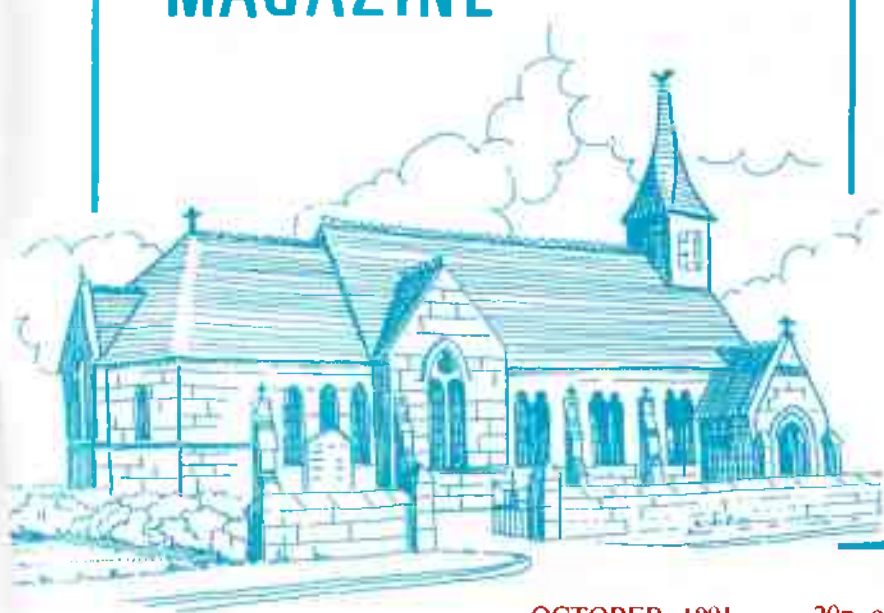
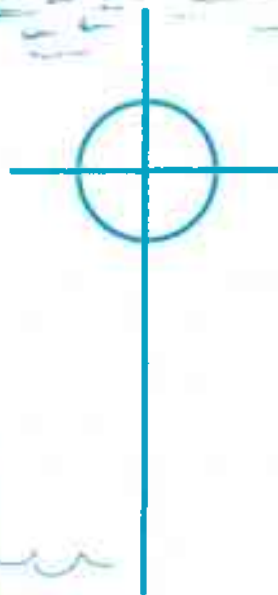




# ACKWORTH PARISH MAGAZINE



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

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

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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WHO TO CONTACT IF ....

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You want to get married, or have a baby baptised:

The Revd Peter Moorhouse, The Rectory, High Ackworth 780880

## RECTOR'S NOTES

### The Future of the Church

It is always intriguing to speculate about the future. A recent television series on ITV set out to assess the present climate of religion in this country, and then to speculate about the future. They discovered that religion is alive and well in Britain, but that the same could not always be said to be true of church life. This and previous surveys show that the vast majority of people say they believe in God, or in some form of 'supernatural' life. However, only about one in ten say they go to church, and the number who go regularly, ie each week, is probably only about one in twenty. Why, should this be? Clearly, if the majority say they believe in God, but so few actually attend church, then the churches must be failing in some way to put across their message.

By contrast the picture in America is very different. There four out of ten people regularly attend church. The churches are thriving. Many have up to date facilities, and often employ a full time team of people to maintain their life, eg directors of music, secretaries, and administrators in addition to their minister. Why the contrast? The programme suggested that one possible reason for the difference is that in America the church has never been linked with the state, as it is in this country.

In England the Church of England is the established church. The church of the nation. One unfortunate result of this is that people have come to see the church as the 'spiritual branch' of the National Health Service, ie the church is a service provided by the government to baptise our children, marry our young people, and bury our dead. When we need it it is always there, somehow or other, but most people are not committed to keeping it going. In America, by contrast, people have always known that if they do not support their church it will go out of business and close down. As a result the churches have always been good at publicising themselves.

The churches in Britain have been in slow decline over many years. The most obvious sign of this in the Church of England is the dramatic decline in the number of ordained men in the ministry. Unless this decline can be stemmed, the future pattern of church life will be very different, with parishes amalgamating and fewer priests chasing more and more people. One possible way forward is for the church to ordain women to the priesthood, a policy which I personally support. However, parishes must also become much more professional in their approach to church life and spreading the Gospel. We tend always to think of church employees as being ordained. Some parishes now employ lay people to take over some aspects of the running of a parish since in most parishes the chance of obtaining a curate is zero. One vicar of a large parish in Wakefield, who has a parish administrator, recently told me that the administrator was worth at least two curates! They also have a parish office which deals with baptisms, weddings and funerals, as well as the day to day running of the parish, eg correspondence, record keeping, preparing the parish magazine etc. Full or part time help in this way frees the priest to do those things for which he was ordained. As the numbers of priests declines this kind of help will become essential.

The days of the parish priest working in splendid isolation are probably numbered. Just as doctors have changed from isolated single practices into splendid new groups and health centres, with much ancillary help, so clergy will in time be forced into greater cooperation, with more paid lay assistance if they are to survive the decline in their numbers.

Peter Monkhouse.

## GOING TO CHURCH IN ALASKA



On a recent visit to see our son and his wife in Alaska we attended church out there, and I thought members of St Cuthbert's and All Saints' might be interested in hearing about it.

Christ Church, Episcopal, in Anchorage, Alaska, led by Rev Susan M Hewitt rents Christ Our Saviour Lutheran Church, which is a large timbered building, for its services on Wednesdays and Sundays. It being school holidays there was no choir and no Sunday School when we went, but there was a congregation of about fifty. On entering we were given a hymn book (with music), prayer book, and a photocopied sheet giving the order of service, prayer list, birthdays, anniversaries, and notices.

The Rev Susan Hewitt (call me Sue) had just returned from the ten day Convention of the Episcopal Church, in Phoenix (the equivalent of our General Synod). She gave a lively sermon. Briefly they struggle with the same questions as our General Synod (women in the ministry, liberalism sexism, finance, etc.), although it sounded as though it was noisy, as there were plenty of heated arguments and name calling. Lord Runcie was there in a passive role, except for the last day when he gave an address. The Convention finished with a united service when they all came together with differences forgotten. Sue showed a 'T' shirt she had bought there - bright purple with the lettering across the front declaring "A Woman's Place is in the House - of Bishops".

Then came the 'Peace' when the service stopped for several minutes whilst everybody went round shaking hands, hugging and chatting. One man gave me a big hug saying "We are great huggers here".

Next came the announcements and Sue asked if anyone in the congregation had any. There were several including one man who stood up and introduced his parents, who were visiting from California, and we gave them a clap. Then anyone with a birthday or anniversary was asked to go out to the front and we gave them a clap too.

The service continued with the Eucharist and it was then I noticed the bread - a miniature wholemeal loaf which I understand was baked specially every week. We took communion standing below the step leading up to the altar. I noticed that nobody kneeled in any part of the service.

After the service it was the church picnic so there was no coffee that day.

I was interested to read the church notices asking for volunteers for the cleaning list, altar flowers, coffee rota. The cleaning list was full to the end of the year with four volunteers to clean the church on the 4th and 5th Saturdays of the month, and even Sue took a turn. The altar flowers rota was nearly full and it gave the reason why the flowers were being done - for a birthday or anniversary or in memory of a loved one. The poor coffee rota, however, had many spaces and I wondered whether they went without coffee on those days.

Altogether I enjoyed the service and was surprised it was so like our own, but different, which I put down to being the very relaxed atmosphere in which it took place.

Jean Reast



## Bishop Richard writes . . .

I was ordained in the Diocese of Newcastle in 1950, just as the Parish & People movement was getting into its stride and in the diocese where it began.

There was undeniably an air of 'triumphalism' about it, a sense that the answer had been found and that the Kingdom was just round the corner. Parish Communion, Parish Breakfast, Parish Meeting, and sermons about the People of God which nearly always included the phrase "nine-fifteen every Sunday"

It was heady stuff, and up and down the land the familiar pattern of Anglican worship was changing. Differences in churchmanship were being eroded as a proper balance between Word and Sacrament became increasingly appreciated.

One noticeable emphasis was on the need to gather together the whole worshipping body in the parish for a single major act of worship each Sunday: "The Lord's People, round the Lord's Table, on the Lord's Day".

This was seldom achieved without resistance, and sometimes only with considerable pain. Eight o'clock, followed by breakfast and then back to church for eleven, was a routine which had nourished Anglican souls for generations: whether it was Early Service and then Mattins, or Low Mass

(for my communion) followed by Sung Eucharist at which only the aged and infirm were allowed within yards of the altar-rail.

Eight o'clock and eleven o'clock, in various traditions, were merged in a service of general communion at nine-fifteen or nine-thirty with a sermon. Those were the parishes which ordination candidates heard about at theological college and where, for the most part, they wanted to go.

The liturgical trimmings in which it was all wrapped up were of diminishing importance. The renewal of the liturgy within the church

building was accompanied by a parallel emphasis on the liturgy of the church outside in the world: witness

and service were the recurring themes of the sermons.

It was the most refreshing thing that had happened to the church for a long time, but looking back - and listening to what people are telling us about church growth today - I am not by any means sure that the concept of one focal service on a Sunday for the whole parish had got it right.

We are told now that every denomination world-wide which reports an overall increase of membership reports an increase in the number of congregations, and that every denomination which reports a

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decrease in membership reports a decrease in the number of congregations.

Some parishes which are spread over a wide geographical area will grow by 'planting' congregations in different parts of the parish. Others may well find they grow by planting within the same church building.

There are exciting experiments - of both kinds - going on within our own diocese and nearby, and we can learn from each other. I am simply offering the suggestion that we should not be dogmatic about the need constantly to be 'all together in one place.'

The feeding of the 5,000 was a big congregation by any standards. It is as well to remember that they actually 'sat down by fifties'.

+Richard Pontefract

**BISHOP'S  
CENTENARY FUND**

## Community Shop — Riddings Estate

**Please can they have your  
donations of furniture,  
household goods and  
clothes for the shop?**

**Contact either the  
shop (0484-519694) or  
Church House (0924-371802).**

## Kirkburton Deanery

If you are looking for a truly rural deanery, come to 'Kirkburton.' Originally carved out of Huddersfield Deanery it now includes part of Almondbury Deanery and contains 18 Parish Churches.

Now completely devoid of its many coal mines it sprouts the two main TV masts in the area, at Emley and Holme Moss. The "Last of the Summer Wine" country is the newcomer to the deanery where the new Holme Valley Team Parishes are working out their own salvation, and others, we hope!

A recently held deanery church treasure hunt enabled members and friends to get to know each other. Local folk and 'offcomers' appear to work together in our churches and communities. Independence in the various villages and townships is much in evidence and local feasts and customs still survive.

We are taking seriously *Faith in the Countryside* and trying to implement and adapt its findings to our situations. Shared Ministry and new PCC-members' courses have been held in the deanery and there is a spirit of co-operation and inter-dependence growing. A revival of Pentecost processions and joining in Patronal Festivals are welcome signs of outward-looking witness and family togetherness. Ecumenical relationships continue to be fostered and we have one shared church building.

**John A A Lodge,  
Rural Dean of Kirkburton**

## “Faith in the Countryside”

Intended to stimulate concern for the countryside and action in the rural communities of England, the Report of the Archbishops' Commission on Rural Areas (ACORA) was published a year ago.

Of its 12 chapters, the first 6 deal with the changing countryside including the environment, economy and social conditions.

The other half concentrates on the rural church including ministry, spirituality & worship, and young people. Whilst the penultimate chapter is entitled *Mission, Evangelism & Community*, I believe the whole Report to be about Mission.

It calls for the Church to act in an 'arena' in which not only local issues (eg affordable housing, community imbalance) are focussed but those of national, international and global significance viz agriculture v conservation; food tariffs etc. To that end the Report makes 100 recommendations to the Church, and 48 to the Government and other bodies.

One of the refreshing things about this Report compared with many others is the way in which it presents its findings and evaluates them.

That may be seen as the dynamic of the Report's holistic approach and the cement which holds its findings and recommendations together. Not surprisingly therefore it calls for a united approach to the development of

the countryside and the problems of its rural communities from the Church ecumenical, the civil authorities, voluntary organisations and the private sector encouraging action to begin at the local level with (for example) housing needs surveys and village appraisals.

It follows too that the Report is the concern of the whole Church. The majority of the parishes in this Diocese are neither specifically rural or urban (priority areas) but a mixture of both. A map profile of the Diocese showing this has now been drawn up and the

implications for those parishes of both *Faith in the City* and *Countryside* Reports are to be considered by The Rev George Nairn-Briggs (ACUPA) and myself (ACORA) jointly.

The following are available from — ACORA Publishing, The Arthur

Rank Centre, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire CV8 2LZ. Tel (0203) 696460:—

**Main Report** (318 pp + useful appendices), £12.50 + £2 P&P.

**Short Report** (38 pp), £2.50 + 50p P&P.

**Study Pack** for parish groups (4 sessions & sound tape), £5 + £1 P&P.

I am available to the Diocese, any Deanery or Parish (or any combination), at: The Vicarage, Cawthorne, Barnsley S75 4DW.

Canon Tom Sharpe,  
Rural Officer.



# The Parsonages Board

Twenty-one years being concerned about Parsonages means many door keys have passed through my hands (three personally). The late Albert Nurse and the late Cecil Beverley (*Bev* to many) would hardly recognise the way the Board functions now.

## Central power

In those days the Church Commissioners were very much the ones who determined what we could or could not do: to, with, or for a Vicarage. The Board only came into its own determining local expenditure and Albert was hawk-like in checking minutia. 'Bev' was in post when things began to change in 1970.

## Them at Wakefield!

Decision making was moved away from London (No. 1 Millbank) and more was being settled locally by the Diocese. "Them at Wakefield" were no longer seen as Scrooge, rather as Scrooge with his Turkey gift!

## The corporate mouth

The Commissioners over the past 10 years or more, through their Houses Department, have provided excellent advice and back-up services to the Dioceses; published editions of their *Green Guides* for the requirements of a modern Parsonage House; and putting the money where their corporate mouth is, have provided many millions of pounds for improvement, renewal or replacement of unsuitable houses.

## Great improvements

Ten years ago Wakefield Diocese had approximately 120 unsuitable houses

for a multitude of reasons. The Very Revd John Lister initiated the programme of improvements in the early stages and for the past nine years it has been my privilege to chair the Parsonages Board. It has a high attendance record and a sense of achieving its objects and I would like to express my thanks to all the many folk who have served during this time.

## 1990's standards

Of that 120 houses — 103 have been brought up to 1990's standards — easy to heat, easy to clean, easy to maintain and in general terms, compared with a good many large old houses, easier and more pleasant to live in.

## Indebted

Gerald Wood and the Surveyor's Department deserve our thanks for their work in producing detailed plans and specifications for the many schemes particularly as this phase of the work nears completion. We are indebted also to the Secretary of the Board — Ken Duce and his staff for the way in which some of the more difficult cases and funding have been dealt with.

## The Tyke approach

I am not sure how No. 1 Millbank, London has reacted to the 'Tyke' approach of a Northern Diocese, but, *by gum*, between us all and with the Commissioners' generous advice and grants we've got things done and this Diocese has a stock of clergy houses to be proud of now and in the future.

Michael Haynes,  
Chairparson!





## Fan the Flame

The Decade of Evangelism

**Know your Faith – in a decade of evangelism.**

John Young (H&S), £2.99.

An elderly man from one of our parishes recently wrote, "If we are to really live out our faith and to share it, then we need to be more confident and well taught." It's a cry I hear often. Folk are saying that even with the best of will and preparation sermons can never be fully adequate.

This paper-back is a very present help. John Young is a skilled and lucid communicator. His eight-week study of the Apostles' Creed is simply stated and very readable. Any individual or group should be better informed and equipped through using it. It is not

heavy going and includes opportunity for explanation and discovery with contemporary relevant viewpoints and questions.

There are flexible ways of using the book by various types of groups. A purposeful help to faith which is not only of the mind but dynamises heart and will.

Now, form an orderly queue at your local Christian Bookshop or Church bookstall.

Ken Sawyer,  
Adviser for Evangelism.

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

#### **Heritage Trek – Hebden Bridge**

On Saturday 31st August some 300+ intrepid walkers from over 40 Parishes in the Diocese set off from the Parish Church on the 20 mile trek through the beautiful, rugged South Pennines countryside.

Many were fortified by the bacon sandwiches provided by the *base camp* and set forth with enthusiasm and instructions to keep to the "orange marker" route and avoid getting lost! Over the next few hours most got lost but somehow managed to find their way through dense woodlands, across moors, over mountains – or so they seemed – to arrive back at the Church tired but happy.

The Rev Ralph Godsall closed the day with a short service and Ron Carbutt (BCF Chairman) thanked everyone from Hebden Bridge Parish Church who helped make the day such a success, commenting on the appropriateness of the chosen hymn *And did those feet in ancient time, walk upon England's mountains green . . .*

## My Faith – a Doctor

I am a doctor – not a GP or Hospital Doctor – but a Community Doctor, specialising in the diagnosis and management of hearing impairment in children. I see a few children with severe or profound hearing loss, many with minor hearing problems, and some who can **hear** well but are unable to **listen**.

A few years ago, I had let God be crowded out of my life by the pressures of a demanding job and more studying, a growing family, elderly mother-in-law and renovating a big old house. I had no time to listen to Him – or I thought I hadn't. Thankfully He never gave up calling and eventually

He made me listen and respond to His call.

God knew I would need Him over the subsequent months when I had a son very ill in one hospital, and mother-in-law in another, 20 miles apart. He was there when I had exhausted my physical, mental and emotional strength, and I came to know that He had all the strength I needed.

My Faith is simple: God is there when I have no resources left of my own. He loves me as I am and He is always ready to hear me. It is through the Bible and prayer that we hear Him, but do we really **listen**?

Kathleen Mazey

## People and Places

### Diamond Wedding

Mr and Mrs Harold Crowther were married in 1931, and celebrated their diamond wedding on September 1st. Mr Crowther was for many years churchwarden and treasurer in the parish of Linthwaite, and a much respected member of various diocesan boards and committees.

The Diocese offers its congratulations and best wishes. Two of the bridesmaids were at the party, as well as the gentleman who played the organ at the wedding.

## 250 – Not out!

### Shepley Magazine

Shepley Magazine production and distribution staff celebrated a major milestone this year, the 250th issue of their local village magazine.

Since it was launched in 1970, it has been produced on a regular monthly basis to communicate village activities, publicise events, highlight local problems, promote Church services and generally highlight local organisations.

Over 830 copies go out each month, and during its history Shepley Magazine has received an award as one of the Top 10 Parish Magazines in Britain.

## WHAT'S ON

**Oct 2 Wakefield Diocese Church Union AGM** at St Peter's Church, Horbury at 730pm, coffee from 7pm.

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

**Oct 5 Church Union Pilgrimage to Lincoln Cathedral** 12noon Sung Mass & Procession to the Shrine. Preacher: F Richard Oakley CR. Bookings Barnsley 711331, Halifax 352933, Dewsbury 472576, Huddersfield 657102, Pontefract 551031, Wakefield 273477.

**Oct 5 St Mark's Church, Halifax Road, Dewsbury Choral Evensong** sung by St Peter's Consort as part of the Harvest week-end celebrations., 5pm.

**Oct 7 Bishop of Wakefield's Lecture**, given by Bishop Lesslie Newbigin on the theme of "Gospel and Our Culture" 1030-3pm, Treacy Hall, Wakefield Cathedral.

**Oct 8 Meeting of the Guyana Diocesan Association** at St Thomas' Church, Purston, following Mass at 730pm. A meeting to discuss future projects.

**Oct 9 and succeeding Wednesdays** at Holmbridge, St David's. **Open Door Retreat** nine sessions aimed at increasing spiritual awareness. Led by Nan Mumford. Details ✠ Holmfirth 682532

**Oct 10 Cheese and Wine Evening** with speaker at 60 Tanfield Road, Huddersfield (opposite 'Ben Shaw's Pop') 730pm, organized by Movement for Ordination of Women. ✠ 0977 513980.

**Oct 10 Harvest Festival** 730pm St Martin's Womersley, followed by light supper. Also Oct 11 Buttercross Market Stall Pontefract 9am-4pm for Spire Restoration Appeal.

**Oct 13 Friends of Halifax Parish Church** Annual Service at 1030am. Preacher The Archdeacon of Halifax, followed by refreshments and meeting in the Parish Hall.

**Oct 18-20 St Luke's Church, Norland**, celebration of 125th Anniversary with a **Flower Festival & Exhibition of Old Norland in School**. Programme £2 available at door or from any church member.

**Oct 16 98th Dedication Festival at St Peter's Church, Doncaster Road, Barnsley**. Solemn Mass 730pm. Preacher: Canon John Halliburton of St Paul's Cathedral, London.

**Oct 18-20 Lightcliffe Art Exhibition and Sale of Original Works** Lightcliffe CofE School Hall. 18th Preview & Reception 730-930pm Tickets £1.50 including glass of wine. 19th: 10am-8pm. 20th: 1130am-415pm.

**Oct 19 Hoe Down in Campsount High School** 730-1130pm. Reels and Jigs to the Green Ginger Band. Bar. Tombola. Raffle. All in aid of St Martin's Womersley Spire Restoration Appeal.

**Oct 22 Wakefield Cathedral 24-hour vigil for world peace** from noon Tuesday Oct 22 to noon Wednesday Oct 23. Everyone welcome. Contact Mary Sanderson ✠ Wakefield 864903

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

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.

## MUSICAL MATTERS

Sep 30-Oct 5 **Annie Get Your Gun** by Callinghow St Johns Operatic Society Pearl St Batley 715pm Tickets £2.50 ☎ 0924 474841

Oct 9-12 **St Barnabas Amateurs** present the Religious Musical **Pharaoh to Freedom** in St Barnabas Church, Huddersfield at 730pm. No admission charge but collection at door.

Oct 11 **Brass Band Concert** by Sellers Engineering Band 730pm at St Thomas Huddersfield. Admission by programme. Proceeds to Bishop's Centenary Fund.

Oct 12 **Halifax Male Voice Choir** celebrates its diamond jubilee with a concert in Halifax Parish Church at 7pm. Tickets £2 from Mr C Allan, 60 Godfrey Road, Halifax, in September ☎ Halifax 367858.

Oct 16 **Organ Recital** by Gareth Green at Crosland Moor Parish Church at 730pm. Includes music by Vierne, Bach, Green, Elgar, Yon and Scotson Clark. Admission £2 (students £1) includes wine & cheese.

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.

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.

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.

**ADVENT PRAISE** - December 8th at 730pm in the Cathedral. Preacher: The Revd David Hughes.

## MARKET PLACE

**Musician** required for St Catherine's Sandal from mid-October. ☎ Wakefield 254176.

**Vestments, Frontals, Banners** etc individual work. Kate Squires of Shakena Designs, 54 Sunny Bank Road, Brighouse, HD6 2AB, ☎ Huddersfield 721365

**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.

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

FROM THE REGISTERS



BAPTISMS

"We welcome you into the Lord's family"

- 25 August Philip Michael Eames, 33 Station Road  
25 Francesca Anne Embling, 1 Fothergill Avenue  
25 " Emily Jane Storey, 35 Hill Drive  
25 " Rhianna Rebecca Wilson, 259 Handley Green, Basildon  
8 September Michael Peter Fox, 5 Andrews Grove

WEDDINGS

"Those whom God has joined together"

- 10 August Paul Thompson and Lorraine Straugheir  
10 " Carl Leslie Owen and Catherine Roslyn Staton  
30 " Trevor Roy Ian Greenfield and Jill Linsey Hyde  
31 " Christopher Mark Jackson and Susan Lane  
31 " Ricky Blaze Myers and Angela Rappitt  
7 September Christopher Jackson Perfect and Helen Louise Barrett

FUNERALS

"In sure hope of the Resurrection"

- 8 August Margaret Mary Horbury, 'Rock Face', Bell Lane, 71 years  
20 " Ernest Myers, 29 Bell Lane, 78 years  
23 " Charles Grice Beetham, 102 Pontefract Road, 85 years  
28 " Frank Ingham, 10 Townend Avenue, 74 years  
10 September Vera Robinson, 30 Jubilee Terrace, 82 years  
13 " Fanny Jane Malyan, 3 New Street, 91 years

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HARVEST THANKSGIVING

We shall celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving on Sunday 13 October. Children are invited to bring harvest gifts to the Parish Communion at 10 15 am, at St Cuthbert's Church.

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MOTHERS' UNION



- 2 October Midweek service cancelled.  
3 " 10 30 to 3 00 pm Diocesan Quiet Day at Mirfield.  
7 " 7 15 pm Womens World Day of Prayer Committee meet at 56 Orchard Drive.  
10 " 6 45 pm Diocesan Council Meeting, Unity Hall, Wakefield.  
If you would like to go as an observer please let me know.  
31 " 2 00 pm Service and meeting at All Saints' Church.

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'THANK YOU'

Mrs Ann Myers, 29 Bell Lane, Ackworth and her family wish to thank everyone for their letters and cards of sympathy, following the recent death of Mr Ernest Myers. They also wish to thank any who contributed to the magnificent total of £763 raised by donations in lieu of flowers for the Prince of Wales Hospice, Pontefract.





## THE HERITAGE TREK

"Painless extraction!" That's Fred Davies' rule for collecting money for the Bishop's Centenary Fund. So when the idea came from Church House for a sponsored walk round Hebden Bridge, it looked as though the project fulfilled the rule - being paid to enjoy ourselves. In the event, when we did the 20 mile walk in late August, the day was hot and some of the ascents were steep. So it wasn't totally painless.

It had been many years since I'd walked in that area and I had forgotten the variety of the landscape. There were good views from open moorland across valleys with interesting mills, monuments and canals. We would then descend, on flagged tracks and packhorse trails to a cooler wooded valley. Following this another ascent brought us to a complete change of vista. The organisation by the local church, was efficient and friendly. At the church we could start with a bacon sandwich, as a late breakfast, and finish with tea, coffee and sandwiches. The well marked route took us by a welcome spring near Stoodley Pike. Back near base, three of us found a cricket field with a ready supply of refreshments including beer!



The whole day ended with a service in the lovely parish church of St James, Hebden Bridge. We were reminded of the central purpose of the Bishop's Fund to bring hope to inner city parishes in the area. One of the hymns was very appropriate:

"And did those feet in ancient time  
Walk upon England's mountains green?

I must conclude by thanking the seven friends from the church who walked and were sponsored. We must also thank our sponsors because, at the time of writing, it looks as if we will raise in excess of £250. It's a good boost to our target of £750 for Bishop David!

Jeremy Belk



### CEILIDH

On the 11th of this month we are holding a Ceilidh at Top Farm, West Hardwick, starting at 8.00 pm.

We shall be dancing to the music of 'Yorkshire Tweed'.

Joining us on this happy occasion will be parents of children attending the Howard School and we look forward to enjoying a convivial evening together.

The tickets are £6.50 each, which includes "Supper", and are obtainable from Linda Steer, Doreen Seal, Lynne Ward and Fred Walters.

Please ring 611626 if you have any relevant questions.

Fred Walters

PCC NOTES, 9 SEPTEMBER

- 1 The treasurer reported on the church accounts. The Parish Share has been paid up to date.
- 2 New vacuum cleaners have been installed in St Cuthbert's Church.
- 3 It was agreed to accept a new insurance policy covering both churches and their contents.
- 4 A report was given on the June Deanery Synod meeting, at which a speaker described the work of the Prince of Wales Hospice and the possible role of the churches in its work.
- 5 It is hoped to appoint a contractor to start work soon on the new vestry. A discussion took place on the present and future shape of the chancel at St Cuthbert's Church.
- 6 David Jones led a discussion on communication in the parish, including the future of the parish magazine, the use of noticeboards, and the need to use more modern methods of publicity. It is hoped to establish a working party to look into the suggestions discussed.
- 7 Dorothy Greiff has been accepted for training on the Bishop's Certificate in Pastoral Ministry, and this was approved by the PCC.

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PARISH WOMEN'S GROUP

WEDNESDAY 16 OCTOBER, 7.45 pm

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Gabrielle Ibberson, an experienced bereavement counsellor, will speak on 'Bereavement and Loss'. This is an open meeting and the Women's Group invite anyone who is interested to attend (men and women).

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DO YOU WANT TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE?



Why not join the 'Guiding movement, we need some helpers urgently.

The Girl Guide Movement, is a world wide organisation. In Ackworth we have one new Ranger Unit (14-21), one Guide Unit (10-15), two Brownie Units (7-10), and one new Rainbow Unit (5-7). We need help at all four sections of our movement, as each section is run with only two trained Guiders, Rangers have only one. Are you interested in training to become a Guider in any section. Can you do it, or do you know anyone who could?

If you are interested in helping at one of the Units PLEASE, PLEASE, contact Deborah Benstead, District Commissioner (Ackworth Guides) 553391, Susan Malyan (Brownies) 615575, Christina Wrigglesworth (Rainbows) 613566, Viv Stephens (Rangers) 644772.

The Guiding Movement can't work with just children - WE NEED YOU!!

# October



- 1 Tues NO MIDWEEK SERVICE  
2 Wed NO MIDWEEK SERVICE

## PENTECOST 20

Readings: Dan.3:13-26 (Mr R Firth);  
Rom.8:18-25 (Mrs M Ward); Luke 9:51-end.  
ASB 735.

- 1 Tues NO MIDWEEK SERVICE  
2 00 pm Service for Mothers & Toddlers

- 3 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

- 11 Fri 8 00 pm Community Ceilidh, Top Farm

## HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Matt.6-24-end. ASB 899

- 15 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)

- 16 Wed ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST

9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

7 45 Parish Women's Group, All Saints' Church

## LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Reading: Jer.29.1,4-14 (Mr D Cook); Phil.3:7-end (Mrs D Greiff);  
John 17:1-10. ASB 745

- 22 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)

2 00 pm Service for Mothers & Toddler (AS)

- 23 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

## NINTH SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Readings: Gen.2:4b-9,15-end (Mrs B Firth); Rev.4 (Mr F E Walters);  
John 3:1-8. ASB 400

- 29 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)

## ALL SAINTS

Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion

- 31 Thurs 2 00 pm Mothers Union (AS)

## 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.

### St Cuthbert's Church

- 6 October Mrs Reast  
13 " Congregation  
20 " Mrs Asquith  
27 " Vacant

### FLOWER ROTAS



### All Saints' Church

- 6 October Miss Crossley  
13 " Congregation  
20 " "  
27 " Mrs Hardy

### BRASS CLEANING ROTA

Vacant

Copy for the November magazine should be handed to Mrs Richardson by Sunday 6 October.