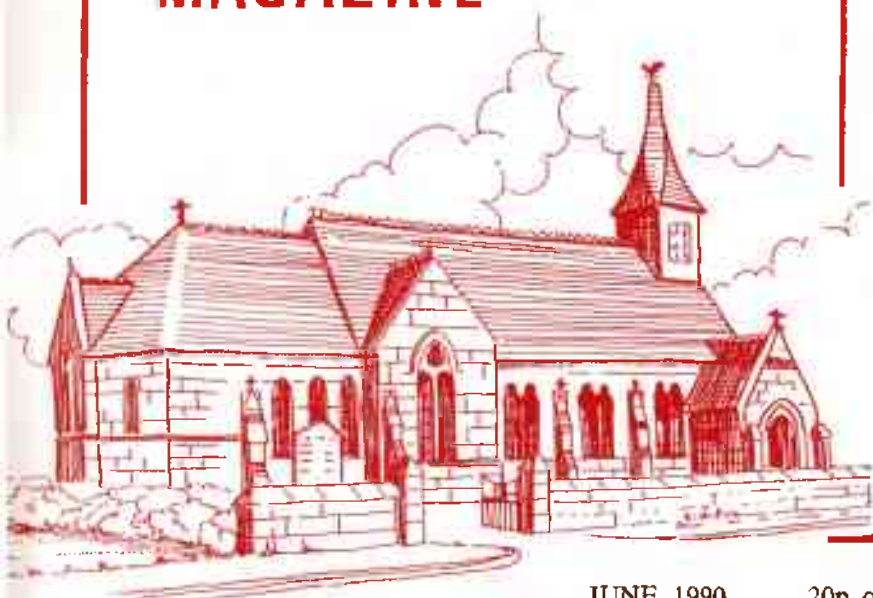




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6 30 pm Evensong (2nd Sunday Holy Communion)

Mid Week Services:

Tuesday 9 15 am Holy Communion St Cuthbert's Church
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beforehand to arrange an appointment.

RECTOR'S NOTES

YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE CHURCH

On the weekend of Palm Sunday the Diocese of Wakefield held an important meeting for young people aged between 16 and 25 at Huddersfield Polytechnic. Two young people from this parish attended the conference, Rachel and Wendy Belk. In this edition they give their impressions of that weekend and of how it may affect the life of the church and their own lives as young Christians. The Bishop of Wakefield is keen to hear the views of young people, and to make them feel important members of the church. Young people are not just the church of the future, they have many gifts and insights which can enrich our church NOW. As a parish we must do our best to encourage them, and to make young families generally welcome in our churches. We fail to do so at our peril!!

CHANGES AT THE HOWARD SCHOOL

At the end of the Easter Term Mrs King retired as school assistant at the Howard School. Mrs King had worked at the school for eighteen years conscientiously caring for the children, helping the headteacher and members of staff, and providing excellent cups of coffee for the chairman of the governors (me), after assemblies. We hope Mrs King will have a very happy retirement. In her place we welcome Mrs Flockton, who started work at the beginning of this term.

EDITH WALKER

Once again I have to report the death of a church member. Many were sad to hear of the death of Edith Walker. In many ways Edith was a saintly woman though she would have hotly denied it! She had a deeply held christian faith and was a loving and caring person. She was a very disciplined woman who every day read her bible and said her prayers. Edith will be sadly missed by everyone who knew her.

Peter Markham

WAKEFIELD DIOCESAN YOUNG ADULTS' CONFERENCE

"HEAR TO BE HEARD"

HUDDERSFIELD POLYTECHNIC 6 - 8 APRIL 1990



After the Diocesan Conference at Lancaster two years ago, Bishop David remarked on the lack of young people attending that event. He felt that the views of young people should be heard in the Diocese, but due to the limited places available to each parish (two lay people), it was mostly older church members that were chosen as parish representatives.

PLANNING

This young people's conference was therefore planned in response to Bishop David's wishes. Planning began last September with a team of five clergy and five young people and I am a member of that team. We met every three weeks at first and then more as Easter approached. Although most of the conference would be taken up with serious discussion, there would also be plenty of time to get to know people from other areas of the Diocese. Each was invited to send a delegate and 120 young people eventually arrived at Huddersfield Polytechnic for the Palm Sunday Weekend

GROUPS

Before the conference, we were asked to select the area which we would most like to discuss from 'World', 'Church', 'Life' or 'Faith'. The people in each subject area were split into small groups including a leader or, as we preferred to call them, 'facilitator'. Most of the discussion could then be worked through in detail in these groups before each group reported back to the rest of the conference at the large plenary sessions. In this way, the groups firstly discussed where we stood today on many important issues such as 'What is the church's role today?', 'How can the church best use its resources?', 'How should the church react to inequality in our parish, the country and the world?', 'How we express our faith?'. From this starting point, they then decided which were the issues of primary importance to them and worked on possible solutions to these problems, both on a personal level and more generally as a parish, a diocese and as the whole church.

THE FUTURE

As well as the detailed suggestions that many groups had worked out by the end of the weekend, many more general statements were made. It was very clear that young people were determined to work hard in realising a positive future for the church and that they were also very positive about their place in the church now. As one group said, "We are not just the Church of Tomorrow, but also the Church of Today."

FRIENDSHIPS

There was also time during the weekend for other activities. Of special mention is the worship on Sunday afternoon, just before we left, which was very moving. We made many new friends. Some of my favourite hours were spent talking until four in the morning in someone's room over coffee! One of the best things I came away with was the feeling of unity between the young people of the Diocese and the feeling that all of us working together can really do something to develop the life of the church as a whole. Of course, the process is only just starting. We are still having planning team meetings (more than we had before!) to follow up the groups' suggestions, and to keep people who went to the conference aware of what is going on. The Bishop has given £1,500 to produce a newsletter for young people and that is already being compiled. It should

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NEWS FROM

WAKEFIELD DIOCESE

JUNE — DOUBLE ISSUE — 1990

BISHOP RICHARD WRITES

Many of us have warm and affectionate memories of **Bishop Eric Treacy**, who left his mark on this diocese — and touched the lives of so many here — in such a remarkable way. I was reminded of him, and of how much we owe to him, when a very senior layman said to me of Eric:

If that man had been Moses, I would have followed him into the Red Sea whether the waters had parted or not.

Some of us, privileged to observe Eric at close quarters, might privately wonder whether he might not have walked into the Red Sea too: whether the waters had parted or not. Be that as it may, it is a striking tribute to a quality of leadership that will keep Bishop Eric's memory green for many years yet.

Styles of leadership change, and in the church — as in the secular world — that particular kind of high profile, up-front, and to some extent top-down, leadership-style is giving place to something quieter, more behind-the-scenes. Neither style is superior to the other, but they are appropriate in different contexts.

There is a different style of pastoral leadership in a parish. Parish priests are increasingly seeing their role as *pastor* as being to ensure that the sheep are pastored, rather than to assume the shepherd's role themselves in every pastoral relationship in the parish.

Evangelists too are adopting a different style, and as we embark on a decade of evangelism — featured elsewhere in this issue of SEE-LINK — we need to be sensitive to what is happening. The

prima donna style, easily caricatured and damagingly familiar from transatlantic examples, is no longer in vogue.

That is not by any means to belittle the distinctive role of the evangelist. We are all called to be witnesses, and should not agree to accept office, or serve on the PCC, if we are unwilling to respond to that call: but we are not all called to be evangelists: *"These were his gifts: some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists . . ."*

Those gifts of the Ascended Lord, described so vividly in Ephesians 4, 11 and 12, are not spiritual gifts: like healing, faith, prophecy. He does not give prophecy and evangelism but prophets, evangelists. Those gifts are actual people, and precious gifts they are.

During this coming decade those who are given to the church as evangelists will certainly be used by the Lord to articulate the good news themselves in ways that untaught folk can understand. But increasingly they will find their role as being to arouse the church to the task of evangelism, to equip the saints, to do the sort of thing that Ken Sawyer is doing now so admirably among us.

We need to remember how that text from Ephesians 4 goes on. *"These were his gifts . . . (etc) . . . to equip God's people for work in his service, for the building up of the Body of Christ."*

Richard Pontefract

MARKET PLACE

Maps of Mara available from The Rev Roy Clements (Wakefield) 371802 or 275274. They are photocopies which you piece together and mount yourself.

PILGRIMAGE

To Israel, 22 Oct to 1 Nov, £735 (includes travel, half-board, insurance, all excursions and airport charges). For more details contact: The Rev George Moffat (0977) 642861 or Jean Sheppard (0977) 643457.

BISHOP'S CENTENARY FUND



Is your parish entering a team in the **Centenary Fund Quiz**??? If so, please advise Stan Evans by 30 June. Tel Wakefield (0924) 371802.

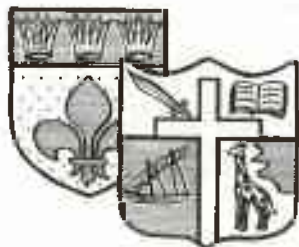
The Bishop's Centenary Fund Week – 29 Sept to 6 Oct 1990. A pack is being prepared for all parishes who wish to participate, and included will be a supply of nightlights which proved to be so popular last year. Please arrange some event or service during this week that will support The Fund.

Poll Tax brings Good News!!! One couple have found that they are going to be better off because of the Poll Tax – so they have forwarded their "gain" of £200 to the Centenary Fund Office. What a caring gesture. Are there any others who would like to help in a similar way?

Don't forget **The Great Thanksgiving Service** – Halifax Parish Church – Sunday 16 Sept – 6 pm. Be ready to brush the dust off those banners!!!

The Pantomime "Babes in the Wood". – The Theatre Royal, Wakefield, 18 & 19 Dec 1990, Tel Wk (0924) 366556. Don't be one of the many disappointed parishes this year! The proceeds for these two nights are for The Fund.

The Fund has now topped the £400,000 mark, and is well on target for the half-way point at the end of June by reaching half-a-million pounds. This represents a truly great effort by people in this Diocese who have given happily and according to their means.



NEWS FROM MARA

Kazi Ya Mungu

We reached Iharara with difficulty. Lots of paths lead to it, but many do not. We had wanted to go anyway, in order to thank its people for the three thousand pounds which they, along with each of the other six villages of Issenye, had raised for the building of our school. But the call came unexpectedly one evening, so we made our way over unmarked terrain, past cattle pens of living cactus and through frog-noisy marshes. Our guide took us down paths more used to bullock carts than to

our Daihatsu, and then we were amongst the small group of mud-walled huts. We parked carefully alongside the maize and vegetables planted all around and bent low under the thatch to enter the hut. We had remembered to bring a torch and as we penetrated the dim interior we made out the sick old lady we had been brought to see. Face gnarled and wrinkled with age, drained and weakened by internal bleeding, she lay on an iron bedstead spread with skins, in an alcove separated from the rest of the hut by a token cane screen. The mud floor was thick with more animal skins and the air rank with animal fat and partly cured hides.

They were Muslims, emboldened to appeal to us by the visit the day before of our new Pastor, Narkiso Majwala. "Do you Christians really care about us?" they had asked him. The answer, thank God, had been "Yes, we most certainly do". They lifted her tenderly onto the folded down seats of our make-shift ambulance and we drove the one and a half hours to the nearest hospital, Mugumu. The Serengeti sunset was at its best and as we strove to arrive in the light, but with

our patient's comfort in mind over the axle-breaking roads, we prayed for her and her family.

She died next day, and we turned out again, this time to bring her body back to a grief-stricken community. We arrived at dawn, and the promise of another day seemed to echo the family's assurances, amidst their tears, that this was but "Kazi ya Mungu" – the Will of God. She was fifty-eight.

Bill Jones, Box 1, Issenye, Serengeti, Mara

EVANGELISM

What's happening?

The Bishops of the Anglican Communion have called for a decade of evangelism, "to make Christ known to the people of the world". The House of Bishops of the Church of England endorsed it last June. The Pope has also called for "a decade of evangelisation" and there is increasing support from many other churches. Our own Diocese has made a firm commitment.

When does it start?

It will be launched on Epiphany Sunday 1991 — but no one has to wait! We hope that the decade will be a major feature of Diocesan Synod in October.

What is it?

It is not a programme but a vision which originated from a Roman Catholic priest in the USA, Father Tom Forrest, of a birthday present for Jesus in 2000 AD. The vision is of making many more new Christians worldwide. It is not about a frantic round of high powered campaigns or missions. It is about a "new" style, the local church becoming naturally and essentially evangelistic, as a priority in its mission along with its worship, prayer and service. So the sharing of faith should become a regular function of its life. The vision is not of a token event but more of decades of evangelism as the normal expectation — a shift in attitude and emphasis.

What kind of evangelism?

The kind described by the Anglican primates as follows:

"The Christian faith is spread person to person, community to community. It is a movement. It is not a programme passed down for others to follow. Human story touches human story in the midst of God's story".

The person to person sharing of a today experience of what God means to the individual Christian. Of a dynamic relationship with Jesus tested in the situations of daily life and in spite of difficulties and personal failings. This can only be done in a gentle and unhurried way, when doors of opportunity may open when trust has been gained. It can flow, or overflow, from the committed worship, prayer, fellowship, teaching and service of the local church and of an inner spiritual reality which speaks.

It is the kind of evangelism which is set within other marks of mission. The Church proclaiming the Kingdom; as agent of God's concern for the world; healing the sick, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting prisoners, showing hospitality to strangers; loving our neighbours and enemies without qualification; seeking the justice and peace of the kingdom; suffering abuse and rejection for his sake; being a sign of God's reconciling power.

Who are the missionaries?

The main missionaries are all Christians, especially the laity placed in their regular networks. They need to be mobilised and equipped in knowing the Faith, living the Faith, sharing their Faith. Many are seeking a developing of their confidence and conviction in the reality of Jesus Christ.

What about our local church?

Every parish is now invited prayerfully to seek to

develop its own vision and consequent strategy with realistic targets. Much of the earlier appraisal for "Bread not Stones" should be a helpful background to the community and cultural context. If evangelism is to flow naturally from the local church it must have the enthusiasm and commitment of the PCC and be "owned" by it and then by the people. David Winter has described what may be sought as "Consistent, intelligent, Biblical, inclusive, open ended, relevant sensitive, appropriate, church based evangelism"!!

Ken Sawyer
Diocesan Evangelism Adviser

PEOPLE & PLACES

The Rev Canon Thomas Sharp, Team Rector of Dewsbury is to be Vicar of All Saints' Cawthorne.

Miss Evelyn Spurr wishes to express her grateful thanks to all her friends who contributed so generously to her retirement gifts, and also for the numerous messages, cards and letters wishing her well now and in the future. We all wish Evelyn well and hope to see her in the future.

Mrs Anne Blackburn, previously in a secretarial position at Pinderfields Hospital, is now settling in happily as the new secretary at Bishop's Lodge.

Bill and Maureen Jones have returned to Wakefield Diocese on leave from their work in our link Diocese of Mara in Tanzania. Five months ago they went to begin work with Issenye Church Secondary School, Bill becoming the Headteacher and Maureen (a nurse) looking after local medical work. They are here for a "few hectic weeks" talking to as many people as possible about the work of the Church in Africa.

WAKEFIELD DIOCESAN YOUNG ADULTS CONFERENCE

Over a hundred young adults between 16 and 25 met last weekend at Huddersfield Polytechnic for a conference entitled "Hear to be Heard". They sent a strong and clear message to the Wakefield Diocese and to the wider Church beyond - "We are the Church of today, not the Church of tomorrow!"

The idea for the event began when Wakefield Diocese celebrated its centenary in 1988 with a conference at Lancaster University. There the Bishop of Wakefield, the Rt. Rev. Dr. David Hope, asked his Education Department to call together the church's young adults so they could present their views to the Diocese.

The resulting conference was planned and organised by a team of conference members and older adults, guided by the Reverend David King, Parish Education Youth Adviser for the Diocese. Responding to the title "Hear to be Heard", members showed their willingness to wrestle with key issues of the day and called on Church leaders to speak with a more assertive and collective voice on matters concerning both Church and the world. They were particularly concerned with the care of the environment (facing issues like recycling waste and conserving energy) and of disadvantaged people and minority groups in society.

Some, concentrating more on Church issues, asked for a deeper prayer life; that differing styles of churchmanship should be better affirmed and accepted; that church members should be open to the Holy Spirit; that preachers should preach the Gospel; and that the people of the Church should share more the work of the Church.

Conference co-ordinator David King said "It was very clear from the outset of the Conference that these young adults are prepared to take personal responsibility for what is going on in the world and their



Bishop David with Conference helpers and organisers at the Polytechnic

churches. After two days intensive work in thirteen small groups the findings were presented with total confidence on the Sunday morning. The Conference participants 'heard' each other and are anxious to be 'heard' by the Church. These young adults have enormous breadth of vision, commitment and understanding of the tasks of the Church now and into the 90s. This is good news for our Diocese, I want to support them in their ventures".

Bishop David said "It was a marvellously lively and positive consultation. I was greatly encouraged by what our young adults had to say and will make sure their voice is heard".

ADVANCE NOTICES

August

25 **Day on practical spirituality** at Upperthong, Holmfirth. Also 8 Sept, The Body & Prayer. Mr M Huxley, 32 Huddersfield Rd, Holmfirth HD7 1JS. Places are limited.

September

7-10 **St John's Royston Flower Festival.**

22 **Movement for the Reform of Infant Baptism** - Conference ("Wise as Serpents, Gentle as Doves") in Sheffield. Tel (0226) 753736, £2.

October

10 **"A Celebration of Marriage"** - an open meeting sponsored by the MU. The speaker will be Jack Dominion. 10am to 3pm, Unity Hall Wakefield.

11 **Quiet Day, St George's Church, Lupset, Wakefield, 10-3.**

12-14 **CMS Northern Congress, Ilkley.** Tel (0943) 607537.

20 **2nd Symposium on Church Buildings, St Paul's, Armitage Bridge.**

20 **An evening with Adrian Plass, Ossett Town Hall, 7.30.**

WHAT'S ON

Helping Skills — An Introductory Christian Course, in the Horbury area, 6 & 13 June (at 7.30); and 9 & 16 June (10 am-4.30 pm). Details — Ruth Calvin-Thomas (Halifax 372679) or Eileen Turner (Wakefield 374213).

June

1 PRAISE FOR PENTECOST! Wakefield Cathedral, 7.30. Speaker: The Rt Rev David Evans, Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Bradford.

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

3 WHIT MARCH & SING — Halifax. Starting in People's Park (2pm) and going to The Piece Hall for 3. All welcome to march and sing for Jesus.

8-10 Art Exhibition and Sale, St Mary's Church Hall, Mirfield (8th 7-10, 9th 10-9 & 10th 2-9).

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.

9 "Jesus & His Kingdom" — A day of teaching and workshops, St Mary's Gawthorpe, £2 (includes lunch), 10-6. Tel (0924) 451547 or 262252.

13, 15, 16 "A Murder is Announced" — St Barnabas' Church Hall, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield. 7.15, £1.70 (OAP's £1 on 13th). Tel Hudds 654111.

14-17 All Hallows Kirkburton — Flower Festival, 10.30-8.30. A celebration of 800 years of Kirkburton Parish Church. Refreshments.

16 Gift Day & Garden Party — St Botolph's Church Knottingly, 2.30.

16 St James' Rawthorpe — Celebration with Bishop Richard, 7.30. NB — the June 30 event is postponed.

16-18 St Peter's Horbury Flower Festival; (16th & 18th, 10-5. 17th, 11-6). Refreshments and good access for wheelchairs. Parties specially welcome Sunday or Monday.

17 "Mission Fiesta" — USPG event celebrating the life of the Church in Latin America, St Oswald's School Guisley 2.30-6.30. Tel Bradford 588935 to find out more. Creche & children's events included.

17 Corpus Christi Festival (organised by The CBS), Holy Innocents, Thornhill Lees, 3pm. All welcome.

20 Cell of Our Lady of Walsingham & St Chad — Halifax. Mass at St Stephen's Copley, 7.30. All welcome.

21 Theology Society meeting, St Mary's Parish Room, Honley, Huddersfield 7.30. Speaker: The Rev David Miller. NB — this is a THURSDAY meeting.

23 Guyana Festival at St Mary's, S Elmsall. Eucharist 12 noon, lunch (bring your own), tea/coffee available, meeting after in the Parish Hall. Tel (0977) 702928.

23 Annual Summer Fayre — St Michael's Carleton, from 2 pm.

23-24 Sandal Parish Church, Flower Festival & Historical Presentation.

26 MU Overseas Day, for members and friends, Bishop's Lodge (2-4.30 & 7-9.30). Fun, fellowship, refreshments, games, stalls. Tickets £1 from members.

29 Solemn Mass for St Peter's Day, St Peter's Church, Barnsley, 7.30. Preacher: Fr Philip Ursell. Refreshments.

29-2 July St Mary's Luddenden Summer Festival:
29th Preview, Cheese & Wine, 7.30
30th Mini Fair, 2-4
Leeds Cathedral Choir 7.30
1st Festival Evensong 6.30

30 St Catherine's Belle Vue, Wakefield, Garden Party. Usual stalls and entertainment, from 2.30.

30 St Mary's Mirfield Fete, open from 2.

30 Womersley Craft Fair & Church Fete, 10.30-5.30 in the Church Grounds, Victoriana — trash and treasure, brass band, maypole & Scottish dancers, organ recitals, games, refreshments. For the Spire Restoration Appeal.

30 & 1 July St Peter's Woolley Flower Festival & Exhibition (Sat 10.30-dusk. Sun 12-7.30). Refreshments.

July

7 Coffee Day — The Treacy Hall, Wakefield Cathedral, 10-4.

14 CR — Commemoration Day. Preacher, The Bishop of Bradford. 12 noon Solemn Eucharist, 5 Solemn Evensong. Please write: The Commemoration Day Secretary, House of the Resurrection, MIRFIELD WF14 0BN, Yorkshire. Programmes (free), Service sheets — 30p each.

31-2 Aug "Sea of Faith" Conference, tel (0509) 215478.

MUSICAL MATTERS

The Bishop's Chorister Award — this year's examination is at Wakefield Cathedral Middle School, Thornes Road, Wakefield. 23 June, from 9am. Please ring Canon David Baxter (Wakefield 361922) for syllabus & entry forms. Completed forms MUST be with: The Secretary — BCA, 4 Cathedral Close, Wakefield WF1 2DQ, Yorkshire, by 15 June. Late applications are not possible. Awards for successful candidates will be presented by Bishop David in Wakefield Cathedral at Choral Evensong on Sunday 23 Sept, 6.30 pm.

The Diocesan Music Festival — Wakefield Cathedral, 20 Oct. The Music Booklet is now available from: Miss Julie Crosby, 33 Ingle Avenue, Morley, Leeds LS27 9NP, Yorkshire. Tel (0532) 523631. Contains the full music, anthems, responses and canticles, £1 each. Regional rehearsals are at: Holy Trinity Ossett 12 June, and Huddersfield Parish Church 25th June, both 7.30.

The choir of St Mark's Siddal want adult choir robes (10 men, 15 ladies). Please ring Mr G Davies, Halifax 344103 early evenings.

"American Adventure" — Wakefield Cathedral's Choir Tour of the USA in 1991. Four June concerts in Wakefield Cathedral (all 7.30) in aid of this tour:

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| 6 | Jonathan Bielby | (Organ) |
| 13 | Keith Wright | (Organ) |
| 20 | Ian Hare | (Organ) |
| 23 | Wakefield Cathedral Choir | |

The concert on the 23rd will have an American flavour (for voices, organ and brass band) as will the refreshments in the Treacy Hall. Admission to the Organ Recitals is £3 (conc £2) and to the Choir Recital is £4 (conc £2.50) including refreshments.

June

- 2 Concert by Batley Salvation Army Junior Musicians** in St Thomas' Church Batley, £1.50 (conc 75p), 7pm.
- 3 Brass Band and Voices in Concert** — Marsh Ladies Choir and Huddersfield Youth Brass Ensemble in St Mark's Church Longwood, Huddersfield, 7.15, £1.50 (children £1). Tel (Hudds) 651841. To launch the Church Restoration Appeal.
- 3 The York Waits** — Hoylandswaine Parish Church, 7.45, £3 (conc £2). Music from the Renaissance period.
- 9 R.S.C.M. Choir Festival** in St Jude's Church, Halifax.
- 9 Concert by Castleford Choral Society** in St Martin's Church Womersley, 7.30 pm — coffee & biscuits. For The Spire Appeal.

Organist/Choir Trainer wanted at St John's Cleckheaton, Parish Eucharist & choir practice. Apply: The Vicar, 33 Ashbourne Avenue, Cleckheaton BD19 5JH, Yorkshire.

Organist wanted to develop the musical life of Ackworth Parish, near Pontefract. Sung Eucharist and Evensong, salary negotiable. Tel The Rev P Moorhouse, Pontefract (0977) 780880.

Organist required for St James' Parish Church, Cross Roads with Lees (on the Halifax-Keighley Road). Tel: Haworth 42210 or 45037.

The post of Musical Director of The Bradford Choristers will become vacant in September. For further information about this independent Cathedral-standard Choir (men & boys) please contact: Peter Naylor, 27 Meadow Park Crescent, Pudsey LS28 7TN, Yorkshire. Tel Leeds (0532) 555898.

June Organ Recitals at Halifax Parish Church:

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| 2 | Ralph Garside & Choir | 7.15 pm |
| 9 | Joseph Cullen | 12 noon |
| 16 | Jeffrey Makinson | 7.15 pm |
| 23 | Philip C Tordoff | 12 noon |
| 30 | Junior composite recital | 12 noon |
- Free admission — collection taken

- 9 Dodworth MVC Concert** in St Mary's Church Barnsley, 7.15, £1.
- 15 The Heptonstall Singers Concert** in Heptonstall Parish Church, 8pm, £2.50. Vivaldi (Gloria), Monteverdi, Bruckner, Stravinsky.
- 16 The Yorkshire Chamber Choir**, Summer Concert in Wakefield Cathedral, 7.30. Haydn, Mozart, Schubert, Mendelssohn & Elgar.
- 16 Sponsored Sing** — Hartshead Church Choir, 2pm in Hartshead Church, all welcome.
- 16 Grand Festival Concert**, All Hallows Kirkburton, 7.00, Skelmanthorpe MVC & Band. Tel Hudds 602922.
- 23 Organ Recital**, Sandal Parish Church, Wakefield. Joseph Cullen (first Music Director for Leeds Diocese and Organist of Leeds Cathedral) on the new Ahlborn Bradford Computing Organ. 7.30, £2.50, inc. refreshments.
- 24 N Kirklees Schools Symphony Orchestra Concert** in St Thomas' Church Batley, 6pm, £1.50 (conc 75p).
- 30 Mirfield Choral Society** with Castle Hall School Choir & Instrumentalists — Summer Serenade, Castle Hall School, Mirfield, 7.15, £2.

30 **Organ Recital** (Peter Williams), St Jude's Church Halifax.

July

7 **Celebratory Organ Recital**, Armitage Bridge. See "Pipe Dream Becomes a Reality" article in this issue.

7 **Organ Recital** (Cyril Baker — Shetland Cathedral) at St Mary's S Elmsall, 7.30.

BOOKS

Lay Pastorate

Reg Legg

Angel Press — 64pp — £2.50

Written from the experience of parish life. This is a practical handbook showing how ministry by lay-people can solve the problems of clergy burn-out, clergy shortages. It presents a vision of the Church derived from the New Testament in which every Christian is called to be a missionary, and all are called to ministry.

This book can be used by clergy and PCC members as a basis for parish re-evaluation or stewardship campaigns. In time of clergy shortages and far-flung rural parishes with several Churches, this book expresses a vision of hope for the future of the Church, activating the commitment of the whole People of God.

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Published by Pontefract & District Local History Society to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of The Act of Parliament in 1789 constituting St Giles' the Parish Church. Fully illustrated — a fascinating insight into 18th Century parish life. Available from: Miss E Lowe, 6 Castle Chain, PONTEFRACT, Yorkshire.

Praying with the English Mystics

Compiled and Introduced by

Jenny Robertson

Triangle — £2.95

The author has brought together in one book the sensitivity and wisdom of Julian of Norwich, Richard Rolle, Walter Hilton and the author of "The Cloud of Unknowing". The prayers contained enable us to pray with them in Faith and Love.



As part of the 800th Anniversary Celebrations of All Hallows Kirkburton, Church members show their "cloth" upon which names are being embroidered. With them is the Vicar of Kirkburton, The Rev Dennis Barracrough.

SOCIETIES AND MISSIONS

Missions to Seamen. Sea Sunday is 8th of July this year. We, in our parishes are asked to think about and pray for merchant seafarers and the Church's ministry to them. The Missions to Seamen seeks to offer all seamen, the God who is an anchor to us all. A pack is available free from: Miss Angela Murray, The Missions to Seamen, St Michael Paternoster Royal, College Hill, LONDON EC4R 2RL. Tel 01-248 5202.

CMS. Richard Crofts works in our Link-Diocese of Mara in Tanzania with his wife Ruth and children Rebecca and Claire. Richard works for the Cassette Bible School in Buhemba and is also the Diocesan Evangelist. To find out more about the work of CMS, contact: Mr Alan Isaacson, 213 Springvale Road, SHEFFIELD S10 1LG, Yorkshire. Tel (0742) 681053.

RETREATS

Scargill House, tel: (075676) 234 or 315

2-7 July Castles & Abbeys £145

2-7 July On the Railways £135

14-21 July Single Parent Families £95

21-28 July Holiday Week 2 £165

The Christian Healing Ministry

Morris Maddocks

SPCK — £8.95

This new edition is the complete guide to the Ministry of Healing, its Biblical foundation and methods of practice. A thoroughly revised and updated version of this classic work. It is easy-to-read, thoughtful and challenging, and will stimulate discussion, interest and action.

PIPE-DREAM BECOMES REALITY

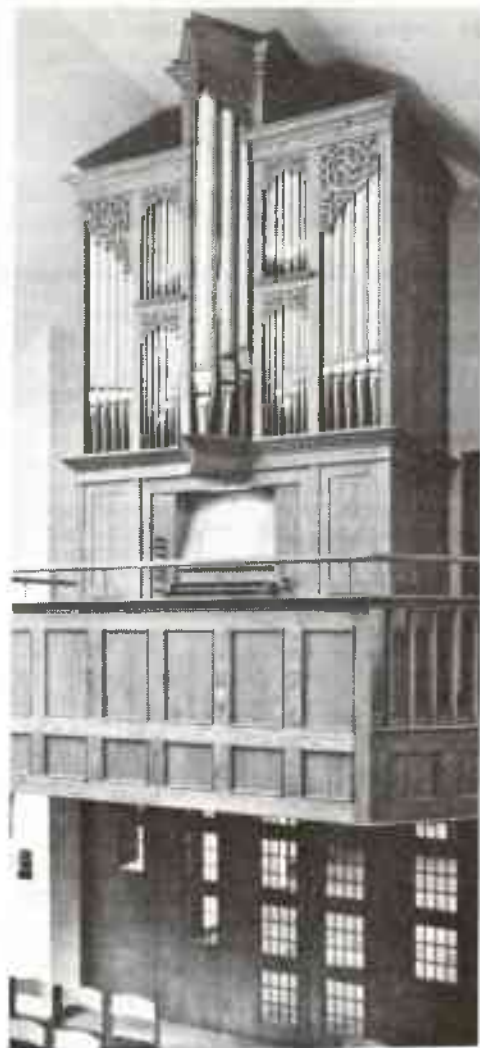
Do you value the organ in your Church? It has probably given sterling service over the years and is now showing signs of its age. Is it worth repairing or should you replace it? Is it in the wrong place for the needs of contemporary worship? Which are better value for money, pipe organs or electronic instruments? The Diocesan Advisory Service exists to help answer questions such as these. We want to help you spend your money in the wisest possible way for the benefit of future generations as well as the present ones.

We now have a fine new mechanical action pipe organ in the diocese, which is essential viewing and listening for clergy, organists, and congregations. You will find it in the newly reordered church of Saint Paul, Armitage Bridge, Huddersfield. (A full article about this Church will be in the August issue of *See-Link*). It looks wonderful, it sounds wonderful, and it is wonderful to play. It will also last for centuries, since there are no electrics to replace except the blower motor. Imaginatively designed in its own west gallery, it is well laid out, meticulously crafted and sensitively voiced to the reverberent acoustic of the building. Space and finance dictated the specification of only eight stops, but it is amazingly adaptable to most styles of organ music.

Congratulations to the vicar, the Revd Ian Jackson, the architect Mr Dick Shepley and the organ builders Wood of Huddersfield. Their faith, vision and artistry has provided a top quality instrument, worthy of its place in the House of God.

A celebratory Recital by the Cathedral Organist, Jonathan Bielby, is to take place on Saturday 7th July at 3 pm. Refreshments of strawberries and cream and a glass of wine are included in the admission of £3, (£2 conc). Please contact the Vicar for further details, Hudds 420664.

*David Baxter, Jonathan Bielby,
Keith Wright & Malcolm Cruise;
Diocesan Organ Advisers*



The new organ in St Paul's Armitage Bridge, Huddersfield

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CHANGES OF ORDER. Please write to the Editor **BY 1st JUNE** with details of required changes for the next quarter, July-Sept. Changes-of-Order are concerned with; **how many** copies each parish receives; **the address** to which they are delivered; and whether the copies are **flat or folded**.

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help to make sure that people do not feel isolated once they return to their parishes. A lot has been done, but even more has still to be started. In fact, as soon as I have finished writing this, I must start on a report for the newsletter, so at this point I will hand over to Wendy and leave her to tell you more about actually being a member of the conference.

Rachel Belk

Wendy Belk writes:

For much of the time we were divided into small groups of six or seven, where we discussed the work of the church and of individual Christians in four main areas - 'World', 'Church', 'Faith' and 'Life'. At various points throughout the weekend the whole conference came together and each small group would explain their findings. I found this very nerve wracking! Standing up in front of 130 people and trying to say intelligible things is very difficult.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Other activities during the weekend included regular group worship; a dramatic production about the conversion of a "yobbo" to Christianity through the love and perseverance of a friend; a pop concert featuring two Christian rock bands, and a very moving and exciting Palm Sunday Eucharist which concluded the weekend.

REPORTS

Being in one of the World discussion groups, we spent most of the time on "the church and global issues" but we were kept up to date with the developments made by other groups through the talks given in the main conference hall. I would like to quote just a little from some group's final reports to enable you to see how everyone felt God should be working in their lives:

Life: "To fulfil God's will we should live our lives on a personal basis to help change the world."

Church: "The church should strive to make itself more 'attractive' internally, to non-Christians externally, before it can begin to evangelise effectively and hence form a living church."

World: "The Christian community has an obligation to promote CARE, JUSTICE and LOVE in the world and for its peoples."

Faith: "We feel faith is in deed or action and has outward expression. We are unable to begin our discovery of faith from the same starting point and need to be sensitive to others' needs."

AN EXCITING FAITH

I found the conference very stimulating and the discussion exciting. Many of the things that were said have made me think about where I stand on these issues. I hope the weekend has increased my faith in Jesus Christ and will help me now lead a more positive role in our church in Ackworth. I know that after such a wide-ranging, thought-provoking and exciting weekend, everybody there felt we wanted to get more involved in the life and worship of our respective churches.

Wendy Belk

P.S. If anybody would like to hear more about the weekend, I would be very happy to talk to them after Sunday morning service.

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

29 April "We welcome you into the Lord's family"
Hayley Louise Siddall, 93 Millgate
29 April Lucy Elizabeth Bramwell, 3 Low Green
29 April Luke James Lynam, 44 Banks Avenue
29 April Richard Stuart Farrah, 16 College View

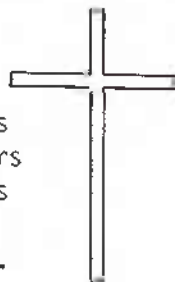


WEDDINGS

"Those whom God has joined together"
21 April Andrew Freer and Sharon O'Gorman
21 April Andrew John McClurg and Heather Louise Barracough

FUNERALS

"In sure hope of the Resurrection"
20 April Julia Walker, 11 Hawthorn Grove, 39 years
24 April Edith Walker, 50 Doncaster Road Estate, 83 years
25 April James William Richmond, 2 Barnsley Road, 57 years
26 April James Bell, formerly of Chiltern Court, 84 years
27 April Irvine Powell, 44 Townend Avenue, 84 years
2 May Dora Harvey Edgar, 20 Victoria Street, 77 years.



PCC NOTES, 8 MAY

- 1 The treasurer gave a report on the financial position of the parish.
- 2 Mr Peter Marshall, the architect of the proposed alterations to St Cuthbert's, spoke to the meeting and replied to questions raised by the PCC. Issues discussed included the materials to be used for the various screens. After Mr Marshall left further discussion took place about the reordering of St Cuthbert's. The PCC voted in favour of submitting the proposals to the Diocesan Advisory Committee for their advice and comments.
- 3 A report was given by Mr S McDougall on the Governors meeting of the Howard School.
- 4 A report was given by Dr D Belk on the Ackworth Fellowship of Churches.
- 5 Consideration was given as to how the new Electoral Roll might be used for the good of the parish, and particularly on how to encourage members to be more committed to church life.
- 6 A Centenary week in aid of the Bishop's Centenary Fund is to be held between 29 September and 6 October.

THE MOTHERS' UNION



- 6 June 9 15 am Corporate Communion at All Saints' Church
18 " 7 30 pm Deanery Summer Festival at Darrington Church.
The Preacher will be The Venerable K Unwin,
Archdeacon of Pontefract.
26 " Overseas Day at Bishops Lodge
28 " 2 30 pm Service and meeting at All Saints' Church. The
Speaker will be Mr Herbert Heptinstall.

Advance Notice

5 July Mothers' Union Outing to Howarth and the Bronte' Country. Names and deposit as usual to either Mrs M E Hardy or Mrs M Taylor.

Outreach

There is to be an Overseas Celebration Day sponsored by the Mothers' Union at Bishops Lodge on Tuesday 26 June. The Celebrations of Worship, entertainment and sale of home made products will be in two sessions 2 00 pm to 4 30 pm and 7 pm to 9 30 pm. Tickets are £1 00 which includes refreshments.

Kitty Cooper

DECADE OF EVANGELISM

As you will know next year we in the Church begin a Decade of Evangelism. The Mothers' Union Members are using 1990 to pray for Gods blessing as we prepare ourselves for this mission. Preparation by prayer means that our work will have a firm foundation, it is the essential point from which all Christians must begin. First we pray, then we wait and listen, then we take action. The prayer we are using is an adaptation from a prayer by Michael Turnbull, Bishop of Rochester, we also remember those who will be given special opportunities and responsibilities during the Decade of Evangelism. The words of the prayer are:-

O God, in whose sovereign power rests everything in heaven and earth, take hold of your church today, that in every branch and in every parish we may be led humbly in the paths of holiness and boldly in the ways of witness; that many may be found as new disciples of Jesus Christ and learn to live joyfully in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Copies of the prayer can be obtained from me if you would like to join us in preparation for 1991 - asking that we may be made ready to bear witness to our Crucified Lord.

Kitty Cooper - Diocesan Vice President



THE PRINCE OF WALES HOSPICE

The Fashion Show raised the sum of £390. We would like to thank all those who very kindly supported this event.

Pat Matthews and Pat Barran

June



3 PENTECOST

Readings: Acts 2:1-21; (Mr S McDougall);
John 20:19-23 ASB 637

4 Mon 7 30 pm PCC, The Howard School

5 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)

6 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

10 TRINITY SUNDAY

Readings: Eph. 1:3-14; (Mrs M Moorhouse);
John 14:8-17 ASB 641

12 Tues ST BARNABAS THE APOSTLE

9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)

2 00 pm Service for Mother's and Toddlers (AS)

13 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

17 PENTECOST 2

Readings: Acts 2:37-end; (Mrs M Ward); Luke 14:15-24 ASB 646

19 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)

8 10 pm Standing Committee, the Rectory

20 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

7 45 pm Parish Women's Group, discussion at 60 Holly Bank

24 THE BIRTH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Readings: Acts 13:16-26; (Mr D Cook); Luke 1:57-66-80 ASB 779

26 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

2 00 pm Service for Mother's and Toddlers (AS)

27 Wed ST PETER, THE APOSTLE

9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

28 Thurs 2 30 pm Mother's Union at All Saints' Church

JULY

1 PENTECOST 4

Readings: Acts 8:26-38; (Mrs D White); Luke 15:1-10 ASB 656

FLOWER ROTAS

St Cuthbert's Church

June	3	Mrs E Roberts
"	10	-
"	17	Mrs P Asquith
"	24	Mrs N Barnard



All Saints' Church

June	3	Congregation
"	10	-
"	17	Mrs Taylor & Mrs Alderman
"	24	Mrs Hardy

BRASS CLEANING ROTA

Misses P and R Harrison

Copy for the July magazine should be handed to the Rector by Sunday 3 June