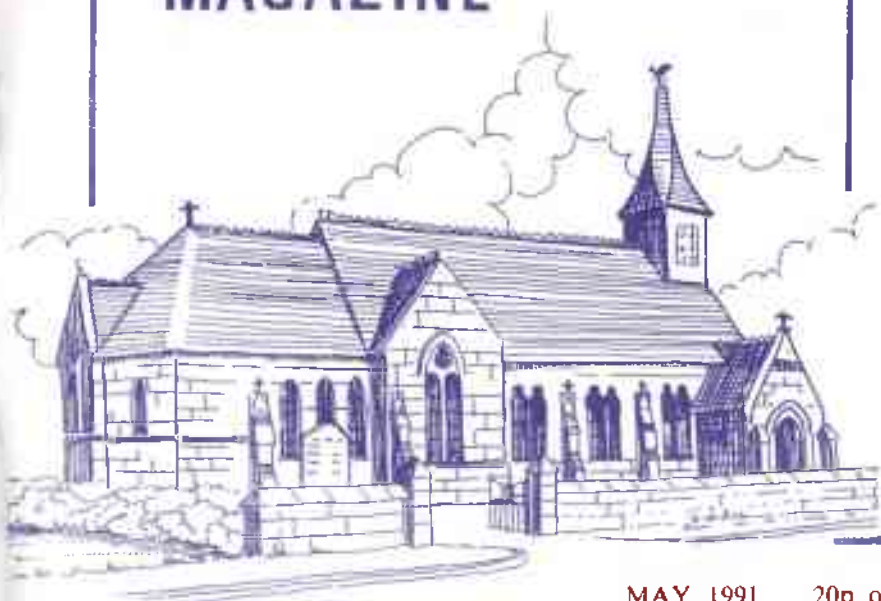
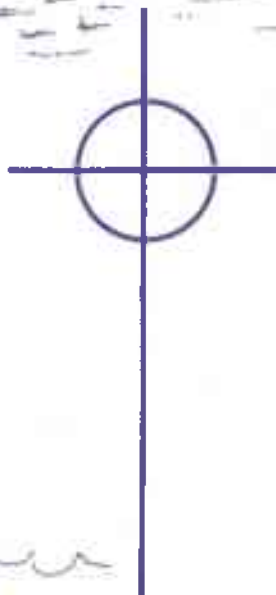


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PARISH OF ACKWORTH - ST CUTHBERT'S AND ALL SAINTS'

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

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PASTORAL CARE

WHAT IS PASTORAL CARE?

Pastoral care is caring by members of the Church for members of the Church. This includes active members and those who have only occasional contact with the Church. It should surely also include care for the wider parish, those with no church connections.



Our church, however, is only one of several churches in our parish, our parish one of many in the diocese and our diocese only one small part of God's would-be kingdom on earth. We should draw no boundaries to our caring - it should grow like ripples in a pond.

WOT? ANOTHER COMMITTEE?

The Pastoral Care Sub-Committee was formed at the first meeting of the PCC in March. Its function is:

- (a) to coordinate the many aspects of pastoral work currently taking place in the parish
- (b) to recognise areas where help is needed
- (c) to put ideas into practice.

The Stewardship Mission held in Autumn '88 revealed the depth of pastoral care already taking place and sought to build on it and expand the work. As a result new people offered their services in visiting the elderly, and a rota was drawn up of people willing to give lifts to church. Numbers were added to a baptism visiting group already in operation. A further group trained themselves to run marriage preparation classes, which are now in their second year of operation. All the groups mentioned are thriving and their work expanding.

WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

The opportunities for further care are endless. Things that have already been mentioned are - welcoming new comers to church, learning about bereavement and visiting the bereaved, and increasing our support for the Church overseas. How many of us feel that support for the overseas church means 2p in the Mara bottle each week?

You will continue to be asked for items of clothing, furniture etc. as the need arises. This is coordinated by a small ecumenical group working in the village.

Over the next few months you will be hearing more about the work of the individual groups mentioned. The members of the group are:-

Peter Moorhouse (pastor-in-chief)	Barbara Firth (Visiting Groups)
Dorothy Griefff (Marriage Preparation)	Ann Tait (Lifts to Church)
Joyce Waites (Baptism Visiting)	Heather Walters
Sue Tanswell	Doreen Belk (Chairman)

Continued ...

Two final things:- firstly we have been commanded to love one another as Christ has loved us - and what a love that was; secondly many of those involved in this work have said how much they themselves get out of it.

If you want to know more, or offer your services, do contact one of the committee or watch this space for further details.

Doreen Belk

THANK YOU

Geoffrey and Kitty Cooper and family offer their sincere heartfelt thanks to everyone for their sympathy and prayers offered during the sad loss of their son Richard whilst on holiday.

We are grateful to the Rector for his comfort and great help with arrangements for the funeral service and the way he conducted it.

Thanks also to Ada for playing the organ, and particular thanks to all the ladies for their hard work in the catering arrangements.

May Richard Rest in Peace.

PCC NOTES 8 APRIL

- 1 The treasurer reported on the church accounts. It was agreed to set up a finance subcommittee to monitor parish finances. The PCC decided that the 'social mix' of the parish was "average" for the purposes of the Parish share.
- 2 A discussion took place on the results of the Lent House Groups. Some recommendations are to be made to the Ackworth Fellowship of Churches with regard to church publicity and welcoming newcomers to Ackworth. Ideas about caring for those who look to the church for baptisms, weddings and funerals were put forward.
- 3 It was agreed to set up a working party to look into all aspects of parish publicity, including the parish magazine and communication both within the church and to outsiders.
- 4 The establishment of a Sunday School, or Junior Church, is to be discussed by a small subcommittee.
- 5 The Pastoral Committee is to discuss ways in which baptism visiting may be expanded.



ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH IN MAY

During May the chancel floor of St Cuthbert's Church is to be repaired. The work will take about four weeks. In this period all funerals will take place at All Saints' Church. Please note also that the 9.15 am Tuesday morning Eucharist will be held in the Mary Lowther Almshouses.

SEE-LINK

News from Wakefield Diocese,

May 1991



Bishop Richard writes:-

"We are the Easter People (and Alleluia is our song)." This slogan has been around for a number of years, and featured in many an Easter sermon.

We also need to remember that we are the Good Friday People, and that dying with Christ is the prelude to being risen with Christ. Knowing yourself dead with Christ and raised with Christ takes many forms, and it is a mistake for us to try to reproduce in each other precisely the same experience we had ourselves of God's transforming grace. But it has been true over the centuries for countless thousands of Christians that to know the joy of sins forgiven has been the first taste of resurrection.

The same Gospel

We are the Good Friday People, we are the Easter People, and above all we are the Pentecost People. The Gospel itself does not change, even though the ways in which our minds reach out to grasp it are changing all the time. The Gospel is the same as that which was preached in New Testament times: it is a summons to repentance, and forgiveness, and – with the gift of the Holy Spirit – new life in Jesus.

The Pentecost experience is not some extra-special favour which the Lord reserves for his spiritual elite. The 'power from high' which was promised to the disciples, the release of the Holy Spirit which is an integral part of our

inheritance in Christ, this is for all those who will turn to the Lord in repentance and faith and ask for it.

It is essentially the power to be the Lord's witness, to tell other people the good news of Jesus. It is not something the Lord gives us for our own benefit, to strengthen our faith or whatever.

Possibly we may sometimes have sought power from on high for our own reassurance, or our own enjoyment, or for the astonishment or even perhaps sometimes – alas – the annoyance of our friends.

Trusting in Him

Small wonder, then, if we are disappointed. But for those who want to be the Lord's witnesses, who are willing to acknowledge their weakness and unworthiness, who turn to the Lord and trust him for his promise: for them the experience of the Lord's presence and power is as available today as it was to those of whom we read in the Acts of the Apostles.

This is not theory. The Holy Spirit, as Tom Smail has reminded us, is not doctrine: the Holy Spirit is event. May this event happen in your life at Pentecost this year: renewing, cleansing, and empowering you to proclaim, with power that does not come from you, that Jesus Christ is Lord of all.

+Richard Pontefract

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Dates for Your Diary

Saturday July 27 – Garden Party at

Bishop's Lodge, Wakefield. Come to a great Summer Garden Party. Why not organise a parish group? There will be cream teas, stalls, a brass band, fun auction and lots more. Tickets £4 each, OAP's and children under 12 – £2.50. Starts 2.00 pm.

Saturday August 31 – Heritage Trek 20 mile walk at Hebden Bridge, parishes are invited to enter a team of any number up to 15, securing sponsorship for each walker.

Sunday September 22 – Songs of Praise at Colne Valley Leisure Centre, Slaithwaite at 4.00pm.

Sunday September 29 – Songs of Praise at Castleford Civic Centre with Castleford Male Voice Choir at 4.00pm.

Sunday October 6-13 – The Church Urban Fund Week when we are planning to arrange a special "hand-over" to Bishop David in London.



Fan the Flame – Under new management

Actress **Kathy Staff**, familiar to many as the TV character Nora Batty has said in an interview, "for me, my Christian faith has always been the centre of my life." Her daughter, Susan Staff, is a deacon in a Derbyshire parish. She is full of hope for the Decade of Evangelism. "I am in favour of personal witness which is an ongoing thing. We have been telling people not to be panicked by the thought of sustaining this effort for ten years."



Ongoing personal witness began at the first Pentecost when quite ordinary people, who were friends and followers of Jesus were moved on from resurrection joy to ongoing mission. The baptising with the Holy Spirit made Jesus present in their lives, equipped them and sent them out. They were witnesses in their being – their faith at the centre of their life. When it was right they were witnesses by their telling about who was at the centre of their lives.

This can still happen and does happen today. We can be equipped for mission, under new management of Jesus present in our lives.

Ken Sawyer

Presentation to Bishop David

A presentation is to be made to Bishop David to mark his departure for London. Parishes will want to contribute, but there may well be individuals who would like to do so as well.

Cheques should be made payable to *Bishop's Presentation Fund*, and sent to: – The Diocesan Secretary, Church House, 1 South Parade, Wakefield WF1 1LP. The envelope should be marked "Presentation."

Please indicate if you require a receipt. To save postage cheques will not otherwise be acknowledged. Thank you.

An Episcopal visitor from overseas

In July there is to be an International Ecumenical Charismatic Conference in Brighton to which Church leaders from every continent and all denominations are coming. The Anglican delegates are meeting the week before in Canterbury. During June many of the overseas Anglican delegates will be staying in parishes up and down our land. Three of them will be in Wakefield Diocese.

In particular, we shall welcome Bishop James Mundia of Maseno North, Kenya, and his wife. The Anglican Church in Kenya is growing fast, and Bishop James' diocese is no exception. His visit will be a challenge to us in this Decade of Evangelism.

His programme is already being planned, including time spent in Huddersfield, Halifax and Dewsbury deaneries; but if you would like a visit from him, it may still be possible to have it arranged. Please ring John Marsh (0924) 263311.

PS – Our other overseas visitors in June are Archdeacon Joseph Weswa also from Kenya (who will be based in Barnsley) and Levie Mumba, a young priest from Zambia (to be based in Northowram).

John Marsh

Young Peoples' Gathering – Easter Monday

On Easter Monday, about 160 young people (11–18ish) with about 35 “adults” gathered at Sandal Magna Aided Middle School. They were to spend the day together celebrating the Easter Story under the title *Fools for Christ*. It was April Fools' Day. They remembered that fools and clowns have the ability to make others laugh and cry. Also, they remembered that in the medieval court, the fool was the one who alone could tell the truth.

After the introduction and welcome by Bishop David, people engaged in a workshop of their choice, music, drama, art, and words for worship.

With the assistance of skillful and encouraging workshop leaders and helpers, everyone was involved. Lunch was taken on the move and various people went for a swim if they so desired.

In the afternoon, people began to move to the Cathedral and the results of the workshops were drawn together in an act of worship which was enthusiastic. It was

designed and largely led by the young people themselves, under the presidency of Bishop David. I'm not sure, however, how a nine-year old ‘joker’ managed to process and sit with the clergy! Banners and an altar frontal enriched the Cathedral.

After worshipping together, there was a hot meal provided by the Diocesan M. U. This was much appreciated by all before everyone moved again to St Andrew's Church for an evening of music with Red Alert, the band based in a Baptist chapel in Sheffield.

9 pm came and the day ended, a first for such a diocesan gathering of young people, but not, I hope, the last. Adults went home tired, the young people resilient as ever, less so.

A word of thanks should go to all who designed and organized the day, a group of young people (with a few wrinklies) – and the young folk themselves.

Next year

David Turnbull

The Calder Valley Deanery

The nine parishes of the Calder Valley Deanery stretch from the west of Halifax to the Lancashire border. The deanery has boundaries with the Bradford, Manchester and Blackburn dioceses – all of whose cathedrals are nearer to parts of the deanery than our own cathedral!

We are a small deanery, and see this as a strength; the parishes are growing together, and share an increasing number of deanery occasions each year. The joint Ascension Day service, and a joint Evensong in All Saints'–tide, are always highlights.

All nine of the parishes have hills and moorland, some, with spectacularly beautiful scenery.

People and Places

The Rev Andii Bowsher, Assistant Curate of All Saints' Darfield (Sheffield), is to be P-in-C of All Souls' Halifax.

The Rev Arthur Crow, Vicar of Flockton, is retiring.

The Rev Michael Gartland, Team Vicar in the Upper Holme Valley Team Ministry, is to be Chaplain to the Mental Health Services – Wakefield Health Authority.

Mr Arthur Stockhill, retired about 5 years ago after 30 years service as a Reader. At 81 he still assists, on a monthly basis, at the Communion at St George's Brockholes. Is he the oldest server in the diocese?

(Please let the Ed know!)

This is an attractive area in which to live, and many people who work anywhere from Leeds to Manchester, and even further afield, choose to live in the Calder Valley. House prices in the countryside are high, and local young people cannot hope to buy property in the villages and hamlets.

Most parishes had strong connections with the woollen trade, although Todmorden was more of a Lancashire cotton town – now completely within West Yorkshire, in spite of the Oldham postcode! There are now a number of small industries throughout the valley, with few large employers.

In this situation it would be easy for the Church to be inward looking – nothing beyond our valley matters! Our parishes make sure that this does not happen. There are many individual parish initiatives to be aware of the world outside, and as a deanery we are developing a link with the parish of Airedale, which is certainly proving beneficial to us.

Although at the western edge of the diocese, we greatly value our belonging to Wakefield, and we have always known that our parishes matter to our Bishops.

As we look to the future, we hope to increase our sense of fellowship within the deanery; to be aware that as our parishes are very similar, there may be a breadth of vision which is lacking; and to do all in our power to increase our understanding of the kingdom of God – and of this very special part of it!

Peter Calvert,
Rural Dean of Calder Valley

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

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ASCENSION DAY

Thursday 9 May, Parish Communion at St Cuthbert's Church, 7 45 pm, followed by light refreshments in The Rectory.
All welcome.

THE PARISH WOMEN'S GROUP

The Women's Group is open to any who attend All Saints' or St Cuthbert's Church. Why not come along and see what we're all about? A new committee has recently been elected and they are now busy putting together an exciting programme of events for the coming year. The group aims to strike a balance between serious and light-hearted topics for discussion as well as for activities. Within this years programme we hope to include such topics as "Nursing in the Arctic", "Women in the Ministry", plus a visit to the Y.T.V. Studios and the Theatre. We hope there is something of interest for everyone.



The Women's Group meets at the Rectory on the third Wednesday in the month at 7 45 pm. If you need a lift or just someone to go with see any committee member we'll be glad to help.

Mary Moorhouse
Margaret Ward
Barbara Firth
Dorothy Grief

Diana Sutton
June Cartwright
Janet Bateman



THE PRINCE OF WALES HOSPICE FUND
(ACKWORTH GROUP)

There will be a Coffee Morning at the Low Ackworth Community Hall, on Saturday, May 11th, 10 00 am to 12 noon. Raffles and usual stalls.
Tickets: 30p each (including coffee and biscuits).

A prayer for Christian
Aid Week May 13-18



TENDER God, this Christian Aid Week, teach us to open our eyes and hearts to see and feel the injustices which surround us.
Let us learn to weep with the grieving, to embrace the outcast, to speak out for the silenced.
Strengthen us, so that we may act in love and in celebration of the gift of life you offer us all.
May our lives become places of healing in your broken world.
We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK MAY 13 - 18

Life before death

Christian Aid's Director reflects on the theme of this year's big fundraising week (May 13-18).

I HAVE vivid memories of an evening in Brazil when I was not sure whether I was in a union meeting or a Bible study group.

I was visiting a community of rubber tappers. Some of you may have heard of their leader, Chico Mendes. He was shot dead three weeks after I met him, in December 1988.

Rubber tappers are forest people, milking latex from rubber trees and selling it to tyre manufacturers. If the trees disappear, and they are coming down at an alarming rate in Brazil, the result is not only environmental damage, but an end to their livelihood.

So the rubber tappers have formed unions to resist the developers and preserve the forest. They are not popular with the land owners. Many, like Chico, have been murdered.

These rubber tappers are Christians. When they meet, they meet in church. They argue about what to do next to bring about justice for their communities and a more peaceful way of life.

They find that they cannot keep their faith out of it even if they want to. When they meet, they don't just listen to each other; they read their Bibles and try to listen to the word of God.

Most of us find it all too easy to keep the union meeting and the Bible study group apart. Being involved in 'politics' - practical action to create a better world - is one thing. Reading the Bible and talking about religion is another.

Rarely do we sit down and talk about our faith and our politics at the same time. Often, when we do sit down, we try not to talk about either in case the conversation gets too heated.

This year's Christian Aid Week theme - 'Do you believe in life before death?' - brings our faith and our politics together. 'Life after death' is one way of talking about our Christian hope. What has it got to do with the poor of the earth now? Do we offer it to them as compensation for all that they go without during earthly life? Do we use it as an excuse for doing little except being sorry?

Or do we firmly believe that only as we struggle with Christ to fashion a life-giving rather than a death-dealing world on this side of the grave, can there be any hope at all of life in all its fullness once all the suffering and the dying is over?

The rubber tappers have their own way of witnessing to their belief in life before death and afterwards. If Chico dies, they said, a thousand Chicos will rise and take his place. It sounded to me like a stirring call to action, and strongly reminiscent of the heart of the Christian gospel.



Chico Mendes
• Photo: Osborn/Cornelia Garrett-Jones



FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

- 7 April "We welcome you into the Lord's family"
George Robert Nixon, 25 Cricketer's Close
7 April Shaun Terence Vairy, 79 Mount Pleasant
7 April Robert Mark Whitehouse, 25 Wakefield Road
7 April Marcus Leonard Armitage, 11 Carr Bridge

WEDDINGS

- 23 March "Those whom God has joined together"
Jonathan David Wicks and Helen Jayne Varley

FUNERALS

- 26 March "In sure hope of the Resurrection"
Hilda Ward, 63 Doncaster Road Estate, 65 years
27 March Michael Ruddock, 8 Long Lane, 53 years
3 April Richard Cooper, 27 Orchard Drive, 35 years



SOCIAL COMMITTEE



A very happy evening was spent in the Parish Rooms on March 22nd at our Wine and Cheese Party in honour of St Cuthbert's Day.

The food, the wine and convivial company were much enjoyed by all who attended and a great deal of laughter was created by the 'Fun Auction' which saw a wide variety of unusual items coming under the hammer! The auction raised £140.

We look forward now to the 18th of this month when we hope you will join us on a happy and friendly day trip to Lincoln Cathedral.



Fred Walters



MOTHERS' UNION

- 1 May 9 15 am Corporate Communion at All Saints' Church
- 20 May 7 00 pm Ecumenical Social Evening in the Parish Room, Bell Lane.
Our Guest Speaker will be Mr John Green from the 'National Trust' who will show slides and speak about Yorkshire.
Everyone welcome.
- 30 May 7 00 pm Service and meeting at All Saints' Church.
Our Speaker will be Miss Mumford.

Kitty Cooper

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- 1 Wed ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES, APOSTLES
 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)
 5 EASTER 5 (ROGATION SUNDAY)
 Readings: Hos.6:1-6 (Mrs J Waites);
 1Cor.15:21-28 (Mrs M Woofinden);
 John 16:25-end ASB 622
 7 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (Alms-houses)
 7 30 pm PCC, the Howard School
 8 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)
 9 Thurs ASCENSION DAY
 7 45 pm Parish Communion (SC)

12 SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY - CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Reading: Luke 24:45-end ASB 631

6 30 pm Ackworth Fellowship of Churches United Service at
 Our Lady of Lourdes Church

14 Tues ST MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE

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

15 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

7 45 pm Parish Women's Group, the Rectory

17 Fri 7 30 pm Praise for Pentecost, Wakefield Cathedral

18 Sat Parish Coach Trip to Lincoln Cathedral

19 PENTECOST (WHIT SUNDAY)

Readings: Gen.11:1-9 (Mr S McDougall); Acts 2:1-11 (Mr R Firth);
 John 14:15-26 ASB 635

20 Mon 7 00 pm Ecumenical Social Evening, the Parish Rooms, Bell Lane

21 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (Alms-houses)

22 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

26 TRINITY SUNDAY

Readings: Isa.6:1-8 (Mrs M Ward); Eph.1:3-14 (Mr D Cook);
 John 14:8-17 ASB 641

28 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (Alms-houses)

2 00 pm Service for Mothers and Toddlers (AS)

29 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

30 Thurs 7 00 pm Mothers' Union (AS)

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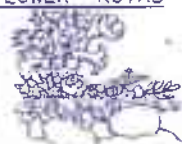
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Readings: Exod.19:1-6 (Mrs D Greiff); 1 Pet.2:1-10 (Mrs B Firth);
 John 15:1-5 ASB 644

FLOWER ROTAS

ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

5 May Mrs Bateman
 12 " Mr Lamprey
 19 " Vacant
 26 Mrs A King



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

5 May Vacant
 12 Mrs Turton
 19 Congregation
 26 -

BRASS CLEANING ROTA

Mrs Asquith and Mrs Lancaster

Copy for the June magazine should be handed to the Rector by Sunday 5 May