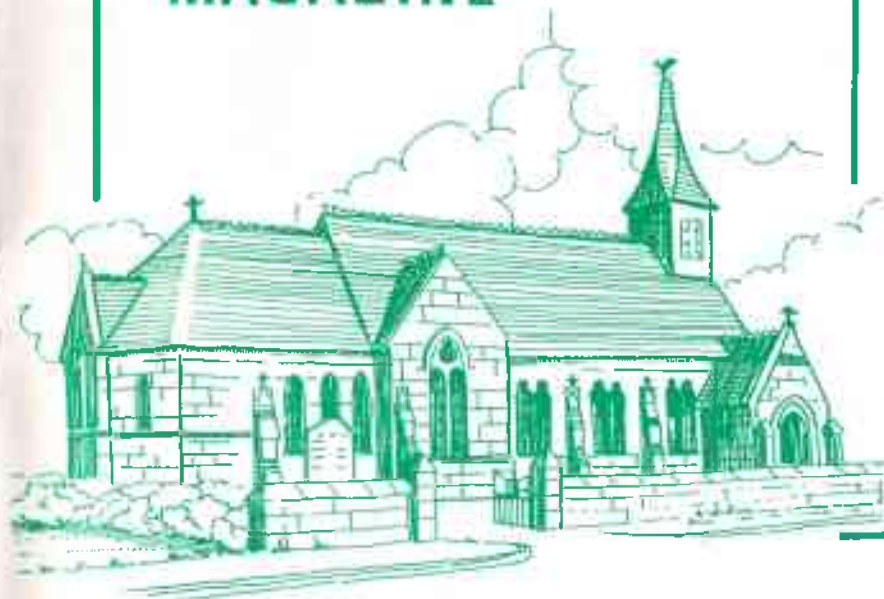
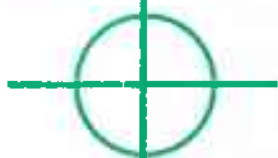


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PARISH OF ACKWORTH - ST CUTHBERT'S AND ALL SAINTS'

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Sunday Services:

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

Mid Week Services:

<u>Tuesday</u>	9 15 am Holy Communion St Cuthbert's Church
<u>Wednesday:</u>	9 15 am Holy Communion All Saints' Church
<u>Holy Days:</u>	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

THE DECADE OF EVANGELISM

The Decade of Evangelism will be launched on Epiphany Sunday, 6 January, with a Diocesan Service at Wakefield Cathedral. Unfortunately attendance at this service will be by invitation only, as Bishop David has requested that each parish is represented by its clergy and three lay people. In order to include all church members each parish will receive a tape recording of the Bishop's message, together with printed copies for members of the congregation, and a notice about commitment to the Decade. On Sunday 13 January the Bishop's pastoral message will be broadcast at every service in the parish in place of the sermon.

Ken Sawyer, the Bishop's Adviser in Evangelism, pointed out to us recently that evangelism, spreading the Gospel, is not about 'Billy Graham' type events or 'bashing people over the head with a Bible'. On the contrary, it should be an overflow of love, care and concern for our neighbours SPRINGING NATURALLY from the life of the church. The challenge to every parish, including Ackworth, is this - does the life of the church seem so attractive that people come to it of their own accord, and are church members willing to go out of their way to make newcomers welcome?? I sometimes think that some church members actually do not want new people to join the church, because newcomers often ask awkward questions about the life of the church and the parish, and existing members find that difficult and are threatened by it. The Decade of Evangelism is about opening the doors of the church as wide as possible in order to encourage others to come in. It is also about letting the Spirit of God into our own lives as Christians and to blow away the dust and cobwebs which can so easily accumulate. Bishop George Carey, Archbishop of Canterbury elect puts it this way: "I have a suspicion that the Decade of Evangelism has to begin with God preaching the gospel to us, so that we are gripped by his love and live in it".

BISHOP OF WAKEFIELD TO PREACH IN ACKWORTH

Following his pastoral visit to the parish on Wednesday 5 December Bishop David has agreed to visit Ackworth in order to lead worship on a Sunday morning. He will preach at the Parish Communion at St Cuthbert's Church on Sunday 3 February at 10.15 am. I hope that you will note this date in your diaries, and that as many church members as possible will come to hear our bishop speak.

HOWARD SCHOOL DEPUTY HEAD RETIRES

As many of you will know Molly Gardham retired as deputy head of the Howard School at the end of the Autumn Term. On behalf of the parish and the governors I would like to thank Molly for the devoted service she has given to the school over the last fifteen years both as a teacher and as deputy head. As well as being an excellent classroom teacher Molly has also contributed much to the musical life of the school, and I know that she will be missed both by children and parents. We wish her every happiness in retirement.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

I am delighted to report that once again we had a very successful Christingle Service on Advent Sunday, 2 December. A total of 150

children attended the service and £435 was raised for the work of the Church of England Children's Society. On behalf of the Society I would like to thank all children, parents, leaders of the uniformed organisations and the headteacher and staff of the Howard School for their support of this service. I would also like to thank J Lamprey & Sons for generously donating the oranges used to make the christingles.

Peter Manshawe.

THE SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE

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During the past year church members have been donating 2p per week for Mara, organised by Mr Bob Wilson of Castleford on behalf of SPCK. This month we publish a recent letter to Fred Davies, one of our Church-wardens.

Dear Mr Davies,

First, may I thank you and your fellow christians for your generous gift for the SPCK Mara appeal. Second, may I apologise for not having written to you earlier - I have no excuse, except that perhaps as I get older I do not manage my affairs with quite the same efficiency.

I like your terminology - 'the latest haul from the 2p Mara bottles' - the bottles have yielded £3,054 in the last 12 months and almost £5,000 since we started about 2½ years ago.

Bill and Maureen Jones told me that they needed £1,00 per year for the first four years - well, we've done it twice and I'm certain that we shall have no difficulty in doing it another two times.

The first £1,000 goes to Issenye and the balance goes to support another project - Children's books for Africa.

Bill will probably be going to the bookshop in Nairobi this very week with a draft for £1,000 in his pocket - I would love to see his face! - so, do please keep hauling the jars in - you know, we have transformed the academic life at that school through our 2p jars - keep it going, please, in your church.

Yours, because His

Bob Wilson

FOR YOUR DIARY



Mission to Seamen Coffee Morning,
Shrove Tuesday, February 12, 10 am to 12 noon,
at 24 Mount Pleasant.
Coffee and biscuits 30p. Bring and Buy. Raffle.



Bishop David writes — The art of communication

I have just received two new books from the Bible Reading Fellowship — “Lights that Shine” and “Brushing up on Believing”. They are attractively presented with catchy titles which make you want to dip inside straight away — and I am still dipping! Here surely is the art of communication — of salesmanship if you like — the way we are attracted to go for the product.

There is a very great deal which we need to learn and put into practice about marketing. The beginning of the Decade of Evangelism demands that we look more closely at the “shop window” of our churches. Hence a start, with this edition of “See-Link”, to make a more attractive and informative diocesan publication for our parishes.

What about the magazine?

There is a huge number of books like these, all with one aim — to enable us to share our faith more effectively; to witness to and

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proclaim the Gospel. The art of communication becomes vital to learn if we are to be successful. One such “medium” is the parish magazine. There are some very effective and attractive productions in the Diocese and increasingly so. There are some with excellent content, the effect of which is totally lost because it is so badly presented — some of it hardly readable at

all. There are some productions, it has to be said, thankfully a minority, where the content is simply not worth setting out!

In general, I have seen the beginnings of a really big improvement in parish magazines over the last few years. Indeed, one such copy came through the post only this morning. Today, you will have gathered has been a good post day! The fresh new cover made me once again want to dip in. I would very much encourage this trend in the Diocese and I know our Communications Officer is always ready to assist the parishes. Why not be in touch with him?

Parish products

I would like to think that one of the main items on the agenda of each parish in the early years of this Decade of Evangelism is a critical and realistic assessment of what is produced — yes the monthly magazine but also the weekly bulletin, special service sheets, posters (inside the church and outside), hand-outs and so on, all of which are a real part of what I understand to be “evangelism”.

Those who come to Church for the first time or receive some communication from the church through their door, are either attracted to dip in and seek further or they simply ignore it with all the other unsought mail. You may well have spent a lot of energy preparing it but they will not be stirred these days I fear by mediocre material. And now is the time to do something about it.

Greetings in Christ to you all.

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From the Diocesan Director of Education:

There is always something more wonderful to be discovered about God's truth. The recent *Christian Basics Course* in a cluster of Wakefield parishes has shown how much can be gained in confidence and understanding the faith through working together in a reflective learning process.

The Department's work is to resource the parishes in our shared journey of faith, that includes children, young people and adults, and the witness in our Church Schools.

We welcome the appointment of **Mrs. Sian Thornton** as Education Adviser. She comes to the Department with a broad experience of education, having taught in Infants, Junior and Secondary Schools. She will have responsibility for advising Church Schools in the Diocese in regard to Religious Education and collective worship.

We congratulate **The Revd. David King** on his appointment to the Coulby Newham Ecumenical Project in the York Diocese. He will take up his new post after Easter.

Ian Knox

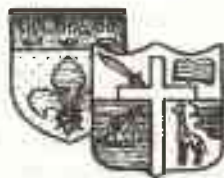
As we enter the second stage of our



appeal it is very important to have key supporters in every parish who will act as "motivators and informers" for the work of the Fund. Will you consider being your Parish Link person? If so, please write to me, giving your name and address, together with the day-time telephone number: Stan Evans, Fund Director, Bishop's Centenary Fund, Church House, South Parade, Wakefield WF1 1LP.

News from Mara

Many of you will have read the LINK newspaper "Ushirika" by now. It is full of wonderful stories about our brothers and sisters in Tanzania –



about their great faith, their zeal for spreading the Good News, and their absolute trust in God's love.

There are also stories about their struggle to survive in one of the poorest economies in the world. We may think that our standard of living compares badly with the Germans and the Japanese; we may criticise our National Health system and our level of welfare benefit, but compared with Mara despite all that, however, the keynote is JOY.

We are linked to Mara in love and joy, and also its wraths and sorrows. In the next few months we will try to talk about some of each.

PS. Two young women from Halifax will soon be returning from their stay in Mara. Please contact the Revd. Kit Widdows to fix up a visit from them to your parish. Tel Halifax (0422) 354448.

Fan the Flame

The Decade of Evangelism

A worldwide and ecumenical call has gone out to Christians to make the 1990s a Decade of Evangelism, making Christ known to the people of His world.

Where did the idea come from?

It seems that at the same time Christians in various parts of the world received the same idea. So it seems to be a touch of God speaking to His people today.

No one denomination or individual owns it. God is reminding all His people of His priority – "Be witnesses to me, Go . . . and make disciples."

Christingles – spreading like wildfire!

“Write a piece about your CHRISTINGLE” the man said, “it’s for January’s See-Link.”

January? But by January the Christingle oranges will have gone mouldy. The last squashed jelly-tot will have been scraped from the hassocks, and the last blob of candle fat will have been lovingly lifted from the sanctuary carpet.

Playing with fire?

Ah! I see. It’s got something to do with that Decayed of Evangelism, Fan the Flame and all that. Fan the Flame may be a welcome motto for spreading the Gospel, but

“The treat that contains the treatment”

fanning the flames at a Christingle service? Thank God for fire extinguishers, I say. Why is there always one little perisher who tries to eat the fruits off the cocktail sticks while the candle is lit? Children and candles? Playing with fire!

So why do it?

Just you try stopping it! Each year on Christmas Eve we pack more and more into church, 500 last year. It was the quietest one yet. Probably it was the 4 pm start, it being a Sunday. By 6 pm (the usual start time) the children are more “hyped-up!”

The service lasts 45 minutes and they love every minute. The younger children acting out the nativity, the older ones setting up the crib. The lighting of the Christingles, then the lights go out. Aah! Crib lights and tree lights on, Bless the crib, Away in a Manger and the Christingle Carol by candlelight. Sheer magic, it is a good start to Christmas.

And why not?

On a mundane level, it raises a lot of money for The Children’s Society. But there’s more... It is the only time many of those 500 people will be in a church over Christmas. There’s an expectant atmosphere, it’s an opportunity for God.



It’s their Christmas treat from our church. The treat that contains the treatment. For among the “oohs” and “aahs” and the noisy toddlers, there is a Presence to be experienced, a presence which many would otherwise shut out. And in spite of all the hassle for those of us who are responsible, the whole thing is deeply moving. God does touch at least some folk’s hearts with His love..

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Oh, Fanning the Flame? Well, Good News spreads like wildfire. The word is that at Alverthorpe on Christmas Eve you need to be there half an hour early to get a seat.

**The Revd. Steven Kelly
is vicar of Alverthorpe**

Parish Magazine Competition

Editors! Is yours the best magazine in the Diocese? Your February 1991 issue counts, details will follow.

About See-Link, from the Bishop:

As you will have noticed there is a number of changes taking place to See-Link!

Diocesan Bulletin Board

"Marketplace" material – notices of forthcoming events, musical concerts and small advertisements, will appear each month under the heading *Wakefield Diocesan Bulletin Board* either in your church or in your parish magazine. **Material should be sent to: The Revd. Michael Bootes, The Vicarage, Littleworth Lane, Lundwood, Barnsley S71 5RG by the 25th of the month two months ahead i.e. 25th January for the March issue.**

See-Link

See-Link will become geared to **Diocesan news**. There will be regular columns including information about *Mara*, the *Decade of Evangelism*, the *Bishop's Centenary Fund*, the work of various *Sector Ministers* and every month a major article about a parish or on a theme relevant within the Diocese, or the wider Church.

Any comments about the changes will be gratefully received by the Editor!

Reflections on the General Synod

Once I had grasped how all the procedure works in the General Synod, and got over the shock of receiving huge quantities of reading material, I began to enjoy it.

The General Synod (GS) takes issues the Church thinks important and appoints a team of experts and non-experts, clerical and lay, to look at them in depth. They draw up reports which the Synod debates. Finally, where appropriate, decisions are made, on what the Church will actually do, or suggest to others. One example of this kind was *Faith in the City*.

The right decisions

Members of local congregations can and should make demands of their GS representatives, to seek information and to give their opinions. It is important that everybody who sits on any committees should attend meetings, and make sure they are well informed and participate fully in debates. Only then can we ensure that decisions made by GS are right for God's Church as it finds itself in the C of E.

Penny Glover, newly elected member
who lives in Cudworth.

Appreciation

Theodore Sumner Wetherall, 1910–1990

After a Bradford curacy, Theo took up a Fellowship and Lectureship at Oxford. Thence he went to St Chad's College, Durham. A number of us received our training at his hands and are still immensely grateful for it. A man of gentle perception and impressive humility, all founded on personal devotion and prayer. He gave us a lasting inspiration to see the importance of detail. Above all he showed us the importance of the vocation itself, especially in the service of others.

At St Chad's he also rebuilt the College. Some twenty years later he felt it was time to leave Durham. Bishop John Ramsbotham offered him St Edward's Barnsley, a living to which he applied himself diligently. Then on to Huddersfield Parish Church.

In retirement he remained as busy as ever, moving eventually to Somerset to be nearer his family. We give thanks for his ministry and for him. We extend our sympathy to his widow Caroline and the family.

Cyril Dawson

People and places...

... has been held over to next month.

CHILLY?

RING THE WARMTH LINE

IF YOU are getting on in years, you need to take special care in these winter months. Many elderly people experience a slowing-down of those body systems which alert us to cold and heat, so one can get very cold but not feel it in the way a younger person would. This is why we hear so often of people suffering from hypothermia and cold-related illnesses like pneumonia.

Help the Aged and British Gas have got together to provide a FREE 'winter warmth line' which anyone can ring between October and March. For advice on any warmth-related problem you just pick up the phone and dial 0800 289 404.

'We've had all sorts of queries', says Annette Jenks of Help the Aged, 'ranging from questions about benefit entitlements and the whereabouts of a local insulation service to one lady whose back door had jammed open and who was at a loss to know what to do!'

A FEW TIPS

Apart from the obvious step of wrapping up well, there are several things you can do to ward off winter ills:

- Avoid sitting down for long periods; get up and walk around the room every now and then. Going to 'keep fit' classes is even better (if possible)!

- Don't be tempted to skip meals or live on snacks. Have plenty of hot drinks, especially between meals.

Do have a warming nightcap at bedtime. Some people keep a hot drink in a flask by the bed at night.

- Wear a hat when you go out *and* in bed. Did you know you can lose a fifth of your body heat through your head alone?

Through the FreeFone number given above, you can ask for the leaflet 'Keep Warm this Winter' (also free) which gives lots more advice on such things as insulation, problems with gas and electricity bills and changes in social security benefits.

This year, there is a video version of the leaflet for hearing- or sight-impaired people.

In many places, Age Concern runs Day Centres and can arrange home visits. They are listed in the telephone book.

PHILIP BARRON



Help the Aged



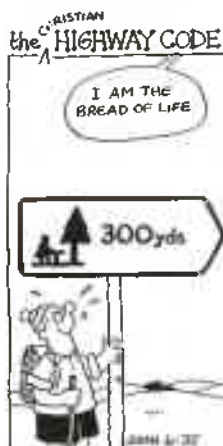
DON'T forget: January 6th is the launch day for the Decade of Evangelism/Evangelisation - ten years to see out the second millennium with the urgent task of sharing the good news about Jesus Christ with the rest of our world in every aspect of life.

'A decade of evangelism ought to change the Church', says the Anglican Bishop of Leicester: 'We dare not say it ought to lead to a great influx of new Christians, however much we hope and pray that it will, because that outcome depends on God's grace, not on our efforts.'

'The Church ought to be changed into one that shows Christ. At present the vision of Christ in the Church is tarnished by the bitterness of our squabbles, by a looking back to the past, by our anxiety about the Church's social image.'

IF YOU'D like to join in united prayer with others round the world for the Decade of Evangelism/Evangelisation, from the diocese of Zululand, southern Africa, comes this prayer with an Epiphany theme:

Pour your Light
Holy Spirit of God
into our hearts and minds.
Help us to know more clearly
and grasp more fully
the 'Good News' of Jesus.
And help us then
to know how to share it
in the Decade of Evangelism.
We ask this
through Jesus Christ
who with You and the Father
are One God. Amen.



FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

"We welcome you into the Lord's family"

25 November	Charlotte Amy Miller, 156 Station Road
25 "	John Michael Gardham, 1 Low Farm Lane
25 "	Sophie Emma Claire Young, 40 Barnsley Road
2 December	Mary Woffinden, 11 Andrews Grove
2 "	Ellen Jane Sharon Woffinden, 11 Andrews Grove
2 "	Steven Charles Woffinden, 11 Andrews Grove
2 "	Lucy Ann Woffinden, 11 Andrews Grove
2 "	Sarah Alice Woffinden, 11 Andrews Grove

BISHOP'S CENTENARY FUND KNOCK-OUT QUIZ



In the Parish Rooms on November 12 our Quiz Team of Rachel Belk, Bill Greiff, Eddy Wynn and Stuart McDougall narrowly lost a keenly contested match against St Thomas Church, Heptonstall.

A very enjoyable evening was shared with an enthusiastic audience and £60 was raised for the fund.

Many thanks to all who participated.

F Walters



THE MOTHERS' UNION

2 January	9 15 am Corporate Communion at All Saints' Church
31 "	2 00 pm Committee Meeting
	2 30 pm Service and Meeting, 26 Chiltern Drive

Subscription of £3 50 is now due. Those taking Home & Family will pay £4 86.

Outreach

In November the Mothers' Union Diocesan Overseas Chairman, Dorothy Muir, joined a group as driver, delivering Bibles and Childrens books to Romania.

Kitty Cooper

Peace starts with a smile.

Mother Teresa

A H A P P Y N E W Y E A R T O A L L O U R R E A D E R S

January



1 Tues NO MIDWEEK SERVICE
2 Wed THE NAMING OF JESUS

9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

6 EPHIPHANY

Readings: Isa 49:1-6 (Mrs B Firth);
Eph.3:1-12 (Mr F Walters); Matt 2.1-12
ASB 460

4 00 pm Decade of Evangelism Inaugural
Service, Wakefield Cathedral

8 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)
2 00 pm Service for Mothers and Toddlers

9 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

13 EPHIPHANY 1

Reading: Matt. 3:13-end ASB 463

15 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)

16 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

7 45 pm Parish Women's Group AGM, the Rectory

20 EPHIPHANY 2

Readings: Jer.1:4-10 (Miss L Parker); Acts 26:1,9-20 (Mrs D White);
Mark 1:14-20 ASB 467

7 00 pm Ackworth Fellowship of Churches United Service,
Ackworth School.
NB NO EVENSONG AT ALL SAINTS'

22 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)

2 00 pm Service for Mothers and Toddlers (AS)

23 Wed THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL

9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

26 Sat 7 30 pm Ackworth Concert Society, Music for Harp and Flute
St Cuthbert's Church

27 NINTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER

Readings: Isa 30:18-21 (Mrs J Waites); 1 Cor 4:8-13 (Mrs M Moorhouse);
Matt. 5:1-12 ASB 486

29 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

30 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)

31 Thurs 2 30 pm Mothers' Union - Service and Meeting, 26 Chiltern Drive

FEBRUARY

2 EIGHTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER

Readings: Zeph.3:14-end (Mr S McDougall); Jas. 5:13-16a (Mr R Firth);
Mark 2:1-12 ASB 490

Visiting preacher: The Rt Revd David Hope, Bishop of Wakefield

FLOWER ROTAS

St Cuthbert's Church

6 January Vacant
13 " Mrs Kidson
20 " Mrs Reast
27 " Mrs McWilliam



All Saints' Church

BRASS CLEANING ROTA

Dr and Mrs P McWilliam

Copy for the February magazine should be handed to the Rector by
Sunday 6 January.