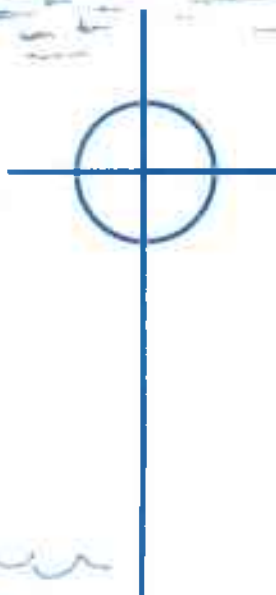




# ACKWORTH PARISH MAGAZINE



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

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

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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)

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Tuesday: 9 15 am Holy Communion, St Cuthbert's Church  
Wednesday: 9 15 am Holy Communion, All Saints' Church  
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The Revd Peter Moorhouse, The Rectory, High Ackworth 780880

## RECTOR'S NOTES

### ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH



Phase one of our building improvements at St Cuthbert's Church is now complete. Our new organ has been installed. The console is now positioned at the back of the church in the tower. This means that the organist can see what is happening in the church, instead of trying to guess what the Rector is doing! In addition he can see and hear the congregation -

essential when trying to lead worship. We have also gained an enormous amount of space, which will form part of our new vestry.

The old stone and timber chancel floor, which was in serious need of repair, has been replaced with a concrete floor. In time this will be carpeted, after the next phase of building. During the building works the choir stalls were removed from the chancel. This transformed the appearance of the church, giving a feeling of spaciousness, and helping us to appreciate the gothic architecture of the building. Now that the chancel floor is complete it is my intention to use an altar at the west end of the chancel, so that everyone in the church will be able to see the altar, which is, or should be, the focus of worship during the Eucharist.

The second phase of our improvements should begin towards the end of the summer. This will include creating a large vestry in which we hope to hold a Junior Church which will meet at the same time as the Parish Communion. We hope that this arrangement will encourage families to attend church together. The vestry will include simple kitchen facilities and a toilet.

### THE REVEREND WILSON OPUDO

On Sunday 14 July we welcome the Reverend Wilson Opudo to St Cuthbert's Church as our preacher at the Parish Communion. Fr Opudo is from the Diocese of Mara in Tanzania, East Africa, which is of course linked with the Diocese of Wakefield. He is visiting the parish of Badsworth for six months and is living at Upton. Fr Opudo is married and he and his wife Mary have one child. He is the Vicar of Buhemba and is also the Youth Officer for the Diocese of Mara. We look forward to meeting him, and to hearing about his life and work, and what he makes of England. I hope that as many as possible will come to hear him

### STAFF CHANGES AT THE HOWARD SCHOOL

As many of you will know a new head has been appointed at the Howard School to replace Mrs Vivien Downham, who is leaving at the end of term. The new head is Mrs Karen Chetwynd. At present Mrs Chetwynd is deputy head at Bentley New Village First School, near Doncaster. She has taught in a number of schools, all in the Doncaster Education Authority, and so is new to the Wakefield Authority. We hope that she will be very happy at the Howard School.

On behalf of everyone I would like to congratulate Mrs Barbara Oliver on being appointed head of infants at Alverthorpe St Paul's Church of England J and I school, Wakefield. We wish her every success and happiness in her new post.

*Peter Moorhouse*

## PASTORAL CARE - PARISH MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

This course developed as a result of the Stewardship Mission in 1988. A group of us (Peter and Mary Moorhouse, Jeremy and Doreen Belk, Liz Jones and Dorothy Greiff) met together with Eileen Turner from the Diocesan Family Life Team to discuss how a course for marriage preparation could be started. We looked into a number of courses which were already being used, and decided that the course written and tested by Margaret Stevens would best meet our needs in Ackworth.



Preparations took almost a year. The team met once a month to learn and study the course. After all this time and work we did not feel ready to work with the couples about to be married. In order to gain further experience we followed the course ourselves with two members of the team leading in turns and the other four, complete with husbands, doing the exercises as the couples about to be married would do them. By then we felt ready to begin. So with everything prepared by our secretary, Fiona Davies, we began.

The course is run in the home of a church couple. The hosts have usually been married for a few years. They work through the course exercises with the couples preparing for marriage.

The course is divided into four sessions. The First Session starts by everyone introducing themselves to each other. This is followed by the first question and answer quizzes. These quizzes (fifteen in all) are worked through by the couples. There are no embarrassing answers given within the group. No one is put on the spot!!

Partners are encouraged to get to know each other better, understand each other more and learn to listen carefully to what the other is saying to them. The quizzes and exercises are designed to help them communicate more effectively.

Session Two is about being married and what marriage means. We discuss the differing expectations of the sexes, the different family traditions that they come from, and the influence of parents and relations. We talk about children and the changes that they will make to the marriage.

Next comes conflict, its causes and resolution. We talk about the good and bad ways of resolving conflict. A good way for example, is to talk things over carefully together - when things have calmed down! A bad way is to throw things at each others heads. We include discussion about 'forgiveness' and explain that true forgiveness means letting go of resentments, which can sometimes be very hard to do.

Session Three is about growing together sexually. We aim to encourage knowledge, understanding and awareness of each others needs, expectations and hopes. In this session we are very careful not to cause embarrassment within the group. Brainstorming is used for parts of this session. 'Brainstorming' means ideas are called out from members of the group, and the leader writes each idea on a large sheet of paper. Then the group can discuss the suggestion together.

# SEE-LINK

News from Wakefield Diocese,

July 1991



## Bishop Richard writes

We knew we were not going to have him for the rest of his ministry, but even so we hoped we would have him for a bit longer than this!

Sadly, that was not to be: by the time you read this we will have had our Eucharist of Farewell in the Cathedral, commending him to the grace of God, and Bishop David will be on his way.

I was chaplain to one bishop, archdeacon to two others, and have been suffragan bishop to a further three. It could be said that I am something of a connoisseur of episcopal style, and I hope it will not be thought patronising if I say that for the last five and a half years we have been on the receiving end of a quite outstanding episcopal ministry.

Bishop David came to us as a local lad, and much play was made at the time of the piquancy of his banging for admission on the door of a cathedral which contained folk who had known him there when he was singing as a treble in the choir.

He was accepted and affirmed as a person from the moment he arrived, but they would hardly have been human if people who had known him years ago had not suspended judgement before acknowledging his capacity for leading the diocese forward into its next exciting stage.

It was the Centenary, and the

preparations for celebrating it, which dispelled any lingering queries there may have been. Bishop David's tours of the deaneries, his helicopter swoops onto school playgrounds, the Huddersfield Town Football Ground service, and then the Lancaster Conference: all of this made evident to a wider public what some of us had been sensing for a while.

The Lord had sent us another! He would be with us for a few years: to be hardened off, to gain confidence from the kind of affirmation West Yorkshire can give to

those it respects, to learn episcopal skills from handling pastoral problems within the tight focus of a diocese of manageable size. He would be given responsibilities of a national kind. He would earn the respect of people in industry, and in

education, and in the local authorities.

And then, like Bishop Colin before him, he would be whisked away to what has - if we are realistic - to be recognised as offering greater scope for gifts of that kind than we can offer here.

Our loss, the wider church's undoubted gain. Bishop David goes with the affection and prayers of us all. We simply offer our gratitude to God for this rich gift to his church, and for the privilege of having him as our pastor for nearly six years.

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*+Richard Pontefract*



## CR — Mirfield

The House of The Resurrection, Stockbank Road, next to the Parish Church of Christ the King, Battyeford, has been our Mother House since we were first welcomed to the diocese by Bishop Walsham How. It is the home base for just over 30 of us, and at present we have smaller houses in London, Sunderland and Johannesburg — there are about 50 of us all together.

This is not the largest men's community in the Church of England, but the only one now with a large house like Mirfield, and this means we can offer an ordered, God-centred style of life and worship, and the resources of a large library, to enquirers, guests and students which it is hard to find elsewhere.

The Retreat House is well used by people from the diocese and beyond for retreats (private and in groups) and day visits. Out guests benefit too from the large grounds which are crowded only on Comem Day (this year — July 13th. 1992 is our Centenary).

Our main commitment is to Community life, sustained by common worship and prayer. From these flow works such as retreats, missions and preaching away from home, as well as teaching and spiritual direction at Mirfield itself. The Community is well known for its work overseas, principally and still in Southern Africa, but not so extensive as it once was. In the diocese the best known work is the College of The Resurrection, where men are trained for the Anglican priesthood. The College staff consists of brethren of the Community and two priests who are not members. Local clergy are also involved in the training programme, not least because the students get their first



experience of ministry in local parishes, hospitals, prisons, etc.

All Christians are called to live out their baptismal vows in the Body of Christ which is His Church. There are a great variety of vocations in which people can serve God and their

fellow men and women: some are called more specifically to serve in and through the Church itself. God's call may make itself known to us through what others say, or it may make itself felt in the silence of our hearts. Such vocations need to be no less carefully tested by submitting to the assessment of experts as would the qualifications of someone aspiring to one of the professions.

If you feel you may have a call to the priesthood, or to the religious life in a Community like Mirfield, the first step is to go to see your parish priest and talk it over with him.

Fr Anthony Grant CR — Prior

### Listen!

Living near a motorway hum, I notice the difference on the hills. A penetrating silence so loud it makes me listen, so clear it makes me think. If ever I need a counsellor, what better than Helvellyn? A great hill smothering noise. I can, there, hear myself think. A listener par excellence. A teacher for a human being.

Roy Clements

# Order and Law Group

Ever heard of Strangeways? Ever been to Court? Are you a Magistrate? Are you involved in the Court process? Do you have anything to do with the Police? Have your children ever been in trouble with the Police? Have you ever been to a prison? Have you ever wanted to visit anyone in prison?

## Faith in the City

These questions, and many more, were ones that exercised me as a Christian working as a Probation Officer, so, as a direct response to "Faith in the City" I requested that an *Order and Law Group* be started as a committee for *The Board*

## See-Link, 1991

Thank you for all your comments about what we have been trying to do to *See-Link*. The Communications Department has met with Bishop David and it was decided that the *Bulletin Board* will come out of the Diocesan Mailing system and goback into *See-Link*, and that room will be made specially for it on the additional pages.

**Please continue to send all ANNOUNCEMENTS OF EVENTS** to my colleague, Michael Bootes, at Lundwood (the address is on p8). Until at least December of this year, *See-Link* will consist of two sheets (i.e. 8 pages). These changes will not involve extra expense to parishes as the recent computerisation of *See-Link's* production and these latest changes have combined to reduce the costs overall, quite deliberately so.

We shall be asking for further comments towards the end of 1991 before we meet again to review the whole situation. Maybe the new Bishop will want to have a say on the matter as well!

The Ed.

*of Social Responsibility*. That group has now been going for two and a half years. We have a membership of Magistrates, Solicitors, Probation Officers, Police and Prison Chaplains.

## Worship and Justice

We meet three times a year and we discuss matters of criminal justice. At all our meetings we include worship, which helps us to think more particularly about the needs of those caught up in the criminal justice system.

## Prisoners' Week

We are hoping to organise a day conference, in the near future, to inform and educate further about these issues. For, let's face it, people are not really very interested in issues to do with criminal justice because they are not always very comfortable facts. We should be particularly concerned to pray and think about prisons in *Prisoners' Week* each November.

## Faith and work

I have enthusiastically committed myself to the Group because I always try to consider what the link is between the job I do day to day, and my Christian commitment. This is one of the ways that helps me to think through some of the difficulties I have in linking my faith and my work.

We'd love more of you to be interested in the Group, please do contact me, or George Nairn-Briggs at Church House, if you would like to have any further information or to discuss anything about the Group.

Julia Flack,  
Tel: Brighthouse 714032

# Intouch — Mission to Lepton

After a meeting with the PCC some three years ago, **Philip Hacking**, Vicar of Christ Church Fulwood in Sheffield and Chairman of the *Keswick Convention* agreed to hold two missions to Lepton. The first we called "Mission to Ourselves," held in 1990, a week of teaching, challenging the congregation of St John's Lepton (near Huddersfield) to reconsider the claims of the Gospel for themselves. There were never less than a hundred people attending the five evening meetings.

## The response

The following winter the Church abandoned its House Groups and encouraged their members to attend the "Person to Person Course" as a preparation for every-member evangelism. Eighty five people responded, though by the end of the second part, Lent 1991, the number had dropped to thirty! Undaunted, the preparations continued.



The Rev Philip Hacking

## Bishop David's support

Prior to the Mission to Lepton, each house received an extra edition of the *Parish Paper* which gave details about the three open meetings in the Church and encouragement from Bishop David to take The Mission seriously.

## The "Christian" meetings

The Mission consisted of 22 events – largely coffee mornings, afternoon teas and buffet suppers, all in homes. In addition there was a ladies' lunch held in the Church, a men's breakfast in a local school and an area workers' lunch. There was also a meeting for the parents of children who had no contact with the Church and a meeting for teenagers – as well as the already mentioned meetings in Church. We made it clear that they were being invited to a **Christian** meeting!

## What did it all achieve?

The whole parish had some contact with the Church and between 300 and 400 people received an invitation to one of the events – 150 people from outside the Church responded. If there can be any measure of success, it can only be that 17 people responded positively, some of whom were outside the Church, most of whom were on the edge of the Church family – all are being "followed up" and invited to join an *enquirer group* or a *nurture group*.

One thing we have learnt is that it is merely the beginning. The Mission has given us an excellent launch-pad into future evangelistic ministry in the parish.

Graham Whitcroft,  
Vicar of Lepton



## News from Mara Diocese

### Link Baby

Wakefield and Mara are like first-time parents with a new baby – The Link. It's very nice, but what do we do with it, and when will it stop clinging to Mum and Dad?

Linking is about communicating, which will always be our biggest problem. No 'phone, no fax, no photo-copier, no post, no car, no road, no rail – that's the reality for Mara. We even find it hard to keep in touch with each other, so how can we get, or stay, linked to Wakefield?

Our internal problem is being eased by the Luddenden motorbikes. We now see our Rural Dean regularly, and that alleviates the dismaying isolation of our Pastor. Seeing Serengeti's Rural Dean, Peter Tabuse, pulling involuntary wheelies on a 100cc Kawasaki with The Rev Narkiso Majwala as ballast is an unforgettable memory, and it helps bind us together! We now feel part of Serengeti Rural Deanery.

From time to time we also feel part of Mara Diocese – when the Bishop comes for a Confirmation Service, for example. We worship under the shade of an ancient Jaracunda – our classroom

Church is far too small – and belt out songs of praise led by our youthful choir in crisp school uniform.

Feeling to be part of Wakefield is proving more difficult, but we are working on it, and the Mara Link Committee (the one in Mara) has three positive recommendations. **Firstly**, it wants each of our 30 odd parishes to be linked with at least one of Wakefield's 200. **Secondly**, it wants each parish which is linked to say so on its stationery, its notice board, and in a prominently displayed parish version of **The Link Covenant** exchanged by our Bishops in Wakefield Cathedral. It will be written in English and Swahili. **Thirdly**, a three-monthly deadline is to be set by which time hard news and information must be ready for onward transmission to Wakefield.

We want all in our Churches to think and pray about our Wakefield brothers and sisters as often as possible, rather than see The Link relegated to infrequent and sparsely attended meetings.

These things we in Mara are resolved to do. Our baby is precious to us. We, as you, expect great things of it. May God bless and protect it.

Bill Jones

### Fan the Flame

"This Decade of Evangelism. I haven't any *more* time to spare Ken," is the kind of remark I've heard occasionally. Yet being a witness for Christ is about **the availability of the time we have now**.

Mother Theresa has said, "Evangelism means to carry Jesus in your heart and to give the presence of Jesus to someone else. They see God in us, and we also see God in them. But to give Jesus to a person you must first have Jesus yourself."

Witness is just being Christian, living the Jesus life daily out there in the world in a natural, friendly, committed lifestyle – being honest and open to Jesus and to other

people in the ordinary run of everyday life. Witness is in the testing situations and in spite of various difficulties and our own personal failings — **life must match words.**

God, by His Spirit, will show us when the **DOORS OF OPPORTUNITY** are open, when it is appropriate and opportune to simply share our own faith.

Ken Sawyer,  
Adviser for Evangelism

## **BISHOP'S CENTENARY FUND**

### **The B C Fund Quiz**

The quiz is now at an exciting stage with the following quarter-finals being played as we go to press:

<i>Woolley</i>	<i>v</i>	<i>All Saints' Batley</i>
<i>Gawber</i>	<i>v</i>	<i>All Saints' Wakefield</i>
<i>Greetland</i>	<i>v</i>	<i>St Catherine's Sandal</i>
<i>Crofton</i>	<i>v</i>	<i>St Martin's Brighouse</i>

These are the teams remaining in the competition after 64 had entered. The quiz has been a marvellous opportunity for parishes across the diocese to come together socially and enjoy the wonderful fellowship within the family of the Church. Our renewed thanks to Malcolm and Wendy Endersby of Wrenthorpe for their initiative and efforts for the quiz. We hope for a large turn-out for the semi-finals and finals — watch this space!

### **The Police will get Band!**

**The Garden Party at Bishop's Lodge, 27th July, 2.00 pm.** A day for the whole family to relax in the beautiful gardens, listen to the West Yorkshire Police Band and enjoy a cream tea. A special attraction for the children, the Cathedral Organist and the Vicar of Lindley will be an enormous bouncy castle on which they can expend all their energies. Well worth watching, take my word for it !! (Ed)

The Tea is included in the price of £4 for adults. OAP's and under 12's — £2.50.

Truly, a great day for all the family.

### **The Deanery of Pontefract**

While the rest of the diocese catches its breath after the excitements of its Centenary, the Deanery of Pontefract celebrates this year (with something short of bated breath) the 65th Anniversary of its annexation from the Diocese of York. It brought to the Diocese in 1926 some 25 parishes — and shortly afterwards a Suffragan Bishop! It is — only just — the largest Deanery, both in number of parishes and area, in the diocese.

Inevitably, there are striking contrasts. Much of the area has been shaped by its coal-mining history, and many of the 'pit villages' retain their character of closely-knit families and fierce loyalties, even though most of the pits are now closed.

Pontefract, at its centre, still is a thriving market town, with the only race-course in the diocese, and its own distinctive aroma of licorice to remind the world of its fame. Castleford is recovering slowly after being badly hit by recession in the eighties. There are also quite a few pretty rural villages.

In all these distinctive communities the Church continues to strive to serve the people. Clearly, in such a large and varied deanery, problems and opportunities differ widely, and parishes tend to work together in clusters rather than as a deanery. Yet there is a strong sense of unity among both clergy and people, and Pontefract generally knows its mind about the important issues of the day!

Roland Taylor, Rural Dean

## WHAT'S ON

**Jul 6 Street Market** 10am-4pm - St John's Church, Horbury Bridge. Enquiries to D Hale ☎ Horbury 272317

**Jul 13 Commemoration Day** - Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield. Preacher at the Solemn Eucharist at 12noon, The Rt Revd Alan Chesters. Solemn Evensong in the Community Church at 5pm. Applications for programmes (free) and Service Sheets (30p) to Commemoration Day Secretary, House Of Resurrection, Mirfield, WF14 0BN with SAE.

**Jul 13 Guyana Diocesan Association - Annual Festival 1991** Solemn Mass at St Mary's, South Elmsall, 11am. Celebrant & Preacher The Bishop of Guyana. Lunch 1230pm - £2.50 each, advance notice required. Evensong and Benediction in Saint Mary's at 330pm. Further details ☎ J R Whitehead, Pontefract 702928.

**Jul 26-28 Festival of Flowers** at Hoylandswaine. Concert by St John's Singers and Players on 26th. Organ available to visiting organists from 10am to noon and from 2-4pm on 27th. Festival Evensong 4pm on 27th. Refreshments available.

**Jul 27 Garden Party** at Bishop's Lodge in aid of the Bishop's Centenary Fund. Tickets £4 each including cream tea from Stan Evans, Fund Director, Church House, Wakefield, WF1 1LP.

**Aug 9 Wakefield Hospice - Study Day** 'An Understanding of Loss and Bereavement and the Need for Support'. Cost £10. Application forms from The Matron, Wakefield Hospice, ☎ Wakefield 387260. Of

interest to all who minister to the sick and dying.

**Sep 22 4pm** at Colne Valley Leisure Centre, Slaithwaite and **Sep 29 4pm** at Castleford Civic Centre - **Songs of Praise Services** in aid of the Bishop's Centenary Fund.

**Sep 28 Celebration of 10 years of the Shared Ministry Project** 7pm in Halifax Parish Church with the Ven Brian Smith & the Bishop of Pontefract. Information from the Revd Margaret Bradnum ☎ Halifax 240669

**Oct 3 Open Door Retreat** based at Roberttown near Dewsbury. Nine weekly meetings to help deepen our insights into prayer and daily living. ☎ Revd David Rhodes, Heckmondwike 402064 for details.

**Oct 21-31 Pilgrimage to Israel** with St Mary's Church, South Emsall. £735 which includes air fare, port tax, half board, gratuities, excursions and insurance. ☎ Revd G Moffatt 0977

**Songs of Praise.** The BBC is trawling for likely locations for Songs of Praise. Is your church a suitable venue? By suitable they don't mean you've got nice grass outside or pretty pillars to hide cameras. There needs to be some good story or festival to link the broadcast with an occasion. So, if you've got a 500th birthday coming up, it's worth a try! *If you are interested, please write a letter with full details to Roy Clements, Saint Mary's Vicarage, Horbury Junction, WAKEFIELD, West Yorkshire, WF4 5DU. He will then, if he thinks it's worth it, submit the same details to the BBC.*

642861 or Jean Sheppard 0977  
643457.

## MUSICAL MATTERS

**Wakefield Cathedral Festival:** July 3  
Keith Wright Organ recital including  
Cocker Tuba Tune £2, (£1): July 6 all  
day 'America Fun Day' Church  
Music Favourites with the Cathedral  
Choir (Concert at 730pm) £3, (£2):  
July 13 Wakefield Youth Orchestra  
£3.50 (£2.50) in aid of Friends of  
Wakefield Cathedral. All concerts at  
730pm. Tickets from Cathedral  
Bookshop or Administrator ☐  
Wakefield 373923.

**Halifax Parish Church Organ Recitals**  
- Jul 6 Cyril Baker & Jul 20 Lee Long-  
don. Both 715-815pm

**Jul 11 & 12 JOB** - a musical masque by  
Vaughan Williams with music and  
drama. Sponsored by the Wakefield  
Diocesan Drama Committee in St  
John's Church, Wakefield at 730pm.  
Admission £2. Tickets from the Ca-  
thedral Bookshop or at Church door.

**Jul 13 Music for Flute & Guitar**, 8pm in  
Heptonstall Parish Church. Ad-  
mission £3 (£2) at the door.

**Sep 13 Red Alert in Concert** at Saint  
John the Divine, Rastrick, 730-10pm  
Promoted by Saint John's CYFA  
group. Admission by ticket £2.50. For  
further details contact Phil 0484-  
718883, Fiona 710787 or  
Helena 711066.

## MARKET PLACE

The Church of Saint Catherine, Sandal,  
Doncaster Road, Wakefield would  
appreciate the gift of a **Home Com-  
munion Set**. Please ☐ Wakefield  
254176.

**New Degree.** Saint John's College,  
Durham, which trains men and  
women for full time ministry has  
launched a new degree in Theology  
and Ministry. It is the first degree of  
its kind in that it combines the tradi-  
tional study of academic theology  
with a real element of vocational  
training as part of the degree. It is  
awarded by the University of Dur-  
ham. Details from the Saint John's  
College, Durham DH1 3RJ ☐ 091-  
374-3579

**Diocesan Newspaper** The  
Bishop's Council is thinking its way  
towards a diocesan newspaper. It  
will obviously take a lot of local  
Christian effort to succeed.

*If you have professional skills (writing, editing, pictures) which you would like to put to such use, please contact the Diocesan Communications Officer, Roy Clements, at Saint Mary's Vicarage, Millfield Road, Horbury Junction, Wakefield, West Yorkshire, WF4 5DU (Tel: 0924-275274). He is assembling information on skills that might be available.*

**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. Articles/letters deadline 8th of preceeding month.

**CHANGES-OF-ORDER.** Please write to the Editor BY 1st SEPTEMBER with details of required changes for the quarter OCTOBER-DECEMBER. Changes-of-Order are concerned with; how many copies each parish receives and whether the copies are FLAT or FOLDED.

A quiz is used to help couples talk to each other privately about sexual matters. The group then talk together about having children, including whether they intend to have children, how many and when. This session is closed by telling them that most couples have some difficulties with sexual relations, at sometime in their marriages, and we recommend some books on the subject. We also tell them where to go for help if they feel that they need expert guidance.

Session Four is about growing together spiritually and emotionally. We read through the marriage service together in the group and discuss what the vows mean. We help them to understand what it is that they are promising each other. The group also discusses attitudes, feelings and experiences of God, for example in times of trauma, crisis or joy. A video called 'Getting Married in Church' is watched and discussed. The course ends with a prayer asking God's blessing on the couples and their marriages.

It is difficult to know how successful we have been in our aims to bring the couples to a closer understanding of each others needs, feelings and the true meaning of marriage, but they appear to enjoy the course. One couple who completed the course last year were hosts to a course this year, and one of this couple has volunteered to become a leader.

Dorothy Greiff


### THE HOWARD SCHOOL IN JULY

HOWARD SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR

THURSDAY 18 JULY 6 00 - 8 00 pm

Stalls + Games + Raffle + Competitions + Activities for all the family. Come and help raise funds for the Howard School.


SPORTS AFTERNOON: Tuesday 23 July, 1 30 pm.

## TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING

A YOUNG PREACHER was asked to give a sermon at a small country church. He worked hard on the sermon, but was disappointed when he arrived that there was only one man, an elderly farmer, in the congregation.

On being asked if he wished to hear the sermon, the farmer said: "Well, if I took a bucket of meal down to the yard and only one chicken turned up, I'd feed her."

So the preacher delivered his sermon, which took about an hour and a half. Afterwards he asked the old man what he thought of it. "Well," was the reply, "if I took a bucketful of meal down the yard and only one chicken turned up, I'd feed her of course - but I'm blowed if I'd give her the whole bucketful."





FROM THE REGISTERS



BAPTISMS

"We welcome you into the Lord's family"

26 May Sally Ann Ackley, 103 Wakefield Road  
26 May Daniel James Guy, 2 Brookfield Drive

WEDDINGS

"Those whom God has joined together"

21 May Anthony Maddison and Patricia Mary Parkinson  
1 June Michael Richard Wilkinson and Nicole Wilby  
1 June Antony Carr and Diane Dunford

FUNERALS

"In sure hope of the Resurrection"

29 April Edward Henry Williams, 41 Mount Pleasant, 49 years  
4 May John Wood, 'Kildare', New Road, Badsworth, 79 years



PCC NOTES, 3 JUNE

- 1 After discussion on baptism visiting and follow up it was agreed to introduce new baptism anniversary cards, and baptism certificates. It was also agreed to purchase new service books for the baptism service.
- 2 Plans for setting up a Junior Church at St Cuthbert's were outlined. It is hoped to introduce a Junior Church in the autumn, to be held in the new vestry.
3. The Rector informed the PCC that he wished to experiment with using a free standing altar at the west end of the newly repaired chancel at St Cuthbert's Church.
- 4 Details of parish support for the Church Urban Fund were discussed.
- 5 A leaflet is to be produced by Ackworth Fellowship of Churches giving details of all church services in Ackworth, plus community information. The title of the leaflet is 'Churches Together in Ackworth'.



OPEN AIR SERVICE, CARR BRIDGE

SUNDAY 28 JULY, 6 30 PM

TO BE LED BY THE SALVATION ARMY BAND

Everyone Welcome

The Procession will leave Ackworth School at 6 15 pm.  
All are invited to join the Procession.

If wet the service will be held in the Methodist Church  
Barnsley Road.

Organised by Ackworth Fellowship of Churches.



## MOTHERS' UNION

- 3 July 9 15 am Corporate Communion at All Saints' Church.  
 6 July 10 00 am - 4 00 pm Training meeting for the Decade of Evangelism at Church House, Wakefield.  
 18 July 10 30 am - 3 00 pm Diocesan Prayer Day at Tracey Hall, Wakefield. Leader: Mrs Shirley Harrison, Chairman of the Central Indoor Members Committee. Prayer is the underpinning of all we attempt in the Mothers' Union, so I ask that all members make an attempt to be present for at least one session during the day.  
 25 July 7 00 pm Service and meeting at All Saints' Church.

Kitty Cooper

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

We had a very pleasant visit to Lincoln Cathedral on May 18th. The weather was kind - dry and not too hot - and all the arrangements worked quite smoothly. Our day at the Cathedral ended with us attending Evensong and it was nice to learn that one of the choir boys was christened in All Saints' about fourteen years ago. It was most unfortunate that several, who had intended to be with us that day had to withdraw the day before for various unforeseen reasons. They did indeed miss a very enjoyable day out.

This month's event:

### CAR TREASURE HUNT

FRIDAY 19 JULY - STARTING AT 7 15 PM

Come to Bell Lane Car Park - Get the clues from Bill Branston - Off you go!

Entrance Fee: £1 per car. The more passengers you have the better for solving the clues!!

Fred Walters

## MOLLIE & JOHN GARDHAM

We are holding a Coffee Morning - Saturday July 20th 10 30 - 12 30 for the Prince of Wales Hospice.

Raffle + Bring & Buy + Webb Ivory.

At 83 Pontefract Road, High Ackworth.



# July



- 1 Mon 7 30 pm PCC, the Howard School
- 2 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)
- 3 Wed ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE  
9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)
- 7 PENTECOST 7  
Readings: Hos. 11:1-9 (Mr R Firth);  
1 Cor. 12:27-13 end (Mrs M Ward);  
Matt. 18:21-end ASB 668
- 9 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)  
2 00 pm Service for Mothers & Toddlers (AS)
- 10 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

## 14 PENTECOST 8

- Reading: John 15:16-end ASB 674
- 16 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)
  - 17 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)  
7 45 pm Parish Women's Group, the Rectory
  - 18 Thurs 6 00 pm Howard School Summer Fair
  - 19 Fri 7 15 pm Car Treasure Hunt
  - 20 Sat 10 30 am Hospice Coffee Morning, 83 Pontefract Road
  - 21 PENTECOST 9

- Readings: Josh. 1:1-9 (Mr D Cook); Eph. 6.10-20 (Mrs D Greiff);  
John 17:11b-19 ASB 679
- 23 Tues ST MARY MAGDALENE  
9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)  
2 00 pm Service for Mothers & Toddlers (AS)
  - 24 Wed ST JAMES THE APOSTLE  
9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)
  - 25 Thurs 7 00 pm Mothers' Union (AS)
  - 28 PENTECOST 10

- Readings: Job. 42:1-6 (Mrs B Firth); Phil. 2.1-11 (Mr F E Walters);  
John 13:1-15 ASB 684

6 00 pm United Service at Carr Bridge, led by the  
Salvation Army Band (NB NO EVENSONG AT ALL SAINTS).

- 30 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)
- 31 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

## AUGUST

### 4 PENTECOST 11

Readings: Isa. 42:1-7 (Miss L Parker); 2 Cor. 4:1-10 (Mrs D White);  
John 13:31-35 ASB 689

## FLOWER ROTAS

### St Cuthbert's Church

- 7 July Mrs Barrow
- 14 " Mrs Tanswell
- 21 " Mrs Hurst
- 28 " Mrs Lee



### All Saints' Church

- 7 July Vacant
- 14 " Mrs Dugdale
- 21 " Miss E M Smith
- 28 " Mrs Walters

## BRASS CLEANING ROTA

July 7, 14 Mrs Hogg; July 21, 28 Mr and Mrs M Firth

Copy for the August magazine should be handed to the Rector by  
Sunday 7 July