian Byfield
Geoff Bellamy
Illiane Cunliffe
Irene Greenman

Holy Trinity Holmfirth
St John's Upperrthong
All Souls' Halifax
St John's Rastrick
All Saints' Batley
St Helen's Sandal Magna
St Michael & All Angels
Cornholme
All Souls' Halifax
St Peter's Stanley
All Saints' Normanton
St Luke's Sharlston
St Matthew's Northwram
St Andrew's Wakefield
Brighouse Team Parish
All Saints' Salterhebble
All Saints' Whitwood

Sylvia Kenyon
Anthony Kirby
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Mary Sanderson
Christine Smith
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Christine Whitehill
Bob Wilson

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Trevor Brook	St John the Baptist Halifax
Roger Haigh	Christ Church Linthwaite
Sidney Noble	St John the Baptist Halifax
Charles Pople	St John's Lepton
Olive Taylor	Almondbury Deanery

INSTITUTIONS

Battleyford	31 Oct	+RP
Rastrick St Matthew	4 Nov	+DW

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

A strong background of prayer

"The Children's Society has shown great initiative in recent years in extending the range of its activities and in trying to provide for otherwise neglected areas of need," says the Archbishop of York, the Most Revd John Habgood, in his preface to the latest Prayer Cycle compiled by the Church of England Children's Society.

"Such work requires a strong background of prayer if it is to remain true to its objectives and draw on the spiritual resources which are so essential to it," he adds.

Prayer is an important part of the everyday life of The Children's Society, and the Prayer Cycle forms the basis for the prayers of staff at the Society's headquarters, who meet to pray at 11.00am every day. It is a quarterly cycle of intercession for all the Society's projects, staff and supporters.

Throughout the year, every project that the Society runs is described and allotted days in the cycle. In this way, users of the cycle can focus on, and specifically pray for, each project and, at the same time, learn more about the wide range of work The Children's Society is involved in.

Copies of The Children's Society's Prayer Cycle 1988/1989 are available, in return for a stamped addressed envelope, 8" x 6", for anyone who would like to join the Society and its supporters in their prayer. Write to: Publications Editor, The Children's Society, Edward Rudolf House, Margery Street, London WC1X 0JL. (01-837 4299 ext 242).

NOVEMBER RETREATS

Parcevall Hall

Tel Burnsall 213 or 283

7-10 Clergy Private Reading

18-20 Advent Retreat for Lay people
(The Rev Peter Ainsworth)

NEW ADDRESS

For the booklet "A Pocket Guide to Parish Affairs" (last See-Link), the address to write to is now:- Mrs Pat Johnson, 19 Parkfield Crescent, Mirfield, Yorkshire. Tel Mirfield 495400.

WHAT'S ON

St Chad's Hove Edge (Brighthouse Team) celebrates its 75th Anniversary this month. The Anniversary programme is:-

15-20 Anniversary Exhibition in St Chad's School.

15 Anniversary Concert, 7.30 pm. A wealth of local talent, including Leslie Hollingsworth (organ) and the Symrod Singers. Tel Brighthouse 714636 for details.

18 Consecration as a Parish Church by Bishop David.

19 Anniversary Dance, 8.00 pm.

20 Children's Eucharist at 9.30 am.

Miss Florence Binns, present at the Dedication of St Chad's as a girl of 13 in 1913, still attends there and will be taking a prominent part in the week's festivities.

The Family Life Education Workers have organised a series of workshops called "**Parenting**". Primarily for parents and for anyone wishing to improve their relationships with others. In Wakefield (Mondays) from 14 Nov, in Halifax (Weds) from 2 Nov. Ring Ruth Calvin Thomas (Elland 72679) or Eileen Turner (Wakefield 374213). They can also be contacted at Church House (Wakefield 371802).

November

6 Annual Deanery Evensong at St Michael's Mytholmroyd 6.30 pm. Preacher The Archdeacon of Pontefract.

12 Christmas Fayre in the Community Hall, Whitley Lower. Open from 2 pm.

12 A gentle introduction to Contemplative Prayer, led by The Rev Peter Dodson. 9.45-3.30, St Augustine Centre, Hanson Lane, Halifax. Morning coffee & light lunch provided. £2.

17 Huddersfield Walsingham Cell. 7 pm Mass at St Thomas' Longroyd Bridge followed by a workshop on prayer led by Fr Paul Holland.

19 Annual Bazaar, Slaithwaite Road, Thornhill Lees from 2 pm. Usual stalls — bottle, cake, tombola & linen. Grand draw and a chance to catch an early glimpse of Santa! All welcome.

20 PRISON SUNDAY — please remember prisons, prisoners and prison staff in your prayers. Also, those unjustly imprisoned, especially Terry Waite and others in the Lebanon.

22 Christmas Fayre in Ossett Town Hall. Usual stalls & refreshments. Proceeds for Church funds. Open 10.30 am.

25 Theology Society, St Mary's Parish Hall, Honley, 7.30 for 8. Speaker The Rev Canon Robert Gibson on "The Last Things". This will be the last meeting in the 1988 programme.

26 Annual Sale of Work, Christ Church Linthwaite. Open 10.30 am & 2.30 pm. Usual stalls & running buffet.

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December

2 Pentecost Praise — "Prepare ye the way of the Lord". Praise and Readings on the Advent theme, Wakefield Cathedral at 7.30 pm. Preacher — The Rev David MacInnes, Rector of St Aldate's Oxford.

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15 Huddersfield Walsingham Cell 7 pm Mass at St Thomas' Longroyd Bridge followed by a talk by The Rev Roy Clements, the Diocesan Communications Officer.

LOCAL COMMENTS FROM BISHOP DAVID'S DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE 13-22 Apr 1988

Sat 16 April — Wakefield/Chevet

This visit began outside Normanton Market with drama and music. Here the Good News of the Gospel was proclaimed to passers by, and again with the help of Sunday School children outside the ASDA store. Finally, the Bishop toured through the Ridings with the manager and mingled with the throng. Bishop David said, "it is no bad thing to be with people, in and around shops, standing up and telling them what you believe. I was impressed by the good spirit of all involved, despite the rain!"

LANCASTER – TWO MORE VIEWS

I went to Lancaster full of apprehension, even trepidation. I returned feeling very different – more confident in my Christian faith, recognising where my particular ‘cog’ fitted in the mighty machine that is the Church of England, more spiritually aware, and more committed to the mission of the Church in the Diocese of Wakefield. Why should this have happened? I think three factors underwrote my ‘conversion’.

First, was the effect of five very different services of worship. Each had its own character but used a combination of prayerful silences interlinked with words and music said or sung with confidence and joy to weld us together. To stand shoulder to shoulder with men and women, clergy and laity, from the many different traditions and backgrounds within this diocese was an experience I shall never forget.

Secondly, the small groups in which we spent the first day of the consultation allowed me to share the spiritual experiences of some holy and committed Christians – ordinary men and women, often hesitant to speak out, and yet blessed with a spirituality that left me quite humble.

Thirdly, there was the social side. My husband still doesn't believe that we ‘worked’ on Friday from 7.30 am to 9.50 pm and so only had time for a brief visit to the bar! We all mixed and mingled and got to know each other. We recognised our differences. It's not often you breakfast with a bishop, lunch with a mother of six, eat supper with an ex-nun and share a round of drinks with a Canon.

Our thanks must go to those whose idea it was and who organised it. But what really matters is what difference it makes within our parishes – in our worship, our sense of mission, our ministry and our response to the needs of others. Only then will we know how effective the Consultation was and whether the experience is one we should repeat rather more regularly than once a century.

Judith Round

At the time of writing it is three weeks since the consultation ended. Since then 300 participants have returned their questionnaires – the answers are profoundly encouraging in terms of response to Lancaster. Hopes for the future are high in personal terms, church terms and very often for a new approach towards our neighbourhoods.

Most people want to break away from parochialism and are anxious that we should not be a congregational church. There is overwhelming desire for a new look at ministry with much more lay participation.

Worship features across all the subject areas of the consultation. There is a special link between worship and mission with a plea for more understanding of worship in both personal and corporate terms and a need for flexibility in corporate worship. The need for understanding the place of silence rings loud and clear. Worship and mission yes – but worship always closely linked to Ministry, Social Responsibility, and Christian Education.

Participants have seen the need to transcend our parish and deanery boundaries to avoid limitation of appropriate clusters of parishes working together, a freedom to be more flexible in terms of responsibility, to other denominations and to local authorities. How do we all become more equipped to meet the demands of the Gospel in ourselves, the Church and for society?

Since Lancaster all the reporting of the groups of 10, the wall charts of the groups of 100 as well as the content of the plenary sessions have been examined by a group under the chairmanship of the Bishop. That group was delighted to hear that much has already happened in a variety of parishes and larger groupings as a result of the Diocesan Process.

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The Rural Deans meet in mid-October, the Sector Ministers are seeing what their response should be and Lancaster will feature in the October meeting of the Diocesan Synod.

One wants to encourage participants and others by the goodwill from those 48 hours and a desire to deepen that which is good, to remove what is irrelevant and to try to understand what should be new over the coming years.

Meanwhile, much depends on the contribution the participants make, and the local response to their understanding and enthusiasm.

It is clear that this is no more than an interim offering and to know that important decisions will have to be made about resources – manpower, time, money, opportunities for training and education and so on if the new hopes are to be fulfilled.

·Fhorley Roe

USPG NEWS

Latest USPG grants

USPG has just released £100,000 most of it for churches in Asia.

Invited to contribute to church programmes in dioceses in the Council of the Church of East Asia (CCEA) USPG sent £45,000 after its last quarterly Funding meeting. Many Anglican dioceses in east Asia expect to become independent soon and are running programmes to help them become self-supporting. These include lay training in Sabah, social work in the Philippines and theological training in Kuching.

The Church of North India (CNI) also gets £45,000 to cover health, education, social services and farming programmes. This money is given ecumenically as the CNI is a united church derived from many denominations.

With another famine looming in Ethiopia USPG gave a special grant of £2,000 for the St Matthew's Children's Fund which runs orphanages for victims of the 1984/85 famine.

MUSICAL EVENTS

Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers – W Branch, evening meeting Halifax 19 Nov.

November

Mondays at St Paul's Huddersfield, all 7.30 pm

21 Stockhausen & Soloists – one of his rare visits to the UK. NB – in the TOWN HALL (not in St Paul's).

28 **Wakefield Diocese Centenary Celebration. Polytechnic Choir and Wakefield Cathedral Choir in the presence of Bishop David** – (Bairstow, Liszt, Moore, Carter, Haydn, Bielby & Gabrielli).

Details – Tel Hudds 22288 Ext 2003, savings for Subscription Tickets are substantial.

1 **St Peter's Singers**, Chamber Orchestra & Soloists – Haydn's "Nelson Mass". Simon Lindley – conductor. St Mary's Church, S Elmsall 8 pm. £2.

12 **Thornesian Singers** – Autumn Concert, Wakefield Cathedral 7.30 pm. Music by Bernstein, Gabrielli & Durufle. Tel Wakefield 372877.

12 **Mirfield Choral Society** at Trinity Methodist Chapel, Mirfield – "Judas Maccabaeus" (Handel), 7.15. £2.

13 **Organist & Choir of Leeds Parish Church** at St Edward's Church, Kingstone, Barnsley 7.30 pm. £1.50 & £1.

19-26 **Meltham Parish Church G&S Society** present "HMS Pinafore" – £2.50 (conc £1.50) + Party rates. Tel Hudds 850089.

26 **Symrod Singers in Concert** – St James', Bolton Rd, Bradford 7.30 pm. Music by Vivaldi, Wesley, Parry, Stanford et al. £1 & £1.50.

26 **Concert** by The Wakefield Metropolitan District Music Centre Brass Band in St Catherine's Church, Doncaster Road, Wakefield, 7.00 pm, £1, ch 50p + refreshments.

BOOKS — PUBLICATIONS

With ready heart and watchful mind.

A new booklet by the Vicar of Cudworth (Barnsley), the Rev David Glover. It is illustrated by children from the Pontefract Road First School in Cudworth and contains prayers, Scripture readings and meditations based on the Church's themes for the 4 Sundays in Advent, Christmas and the festivals following through to Epiphany.

It is written primarily for children but is also suitable for adult use. The author's intention is to try and help the reader to experience something of the essence of Advent and Christmas and to pray for specific things on the individual days covered.

Only £1 (+20p pp) from:— St Denys Bookshop, 235-237 Corn Exchange, Hanging Ditch, Manchester or from:— The Vicarage, St John's Road, Cudworth, Barnsley, Yorkshire.

The Christian Pacifist

(Philip Dransfield)

12 short articles and some quotations. This booklet tries to answer (briefly) criticisms raised by non-pacifists against the Christian Pacifist position. In his foreword, the author says, "In the words of the resolutions of successive Lambeth Conferences: 'War is incompatible with the teachings of Our Lord Jesus Christ'. All Christians are now called to take the essential logical step and renounce all war and stop making preparations for war". The booklet is available from the author (50p post free) at:— 19A Longlands Road, Slaithwaite, HUDDERSFIELD, Yorkshire.

In Penitence and Faith

(David Silk)

Texts for use with Alternative Services. Mowbrays - £2.25. "The publication of 'Lent, Holy Week and Easter' has drawn attention to the element of Penitence in public and private prayer. This little book is a contribution to current material in this field."

Contained in these pages are, new invitations to confession, settings of the 'Kyrie Eleison', services of penitence, prayers of penitence and a form for the reconciliation of a penitent.

I admit to being a fan of these ASB supplements, this growing number of sources to enrich ASB liturgy by providing refreshingly alternative texts as and when required.

HNL

"... So I Send You"

A renewed concern for mission is one issue which has begun to emerge, very clearly, through "Bread . . . not Stones", the Deanery Exhibitions and the Lancaster Consultation. A new book by the Rev John Marsh, Vicar of S Ossett could be just the resource that many parishes are looking for to help them move from concern to wise action.

Combining scriptural teaching and practical examples, many of them drawn from the experience of the congregation at Christ Church, the book would lend itself to study by PCC's, mission committees etc.

"... So I Send You" will be published on Nov 4 by MARC/Kingsway and will cost £2.95.

Felicity Lawson

Each Week a Thought

(The Rev Frank Carless)

52 articles which originally appeared as, "Thought for the Weekend" in Saturday editions of the Halifax Evening Courier. Mr Carless in his foreword says, "may this little book continue the good work of stimulating thought for at least one year".

(Amen to that. Ed)

The book costs £1.25 and is available from the author at:— 130 Savile Park Road, HALIFAX HX1 2EX, Yorkshire.

MARKET PLACE

Organist wanted for Thornhill Lees Parish Church. Sunday Mass 10.30 am, and Evening Mass on Holy Days. Tel Dewsbury 461269.

Organist available for weddings, funerals & mid-week services. Contact Stephen Wright LLCM, Cleck 876642 or 872446.

Organist/Choirmaster (or Organist) required for St John's Parish Church, Cleckheaton. 10 am Parish Eucharist, reasonable choir. Ring Cleck 874896.

Organist available – reliant on public transport, Anglo-Catholic Church preferred. Tel Hudds 717820.

The Children's Society – latest shop now open at 16 Westmorland Street, Wakefield. Collection arranged by calling Wakefield 373329. Toys, games, books, babywear in clean and reasonable condition all required urgently.

"Academic Robes" is back! Visitors welcome (Tue, Wed, Thu) in showroom: Marsh Mills, Luck Lane, Huddersfield. Tel 514328. Special line, Ordination or ordinary stoles (white) with the Centenary Flame Symbol. All work undertaken for robes/vestments.

Help wanted – appropriate people to work with PHAB (Physically Handicapped & Able Bodied), Low Pay Unit and Order & Law bodies across the Diocese. Offers of help from anyone who wishes to exercise their ministry in this way gratefully received by George Nairn Briggs at Church House, Wakefield 371802. Anyone already involved in these ways please ring GNB as well.

The Tear Fund/Tearcraft Representative is willing to speak to any church groups. See & buy toys, jewellery, stationery, ornaments, household items – individually made by Christian projects in the Third World. Please ring Tina Blaker, Hudds 530952.

Sony D.D. Turntable (model PS-3300) for sale £50, for Woolley Church funds. Please ring the Ed, Hx 822339. Really excellent bargain.

For sale – 150 copies of "Cry Hosanna" & "Combined Sound of Living Waters & Fresh Sounds". All offers considered. Tel Hx 244572.

Free – to anyone who collects: 38 BCP's (good condition), 180 kneelers. Enquiries to: The Rev Dick Bradnum, Hx 244761. (Obviously standing room only at Mixenden! Ed.).

To Fund-raisers – "Meeting Children's Needs" can supply good educational toys & games, painting equipment, activity packs, and books. Everything is new and very sellable! All playgroup leaders and those involved with Guides/Scouts etc are invited to contact Mrs Anne Lunn, Wakefield 822227. Discount is 10% or more.

Vacancies exist for Altos, Tenors & Basses in Halifax Parish Church Choir. Services include Rites A & B, 1662 and Choral settings. Please contact Margaret Whiteley, Hx 60737.

MORE HIGH & LOW CHURCHERY

Highest:-

Christ Church, Barkisland	764'
St Lucius Church, Farnley Tyas	850'
St James, Upper Slaithwaite	913'
Heptonstall Parish Church	967'

Snowden Hill Farm Chapel

– Parish of Penistone 975'

Lowest:-

St Mary the Virgin, S Elmsall	75'
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Thank you all who took the trouble to let me know, further correspondence always welcome – Ed.

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STORY OF ACKWORTH PLAGUE

'Tis said that in this village
 Long before the Reformation,
 The body of a Monk brought through
 Created consternation.
 In his lifetime this good Monk,
 Well known to Ackworth People,
 Was often in St Cuthbert's Church,
 Up there beneath that steeple,
 Later on he went abroad
 Upon some Godly mission.
 There he worked unceasingly
 'Til death was his condition.
 A journey then, with his remains,
 By Monks was undertaken.
 The Priory at Nostell was
 To be their destination.
 A resting place at Ackworth
 Was all the Monks intended.
 They placed his coffin on the green
 Of the village he'd befriended.
 Then underneath an elm tree
 The Monks sat down and rested.
 "A glimpse of his face just once
 more."
 The villagers requested,
 Now in the local hostelry
 Where revellers were singing,
 A crippled girl for her father
 A jug of ale was bringing.
 The girl whose joints were all askew
 Wasn't very pretty.
 The revellers fell silent
 And viewed the girl with pity.
 "Come," said one man, "Sieze the
 girl,

We'll take her to the coffin.
 To touch the body of that Monk
 May give her holy blessing.
 A miracle might just take place
 Those crooked limbs might
 straighten."
 Then out of the Inn and through
 the crowd
 To the coffin she was taken.
 The lid was duly pushed aside
 And through the air pervading
 A stench so indescribable
 All nostrils was invading.
 Then one by one the villagers
 With fever high were stricken.
 Only the ugly crippled girl
 Stayed well and didn't sicken.
 Death began to gather in
 The victims of the illness,
 And soon the tradesmen from outside
 Refused the village business.
 "Som way," they said, "Must now
 be found,
 The plague will need containment.
 We'll leave you food if you purify
 All coins you bring in payment.
 A square stone then was hollowed out,
 On a hill top situated.
 In the hollow stone all coins were
 placed
 For goods 'til the plague abated.
 A punishment for local sins
 The villagers suspected.
 That plague just hit this village,
 No-one elsewhere was affected.

Contributed by Mr. George Lee. Does anyone know the origin of this?

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 * STEWARDSHIP MISSION *
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 * We would be grateful if you could *
 * contribute FOOD for the various *
 * functions connected with the MISSION *
 * eg. The Parish Reception, Tuesday *
 * 29 November. Home baking (that *
 * special recipe!) or money in lieu will *
 * Be much appreciated. Please contact: *
 * Mrs. Cooper, 27 Orchard Drive, 611272 *
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P.C.C. NOTES. 3 OCTOBER

- 1 A formal notice is to be placed in the newspaper by the direction of the Dept. of the Environment announcing the closure of All Saints' Graveyard.
- 2 The M.S.C. has approved the work for alterations in All Saints'. A final decision is now being awaited on the faculty.
- 3 Planning for the Christmas Fayre is well advanced. Because of the Stewardship Mission the date for the Fayre has been changed to the 10th December.
- 4 A report was given on the progress of the Stewardship Mission.
- 5 Mr Fred Davies, Rev Peter Moorhouse and Dr Doreen Belk presented a report on the Lancaster Conference.
- 6 Discussion took place on the provision of large-type hymn books and more modern hymn books to meet the needs of the congregation.
- 7 An investigation is to be made into the possibility of finding a photo-copier for rental.
- 8 £125,000 has been raised so far for the Bishop's Centenary Fund.

David Jones

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THANK YOU

The concert given by the Featherstone Male Voice Choir raised a total of £63 for church funds. Our thanks go to all who supported this event, and to Miss Ada Pritchard who organised the concert.

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THE FIVE TOWNS PLUS HOSPICE FUND

(ACKWORTH SUPPORT GROUP)

As there was much interest and support for our last venture we would like you to know that another Coffee Morning is to be held at the Low Ackworth Community Hall on Saturday December 3rd.

Further information about this will be in the December Magazine and the Sunday News Sheet.

Pat Matthews & Pat Barran

WHATEVER COMES

That man is perfect in faith who can come to God in the utter dearth of his feelings and desires, without a glow or an aspiration, with the weight of low thoughts, failures, neglects and wandering forgetfulness, and say to him, 'Thou art my refuge'.

George Macdonald

*Let come what will come
God's will is well come*

16th century

THE MOTHERS' UNION

- November 2 9 15 am Corporate Communion at All Saints' Church.
November 4 2 00 pm Deanery Committee Meeting at St Giles Church
Parish Hall.
November 24 2 30 pm Mothers' Union Service and Meeting at All Saints'
Church.

Kitty Cooper

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**THE
GUIDE BOOK?**

On the table side by side,
The Holy Bible and the TV guide,
One is well-worn but cherished with pride,
(Not the Bible - but the TV guide),
One is used daily to help folk decide,
No! it isn't the Bible, it's the TV guide,
As pages are turned, what shall we see,
Oh, what does it matter, turn on the TV,
So they open the book in which they confide,
(No, not the Bible, it's the TV guide),
The word of God is seldom read,
Maybe a verse as they fall into bed,
Exhausted and sleepy and tired as can be,
Not from reading the Bible, from watching TV,
So then back on the table, side by side,
Is the Holy Bible and the TV guide,
No time for prayer, no time for the word,
The Plan of salvation is seldom heard,
Forgiveness for sin so full and free,
Is found in the Bible, not on TV'.



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ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH WOMEN'S GROUP

Linda Steer and Jackie Dawson are running a Craft Stall at the Christmas Fayre and would be most grateful for contributions of any of the following: small bars of scented soap - scraps of ribbon, braid and lace - balls of wool and bits of material in pastel shades - curtain rings (brass, plastic and wood) - plastic lids from foam bath and similar plastic bottles. Offers of help gratefully accepted! Please telephone Jackie on 610800.

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FROM THE REGISTERS

WEDDINGS

September 17

"Those whom God has joined together"
Paul Jennings and Julie Pawson.



1st Tues ALL SAINTS' DAY
 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)
 2nd Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)
 3rd Thurs 7 45 pm Parish Conference
 to agree Mission
 Brief, the
 Howard School
 5th Sat 2 30 pm Autumn Fayre, the
 Mission Room
 6th SEVENTH SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS
 Readings: Gen 12.1-9 (Mrs M Ward);
 John 8.51-end. ASB 408

7th Mon 6 45 pm Holy Communion
 7 30 pm PCC, both at Howard School
 8th Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)
 2 00 pm Service for Mothers and Toddlers (AS)
 9th Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)
 13th SIXTH SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
 8 30 am Holy Communion (AS)
 11 00 am Remembrance Sunday Service (SC)
 6 30 pm Parish Communion, and Commissioning of Mission Visitor
 Mission Visitors (AS)
 Readings: Exodus 3.7-15 (Mr D Cook); John 6.25-35. ASB 413
 14th Mon START OF STEWARDSHIP MISSION
 15th Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)
 16th Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)
 7 45 pm Parish Women's Group, 54 Holly Bank
 20th FIFTH SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS
 Readings: 1 Kings 19.9-18 (Mrs D White); Matt 24.37-44. ASB 418
 22nd Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)
 2 00 pm Service for Mothers and Toddlers (AS)
 23rd Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)
 24th Thurs 2 30 pm Mother's Union (AS)
 27th ADVENT SUNDAY
 Readings: Isaiah 52.7-10 (Mrs J Waites); Luke 21.25-33. ASB 422.
 29th Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)
 7 45 pm PARISH RECEPTION, Bell Lane School.
 30th Wed ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE
 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

December

3rd Sat 7 30 pm Ackworth Concert Society Concert,
 St Cuthbert's Church
 4th ADVENT 2
 10 15 am SERVICE OF COMMITMENT, ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH
 Readings: Isaiah 55.1-11 (Mr R. Firth); John 5.36-end. ASB 427

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FLOWER ROTAS

St Cuthbert's Church

November 6 Mrs Jones
 November 13 Mrs Sawyer
 November 20 Mrs Ashton
 November 27 Advent - no flowers



All Saints' Church

November 6 -
 November 13 E.M. Smith and
 M. Walker
 November 20 Mrs Rhodes
 November 27 Advent - no flowers

BRASS CLEANING ROTA

Mrs Meadley and Mrs Harwood

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 Copy for the December magazine should be handed to the Rector by Sunday
 6 November.