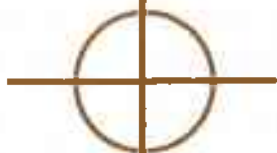




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PARISH OF ACKWORTH - ST CUTHBERT'S AND ALL SAINTS'

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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).

Mid Week Services

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

Guide and Brownie Parade and Family Communion: 2nd Sunday, in the month.

Service for Mothers and Toddlers: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the month (except August),
2 pm at All Saints' Church.

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

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

Enquiries about Baptisms Marriages and Banns: The Rector is normally available every
Tuesday evening between 7.20 and 8 pm at the Rectory. Please telephone beforehand to
arrange an appointment.

RECTOR'S NOTES

PARISH WEEKEND, SCARGILL HOUSE, 1992

It is now three years since a small group of twenty went away for a parish weekend to Barrowby House, near Harewood in Wharfedale. On that occasion we went to consider the future life of the parish. We were trying to respond to the Bishop's request during the Diocesan Centenary that all parishes look to the future, as well as celebrating the past. As a result of that weekend we held a Stewardship Mission, and many new initiatives in our church life were started.

We now plan to hold a second parish weekend next year at Scargill House near Kettlewell in Upper Wharfedale. Scargill House is a major Christian conference centre which will accommodate about 90 people, and is a particularly good centre for families. We hope that this will be a fellowship weekend, when church members can get to know each other better, and especially those who are new to church life. Further details of the weekend are being circulated in church.

THE CHURCH URBAN FUND

The Parochial Church Council has recently decided to try to raise £750 before the end of the year for the Church Urban Fund. This is in response to a challenge set by Stan Evans, the Bishop's Centenary Fund Director. You may remember that the Church Urban Fund was established in 1987, in order to raise £18 million for the church's work in inner city parishes, and other parishes facing difficult social problems. Each diocese in the Church of England was asked to raise a target figure. Wakefield's target was £300,000. So far we have raised £154,000, although the diocese has received no less than £227,000 for various parish projects. The aim therefore is to fulfil our target as a leaving gift to the Bishop as he moves to London.

Living in Ackworth we may find it difficult to understand the need for this Fund. We are fortunate to live in pleasant surroundings, and in a community in which people are relatively affluent, and in which there are few social problems. This is not the case in many parishes, especially those in some of our major cities where crime, vandalism, unemployment, poor housing and often an ageing population create pressures which we can only imagine. In some areas the Church of England is the only presence, because as the established church we are expected to be there. The Church Urban Fund is therefore an attempt to regenerate the mission of the church in our own land, and many new and exciting projects are being undertaken. I hope the PCC's decision to raise this money will meet with your financial support.

CHILDREN IN CHURCH

That's the title of a Coffee Evening to be held on Wednesday 26 June at Ackworth Cricket Club, Wakefield Road, from 7 pm onwards. The coffee evening is being run by the committee of our Mother and Toddler Group, and is designed to raise funds for a future Sunday School, or Junior Church, and for the Group itself. The improvement work presently being undertaken on St Cuthbert's Church is partly aimed at creating a room in the church in which we can run a Sunday School. We hope that a Sunday School will be established in the Autumn of this year. Please support the coffee evening.

Peter Moorhouse

PROGRESS!



We're decorating in our house at the moment. We began in February with the kitchen; moved on to the hall and stairs (this is artexed now but still needs painting) and we're now half-way through stripping paper off the living room wall and ceilings. The good news is that the central heating is installed and I finished painting the conservatory yesterday.

I hate D.I.Y. or home improvement. Some people love it, I know. The challenge, the confusion of change, the slow, hard work of progress eventually leading to an environment that is obviously so much better than what was there before - it's this idea I hope, that will give me, in an hour or so, at least some enthusiasm to pick up the wallpaper scraper and scratch off

a little more wallpaper on this bitterly cold May day holiday.

As I write this in our just - finished conservatory, what I am awkwardly attempting to construct is some kind of analogy - between the change here in our home and of that in the church at the moment.

Change of any kind - in the sense of its transient incompleteness - can be bewildering and confusing. The Bishop is going to London - who will take his place? This George Carey fellow - what is he going to be really like? And St. Cuthbert's itself - what will this new organ sound like?

Yet change can often be the only way of going forward to achieve something better- as I will try to remind myself when I again pick up that scraper!

Of course; change for its own sake is not justifiable - though neither is maintaining the status quo. And, of course, change is part of the cycle of Life, as the old hymn reminds us:-

'Through all the changing scenes of life,
In trouble and in joy

This May day holiday, the green tinge of the year, all around us nature is in a state of flux. Spring is by its nature a season of change - a green growth from the dreariness of winter.

The poet Philip Larkin saw the growth of new greenery in Spring as a symbol of positive change for us all. In essence nature is unchanging yet every year it is in someway new.

Look at trees, says Larkin, in full grown thickness every May.

'Last year is dead, they seem to say,
Begin afresh, afresh, afresh.'

I know this sounds a little bit like 'Thought for the Day!

Perhaps I'll be more successful with that scraper!!!

SEE-LINK

News from Wakefield Diocese,

June 1991



Bishop David writes — Moving on

Moving on is one of the themes which is embedded within the scriptures from the very beginning. It is a recurring aspect of Christian living. It is a fact of life for many people in the course of their lives. And now after five years and eight months as Bishop of the Diocese of Wakefield I am preparing to move to London, the place from which I moved to come to Wakefield!

Number ten

It has been an enormous privilege and a tremendous opportunity to serve the Diocese of Wakefield as its tenth Bishop. Not for a moment, as I watched Bishops from the choir stalls as a chorister in the Cathedral, did I ever imagine that one day I would sit in the Bishop's throne. I was pitched in at the deep end, being made a Diocesan Bishop from Vicar.

Teamwork

I was reliant upon the team already in place — Bishop Richard, the two Archdeacons of Halifax and Pontefract, the Provost and the Diocesan Secretary. This team, meeting regularly, usually every fortnight, along with many others too numerous to mention by name, (ordained and lay), has sought to serve and to build up, to encourage and to renew in the Christian faith and life, in worship and witness. Together we have sought to give a sense of direction and purpose to the Diocese. I am very

thankful for each and every one of you who have been fellow labourers with me in the service of the Lord who calls us all. It is with much thanksgiving for all that we have been able to share and accomplish together that I take my leave of you now.

The Centenary

One of the highlights of my time as Bishop was the celebration of the Centenary. I believe it brought us together in all sorts of ways, as no one else and nothing else could. There have been

a number of Diocesan events subsequently, in connection with the Centenary Fund, and most recently the launch of the Decade of Evangelism, when we have been able to build

further on this being together as brothers and sisters in the household of faith, which is what the Diocese most surely ought to be.

Together

I have attempted to get us going together, and working together, ordained and lay, as partners in the one mission of the Church, God's mission reaching out both in service and in celebration in the parishes and places where we are. Much, under God has been achieved, much remains to be done. It is my fervent prayer and hope that this sense of working and worshipping together for the Kingdom, will continue to inform all our praying, thinking, planning and

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decision making into the future.

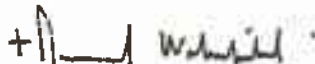
Look forward

And what of the future? One of my constant themes has been that our perspective as Christian people must always be forwards and future. This is what I would wish to leave with you now. Pray for those whose responsibility it is to discern and select my successor. Look forward to the arrival of your new Bishop, welcome him and support him as you have me. Finally may I commend some words of Scripture to you, from Colossians 3, v 17 "And whatever you do in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the father through Him."

Always special

Wakefield will always have a very special place in my heart. Pray for me in the task ahead, to which I believe God has called me. I shall certainly pray with much thanksgiving for all of you.

With greetings and good wishes in Christ Jesus,

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Fan the Flame

"Becoming a welcoming, attractive Church, reaching out and bringing in new Christians."

"Growth in ourselves so that we are able to share our faith through our lives and in conversation."

"When we meet a motivated seeker we need to be motivated sharers. What is the motivation that takes us beyond English reticence and other obstacles?"

These are some issues arising from groups preparing the Church for evangelism. Various parishes have used *Forward in Faith, Before we go*, and *Lights that shine*. They have found them stimulating. Further information is available from me (Halifax 354875).

For 1991 a Diocesan Bible Study Course on evangelism will be available. It could be used in Lent, post-Easter, at a parish week-end or however the church wishes. Then it is anticipated that the parishes of the diocese will prepare an evangelism statement of vision and strategy.

Ken Sawyer,
Adviser for Evangelism

(See the poem on the back of this issue)

BISHOP'S CENTENARY FUND

Dates for Your Diary

July 27 – Garden Party

Bishop's Lodge, Wakefield.

Tickets £4, £2.50. Starts 2.00 pm.

August 31 – Heritage Trek

20 mile walk at Hebden Bridge, parishes are invited to enter a team.

September 22 – Songs of Praise

Colne Valley Leisure Centre, Slaithwaite at 4.00pm.

September 29 – Songs of Praise

Castleford Civic Centre with Castleford Male Voice Choir, 4.00pm.

October 6-13, Church Urban Fund Week, there will be a special "hand-over" to Bishop David in London.

Vocations

A call from God? Do you know why your Vicar became a Vicar? Do you know why we have Vicars at all? Have you ever met anyone who wanted to be ordained? This Petertide ask some questions about the ordained ministry. Why do we still have it after all these years? Who can be ordained?

It is sad that in some churches the Vicar is only mentioned when there are complaints or grumbles. As more are ordained in Wakefield at the end of June why not take time to pray for them, to discuss with others what being ordained might mean and to ask your Vicar some questions about his sense of call?

**Petertide Ordinations — Sunday 30 June 1991,
Wakefield Cathedral 11.00 am**

**Please pray for all who are to be ordained at this time,
their families and their parishes:**

To be ordained Priest:

Nils Bersweden Mirfield
Philip Harrop Athersley
Gary Mann Knottingly
Peter Whittingham . Northowram
David Rowley . Stainland with Outlane
Ralph Tuck . . S Crosland / Helme
Phillip Moate . Uppertong / Holmbridge

To be made Deacon:

Paul Crabb Gomersal
Tim Davis Normanton
Rod Geddes Alverthorpe
Christine Little Meltham



**Please pray also for Bishop Richard who will ordain them,
and The Rev Richard Giles who will conduct the
Ordination Retreat and preach in the Cathedral.**

The Parish Magazine Competition

The judges considered 69 entries looking at: appearance, presentation, editing, printing quality, binding, illustrations, headings and page decorations.

Well done The Deanery of Brighouse and Elland who attained four entries in the top 8!

The results were:

- 1st Crofton Parish**
- 2nd Luddenden St Mary**
- 3rd Coley Parish**

Runners up were (alphabetically):

**Brighouse Team Parish, Kirkheaton,
Lightcliffe, Scholes, St John's Rastrick**

Roy Clements,
Diocesan Communications Officer



Bishop David with representatives of the winning Parish Magazine entries

Fan the Flame – one we don't want put out!!

Inspired by Bishop David's taped sermon, Fireman Ivor Roberts wrote:

Fan the flame,
the fire of love is burning,
Tell out His name,
this century is turning
two thousand years,
still Jesus lives for men
in Yorkshire's towns today,
as in Jerusalem.

Fan the flame,
this fire within our hearts,
and let it grow,
the glow His love imparts,
that all who know Him not
may see our glow,
and come to Him for love,
His warmth and comfort know.

Fan the flame,
let others see your light
No fires of hell
could ever burn so bright,
Be as a candle small
shining out His story
Be as a beacon tall
To Him a blaze of Glory.

Fan the flame,
be as a guiding torch,
light every pathway
leading to His porch,
that all will seek Him out,
learn Jesu's name,
hold Him within their hearts,
For Jesus, Fan the flame.

Fan the flame,
From Wakefield's tallest spire
let us proclaim
that Christ has lit the fire.
Let every church
throughout our diocese
shine in the Saviour's light
His truth, His love, His peace.

People and Places

The Rev Nicholas Clews, A/c of South Elmsall is to be Vicar of Featherstone.

The Rev David Clarkson, A/c of Morley St Peter is to be Rector of Cumberworth with Denby Dale and P-in-C of Denby.

The Rev Margaret Smith, Chaplain of New Hall Prison and N.S.M. at St Mary Mirfield is to be Minister-in-Charge of Flockton, continuing as Chaplain of New Hall Prison.

News from Mara Diocese

For those of you who have been starved of news, things are about to get much better!!

1 We now have the Rev Wilson Opudo staying for six months at Upton. This will deepen our knowledge of each other and we will hear a lot from him.

2 The Rev Raphael Mwita will be with us in June and July and we hope he will spread himself about the diocese.

3 We hope that Bishop Gershom will be with us before Bishop David leaves. This will give a tremendous boost to supporters of our link.

4 Bill and Maureen are coming back for a short break from mid-May to the end of June. Please let me know if you would like them to visit you. Their life in Mara is an inspiration to us all.

5 John and Penny Thompson are going to Musoma, the main town in Mara, to work for the Tear Fund.

6 I hope to establish a radio link with Mara – instant communication! We hope and pray.

I will keep you informed about all these things. Contact me for up-to-date news.

Leslie Brooks, Mara Link Officer,
Tel (0977) 702478

Elections to the House of Laity of the Diocesan Synod

A new Diocesan Synod will be elected this year. Anyone on an electoral roll of any parish in the diocese may stand, but only those who are members of deanery synods are able to make nominations and vote.

Nomination papers will be issued on 3rd June, for return to the deanery Presiding Officers by 21st June. They will be sent to those on the Electoral Register kept at Church House. If you are a member of a deanery synod and do not receive papers, please contact John Roch as quickly as possible. The Register can be amended in the period up to 21 June, but not after then.

ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS of events now go to: The Rev Michael Bootes OGS, The Vicarage, Littleworth Lane, Lundwood, BARNSLEY S71 5RG, Yorkshire.

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GARDEN PARTY SATURDAY 15 JUNE

THE HOWARD SCHOOL, LOW ACKWORTH, 2 30 PM

CHILDREN'S TREASURE HUNT * TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

PAINTINGS BY LOCAL ARTIST * CAKES * PLANTS *

FRUIT & VEGETABLES * FRAGRANCES * RAFFLE *

STRAWBERRIES & CREAM TEAS * ICE CREAM *

MUSIC BY ACKWORTH SCHOOL PUPILS



ADMISSION: 20P

TO BE OPENED BY MRS VIVIEN DOWNHAM



SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Make a note in your diary - on Friday 11 October we are combining with the Howard School Association to hold a Ceilidh at Top Farm.

Fred Walters

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A PRAYER

Give me a good digestion, Lord
And also something to digest.
Give me a healthy body, Lord,
With sense to keep it at its best.
Give me a healthy mind, good Lord,
To keep the good and pure in sight,
Which seeing sin is not appalled
But finds a way to set it right.

Give me a mind that is not bored,
That does not whimper, whine or sigh;
Don't let me worry overmuch
About the fussy thing called 'I'
Give me a sense of humour, Lord
Give me the grace to see a joke,
To get some happiness from life
And pass it on to other folk.

AMEN

Submitted by Mrs J Bateman. She says: "This was given to me beautifully written out and framed by my Aunt. I often wonder if she was trying to tell me something!!". It says on the prayer 'Found in Chester Cathedral'.



MOTHERS' UNION

At our A.G.M. in April the following officials were elected for three years:

Enrolling Member - Mrs K Cooper

Committee Members - Mrs M Hardy (Secretary), Mrs E Atkinson (Deanery Rep), Mrs Upright, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Asquith.

For the next three months, as a trial period, our meetings will be held at 7 00 pm. This will enable us to assess the need for an evening meeting, we shall revert back to an afternoon meeting in September. The members who attend meetings regularly, and the ladies who are preparing to become members, prefer the afternoon. We hope that by bringing our meetings forward to 2 00 pm anyone with a child at school will be able to join us and to be on time to pick them up afterwards.

Membership of the Mothers' Union is not just being a member in the parish, but being part of a world wide organisation. It offers participation in worship, learning, and social activities together with others in the Deanery, Diocese and further a field. The various Departments - Education, Social Concern, Media, Prayer, Indoor Members, Overseas and and Young Families offer a wide variety of opportunities to grow in faith and to share experiences within a loving, caring society.

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| 5 June | 9 15 am Corporate Communion at All Saints' Church |
| 15 June | 2 00 pm to 4 30 pm The Young Families 'Fun and Praise Picnic at St Mary's Church, Mirfield, why not join other young families in the Diocese and bring your friends, garden chairs and picnic and enjoy a time of friendship and worship together.
N.B. Will be held indoors if wet. |
| 17 June | 7 15 pm Deanery Summer Festival Service at St Helen's Church, Hemsworth. |
| 26 June
Wednesday | 7 00 pm Service and meeting at All Saints' Church.
<u>Speaker:</u> The Revd Peter Moorhouse. |

Kitty Cooper



FOR YOUR DIARIES

Coffee Morning, Saturday 20 July, 10 30 - 12 30 in aid of the Prince of Wales Hospice, 83 Pontefract Road, High Ackworth.

STOP PRESS: Church Urban Fund - Stan Evans will preach at St Cuthbert's Church on Sunday 30 June.

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

"We welcome you into the Lord's family"

28 April

Samantha Charlotte Rose Lloyd, 17 Doncaster Road Estate

28 April

Claire Bell, 5 Langdale Drive

FUNERALS

"In sure hope of the Resurrection"

10 April

Lottie Edith Miles, 9 Low Green, 87 years

26 April

George Barrett, 63 Rhyddings Drive, 88 years

PCC NOTES, 7 MAY

- 1 It was agreed to try to raise £750, by the end of the year, for the Church Urban Fund.
- 2 Arrangements for a Parish Weekend to be held at Scargill House, Wharfedale, were discussed. The weekend will be 27-29 March 1992 and 90 places will be available.
- 3 The PCC is to investigate the possibility of erecting a sign post on the Green for St Cuthbert's Church.
- 4 Reports were given on recent meetings of the Fellowship of Churches, and the Howard School Governing Body.

CHILDREN IN CHURCH COFFEE EVENING

In aid of funds for a future Junior Church and the Mums and Todds Group.

WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE, 7 PM ONWARDS AT
ACKWORTH CRICKET CLUB, WAKEFIELD ROAD
(Behind the Boot and Shoe Pub)

BRING & BUY * CAKE STALL * TOMBOLA * RAFFLE

ADMISSION: COFFEE & BISCUITS 30P

Gifts for stalls may be left at the back of church in boxes provided. All donations gratefully received (collection service available for large donations !***!!). For more information please contact Dorothy Greiff (615293) or Alison Barker (614336)





2 PENTECOST 2

Readings: Exod.19:1-6 (Mrs D Greiff); 1 Pet.2:1-10 (Mrs B Firth); John 15:1-5 ASB 644

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

9 PENTECOST 3

Reading: John 15:5-11 ASB 649

10 Tues ST BARNABAS THE APOSTLE

9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)
2 00 pm Service for Mothers & Toddlers (AS)

11 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)

15 Sat 2 30 pm Garden Party at the Howard School

16 PENTECOST 4

Readings: Deut.7:6-11 (Mr F Walters); Gal.3.23-4-7 (Miss L Parker); John 15:12-17 ASB 653

18 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)

19 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

7 45 pm Parish Women's Group, 54 Holly Bank

23 PENTECOST 5

Readings: Exod.20.1-17 (Mrs D White); Eph.5:1-10 (Mrs J Waites); Matt.19:16-26 ASB 658

25 Tues BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

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

26 Wed ST PETER THE APOSTLE

9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)
7 00 pm Mother's Union (AS)
Speaker: The Rector

30 PENTECOST 6

Readings: Exod.24:3-11 (Mrs M Woffinden); Col.3:12-17 (Mr S McDougall); Luke 15:11-end ASB 664

JULY

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

FLOWER ROTAS

St Cuthbert's Church

2	June	Mrs Roberts
9	"	Mrs Asquith
16	"	Vacant
23	"	Mrs Barnard
30	"	Vacant



BRASS CLEANING ROTA

Misses P and R Harrison

All Saints' Church

2	June	Mrs Upright
9	"	Mrs Huby
16	"	Mrs Walters
23	"	Mrs Hardy
30	"	Vacant

Copy for the July magazine should be handed to the Rector by Sunday 2 June.