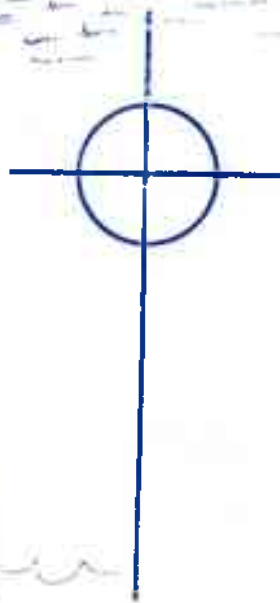




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All Saints'	8 30 am Holy Communion (2nd Sunday, 1662 Prayer Book). 6 30 pm Evensong (2nd Sunday, Holy Communion).

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Tuesday:	9 15 am Holy Communion, St Cuthbert's Church.
Wednesday:	9 15 am Holy Communion, All Saints' Church.
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beforehand to arrange an appointment.

An article written by the late Mr Alex McKee.

THE BEGINNING



It was during the time of World War Two that I found myself in Jerusalem, on one of my fairly frequent visits, but this time I had a few days leave. What better way to spend them than to visit some of the places in Palestine I had so often heard and read about. I decided to begin at the beginning, to do so alone, so I set out for Bethlehem.

Bethlehem is about five miles south of Jerusalem. The road was like most other roads in Palestine, not too wide, dusty, white and reflecting the sun back up at you as you walk along. On your left the ground slopes away then seems to disappear into the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea while away in the distance the Mountains of Moab seem to be shimmering in the heat. On the right it was mostly scrubland with a few patches of cultivation. On your right you come to the Tomb of Rachel, the wife of Jacob. It is held in reverence by Moslem, Jew and Christian alike. As I passed there was the not uncommon sight of an argument taking place between some Jews and some Arabs. This is a sight I am sorry to say that is even more frequent today. As I was in uniform and we were under orders never to get involved in such disputes I am afraid I passed on the other side.



As I walked along I wondered if this was the way, nearly two thousand years ago, that a man and his young wife, great with child and mounted on a donkey, followed. It would not be a made up road probably in those days but a track worn by the feet and the hooves of many travellers. If you look at a map of Palestine, more likely of Israel today, you will see that, if they had come from Nazareth they had come a very long way with frequent stops en route and must have been thankful that their journey was nearly at an end.

The road bears slightly to the right towards Hebron and the south while on my left and not too distant I get my first view of the City of David, Bethlehem. We all have in our mind a picture of the place where Christ was born very often influenced by pictures on Christmas cards or in book on the Christmas story. The town stands on rising ground and unlike many Eastern towns there are few minarets to be seen. The city's earlier name, in the Old Testament, was Ephrath which means fertility and the surrounding countryside no doubt gave it that name. As I approached the town I was accosted by many pedlars of souvenirs of all kind also many seeking to act as guides. While there are many modern buildings in Bethlehem there was still, when I was there, many that could well have been all those years ago when Joseph and Mary arrived, weary and anxious after their long journey but only to find, as history tells us, 'There was no room at the Inn'. Inns in those days were usually walled compounds with rooms around the inner walls and the travellers animals tethered in the centre, secure from predators animal or human. It was also common practice to build a house on rock over a cave if possible or to carve a cave from the rock in order that the household animals could be stabled and it was to such a place we are told, to the stable or cave under the house that the weary were directed and given shelter. It is over this site that the Church of the Nativity stands, the oldest church in Christendom.

In an attempt to completely wipe out all traces of Christendom the Roman Emperor Hadrian had pagan shrines built over any sites sacred to the Christians. In Bethlehem he built a shrine to Adonis over the site of the Nativity. About 350 AD this shrine or temple was pulled down on the orders of Queen Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine, and the church as we see it today was built although history says some alterations were made in 530 AD by Justinian. Save for occasional repairs the church building is practically unchanged from the day it was built. Before entering the church I had a look at part of the town and amid the hustle and bustle of street traders calling their wares and the sound of many tongues I can well imagine the anxiety of Joseph seeking a resting place for his young wife, even if it was only a stable.

The Church of the Nativity is not an architectural gem and as you enter it you can see that the large door has been built up leaving only the small door you see before you. I found that this was done during the twelfth century to prevent marauders riding their horses into the church also to keep most larger animals from straying into the buildings. The small door I was told was the only entrance to the church, only one person at a time can pass through it and it is known as 'The Door of Humility'.

Although the exterior may be plain when I stepped inside, having to bow my head to do so, even although I am not tall, I found before me a building that could well have been in Rome. Tall Corinthian capped pillars support a lofty roof and the spaciousness of the place made me wonder if surely this was not the site of the humble stable I was looking for. The church is in daily use for Bethlehem and is largely a Christian town. It was built over the site of the Nativity and the actual cave or stable where Christ was born is underneath and approached by a staircase close to the altar.

As I descended this stair I wondered, after seeing the church, what I was going to see. I did not expect to see a stable as such or even the cave made to look like one. I thought that I would find it laid out like a small chapel. Instead once my eyes got used to the semi-darkness, even although many lamps were burning, I saw almost directly ahead of me a large silver star with a hole in the centre and mounted on a slab of marble, the Star of Bethlehem. It is set over the place where the new born babe was laid, that is the belief and one can pass ones hand through the hole in the Star and touch the rock beneath. This rock is worn to a silky smoothness by what must have been the millions of fingers that have touched. I was told that there are some fifty or so lamps representing the prayers of the various Christian churches throughout the world. The cave or grotto as it is sometimes called is about forty feet long by about twelve feet wide. The walls are covered with draperies and if you put your hand behind them you can feel through the dust of ages the actual rock.

Even although it is many years ago I can well remember my feelings when first I saw the place. Although in the past I suppose I had seen photographs the whole thing seemed unreal at first. The priceless lamps, the marble, the drapings etc. to say nothing of the large silver star fixed to the marble slab, about the position where a manger would be. It was hard to imagine that this was the actual place where Christ was born but later as I gave it a lot more thought and on later visits to the place I realised that had it not been for the marble protecting the various parts of the cave it would have been worn away, the rock where it is said the manger was, by the hands of the very many pilgrims who have visited the site throughout the ages. It was the custom all those years ago to show ones love as best as one could hence the priceless lamps etc. adorning the shrine, for shrine it surely is.

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NEWS FROM

WAKEFIELD DIOCESE

MARCH 1990

BISHOP DAVID WRITES

Lent

There are many suggestions about the origins of the actual word "Lent". The most popular and most promising seems to be that it is derived from an old Anglo Saxon word meaning Spring. Certainly by the time we have reached the end of Lent we are usually well into Spring. Lent is that season of the Church's year which, associated with our Lord's forty days in the wilderness, has customarily been associated with the desire and the determination to live one's baptism more thoroughly and more authentically. After all, it was the last lap, the final stage of a long period of preparation and teaching for those who having enquired about becoming Christians, were to be finally brought into the fellowship of the believing church at Easter.

Knowing Our Faith

Lent courses are no new thing. The teaching and nurture of new Christians was the occasion when those who had been disciples for some time took the opportunity themselves of refresher courses in their faith, thus sharing in and with those preparing for the sacrament of baptism. The process of teaching and learning was a very formal one — people being taught almost by rote the basics of the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments, and then having them explained extensively. And surely there is no less need in our church at the present time for some very basic teaching and explanation and exploration of what we believe. It is often said that as Church of England you can believe what you like, or believe nothing at all. Nothing could be further from the truth. Both the Prayer Book and the Alternative Service Book not only imply but expect that every believer is able to give an account of a faith that is in them — the basic truths as they are set out in the Creeds, the Catechism and the Thirty Nine Articles of Religion. Lent then is a period of time which is given us by the Church with Easter as its culmination and climax, when there is the opportunity for us to refresh and

renew both our understanding and our commitment to our Christian faith, as well as the way in which we actually live it out.

Lent Rule

Lent rules have by no means had their day. Indeed, many of us could I believe benefit considerably from the real discipline of commitment to a rule or framework of reading and reflection this Lent. How better to prepare for our entry more fully into the Decade of Evangelism. For if this means, as surely it must, that we are in the business of sharing our faith, then we shall need to be the more articulate in responding to those who inquire and ask the awkward question. And since our faith is not just or only a matter of the head and not the heart — it is both, then we shall need to seize the opportunities this Lent too for opening our own hearts and lives more fully and completely to the action of God's spirit within us, whereby we ourselves come to realise ever more wonderfully what it is to be "ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven" through the sacrificial blood shedding of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, for us and for the whole world.

Repentance and Rejoicing

After Christmas and the winter months, there is a real need for a good spring clean in all of us; a good deal of dirt and grime and accumulated junk from which we need to be rid. Lent offers that opportunity — take it whilst it is offered to you in a spirit both of repentance and of rejoicing.

With all good wishes.

David Wakefield

WHAT'S ON

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

- 7 — All Saints' Eiland *Bishop David*
14 — St Saviour's Ravensthorpe *The Archdeacon of York*
21 — St Helen's Athersley *Fr George Nairn-Briggs*
28 — 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.

"Our world tomorrow", a Lent Course in the Parish Church Rooms, Dispensary Walk, Halifax. Mondays, 7.30 pm, March 5, 12, 19, 26 & Apr 2. Enrolment fee £2. Tel Halifax 361448 or 353827.

March

- 10 **Auction** in St Mary's Parish Church Hall, Mirfield. Viewing 10-12, auction starts at 2. (p.s. — Annual Craft Fair — 12 May).
- 14 **Fashion Show** — organised by the MU — in the Unity Hall, Wakefield, 7.30, refreshments from 7. Tickets £2 from Mrs Ruth Marshall, Wakefield (0924) 862051. This is definitely the correct date, the MU Magazine is wrong!
- 17 **"Jesus and His Kingdom"** — a Teaching Day with workshops, 10-4, St Mary's Church, Gawthorpe, £1.50 (includes coffee & lunch). Ring Dewsbury 451547 or Wakefield 262252 for more details.
- 22 **CPAS — Teaching Day**, Kirkheaton School (9.30-2.30). Title "God Cares for Today's World". Further details from Jean Walmsley, Huddersfield 423663.
- 23 **Theology Society Meeting**, St Mary's Hall, Honley, Huddersfield, 7.30. Speaker — Canon Stanley Hind, "An ecumenical venture in Jewish-Christian relations".
- 24 **Solemn Eucharist** of The Annunciation for The Servers' Guild (GSS), St Paulinus' Chapter, Holy Innocents' Church, Thornhill Lees, 3.00. All Altar servers welcome.
- 24 **Calderdale for Christ** — a public event at Holy Trinity Senior School, Holmfild, N Halifax, 7.30. To be led by Dave Bilborough and a team from Essex. There will also be an afternoon workshop (2-4), same team & venue.
- 30 **Trip to London** — organised by St Bartholomew's Church, Meltham. £55 (inc stay overnight at the Hotel Ibis), there are a few places left, ring Yvonne Whiting — Huddersfield 850223.
- 30 **Wakefield Deanery Half-day of Prayer**, Wakefield Cathedral, beginning with The Eucharist at 12.30. Finishes at 7, all very welcome.

PEOPLE & PLACES

Deaconess Marion Bamford, at present in the Parish of All Saints' S Kirkby is to have responsibility for the Pastoral Care of St Edward the Confessor, Brotherton.

The Rev Dr Geoffrey Calvert, A/c of St Cuthbert's, Castle Vale (Birmingham Diocese) is to be A/c of St Mary's Barnsley with responsibility for St Paul's.

The Rev Martyn Green, Vicar of St Cyprian & St James' Harehills, Leeds (Ripon Diocese) is to be Vicar of Holy Trinity Ossett.

The Rev Peter Scholfield, Vicar of St John the Evangelist, Carlton, Barnsley, is to retire.

The Rev Laurence Shutt, A/c in the Parish of Llanishen-w-Lisvane (Llandaff Diocese), is to be incumbent of St Luke's Middletown-w-Netherton.

The Parishes of Holmbridge, Holmfirth, Netherthong and Upperthong have been transferred from Almondbury Deanery to Kirkburton Deanery as the result of the Inauguration of the Upper Holme Valley Team.

The Rev Canon John Lodge (formerly Rural Dean of Almondbury, now R D of Kirkburton) has therefore found that which was lost, in that these parishes have now come from his previous Deanery into his present!

Appreciation

Peter Hicks died of a heart attack on January 2nd at home in his parish of Calow, Chesterfield. His wife, Enid, had died in October after a road accident. Peter only had one speed — flat out. His way of coping with Enid's death was to work all the harder. In his late thirties Peter trained at Mirfield after a career in his family grocery business. He was Curate of Huddersfield Parish Church, then Vicar of Hanging Heaton (1970-78). He returned to Derbyshire in 1984 after six years as Vicar of Stanley.

Born on April 1st, Peter was an unashamed 'fool for Christ'. He was a colourful character, equally happy at the altar and in the cab of a JCB. He built wherever he went. He was always conscious that as a priest he was just the errand boy and that it was the Lord who did the priestly work in his parish. At all his Institutions Peter chose 'To God be the glory'. We sang it at his funeral. He shares with Enid the unclouded vision of that glory now.

Stephen Kelly

INSTITUTIONS

28 March Coley 7.30 +RP

THE CHURCH, CHANGE AND COMPUTERS

Change – Love it or Hate it : it's here to stay!

Many things change. In almost every area of our life we can point to changes, some small, some large. It is said that people look to the "church" to be a bastion of tradition. Some indeed look to their Christian faith as one part, at least, of their lives which is unchanging in the midst of uncertainties. But change in itself is not always bad. For instance, the vast majority of people in this country now possess a television set. There may be a lot of programmes which are not to our taste but the fact is that we all now can see, through the news for instance, what is happening around the world – sometimes as it happens. There are educational programmes which allow us to learn in ways that were simply not possible before this technology was available.

That word "technology" is used a great deal today and for some it is a very worrying one – a bit like "change". It is, in their minds, all to do with machines and jargon and bureaucracy. That means, so the argument might go, that the "church" should have nothing to do with all those horrible things, nothing to do with technology.

Computers arrive in Church House!

There is at least one other point of view which not surprisingly would want to argue that as with "change", "technology" is not in itself a bad idea. For instance, within the Diocese there has been over the last eighteen months the introduction of a lot of new technology into Church House, Wakefield. There are now Amstrad Personal Computers in almost every office. The machines are being networked together for ease of communication and more efficient and flexible use of information. We are designing and building our own "Diocesan Database" to help keep track of the many skills and resources that are around within the Diocese. We have purchased and are beginning to use more and more widely a Desk Top Publishing system called Ventura which linked to a Laser Printer produces publicity and other material of a very high quality in an attractive way.

So what?

Reactions to this will vary, there may be confusion at all these terms and many may have stopped reading by now. A number of parishes and clergy have had computers operating to help their administration for a number of years and so will be saying what's new. There could be those who would say what a dreadful waste of time and money. And others may simply be intrigued as to why the Diocese has bothered?

To proclaim the message

As we enter the Decade of Evangelism it is appropriate that the church should be taking every opportunity to use the various resources – and yes, the new technology – available as wisely and as efficiently as possible. By the introduction of the hardware and the software – i.e. the machines and the various programmes and systems on them – the Diocese is being better equipped to do the

work of spreading God's word and maintaining and sustaining the Diocese of Wakefield. Even See-Link and its production is being assisted by the introduction of this technology! A lot of the work of the church is about communication – "We have a Gospel to proclaim" – the church should not turn its back on the need to communicate efficiently, professionally and in an exciting way so that the message can indeed be proclaimed. This is the main aim of the introduction of information technology into the Diocesan Offices.

Tim Thornton



Bishop DAVID

READERS WRITE

Sir, – Bishop Richard wrote in the February See-Link "admin is in fact a form of ministry". Admin can of course be found in the Bible – don't you believe it!! In St Luke's genealogy of Our Lord (NEB version) there is the footnote "some witnesses add 'Son of Admin.'".

From Donald Coggan, via Nick Webb

BISHOP'S CENTENARY FUND



LENT STUDY PACK – "Witnessing to God's love"

Now available from Stan Evans at Church House, Wakefield (0924) 371802. These guidelines are not a "fund-raising gimmick" but are offered for use this Lent. Parishes and individuals should feel free to respond either to Mara Diocese or The Bishop's Centenary Fund.

Stop Press:



A Great Thanksgiving Service
Halifax Parish Church
Sunday 16 Sept – 6 pm



Bishop David will preach at this service where we can celebrate again our oneness as a Diocese as we go forward "together into the Nineties". Another opportunity to unfurl those banners!!!!

Wanted for the Centenary Fund Community Shop, Riddings Estate, Fartown, Huddersfield: clean men's clothing and footwear, together with supplies of ladies' and children's wear. Please ring Stan Evans with offers on the Church House number above.

MUSICAL MATTERS

March

- 17 **Voice Trials** for Wakefield Cathedral Choir, from 9 am. Bursaries are available for QEGS pupils. Non-QEGS pupils are very welcome to apply. Please ring: The Precentor (0924) 361922 or The Master of The Choir (0924) 378841.
- 17 **Christian Rock Concert** at Mirfield Parish Church – featuring Triumph, NIA and Ready or Not. 7.30, £2.50 (conc – £2 for 10+). Tel James Hargrave (Mirfield 493669) or The Rev David King (Wakefield 371802).
- 19-24 **"Half-a-Sixpence"** – by Woodhouse Church Operatic Society, in The Venn St Arts Centre, Huddersfield, 7.15 (+ Sat Matinee). Tel (0484) 549922.
- 21-24 **"Greater than Gold"** – St John's Church, Rastrick, Brighouse, 7.30, retiring collection.
- 23 **Choral & Organ Recital** by Wakefield Cathedral Choir (with Jonathan Bielby), St Edward's Church, Kingstone, Barnsley, 7.30, £1.50 (conc £1).
- 23 **Elland & District MS Recital** by The Misty String Quartet, Elland Parochial Hall, Westgate, 7.30, (Mozart, Mendelssohn, Beethoven).
- 24 **RSCM Sponsored 5-a-side Football Competition**, Huddersfield Sports Centre. Contact – Mr Arthur Brown, 53 Woodside Road, Beaumont Park, Huddersfield HD4 5JS, Yorkshire.
- 24 **Recital** – inc Faure's "Requiem" & music by Arne, Bach, Mozart (& more), by St Peter's Consort. Horbury Parish Church, 7.30, £2 (conc £1.50), refreshments.
- 24 **Wakefield Festival Chorus** – Ackworth Concert Society in The Friends School, £3.50 (conc £3). (Handel, Haydn, Vaughn Williams et al).
- 24 **Spring Concert** by The Yorkshire Chamber Choir, St John's Church, Wakefield, 7.30. (Gabrieli, Purcell & Rutter).
- 31 **Spring Concert** by Halifax Chamber Choir – inc Haydn's "St Nicholas Mass". Halifax Parish Church, 7.30.
- 31 **An Afternoon of Plainchant** with Vespers at 6.30, St Cuthbert's Church, Birkby, Huddersfield. Tel Sue Willington (Huddersfield 425387) or Fr Timothy Kaye (Huddersfield 424071).

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While I was there kneeling beside the star I was brushed aside by a Greek or Armenian priest as he waved a censer over the site of the manger and over the little altar then around the whole place before vanishing into the darkness at the far end of the cae where no doubt there was another entrance, probably the original one.

There are at least three different groups who have devoted their lives to looking after the site of the Nativity and have done so down the ages but sad to say they do not always agree with each other. As I made my way back to the church and daylight I met a priest who told me that although an American he had served with the British Army throughout World War One and had been with General Allenbys' forces when they relieved Palestine from Turkish rule. He was so impressed with what he saw that he stayed in Bethlehem and devoted his life to the care of the church and of the Christian community.

From the church of The Nativity I made my way east of the little town to the traditional site of the Field of the Shepherds. There is not much to see there but as I gazed over the ground I thought how privileged I had been to be able to visit Bethlehem. There are very many sceptics who say "How can you be sure that this is the place where Christ was born" or even some who may question the whole validity of the Christmas Gospel. I feel that it was real enough to the very early Christians some of whom may actually have seen the place or whose parents have seen the site of the Nativity. It was so real that the Roman Emperor Hadrian had it covered over with a temple to Adonis in an effort to wipe out all traces of Christian belief. It was real enough for Queen Helena and Justinian to have built a church over the site to protect it all those years ago, a church which has remained practically unchanged despite the fact that Palestine has been occupied through the centuries by many different nations, some of whom were not too friendly to the Christian faith.

I cannot help but feel that just as the Church of the Nativity has stood four square throughout the ages so shall our Church of today stand up to all the trials of this Century and the Centuries to come.

Alex G McKee

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THE MOTHERS' UNION

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|-------|----|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| March | 2  | 7 15 pm | Womens World Day of Prayer.<br>Service at All Saints' Church.<br>Speaker: Mrs Phyllis Frankland.<br>A warm welcome is extended to all who wish to attend. |
| "     | 7  | 9 15 am | Corporate Communion at All Saints' Church                                                                                                                 |
| "     | 14 | 7 30 pm | Fashion Show at Unity Hall Wakefield                                                                                                                      |
| "     | 16 | 2 00 pm | Deanery Committee Meeting at St Giles Parish Hall                                                                                                         |
| "     | 29 | 2 30 pm | Service and meeting at the home of Mrs Asquith, 70 Pontefract Road, Ackworth                                                                              |

Kitty Cooper

# OUR PAGE



## MOTHERING SUNDAY

MARCH 25th

ON THIS Sunday, many churches traditionally read about Jesus feeding the crowd of 5,000, so it used to be called 'Refreshment Sunday'. It became a time for family reunions and gatherings and then became Mothering Sunday. It is also close to one of the days when many Christians specially remember Jesus' own mother, Mary. 'Mother's Day', which in this country is on the same day as Mothering Sunday, is an American invention started in 1906.

### SIMON AND NELL'S CAKE

Children used to leave home at a very early age (10 years old sometimes!) to work as maids or apprentices and by the 17th century they were often given a holiday on Mothering Sunday so that they could visit their family. They took gifts of flowers or special cakes called Simnel Cakes.

There are many different stories about how the cake came to be called a Simnel Cake – one is that a brother and sister wanted to make a cake for their mother and argued about the way to cook it. One wanted to bake it, the other wanted to boil it (which was a common way to cook a cake then). In the end they made a baked and a boiled cake and stuck the two together so the cake was called Simnel from their names Simon and Nell. The less interesting but more likely reason for the name is that the cake was made with a fine flour called 'simila'. It is more common now to make a Simnel cake at Easter.



### MOTHER'S DAY CARD

Nice cards for Mother's Day can be rather expensive so why don't you make your own? You don't have to be an artist to make a lacy card. You will need some coloured card, glue and a paper lace doily.

Cut a piece of card twice as big as the card you want and fold it in half. Cut your decoration from the doily – some have lovely patterns of hearts, flowers and leaves. Put a very small amount of glue on the 'lace' and press it onto the card. Finish it off by writing a nice message inside.

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### BAPTISMS

"We welcome you into the Lord's family"

January 28 Richard Andrew, Hornshaw, 9 Chiltern Drive  
" 28 Gemma Nicole Stanley, 20 Barnsley Road  
" 28 Victoria Louise Robinson, West View



### FUNERALS

"In sure hope of the Resurrection"

January 12 Mary Yates, 4 Rhyddings Avenue, 82 years  
" 23 Ada Dixon, Southmoor Hospital, 99 years  
" 30 John Edward Cleland, 1 Railway Cottages, 76 years



## THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The Pontefract committee of the Children's Society are having an auction on 27 April in St Giles Parish Room, and they are appealing for donations of suitable items - bric a brac, toys, household goods (including small items of furniture) jewellery etc. Anyone who wishes to donate should contact Jackie Dawson on 610800.

## CHRISTMAS FAMILY QUIZ

The Christmas Family Quiz raised £28 for church funds. Two prizes had been generously donated and were won by Mrs Joan Smith of Pontefract Road and the Richardson family of Woodleigh Crescent. Many thanks to all who participated.

F Walters

## PCC NOTES, 5 FEBRUARY

- 1 Mr G Cooper had been presented with a gift to mark his retirement as a Reader on Christmas morning, at All Saints' Church.
- 2 The Mission Room has been sold subject to contract.
- 3 There was a very lengthy discussion about the proposed reordering of the two churches. Points raised at the Parish Meeting on Monday 29 January were fully discussed. In the end it was decided that the PCC wish to proceed with the plans as originally proposed.
- 4 Woods of Huddersfield, organ builders, have given advice on the possible rebuilding of the present organ in another part of the church.
- 5 It was agreed to hold a second Parish Meeting on Sunday 4 March immediately following the Parish Communion for all members of the Church Electoral Roll, and the worshipping congregation. At this meeting the Rector will explain more fully the practical and theological reasons for wishing to reorder the chancel at St Cuthbert's Church.

# MARCH



- 2 Fri 7 15 am Holy Communion (SC)  
 7 15 pm Women's World Day of Prayer  
 Service at All Saints' Church

## 4 LENT 1

Readings: Heb.4:12-end (Mrs M Moorhouse);  
 Luke 4:1-13. ASB 503

- 5 Mon 7 30 pm PCC, Howard School  
 6 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)  
 7 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)  
 9 Fri 7 15 am Holy Communion (SC)

## 11 LENT 2

Readings: 1 John 3:1-10 (Mrs M Ward); Matt. 12:22-32. ASB 508

## 13 Tues ST JOSEPH OF NAZARETH

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

14 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

16 Fri 7 15 am Holy Communion (SC)

## 18 LENT 3

Readings: 1Pet.2:19-end (Mr D Cook); Matt. 16:13-end. ASB 512

## 20 Tues ST JOSEPH OF NAZARETH

9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)

21 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

Parish Women's Group - Theatre Visit

## 23 Fri THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

7 15 am Holy Communion (SC)

24 Sat 7 30 pm Ackworth Concert Society, Ackworth School  
 Concert of Choral Music

## 25 LENT 4 MOTHERING SUNDAY

Readings: 2Pet. 1:16-19; (Mrs D White); Matt. 17:1-13. ASB 517

27 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)

28 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

30 Fri 7 15 am Holy Communion (SC)

# APRIL

## 1 LENT 5 PASSION SUNDAY

Readings: Heb.9:11-14 (Mrs J Waites); Mark 10.32-45. ASB 521

### FLOWER ROTAS

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

### BRASS CLEANING ROTA

March 4 Mrs Morley

March 18, 25 Mrs Hogg and Mr Sumnal

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