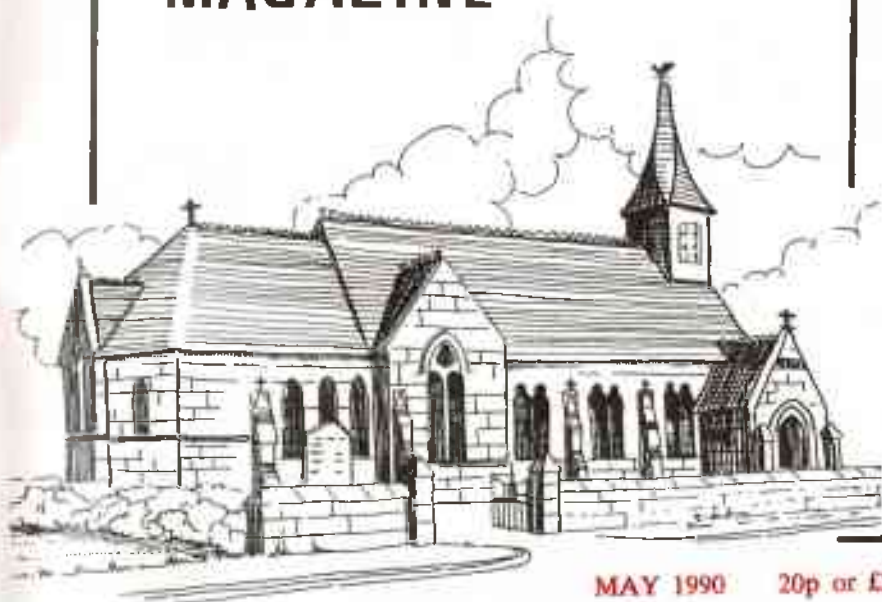
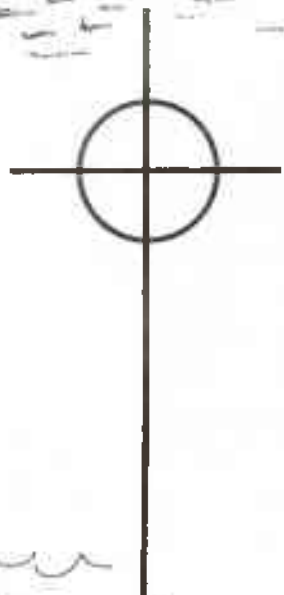




ACKWORTH PARISH MAGAZINE



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

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beforehand to arrange an appointment.

RECTOR'S NOTES

CHANGES ON THE CHURCH COUNCIL

Mr Will Jarrett retired from the church council at the Annual Church Meeting held on Sunday 8 April. Mr Jarrett has been a member of the Church Council for 19 years. For the last 16 years he has been a member of the Deanery Synod, and of course he spent 16 years as Churchwarden. Mr Jarrett has been a very faithful and active member of the council, and I would like to express our thanks to him for all the hard work he has put in over the years.

Mrs Alison Harris was not re-elected at the Annual Meeting. Alison has been Secretary of the PCC for many years and has served the church well in that time. I would also like to thank Alison for all she has done in the past. Mrs Margaret Ward takes over from Alison Harris as PCC Secretary. Margaret has served on two Deanery Synods for at least 15 years and so is widely experienced in church matters.

A BEQUEST TO THE CHURCH

In her will Mrs Olive Markey left two small bequests to the parish. The first was a gift of £200 to the organ fund of St Cuthbert's Church, and the second was a gift of £100 to the organ fund of All Saints' Church. In practice the parish does not have organ funds and so the money has been deposited in the respective church restoration accounts, to be used for the organs.

If any member of the parish wishes to leave money to the church in their will it is important that they should first check with the Rector or the Churchwardens that the bequest is phrased in such a way that the church can make proper use of the money. There are many cases where churches have received bequests which have been so worded as to make money difficult to use. For example one church received a bequest for the maintenance of some wrought iron gates which in fact only needed painting very infrequently. In this case the money was rarely used.

JOE DAWSON

Many in Ackworth were shocked by the sudden death of Joe Dawson on Sunday 1 April. Joe was well known in Ackworth. He was a committed churchgoer, whose life was under pinned by a strong, active, Christian faith. Until last year he had served on the church council, and he was our electoral roll officer. He had also helped with youth work in the parish. Joe was the kind of person who was always willing to give a helping hand. He was a man with time for others, especially children and young people. Joe was a tireless worker for the community of Ackworth. He was a governor of the Middle School and also of Bell Lane School and helped the school in many ways, eg organising the cycling proficiency scheme and being involved in social and fundraising activities. He had been involved in the political life of Ackworth. Whatever Joe did he did with commitment and enthusiasm, and he did it with ability and with an unconscious humility. Our prayers and sympathy go to his wife Jackie, and to his children, Steven and Graeme.

P. Moulhove

OUR CHARGE TO CARE FOR THE WORLD COMMUNITY

Doubtless you have had your say in public or in private about the poll tax or community charge. Most of us are due to start paying it about now.

Much of the debate has been about justice. If the old rating system seemed fair, is its successor better or worse?

Squeeze

Justice is never an inappropriate theme for Christian Aid Week. Earlier this year in the Philippines, for example, I met families already below the poverty line facing enormous increases in their food bills. The reason was an economic squeeze imposed on their country by western governments so that the Philippines could pay off some of its foreign debts.

No justice

If you look into the issue of Third World debt - and it is complicated - you will know there is not much justice for the poor. "To those that have shall be given, and from those that have not..."

But the advocates of the community charge tell us that fairness is not the only goal they have in mind. They are out to foster in us a greater sense of responsibility for our local communities. They believe that if almost all of us, and not just the property owners, are paying the bills for local services, then we shall all take a greater interest in what we get for our money.

Christian Aid Week this year takes up that talk of responsibility and gives it a much wider reference. Of course we have local responsibilities, but as children of the one God we are members of one family with relatives in the Philippines, in the hill villages and city slums of India, in a war-ravaged country like Mozambique, in the threatened forests of the Amazon, in the dry wastelands of Eritrea.

Many of our relatives belong to the poorest communities in the world. We are responsible for them. We are charged by love to struggle with them for life.

Paying money, by filling up Christian Aid Week envelopes and encouraging others to do the same, may not necessarily increase our sense of responsibility for the poor of the earth, though it can certainly express it.

Tax collecting or collecting in Christian Aid Week may not be the most popular or easy thing to do. But on this occasion the 'tax' or community charge is entirely fair, and if we catch sight of Jesus, as Zacchaeus the tax collector did a long time ago, and help others to catch sight of him as well, we may even enjoy a widespread burst of fair-mindedness and generosity.



Food prices are rising in the Philippines.

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NEWS FROM

WAKEFIELD DIOCESE

MAY 1990

BISHOP DAVID WRITES

Archbishop of Canterbury

The announcement of the retirement of the Archbishop of Canterbury has provoked a considerable degree of interest and speculation as to who the most likely candidate to succeed him may be. Whatever their "guessing games" our business is to pray earnestly for the guidance of the Spirit on those who have the responsibility for selecting names, the Crown Appointments Commission.

The announcement of Archbishop Runcie's retirement prompted me in two particular remembrances. The first was his "presence" at the Lambeth Conference just two years ago — that ten yearly gathering of bishops from the worldwide Anglican Communion. In spite of many predictions of splits and breakings apart, we remain together, and I believe it is much to the Archbishop's own personal sensitivity and graciousness that this is so.

In the same year he visited the Diocese as part of our Centenary celebrations. He seemed very much at home in the ordinary parochial setting, where he was warmly welcomed. It was clear that his deeply rooted instincts as a parish priest remained at the heart of his ministry as Archbishop. His lively faith and deep trust in God enabled him to exercise and survive that ministry.

Anglican Communion

Although the Archbishop of Canterbury is basically a bishop in the Church of England, albeit Primate and Metropolitan, increasing demands have been made upon him in recent years as a focus of unity for the whole Anglican Communion. The present Archbishop has travelled widely in response to many invitations from our sister Churches, in order to hold together the bonds of communion between the 27 self-governing provinces, each inevitably with a mind of its own.

Here in Wakefield we have a link with the Diocese of Mara, in the Church of the Province of Tanzania. This has helped us appreciate that we are part of a worldwide network of Christian people who belong to each other and sharing ideas. I certainly experienced this at Lambeth, and

I believe numbers of us are beginning to do so as the link with Mara progresses and deepens.

The Local Church

Easter tide prompts me to reflect on the growing and spreading Church and on Christian witness "from Jerusalem, throughout Judea and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). There were clear distinguishing marks of the Christian community, signs that Jesus Christ in the Power of His Spirit was in their midst. We ourselves might use this post-Easter period to reflect more deeply on our own local Church life in the light of this. The New Testament gives us a number of clues of the "signs" of the Church's presence — it was:-

A Worshipping Church, where week by week, young and old gathered together to give thanks, to make Eucharist to God through Jesus Christ for His many gifts and blessings, and to pray for each other, for their neighbours and the world.

It was a Witnessing Church, a company of people who unhesitatingly shared their faith.

It was a Learning Church, where members longed to hear the teaching of the Apostles, and where clearly there were courses of instruction in the basics of the faith.

It was a Sharing Church, rooted and grounded in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, bonding together the most impossible mixture of people in love and care and service for each other.

It was a Grateful Church, giving thanks and praise to God both communally in worship and privately in prayer.

Here then is a very rudimentary and basic checklist for yourself and the life of your own parish church. Each of us can make a fresh start somewhere, if only by a deeper gratitude to God for the Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. May we, His Easter people, live His Risen Life and in so doing bring life and hope to others around us.

May the Joy and Peace of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Yours in Him.

+ *David Wakefield*

WHAT'S ON

May

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

1, 2 & 3 "The Trial of Faith" — Three Lectures by Bishop Kenneth Cragg, all 7.30 in Halifax Parish Church Hall. All welcome. Bishop Cragg will also address the Clergy Fraternal, 2nd May, St Augustine's Centre, 12 noon — 2 pm.

3 "Evangelistic Preaching" — an opportunity to hear Canon John Finney, The Cathedral, Stott Hill, Bradford. 12 noon — 2 pm. All welcome.

3 Kirklees Christian Mission AGM, New North Road Baptist Church, Huddersfield.

3-5 "Outside Edge" — presented in Marsden Parochial Hall, 7.30, £2.

5 Drama in Church — a workshop for all interested in presenting the Gospel, Crosland Moor (Huddersfield) Church Hall, 10-4. Write to: Mrs C. Philip, 7 Fixby Park Drive, Fixby, HUDDERSFIELD, Yorkshire. To be led by The Rev Roger Grainger.

5 Calderdale for Christ — Leaders' Meeting, 9-11.30 am. Tel Hx 354513.

8, 9, 11 & 12 "The Allsorts Showtime" — presented in St John's Stainercross Church Hall, 7 pm (12th, 2 pm only). Tel Barnsley 383882.

11-12 Annual Arts & Crafts Exhibition, St Mary's Church, Horbury Junction, Nr Wakefield. 11th, 2-9 & 12th, 10-7. All welcome.

11-13 Flower Festival — All Saints' Church, Darton:

11th Preview from 7 pm, inc Supper
12th Open 10-5, Concert 7.30
13th Open 12-5, Evensong 6.30 with Bishop David

12 A Day Conference "Contemplative Prayer in Ordinary Life" with Angela Ashman, Dewsbury Parish Church, 9.30-4.15, £3. Advance booking essential: Miss E Whiteley, 4 Tithebarn Street, Horbury, WAKEFIELD WF4 6LG, Yorkshire. Cheques payable to: Wakefield Diocesan Church Union.

12 Annual Craft Fair, St Mary's Parish Hall, Mirfield, 10-5.

13 May Devotions to Our Lady of Walsingham, St Anne-in-the-Grove, Southowram, Halifax, 3pm. Cell of OLV & St Chad, Halifax.

17 MU Coffee Day in Halifax Parish Church Hall

19 Anglican Renewal Ministries — Day of renewal, teaching and encouragement, Harrogate Conference Centre 10 am - 8 pm. Speakers include Bishop Richard. £5 — details: ARM, 6 Scriven Road, Knaresborough HG5 9EQ, Yorkshire.

19 The Servers' Guild — St Paulinus' Chapter, Solemn Eucharist at St Martin's Church, Womersley, 3 pm. All welcome.

19-20 St David's Church Holmbridge open to visitors (19th 10-8, 20th 12-8). Embroidery Exhibition, flowers, organ music and refreshments.

25 Ascension Praise Service — All Saints' Church, Dewsbury, 7.30. Guest speaker — The Rev Dr John Marsh.

27-29 Rhododendrons at Stainborough, in the grounds of The Northern College, Wentworth Castle, Stainborough. The best collections of rhododendrons in the North. Refreshments, stalls. £1 (conc 50p). For Silkstone and Stainborough Church. Tel Barnsley 790232.

31 A Prayer Day in the Treacy Hall, Wakefield Cathedral, sponsored by the Mothers' Union. Leader The Rev Jean Naylor. £1, bring packed lunch. Details from: Pat Dixon (0484) 682604. Once again, this is absolutely the correct date!!

June

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 — Halifax 372679 or Wakefield 374213.

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.

9 "The Power and the Glory" — Wakefield Diocesan Board of Social Responsibility Conference. An opportunity for Christians in management and trade unions to look at how their Faith and work fit together. Details from The Rev George Nairn-Briggs, Wakefield (0924) 371802. The venue will be decided later.

23 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.

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

BATLEY

Parish Profile — No.2

Batley developed as a busy manufacturing town in the 18th and 19th centuries — many factories and mills were opened, mainly involved in the production of shoddy. What was once an agricultural, rural valley became an industrial area with an expanding population. The ancient parish of Batley, All Saints was a large geographical area and as the town grew, new parishes were created from it. The Church of Saint Thomas the Apostle was built in the 1860's to serve the growing population who were moving out of the valley as new homes were built higher up.

Traffic & Industry

As you enter Batley from Dewsbury along the busy A652 which runs along the valley bottom, the parish of St Thomas is on the right, built on the hill overlooking Batley — above the noise of traffic. The Parish is mainly residential, although the boundaries include most of the shopping centre and an industrial estate.

Opposition

We also have the Mission Church of St Luke, Oaks Road, Soothill. This was once a part of Hanging Heaton Parish but the area and church was incorporated into St Thomas in the mid 1980's. Grange Road, which runs between Soothill and Hanging Heaton is developing as a large industrial estate and there are proposals to build a new road linking up with the A653 Dewsbury/Leeds road. There is much local opposition to this development because a large area of countryside will be lost.

St Thomas' Church

The main Sunday services at St Thomas is Parish Communion and Sunday School at 9.30, followed by Holy Communion and Sunday School at 11.15 at St Luke's. Regular visits are made to old folks homes taking services and Communion to them.

Eager Beaver Wanted!

St Thomas is home to the 20th Batley Scout Group and the 14th Batley Guides, Brownies and Rainbows. They all meet each week and all the leaders are members of the congregation. We are on the lookout for someone suitable to run a Beaver Colony — which will make a complete set! Our Youth Group meets on Sunday evenings with about 25 youngsters regularly attending. The Over-60's meet on Tuesday's, and on Thursday afternoons the Parent and Toddler Group meet. All these activities are open to

any who want to join. Both Churches have a Mothers' Union branch and they have recently begun helping with Baptism preparation by visiting homes before and after the ceremony.

Prayer Groups and Bible Study Groups meet weekly at various homes in the Parish and during Lent we have about 35 people regularly attending several groups — studying the book 'Falling into Grace'.

Much to be Done

The buildings at St Thomas are in need of a lot of work — including renovation of the Church Hall beginning with a new roof. It is important to have good premises for the Church and community to use. We have launched an Appeal with the aim of raising £20,000 to begin the work. People have come forward with many ideas — including collecting drinks cans (Blue Peter style).

St Luke's Church

St Luke's is a smaller but lively and welcoming congregation and regular social events take place there as well as services.

The life of the Church here is busy and varied — underlying all we do is a strengthening faith in God and his love for everyone. We try to discover this love in all we do in service to the community and in worship.

Lindsay Dew

MARKET PLACE

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

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

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

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

Ticket rolls — miscellaneous, various prices and colours. Free to any parish that wants them. Ring The Rev Derek Birch (Barnsley) 790232.

MUSICAL MATTERS

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

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

May Organ Recitals at Halifax Parish Church
5 Ian Brackenbury 7.15 pm
12 Philip C Tordoff 12 noon
19 John Schankin 7.15 pm
26 Richard Horner 12 noon

All recitals are free – collection taken.

Until 9 June: "Bells & Bellingring" – an exhibition at Cusworth Hall Museum informing and interesting **everyone** in the Art & Science of Ringing Church Bells & Bellingring. Demonstrations of handbell ringing will take place on certain weekends – well worth a visit! Organised by the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers.

May

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

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

6 **The Sorrel String Quartet** – Hoylandswaine Parish Church, 7.45, £3 (conc £2). Mozart, Mendelssohn & Ireland.

11 **Sharlston Male Voice Choir** at St Paul's Church, Walton, Wakefield. Admission free – retiring collection for The Bishop's Centenary Fund. Tel Wakefield 250695 for further details.

12 **Organ Recital** by John Askew in St Jude's Church Halifax.

19 **Organ Day** at Wakefield Cathedral, talks – demonstrations – recital and Evensong. With Dr George Guest, Catherine Evans, David Briggs and David Wood. All welcome.

PEOPLE & PLACES

The Rev Alan Buckley, Vicar of Christ Church Moldgreen, Huddersfield, is to be Vicar of St Andrew's, Hadfield (Derby Diocese).

The Rev Geoffrey Clay, A/c of Birstall is to be Vicar of St George's Lupset, Wakefield. **The Rev Jane Clay** will be licensed to minister in the parish.

Mr John Colbuk, Reader at St James' Heckmondwike has been presented with *The Archbishop's Diploma for Readers* by The Rev Margaret Bradnum, Warden of Readers.

The Rev John Hudson, Vicar of Royston is also to be P-in-C of Carlton.

The Rev Nicholas Stuart-Lee, Team-Vicar – Dewsbury Moor, is to be Rector of Rowlands Castle (Portsmouth Diocese).

A new parish of Denby Dale has been created with Holy Trinity as its Parish Church. The Benefice of Cumberworth has thus become the Benefice of Cumberworth with Denby Dale. **The Rev Robert Shaw** is the Rector and also Priest-in-Charge of Denby Parish.

Additional parishes in the new Upper Holme Valley Team (see March See-Link) are, **Hepworth, New Mill and Thurstonland** which are already in the Kirkburton Deanery.

INSTITUTIONS

3 May **Meltham** 7.30 +RP
6 May **Cragg Vale** (Licensing)

Archdeacon David

12 May **Middlestown-w-Netherton** 3.00 +DW
30 May **Hemsworth** 7.30 +DW

RETREATS—CONFERENCES

Scargill House, tel: (075676) 234 or 315

18-22 June *Mid-Summer Holiday* £93

25-29 20's & 30's (with *Adrian Plass*) £96

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

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

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FROM THE REGISTERS



BAPTISMS

- "We welcome you into the Lord's family"
- 25 March Ruth Margaret Jones, 55 Station Road
25 March Wayne Hamilton Owen, 64 Doncaster Road Estate
25 March Michael Edward Owen Scott, 21A Went Hill Close
25 March Anna Mary Scott, 21A Went Hill Close
25 March Ruth Isabel Scott, 21A Went Hill Close

WEDDINGS

- "Those whom God has joined together"
- 31 March David Bryn Hughes and Alison Joanne Wright

FUNERALS

- "In sure hope of the Resurrection"
- 15 March Walter John French Allen, 2 Went Hill Close, 75 years
16 March Florence Jane Garden, 1 Meadow Way 93 years
5 April Joseph Gilfillen Dawson, 60 Holly Bank, 40 years
6 April Samuel Hazelgrave, 51 Chapel Garth, 97 years



THE MOTHERS' UNION

- 2 May 9 15 am Corporate Communion at All Saints' Church
21 May 2 30 pm Deanery Meeting at the Vicarage, Darrington
31 May 2 30 pm Service and meeting at All Saints' Church
10 00 am to 3 30 pm Diocesan Prayer Day at
Treacy Hall, Wakefield. The Leader will be
the Revd Jean Naylor.

Kitty Cooper



"As you can see, the decision to change the hymn book was not an easy one..."

THE HAND BELLS OF ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH



HAND BELL TEAM 1916

Left to right:- Charles Edward Lamprey, Monica (Clark), Gladys (Dickinson) Pickering, Hilda (Royston) Williams, Dorothy (Lamprey) Common, Winifred (Lamprey) Vaux.

St Cuthbert's Hand Bell Team want to ring the changes - if only they can raise the money to do so.

The 9 strong team have set a target of £2,000, the amount needed to send the bells to London for a complete overhaul and repair at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, one of only two left in the country where bells are still cast.

A barn dance and supper in East Hardwick Village Hall held on the 13th January raised around £240 towards the target, and a sale of china is being arranged: this too will be held at East Hardwick.

The earliest anyone knows of the bells is that they were owned by James Lamprey, a nurseryman, who lived in the village at least from 1875. His grand-daughter Mrs Dorothy Common, the oldest surviving member of the Lamprey family in Ackworth, says that the bells passed on to his son, Charles Edward, who was born at Ladywell Cottage, High Ackworth, in 1875. Father and son were both keenly interested in the hand bells, and were also tower ringers at St Cuthbert's.

Mrs Common, the daughter of Charles, was in the hand bell team as a girl, along with her sister Winifred, and they were led by her father. A relative in London arranged popular tunes of the time for the bell ringers - "We had a great deal of fun with them", says Mrs Common, now in her 80s. She remembers that enthusiasm for the bells waned and they were unused for many years, before being presented by her father to Mr Armstrong, the Rector of St Cuthbert's in 1954 to keep for the church.

In the early 1970s the bells were discovered in the bell tower of the church and were used by a hand bell team about that time after having been sent to Heanor in Derbyshire for restoration at a cost of some £300. The team performed in the village, and for charity functions, but were disbanded after a few years.

In the autumn of 1987 a few enthusiasts approached the present Rector, Mr Moorhouse, and were given permission to use the bells. The present Hand Bell Team was formed, and they now practise each Wednesday at 8.00 pm at St Cuthbert's Church. With regular use over the last two years the bells now need further repair, but due to inflation overtaking everything the estimate for this work is now £2,000.

Our last fund raising effort was a China Sale in March which raised £88. Many thanks to all who supported us.

CHURCH ELECTIONS



At the Annual Church Meeting held at St Cuthbert's Church, Sunday 8 April, the following were elected:

Churchwardens: Mr W A Branston Mr F Davies

Deanery Synod: Mr M James, Mr M Ward, Mr F Walters

Parochial Church Council: Dr D Belk, Mrs J Firth, Mr J Gardham, Mrs M Gardham, Mr D Jones, Mrs J McDougall, Mr S McDougall, Miss A Pritchard, Mrs J Reast, Mrs S Tanswell, Mrs L Ward, Mr G Waring.

PCC NOTES



1 The following officers were elected:
Vice-chairman - Mr F Davies; Secretary - Mrs M Ward; Treasurer - Mrs J Firth; Electoral Roll Officer - Mr R Steer.

- 2 Members were appointed to the Fabric and Social Sub Committees.
- 3 Mrs P Asquith and Dr D Belk were appointed as representatives to the Ackworth Fellowship of Churches.
- 4 It was agreed to apply for an Archdeacon's Certificate for the repair of stonework at St Cuthbert's Church.
- 5 The detailed plans for reordering St Cuthbert's Church were discussed.
- 6 Estimates for repairs and improvements to the Rectory were approved.

A 'THANK YOU' MESSAGE

Mrs Jackie Dawson wishes to thank everyone who sent cards and messages of sympathy on the death of her husband Joe Dawson. She also wishes to thank everyone who so generously donated gifts in lieu of flowers to the Church of England Children's Society. At the time of writing the total amount donated is over £400, plus some donations of an unknown amount sent directly.

May



- 1 Tues ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES, APOSTLES
 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)
- 2 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)
- 6 EASTER 3
 Readings: Co1.3.1-11; (Mr D Cook),
 John 11.17-27 ASB 616
- 8 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)
 2 00 pm Service For Mothers and
 Toddlers (AS)
- 9 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)
- 13 EASTER 4 CHRISTIAN AID WEEK
 Readings: 2 Cor.4.13-5.5; (Mrs D White) John 14.1-11 ASB 620
 7 00 pm Ackworth Fellowship of Churches United Service
 Ackworth School
- 15 Tues ST MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE
 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)
- 16 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)
 7 45 pm Parish Women's Group, the Rectory
- 20 EASTER 5
 Readings: Rom. 8.28-end;(Mrs J Waites); John 16.12-24 ASB 625
- 22 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)
 2 00 pm Service for Mothers and Toddlers (AS)
- 23 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)
- 24 Thurs ASCENSION DAY
 7 45 pm Parish Communion (SC)
- 27 SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY
 Readings: Eph. 4.1-13; (Mr R Firth); Luke 24.45-end ASB 633
- 29 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)
- 30 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

June

2 PENTECOST

Readings: Acts 2.1-21; (Mr S McDougall); John 20:19-23 ASB 637

***** FLOWER ROTAS

St Cuthbert's Church

May 6 Mrs Bateman
 " 13 Mr Lamprey
 " 20
 " 27 Mrs A King



All Saints' Church

May 6 E M Smith & M Walker
 " 13 Mrs Turton
 " 20 Vacant
 " 27 Mrs Upright

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Mrs Asquith and Mrs Lancaster

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