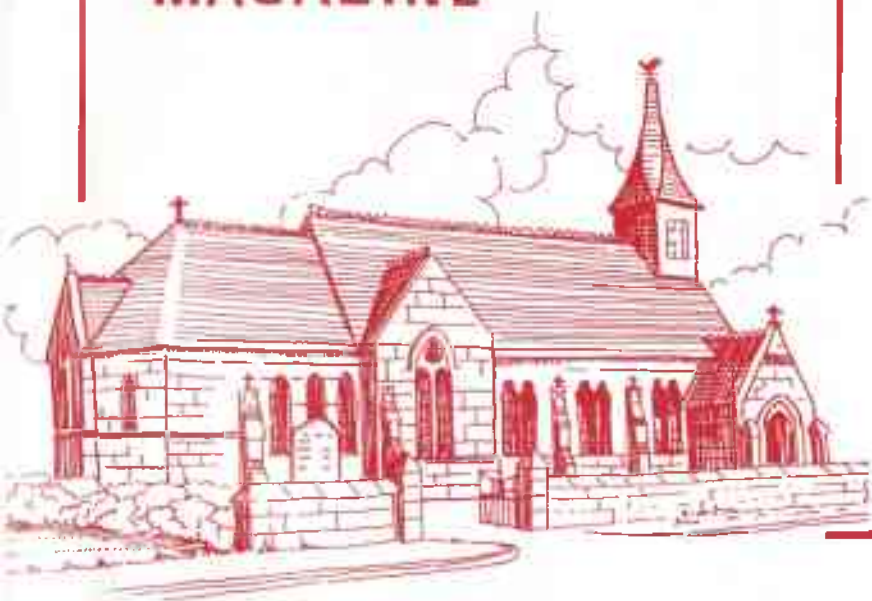
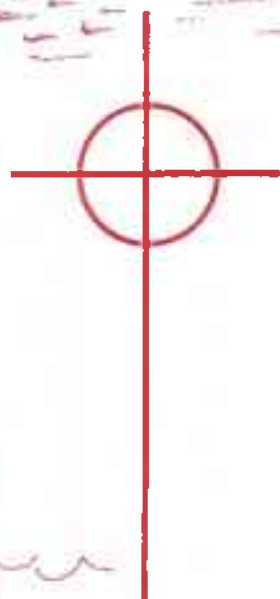




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PARISH OF ACKWORTH - ST CUTHBERT'S AND ALL SAINTS'

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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, 10 15 am,  
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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 and Marriages: The Rector is normally available every Tuesday evening at the Rectory. Please telephone beforehand to arrange an appointment.

## RECTOR'S NOTES

Sometime or other during this month I shall almost certainly - write a sermon (usually takes most of Friday morning); prepare the prayers for the Sunday morning services; prepare the prayers for the Sunday evening services; prepare All Saints' Church for the 8.30 service on Sunday morning by opening up the church, switching on the lights, check the wafer box and refill if necessary, fill cruets with water and wine, put out Communion vessels and service book, relighting the boiler at All Saints' if the wind has blown it out; clear everything away after the service, repeat the same for the Tuesday and Wednesday morning services, this time also counting the collections and returning the money and unopened envelopes to the safe; lead the Communion services; take Evensong; put out the lights and lock the church; write a sermon (again); choose the hymns for next month; answer incoming phone calls about weddings, baptisms, funerals; deal with enquiries about the parish registers and family trees; interview couples about their future wedding plans for 1992; take a wedding rehearsal; arrange for an organist; conduct a marriage service, filling in two sets of marriage registers and the marriage certificate; fill in a marriage return form to the Registrar General detailing marriages in the last quarter; prepare papers for the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting; draw up the agenda for the PCC; chair the PCC; follow up the PCC by making sure decisions are carried out; draw up the Standing Committee agenda; prepare for the Standing Committee meeting; chair the Standing Committee meeting; follow up the Standing Committee; write a sermon; relight the boiler at All Saints' if the wind has blown it out; take assembly at the Howard School; have coffee with the staff; meet with the head to discuss any matters of immediate importance; prepare papers for a Governing Body meeting; chair the Governing Body meeting; follow up decisions of the Governing Body meeting, writing letters etc; write a sermon; write the Rector's Notes for the December parish magazine; write the PCC notes for the magazine; draw up records of funerals, baptisms, weddings for the magazine; decide what articles to put in the magazine; meet with the typist to decide on content and layout of the magazine including material for Christmas; draw up the weekly newssheet and phone details through to the typist; phone up the architect about the building works, liaise with the building contractors; send for British Gas to see to the boiler at All Saints' Church; write a sermon; liaise with the British Legion about Remembrance Sunday; plan the Christingle service for Advent Sunday, arranging for orders of service, candles dried fruit, sweets, and a supply of oranges; begin thinking about Christmas services; open up the church for the Mother and Toddler service; help put out toys, chairs, etc; lead the services; talk to mothers afterwards; help clear up and lock the church; take details of a death (on average four a month); contact the family arrange a visit; visit the family to discuss the funeral and find out more about the deceased; arrange for an organist and the verger; prepare the service and prayers; take the service either in church or at the crematorium, and the committal at the cemetery or crematorium; arrange for typist to do letters, lists, keep records of baptisms, weddings, funerals up to date etc; this month invite families to a memorial service; prepare and take the service; change the notices in both church porches; take details by phone of children to be baptised; interview the parents outlining what baptism is about; hold a baptism rehearsal giving guidance on the service, and on bringing children to church; fill in baptism register; arrange for baptism visiting group to be informed of baptisms; arrange for baptism and godparent certificates to be completed; attend a coffee morning; visit newcomers to church; ..... say my prayers ....., and all this working just one day a week .....





## PEOPLE'S BISHOP FOR WAKEFIELD

David Hope's successor to the See of Wakefield is to be the Rt Rev Nigel McCulloch, 49, at present Suffragan Bishop of Taunton.

A Liverpudlian by birth and a graduate of Selwyn College, Cambridge, he began his career as curate on the large industrial Merseyside parish of Ellesmere Port, but it is his self-confessed enthusiasm for popular T.V. soap operas - in particular 'Neighbours' and 'Coronation Street' - that has earned him his local reputation as the 'People's Bishop'. They give an insight, he says, into real issues and human relationships.

Married with two children, he is chairman of the Decade of Evangelism Steering Group, a member of the General Synod, and is on the Council of the Royal School of Church Music as well as being a patron of the Music in Worship Trust. According to Bishop Richard who has been looking after the Wakefield Diocese since Bishop David left, Nigel McCulloch is a superb choice for Wakefield.

Fred Davies

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## The New Bishop of Wakefield – The Rt Rev Nigel McCulloch

Nigel McCulloch is a tall, good-looking man with a face of distinction and character. His definite presence and his quiet, confident manner front a genuinely and deeply felt commitment to a people-oriented ministry and a centrally focussed spiritual life.

"I am," he said during the press conference held in Bishop's Lodge on 24th September, "a parish priest at heart," and emphasised he would continue and build upon the pastoral style of David Hope.

### Women in ministry

Although not an active participant in the debate over the Ordination of Women he feels that women have been under-used in the past and would like to see women more involved at all levels in Church life, for instance as Rural Deans.

### The youngest

At 49 Nigel McCulloch will be the youngest Diocesan Bishop. He was born and brought up in Liverpool, and

after studying at Cambridge he was ordained in 1966, serving as curate in Ellesmere Port. He has retained an affection for the North, and a fondness for his fellow Liverpudlian, Cilla Black, whose television programme *Blind Date* he enjoys. He returned to Cambridge as Chaplain and Director of Studies at Christ's College. In 1973 he became Diocesan Missioner for Norwich Diocese

and five years later went back to parish life as Rector of St Thomas and St Edmund in Salisbury, and became Archdeacon of Sarum. During his time in his Salisbury parish the congregation grew from 100 to 500. Can we expect similar growth in Church membership in Wakefield Diocese?

### Active support

As Bishop of Taunton (since 1986) he has twice had to lead the Diocese in the absence of the Diocesan Bishop. He has actively supported the *Taunton Association for the Homeless*, and the national *Sanctuary Trust for Aids Sufferers*.





Although committed to Synodical Church Government he sees that the main problem with the system is the way it encourages an aggressive style of debate and so views become polarised and the extremes of arguments expressed are not necessarily the mainstream attitudes of ordinary Church people.

## **Chairman**

He is chairman of two centrally organised Church committees; one is the Finance Committee for the Advisory Board for Ministry which has the daunting task of handling a budget of six million pounds a year for ministerial training.

He is also Chairman of the Church of England Decade of Evangelism Steering Group. He is concerned about the direction the Church is going on this issue and believes that there is a danger of it becoming too "churchy." It must not only be about setting up committees, putting on special events and programmes, but more vitally about helping the laity to be the "forefront missionaries of the Church . . . and leaders of spiritual truth in the community."

## **Musical Bishop**

Bishop Nigel's musical interests have led him onto the Council of the Royal School of Church Music as well as being a patron of the Music in Worship Trust. Over the years he has experienced a very wide variety of Church worship styles. This has contributed to his open-mindedness on matters of Churchmanship. Coming from an Anglo-Catholic parish originally, through his various jobs, particularly as a Missioner and as a College Chaplain, he has come to

appreciate the insights and enthusiasms of the more Evangelical wing of the Church. "I believe the richness of our different persuasions within the Church of England is a precious gift to be nourished and held on to," he said, and later that religious communities had a very vital role to play in the spiritual life of the Anglican Church and looked forward to establishing links with the two communities in the Diocese.

## **Welcomed**

His appointment has been enthusiastically welcomed by Bishop Richard, who knows him well. The Archdeacon of Halifax was equally delighted and said that Bishop Nigel's wide experience of Church jobs at a parish level and in roles requiring leadership and vision would "equip him to understand the demands and opportunities of front line positions."

## **Celia McCulloch**

Celia, Bishop Nigel's wife, was with him at the press conference, willing to answer questions, showing that she was keenly supportive of her husband's new appointment and taking an active part in his ministry, both spiritually and practically. They have two daughters, Kathleen (16) and Lizzie (14).

We all look forward to Bishop Nigel's enthronement and the time when he and his family will be with us here in Wakefield.

**Kate Griffin**

*Kate Griffin lives in the wilder part of the Diocese, the top end of the Holme Valley. She lurches from crisis to deadline, with a husband, four children and an ancient typewriter, on which she produces short stories, plays and the occasional article.*

## Bishop Richard writes

### Bishop Nigel

We read about our new Bishop in this issue of SEELINK. Let me just say that Bishop Nigel's appointment has delighted everyone in the Diocese who already knows him, and that as he gradually meets the folk who will be working with him they are already coming to realise too how fortunate we are. I happen to know that there are other dioceses - vacant, or likely to become so in the not too distant future - who realise it as well, and are trying to resist the sin of envy. The Lord has responded to the prayers of many, and sent us just the sort of man we were hoping for. Wide in experience, youthful in energy, and tailor-made to carry on where Bishop David left off. **Praise the Lord!**

### The Buildings Symposium

On September 21, along with a churchful of architects and others, I attended a seminar on architecture and worship that remarkable Gilbert Scott Church, St Thomas's Huddersfield. The others were Christians with a non-technical interest in what can be done to adapt our church buildings so as to make them more effective centres for witness, worship, and service.

### More striking

There are many striking examples in our own diocese, and more just over the border. St Thomas's itself and St Paul's Armitage Bridge are two of the more striking, but there are plenty of others. They include St George's Leeds, on the larger scale, and Christ Church Lofthouse (on the way from Wakefield

to Leeds), as well as - in our own patch - Moldgreen, the new church being built at Gildersome, the town centre church at Todmorden, St Andrew's Wakefield, and an exciting scheme of re-ordering in process at Normanton.

### And in your church?

That by no means exhausts the list of places to visit if you want to see imaginative projects which might spark off ideas for what might be done in your own church. A lot of this derives from suggestions and encouragement offered by **Richard Giles**, and the diocese must be immensely grateful to Bishop David for having thought of appointing a parish development officer and choosing Richard for the post.

Whatever we want to say about the nature of the church, the function of its ministry, the distribution of ministry-gifts within the body, and similar themes which feature in preaching designed to equip the people of God for witness and service: in all this we need constantly to remember that the building itself will always be more eloquent than we are.

### We need to be bold

The Victorians had clearly defined views on the nature of the church and its relationship to its ministry, and they reflected these views boldly in the buildings they designed and adapted. Now our understanding of this relationship is radically different from theirs. We need to be equally bold.

*+Richard Pontefract*

# The Church in Prison

The Diocese of Wakefield has two prisons, Wakefield and New Hall. HMP Wakefield is the largest maximum security prison in Europe

Over 600 staff are employed at Wakefield including discipline staff, doctors, psychologists, probation officers, teachers and Chaplains. The Shared Christian Ministry Team is made up of full and part-time Chaplains, representing The Church of England, Roman Catholic, Methodist, Pentecostal and Salvation Army.

HMP and YOI New Hall is a local prison, a remand centre and also a young offender institution, and accommodates 116 women prisoners. The prison population includes fine defaulters, arsonists, property offenders, drug offenders and those serving life sentence for murder. A large number of professionals also work within this prison. It costs approximately £587 per week per prisoner at New Hall.

Each day, Chaplains visit those in the Prison Hospital; those on Rule 43 — that is, those who are segregated for their own personal safety because of the nature of their crime; and those who are in Segregation for discipline purposes. Prisoners are also seen by a Chaplain when they are first received into prison and also on discharge.

A large part of the work of a Prison Chaplain is pastoral — one to one cell visiting, treating prisoners with dignity and respect, responding to their cry of pain by making themselves available, and supporting those in crisis.

Chaplains have a ministry to staff too, and also a responsibility to the total institution in terms of decision-making and in being members of such Boards as Race Relations and Suicide Prevention.

Chaplains are part of the process that encourages prisoners to lead law-abiding and useful lives in prison. They are also part of the process in looking forward to release. Worship is the springboard for the work of a Prison Chaplain — the focus being the Eucharist, which is celebrated weekly in both prisons.

If you would like to support those in prison, both staff and prisoner, then you may like to consider one of the following ways:

- using the monthly prayer letter,
- becoming a prison visitor,
- being a pen pal,
- becoming a Lay Christian Visitor,
- being part of a group coming into prison to participate in worship,
- supporting through prayer by joining a local Prison Fellowship,
- making a donation to the Chaplains' Discretionary Fund.

If you would like to support the work in Prison in any of these ways, please contact either:

The Rev William Noblett, HMP Wakefield, Love Lane, Wakefield WF2 9AG. ☎ (0924) 378282, Ext 326, or

The Rev Margaret Smith, HMP & YOI New Hall, Dial Wood, Wakefield WF4 4AX. ☎ (0924) 848307, Ext 325.

**The Rev Margaret Smith (Chaplain)**





## Fan the Flame

The Decade of Evangelism

Our Diocesan Bishop Designate, The Rt Rev Nigel McCulloch has been serving as Chairman of the Church of England Steering Group for The Decade of Evangelism. In this role he has made some very clear statements:

He has said that the aim of the Church of England was "to become an outward-looking missionary Church — a Church going out to win souls for Christ."

He has referred to a Mori Poll showing that in this country as many as 74% of

people say they believed in God in some way and some 69% say they believe Jesus to be the Son of God. "We are after transforming that belief into commitment."

He has affirmed "the laity are the key. The laity are the Church's potential missionaries — and the Decade is about motivating them for this and releasing their energies in ways authentic to their local tradition and situation."

Ken Sawyer



### **BISHOP'S CENTENARY FUND**

#### **Songs of Praise - Castleford Civic Centre**

On Sunday 29th September we saw Stan Evans, our Fund Director, attend his last engagement for the Bishop's Centenary Fund at the Songs of Praise. Judith Stamper from BBC's *Look North* was the highlight of the evening and interviewed representatives from the parishes of Carleton, Pontfract and Airedale as to how The Fund had helped them when they needed money to finance various projects. At the close, Judith wished Stan every happiness and success. There is still £250,000 to be raised.

#### **The Heritage Trek**

Attractive commemorative badges are now available to everyone who took part in the Heritage Trek — £1.50 each.

#### **Cinderella - The Theatre Royal, Wakefield**

Give further assistance to The Fund by organising a parish trip to the best loved pantomime of them all, 17th and 18th December - 7.15 pm. Tickets are now on sale ☎ (0924) 366556. Also available from Town Hall Tourist Information Office, Wakefield, ☎ (0924) 295000/1. Don't forget, many parishes did not book in time last year and were disappointed!

## Huddersfield Deanery

One Sunday Morning in June this year a congregation of well over a thousand people joined in a Deanery Eucharist at Huddersfield Town Hall. In response to a request from the Deanery Synod practically all the churches closed down, so that we could celebrate together. The service was also broadcast to local hospitals.

### Unity and diversity

We need occasions like that in order to affirm our unity and celebrate our diversity. Moving through our deanery from west to east, we begin in the moors above Marsden – the first outpost for people coming in from Lancashire – then pass through the parishes of the Colne Valley (formerly in the old Blackmoorfoot Deanery) until we reach the town centre. Further east we follow the Leeds Road as far as Bradley, while to the north we reach to Ainley Top and the M62. The communities contained in these boundaries are drawn from diverse backgrounds and provide the setting for educational, industrial, commercial and caring enterprises of every kind.

### Faith in the City

To meet the needs and opportunities that such a patchwork presents many parishes are exploring creative and

imaginative ways to engage in mission and service. St Peter's crypt was an early example of a church adapting its plant to serve the community, but many others have since gone down that road and are organising their life to live out their faith in the city.

### Twice as many ?

We aren't perfect. As Charles Spurgeon once said, "if you find a perfect church, don't join it – you'll spoil it." He could have said that about our deanery – or any other – but at least we are aware of some of the questions even if the answers still elude us. The Town Hall celebration was a great occasion, but if God is at work among us in this Decade of Evangelism it may never be possible again: as the Decade bears fruit, we'll be looking for a building at least twice the size.

Ed Roberts,  
Rural Dean of Huddersfield

### New Worship recording

The Normanton Worship Group - which leads the worship at Praise for Pentecost and Advent Praise - is one of the best parish groups of its kind in the country, and there is sure to be a big demand for its new recording *In Celebration Praise*.

It is initially available in cassette form only, but it is hoped to produce a compact disc version later.

The retail price will be at least £6.25, but until Christmas copies may be obtained at a discount price, as follows, direct from the Normanton Director of Music: Derek Howell, 3 Newfield Avenue, Normanton, WF6 1SL.

## What's On

**Nov 2 Conference** organised by the Council of Education and the Mothers' Union **Church Schools - Value Added Teaching** at Halifax Parish Church Hall 930am-4pm. This is to be an exploration of the role of the Church of England School in the Diocese of Wakefield in the Decade of Evangelism. ☛ Mrs Mary Gibson, Halifax 365477.

**Nov 2 Jumble Sale** at St Mary's Hall, Chequerfield.

**Nov 3 Arts and Craft Fair** 1030am to 330pm. Pinderfields Hospital, National Demonstration Centre, in aid of The League of Friends.

**Nov 4 China Ladies Evening** Overthorpe CofE JIN School, Edge Top Road, Thornhill, Dewsbury. 8pm. 50p. Raffle and Refreshments. A chance to buy 'seconds' china.

**Nov 7 Michael Ramsey Memorial Lecture** at Bradford University 530pm given by the Bishop of Oxford, The Rt Revd Richard Harries. Details from Bishop's Chaplain to Students, The Revd Patrick Curran, Bradford 727034

**Nov 9 Northern Area Anglo Catholic Charismatic Committee** invite you to **A Day of Renewal** at St John & St Barnabas, Belle Isle, Leeds. 11am to approx 4pm (Bring picnic lunch). Speaker The Revd John Holmes: **Sharing The Gospel**. Information ☛ Revd Eric Cheetham (0532) 717821

**Nov 10 Thanksgiving Service** at St Martin's Womersley. 630pm.

**Nov 16 Coffee Day** Treacy Hall, Wakefield Cathedral. 10am-4pm. Coffee and Light Lunches, Cake, Bric-a-Brac Stalls. In aid of Bishop's Fund.

**Nov 16 Flag Day for The Children's Society** in Wakefield. 9am to 4pm. Is anyone (over the age of 16) able to offer their services for about an hour to collect? Boxes will be available from the Vestry of the Cathedral.

**Nov 16 Christmas Extravaganza** 10am - 1pm, St George's Church, Broadway, Lupset. Many stalls & attractions. Santa Claus. Entry free.

**Nov 23 Celebration Service** at Christ Church, South Ossett; 730pm. Pre-

acher: The Revd Graham Cray (Vicar - St Michael-le-Belfry, York).

**Nov 23 St Martin's Brighthouse, Hoe Down with Sellengers Round** at Brighthouse Civic Hall. Full bar facilities, tickets £3.50 including supper. ☛ Deirdre Sparks, (0274) 690927.

**Nov 23 Christmas Fayre** of St John the Baptist Church, Dodworth, Barnsley, held at Dodworth Working Men's Club. 2pm. Sale of gifts, cakes, sweets etc. Tombola, raffle. Refreshments on sale.

**Nov 27-30 St Michael's Amateurs present Will Any Gentlemen** at Mytholmroyd Parish Hall at 730pm. For tickets ☛ 0422 883663.

**Nov 30 Mini Market** in Treacy Hall, Wakefield Cathedral, in aid of The Children's Society. 2-4pm. Refreshments available.

**Nov 30 Medieval Banquet** at Lees Hall, 14th century half timbered hall on Lees Hall Road, Dewsbury. Full details from The Revd Nicholas Webb, Thornhill Rectory ☛ (0924) 465064.

**Nov 30 St Andrew's Bruntcliffe** celebrates its Centenary on the Feast of St Andrew with Festival Eucharist at 3pm: The Bishop of Pontefract. Refreshments afterwards in the hall. Clergy: red stole.

**Dec 7 Mirfield Parish Church Christmas Craft Fair** 10am to 5pm. Church Hall, Church Lane, Mirfield.

**Dec 7 Christmas Bazaar** 2-4pm. Overthorpe CofE JIN School, Edge Top Road, Thornhill, Dewsbury. Fun for all the family, stalls, games, bouncy castle etc.

**Dec 20 Robinson Crusoe Meets The Clown** Panto Night. 7pm. St George's Church, Broadway, Lupset. Tickets adults £2.50 children £1.50 Tickets contact ☛ Wakefield 366674 after 6pm.

## Musical Matters

**NEW CHORISTERS REQUIRED** for Wakefield Cathedral Choir. Most Choristers attend Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield. Parents pay only one-third fees in the Junior School. Bursaries are available in the Senior School. **Entrance Exam** 28th February. **Voice Trial** 14th March (for

ages 7-10). We also welcome boys from other schools. A Friends of Cathedral Music Choristership is available to a boy who is not at school in central Wakefield (up to £500 p.a. towards transport costs). The Cathedral is looking for choristers especially in the Batley area. Voice Trial as above. If interested please come to the **Choir Open Evening** on Sunday 26th January at 515pm after the 4pm Evensong. Contact: The Master of the Choristers, The Cathedral, Wakefield, WF1 1HG.

**Nov 8 Arnold Loxam Organ Recital** at Mytholmroyd Parish Church 730pm. Refreshments and bar. For information ☛ Mr C D Sunderland Halifax 883454 or the Vicar, Halifax 883130.

**Nov 9 Concert: Mozart Evening** at St Paul's Church, Mirfield, by Mirfield Choral Society. 715pm.

**Nov 9-16 Oklahoma** in the Parochial Hall, Marsden Parish Church, Huddersfield. 715pm. Seats £4 OAP & children £3 except last Saturday all seats £4. ☛ (0484) 845311.

**Nov 15 Organ Recital**, Saint Andrew's Church, Bruntcliffe, Morley, by Susan Auty and Julie Crosby. 730pm. Retiring collection.

**Nov 15 & 16 Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat.** A concert by St John's Church Choir with Arian Sound at St John's Church, Golcar, Huddersfield. Contact: Paul Davies ☛ (0484) 651552.

**Nov 16-23 Meltham Parish Church Gilbert and Sullivan Society presents The Pirates of Penzance** in the Church Hall. Tickets £3.50 OAP & children £2.25 on first Saturday, Monday & Tuesday. ☛ (0484) 850089 or 850565.

**Nov 20 The Royal Artillery Band & Orchestra** at Wakefield Cathedral at 7pm. Half the programme will feature the band, half the orchestra. Proceeds towards repairing the spire. Tickets £3.50 (& £2.00) available from the Administrator, Wakefield Cathedral,

Northgate, Wakefield WF1 1HG ☛ (0924) 373923.

**Dec 1 St John's Hoylandswaine 3pm.** The St John's Singers and Players and soloists present **Music for Advent, Handel's Messiah Part 1** and Cantate no 70 by Bach. Conductor Raymond Wood. Tickets £2.50, Concessions £1.50 ☛ (0924) 468161 or (0226) 765716.

**ADVENT PRAISE - December 6th at 730pm** in the Cathedral. Preacher: The Revd David Hughes.

**Dec 7 Oratorio in Airedale** at Holy Cross Church, Airedale, Castleford. "Have a go at Handel's Messiah" with Jonathan Bielby, Organist of Wakefield Cathedral. 230pm rehearsal, 7pm performance. £3 per singer, score provided. Applications (including £3 and SAE) to Gareth Green, 7 Belgravia Road, St Johns, Wakefield, WF1 3JP ☛ Wakefield 376848.

## Market Place

**Organist required** for Christ Church, Mount Pellon, Halifax. Only one Sunday service at 1045am. Choir of ten. ☛ Halifax 365027.

A support group for church users of the **Apple Macintosh Computer** has been formed. Details from The Revd John McKnight, 75 Bexhill Road, London SE4 1SJ ☛ (081) 690 2904.

**30 chairs** - metal frame, for sale, mottled grey padded seats and backs. £25 the lot or £1 each. ☛ The Revd Michael Rogers (0226) 722363.

**Small Pipe Organ** for sale (2 manual & full pedals) from All Saints, Churwell, Morley. ☛ (0532) 534029.

**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. Deadline 8th of preceeding month.

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## LIFTS TO CHURCH



Are you stuck for getting to church on Sunday mornings? Car off the road? Or usual lift on holiday? Then don't despair, help is at hand in the form of our 'Lifts to Church' scheme.

There must be few villages so badly 'planned' as Ackworth (which is in effect three separate communities), with its main church on the outskirts, within easy walking distance of only a few of its parishioners. It is easy to see that anyone without their own transport would have difficulty getting to and from St Cuthbert's on a Sunday morning.

To combat this problem the 'Lifts to Church' scheme was initiated some time ago, and several church goers now have a permanent arrangement for lifts with other regular church goers. Many members of our congregation travel to and from church in near empty cars, and are more than willing to offer their services to anyone wanting lifts, even if it means going a little bit out of their way.

So, don't be stuck for getting to church on a Sunday morning. If you require a regular or an occasional lift to church you can contact me (Ann Tait, 612613) and if I can't oblige myself, I may be able to contact someone who can.

Accordingly, if you have space in your car and would be willing to offer someone else a lift, please let me know, so that all those who are willing may be there to swell our congregation.

Ann Tait



## MOTHERS' UNION

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| 6    | November | 9 15 am Corporate Communion at All Saints' Church.  |
| 8/10 | "        | Mothers' Union Diocesan Week-end at Scargill. Our theme "Faith is Fun". The Central President Mrs Pat Harris will be joining us for part of the time. |
| 15   | "        | 2 00 pm Deanery Committee Meeting at St Giles Parish Hall.  |
| 28   | "        | 2 30 pm Service and meeting at All Saints' Church.  |

Kitty Cooper

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### ACKWORTH FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES UNITED SERVICE

Sunday 3 November 6 00 pm at Ackworth Methodist Church, Barnsley Road. This will be a Holy Communion Service.  
Preacher: Revd John B McCarthy.

Followed by a meeting to discuss further joint ventures between the churches.

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# ONE WOMAN'S STORY OF HIV & AIDS

IF someone had told me, two months and one week ago, that they were HIV positive or that they had AIDS, I would have been scared. Scared for my own safety and for my children. Now I want to be able to tell you – don't be scared. You can't catch the virus from playing with my daughter, from kissing her or shaking my hand. You don't even have to worry if your child shares a drink with mine.

## TRANSFUSION OF DEATH

Two months ago my daughter and I tested HIV positive. My daughter has AIDS. She was given contaminated blood while still in my womb and they got us both. Our bodies have not manufactured this disease, we have not caught it. I marvelled at the ability of modern medicine to save the life of my unborn child as I watched, on the ultra-sound screen, the blood being put into her; I watched them save her and kill her.

When I told my family our test results I had my daughter's marvellous paediatrician with me. He took the scare of contact away for us, even for my heavily pregnant sister who needed to know that her unborn baby couldn't be affected and neither could her two other children. The cousins share beds, drinks, lick each other's ice lollies.

I have a son who is a year older than my daughter. He is a 'golden boy'. He is beautiful and glows with health. For peace of mind I had him tested and this child that I, in my nine years of HIV+ ignorance, have done everything for, wiped his cuts and grazes, asked his help in putting plasters on my cuts, is HIV negative. He has not caught it from us; could not catch it from us and will not as I continue to care for him as I always have.

At my daughter's school so many parents say 'How lovely to see her back at school. How is she now? What did the hospital say?' I dare not tell them that their child is at school with a child with AIDS because they would be scared. They would attack me for 'putting their child at risk' and would not listen for long enough for me to explain that they are not at risk.

My family and my friends, the doctors and nurses and the headteacher at my daughter's school have all given me every support, they have all respected our need for confidentiality. I would like to be able to tell you all the truth about my daughter's illness but I can't because I can't educate you at my children's expense.

*—By a client of the Crescent an AIDS/ HIV care and support centre in Hertfordshire.*

AN APPEAL FROM PINDERFIELDS HOSPITAL  
FOR VOLUNTEERS TO WORK WITH  
THE SECOND CHANCE GROUP

The Second Chance Head Injury Support Group, based at Pinderfields General Hospital, is desperately in need of volunteers to help run the Second Chance Centre. The people who come to the Centre have, at some time in their lives, had a severe head injury and need a lot of support and encouragement whilst they try to be rehabilitated back into community life.



Can I draw your attention to a letter I received from the Co-ordinator of Second Chance, who said this:-

'The running of the Centre and the quality of the service offered depends on Volunteers. Much is already done by a dedicated group of people, but as we expand we need more Volunteer Workers to help run the Centre.

For those wishing to volunteer no previous experience is necessary, just a willingness to help people with disabilities and a sensitive sympathetic approach. Any skills you may have will be very much appreciated. By giving a little of your time you can bring vitality and interest into the lives of people with a varying degree of disability and find an interesting and worthwhile role for yourself.

If you would like to find out more about being a Volunteer you can contact the Second Chance Co-ordinator for more information or arrange to come along for an informal chat.

For any inquiries contact:- Anna Parkes Tel (0924) 375217 ext 2951  
or Ann Needham on ext. 2646'

Roger Cressey  
Governor of Hospital Chaplains



SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Our Family Picnic at Hazlewood Castle on 8 September was a very happy occasion.

The sun shone down on us as we enjoyed our meal in the delightful surroundings of the Castle.

During the afternoon we were taken on a fascinating conducted tour of the Castle by one of the resident Friars, who had us in fits of laughter as he described various aspects of the life and history of the Castle.

Before leaving for home Peter conducted a short service in their Carmel Chapel to round off a very satisfying and pleasant afternoon.

Our next event will be our Christmas Fair which will be held on Saturday 7 December at the Howard School.

If you would like to help in any way at all will you please let me know.

Fred Walters



## NOVEMBER

### 3 EIGHTH SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Readings: Gen.3:1-15 (Miss L Parker);  
Rom.7:7-13 (Mrs D White);  
John 3:13-21. ASB 405  
Visiting Preacher: Mr Pat Creedon,  
Church of England Children's Society

6 00 pm United Service, Ackworth  
Methodist Church, Barnsley Rd.  
No service at All Saints'

- 4 Mon 7 30 pm PCC, the Howard School  
5 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (Almshouses)  
6 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

### 10 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

- 8 30 am Holy Communion (AS)  
10 00 am Parish Communion (SC)  
Readings: Luke 20:9-17. ASB 412  
11 00 am Remembrance Sunday Service (SC)



- 12 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (Almshouses)  
10 00 am - 12 noon Coffee Morning, 18 Charlestown  
2 00 pm Service for Mothers and Toddlers (AS)  
13 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

### 17 SIXTH SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Readings: Exod. 6:2-8 (Mrs Joyce Waites); Heb. 11:17-31 (Mrs Woffinden);  
Mark 13:5-13. ASB 415

- 19 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (Almshouses)  
20 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)  
7 45 pm Parish Women's Group, the Rectory

### 24 FIFTH SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Readings: Isa.10:20-23 (Mr S McDougall); Rom.9:19-28 (Mr R Firth);  
Mark 13:14-23. ASB 420

- 26 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (Almshouses)  
2 00 pm Service for Mothers and Toddlers (AS)  
27 Wed ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE  
9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)  
28 Thurs 2 30 pm Mothers' Union (AS)

## DECEMBER

### 1 ADVENT SUNDAY

Readings: Isa. 51:4:11 (Mrs M Ward); Romans 13:8-end (Mr D Cook);  
Matt.25:31-end. ASB 424

6 30 pm Christingle Service (SC)

### St Cuthbert's Church

- 3 November Mrs Jones  
10 " Mrs Sawyer  
17 " Mrs Ashton  
24 "

### FLOWER ROTAS



### All Saints' Church

- 3 November Congregation  
10 " Mrs Jackson  
17 " Mrs M Rhodes  
24 "

### BRASS CLEANING ROTA

Mrs Meadley and Mrs Harwood

Copy for the December magazine should be handed to the Rector by  
Sunday 3 November.