

ACKWORTH PARISH MAGAZINE

DECEMBER 1991



PARISH OF ACKWORTH ST CUTHBERT'S AND ALL SAINTS'

Rector: Revd Peter Moorhouse, The Rectory, High Ackworth 780880

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 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the month (except August),
and Toddlers: 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

WHO TO CONTACT IF

You want a lift to church:

Mrs Ann Tait, 5 King's Close, Ackworth 612613

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Miss Ada Pritchard, 4 Oddfellows Clubhouses 611086

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Mr John Gardham, Tenter Ings House, 83 Pontefract Road 794500

You want a magazine delivered:

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You wish to put flowers in church:

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Miss Ethel Smith, 'Solentia', Wakefield Road 611258 - All Saints' Church

You want to help clean the churches:

Mr Fred Davies, 40 Barnsley Road 610694 - St Cuthbert's Church

Miss Ethel Smith, 'Solentia', Wakefield Road 611258 - All Saints' Church

You want to get married, or have a baby baptised:

The Revd Peter Moorhouse, The Rectory, High Ackworth 780880

RECTOR'S NOTES

St Cuthbert's Church



Those attending church this Christmas will notice that St Cuthbert's will have a 'new look'. By the middle of December our building works at St Cuthbert's should be complete. What will be the difference? The most obvious difference will be that the church will be more brightly lit. Our new lighting system will also enhance the appearance of the building by highlighting architectural features such as the roof. But more importantly, we shall have a new large vestry which may be used for meetings and other activities on Sundays and during the week. The vestry will include a toilet, and simple kitchen facilities. We hope that this room will be used for work with children during the Parish Communion, our Junior Church. These changes will make our building more flexible for the life of the worshipping congregation. They will also provide better facilities for members of the wider community using the church on public occasions, for example at weddings and funerals. This is an exciting time in the life of the parish, and we hope it will mark the start of a new phase in our worship and mission. We hope that these improvements will provide a renewed parish church, of which the people of Ackworth may be justifiably proud.



Magazine price increase

The church council has decided to increase the price of the parish magazine from January 1, 1992. It is four years since we last had a price rise. Rising costs have meant increasing losses on the magazine. From January the magazine will cost 25p for a single copy, with an annual subscription of £2 50 (about 21p per copy). We think this still represents good value for money. Our magazine is very well presented and printed, and we try our best to include items which will be of interest to as many as possible.



On behalf of the church I would like to wish everyone a holy and blessed Christmas and a happy New Year.



Peter Mawhood



BIRDS' EYE VIEW

ONCE there was a man who looked upon Christmas as a lot of humbug. He wasn't a Scrooge. But he didn't believe all that stuff about an incarnation which churches proclaim at Christmas. And he was too honest to pretend he did.

'I simply cannot understand this claim that God became Man, he told his wife, who was off to church. But I'll wait up for you.'

Shortly snow began to fall. A few minutes later, he was startled by a thudding sound. It was quickly followed by another, then another. He thought that someone must be throwing snowballs at his living-room window.

When he went to the front door, he found a flock of birds huddled miserably in the snow. They had been caught in the storm, and in a desperate search for shelter had tried to fly through his window.

'I can't let these poor creatures lie there and freeze,' he thought. 'But how can I help them?' The barn where the children's pony was stabled would provide a warm shelter. He tramped through the snow to the barn, opened the doors wide and turned on the light.

But the birds didn't come in.

'Food will bring them in,' he thought. So he hurried back to the house for breadcrumbs, which he

sprinkled on the snow to make a trail into the barn. To his dismay, the birds ignored the food and continued to flop around helplessly in the snow. He tried shooing them into the barn by walking around and waving his arms. They scattered in every direction - except into the warm, lighted barn.

'They find me a strange and terrifying creature,' he said to himself, 'and I can't seem to think of any way to let them know they can trust me. If only I could be a bird myself for a few minutes, perhaps I could lead them to safety.'

At that moment the church bells began to ring. He stood silently for a while, listening to the bells pealing the glad tidings of Christmas. Then he sank to his knees in the snow.

'Now I understand,' he whispered. 'Now I see why you had to do it.'

- From *Louis Cassels*,
(UPI, used by permission)



SEE-LINK

News from Wakefield Diocese,

December 1991



Bishop Richard writes

Christians have good news to share, and we have no mandate from the Lord to proclaim anything else.

We are not commissioned to air our personal views on current issues of social or political concern: although, unless we are willing to speak out, it may well be that the gospel perspective on such issues goes by default. We are not here to gain popular approval by echoing prejudices which, though sometimes unexpressed, are widespread in our society. We are here to tell people about the love which God has for that creation of his of which they are a part.

In order to do this it is essential that we ourselves should first have responded to his love: accepted his forgiveness; and opened ourselves to receive the gift of his Holy Spirit by which that love is shed abroad in our hearts.

Until then we have no good news to tell, and we do well to pray that at least God will give us grace to keep our big mouths shut. Otherwise we will, as a wise man once put it, "talk past ourselves, lose touch with reality, and proclaim glorious promises that are not fulfilled in our own experience."

Perhaps we are inarticulate, and words do not come easily to us. Never mind: plenty of inarticulate people over the

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years, who have known God's love in their own lives, have proclaimed the love of God with converting power. And plenty of highly articulate people have kept unresponding congregations enthralled by their eloquence, and all the time it was sounding brass and tinkling cymbal.

Christmas is the time when we tell anyone who will listen, and perhaps even those who will not, that God's love

knows no limits and has no strings attached.

We tell it to people who feel confident and secure in their strength, and we tell it to people who are despairing in their weakness. "God loves you", we say, even if in some contexts we are only able to tell it slant. God loves you, and it is short-term folly to attempt to find security in anything else but his love.

God has no illusions: he knows the very worst about us, and more about us than it would be safe for us to know ourselves: and - amazingly - he still loves us, and longs to accept us as his children and to share his life with us.

"As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the Sons of God". Let us claim our own sonship first, and then, with no astringent flip-side to what we say, tell the story of God's love to the world around us.

In T S Eliot's play "The Cocktail Party" one of the characters says to the psychiatrist: "I want to be cured of a craving for something I cannot find, and of the guilt of never finding it". Perhaps someone we know will find it this Christmas.

+Richard Pontefract

Two Concerts:

Dec 4 Mozart Evening, Brighthouse
Parish Church, 7.30, entry free.
"Mozart" refreshments!

Dec 8 Ryburn Valley Orchestra and
Singers, St Bartholomew's
Ripponden, 7.30, £2.50. In aid of
White Windows Cheshire Home.

The New Bishop's Election

The Chapter of Wakefield expects to elect Bishop Nigel McCulloch, Bishop of Taunton, as the eleventh Bishop of Wakefield at a special meeting of the Chapter summoned for 11.00 am on Thursday 12th December 1991.

The proceedings will commence with a celebration of Holy Communion in the Choir of the Cathedral, after which the Canons, in their stalls in the Choir will proceed to the election. Bishop Nigel will then become the **Bishop-elect** of Wakefield, rather than **Bishop-designate**.

This election is open to the public and the Provost, The Very Rev John Allen, hopes that many people will be present to see this ancient ceremony and start Bishop Nigel's ministry amongst us on a raft of prayer.

The Confirmation of the Election will take place in York on the Feast of St Valentine, Friday 14th February 1992. Bishop Nigel will then be officially Bishop of Wakefield, and legally responsible for the Diocese. He will **NOT** however, undertake any public engagements in the Diocese until his Enthronement.

Arrangements are in hand for the Enthronement to take place on Saturday 28th of March 1992 at 3.00 pm.

John Allen, Provost of Wakefield

MARA COLUMN

Have you seen Serengeti News yet? It tells about meningitis in Mara, gnu bars on cars, Issenye's first electric light, and Mara's Sainsbury's, with a lot more. There's a copy in your parish, recently mailed to your vicar. It's a small publication, but packed with link stories, focusing mainly on Issenye Secondary School. It aims to keep us abreast of school news and to make a little profit to send back to them.

For £1.50p you can have three editions in 1992 sent to your door. Cheques to "Wakefield Diocesan Board of Finance (Issenye School Fund)" and mailed, with your details, to The Rev Michael Storey, Saint Barnabas' Vicarage, Church Avenue, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield HD4 5DF. If you can encourage others in your area to subscribe, please ask for a block delivery to one place, thus saving some postage.



Reconciliation

The work of Jesus

In the Gospels Jesus refers to the work He has come to do. His prayer in St John 17 tells us what tasks He thinks are important - loving, oneness with the Father, the Glory of the Father.

Our task

The world we live in often seems torn apart - wars, civil strife, soured relationships, murder, drugs and the rest. It all starts with what is inside ourselves. Our task is to devote ourselves to continue the work Jesus came to do.

We can play our part in His work of reconciling His world, starting with ourselves, our own constant reconciliation with the Father and with each other, and then encourage others to do the same. This can be part of our task during the Decade of Evangelism.

Healing

Guilt is a danger sign that we have departed from God's ways. Guilt festers if not dealt with. Many today need to be healed. It shows us our danger and leads us through confession, forgiveness and amendment.

Soured relationships

With soured relationships we can, perhaps, lead others to point where they can forgive, make a first move, even achieve full reconciliation.

A push from someone is often needed - we may find the opportunity when visiting the sick, the dying or the bereaved.

Soul friend

Many Christians have found great benefit from having a *Soul friend*, often a parish priest, someone to whom they can go in complete confidentiality to talk about everything - what affects them, relationships, guilt, sin, hopes and progress. Where they can say what they like without fear of it being repeated and where they can trust the advice given. Often the last person to forgive us is ourselves.

Sacramental confession

Many are coming to recognise the value of confession to a priest and see it as being additional to their personal confession in daily prayer and Sunday worship. It provides the occasion for careful examination of ourselves and the chance to reflect upon our sorrow. We can reveal **all** of what we remember in a way we would not do before anyone else. It gives us a sense of liberation and a desire to please God better. Above all, it gives us the assurance, so often needed, that God pardons the penitent. We need to hear that we are forgiven.

This is God's work of reconciliation. It is given to us to cleanse and strengthen us. It includes every aspect of our lives, bringing wholeness. It starts with us but is also connected with the ills of the world. We have to know reconciliation ourselves if we are to lead others into the love of God.

Cyril Dawson,
Diocesan Spirituality Group,
Chairman

BISHOP'S CENTENARY FUND



The BCF Quiz Final

Almost a year to the day since the first match was played, the final was held on the 11th of October (just too late to get into the last See-Link, Ed).

After 14 rounds of questions and a nail-biting recount, the final score was, **114 points for each of the finalists** — All Saints' Batley and St Catherine's Sandal. It did not seem fair to have additional questions to try to find the winner, as it must have been God's wish that they ended level.

Bishop Richard presented the Rose Bowl to both team captains, Geoff Bellamy (All Saints') and Freddie Marshall (St Catherine's) and they agreed to hold it for 6 months each, with a handing-over ceremony when the parishes would get together. This is most appropriate as, in addition to raising money for the Fund, the aim of the quiz has been to foster fellowship between parishes who would not normally meet — this has certainly been achieved!

Perhaps the final result was God's instruction that what has been begun should continue. Watch this space!

Progress

Two meetings were held late in October (The Treacy Hall and St Thomas' Huddersfield) when as BCF Chairman, I reported on the progress of the Fund, telling the parish representatives that the Fund has now reached £770,000 — a remarkable Diocesan achievement in these difficult

times, and that we are on target to raise the full £1 million over the four years.

In terms of grants made to projects in our Diocese, so far £52,000 has been distributed from the BCF and we have received £252,000 from the Church Urban Fund (CUF). Up to the end of October we have paid over to the CUF £250,000 which leaves £50,000 outstanding against our original CUF target of £300,000.

Many of our parishes have achieved their target of £750 for 1991 and in order to "top up" this year's efforts the BCF Trustees have launched their appeal. They are asking all parishes to review their giving over this year and make a special effort to contribute to the BCF before the end of December.

Many good suggestions came out of the October meetings and in future editions of See-Link we will report on Parish giving, highlighting good ideas and best "practice" to help others. It is also intended to produce a *barometer* to chart our progress as we get into our final year of fund-raising.

The Pantomime

Cinderella at the Theatre Royal, Wakefield — 17th & 18th December. You will not only be actively supporting the BCF, you will also enjoy a marvellous entertainment — you will not be disappointed!

Some tickets are still available, ring either the Town Hall Tourist Information Office (0924-295000/1) or the Theatre Royal (0924-366556). Book quickly to get the best seats.

*Ron Carbutt,
Chairman of the Trustees*



Fan the Flame

The Decade of Evangelism

Christmas Lights

"I'm glad Christmas only comes once a year." "I'll be glad when it's all over." Such comments in the check-out queue or wherever are not unusual, yet they could be a God-given opportunity to make a brief reply or response on how central to our lives Jesus really is.

Such remarks can help friends or acquaintances think that Jesus is not to be kept at the safe distance of swaddling clothes and the manger.

Much rather that He is the baby who grew into a man - whose birth, living dying and rising again was to restore the relationship between God and every single one of us.

Pray about what you might say and ask for God's help. The Holy Spirit will give you confidence!

Can you spare a minute?

Some of the best Christian communication comes on the *Pause for thought* feature in Derek Jameson's Radio 2 Breakfast Show.

Bradford's Bishop, Roy Williamson, makes some of the best contributions, marked by their simplicity and humour.

These characteristics are much in evidence in Bishop Roy's very readable new book *Can you spare a minute?*, (Daybreak - £4.95).

Short chapters are the key elements of topics such as Christian faith, prayer, doubt and suffering - all well illustrated with present day situations. This book is a great help in living out the Gospel in today's journey in a distracting world.

Ken Sawyer,
Diocesan Advisor for Evangelism

People and Places

The Rev Ian Fowle, Vicar of St Saviour's Brockley Hill (London Diocese), is to be Rector of All Saints' Crofton. Ind/Inst - 25th Jan 1992, 2.30 pm, + RP.

The Rev Leslie Greenwood, Vicar of St Thomas' Halifax, is to be a TV in the Upper Holme Valley, WSR for the parishes of Upperthong and Holmbridge. Inst - 5th Dec, + RP.

The Rev Jesse Van Der Valk, A/c of Droitwich Spa (Worcester Diocese), is to be Vicar of St Barnabas' Hightown and St Peter's Hartshead. Ind/Inst - 19th Feb 1992, 7.30 pm, + RP.

The Rev Judith Weston, Deacon of Holy Trinity Huddersfield, is to be Deacon of St Andrew's Wakefield. Lic - 11th Dec, 7.30 pm, + RP.

Brighouse and Elland Deanery

All round the Deanery

On a clear, damp May Day Bank Holiday three years ago, walkers from all the parishes in the Deanery of Brighouse and Elland tramped around their Deanery boundary — 26 miles in all. We began in the new industrial area of Brighouse, continued through woods behind the parishes of St John and St Matthew Rastrick, then way up past rocky clefts to the highest church in the Deanery — Outlane.

On we went through Stainland, Norland Moor to Greetland and the great parishes of St Mary and All Saints, Elland. We climbed again to Southowram (not *quite* as high as Outlane!), then to Shibden, Northowram, Coley and Norwood Green. The tower of Lightcliffe Parish Church was a refreshing sight before Clifton and the finishing line at Brighouse.

Packed church

Two years ago we enjoyed supporting The Reverend Jotham Odongo during his time at Mirfield: St Martin's Brighouse (our biggest church building) was packed to hear Jotham preach a lively farewell sermon at Deanery Evensong, before his return to Mara.

Evangelism Day

Last year we held a Deanery Evangelism Day, when Ken Sawyer managed to draw people from every parish in the Deanery to enthuse them for the Decade. Our Deanery Prayer Calendar has been used regularly; through it, we are growing closer as a Deanery family, through prayer and mutual concern.

Sadness and joy

Recent weeks have brought both sadness and joy. Sadness came when

our much-respected Deanery Secretary, Megan Greenhalgh, died suddenly. Her contribution to Deanery life and her knowledge of it are now greatly missed. There was much joy, however, in the "God Cares" Mission to Calderdale, with the God's Fair at Southowram being a particular highlight.

Blessed by The Lord

Brighouse and Elland Deanery (affectionately known as *Brigand and Ellhouse*) is fortunate in having excellent lay leadership in many of its parishes. We are, indeed, a Deanery whom the Lord has blessed.

One thing, perhaps, is lacking: that spark of burning enthusiasm and vision which would really fan the flame, from the heights of Outlane to the pubs and clubs of "Briggus."

John Flack, Rural Dean

**The Pamela Keily Players
present**

**"ANTIGONE"
by Jean Anouilh.**

**In The Treacy Hall,
Wakefield Cathedral,
2nd & 3rd Dec, 7.30, £2.**

What's On

Dec 1 Carol Service in aid of Kirkwood Hospice, at Saint Mary's Church Mirfield, at 630pm. Coffee & mince pies afterwards.

Dec 1 Taize Celebration for Advent at Saint John's Church, Upperthong, Holmfirth, Huddersfield, at 630pm.

Dec 1 Advent Family Service at Saint Thomas' Church, Thurstonland, Huddersfield, 1030am. Sherry & Mince Pies afterwards at Marsh Croft (proceeds to Sunday School Party).

ADVENT PRAISE - December 6th at 730pm in the Cathedral. Preacher: The Revd David Hughes.

Dec 7 Mirfield Parish Church Christmas Craft Fair 10am to 5pm. Church Hall, Church Lane, Mirfield.

Dec 7 Christmas Bazaar 2-4pm. Overthorpe CofE JIN School, Edge Top Road, Thornhill, Dewsbury. Fun for all the family, stalls, games, bouncy castle etc.

Dec 7 Christmas Fayre 230pm St Catherine's Church Hall, Clarion St, Belle Vue, Wakefield. Admission 20p. Christmas Gifts, Tombola, Raffle etc. Refreshments available.

Dec 7 Royston Parish Church Annual Bazaar at 2pm in Royston Church School, Vicarage Lane. Santa will be in his Grotto with presents for the children. Admission 20p.

Dec 9 Saint Helen's Church, Hemsworth, 730pm. Solemn Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady. Preacher Father Alan Parkinson (of Saint Wilfrid's, Cantley, Doncaster.)

Dec 13 Come and Celebrate an evening of praise and worship for Advent with Bishop Richard at Saint Martin's Parish Church, Brighouse, at 730pm.

Dec 15 SPCK Mara Link Special Evensong in Wakefield Cathedral at 4pm to give thanks for the success of the Link appeal. Preacher: George Lunn Overseas Secretary of SPCK.

Dec 20 Robinson Crusoe Meets The Clown Panto Night. 7pm. St George's Church, Broadway, Lupset. Tickets adults £2.50 children £1.50. Tickets contact Wakefield 366674 after 6pm.

Dec 22 Village Carol Service at Saint Thomas' Church, Thurstonland, Huddersfield, at 3pm. Tea & mince pies afterwards.

After Christmas a group will travel to the Hospital and orphanage in Sighisoara in Romania. Can you help with donations of gifts (towels, blankets, baby's requisites, bandages, basic medical supplies) or money to be sent to **Tewitt Fund** Hanging Heaton School, High Street, Batley. Care to join the trip? (0924) 462587.

Musical Matters

NEW CHORISTERS REQUIRED for Wakefield Cathedral Choir. Most Choristers attend Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield. Parents pay only one-third fees in the Junior School. Bursaries are available in the Senior School. **Entrance Exam** 28th February. **Voice Trial** 14th March (for ages 7-10). We also welcome boys from other schools. A Friends of Cathedral Music Choristership is available to a boy who is not at school in central Wakefield (up to £500 p.a. towards transport costs). The Cathedral is looking for choristers especially in the Batley area. **Voice Trial** as above. If interested please come to the **Choir Open Evening** on Sunday 26th January at 515pm after the 4pm Evensong. Contact: The Master of the Choristers, The Cathedral, Wakefield, WF1 1HG.

Dec 1 St John's Hoylandswaine 3pm. The St John's Singers and Players and soloists present **Music for Advent, Handel's Messiah Part 1** and Can-

tata no 70 by Bach. Conductor Raymond Wood. Tickets £2.50, Concessions £1.50 ☐ (0924) 468161 or (0226) 765716.

Dec 7 Oratorio in Airedale at Holy Cross Church, Airedale, Castleford. "Have a go at Handel's Messiah" with Jonathan Bielby, Organist of Wakefield Cathedral. 230pm rehearsal, 7pm performance. £3 per singer, score provided. Applications (including £3 and SAE) to Gareth Green, 7 Belgravia Road, St Johns, Wakefield, WF1 3JP ☐ Wakefield 376848.

Dec 10 Handel's Messiah Huddersfield Methodist Choir 715pm in Huddersfield Town Hall. Tickets from Tourist Information Centre, Albion Street, Huddersfield.

Dec 14 Concert by West Yorkshire Bus Brass Band. 715pm St Catherine's Church, Doncaster Road, Belle Vue, Wakefield (next door to Trinity Rugby Ground). Admission £2 senior citizens £1.50 ticket or pay at door.

Dec 14 Mirfield Choral Society Handel's Messiah, Trinity Methodist Church, Mirfield, 715pm. Programmes £2.50 at the door.

Dec 14 Carol Concert in Saint Peter's Church, Horbury at 730pm. Admission £3 (concessions £2) including mince pies & coffee.

Dec 15 Handel's Messiah at Saint Bartholomew Meltham at 2pm. All vocalists welcome to join - rehearsals Dec 6 & 13 at 730pm in the Church. Please bring your own score.

Dec 21 Christmas Concert Huddersfield Methodist Choir 715pm in Huddersfield Town Hall, guests Priest Lindley Band. Tickets from Tourist Information Centre, Albion Street, Huddersfield.

Market Place

PRAYER LIGHT meditation: A simple but effective guide to prayer. The Prayer Light consists of a candle and stand and two alternating meditations: very good pastoral gift for people in crisis / learning to pray / or Confirmations. £1.75 each. Details from The Revd David Rhodes, Rotherbourn. ☐ 0924 402064.

For Sale: Mothers' Union Roneo duplicator. Electric and manual. Any reasonable offer accepted. Contact: Anette Smith, 1a Gomersal Road, Heckmondwike, WF16 9BU ☐ (0924) 403160.

Going abroad - For Sale H.90 Volvo 340 1.7cl, 3 door, red, 20,000 miles ☐ Revd P Leitch (0924) 493569

Cards for Good Causes Many charities benefit from the sale of cards being sold at the following: Hebden Bridge Tourist Information Centre; Huddersfield Central Library; Todmorden Information Centre; Wakefield Alliance and Leicester Building Society Kirkgate; Leeds Permanent Building Society Headrow Leeds; Church Hall Annexe Wetherby; 29-31 Division Street Sheffield.

Church Army Alac Isaacson (formerly CMS Area Secretary for this diocese) is now Field Training Officer for the Church Army at the Wilson Carlisle College of Evangelism, which moves to Sheffield this month.

2 Vicars Stalls and 40 wooden upholstered chairs from Normanton Parish Church can be given to a good home and used in God's Service. Contact The Revd Dr Jeff Cuttall, ☐ (0924) 893100.

ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS go to: The Rev Michael Bootes OGS, The Vicarage, Littleworth Lane, Lundwood, BARNSELY S71 5RG. Tel: Barnsley 203194, by 4th of preceeding month.

SEE-LINK EDITOR — The Rev Hugh N Lawrance, Christ Church Vicarage, Stainland Road, Barkisland, HALIFAX HX4 0AQ. Tel: Halifax 822339. Deadline 8th of preceeding month.

CHANGES-OF-ORDER. Please write to the Editor BY 4th DECEMBER with details of required changes for the quarter JANUARY-MARCH. Changes-of-Order are concerned with: how many copies each parish receives and whether the copies are FLAT or FOLDED.

PCC NOTES

- 1 It was agreed to increase the price of the parish magazine to 25p per copy, or £2 50 per annum.
- 2 A report was given on the Deanery Synod, at which the report 'Faith in the Country' had been discussed.
- 3 A report was given on the work of governors at the Howard School.
- 4 It was unanimously agreed to apply for a faculty to remove four surplus choir stalls from St Cuthbert's Church and to retain the carved ends on pews at the rear of the church.
- 5 A report was given on the progress of building works at St Cuthbert's Church.



FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

"We welcome you into the Lord's family"

27 October Emma Louise Goldthorpe, 13 Chapel Garth
27 " Philippa Ann Wilson, 11 Denton Gardens
27 " Luke Michael Heritage, 3 Tan House Lane

FUNERALS

"In sure hope of the Resurrection"

11 October Arthur Guest, 13 Hardaker Lane, 82 years
4 November Dennis Briggs, 30 Chapel Garth, 79 years
6 " Peter Joseph Leslie Reynolds, 6 Hillside Road, 60 years



THE MOTHERS' UNION

4 December 9 15 am Corporate Communion at All Saints' Church.
There will be no service or meeting in December.

May I take this opportunity to wish all our members a happy and blessed Christmas.

Kitty Cooper

CHRISTMAS FAIR

SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER, 2 00 PM

THE HOWARD SCHOOL, LOW ACKWORTH

OPENER: MRS KAREN CHETWYND

Refreshments * Raffle * Many interesting
stalls: Cakes, Pastries * Preserves *
Dried Flowers * Tombola * Games.

FATHER CHRISTMAS will be here for the
children, so do come along and make this
a festive occasion at the start of the
Christmas season.





CHRISTMAS SERVICES 1991



SUNDAY DECEMBER 15

3 00 pm Village Carol Service, St Cuthbert's Church,
organised by Ackworth Fellowship of Churches
NB NO EVENSONG AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

SUNDAY DECEMBER 22

6 30 pm Service of Lessons and Carols (All Saints')

TUESDAY DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

6 30 pm Carols on Christmas Eve - a service for all
the family. Children are invited to bring
toys, games etc to be given to underprivileged
children. Please gift wrap and mark 'boy' or
'girl', and suitable age. (St Cuthbert's Church)

11 30 pm Midnight Mass (St Cuthbert's)

CHRISTMAS DAY

8 30 am Holy Communion (All Saints')

10 15 am The Parish Communion (St Cuthbert's)

SUNDAY DECEMBER 29

8 30 am Holy Communion (All Saints')

10 15 am Parish Communion (St Cuthbert's)
NB NO EVENSONG AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH



HOW SANTA CEASED TO BE A SAINT



Whatever happened to Saint Nicholas?

For 1500 years the good Turkish bishop, patron saint of sailors and children, was remembered as a Christian holy man who was kind to the poor. Then he suddenly became the secular Christmas symbol we all know today.

It seems the Americans are to blame. Saint Nick arrived there with Dutch settlers and by 1810 he had a new identity: fat and jolly, wearing furry red clothes and driving a wagon.

Poor people were out. Santa became an elf who could climb down chimneys; he also acquired a sleigh and a team of eight reindeer. He moved house to Lapland where, even now, he can be seen making wooden toys and writing replies to the half-million children who write to him in Lapland each year.

Other letters go to a small town in the United States called Santa Claus, where the townfolk answer all his mail. Here in the UK, the Post Office handles 500,000 letters a year addressed to Father Christmas, Reindeerland (or variations on this). They are diverted to Edinburgh (all the children get a reply).

In 1988, one little girl asked for an electric wheelchair for her invalid grandfather in Cornwall. The chairman of the Post Office delivered it personally on Christmas Eve. Less selfless was the small boy who sent Santa his father's wage packet to help pay for his presents. Dad got his money back.

Philip Barron

ACKWORTH CONCERT SOCIETY

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

SATURDAY DECEMBER 14, AT 7.30 PM

TO BE HELD AT ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

Scunthorpe Co-operative Choir

St Cuthbert's Handbell Ringers

Tickets: Adults £2.00 Children £1.00

Part of proceeds for church funds



DECEMBER

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ADVENT SUNDAY

Readings: Isa.51.4,11 (Mrs M Ward); Romans 13.8-end (Mr D Cook); Matt.25.31-end. ASB 424

6 30 pm Christingle Service (SC)

Mon 7 30 pm PCC, the Howard School

Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (Almshouses)

Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

Fri 7 30 pm Advent Praise, Wakefield Cathedral

Sat 2 00 pm Christmas Fair, Howard School

ADVENT 2

Reading: Luke 4.14-21 ASB 431

10 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (Almshouses)

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

11 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

13 Fri 2 00 pm Howard School Nativity Service, St Outhbert's Church

14 Sat 7 30 pm Ackworth Concert Society Carol Concert (SC)

ADVENT 3

Readings: Mal.3.1-5 (Mrs D Greiff); Phil.4.4-9 (Mrs B Firth);
Matt.11-2-15 ASB 434

3 00 pm Ackworth Fellowship of Churches, Village Carol Service (SC)

NB NO EVENSONG AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

17 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)

18 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

ADVENT 4

Readings: Zec.2.10-end (Mr F E Walters); Rev.21.1-7 (Miss L Parker);
Matt.1-18-23 ASB 439

6 30 pm Service of Lessons and Carols, All Saints' Church

24 CHRISTMAS EVE

6 30 pm Carols on Christmas Eve (SC)

11 30 pm Midnight Mass (SC)

25 CHRISTMAS DAY

8 30 am Holy Communion (AS)

10 15 am Holy Communion (SC)

29 SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Readings: Isa.7.10-14 (Mrs D White); Gal.4.1-7 (Mrs J Waites);
John 1.14-18 ASB 451

NB NO EVENSONG AT ALL SAINTS'

NO MID-WEEK SERVICES DURING WEEK COMMENCING 30TH DECEMBER

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5 CHRISTMAS 2

Readings: Isa.60.1-6 (Mrs M Woffinden); Rev.21.22-22.5 (Mr McDougall);
Matt.2.1-12,19-end ASB 457

CHURCH FLOWERS

Traditionally there are no flowers in church during Advent. Donations for Christmas flowers may be given to Mrs P Asquith (SC) or Miss E M Smith (AS)

BRASS CLEANING ROTA

Mrs Dodd and Mrs Barnard

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