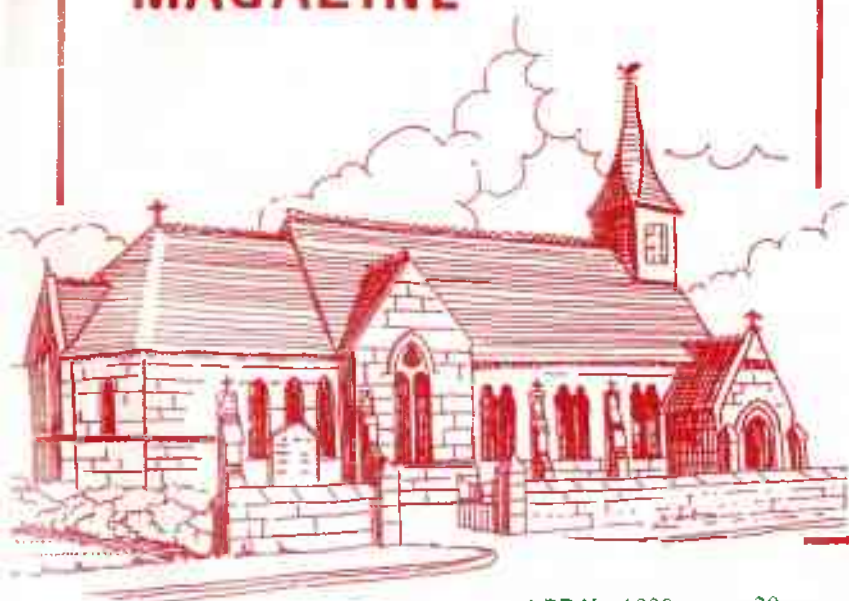




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PARISH OF ACKWORTH - ST CUTHBERT'S AND ALL SAINTS'

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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).
- Mid Week Services:
- Tuesday: 9 15 am Holy Communion, St Cuthbert's Church.
Wednesday: 9 15 am Holy Communion, All Saints' Church.
Holy Days: As announced in church and the Calendar.
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between 7 20 and 8 pm at the Rectory. Please telephone
beforehand to arrange an appointment.

RECTOR'S NOTES



THE MESSAGE OF EASTER

Easter is nearly upon us! It's been a long wait, because Easter is late this year. So what is the message of Easter? What does Easter mean to you and what difference should it make to your life?

The message of Easter is so fantastic that few of us can fully understand it. The message is 'life through death'. That idea is so foreign to most modern minds that many people reject it. How can life come through death? 'When you're dead you're dead', they say. Yet we know that Christ died, and we believe he was resurrected.

We have the witness of the disciples, and the church came into being because of that belief. The church's existence is one of the most powerful proofs of the truth of the resurrection.

Life through death. For Christ that meant being obedient to the Father in a supreme act of faith and self sacrifice, and allowing himself to be crucified. Christ died on the cross, make no mistake about that, yet he entered into new life. What about you and me? Of course Christ's death gives us the hope of resurrection after our own death. But there's more to it than that. As Christians we are meant to be his disciples in life. That means we too must somehow act in faith in our own lives using the principle of 'life through death'.

Jesus puts it this way: 'Anyone who wants to be a follower of mine must renounce self; day after day he must take up his cross, and follow me. Whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.' (Lk 9.24,25). On a personal level that will mean struggling with temptation. It may mean accepting suffering at times. It certainly means making sacrifices by living for others and not just for ourselves. As a church it may mean making hard decisions to let go of the past and looking to the future.

THE REORDERING OF ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

I believe that the plans to reorder our churches is an example of the principle of 'life through death', and of Jesus' saying 'Whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it'. Change inevitably means the loss of something familiar. Change is a kind of death. However, change can lead on to new life. If we simply try to preserve the past we shall be in danger of losing our life as a church. If we are prepared to move on in faith and to lose the life that is gone, we shall gain new life.

The PCC's proposals for St Cuthbert's Church are an attempt to solve deep seated problems in this parish. They are the result of much thought, hard work and prayer. They are an attempt to get to grips with issues raised by the parish weekend at Barrowby, and by the Stewardship Mission. They are a response to the Bishop of Wakefield's specific request to parishes during the Diocesan Centenary to look to the future, and to plan the right use of buildings and resources. The problems we have addressed include the divided and scattered nature of the parish; how to welcome and retain newcomers into the church; how to make families part of the worshipping community; how to provide Christian education for children and young people; how to make worship joyful to people of all ages, and how to take the life of the church in

Ackworth forward into the future. The right and effective use of both our buildings is essential if these aspects of mission are to be successful. It is applying Easter faith to the life of our parish.

THE ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

The Annual Church Meeting will be held on Palm Sunday, 8 April, at 7.30 pm in St Cuthbert's Church. It will be preceded with Evensong. The church is a democratic body in that the Parochial Church Council is elected to work with the incumbent in furthering the church's mission. Members of the PCC are representatives of the laity, they are not delegates. PCC members are charged to 'co-operate with the incumbent in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.' Serving on a PCC is a means of serving Christ, and is one way in which lay members of the church share in the church's ministry.

CHURCH ORGANIST

Jonathan Cook, our organist for the last four years, will be leaving Ackworth later this year at the end of his studies at Ackworth School. We shall therefore need to appoint a new organist to replace him. The PCC is prepared to pay for the services of an organist. If anyone wishes to apply for this position, or knows of anyone who may be interested in becoming our organist, please contact the Rector (telephone 780880).

Peter Moulton

PCC NOTES

- 1 The accounts for the year ended 31 December 1989 were discussed and approved.
- 2 The new Electoral Roll was authorised.
- 3 Parish buildings: a) The sale of the Mission Room is nearing completion. b) Detailed plans for reordering St Cuthbert's Church were discussed. It was agreed to display these in both churches for comment by members of the congregation. c) The relative merits of electronic organs by Makin and Ahlborn were discussed.
- 4 A report was given on the work of the Howard School Governing Body.
- 5 A Discussion took place on the appointing of a new organist.
- 6 It is hoped to establish a new social committee under the chairmanship of Mr F Walters.
- 7 Mr T Precious of Purston has agreed to wind and maintain the clock at St Cuthbert's Church.



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NEWS FROM

WAKEFIELD DIOCESE

— APRIL — DOUBLE ISSUE — 1990 —

BISHOP RICHARD WRITES

We are dead with Christ, raised with Christ, and filled with the Holy Spirit of Christ.

This is not doctrine, this is the christian experience: and not a once and for all, one-off experience — spin it out and make it last, because that's the lot — but an experience which is at the same time final and continuous. Once and for all, with the finality of drowning, again and again with the continuity of nourishment.

It is the experience of the individual christian, and it is the experience too of the christian church.

In a recent issue of SEE-LINK I mentioned the book about industrial management and leadership by Sir John Harvey-Jones — "Making it Happen" — of which I have since bought the paperback. It was recommended to me as the best text-book one could find about church-growth. Forgive me if I quote one passage at some length:-

There is an intrinsic impermanence in industry, and indeed the management task is to recreate the company in a new form every year.

Industry is a bit like the human body. The cells are continuously dying, and unless new cells are being created, sooner or later the whole thing will collapse and disappear.

Three potent forces — people, technology, and competition — mean that industry cannot afford to become institutionalised. We have to be more adaptable, and quicker on our feet, than the other great national institutions which create the external conditions under which we operate.

That is not necessarily the language we would use, but the underlying principle is one which everyone concerned for the future of our church would want to endorse.

We cannot afford to become institutionalised. If we look for too great a degree of permanence in our institutional life we are opting for death. As a church we have got to learn to travel light, to be — as the writer says — quicker on our feet than the forces which

create the conditions in which the gospel has to be preached.

This is an Easter theme. We proclaim, perhaps too glibly, that death is the route we travel towards life: that an empty tomb assures our faith in God's mighty act, the victory made available to us in Christ. If we believe this we must be willing to affirm, in the life of our church, the need for impermanence of the kind described in the passage I have quoted. Not, of course, impermanence in the great truths of the gospel: Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and for ever. The gospel does not change: but the ways in which our minds reach out to grasp it, the terms in which we try to proclaim it — and express our response to it in worship — these are changing all the time.

If they are not we risk the Easter rebuke: "Why seek the living among the dead".



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"LIVING FAITH IN THE CITY" — WAKEFIELD STYLE!

In 1985 the Archbishop of Canterbury's Commission on Urban Areas (ACUPA) published its report "Faith in the City". Five years on, the group which has been monitoring the progress of "Faith in the City" has published a follow up report called "Living Faith in the City".

The Wakefield diocese gets a number of honourable mentions. The report opens with a description of the adventurous project taking place in the crypt of Huddersfield Parish Church, where 300 tons of rubble were removed to make way for a cafe open every day of the year, a playgroup, an advice centre, drug and alcohol support groups and facilities for the unemployed.

It goes on to point out that although the diocese is varied with splendid countryside mixed with industrial centres, it is still one of the top twenty dioceses in the country when it comes to the number of "urban priority areas" (UPAs) we have. The report notes that part of our response has been to make ourselves one of only four dioceses where the staffing ratio is better in our UPAs than in the more "attractive" areas of the diocese.

Our efforts to encourage growing co-operation between the church and other agencies is acknowledged by mention of the monthly meetings which take place in Wakefield between church, statutory and voluntary agencies.

In the list of resources at the end of "Living Faith in the City" (apart from a little book edited by myself) our "Bread Not Stones" video is commended.

When you add in the tremendous response that has made to Bishop David's Centenary Fund (which includes our contribution to the national Church Urban Fund) it can fairly be said that we have responded positively to the challenges put before the church in the original "Faith in the City" report.

There is still much to be done and the Board for Social Responsibility is continuing to support the work of the parishes in a number of ways. Following on from the "Homelessness Pack" in 1988 we have just published a "Debt Pack" to help with the increasing problem of indebtedness. We held a training day on "Community Care" looking at the proposed changes in the way in which people will be cared for outside of hospitals when they are sick or frail. We are also setting up a day for christians working in management or unions to see how their "faith" and "work" fit together.

The other Departments in the diocese are also continuing to respond to the challenge of "Faith in the City" in the areas of ministry and education. A major impetus behind the recent policy review by Bishop's Council was the desire that the church in Wakefield should move out from maintenance to mission.

All good stuff and we live in exciting times, but behind it all we need to keep our worship and thinking about God and His purposes (Theology) fresh and vibrant.

Without Prayer, Bible and Sacraments we would simply be like any other well meaning group in society. But, without action springing from our spiritual life, "Truth" will never be transformed into "Justice".

George Nairn-Briggs
Social Responsibility Adviser



George Nairn-Briggs

RETREATS, CONFERENCES

Scargill House, tel: (075676) 234 or 315		
Apr 23-27	<i>Music in Worship</i>	£93
	<i>(Geoff Weaver)</i>	
May 7-11	<i>The Natural World</i>	£96
May 25-1 Jun	<i>Spring Bank Holiday</i>	£145

The Cathedral of The Isles

Cumbrae College, Millport, Isle of Cumbrae KA28 0HE. Tel (0475) 530353. Facilities available for retreats, conferences and holidays in buildings around the Cathedral. Please write to The Provost at the address above.

Holiday Cottage, Chelmsford 4m, £40 per week, for 5 people. Tel Bishop's Stortford (0279) 871300.

Pilgrimage — Israel with Jordan

30 May-9 June, £619 (inc travel & half-board). Experienced guide, The Rev Bruce McClellan. Ring (0924) 862373 for brochure.

BISHOP'S CENTENARY FUND



Wanted for the Centenary Fund Community Shop, Riddings Estate, Fartown, Huddersfield: clean men's clothing and footwear, together with supplies of ladies' and children's wear. Please ring Stan Evans with offers, Wakefield (0924) 371802.

Also wanted for The Fund – aluminium cans, proceeds for the children of Mara, our "link-Diocese" in Tanzania. Free can-testers and collecting bags from Stan Evans (Church House), and re-cycling depots are situated all over the Diocese.

A new book –

"Cynthia, we shall walk down the road together, you and I"

Cynthia Fox writes of some of her encounters with Our Lord as she continues on her inner journey. Bishop David says in the foreword that Cynthia has shared with us, her journey with the Lord in her sickness and in her pain. It is his hope and prayer that all who read this book will themselves be drawn more fully and more gloriously into the Lord's will and His way for each one of us.

The book is obtainable from – Miss Cynthia Fox, 58 Maplin Avenue, Salendine Nook, Huddersfield HD3 3GP, Yorkshire. As the proceeds are for The Fund, it is priced at £2 minimum.

Members urgently wanted for **BISHOP DAVID'S 1000 CLUB**, see the back page of the current issue of the Diocesan Newspaper "Bread". Your £16 a month covenanted for 4 years will yield £1,000 for The Fund.

A Coffee Day, 17th May, in Halifax Parish Church Hall, sponsored by the Mothers' Union.

- 10 – 11.30 am, coffee 35p
- 12 – 1.30 pm, ploughman's lunches, £1.50
- 2 – 4.00 pm, afternoon teas, 50p
- 7 – 9.00 pm, coffee, 35p

Usual stalls, ALL offers of cakes, books, gifts, plants, bric-a-brac etc will be welcome. Ring any one of these Halifax (0422) numbers for tickets or information: 340848, 350203, 348379. Book the 17 May NOW!

Centenary Fund Quiz. Parishes are invited to submit teams of 4 to represent them in a general knowledge quiz. It will take place across the Diocese throughout the Autumn months. Each "match" will provide further opportunities to break through parish and deanery boundaries – as well as help towards raising THAT £1M. Please contact: Malcolm Endersby, 9 St John's Mount, WAKEFIELD WF1 2RR, Yorkshire.

Please plan now for the **BCF Week – 29 Sept to 6 Oct 1990**. More details later. Last year, the BCF Week raised over £30,000 for The Fund.

The Pantomime & BCF "tie-up" with the Theatre Royal, Wakefield was such a huge success in 1989 that it is being doubled for 1990!! Please plan now for "Babes in the Wood" – 18 & 19 Dec 1990. Box office open from 1 Apr, tel Wk (0924) 366556. Don't be one of the many disappointed parishes this year!

SOCIETIES AND MISSIONS

USPG – "Mission Fiesta" at the CE Junior School, Guisley. There will be interest groups for adults, activities for children and young people. 17th June 1990, 2.30-6.30.

CMS – "Deeper Life" a new book by Alan Isaacson, the story of the founding and spectacular growth of The Deeper Life Bible Church of Nigeria. The author is now the full-time mission educator and adviser in Yorkshire with CMS, this is his first book. 256pp, £2.99, Hodder & Stoughton, ISBN 0-340-52342-5.

The Leprosy Mission – "No Strange Land" a remarkable collection of meditations and prayers from TLM. It is honest, humorous and very relevant to modern Christian living. These books have become very popular and may be obtained from: The Rev H N McKee, 19 Woodside Drive, Wrenthorpe, WAKEFIELD WF2 0NA, Yorkshire. £1.50, inc. P&P.

MUSICAL MATTERS

Conductor — Musical Director needed for The Symroyd Singers, an 18-voice Madrigal Choir. We perform small choral works, madrigals, anthems (sacred and secular). Practices — Wednesday evenings, Brighouse area. Ring Huddersfield 535611.

Deputy Organist wanted — St Mary the Virgin, S Elmsall. Evensong & Rites of Passage, £250 + £1,500. Tel Dr Knowles, S Elmsall 643767.

Harmonium wanted, any condition. Tel Dewsbury 454431 after 5.

April

Two Events by The Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers:

21st Evening meeting at Marsden Parish Church (7-9)

28th YACR — AGM, the Leeds Branch

7 The Symroyd Singers Lenten Concert in St John's Church, Rastrick, 7.30. £2 (conc £1.50). (Handel & Faure).

13 Stainer's "Crucifixion" — New Mill Parish Church, 7.30. Also, cassette recordings of music on the newly-restored organ are available from J Wood & Sons, Huddersfield.

14-9 June, "Bells & Bellinging" — an exhibition at Cusworth Hall Museum (just NW of Doncaster). There will be a large room devoted entirely to informing and interesting **everyone** in the Art & Science of Ringing Church Bells. Demonstrations of handbell ringing will take place on certain weekends — well worth a visit! Organised by The Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers.

28 Taverner Choir Concert in St Jude's Church Halifax, 7.30. (Parry, Stanford, Elgar, Tippett et al).

28 Celebration Concert in Meltham Parish Church, 7.30 with Meltham G & S Society and Slaithwaite Philharmonic Orchestra. £2.50 (conc £1.50).

May

1-5 "Finian's Rainbow" in Mytholmroyd Parish Hall, 7.15 (+ 5th 2.15 maf.). Tickets: (0422) 883663.

5 Wakefield Festival Chorus, Concert in Wakefield Cathedral. £3.50 (conc £3).

6 "From Pharaoh to Freedom" (Roger Jones), by the Choir & Congregation of St Thomas' Church, Grosvenor Rd, Batley, 4pm, £1.50 (conc 75p).

THE M.U. — OVERSEAS

On June 26th an Overseas Celebration will be held at Bishop's Lodge. In the M.U. we are linked with Dioceses all around the world, and our special Wakefield links are with Soroti and Karamoja in Uganda, and Adelaide, The Murray, and Willochra in Australia. Recently we have made contact with the Bishop of Soroti, and have made personal links by letter with a number of the M.U. members in his Diocese. Times are extremely difficult in his area, with rebel troops often coming in and stealing cattle and burning houses and crops. Children have seen their parents and grandparents shot in front of them.

In spite of all this trouble, Christianity is growing and spreading. The number of M.U. members is increasing, and much of the training and caring for new Christians, and preparation for baptism and marriage is carried out by M.U. members.

At the moment, we hear nothing from Karamoja, where the situation is even worse. In Wakefield Diocese we continue to pray for these fellow members and send them letters as often as possible.

It is easy to keep in contact with Australia, of course, and we exchange newsletters and personal letters frequently.

In consultation with Bishop David the M.U. has now also adopted Mara as a linked Diocese. Again Diocesan and personal letters are exchanged regularly.

We look on this Overseas Day as a sharing together of our faith, and a time of celebration and thanksgiving, as well as a day of fun and fellowship with entertainment, teas, suppers, and some stalls and games.

Our main session will be an act of Worship when we are hoping a speaker will come from one or two of our linked Dioceses. This is not just for the M.U. We are certainly planning and organising it, but it is a good opportunity for many friends and family, husbands and children, to join us that day.

June 26th is the second Anniversary of the great Diocesan Eucharist at Huddersfield Town football ground, and Stan Evans will be joining us that day, so linking "Faith in the City" with our Overseas Celebration Day. Bishop David will also be at each session.

Please book the day — there is the choice of two sessions:

Afternoon (2.00pm-4.30pm) and Evening (7.00pm-9.30pm). June 26th 1990.

Dorothy Muir
Overseas Chairman,
MU — Wakefield Diocese

PEOPLE & PLACES

The Rev David Hughes, Vicar of Normanton is to be Vicar of Didsbury (Manchester Diocese).

The Rev Alan Matthews, A/c of St Helen's Hemsworth is to be Rector of the parish.

Appreciation: Raymond John Harries 1917-1990

The news of the death of Raymond Harries will come as a very great shock to a very large number of people, friends from far and wide who have enjoyed the friendship and hospitality of Raymond and Doreen over many years. Our love and sympathy go out to Doreen at this time and also to Gillian and David.

What memories we treasure and what fun it has been, for under a gay and humorous enjoyment of life and beauty lay a deep and caring concern for people. Those piercing blue eyes sparkled while yet penetrated the depth of an individual's needs, hopes and aspirations, bringing confidence, encouragement and understanding to many.

From Southampton with its Tennis Club he went with Doreen to Kampala, and then to Nairobi Cathedral, that fine imposing building with its excellent and lively choir. The simple sincere dignity of the services brought peace to many living through times of very rapid change. In Kenya, Raymond knew, and was accessible to, people from the highest position in the land to the humble. In a very busy and demanding life he always made time for any who came with their problems. Raymond with Doreen's loyal support did much for Kenya and its people in their time there.

And then to Halifax — a very big change — a new challenge, new people to meet and to know. But Halifax has a choir too and a fine organ; that beautiful old Church became the

centre of worship and life afresh. I remember a series of sermons he gave on Jesus, Our Lord and Master — simple, direct, true. Just as Jesus always pointed to the Father, so Raymond pointed to Jesus and through Him to the Father. The fun, the enjoyment of life and all the best things in life all sprang from a deep, sure and certain trust in God.

Raymond brought all this as well as praise and thanksgiving to God, together in worship, which was always so carefully planned. It was worship which drew all those present to share and to respond. Of course we mourn him, we shall miss him, and we again think of Doreen. We thank God for him and all that he has given us.

Anne Barnett

Appreciation: Bishop John Alexander Ramsbotham, 1906-1989

It was no doubt as he himself would have wished it to be — his passing from us. He was staying with his son David and had been attempting to complete the many hand-written notes to friends for Christmas. He went upstairs and made ready for bed. And he went to sleep in the Lord. So on 15 December 1989, John Alexander Ramsbotham, seventh Bishop of Wakefield, from 1958 to 1967, died.

The funeral service was held at Hexham Abbey, a place much loved by himself and Eirian, on 21 December. It was a great privilege to be present to represent the Diocese on that occasion. It was a traditional Burial Service, marked by simple dignity. Many friends had travelled from many parts of the country to bid him a final farewell in the Lord.

On Saturday 17 February this year we celebrated a Memorial Eucharist in the Cathedral, in thanksgiving for Bishop John's ministry among us. There was a large congregation for the occasion, yet it had very much the 'feel' of a family reunion. Not least, there were many of his clergy who continue to exercise their ministry in the Diocese. In addition to the home episcopal team, we were joined by the Bishops of Blackburn, Carlisle, Kensington, and Winchester, together with Bishop Anthony Hunter.

I had been asked by the family if I would preach the sermon. I agreed with considerable trepidation. It did mean that I had to do a considerable amount of research, for only so could I hope to do justice to one of my predecessors in the See. I wish I had rather more space now to devote to a longer tribute to him. For there can be no doubt that his episcopate made a distinctive contribution to the life of the Diocese. As "pastor pastorum" his first concern was clearly the clergy and their families. There are many testimonies to



Raymond Harries

his "popping in" to see them, to his many acts of care and kindness for them, to the way he and Eirian and their family extended their home at Bishop's Lodge when there were difficulties and problems. He began the "parish visits" which continued and developed under Bishop Colin. And always, in spite of almost constant ill-health, there was that twinkle in the eye and that broad grin across the face which signalled that you were always welcome and that, however he may be feeling, he was always glad to see you.

His regular monthly Diocesan letters indicate his keen awareness of the world around him; his comments were always perceptive and sprang from his own deep reflection upon the Scriptures and how the unchanging truth of the Gospel was to be proclaimed afresh in each generation. Here in Wakefield he was the first President of the Civic Society, reflecting again the fact that the faith which he believed and taught did have something to say about the well-being of all within the community, and that it was the special duty and care of the Christian to ensure that this was so.

The one major strand which runs very clearly through all his writing is of that new life offered to all through the death and resurrection of the Saviour into which the Christian is initiated in Baptism and Confirmation and continues to grow and mature through regular participation in the Eucharistic mystery. It is thus that we are "changed from glory into glory" — that glory of the risen Saviour of which we but glimpse here on earth, but now, we pray he and Eirian share in the fullness of eternal life.

"Give rest, O Christ, to thy servants with thy saints; where neither sorrow and pain are no more; neither sighing but life everlasting. Amen. Alleluia".

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Bishop John

EVELYN SPURR

I feel I cannot allow Evelyn's retirement from her post as Bishop's Secretary at the end of March/beginning of April to pass without both acknowledgement and tribute from very many people in the Diocese. In fact from the age of fourteen, when she joined Dixon, Coles and Gill as an office girl, going on from general office duties to the more specific and responsible tasks of the Diocesan Registry, and from there in September 1973 here to Bishop's Lodge, it may be said that she has served the Diocese all her life. Confirmed by Bishop Hone, she has known successive Bishops of Wakefield.



Bishop's Lodge will not and cannot be ever quite the same again, for Evelyn is the sort of person who, wherever she is, seems to create an atmosphere of cheerfulness — and real homeliness. She has worked hard and long as Bishop's Secretary, sometimes under very severe pressure, responding to the many and various calls upon her time and expertise. The clergy, I know, have greatly valued her reassuring and friendly voice at the other end of the telephone, and even when things have been difficult and problematic, Evelyn's sense of humour has never deserted her.

In many ways her departure will be the end of an era, yet I know how much she values and will continue to value the many contacts which she has with all manner of folk throughout the Diocese. I have assured her that we shall be delighted for her to continue to take as full a part in the life of the Diocese as she wishes or as she feels able.

I shall be marking her retirement with a presentation here at Bishop's Lodge at a party made up of guests at Evelyn's own inviting. She has the good wishes and prayers of us all as she moves now into retirement. Our thanks and appreciation to you Evelyn for all you have been and done among us.

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WHAT'S ON

April

- 2 **Wakefield Deanery Synod Open Meeting** – Outwood Church on “The Decade of Evangelism”. All welcome, 7.30. Tel Mrs Topliss (0924) 372667.
- 2 **Thornhill Church AIDE Group Social Evening**, 8.00, The Woolpack Inn, Whitley (+ buffet). £2.50, proceeds for The Mayor of Kirklees’ Appeal and for People with Learning Difficulties.
- 2 **Final Meeting of The Halifax Lent Course**, Parish Church Rooms, Halifax, 7.30 pm. Speaker – Dr Brian Tompkins “The responsibilities of nuclear power”.
- 9 **A Quiet Evening at St Paul’s**, Armitage Bridge, Huddersfield, 7.30 pm, conducted by Fr Aidan CR.

12 Maundy Thursday Eucharist & Blessing of Oils, Wakefield Cathedral, 10.30.

- 14-16 **Easter Flowers & Kneelers**, St Michael’s Church, Mytholmroyd. 14th 2-5, 15th 2-4, 16th 10-5. Refreshments.
- 21 **Catholic Renewal North** – “We have a Gospel to Proclaim”. Solemn Eucharist in York Minster, 12 noon. Afternoon Rally, Methodist Central Hall, St Saviourgate, York – with children. Contact Fr O Aisbitt, (0924) 273477.
- 21 **Craft Fair** – St Paul’s Church Hall, Hanging Heaton, Batley, 10.30-5, refreshments.
- 21-22 **Art Exhibition** (Rebecca Hind), Womersley Vicarage. Exhibits for sale, refreshments. For The Spire Appeal.
- 25 **Readers’ Training Programme** – a meeting in Church House, 7.30. All prospective readers and their incumbents welcome. Tel Halifax 240669.
- 26-28 **“When We Are Married”** – in St John’s Church Hall, Carlinghow, Batley, 7.30 pm.
- 27 **The Servers’ Guild (GSS)** – St Paulinus’ Chapter, meeting at St Peter’s Morley, 8 pm. All welcome.
- 27 **Upmarket Minimarket**, Pontefract Buttercross, 9-4. For Womersley Church Spire Appeal.
- 28 **Philip Lewis (CMS)** will lead a day conference at St Augustine’s, Hanson Lane, Halifax, 10-3. Further details: The Rev Antony Foster, The Vicarage, Church Lane, Mount Pellon, HALIFAX HX2 0EF, Yorkshire.
- 28 **Silent Auction**, Thornes Church, Wakefield, 10-12 noon.

May

An Exhibition of paintings (Stephen Simpson) at St Paul’s Armitage Bridge, Huddersfield, Saturdays, Sundays & Bank Holiday Mondays in May.

1, 2 & 3 – “The Trial of Faith” – Three Lectures by **Bishop Kenneth Cragg**, all 7.30 in Halifax Parish Church Hall. All welcome. Bishop Cragg will also address the Clergy Fraternal, 2nd May, St Augustine’s Centre, Hanson Lane, Halifax, 12 noon-2 pm. “Christian Islam Relations”.

- 3-5 **“Outside Edge”** – presented in Marsden Parochial Hall, 7.30, £2.
- 5 **Calderdale for Christ** – Leaders’ Meeting, 9-11.30 am. Tel Hx 354513.
- 11-12 **Annual Arts & Crafts Exhibition**, St Mary’s Church, Horbury Junction, Nr Wakefield. 11th, 2-9 & 12th, 10-7. All welcome.
- 11-13 **Flower Festival** – All Saints’ Church, Darton:

11th Preview from 7 pm, inc Supper

12th Open 10-5, Concert 7.30

13th Open 12-5, Evensong 6.30 with Bishop David

- 12 **A Day Conference** “Contemplative Prayer in Ordinary Life” with Angela Ashman, Dewsbury Parish Church, 9.30-4.15, £3. Advance booking essential: Miss E Whiteley, 4 Tithebarn Street, Horbury, WAKEFIELD WF4 6LG, Yorkshire. Cheques payable to: Wakefield Diocesan Church Union.
- 12 **Annual Craft Fair**, St Mary’s Parish Hall, Mirfield, 10-5.
- 13 **May Devotions to Our Lady of Walsingham**, St Anne-in-the-Grove, Southowram, Halifax, 3pm. Cell of OLW & St Chad, Halifax.
- 17 **MU Coffee Day** in Halifax Parish Church Hall – see entry in The Bishop’s Centenary Fund section.
- 19 **The Servers’ Guild** – St Paulinus’ Chapter, Solemn Eucharist at St Martin’s Church, Womersley, 3 pm. All welcome.

June

- 2-4 **Flower Festival and Craft Fayre**, St James’ Church, Thornton, Bradford. 10-5 daily, refreshments.



- 9 "The Power and the Glory" – Wakefield Diocesan Board of Social Responsibility Conference. An opportunity for Christians in management and trade unions to look at how their Faith and work fit together. Details from The Rev George Nairn-Briggs, Wakefield (0924) 371802. The venue will be decided later.
- 20 Cell of Our Lady of Walsingham & St Chad, Halifax – Mass at St Stephen's Copley, Halifax, 7.30 pm.
- 30 Womersley Church Fair, 10.30-5.30.

July

- 5-8 Flower Festival in Salisbury. For Salisbury Cathedral's Spire Appeal. Details: The Spire Appeal Office, 56C The Close, SALISBURY SP1 2EL, Wiltshire.

October

- 20 2nd Symposium on Church Buildings, in the newly re-ordered and rebuilt Church of St Paul, Armitage Bridge, Huddersfield. To be chaired by Bishop David.

Calling possible Clergy Cricketers – the Diocesan team still wants players. Ring either Stephen Cooper (Elland 373184) or John Flack (Brighouse 714032).

Two old lift-up-top oak desks wanted ASAP. Ring (0924) 451091.

Does any Church have any small pews to spare? Ring Leslie Greenwood, Hx (0422) 365508.

MARKET PLACE

The Bishop's Certificate in Pastoral Ministry. A new session starting this September. The course is designed to be parallel to the Readers' Course but specialising in Pastoral Care. It lasts 3 years and leads to The Bishop's Certificate. Last year we were greatly over-subscribed, so please apply NOW to avoid disappointment: Mrs Christine Bullimore, Church House, 1 South Parade, WAKEFIELD WF1 1LP, Yorkshire. By 15 June please.

The Sanderson Pensions for Women. The Trustees apply the income of the charity in relieving either generally or individually any women resident in the Diocese of Wakefield who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress. The Trustees will pay for items, services or facilities by way of donations or subscriptions to institutions or organisations which provide to assist such persons. Further information may be obtained from: Mr Ken Duce (Clerk to the Trustees), Church House, 1 South Parade, WAKEFIELD WF1 1LP, Yorkshire.

Pipe Organ and Piano Tuner and Technician – based in Sowerby Bridge. Contact: Paul Rayner, 19 Hanover Street, Sowerby Bridge, HALIFAX HX6 2BP, Yorkshire. Tel Hx (0422) 835795.

A Peake's Commentary is wanted, urgently, new or second-hand. Please ring Batley 475874.

The Shorter Version of The Prayer Book – 100 copies are wanted. Please call: Hugh Morgan, Hx (0422) 714032.

INSTITUTION

Ossett, 25 April, 7.30 +DW

BOOKS

Any Ward, Any Hospital – Roger Grainger The Bible Reading Fellowship, 80pp, £3.95

The author has recorded practical and personal reflections on his work as a Chaplain (Stanley Royd Hospital, Wakefield). Each short self-contained chapter offers reflections from the point of view of one of the groups of people involved. Each chapter ends with a brief suggestion of some Bible passages which are relevant. The whole effect is that of a caring, comforting friend. This is a book to dip into.

SEE-LINK EDITOR – The Rev Hugh N Lawrance, Christ Church Vicarage, Stainland Road, Barkisland, HALIFAX HX4 0AR, Yorkshire. Tel Hx 822339. Copy for May IN WRITING PLEASE, by 2nd April. Copy for June by 4th May.

CHANGES OF ORDER. Please write to the Editor BY 1st JUNE with details of required changes for the next quarter, July-Sept.

SEE-LINK PRINTERS – John Lindley, Son & Co Ltd, for The Wakefield Diocesan Board of Finance, 1 South Parade, Wakefield, Yorkshire. April 1990 circulation – 43,521.

Two letters have recently been received about the proposed changes to St Cuthbert's Church:

OUR CHURCHES

Over the past few weeks plans, thoughts and feelings concerning the reordering of the churches have been circulating the village in general and the church members in particular. The main area of concern seems to be the re-ordering of the chancel at St Cuthbert's Church. This concern was openly expressed at the public meeting on 29th January but seems to have been dismissed in one perfunctory sentence in the March edition of the Parish Magazine. Surely a church should be democratic in its decision making concerning long term major changes. This decision appears to have been made by a small representation of the church.

It has been said that the reordering of St Cuthbert's Church is to go ahead first - is All Saints' Church to be deprived of its fair share of the available money made from the sale of the Mission Room? Apart from plans being on display in the churches and one public meeting, little time or space seem to have been given to the outcome of these proposals and we felt that the Parish Magazine was the appropriate place to air some of the reactions noted.

It is felt that all members of the church ought to come to a democratic decision concerning such major issues and all parties be prepared to compromise.

Mr & Mrs J Gardham, Tenter Ings House, 83 Pontefract Road and 16 parishioners.

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The following letter is from Mrs D Greiff:

I would like to draw the Parochial Church Council's attention to the strong desire of a number of Ackworth mothers of young children. They would like to attend church on Sunday mornings. Their problem is that they have nowhere to leave their children, and they do not like the idea of taking noisy children to church.

I asked a group of mothers at the Mother and Toddler Service if they would come to church on Sunday mornings, if their children could be looked after, entertained and given Sunday school teaching. Ten mothers gave an immediate answer "Yes they would come regularly", two said occasionally, only one said "no", as they went to another church.

I asked many other mothers and some fathers in Ackworth, and many said that they would attend church if their young children could come with them and go to Sunday School.

This research leads me to believe that if we altered the church we could make many more Ackworth residents welcome there.

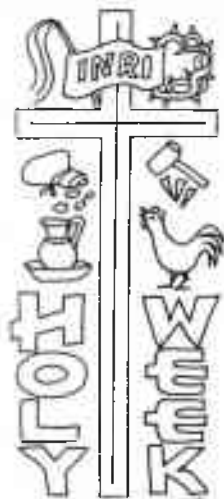
The young mothers and fathers are the future of the church in any town or village. Without them and their children the congregation will die out and the church will become a museum.

I ask the Parochial Church Council to consider this matter very carefully.

Yours in Christ

Dorothy Greiff

12 Beverley Garth



8 APRIL - 15 APRIL

<u>Palm Sunday</u>	8 30 am Holy Communion (AS)
	10 15 pm The Parish Communion with Procession, distribution of Palms, and dramatic reading of the Passion (SC)
	6 30 pm Evensong (SC)
<u>Tuesday</u>	9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)
<u>Wednesday</u>	9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)
<u>Mauudy Thursday</u>	7 45 pm The Parish Communion (SC), followed by The Watch until 10 00 pm
<u>Good Friday</u>	10 30 am Good Friday Family Service (AS)
	2 00 pm The Good Friday Liturgy (SC)
	7 00 pm Evensong (SC)
<u>Easter Eve</u>	8 00 pm Lighting of the Easter Candle and Renewal of Baptismal Vows (SC)
<u>Easter Day</u>	8 30 am Holy Communion (AS)
	10 15 am The Parish Communion (SC), followed by egg rolling in churchyard (bring decorated hard boiled eggs)
	6 30 pm Service of Easter Praise (AS)

ACKWORTH FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES

COMMUNITY HELP COMMITTEE

At a recent meeting the above committee discussed various ways in which help could be arranged for the elderly, the sick and the housebound in Ackworth. It was decided to ask for help in the following ways:

- 1 Storage is needed for spare furniture and for other items, eg clothing and furnishings.
- 2 An electrician is needed who would be willing to check and (if possible) repair electrical goods.
- 3 Volunteers are needed for garden maintenance and grass cutting.
- 4 Help is needed in transporting relatives to hospital during visiting hours.



If anyone reading this article feels they can help in any of the ways outlined above please contact Dr D Belk, 3 Beech Drive, High Ackworth.

THE FIVE TOWNS PLUS HOSPICE FUND (ACKWORTH GROUP)

The dress shop Jolie Madame in Ackworth has very kindly offered to arrange a Fashion Show for the fund. This will be on Thursday 12 April at 7 30 pm in Pontefract Town Hall.

Tickets: £2 - OAP's £1 50. These can be bought on the night or from Jolie Madame and any of the committee.

Pat Matthews & Pat Barran

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

"We welcome you into the Lord's family"

25 February

Adam Wrightson, 30 Langdale Drive

25 "

Rebecca Livesey, 12 College Terrace

25 "

Ella Jane Wilcock, 9 Cricketer's Close



WEDDINGS

"Those whom God has joined together"

24 February

Andrew Richard Cutts and Nina May French

FUNERALS

"In sure hope of the Resurrection"

12 February

Elsie Mountain, The Grove, Knottingley, 90 years

16 "

Kathleen Winifred Nicholls, 19 Tan House Lane, 74 years

16 "

Charles Sheldon Redding, 132 Pontefract Road, 84 years


7 March

Phoebe Coldrick Lindsey, Green Tiles Hardaker, 80 years

9 "

Malcolm Sidney Dabell, 6 Banks Avenue, 61 years



*  * THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY
* AUCTION IN AID OF FUNDS *
* Friday 27 April at 7 00 pm *
* St Giles' Parish Hall, Pontefract *
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THE MOTHERS' UNION

4 April

9 15 am Corporate Communion at All Saints' Church

26 "

2 30 pm Service and Annual General Meeting All Saints' Church

28 "

10 30 am to 3 00 pm Quiet Day at St John the Evangelist Church, Upperthong.

Conductor The Rev Michael Gartland

Kitty Cooper



April

1 LENT 5 PASSION SUNDAY

Readings: Heb. 9.11-14 (Mrs J Waites);
Mark 10.32-45 ASB 525

3 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)

4 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

6 Fri 7 15 am Holy Communion (SC)

8 PALM SUNDAY

Readings Phil.2-5-11 (Mr R Firth); Mark 14:32-15:41
ASB 527

6 30 pm Evensong followed by the Annual
Parochial Church Meeting at (SC)

10 TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC) 2 00 pm Mothers
11 WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS) and Toddlers (AS)

12 MAUNDY THURSDAY 7 45 pm Parish Communion, followed by The
Watch until 10 00 pm (SC).
Parish Women's Group attending the
service and The Watch

13 GOOD FRIDAY

10 30 am Family Service (AS)

2 00 pm The Good Friday Liturgy (SC)

7 00 pm Evensong (SC)

14 EASTER EVE 8 00 pm Lighting of the Easter Candle and Renewal of
Baptismal Vows (SC)

15 EASTER DAY

Readings: Col 3.1-11 (Mr S McDougall); Matt 28.1-10 ASB 577

17 TUESDAY IN EASTER WEEK NO MIDWEEK SERVICE

18 WEDNESDAY IN EASTER WEEK NO MIDWEEK SERVICE

22 EASTER 1

Readings: 1 Cor.15-53-end (Mrs M Moorhouse); John 6.32-40 ASB 605

24 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)

2 00 pm Service for Mothers and Toddlers (AS)

25 Wed ST MARK THE EVANGELIST

9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

29 EASTER 2

Readings: 1 Peter 5.1-11 (Mrs M Ward); John 10:7-16 ASB 611

MAY

5 EASTER 3

Readings: Col.3:1-11; (Mr D Cook); John 11-17-27 ASB 616

FLOWER ROTAS

No flowers in Lent. Donations for Easter may be given to Mrs P Asquith
(SC) or Miss E M Smith (AS) ✕

St Cuthbert's Church

15 April Congregation
29 " Mrs Clayton Smith



All Saints' Church

15 April Congregation
29 " Mrs Taylor &
Mrs Upright

BRASS CLEANING ROTA

Miss Crossley and Mrs Nunn

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