

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

You want to join the Stewardship Envelope Scheme:

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

You want a magazine delivered:

Mrs Mollie Gardham, Tenter Ings House, 83 Pontefract Road 794500

You wish to put flowers in church:

Mrs Phyllis Asquith, 70 Pontefract Road 704732 - St Cuthbert's Church

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



"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Those words are the opening line from psalm 22. They are, of course, the words of derelication and despair uttered by Christ on the cross. The Son of God abandoned to His fate. God being put to death by His own people. It's a terrible cry of despair which echoes down the corridors of time. It's a cry which convinces me of the truth of Christianity. It tells me of a God who not only was prepared to die for me, but who also knows what it is to suffer. Our God is not a remote being on high, but one also who became part of His creation, and who demonstrated his love in the most telling way possible. The cross tells us that Christ understands our sufferings. As the Letter to the Hebrews puts it. "Because he himself has passed through the test of suffering, he is able to help those who are in the midst of their test" (Ch 3, v18).

However the cross was not the end of the story. Resurrection followed. The cross and the resurrection must go together in Christian belief, and to try to have one without the other is to fall short of the truth. Psalm 22 starts with a cry of despair, but the second half is a song of triumph. (Try reading it). If Christ was reciting this psalm to himself on the cross, as some have suggested, he would have ended with these verses:

But he has saved my life for himself: and my posterity shall serve him.

This shall be told of my Lord to a future generation: and his righteousness declared to a people yet unborn that he has done it.

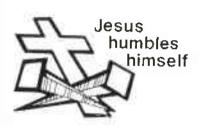
THE CHURCHYARDS

It is not often realised that churchyards and their care are governed by quite clear, and sometimes strict, regulations. Each Diocese has a set of rules drawn up by its chief legal officer, who is known as 'the Chancellor'. In 1989 the Diocese of Wakefield published a revised set of regulations. It is the responsibility of the Incumbent of a parish to ensure that these regulations are followed, and so in future copies of the Diocesan Regulations will be available for inspection in both of our churches. In addition parishes are allowed to make their own rules to meet the needs of their local situation, and I hope that the Parochial Church Council will shortly draw up some simple guidelines for both our churchyards.

Both churchyards are now closed to all burials, except where there is an existing family grave which can accommodate a further internment. Under the rules for governing closed churchyards the Church Council may ask the local authority to maintain the churchyard. As present St Cuthbert's churchyard is maintained by Wakefield Metropolitan District Council under such an arrangement. All Saints' churchyard, however, is maintained by a community training organisation at a cost to the parish of over £200 per annum. Any families who have a grave at All Saints' Church may help maintain the churchyard by making a financial donation. If you wish to help in this way please contact Bill Branston (610590).

Peter Monthouse.

SO WHAT?



'Christ died for you'.' proclaims the Church. Church. 'So what?' the World replies and shrugs its shoulders in complete indifference. Unfortunately, the Death and Resurrection of Christ is a subject that far too few people try to come to terms with. Many dismiss Easter as being totally irrelevant to their lives. Our problems with Good Friday and Easter in part stem from our understanding of words. 'Christ died because of you' can clarify the issue substantially.

The tragedy of Christ's crucifixion is one in which we all participate. Let's look at the events that happened and some of their latter day counterparts. The Jewish leaders wanted Jesus out of the way - he was a threat and danger to their authority.

Pilate found it expedient to have Jesus crucified; it might have been unjust, but it kept the Jewish leaders happy and pragmatism has always served politicians well. Judas is a name that has become synonymous with betrayal; for him there was the temptation of a substantial financial gain and this temptation was too great for him.

The disciples followed Jesus eagerly but ran to save their own skins at the first sign of danger to themselves. We see similar things happening today. There are many people murdered or imprisoned every year throughout our world simply because they have spoken out against injustice.

In our daily lives we exercise political expediency in matters great and small with varying degrees of justice. We live in a society that actively encourages the greed that eventually destroyed Judas. And like the disciples we all too often run for cover instead of standing by our principles.

The Sins that sent Christ to the cross are ones we are still guilty of today. Yes, Christ died because of us and the sins of all ages - but that was not the end. Christ rose from the dead. Christ's love for mankind cannot be destroyed by death.

Despite mankind's most bitter rejection of Christ, his response was not condemnation but continuing love. It is for us to respond to Christ's love - a love that will hold us fast through all eternity.

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DAVID BRADSHAW

THANK YOU

Margaret Camplin wishes to thank everyone for their cards, letters and best wishes during recent times in hospital and during her convalescence.

When men are looking for better methods God is looking for better men.

SEE-LINK

News from Wakefield Diocese

March 1991



Bishop David writes - The Risen Christ

One difficulty in writing this letter is that it has to be prepared so far in advance. However, there is a saying about turning difficulties into opportunities.

Jesus' life in our worship

There is some lesson to be drawn from the fact that already, in the early part of Lent, we have in view Easter Day. Here surely is the right perspective. Often we seem able only to look back to what has been, we do this as we live the events of Jesus'

death and resurrection through the worship of the Church.

The real victory

But the whole event of Jesus, His birth, life, death and resurrection is God's announcement to us that His kingdom is at hand; God's future has

broken into this present time. We are called as Christians not only to share in the Easter victory, but to make that victory a reality in our life and in our world.

God's assurance

The celebration of Easter is the assurance that God can and does bring good out of evil; the last word does not rest with the thug, the aggressor or the terrorist, but with the God who raised Jesus from the dead and brought Him to glory. We cannot, however, escape the fact that there is much evidence of the feeble, fragile and fallen aspects of our human nature, that the kingdoms of this world have not yet become the kingdom of our God and of His Christ.

The Gulf War

In the midst of a terrible war in the Gulf, the greeting of the risen Christ - PEACE - comes both as an indictment and as a prayer. It is an indictment upon us all that as an international community we have still to achieve a way of settling disputes without the ultimate possibility of war. And even with the present conflict proceeding, the thoughts of all involved must urgently be drawn to that process whereby a just order and a lasting peace and security might be established in the Middle East.

"It is an indictment upon us all that as an international community we have still to achieve a way of settling disputes without the ultimate possibility of war." Even with the war over, such a process will require much patient and painstaking negotiations. The risen Lord's greeting of peace is a renewed call to a continuing and costly prayer for peace; that He who raised Our Lord Jesus Christ will in the words of the Collect for

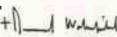
the Eighth Sunday before Easter - Look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both men and nations.

May we be forgiven

And the peace making process touches the lives of us all – we are called upon to be instruments of God's peace and I just wonder how well we manage that day by day.

May the Lord then have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins and shortcomings against peace, and stir up in our hearts both the desire and the will to be more urgently the peace-makers he calls us to he.

Yours sincerely,





Want to lose weight? Or just love walking!

Get your parish on the move in the beautiful South Pennines around Hebden Bridge, The Rev Ralph Godsall, Vicar of St James' Hebden Bridge has kindly offered to make parish facilities available to visiting groups tel (0422) 842138. Certificates and Badges will be available to all those who complete the walks.

Interested? Then write to Stan Evans. Church House, 1 South Parade, Wakefield WF1 1LP. Tel (0924) 371802,

The Fund at the end of January stood at £530,000. Let's go for it!!!!!

All you wanted to know about Social Responsibility . . . but were atraid to ask.

One of the things that have helped me in my work as Social Responsibility Adviser has been the fact that "Faith in the City" is recognised by many non-church organisations as a serious attempt by the Church to address the problems facing urban parishes. Industry, local authorities and other voluntary bodies right across the diocese are increasingly approaching us, the church, asking for our help and co-operation. If you would like to know more about how the work of "Faith in The City" is being carried out in the diocese then please get in touch with me at Church House.

> George Nairn-Briggs, Social Responsibility Adviser

Fan the Flame - Opportunity Knocks!

We are often surprised about how many folk we are in contact with in our ordinary daily lives. We live in several networks of relationships. Our homes, families, neighbours, work-places, leisure pursuits, shops, bus queues, even bank and Post Office queues! We are sent by God to these places to be witnesses there. By lives lived for Him. By our words, by our attitudes, by our activity, by our reactions. There, we show what we are. Do you look at life like that? Jesus says, "Come to



me . . . Go into the world . . . Come and see . . . Go and witness." He also said, "I will be with you."

Ken Sawyer

The Diocesan Community Relations Working Party and The Board of Social Responsibility

LOVE THE STRANGER THEN

A conference to explore the issues raised by evangelism in a multi-faith society. Saturday 27 April 1991, 9.30 am - 3.30 pm.

Chaired by The Bishop of Wakefield Speakers: The Rev Christopher Lamb, Coventry Diocesan Community Relations Officer

Mr Philip Lewis, Community Relations Adviser in The Diocese of Bradford

ST THOMAS' CHURCH, HUDDERSFIELD £2 Registration fee includes lunch Further details from: The Rev Ian Wildey, The Vicarage, Ravensthorpe, Dewsbury WF133LA, Tel (0924)

Hymn – pickers

"Who on earth picked the hymns today ***fff***???" Every Vicar knows the tone of voice. If only someone else chose them. But he'd still get the blame. Besides, give the choice to some and the range would shrink to a couple of dozen.

Whatever your book, some hymns are unusable. As for the rest, you delicately pick your way through, using them somehow. New, old, some with dubious words, some with terrible music (matter of opinion).

Awful job, Worst task in the Church of England. Amen.

Parish Profile - St James' Ryhill

"Can anything good come out of Ryhill?" Where is Ryhill? We are about 2 miles from Nostell Priory between Wakefield, Barnsley and Pontefract, but we are not just a sleepy little village – we are active Christians doing God's work in this Decade of Evangelism.

Let me give you a picture of some of the things we are doing. The young mothers with their babies and toddlers come along to our new centre each week and enjoy each other's friendship. When the girls are a bit older they join our Church Brownie Pack. The boys join the Cub Open Group who come along to Church parades several times a year.

Our Sunday School caters for the spiritual needs of the children, and the "Footsteps" (young people's) Group meet once a week for social activities and religious teaching. There are Bible study/fellowship groups for all. There is a flourishing Mothers' Union, and the Ladies Guild and Women's Institute all use our centre.

We have whist, bingo and a number of concerts and social evenings throughout the year for all the village people. Our worship is formal but with an air of informality, and we enjoy our services with a smile on our faces.

As I write this we are approaching the season of Lent and we are joining together with our fellow Christians in Ryhill and Havercroft—to worship and to witness together, not in a dull boring way, but in an exciting way. We shall worship in each other's Churches and we shall process around the village on Palm Sunday with a donkey. On Good Friday we shall walk through the villages singing as we go, with a Hot Cross Bun to refresh us at the end. In other words, we are good neighbours. We may not, in fact we do not, all worship in the same way, and thank God for that, but together we show

those around us that being Christian is both hard work and fun.

We remember that there are other places besides Ryhill, and we try, with our limited resources to help those in need. A Blue Peter Bring-and-Buy Sale for the Children of Romania; our Lent giving for the work of the USPG; our Christingle service for the work of The Children's Society; a stall for the Children in Need; and carol singing for the Martin House Hospice.

Our Church – dedicated to St James – is a happy place, a place of prayer, a place beautifully cared for and loved by all. A place where week by week we come with joy to worship Our Lord. Strangers can feel at home with us and they get a warm welcome.

We are a village, and proud to be so, and as such we create a village atmosphere of warmth and friendliness. Central to our worship is The Eucharist where we can remember and be with Our Lord and remind ourselves of the Cross He bore for us. Yes — I am sure that "something good does come out of Ryhill."

Michael E Rogers

Can the Gospel be heard in your Church?

Please can you help in supplying the following information:

In your Church is there a public address system, and is an induction loop fitted? Do you have difficulty in hearing? Can you hear your clergy?

It is very important for us to be able to obtain a realistic picture of the scale of the problem for those in our congregations who have difficulty hearing clearly. Without your response the Diocesan Committee for the Deaf's efforts will be weakened. Write to: Mr Dennis Lever, 13 Gibralter Road, Halifax HX1 4HG.

Our pravers are asked

From our television screens we saw and heard the bruised lips of a prisoner-ofwar in Iraq appeal, Mum and Dad, pray for me. We must help the parents of this and all other prisoners-of-war, and to carry this burden around the clock.

A prayer cell has begun in Womersley and Kirk Smeaton villages to supplement the daily prayers of priest and congregations in all parishes. We aim to involve others across the Diocese who will keep a list of known prisoners at bedside, sinktop or workbench, to pray for these and unnamed prisoners-of-war, at a given portion of day or night.

We urge people who are up in the night, working in hospital, all-night garage, factory or colliery to undertake to pray in their tea-break or at a shift end.

It is important too that we communicate with the bases from which the men flew into the hell in which they now find themselves, to send our love. We must keep a light burning in our Churches. Of charity, pray! Please. Anyone who would like to link their prayers with ours can telephone me (Pontefract 620436) or Amanda Tod (Pontefract 621307) or Sally Marsh (Knottingly 672197).

Ann Hind

News from Mara — our Link Diocese

Heather and Rebecca have returned from Mara and have lots of news, pictures and videos. As well as meeting many young people all round the Diocese, they also spent a lot of time with Bill and Maureen at Issenye, Ring Halifax (0422) 354448 for further information.

The Rev Raphael Mwita, from the parish of Mogabiri in northern Mara, has been studying at Bristol University for the past three years. He is a very intelligent young man and he is sure to obtain a good degree.

His studies come to an end in June and he will be coming to stay in our Diocese for at least a month. If you would like him to spend some of his time in your parish, please let me know, (0977) 702478.

Incidentally, he belongs to the Kuria tribe all our previous visitors have been of the Luo tribe. They think in a different language so the culture gap between them is almost as great as it is between us and the

French! We will look at some of these cultural differences in a See-Link to come.



Leslie Brooks

People and Places

The Rev Eric Ford, Priest in Charge of St John the Baptist in the Wilderness. Cragg Vale has resigned.

The Rev Christopher Irving, Team Vicar of St Paul's Willington Quay (Newcastle Diocese) is to be Vicar of St Paul's Monk Bretton.

The Rev John Ross. Assistant Priest of Wakefield St Andrew is to be Priest in Charge of Great and Little Whelnetham and Bradfield St George (St Edmundsbury & Ipswich Diocese).

The Rev Canon Edward G S Scott. formerly Canon Residentiary of Wakefield has died.

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

SEE-LINK EDITOR — The Rev Hugh N Lawrance, Christ Church Vicarage, Stainland Road, Barkisland, HALIFAX HX4 0AQ, Yorkshire. Tel Hx 822339.

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HOLY WEEK

MARCH - 31 MARCH

8 30 am Holy Communion (AS) Palm Sunday

10 15 am The Parish Communion with

Procession, distribution of Palms, and the dramatic reading

of the Passion (SC)

6 30 pm Evensong (AS)

Tuesday

9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)

Wednesday 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

7 45 pm The Parish Communion (SC), followed by Maunday Thursday The Watch until 10 00 pm

10 30 am Good Friday Family Service (AS) Good Friday

2 00 pm The Good Friday Liturgy (SC)
7 00 pm Evensong and Meditation on the
 Passion (SC)

Easter Eve 8 00 pm Lighting of the Easter Candle and

Renewal of Baptismal Vows (SC)

Easter Day

8 30 am Holy Communion (AS) 10 15 am The Parish Communion (SC), followed by egg rolling in churchyard

(bring decorated hard boiled eggs)

6 30 pm Service of Easter Praise (AS)

************************* WINE AND CHEESE PARTY

A Mid Lenten Feast in honour of St Cuthbert's Day

We shall be holding a Wine and Cheese Party in the Parish Rooms Bell Lane on Friday 22 March from 7 00 pm to 10 00 pm.

Tickets are £2 50 each and you are asked to bring along a small item which can be sold in a "Fun Auction during the evening.

You can get your tickets from any member of the Social Committee and look forward to a happy and enjoyable evening together.



In this column last December I wrote that the birth of Jesus is a very 'earthy' story. There is also something very 'earthy' about the death and resurrection of Jesus. The last week of Jesus' life starts with the waving of palms and a ride on a donkey. It concludes with a last meal in an upper room, followed by the prayers and arrest in a garden, the cock crowing, a crown of thorns, a wooden cross and a sip of cheap wine.

It is as if the whole of creation is involved in these dramatic events. The garden and meal themes are continued on the third day: Mary Magdalene mistakes Jesus for a gardener and then he shares a meal with some disciples at Emmaus after a long walk.

TOO 'SPIRITUAL'?

There has always been a danger of making the Christian faith too spiritual. One of the earliest Christian heresies denied that the body of Jesus really hung on the Cross. Another heresy is to deny that Jesus' body was physically raised from the dead.

Some Christians in Corinth said that the resurrection of Jesus did not involve his body: bodies cannot take part in the life of the spirit. The truth is that the resurrection of Jesus was both a physical and a spiritual event.

The green movement has tried to recapture this basic truth of the wholeness of body and spirit. It is concerned with both the physical universe and with the life of the spirit. The gap between the two sides of our nature, body and spirit, needs to be closed so we can be whole persons again.

DAVID EVERETT

MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS

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'A thank you'

May I take this opportunity of thanking all our magazine distributors for all the hard work that is done over the year. This year we have made a good start - already by the beginning of February in excess of £200 has been handed in. Well done: If anyone has any suggestions to make the delivery of the magazines more streamlined I shall be pleased to hear them.

Mollie Gardham

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MOTHERS' UNION

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6 March 8 "

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9 15 am Corporate Communion at All Saints' Church 2 00 pm Deanery Meeting at St Giles Parish Hall,

Ropergate, Pontefract 2 30 pm Service and Meeting at 70 Pontefract Road

<u>Kitty Cooper</u>

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

Jackie Dawson wishes to empty the Children's Society Boxes before the end of March. Please return boxes either to church, or to 60 Holly Bank. Jackie may be contacted on 610800.

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

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"We welcome you into the Lord's family" Stephanie Jayne Oglesby, 5 Denton Gardens

27 January

Kathryn Louise Rayner, 47 Brakenhill

FUNERALS

"In sure hope of the Resurrection" Wilfred Glassell, 81 Bell Lane, 75 years



SOCIAL COMMITTEE

At its first meeting in 1991 your Social Committee discussed a number of possible events to be held this year and the following programme was provisionally agreed:

22 March Wine and Cheese Party to be held in the Parish Rooms, $Be\space{1}\end{1}$ Lane.

May

Coach trip to Lincoln Cathedral on a Saturday.

June

Garden Party in the grounds of Howard School.

June

A stall at the Ackworth Gala

July

Picnic one Sunday

september October

Car Treasure Hunt Ceilidh.

7 December

Christmas Favre

Further details of each of these events will be published as soon as they are finalised.

Should you have any questions regarding social matters, or would be willing to assist in any particular way, will you please be good enough to have a word with any member of the committee who will be happy to help you.

Members of the committee are as follows: Jean McDougall, Jean Reast, Margaret Rhodes, Doreen Seal, Linda Steer, Lynne Ward, Stuart McDougall and Fred Walters.

Fred Walters

BRASS CLEANING ROTA

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3 March Mrs Morley

24 & 31 March Mr & Mrs Hogg

A Clergyman was on a railway station with a party of children. A porter came up and said to him "Excuse me sir, are you St Michael and all Angels?"

MARCH 1991

7 15 am Holy Communion (SC) LENT 3 Readings: Gen.22:1-13 (Mr F Walters); Col.1:24-end (Miss L Parker); Luke 9:18-27 Visiting preacher: Miss Felicity Lawson, Diocesan Director of Training 30 pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting (AS)

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

9 15 am Holy Communion (AS) 7 15 am Holy Communion (SC) 6 8 Fri LENT 4 - MOTHERING SUNDAY Readings: Luke 9:28-36 ASB 519 10

12 15 am Holy Communion (SC) Tues

00 pm Service for Mothers and Toddlers (AS)

13 Wed 15 am Holy Communion (AS) 15 15 am Holy Communion (SC) Fri

LENT 5 - PASSION SUNDAY
Readings: Exod.6:2-13 (Mrs D White); Col.2:8-15; (Mrs J Waites);
John 12:20-32 ASB 522
Tues ST JOSEPH OF NAZARETH 17

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9 15 am Holy Communion (SC) ST CUTHBERT, BISHOP OF LINDISFARNE 20 Wed

15 am Holy Communion (AS) 45 pm Parish Communion (SC)

Followed by Parish Women's Group - Quiet Evening (SC)

22 24 Eri 7 15 am Holy Communion (SC) PALM SUNDAY

Readings: [sa.50:4-9a (Mrs M Moorhouse); Phil.2:5-11 (Mr S McDougall); The Passion Gospel from Matthew ASB 527 26

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK
9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)

00 pm Service for Mothers and Toddlers (AS)

27 WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

28 MAUNDY THURSDAY 30 pm Mothers' Union - service and meeting at 70 Pontefract Road 7 45 pm Parish Communion, followed by The Watch until 10 00 pm (SC) GOOD FRIDAY

29 10 30 am Family Service (AS)

-00 pm The Good Friday Liturgy (SC) 00 pm Evensong (Said) (SC)

EASTER EVE 8 00 pm Lighting of the Easter Candle and Renewal of Baptisimal Vows 30

EASTER DAY 31 Readings: Exod.14:15-22 (Mr R Firth); Rev.1:10-18 (Mrs M Ward); John 20:1-18 ASB 576

APRIL

NO MIDWEEK SERVICE NO MIDWEEK SERVICE TUESDAY IN EASTER WEEK WEDNESDAY IN EASTER WEEK

EASTER Readings: Exod.15-1-11 (Mr D Cook): 1 Pet.1:3-9 (Mrs D Greiff): John 20:19-29 ASB 602

FLOWER ROTAS

No flowers in Lent. Donations for Easter flowers may be given to Mrs P Asquith (SC) or Miss E M Smith (AS)

Copy for the April magazine should be handed to the Rector by Sunday 3 March.