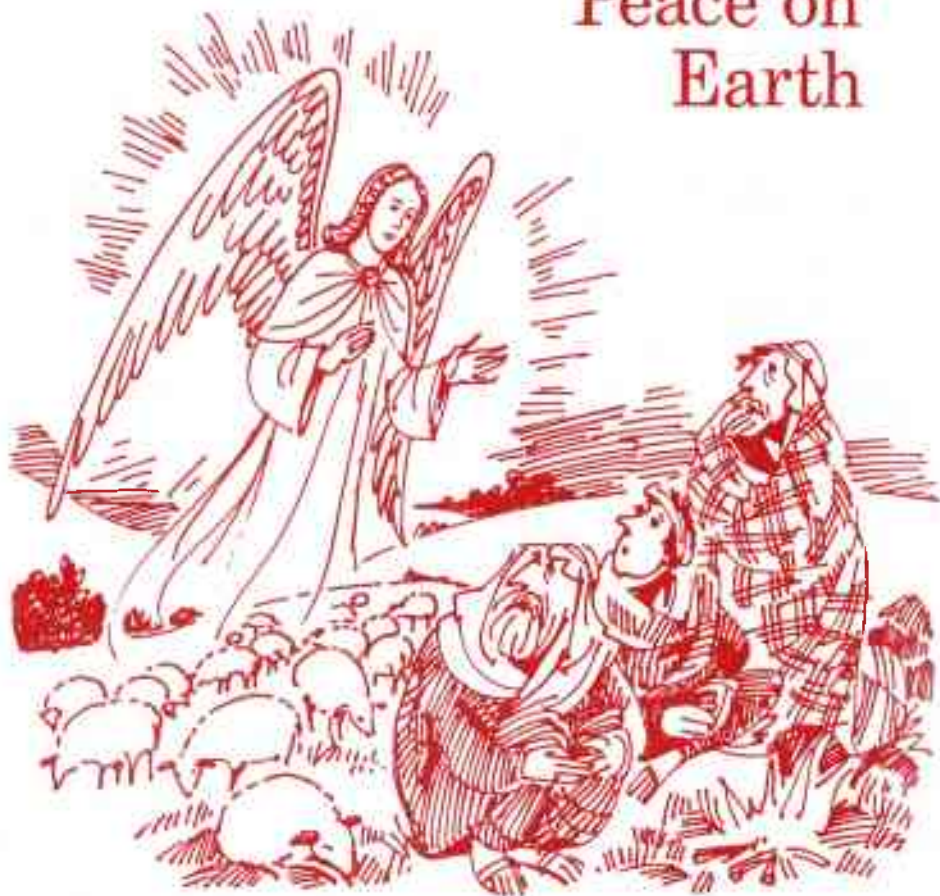


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Peace on
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PARISH OF ACKWORTH - ST CUTHBERT'S AND ALL SAINTS'

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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

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
last 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 20 and 8 pm at the Rectory. Please telephone
beforehand to arrange an appointment.



A HAPPY CHRISTMAS
TO YOU ALL,



... from Peter and Mary Moorhouse.

... from Fred and Bill, our
Church Wardens.

... from all at St Cuthbert's and
All Saints' to any who are
reading this magazine.

... May God's peace remain with you
this Christmas and for ever.

Christmas is a time when we say thank you to God for the birth of Jesus Christ, his Son. It is a time of thanksgiving.

At the end of the year, therefore, is our opportunity to say 'thank you' to all who help maintain church life in Ackworth.

Thank you to our magazine distributors who in all weathers, keep the magazine in circulation.

Thank you to all who help in our Churches by cleaning, polishing the brasses, seeing to the flowers and maintaining our buildings.

Thank you to those who worship faithfully week in, week out, and who give generously of their time, talents and wealth in furthering God's work in this parish, and building up the Body of Christ.

*Peace
on Earth*

RECTOR'S NOTES

LAY ADMINISTRATION OF THE CHALICE

The Bishop of Wakefield has given permission for three members of our congregation to help at the Eucharist by administering the chalice. Those commissioned for this important task are Margaret Ward, Fred Walters and Edward Wynn. Doreen Belk is already assisting by virtue of being a Reader in training, and so we will now be able to operate a rota of lay assistants at the Eucharist. The use of lay people as 'Eucharistic Minister' is now widespread throughout the Anglican Church, and in other denominations. This is partly because we now see that lay folk also have a ministry to perform. The church's task is not just for the Vicar, or the Rector but for the 'Laos', ie The Whole People of God, and this is one way in which that ministry can be performed.



SALE OF SURPLUS ITEMS

We have a number of interesting items surplus to our requirements which the Church Council have decided to sell off. Most of the items might be described as 'antique', and could make unusual Christmas presents!! The items for sale include: a pew (which originally came from All Saints' Church), an old duplicator, an old slide projector, a safe, a bench seat, and a harmonium. Details may be obtained from Bill Branston on Hemsworth 610590. We are asking for sealed bids above a reserve price, to be submitted no later than Sunday 16 December.

EMILY LAYBOURN

Once again I have to report the loss of a church member. Emily Laybourn died on 2 November. Born in a farming family she was a down to earth person who had a lively mind and mischievous sense of humour. Despite her age she had a youthful attitude to life and was open to change and progress. Our prayers and sympathies go to Emily's family.

Peter Mowbray

DICKENSIAN CHRISTMAS FAYRE



SATURDAY 8 DECEMBER, 2 30 PM

THE HOWARD SCHOOL, LOW ACKWORTH

OPENER: THE REVD S.E.C. WHITCOMBE



Refreshments * Raffle * Many interesting stalls:
Hot chestnuts * Bread stall * Preserves * Dried Flowers *
Cakes, Pastries * 'Smellies' * Candies & Cookies.
FATHER CHRISTMAS will be here for the children, so do come
along and make this a festive occasion at the start of the
Christmas season.

SEE-LINK

News from Wakefield Diocese
December 1990



*The Bishops wish you peace and joy
as we celebrate the Lord's birth.
A very happy Christmas to you all.*

BISHOP RICHARD WRITES

I am writing this in November, of course, and it feels strange trying to say something about the Prince of Peace; and then watching the television news, and being reminded continually of the violence that is all around us, and of our need to maintain a single 'military option' which many people are urging us to use. Who knows what may have happened by the time See-Link is printed?

The temptation is to forget it all for a few days; to forget about the wars and rumours of wars, to sing the carols, exchange the greetings, toast 'Absent Friends,' immerse ourselves in the Festive Season, and to miss the point of Christmas.

Because the Tidings of Great Joy of which the Angel spoke, and of which we sing so glibly, were not an invitation to opt out of reality: to forget the world and to escape into religion: become a christian, and find inward peace by learning how to ignore what is going on all around you.

The Tidings of Great Joy were that God did not forget the world, and does not write us off as a bad job, has not decided to call it a day with a creation which human wickedness and human foolishness have done so much to spoil.

The Good News we have to tell is that God has unambiguously declared his love, has shown it to have no limits and to have no strings attached. God in Christ has said decisively, once and for all, that this is his world, that he loves it, and that he wants it back.

We have long since ceased to be a church-going nation, but it is often claimed that we are still a God-believing nation. Someone recently pointed out to me, though, that in this country most people's idea of God is "an amalgam of Western philosophies, the influence of Islam, and the projection of the authority figures of Tudor society and the Victorian family."

Christmas tells us that the God whom we proclaim is very different from that. We proclaim a God who has acted in history, and who acts today: a God who will stop at nothing to make known his love: a God for whom no situation is hopeless, and no sinner beyond recall.

"Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth": may this experience of new birth be ours this Christmas, and may God give us grace to help someone else to share that experience who, until then, did not even know it was possible.

Richard Pontefract

WHAT'S ON

ADVENT - Wakefield Cathedral

Advent Sunday (2nd), 4 pm. The traditional Procession of Advent Carols. This year, Bishop David will be joined by Bishop David Konstant, Bishop of Leeds. Parishes in the Diocese are warmly invited to this service (in which the congregation has a part). Anyone planning to bring a Parish Group should contact Canon David Baxter (0924) 361922.

ADVENT PRAISE! - 7th Dec, 7.30 pm
The preacher is **The Ven David Hallat**, Archdeacon of Halifax. "*Make way for Christmas*" is an incorporated musical presentation that will form the substance of the service. The usual warning applies - **get there early if you want a seat!**



St Thomas' Church, Longroyd Bridge, Huddersfield - Refurbished & Rededicated after help from The Church Urban Fund, various sources and much local effort

AT HOME WEEKEND:
Dec 1 open all day
Dec 2 Sunday Mass 11
Prayer & Praise 7.30.
All very welcome.

Wakefield Diocesan Church Union

Dec 5 Caring for the sick
Dec 12 Ministry to the dying
Dec 19 Ministry to the bereaved
St John the Baptist, Cudworth, all 7.30
Details (0226) 710279.

St George's Church, Lupset

Dec 7 Mother Goose 7.30, £2.50 (£1.25)
Dec 8 Carols & Mulled Wine 7.30, £1

December

- 1 **Bazaar**, Royston Parish Church, School Hall, Vicarage Lane. 2 pm.
- 1 **Christmas Fayre**, St Catherine's Church Hall, Belle Vue, Wakefield. 2.30.
- 1 **Christmas Bazaar**, Overthorpe CE School, Edge Top Road, Thornhill, 2 pm.



Mirfield Support Group
Dec 2 Advent Carol Service
St Mary's Church, Mirfield,
6.30 pm. Refreshments.

- 3 **An Evening of Shalome**, St Thomas' Bradley, Huddersfield. 7.45, Leader - Archdeacon David. Refreshments 7.15.
- 8 **Solemn Mass**, St Anne-in-the-Grove Southowram for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady. 11.30 am followed by lunch.
- 16 **Christmas Readings & Carols**, St Catherine's Church, Wakefield. 6.30.

February 1991

- 9 **Soul & Body** - a day for taking a positive look at the body we each possess and focussing on the interrelatedness of body, mind and spirit. To be led by Jean Pullen in the Parish of Holmbridge and Uppertong. Tel Holmfirth 682532 for provisional enquiries.

March 1991

- 22 Theology Society meeting - speaker, Bishop David.

Advance warning of a massive Young People's Event, 1st April 1991, 11 - 18's, 10-5.30 + Evening Disco. All in Wakefield. Book the date now!

BISHOP'S CENTENARY FUND

Dates for your diary:

Dec 4 Wakefield Cathedral Choir in Concert, The Theatre Royal, Wakefield, 7.30 pm. With Elaine Woods (Soprano with The Mainz Opera) - Directed by Jonathan Bielby. *Circle £4.50, Stall £3.50.*

Dec 18 & 19 The Pantomime "Robin Hood and Babes in the Wood" Box Office: Wakefield (0924) 366556.

HIV and AIDS LINK

"We don't really need to address the issue, as it doesn't affect us yet," was the conclusion of one Halifax PCC after a brief talk about the issues and effects of HIV and AIDS. This I suspect is not an unusual reaction. After the initial panic about AIDS and the Chalice, once assured that they themselves were not at risk the whole issue of what could be the worst medical catastrophe in many many years does not touch or indeed worry that many Christians.

In the Diocese of Wakefield this is *not* the case. There are a small number of clerical and lay people who are working away trying to raise awareness of our duty of Christian men and women to be as involved as we possibly can.

I suspect that by the turn of the century even if a cure or a vaccine is discovered, very soon all of us will know someone who is either HIV positive or with AIDS. Ignorance about how one catches the illness and prejudice towards those with the illness or positive status still abounds. The Church, I believe is in a unique position to counsel, heal and break down barriers.

For the last three years, I have been working, as have others, in the Diocese with those who have AIDS, those who are HIV positive, (the status means that the person may one day develop AIDS), their partners, often their parents, for most are young, and their friends.

It is often harrowing and heartbreaking work. To watch young strong people waste away and die inch by inch has often left me tormented and challenged by our understanding of our all loving God. It has its rewards and some have gained great strength and comfort from their own deep Christian faith.

In the more public arena, I have for the last year been Vice-chair of **Calderdale HIV and AIDS Link** (CHAL). A group of concerned men and women looking at the provision of care and support for all those affected, and their supporters. We have been given Government funding to set up a project, and have recently

appointed a scheme manager. If you are interested in training to become a volunteer in the Calderdale area, please contact: *CHAL, C/o Halifax CAB, Harrison Road, Halifax.*

Earlier this month, my Church (St Andrew, Holmfield) hosted a day conference for forty full-time HIV and AIDS workers in Yorkshire; the **first time** a church had done this. The venue had an effect, for it became clear as the day went on that the focus of the meeting was on the spiritual well-being of those affected rather than the material need which had been the focus of earlier meetings.

I believe that it is the Church's clear duty to be in the midst of the AIDS and HIV arena. Our Lord calls us to this very place. For here, more than in many other places, are people who need the love and support of accepting loving Christian men and women who are prepared to share something of the love and compassion of Our Lord and Saviour with those in greatest and most urgent need.

Andrew Hindley

PEOPLE & PLACES

The Rev Dr Jeffrey Cuttall, A/c of All Saints' Normanton is to be Vicar of the parish.

The Rev John Harrison, Vicar of St Thomas' Heptonstall, is to be Rector of the Stamford Bridge Group of Parishes (York Diocese).

The Rev John Hawley, Vicar of Woodlands (Sheffield Diocese) is to be the Team Rector of the Dewsbury Team Parish.

The Rev Andrew Hindley, Vicar of St Andrew Holmfield (see above) is to be Rector of St Wilfred Ribchester-w-Stydd, also Bishop's Adviser for Leisure & Tourism (Blackburn Diocese).

The Rev Timothy Kaye, Team Vicar in the North Huddersfield Team, is to be Vicar of Stone (Lichfield Diocese).

The Rev Canon Theo Wetherall has died. An appreciation will be in the next issue of See-Link.

MUSICAL MATTERS

800 Years of All Hallows Kirkburton

Dec 1 An afternoon of Plainchant
Tel Huddersfield 425387 or 862258.

Dec 29 Sponsored Ringathon, 12-6.
Tel K Childs, Hudds 607209.

Part proceeds for the
BISHOP'S CENTENARY FUND.
St Thomas' Church Thurstonland

Dec 9 Advent Carols, 4

Dec 23 Village Carols, 2.15

Dec 31 Joint Christingle at
Christ Church, New Mill 10.30

December

1 **A Musical Evening** St John's School,
Clifton, 7.30 pm, £2, inc refreshments.

1 **Advent Composite Recital**
Halifax Parish Church, 7.15.

1 **Wakefield Festival Chorus**, - Messiah
Wakefield Cathedral, 7.15, £3 (£3.50)

7 **Christian Rock Concert** featuring
Triumph, Rastrick High School,
Brighouse, £2.50. Ring: (all 0484):
J Tattersall 653951 daytime,
RFereday 721068 day or evening,
E Calvert 718249 evening.

8 **Yorkshire Association of Change
Ringers, Tea & Meeting** at Sowerby and
Mytholmroyd.

11 **Huddersfield Methodist Choir**
(Messiah), Huddersfield Town Hall, 7.15.

12 **Christmas Music**
Castleford Parish Church,
Castleford Choral Society, 7.30, £1.

14 **Save The Children Fund** Christmas
Concert, Ossett Town Hall, 7.30,
£2 (& conc). "Come & sing for a life!"

15 **Yorkshire Chamber Choir** - Christmas
Concert, Wakefield Cathedral, 7.30,
seasonal refreshments in the interval.

15 **St Peter's Consort**, Horbury Parish
Church 7.30, £2 (£1.50), includes coffee &
mince pies.

15 **Christmas Concert**, Mirfield Choral
Society, St Paul's Church, Mirfield, 7.15,
£2, includes seasonal refreshments.

15 **The Taverner Choir**, St Jude's
Church Halifax, 7.30, £2 (£1.50).

22 **Huddersfield Methodist Choir** (Carols),
Huddersfield Town Hall
with Priest Lindley Band, 7.15.

Jan 26 **Wakefield Cathedral Choir**,
St Peter's Church, Birstall.

The Cathedral Choir wants New Chorists.

Entrance Exam - 1st March
Voice Trial - 16th March (ages 7-10).
Boys from other schools welcome.
(Voice Trials - as above).

Choir Open Evening, 27th January,
5.15 (after the 4 pm Evensong).
Contact: The Master of The Music,
The Cathedral, Wakefield WF1 1HG,
Yorkshire.

Organist wanted, St John's Church
Carlinghow. Sunday Mass 9.30 am.
Tel Batley 472576.

For sale, copies of Hymns for Today.

Words & Music editions available, excellent condition. Tel
Michael Leach, (0977) 704989 (after 6).

MARKET PLACE

CARDS FOR GOOD CAUSES

Many charities benefit from the sale of
cards being sold at the following:
Hebden Bridge, Tourist Info. Centre
Huddersfield Parish Church Crypt
Wakefield - Alliance & Leicester
Building Society, Kirkgate,
Leeds - The Leeds Permanent
Building Soc., The Headrow.

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the bible reading fellowship



December 9 is Bible Sunday, on this day we shall be reminded how important it is for each one of us to have a good knowledge of the scriptures. The BRF Notelets give opportunity both in reading the Scriptures and in the interpretations and insights of them. Michael Ramsey wrote in one of his books: 'If we come closer to the inner heart of Bible reading we are not just stuffing our minds with information, we are letting God feed us through his word, and this means letting the

Scriptures speak to imagination, conscience, feeling and will, as well as to the mind. As we read, and read slowly, we pause and let the truth of God come home to us.'

BOOK OFFERS

Healing Experiences by Howard Booth
Praying The Bible by Elizabeth Canham
Luke's Case for Christianity by R E O White - all at £2 00
Mark At Work by John D Davis and John J Vincent - at £1 50
Serving Jesus and Praying With Jesus by James Jones and Taffy Davies
- at £1 00

MONEY MATTERS

This year payment will be a little different than usual. BRF have altered their year end, so, I will be asking you to pay £1 55 for January to April Notes plus £5 25 for the May 1991 to April 1992 - total of £6 80.

If you would like to take the BRF Notelets or order any of the books please let me know as soon as possible.

Kitty Cooper

ACKWORTH CONCERT SOCIETY

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

SATURDAY DECEMBER 15, AT 7 30 PM

TO BE HELD AT ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH



Knottingley Youth Brass
St Cuthbert's Handbell Ringers
Tickets: Adults £2 00 Children £1 00
Part of proceeds for church funds



CHRISTMAS SERVICES 1990



SUNDAY DECEMBER 16

- 3 00 pm Village Carol Service, St Cuthbert's Church,
organised by Ackworth Fellowship of Churches
NB NO EVENSONG AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

MONDAY DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

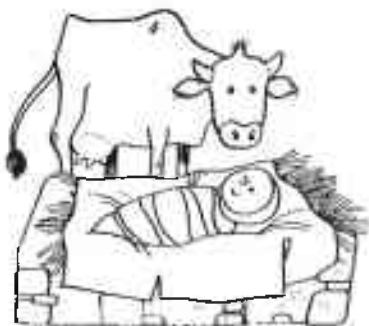
- 6 30 pm Carols on Christmas Eve - a service for all
the family. Children are invited to bring
toys, games etc to be given to underprivileged
children. Please gift wrap and mark 'boy' or
'girl', and suitable age. (St Cuthbert's Church)
- 11 30 pm Midnight Mass (St Cuthbert's)

CHRISTMAS DAY

- 8 30 pm Holy Communion (All Saints')
- 10 15 am The Parish Communion (St Cuthbert's)

SUNDAY DECEMBER 30

- 4 00 pm Service of Lessons and Carols (All Saints')



FROM THE REGISTERS



BAPTISMS

"We welcome you into the Lord's family"

28 October Katy Melissa Marshall, 39 Went Hill Close
28 " Daniel Wood, 12 New Street
28 " Hayley Watson, 12 New Street
28 " Leah Watson, 12 New Street

WEDDINGS

"Those whom God has joined together"

27 October Anthony Charles Redmond and Deborah Joanne Ashworth

FUNERALS

"In sure hope of the Resurrection"

12 October James Potts Trueman, The Beverley Arms, Ackworth,
77 years
15 " John Charles Beetham, 'Fairfield', Purston Lane,
55 years
15 " Arthur Warby Bedford, 29 Townend Avenue, 76 years
18 " Edna Dye, 53 Rhyddings Drive, 75 years
7 November Emily Laybourn, 87 Wakefield Road, 80 years



PCC NOTES

- 1 The treasurer reported on the church accounts.
- 2 It was agreed to make the following charitable donations: United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel - £300; Leprosy Mission - £60; Church Army - £60; Bible Society £60; Five Towns Hospice - £200; Bishop's Centenary Fund - £400; Ackworth Senior Citizen's Fund £50.
- 3 Parochial fees for 1997 were agreed.
- 4 A report was given on the Diocesan Symposium on the use of church buildings, followed by a discussion.
- 5 It was decided to apply for a faculty to implement the agreed improvements to St Cuthbert's Church.

THE MOTHERS' UNION

5 December 9 15 am Corporate Communion at All Saints' Church

There will be no service or meeting in December.

May I take this opportunity to wish all our members a happy and blessed Christmas.

Kitty Cooper

DECEMBER



2 ADVENT 1

Readings: Isa 52:7-10 (Mr Walters);
1 Thess. 5:1-11 (Miss L Parker); Luke 21:25-33
ASB 422

6 3 0 pm Christingle Service (SC)
(NO EVENSONG AT AS)

4 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)

5 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

2 15 pm Pastoral Visit by the Bishop of
Wakefield

7 30 pm PCC Meeting with the Bishop of
Wakefield, the Howard School

7 Fri 7 30 pm 'Advent Praise' Wakefield Cathedral

8 Sat 10 30 am Confirmation, Wakefield Cathedral

2 30 pm 'Dickensian' Christmas Fayre,
The Howard School, Low Ackworth

9 ADVENT 2

Readings: Isa 55:1-11 (Mrs D White); 2 Tim 3:14-4:5
(Mrs J Waites); John 5:36b-end ASB 427

11 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

2 00 pm Carol Service for Mothers and Toddlers (AS)

12 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

2 00 pm Howard School Nativity Service, St Cuthbert's Church

15 Sat 7 30 pm Ackworth Concert Society Carol Concert, (SC)

16 ADVENT 3

Readings: Isa 40:1-11 (Mrs M Moorhouse); 1 Cor. 4:1-5 (Mr S McDougall);
John 1:19-28 ASB 432

3 00 pm Ackworth Fellowship of Churches, Village Carol Service, (SC)

NB NO EVENSONG AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

18 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)

19 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

23 ADVENT 4

Readings: Isa 11:1-9 (Mr R Firth); 1 Cor 1:26-end (Mrs M Ward);
Luke 1:26-38a ASB 437

24 CHRISTMAS EVE

6 30 pm Carols on Christmas Eve (SC)

11 30 pm Midnight Mass (SC)

25 CHRISTMAS DAY

8 30 am Holy Communion (AS)

10 15 am The Parish Communion (SC)

26 Wed - NO MIDWEEK SERVICE

30 SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Readings: Isa 7:10-14 (Mr D Cook); Gal.4:1-7 (Mrs D Greiff);
John 1:14-18 ASB 451

JANUARY

6 EPIPHANY

Readings: Isa 49:1-6 (Mrs B Firth); Eph.3:1-12 (Mr F Walters);
Matt 2.1-12 ASB 460

***** CHURCH FLOWERS

Traditionally there are no flowers in church during Advent. Donations for
Christmas flowers may be given to Mrs P Asquith (SC) or Miss E M Smith (AS)

BRASS CLEANING ROTA

Mrs Dodd and Mrs Barnard

Copy for the January magazine should be handed to the Rector by Sunday
2 December.