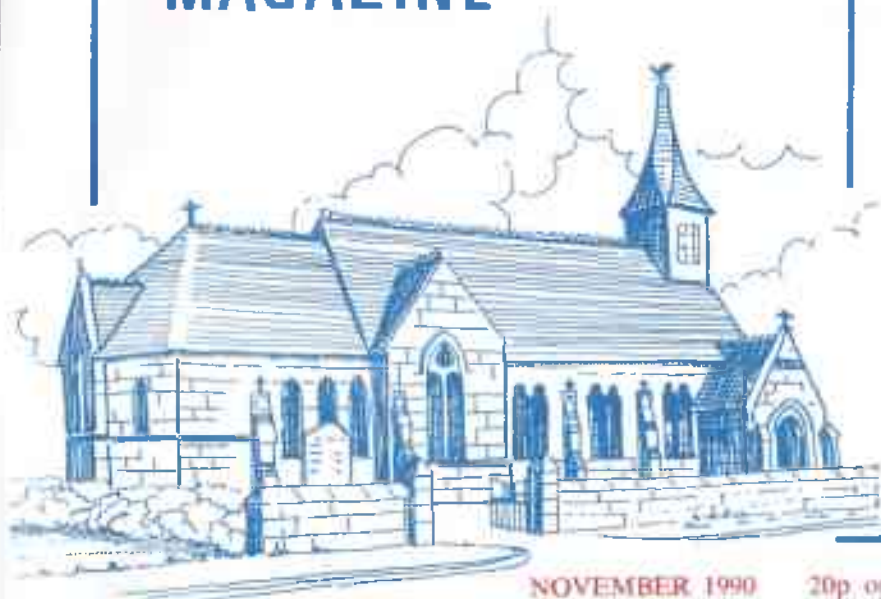
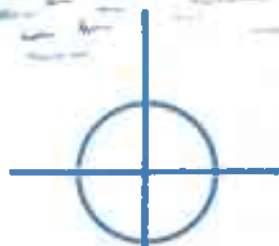


*Rev. & Mrs. Utting*



# ACKWORTH PARISH MAGAZINE



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

WHO'S WHO, WHAT'S WHAT?

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Sunday Services:

St Cuthbert's 10 15 am The Parish Communion  
All Saints' 8 30 am Holy Communion (2nd Sunday 1662 Prayer Book)  
6 30 pm Evensong (2nd Sunday Holy Communion)

Mid Week Services:

Tuesday 9 15 am Holy Communion St Cuthbert's Church  
Wednesday: 9 15 am Holy Communion All Saints' Church  
Holy Days: As announced in church and the calendar

Guide and Brownie Parade  
and Family Communion:

2nd Sunday in the month

Service for Mothers  
and Toddlers:

2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the month (except August)  
2 pm at All Saints' Church

Baptisms:

Normally take place at the 10 15 am Parish Communion on the  
last Sunday in the month

Ministry to the Sick:

Please inform the Rector of anyone who is in hospital or  
very ill at home.

Enquiries about Baptisms.

Marriages and Banns:

The Rector is normally available every Tuesday evening  
between 7 20 and 8 pm at the Rectory. Please telephone  
beforehand to arrange an appointment.

## RECTOR'S NOTES

### ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

The Parochial Church Council has decided to undertake a series of major improvements to St Cuthbert's Church. The plan involves replacing the existing organ with an electronic one, the new organ to be sited at the west end of the church in the tower. The present vestry/organ chamber will be screened from the rest of the church to create a separate room, in which there will be a toilet. This new room will in effect be a large vestry, in which other activities will take place eg a Sunday School, committee meetings, informal services etc. The room will have improved storage facilities for Communion linen and altar requisites, vestments, cleaning equipment, flower vases etc. It will have a sink and simple kitchen facilities. The chancel floor will be repaired, and we hope to install improved lighting in the church. The Bradley Memorial, which is perhaps the finest monument in the church, and is at present behind the organ, will be restored and resited. These developments will tidy up the church, give us greater flexibility, and provide the opportunity to start work with children and young people.

### THE DECADE OF EVANGELISM

The Bishops of the Anglican Church throughout the world have called for a Decade of Evangelism, "to make Christ known to the people of the world". The Pope has also called for "a decade of evangelisation", and there is increasing support from many other churches. The Decade of Evangelism will start on Epiphany Sunday, 6th January 1991. In this diocese there will be a Commissioning Service for parish representatives at the Cathedral on that day. In order to help us think about what this means for us in Ackworth I have invited Ken Sawyer, the Bishop's Adviser on Evangelism, to preach at St Cuthbert's Church at 10.15 am on Sunday 4 November. I hope that as many churchgoers as possible will make an effort to hear what Ken has to say.

### BISHOP OF WAKEFIELD'S VISIT TO ACKWORTH

The Rt Revd David Hope, Bishop of Wakefield, is to make a pastoral visit to the parish on Wednesday 5 December. During the course of his visit he will call at the Howard School and meet with parishioners, including the churchwardens and the PCC.

### JONATHAN COOK

On behalf of the parish I wish to congratulate Jonathan Cook, until recently our organist, on being elected to an organ scholarship at Oriel College, Oxford. This is a tremendous achievement and we are all delighted at his success. We extend to him our very best wishes for the future, and hope that this will be the start of an outstanding musical career. Jonathan will begin his studies at Oxford in October 1991.

### EDWIN NICHOLLS

Edwin Nicholls who was a regular worshipper at All Saints' Church died recently after a short illness. Edwin was a quiet unassuming man who demonstrated a natural humility in his life and in his dealings with other people. He had been a magazine distributor, a sidesman, and a faithful member of the church. He was a committed Christian who prayed and read his Bible every day. We extend to his wife Dorothy, and daughter Lynda, our prayers and sympathies at their sad loss.

Peter Moorhouse

## PCC NOTES, 1 OCTOBER

- 1 The treasurer reported on the church accounts. A bequest of £1000 has been left to the parish by Mr J M Howe, formerly of Ackworth. Mr J Gardham gave a report on covenant income. A claim for £2769 had been submitted to the Inland Revenue.
- 2 The PCC agreed to proceed with a plan for major improvements to St Cuthbert's Church, including; repairing the chancel floor; replacing the existing organ with an electronic one, to be positioned under the tower; creating a room in the north east corner of the church, to include a toilet; installing a new lighting system.
- 3 It was agreed to purchase 70 Alternative Service Books for use at St Cuthbert's Church with money from the Howe legacy.
- 4 A discussion took place on lay administration of the chalice. It was agreed to apply to the bishop for permission for this to take place, and to submit some names for approval.

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### BAPTISMS

"We welcome you into the Lord's family"

30 September  
30 "

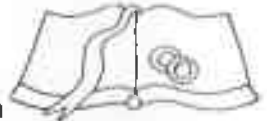
Samantha Cleland, 7 Holly Bank  
Rachel Dawn Crookes, 6 Charlestown

### WEDDINGS

"Those whom God has joined together"

15 September  
22  
13 October

Neil Fox and Amanda Jane Barker  
Ricky Clarke Harvey and Amanda Hepworth  
John Philip Hardy and Fiona Louise Campbell Gardner



### FUNERALS

"In sure hope of the Resurrection"

14 September  
25  
28 "

Mary Ann Greenfield, 1 Newstead Crescent, 83 years  
Arnold Jodrell, 139 Wakefield Road, Fitzwilliam, 76 years  
Horace Godfrey, 40 Chapel Garth, 78 years

## **FAMILY**

A family is a PLACE  
to cry  
and laugh  
and vent frustrations  
to ask for help  
and tease  
and yell  
to be touched and hugged  
and smiled at.



A family is PEOPLE  
who care when you are sad  
who love you no matter what  
who share your triumphs  
who don't expect you to be perfect  
just growing with honesty in  
your own direction.

A family is a CIRCLE  
where we learn to like ourselves  
where we learn to make good  
decisions  
where we learn to think before  
we do  
where we learn integrity and  
table manners and respect for  
other people  
where we are special  
where we share ideas  
where we listen and are listened to  
where we learn the rules of life  
to prepare ourselves for the world.

The world is a PLACE  
where anything can happen.  
If we grow up in a loving family  
we are ready for the world.

# SEE-LINK

News from Wakefield Diocese  
November 1990- Double issue



## ARCHDEACON DAVID WRITES

### One year on . . .

At the time of writing this article, Bishop David is in Madagascar on behalf of the Eames Commission sharing with the Province of The Indian Ocean on the issues concerning the Ordination of Women. Therefore he has asked me to write this letter for See-Link as I reflect on my first year in the Diocese of Wakefield.

Certainly it is good to be here. Such words reflect the words of St Peter on the Mount of the Transfiguration. He said that it was good to be there; it was a mind-blowing experience seeing the Lord transformed in glory in the presence of Elijah and Moses. But this side of eternity we only get glimpses from time to time of that glory. Thank God we do, but we are not permitted to stay with them for long. Like Peter and the others, we must come to grips with the reality of the hardships and difficulty of the valley. For Jesus has said to His disciples, "in the world you will have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

There is, I find, a spirit of quiet confidence but not over-confidence (!) in the Diocese. There are very good things going on - many of them in small and quiet ways, a few of them in quite dramatic ways, as well as there being a right spread of problems!! The best definition of an individual Christian truly following Christ, (and therefore also of a Church whether it be a parish or a diocese) is, "never out of blessing, never out of trouble." That of course is what Jesus assured us. There will

be problems but the rewards in working through these problems with Him are boundless.

There is a realism and confidence in all this which is reflected in the central events of our faith: Good Friday and Easter. It is NOT easy being a Christian today. But, then, Jesus never said it would be. We feel a very small minority (and we all too easily think that in former years it was very different - actually it often wasn't!) and for some it is costly to stand for Christ and not "let the world squeeze us into its own mould." (*Romans 12:2*) Teenage Christians sometimes find it can be very costly - for ridicule is all too often their experience. We need to pray for each other, and thus encourage one another.

Yet despite all this, there is a confidence. God reigns, and, from time to time, we see this worked out in our experience as individuals and as fellowships. We are surprised, amazed, and stand "lost in wonder, love and praise" and discover again that He really is "with us always, even unto the end of the age!"

To this end I have always found the words of St Paul (in Acts 20) helpful and they were given to me as I faced this new work: "I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified."

## PEOPLE AND PLACES

**The Rev Dennis Barraclough and daughter Veronica** would like to pass on their warmest thanks to all clergy colleagues, their wives and all the others who supported them during Christine's illness up to her death in August. Since then they have been equally grateful for the love and prayers that have upheld them at this time.

**Fr Harry Clough** has celebrated the 50th Anniversary of his Priesthood by presiding at Mass at St John the Baptist Cudworth (5 Oct). The Preacher was Bishop David.

**Mr Don Booker**, Churchwarden at Monk Bretton lives at: 8 Hall Place, Monk Bretton, Barnsley S71 2EX, Yorkshire. Tel (0226) 205338.

**Mr John G Butler** has resigned as Barnsley Deanery Lay Readers' Secretary. He has stepped down after holding office for some 28 years. As well as the difficult task of always finding Readers at the request of clergy, he called the Readers in Fellowship to Deanery Meetings several times each year. John is continuing as Reader at Cawthorne Parish Church, and receives the grateful thanks of all he has assisted over the years.

**Mr Malcolm E Reed** is the new Barnsley Deanery Secretary. Clough Cottage, Cathill, Penistone S30 7JB, Yorkshire. Tel Barnsley 767328.

## THE BISHOP'S CENTENARY FUND

*From the Fund Director, Stan Evans:*  
My sincerest thanks for all the prayerful and financial support for my sponsored walk to Lambeth. After the 230 miles my feet managed to stand up very well – perhaps a little weary! But it was a great experience which gave me the opportunity to tell many people about the good news that the Church Urban Fund (*the national name for the BCF*) has meant to many areas of our Diocese of Wakefield. The Archbishop of Canterbury was duly presented with £15,000 – and that now means we have passed the half-way mark towards our £300,000 Diocesan contribution to the Church Urban Fund. So a big thankyou to every-one who has worked so hard, and for the wonderful offering at the Great Thanksgiving Service at Halifax Parish Church; some £9,000!

Yours sincerely,



### Dates for your diary:

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

**Dec 18 & 19** The pantomime "Robin Hood and Babes in the Wood" – immediate booking advisable. *Box Office: Wakefield* (0924) 366556.

Cynthia Fox's book "Lord have I story to tell you" is now on sale, with the proceeds for the BCF. Cynthia has written of further encounters with her Living Lord. The booklets cost £2 (minimum) and are available from: Cynthia Fox, 58 Maplin Avenue, Salendine Nook, Huddersfield HD3 3GP, Yorkshire.



# UNITED IN CALDERDALE

Liam Gallagher, our housing adviser, is funded by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation. His job is to explore ways in which the churches can use their resources to develop affordable housing and to produce a "Good Practice Guide" from the results of his research.

## Home Sweet Home

From 53,000 in 1978 to 126,000 in 1989! These figures are the number of households accepted by local authorities as homeless. They do not include the majority of single people or childless couples who are homeless because the local authority is not required to find them accommodation.

Many people on low income have enormous problems finding affordable rented accommodation and owning a home is totally out of reach.

## CEHA

Clergy in Calderdale, especially Canon Robert Gibson, The Rev John Bunker and The Rev Malcolm James alarmed at the local housing crisis, decided that immediate action was required. So, with the assistance of the Housing Adviser in the Diocesan Social Responsibility Department, the **Calderdale Ecumenical Housing Association (CEHA)** was formed.



## All Acting Together

It was agreed that CEHA would be ecumenical, so CEHA includes the Baptists, United Reformed Church, Methodists, Roman Catholics, Anglicans, Religious Society of Friends and professionals from both the Local Authority and Housing Association world.

The Revd Kathleen M Richardson (for the Methodists), Bishop David Konstant (for the Roman Catholics) and Bishop David are the Vice-Presidents of CEHA.

## Aims

CEHA helps to provide affordable housing for those in need; to provide assistance to existing projects, to identify Church land and property of any denomination

suitable for housing; and, most importantly, to make use of the Churches' experience in human relations when dealing with vulnerable people.

## Pulling Together

CEHA facilitates and co-ordinates, linking up with the existing registered housing associations who will act as the developers and managers of the dwellings.

CEHA shows that the Churches, the Local Authority and Housing associations can and do work together for the benefit of the community they serve.



Members of the CEHA Team in Halifax Town Hall

As a result of Bishop David's support and encouragement for CEHA and other housing initiatives, the Diocese is demonstrating Christianity in action.

**Fast with OXFAM**

**- 2, 3 or 4 Nov**

All money raised in this area is going to fund the work of OXFAM in Mozambique. Oxfam's efforts are in close partnership with the Christian Church there - indeed much of its aid budget is spent through the Churches. Apartheid, brutal guerilla warfare and over 750,000 orphans are part of the problems. **Can anyone help?** Speakers, posters and information packs available. contact: **Joy Atherton, 10 Mornington Villas, Bradford BD8 7HB, Yorkshire. Tel Bfd (0274) 491858.**



**The Spire Appeal**

**- St Martin's Womersley**

Nov 24 Christmas Market, Womersley Village Hall, 2.00. Refreshments, All Welcome.

**St Jude's Halifax**

**- Centenary Celebrations**

Nov 13 Celebration, words & music  
Nov 18 Service of Thanksgiving, with Bishop David.

**November**

**3 Children's Society Craft Fair**

The Treacy Hall, Wakefield Cathedral  
Stalls £15. Tel Canon Cyril Dawson, (0924) 374349.

**4 Kirkburton Parish Church - 8th Centenary**

Patronal Festival Evensong, 6.30pm.  
Preacher:  
The Rev Canon Derek Landreth,  
Chaplain to H M The Queen.

**10 The Servers' Guild (GSS) - St Paulinus' Chapter.**

AGM at St Barnabas' Church, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield.  
11.30 Solemn Mass, Celebrant & Preacher, Bishop David.  
To be followed by lunch, AGM & Guild Office.

**11 Christ The King, Battyeford**

- "Flooded with Flowers."

**17 Christmas Fayre - St Mark's Longwood**

11-3.30. To be opened by Ashley Jackson. Usual stalls, games, Santa's Grotto, raffle, buffet and more.

**20 Cell of Our Lady of Walsingham and St Chad, Halifax**

Mass at St Thomas' Church, Claremount, 7.30. All welcome.



**21 Mirfield Support Group**

Fashion Show by *Creative Fashions* (sizes up to 16), and *Compliments* (sizes 18-30). 7.30 in St Mary's Church Hall, £1.50.  
Enquiries: Mirfield 497384.

**23 The Theology Society**

7.30 in St Mary's Parish Room, Honley.  
Speaker: Mr John Widdows on: Lady Julian of Norwich.  
Coffee, talk, discussion. All welcome.

(NB - Bishop David on 22 Mar 1991)



### Catholic Renewal

in the Northern Province  
Wakefield Diocesan Church Union

**Nov 17 Day Workshop** on Music,  
10-3, St John the Baptist, Cudworth.  
Tel: Fr D Glover, Barnsley 710279.

**Nov 24 Day Conference** (Me the  
Church and the Bible). Leader Fr  
David Lane CR. Details:

Fr O J Aisbitt, (0924) 273477

**Nov 25 Quiet Afternoon** for  
Servers, sacramental devotions, 2-4,  
also at Cudworth.

### St George's Church, Lupset, Wakefield

**Nov 17 Christmas Extravaganza**  
10-1, stalls, attractions, Father  
Christmas, refreshments.

**Dec 7 "Mother Goose"** 7.30, £2.50  
(conc £1.25). Tel Wakefield 366674.

**Dec 8 Christmas Carols & Mulled  
Wine**, 7.30, £1. All welcome.

### Nov 23-25 "Shockwaves '90, Glasnost for Young People in The Church of England"

The Young Adults' Forum, King's Park,  
Northampton. This 'first' for The Church of  
England is sponsored by The General  
Synod. Organised and for young people,  
not intended to be a "one-off" but a start  
of regular events to look at all sorts of  
contemporary issues.

Each diocese is to send 2 representatives.  
The participants and events are warmly  
commended to your prayers, with the  
hope that the new and vital impact young  
people are already having on the Church  
will continue.

Nov 24 Coffee Day - Treacy Hall, Wakefield  
Cathedral, 10-4.

Proceeds for St Luke's Hospital for the  
Clergy. Gifts welcome.

Tel (0924) 372667.

Organised by Wakefield Deanery Synod.

**Nov 24 Victorian Craft Working  
Faire** 10-4.30, St Mary's Church,

Luddenden (West of Halifax). Organised by the  
Halez Guild of Craftworkers.

Nov 24 Annual Autumn Fayre  
Christ Church Linthwaite.  
To be held in The School, and opened by  
Graham Riddick MP, 1.30 pm.  
Refreshments.

### Advent

Wakefield Cathedral Advent Sunday (2nd  
Dec), 4 pm, the traditional Procession of  
Advent Carols. This year, Bishop David  
will be joined by Bishop David Konstant,  
Bishop of Leeds. This is to give thanks for  
the recent ecumenical co-operation  
between the Cathedral and St Austin's  
Roman Catholic Church during the latter's  
refurbishment. Parishes in the Diocese  
are warmly invited to bring their people  
to this service (in which the congregation  
has a part). Anyone planning to bring a  
Parish Group should contact Canon  
David Baxter (0924) 361922.

### ADVENT PRAISE!

The 7th Dec, 7.30 pm

Wakefield Cathedral.

The theme is "Make way for Christmas"

Preacher: The Ven David Hallat,

Archdeacon of Halifax.

COME EARLY FOR A SEAT!

**EPIPHANY SUNDAY 1991  
A Major Diocesan Service,  
Wakefield Cathedral, 4 pm.  
See page 7 of this issue for  
more details!**

December 1st

Royston Church Bazaar,

2 pm in the School Hall, Vicarage Lane.

The unbelievably over-worked **Father Christmas**  
is putting in an appearance here too,  
so rumour has it!

February 9 - Soul & Body

a day for focussing on the interrelatedness of  
body, mind and spirit. To be led by **Jean Pullen**  
in the Parish of Holmbridge and Upperthong.  
Tel Holmfirth 682532 for provisional enquiries.

# MUSICAL MATTERS

## November

### 3 The Yorkshire Chamber Choir

Autumn Concert. Wakefield Cathedral, 7.30.  
Durufé, Messiaen & Fauré.

### 3 Mirfield Choral Society

Concert in Trinity Methodist Church Mirfield, 7.15, £2.  
Haydn, Weber & Vivaldi.

### 10 Organ Recital

Philip C Tordoff (Halifax PC)  
St John's Carlinghow, Batley.  
7.30, £1 (conc 50p).

### 10 Celebration of St Cecilia

The Hepton Singers and Friends.  
Directed by Roger Scaife in  
Heptonstall Parish Church.  
£2.50 at the door.

### 14-24 A new Musical "Bellas"

presented by Marsden PC AO&DS.  
The Parochial Hall, 7.15. Based on  
the life and times of The Rev  
Lancelot Bellas, Vicar of Marsden  
c1800. For bookings: Duncan's  
Hairdressers (0484) 843511.

### 17 The Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers - W Branch

Evening meeting, Oxenhope.

### 24 The White Rose Barber-shop Singers

in St Mary's Church Hall, Mirfield.  
£2.25 (inc supper).  
Details Mirfield 499191.

### 30 Simon Smith and Sophia Rahman

(violin & piano)  
Elland Parochial Hall, 7.30.

### Organ Recitals

Leeds Town Hall (1.05 pm)

Nov 6 **Simon Lindley & David Watkins** (harp)

Nov 20 **Thomas Trotter**  
Nov 27 **Darius Battiwalla**  
Admission free

## December

### 1 A Musical Evening

St John's School, Clifton, 7.30 pm.

### 1 An afternoon of Plainchant

Kirkburton. Huddersfield 425387.

### 1 Wakefield Festival Chorus

Wakefield Cathedral (Messiah)

### 1 Annual Advent Composite

Recital Halifax Parish Church, 7.15.

### 7 Christian Rock Concert

featuring *Triumph*, 8 pm  
Rastrick High School, Brighouse.  
Ring: (0484) 653951 daytime

### 12 Christmas Music

Castleford Parish Church,  
Castleford Choral Society, 7.30.

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

## NEW CHORISTERS REQUIRED

### for the Cathedral Choir.

Most choristers attend Queen Elizabeth Grammar School (f 1591). Parents pay only one-third fees in the Junior School. Bursaries are available in the Senior School. **Entrance Exam - 1st March**  
**Voice Trial - 16th March (for ages 7-10).**

We also welcome boys from other schools, who are paid quarterly and receive a lump sum when they leave the Choir. (Voice Trials - as above).

If interested, please come to the  
**Choir Open Evening, Sunday 27th January, 5.15 (after the 4 pm Evensong).**

Contact: The Master of The Music,  
The Cathedral, Wakefield WF1 1HG, Yorkshire.

### Choirmaster/mistress wanted

for Christ the King, Battyeford.  
Enthusiastic mixed choir,  
1 Sunday service. Hon £500 pa.  
Tel Mirfield 493277

### Organist wanted

for St Michael & St Helen's Church,  
Almondbury, Huddersfield to  
support small but committed  
congregation.  
Tel Huddersfield 545085.

### "Carols for Today"

8 copies (words & music),  
180 copies (words only) for sale.  
Tel Holmfirth 682532.



# Fan the flame

## The Decade of Evangelism

**LAUNCHING THE DECADE – Epiphany 1991**

*The Diocese of Wakefield is laying foundations for joining in the world-wide launch of the*

**“Decade of Evangelism.”**

*Under the guidance of our full-time Adviser in Evangelism, Mr Ken Sawyer, plans are being made both at Diocesan level and in the parishes. He writes . . . .*

**There is to be a major Diocesan Service at Wakefield Cathedral on Epiphany Sunday, 6th January 1991 at 4 pm.**

Each parish has been invited to send up to five representatives to join in the reaffirming of Our Lord's authority to His people, in His commission to **Go and make disciples and Be my witnesses.** The theme will be The sending of the 72. It is hoped that the representatives will return to their Churches

equipped with a vision of the Church as naturally evangelistic with ALL Christian people as WITNESSES.

**On Sunday 13 January** all parishes have been invited to focus at all services on renewing or making a commitment to serving God in this strategy of witness and evangelism. Bishop David's message will be on cassette tape, to be played at these services. Copies of Bishop David's Pastoral Message are being printed for everyone.

As witnesses we are called to be where we are now as and with Good News. We are to be launched in the sense of setting out from safe harbour into the world around us, refreshed with renewed vision, empowered with the Holy Spirit, and motivated to be witnesses.

**WANTED** – Regular pray-ers. Please use your Decade Prayer card (below-left) regularly (daily?) Further copies are available – please ask.





**Fan the flame**  
The Decade of Evangelism

**DIocese OF WAKEFIELD**  
**PRAYER FOR THE DECADE**

*Send me Father,*  
*Thy love given to me in*  
*Thy Son Jesus Christ,*  
*And poured out my Spirit upon me.*  
*Renew me by Thy Holy Spirit,*  
*And transform me into the image of Christ,*  
*That by the power of His love continue,*  
*Others may come to know Him as Saviour,*  
*And follow Him as Lord.*

*Amen.*



### RETREATS

**Scargill House, tel (075676) 234 or 315**

- Dec 3-7 Advent Retreat £84
- Dec 22-28 Christmas Houseparty £150
- Dec 29-Jan 4 New Year Houseparty £137

## EDITORIAL

### He's doing his best!!!

The monthly publication for the Parishes and Parish Magazines of this Diocese usually appears as a single sheet - (A4). Sometimes, I am forced into two such sheets, like this month, so this is a 'double-issue.' The recent change to white paper has brought *down* our production costs, which allows us these occasional double-issues at *VERY* little extra overall cost. Every month something "doesn't get in" because of the severe restriction on space, type-size etc etc. This is nothing personal, just shortage of space, so if you are "puzzled, distressed, upset or utterly livid" then I'm sorry, but what can I do?

### Oh no, not computerisation??

Yes, it has finally taken over in the Editor's stuffy, dusty little study!! You may have noticed some changes beginning this Summer, on the other hand you might not have! See-Link is now totally "desk-top-published" which really

means ALL done on a computer, sent down a phone-line and printed initially in Church House. This again is another move that saves money, and lots of it and I don't have to drive to Huddersfield twice, or Wakefield (a long way from here!) each month. Sadly though, this has meant parting company with our faithful typesetter of 10 years standing, **Mrs Lesley Lambourne** of Milnsbridge. I am pleased to have this overdue opportunity to publicly thank Lesley for the many See-Links she beautifully set out over the years; unflappably coping with all the different Editors!

May I end with my usual pleas - we don't charge to put something in, (WHEN we put something in!), if anything is wrong with your order, **please ring ME and please do it STRAIGHT AWAY.** I'm ready and waiting to leap into action. Finally, if you do have anything to say about this august journal - please let me know, writing is best. Ed

## MARKET PLACE

### CARDS FOR GOOD CAUSES

Many charities benefit from the sale of cards being sold on a guest charity basis.

The following are open:

**Hebden Bridge**, Tourist Information Centre  
**Huddersfield Parish Church Crypt**  
**Wakefield** - Alliance & Leicester B Soc, Kirkgate,  
**Leeds** - St John's Mark Lane.  
Organiser, Mrs Jane Sykes, Halifax 822279.

**Retired???** If you have retired during the last five years, and would be willing to talk about it, please contact: The Rev Roger Grainger, Stanley Royd Hospital, Wakefield WF1 4DQ, Yorkshire.

**Source material required**, concerning St Peter & St John's Barnsley. If anyone has ANY (primary or secondary) material, Dr Alan Smith (the organist & archivist) would love to hear from you.

Please write: 8 Long Causeway, Monk Bretton, Barnsley S71 2HJ, Yorkshire.

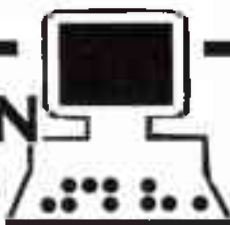
**"Counting the Cost,"** three cassettes of six talks by the Bishop of Blackburn. £12 per set (inc p&p) from: The Rev Michael Higgins, The Rectory, Ribblesdale Place, Preston, Lancashire. "What Peter got up to with Malchus and his ears is not a matter that affects our eternal destiny." The talks are a vivid summary of the cost of discipleship.

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# GETTING KEYED IN TO COMPUTERS



SOME 2,000 CHURCHES in this country have access to a computer, according to the best estimates. Spreadsheets for finances, membership and 'contact' records, mailing lists, word processing — these are just some of the tasks ministers and church office-holders are discovering a computer can handle better than all those scrappy bits of paper, charts, files, etc. scattered among a number of homes and offices.

Tyneside minister, Stoker Wilson, already has his computer doing 21 different tasks more effectively than he could have done them by hand. Among other things, it keeps accounts and names and addresses; it means he can update pastoral teaching materials, committee agendas, Sunday service sheets. He has a 'keyword' program to find the right hymn for each sermon. Parish records can be searched so that nobody gets left out of events geared to their particular situation or age.

This isn't technology for its own sake. Pastoral care can be made *more* individual, if it is simple to personalise letters, or to remember to visit people to some sort of schedule. Stoker Wilson from Tyneside says it 'allows me more time to deal with people.'

**For more information about church use of computers read *A Computer for your Church* by Malcolm Dunlop, published by SPCK at £3.95.**

*THE MICRO FIELD is a huge one, with a number of landmines. But one person who hopes to sweep away some of those is the Rev Nigel Hardcastle, who is running the new Church Computer Project of the British Council of Churches.*

*Nigel founded the Church Computer Users Group 112 Rotherfield Rd Garretts Green, B'ham B26 2SH.*

**COMPUTERS ARE GOOD NEWS, too, for men and women who speak one of the 5,000 or so languages which still do not have a Bible. Over the last few years, briefcase size micros have been appearing in all sorts of 'out-back' locations. They do not even need a power supply as they can work off batteries.**

Bible translators are finding they can key in a draft, revise it as often as they like, change (for instance) their choice of a word throughout the typescript at the touch of a button.

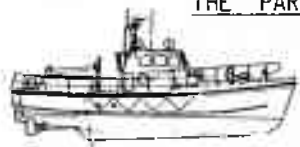
Anyone who has prayed for years for a missionary friend who is 'just typing another draft, hopefully the last' will appreciate the enormous change this all makes.

It means that errors can be progressively ironed out — and no new errors will creep in at later stages. And it means the translation can be consistent from Genesis to Revelation.

GILL WOODWARD

To mark the start of the Decade of Evangelism we publish the following story:

### THE PARABLE OF THE LIFE BOAT STATION



On a dangerous coast where shipwrecks often occur there was once a crude little life-saving station. The building was just a hut and there was only one boat, but a few devoted members kept a constant watch over the sea, and with no thought

for themselves they went out day or night tirelessly searching for the lost.

Many lives were saved by the wonderful little station so that it became famous. Some of those who were saved, and various others in the area, wanted to become associated with the station and give of their time and money and effort for the support of its work. New boats were bought and new crews were trained. The little life-saving station grew.

Some of the new members of the life-saving station were unhappy that the building was so crude and so poorly equipped. They felt that a more comfortable place should be provided as the first refuge of those saved from the sea. So they replaced the emergency cots and beds and put better furniture into an enlarged building.

Now the life-saving station became a popular gathering place for its members. They redecorated it exquisitely and furnished it beautifully because they used it as a sort of club.

Less of the members were now interested in going to sea on life-saving missions, so they hired life-boat crews to do this work. The life-saving motif still prevailed on the club decoration however, and there was a liturgical life-boat in the room where the club initiations were held.

About this time a large ship was wrecked off the coast and the hired crews brought in boat loads of cold, wet, half drowned people. They were dirty and sick and the beautiful new club was considerably messed up. So the property committee immediately had a shower-house built outside the club where the victims of shipwreck could be cleaned up before coming inside.

At the next meeting there was a split in the club membership. Most of the members wanted to stop the club's life-saving activities as being unpleasant and a hindrance to the normal social life of the club. Some members insisted upon life-saving as their primary purpose, and pointed out that they were still called a life-saving station. But they were finally voted down and told that if they wanted to save the lives of all the various kinds of people who were shipwrecked in those waters, they could begin their own life-saving station further down the coast.

They did.

As the years went by, the new station experienced the same changes that had occurred in the old. It evolved into a club, and yet another life-saving station was founded. History continued to repeat itself, and if you visit that coast today you will find a good number of clubs along that shore.

Shipwrecks are still frequent in those waters but most of the people drown.

(Paraphrase of a parable in an article by T. O. Wedel, "Evangelism - the Mission of the Church to Those Outside Her Life" in The Ecumenical Review).

- (a) What does this parable say to you about a primary purpose of the Church?
- (b) How can we get our priorities confused?
- (c) Anything else you find from the parable?



SOCIAL COMMITTEE

On Monday 12 November our Quiz Team will do battle against St Thomas' Church Hebden Bridge in the Parish Rooms, Bell Lane, commencing at 8 00 pm.

This is the first round of the Bishop's Centenary Fund Knock-out Quiz and we hope that you will come along to support our team, at the same time, help raise a little cash for the fund.

Refreshments will be available - Raffle. Entrance 50p.

Please make a note in your diaries for the afternoon of Saturday 8 December when we shall be holding our Dickensian Christmas Fayre at Howard School, Low Ackworth. More details will be given in next month's magazine.

Fred Walters

SERVICE FOR MOTHERS AND TODDLERS.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, WAKEFIELD ROAD

Every second and fourth Tuesday in  
the month at 2 pm.

Activities for toddlers - Refreshments



MOTHERS' UNION NOTICES

- 7 November      9 15 am Corporate Communion at All Saints' Church
- 29      "      2 30 pm Service and Meeting at the home of Mrs Forster  
26 Chiltern Drive. The Mothers' Union Video  
Film will be shown entitled "The Family Firm"

"Missions To Seamen"

Captain Clayton wishes to thank all who were present at the meeting in September for the warmth of the welcome he received, and the generosity and support which was given to his Society.

Kitty Cooper

# NOVEMBER



## 4 EIGHTH SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Readings: Gen. 4:1-10 (Mrs J Waites); 1 John 3:9-18 (Mr D Cook); Mark 7:14-23. ASB 403  
 Visiting Preacher: Mr Ken Sawyer, Bishop's Adviser on Evangelism.

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

## 11 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

8 30 am Holy Communion (AS)  
 10 00 am Parish Communion (SC)  
 Readings: Gen 12:1-9; (Mr S McDougall); Rom 4:13-end (Mr R Firth); John 8:51-end. ASB 408

- 11 00 am Remembrance Sunday Service (SC)
- 12 Mon 8 00 pm Centenary Fund Knock Out Quiz, the Parish Rooms, Bell Lane
- 13 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)  
2 00 pm Service for Mothers and Toddlers (AS)
- 14 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

## 18 SIXTH SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Readings: Exod. 3:7-15; (Mrs M Ward); Heb.3:1-16; (Mr D Cook); John 6:25-35 ASB 413

- 20 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)
- Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)  
7 45 pm Parish Women's Group, the Rectory

## 24 FIFTH SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Readings: 1 Kgs 19:9-18; (Mrs D Greiff); Rom. 11:13-24; (Mrs B Firth); Matt 24:37-44 ASB 418

- 27 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)  
2 00 pm Holy Communion (AS)
- 28 Wed ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE  
9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)
- 29 Thurs 2 30 pm Mothers' Union, 26 Chiltern Drive

# December

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

### FLOWER ROTAS

#### St Guthbert's Church

4	November	Mrs Jones
11	"	Mrs Sawyer
18	"	Mrs Ashton
25	"	

#### All Saints' Church

1	November	1 Pedestal Flower Fund
	"	1 Pedestal Mrs Hardy
	"	Mrs Walters
	"	Mrs Jackson
	"	Mrs Rhodes

### BRASS CLEANING ROTA

Mrs Meadley and Mrs Harwood

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