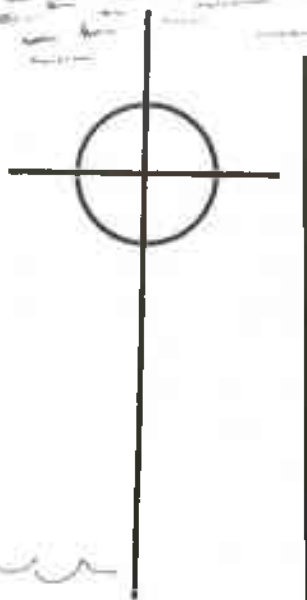


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# ACKWORTH PARISH MAGAZINE



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  
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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.

## RECTOR'S NOTES

### GETTING MARRIED

Over the past few months we have been running a series of articles about marriage. The final article in the series was published last month. The articles were designed to help us all think about marriage. They dealt with the joys of being married as well as some of the problems of marriage. They also included ways in which those problems may either be anticipated or solved. I would like to thank Dr Doreen Belk for writing about marriage in such a sensitive way.

As we all know the institution of marriage is under great pressure. One in three marriages ends in divorce. Many young people now choose to live together instead of getting married, and a quarter of all babies are now born to unmarried women. Marital problems cause much misery, can affect people's health, and cause untold suffering to many millions of children. Yet as a society we spend much time, energy and money in divorce proceedings, but very little in trying to help and support married people through difficulties. For example Relate, the marriage guidance organisation, receives very little funding and has to survive on a financial shoestring. What further can be done to help couples, and in particular is there any way in which help can be given before problems begin?

I believe that the church has a part to play here. After all many couples still wish to marry in church. On average we have about twenty weddings a year at St Cuthbert's Church. As a result of our Stewardship Mission we are about to start a pre-marriage course which will be offered to all couples wishing to marry in church in Ackworth. The course will cover four areas of marriage; a) getting to know and understand ourselves and each other; b) what we expect of marriage and dealing with disagreements; c) growing together sexually; d) the marriage service and the meaning of the vows. The course is designed to be interesting and enjoyable. It has been used in other parishes, is tried and tested, and has been very well received by couples. We hope that in this small way we may help to support and encourage those who marry in our church.

### STAN EVANS

As some of you will know Stan Evans, who was recently licensed as a Reader in Ackworth, has had to leave the parish because of difficulties over housing. He will continue his work as the Bishop's director of the Centenary Fund, and will act as a Reader in his new parish in the Diocese of York. We wish Stan and Rosemary, and their family, every blessing and happiness in their new home.

### CHRISTMAS CHARITIES

I would like to thank all those families who so generously supported our Christingle Service in December, and our Family Carol Service on Christmas Eve. The Christingle Service raised a total of £355 for the work of the Church of England Children's Society. On Christmas Eve the children of Ackworth donated vast quantities of toys for less privileged children, and a total of £140 was given for the Five Towns Hospice Fund.

Easter is late this year, and Lent begins on Wednesday 28 February, the last day of the month. There will be a Parish Communion at St Cuthbert's Church on Ash Wednesday at 7 30 pm.

ESTELLE RHODES

We were all sad to hear of the sudden death of Estelle Rhodes just before Christmas. Estelle had had a long connection with the church in Ackworth, especially as a member of the choir. Her death is doubly sad since she seemed to be recovering from a long illness. We extend our sympathies to Estelle's family and friends.



Peter Moorhouse

'SOME THANK YOU'S'

WEBB IVORY CARDS AND STATIONERY

The amount raised during 1989 by the sale of Webb Ivory cards and gifts was £400. I would like to thank everyone who helped me to raise this amount.

Margaret Barrow

AUTUMN FAYRE

The Autumn Fayre held at Bell Lane School in November raised a total of £320 after expense. Our thanks to all who helped and supported this event.



ACKWORTH CONCERT SOCIETY

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JANE EVANS - JULIAN ROLTON

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WAKEFIELD DIOCESE

**FEBRUARY 1990**

## BISHOP RICHARD WRITES

Elsewhere in this issue we read about the launch of a further development regarding the Bishop's Centenary Fund. The ability to handle large sums of money, and see that the money is spent with the greatest efficiency for the best possible use, is a special skill: and the people who put that skill at the service of the church are a rich gift to us from the Lord.

Gone are the days when you could appear 'spiritual' by being financially incompetent. We are blessed in this diocese with a number of people who have this skill and use it to good effect. The eucharist at Church House (first Wednesday of the month) is a reminder to all who work there that administration is in fact a form of ministry.

Many of us do not have that particular skill, but at every level of church administration - Bishop's Council, PCC, Deanery Synod executive - we can learn from the insights of secular management.

The highly acclaimed book by Mr Harvey Jones - "Making it Happen" - has been described as the best text-book you could want if you are trying to learn about Church Growth. Mr Harvey Jones made it happen at ICI and he has a lot to teach us about making it happen at St Agatha's: or in Church House: or in Dean's Yard, Westminster.

Any group of people who have come together to 'make it happen' should aim to become what, in secular language, is called a High Performance Team. Not long ago Bishop David took his staff away for three days to join with their opposite numbers from another diocese and see what we could learn from those who have studied how to make it happen in other contexts.

One of the lecturers was Mr John Adair, the Professor of Leadership at the University of Surrey. He listed for us seven characteristics of the High Performance Team:

(1) It has clear, achievable objectives: (2) It has

a common sense of purpose; (3) It makes the best use of resources; (4) It has an atmosphere of openness; (5) It reviews progress; (6) It builds on experience: and (7) It rides out storms.

Obviously they hang together to some extent: no use having an atmosphere of openness if you don't have a common sense of purpose, don't share the same vision.

We are approaching the season when the PCC will give an account of its stewardship to the Annual Meeting. In preparation for giving it the PCC could do worse than spend an evening checking itself against that list. Bearing in mind that the Apostles did not become a High Performance Team until after Pentecost . . .

*Richard Pontefract*

## SOCIETIES & MISSIONS

**The Leprosy Mission** - "Bringers of Joy" is the title of The Leprosy Mission's Autumn Programme for Church Groups and Schools in 1990. Even the title would do you good!

Far from being depressing, the hope and joy being created for many patients will be the dominant memory as we set the real problems of leprosy sufferers in the context of this Christian medical work.

Leprosy is now curable, deformity can be prevented, training is making a new future possible . . . but the visit will reveal the whole story.

**Write now for a place** in the Autumn Programme to: The Rev H N McKee, 19 Woodside Drive, Wrenthorpe, WAKEFIELD WF2 0NA, Yorkshire. Tel: (0924) 360669.

Come to think of it, there are a few places left in July!!

*H N McK*

## WHAT'S ON

### February

- 3 **Calderdale for Christ** – Leaders' Meeting, 9-11.30 am, St George's Lee Mount, Halifax. This is NOT "just another meeting"! Come and be refreshed, encouraged and stirred up by the Holy Spirit. Please ring John Marshall if you are coming, Hx 202551. Next public event, 24 March.
- 12 **Bring & Buy Sale**, The UR Church, Long Causeway, Dewsbury, 10-12 noon.
- 14 **Regional Gathering** with two Brothers from the Taize Community, 7.30 at St Mary's Church, Raw Lane, Illingworth, Halifax (on the A629). Ring Hx 244322.

17 **Memorial Service for Bishop John Ramsbootham (Bishop of Wakefield 1958-1967) at 12 noon, Wakefield Cathedral.**

- 17 **£1-per-Item Sale**, for Todmorden Parish Church Restoration, 10-4, Todmorden Town Hall, bargains abound for only a pound!! Tel: (0706) 817361.
- 23 **The Servers' Guild (GSS)** – St Paulinus Chapter, meeting at St Saviour's Ravensthorpe. Guild Office and Benediction, 8 pm. All welcome.

**"Rejoicing in Heaven"** – Four Wednesday evenings (7.30) in March on the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

7th – *All Saints' Elland*  
*Bishop David*

14th – *St Saviour's Ravensthorpe*  
*The Archdeacon of York*

21st – *St Helen's Athersley*  
*Fr George Nairn Briggs*

28th – *St Giles' Pontefract*  
*Fr Paul Jenkins*

Each evening will provide an opportunity for learning about the Sacrament of Reconciliation and individual confession. The Eucharist will be celebrated and there will be refreshments and a bookstall.

### March

- 24 **Calderdale for Christ** – with Dave Bilborough, 7.30, Holy Trinity School, Halifax. (See 3rd Feb above).

**There are to be two Summer Schools** (sponsored by CORAT) suitable for both clergy and lay people. The School in Rome (18-30 June) has a limited number of bursaries available. The School in Canterbury (12-24 July) has facilities for day-students, £26 for a full lecture programme. Full details write to: Summer Schools, 15 Dover Street, CANTERBURY CT1 3HD, Kent.

## PEOPLE & PLACES

**The Rev Anthony Roy Vigers**, P-in-C of Stapenhill with Cauldwell (Derby Diocese) is to be the Incumbent of Christ the King, Metham.

**The Rev Nicholas John Whetton**, A/c of St Lawrence, Hatfield (Sheffield Diocese) is to be the Incumbent of St Michael and All Angels, Cornholme, in the Todmorden Group.

### Appreciations:

**Colin Jackson** died last December 8th aged 80. He had been part of the team who minister in the Parish of Sandal, Wakefield. Colin was licensed in 1944 and was made Reader Emeritus in October last year, being active up to the day he died. Colin was well loved and well respected and his cheerful presence at the Wakefield and Chevet Deanery Readers' Association meetings will be sadly missed.

**Elias Jones** died on the same day aged 89. He was licensed as a Reader in 1946 and served his ministry in Carlton Parish, Barnsley Deanery. His failing health forced his retirement in 1986, ending a long and active service to the Church. Elias was one of the few to receive a Reader Emeritus Certificate in the Cathedral last October. A man of deep, unwavering Faith, Elias found great joy in being a "helper in Christ Jesus".

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

## INSTITUTIONS

16 Feb Cornholme 7.30 +DW

## MUSICAL MATTERS

### February

- 10 **A Day Course for Advanced Choristers** who hope to take The Bishop's Chorister Award in 1990 or 1991, from 10 am, St Barnabas' Crosland Moor, Huddersfield. Tel: Canon David Baxter (0924) 361922.

19-24 **"The Greatest Show on Earth"** presented in The Church of Christ The King, Battyeford. 7.30, £2.50 (conc £1.25). Tel: (0924) 470454.

**Voice Trials for Wakefield Cathedral Choir**, Sat 17 March, from 9 am. Bursaries are available for QEGS pupils, and non-QEGS pupils are very welcome to apply. Please ring: The Precentor (0924) 361922 or The Master of The Choir (0924) 378841.

# BISHOP'S CENTENARY FUND



**Stan Evans, the Fund's Director writes:**

Dear Friends,

Firstly, I wish to thank you all for your support since my appointment on the 1st of May last year. To raise one million pounds over four years seemed quite a daunting task, but how good to see Bishop David's dream become a reality. **Over £335,000 in the first eighteen months** of the appeal is a tremendous achievement.

As I have travelled around the Diocese, people expressed a feeling of belonging and the Bishop's Centenary Fund is an instrument for demonstrating that oneness; where in supporting the Church Urban Fund we have in eighteen months sent £100,000 to Lambeth but, in return, have had an investment of over £120,000 into exciting projects across the Diocese or in helping perhaps a rural Church provide amenities for the community in which it stands.

The highlight for me of 1989 was that marvellous service at the beginning of the **Centenary Fund Week** in September when the Cathedral was packed to overflowing and we glimpsed again the joy of belonging to what is a marvellous family. Plans are well in hand for the launch of the appeal to the business world in the Diocese and what a joy it is to hear from company directors that they seek a strong lead from the Church as we come together to serve the communities in which we live and work. The challenge for the Church is to give that lead and to put the soul back into communities across this Diocese.

**Great things are happening.** The Church is very much alive and this is the image that the new video, which has been produced for use in our business seminars, portrays. Although

the language has had to be adapted to the secular we have completely and unashamedly stated what makes us tick and at the heart of all that we do is our responsibility as Christians to respond to God's love for each one of us.

I look forward to planning the next **Eucharist at Huddersfield Town Football Ground** when we will come together to celebrate once our target has been achieved. For this fund-raising is of God for the furtherance of his kingdom here on earth. I ask you for your continued prayerful support as we go forward together as one united family to achieve our goal.

With love in Christ

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## Paying out again . . .

At their meeting on 27 November the Fund's Trustees agreed to grant two parishes a total of £10,000 from the investment income it now generates.

The small **Mission Church at Choppards** is to receive £2000. The small group of church members there had been faced with dry rot and a mammoth task of renovation, needing around £10,000. Situated in beautiful rural surroundings, the church now offers a meeting place for groups for retreats and young people's "away from it all" holidays. In order to encourage the very useful work being done by the church there, the Fund has granted £2000 towards upgrading the kitchens and making the catering facilities adequate.

The Fund's Director, Stan Evans, said that this particular project indicated that not

everything was being concentrated in inner city areas. "We are very pleased to encourage imaginative projects wherever they come up", he said. "This small country community had already installed new toilet accommodation and washing facilities and had stripped out the inside of the church to make a community room, retaining a delightful chapel for their worship on the first floor. It shows what can be done when you put your mind to it - and we wanted to give it a firm boost by an injection of cash".

The second project, **All Saints at Whitwood** in Castleford, will receive £8000. During the miners' strike the old hall there had been so well used that it crumpled under the strain. A new hall is now being built which will offer excellent facilities. The parish has itself already raised over £20,000 towards the cost.

Stan Evans said it was another exciting initiative where the church had identified a need within its own community and had set about doing something about it. "Like the people at Choppards, Whitwood parishioners have shown their commitment to serve their area in a very positive way", he said. "Now we have over £335,000 of our million in the bank, we can certainly expect to see some of the results coming off the other end of the production line. It should also prove to people how worthwhile this Fund is going to be in the life of our church."

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## MARKET PLACE

**Clergy Cricketers** — dig out your flannels! Can we possibly revive the Diocesan Cricket Team? New or old players very welcome. Please come to a meeting: The Dusty Miller, Hove Edge, Brighouse on Tuesday 13 Feb, 12.30. Come and see Canon Flack put his hand in his pocket!! Ring either Stephen Cooper (Elland 373184) or John Flack (Brighouse 714032) for details/hospitality.

**Wakefield Housing Aid Service** is a new service specialising in problems related to housing. As part of Wakefield Housing Department it offers independent and confidential advice to ANYONE with a housing problem in the Wakefield District. Please ring Wakefield 291955 to find out more.

**Wanted** — two old lift-up top oak desks ASAP. Ring (0924) 451091.

**Palm Crosses for 1990** (£5 per 100) available from: The Rev J Knight, Emmanuel Shared Church, Weston Favell Centre, NORTHAMP-TON NN3 4JR, Northants.

**CPAS — Ministry Among Women, Teaching Day** — 22 Mar, Kirkheaton School. Tel: Hudds 423663.

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**SEE-LINK EDITOR** — The Rev Hugh N Lawrance, Christ Church Vicarage, Stainland Road, Barkisland, HALIFAX HX4 0AR, Yorkshire. Tel Hx 822339. **Copy for March IN WRITING PLEASE, by 5th February.** Copy for April by 5th March.

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## RETREATS & CONFERENCES

**Scargill House**, tel: (075676) 234 or 315  
Mar 5-9 *Healing in the local Church* £80  
Mar 23-25 *Youth (14-16) Weekend* £29  
Mar 26-30 *Lent Retreat (ecumenical)* £74

**Parcevall Hall**, Appletreewick  
Apr 23-27 *The Anglican Association Northern Retreat, using the BCP* £99  
tel: 01-739 7983

**Lee Abbey**  
Mar 26-30 *Lent Retreat (good for beginners)* £77  
Apr 17-23 *Clergy (& families) break* £93  
tel: Felicity Lawson, (0924) 371802

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## BOOKS

### **The Pain and the Ecstasy** — David Glover

Following the success of last year's Lenten Meditations, this is another, for Lent this year. It is a book aimed at those of mid-teenage years and over, and is a series of meditations, Scripture readings and prayers based on the traditional "Stations of The Cross".

The author hopes people will use this booklet to assist their contemplation of the journey undertaken by Christ on His way from courtroom to Cross. He says it also points to the part each of us has in the killing of Christ.

**Copies may be obtained (£1, inc p&p) from:**  
*The Rev David Glover, The Vicarage, St John's Road, Cudworth, Barnsley S72 8DE, Yorkshire, or, St Denys Bookshop, 235-237 Manchester Corn Exchange, Hanging Ditch, Manchester. (Tel: 061-835 1069).*

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**Minster Church Supplies**, Grange Street, WAKEFIELD WF2 8TF, Yorkshire. Tel Wk 384567. Open Mon-Thur, 9-5. (Fri — by appointment). Jan safe (up to 50% off).



# RING OUT — WILD BELLS...

SEARCH IS ON FOR MORE RINGERS, WRITES  
PHILIP BARRON

**ABOUT a third of Britain's churches now have too few ringers to keep their bells pealing regularly, according to research by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. The shortage is particularly acute in depopulated rural areas and the poor condition of many bell-towers is making the problem worse.**

A survey by Taylors Bell Foundry of Loughborough (one of only two such foundries still trading in England) found that many towers have fewer than five ringable bells. In these churches, there are often too few working bells to interest any but the most enthusiastic ringer.

The total number of ringers has remained fairly constant over the past twenty years at between 25 and 30 thousand, but fewer young people are coming through from the traditional sources: choirs and church youth clubs.

'Bell ringing is not just for the young', says Cyril Wratten, secretary of the Central Council.

'We find that many retired people enjoy the hobby and we are always pleased to hear from them.'

Interested readers should contact \*



## THE BILL FOR A BELL

***AN AVERAGE church bell contains five cwt of copper alloy and can cost around £1,500 by the time it's fitted. So replacing bells is expensive, but the money can usually be raised locally where there's a will. Sometimes bells can be transferred from redundant churches. The address of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers is 19 Ravensgate Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, GL53 8NR.***

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\* The Rector.

FROM THE REGISTERS

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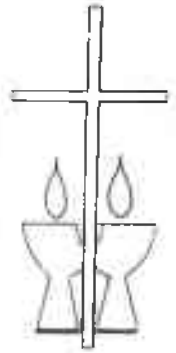
"We welcome you into the Lord's family"

- December 24 Rachel Anne Parry, 6 Millgate  
" 24 James Harry Winder, 14 West View

FUNERALS

"In sure hope of the Resurrection"

- December 13 Laura Helen Stonier, Elm Tree Cottage, 4 months  
" 15 Elizabeth Ann Lloyd, 7 Bell Lane, 84 years  
" 18 Delia Greenfield, 29 Station Road, 91 years  
" 19 Sam Brook, 128A Station Road, 76 years  
" 22 Estelle Rhodes, 703A Pontefract Road, 73 years  
" 29 Alfred Hurdley, 25 Chiltern Court, 86 years  
January 3 Jenny Seymour, 25 Station Road, 74 years  
" 3 Jennifer Louise Leeman, 1 Brackenhill, 4 days



COFFEE MORNING

MISSION TO SEAMEN

24 Mount Pleasant

Shrove Tuesday, February 27  
10 am - 12 o'clock

Coffee 25p - Raffle - Bring and Buy



THE MOTHERS' UNION

- February 7 9 15 am Corporate Communion at All Saints' Church  
10 00 am Deanery Quiet Hour at St Giles Parish Church  
" 12 7 15 pm Womens World Day of Prayer Committee at  
56 Orchard Drive  
" 22 2 30 pm Service and Meeting at the home of Mrs Asquith,  
70 Pontefract Road, Ackworth  
" 23 10 00 am - 1 00 pm - Some of our Ladies will be serving  
coffee at Treacy Hall, Wakefield. Why not call  
in and join us for a cuppa? One third of the  
money raised goes to the Cathedral, the rest goes  
to our work of outreach in the Diocese and to  
overseas.

Tribute and money for Home and Family is now due. Tribute: £3 00,  
Home and Family for the year: £1 80.

Looking Ahead

- March 2 7 15 pm Womens World Day of Prayer.  
Service at All Saints' Church.

Kitty Cooper

A Fashion Show

By

The Terrace (Wakefield) & Concept (Batley)

Sponsored By The Mother's Union

Wednesday 14 March 1990 at 7.30 pm

Unity Hall, Wakefield

Admission £2.00 including Lucky Draw

Proceeds to the 'Bishops Centenary Fund'

Tickets Available from Mrs Kitty Cooper



## CATHOLICS, ANGLICANS, FREE CHURCH — INVOLVED IN 'EVANGELISM DECADE'

THE CENTRAL body of the Church of England has set up a Decade Steering Group to help 'promote, develop, resource and advise' on the Decade of Evangelism (the 1990s) called for by the Archbishop of Canterbury and other Church leaders.

Themes already suggested for the Decade, to be launched this Christmas, include:

prayer and preparation; helping church members become more confident about their faith; and a special emphasis on young people, especially those who have become alienated from the Church. A number of special events will be scheduled throughout the Decade.

Dr Runcie and the Pope

discussed the evangelism of Europe during the Archbishop's visit to Rome last year — Catholics are calling the 1990s a Decade of Evangelisation; the Evangelical Alliance brought together 1,000 local church leaders to look at evangelism and church planting in the 1990s at 'Leadership '89', a conference last Autumn in Caister, Norfolk.

### 1990s - Decade of Evangelism

*A Challenge!*

**What's it all about?**

The Bishops of the world wide Anglican Church have challenged us. Make the 1990s a "decade of evangelism". The Church should, they say, emphasise making Christ known to the people of His world.

They do so "recognising that evangelism is the primary task given to the Church".

At Lancaster recently a large group from our Diocese underlined this very point. "Mission and evangelism," they said, "should be the natural activity of all Christians. The Church must give them urgent priority".

A "natural activity"? For "all Christians"? Not me! That's for enthusiasts who make it an eccentric hobby. We can't all be Billy Graham. Yes, there are many strange ideas about evangelism.

A few years ago Kenneth Greet said "there is nothing automatic about the survival of the Church. If a car manufacturer stops making cars, the firm goes out of business. If the Church ceases to be the instrument for making Christians, it disappears."

Making new Christians - that's evangelism. When the right opportunity arises, telling people the good news about God's love for them can be perfectly natural. That's evangelism.

Can the Bishops' challenge capture our imagination?

**Ken Sawyer**  
(Acting Evangelism Adviser)

## February



4th EPHIPHANY 5

Readings: 1 Cor 3:18-end (Mr D Cook);  
Matt 12:38-42. ASB 480

5th Mon 7 30 pm PCC, the Howard School

6th Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)

7th Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

11th NINTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER

Readings: Cor. 2:1-10; (Mrs D White);  
Luke 8:4b-15. ASB 486

13th Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)  
2 00 pm Service for Mothers & Toddlers (AS)

14th Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

18th EIGHTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER

Readings: 2 Cor 12:1-10 (Mrs J Waites); Mark 7:24-end. ASB 490

20th Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)

21st Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

7 45 pm Parish Women's Group, The Rectory

22nd Thurs 2 30 pm Mothers' Union, 70 Pontefract Road

23rd Fri 7 30 pm Ackworth Concert Society, St Guthbert's Church  
'Music for Woodwind and Piano'.

25th SEVENTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER

Readings: Col.1:18-23 (Mr R Firth); John 8:2-11. ASB 495

27th Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)

10 00 am Coffee Morning, 24 Mount Pleasant

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

28th Wed ASH WEDNESDAY

9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

7 30 pm Parish Communion (SC)

## March

2nd Fri 7 15 pm Womens World Day of Prayer Service (AS)

4th LENT 1

Readings: Heb 4:12-end (Mr S McDougall); Luke 4:1-13. ASB 503

### FLOWER ROTAS

#### St Guthbert's Church

February	4	
"	11	Mrs Smith
"	18	
"	25	



#### All Saints' Church

February	4	Vacant
"	11	Mrs Hardy
"	18	E M Smith and M Walker
"	25	Vacant

### BRASS CLEANING ROTAS

Mrs Kirk Mrs Pogson

Copy for the March magazine should be handed to the Rector by Sunday 4 February.