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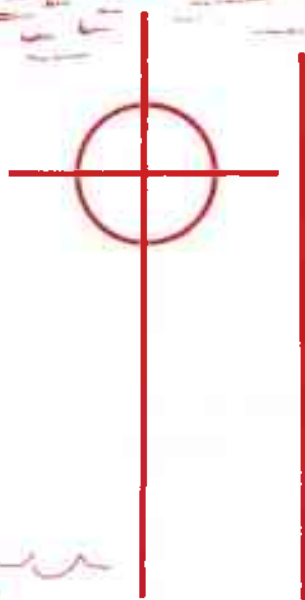
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# ACKWORTH PARISH MAGAZINE



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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  
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

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Mr Fred Davies, 40 Barnsley Road 610694 - St Cuthbert's Church

Miss Ethel Smith, 'Solentia', Wakefield Road 611258 - All Saints' Church

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

The Revd Peter Moorhouse, The Rectory, High Ackworth 780880

## RECTOR'S NOTES

### The Promised King

Daughter of Zion, rejoice with all your heart;  
shout in triumph, daughter of Jerusalem!  
See, your king is coming to you,  
his cause is won, his victory gained,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

(Zech 9.9; Matt 21.5)



Why did Jesus enter Jerusalem on a donkey? Perhaps, as Matthew suggests it was to fulfil the prophecy of Zechariah, that that is how the Messiah would arrive. I like to think also that Jesus had a sense of humour. Surely he recognised the comical absurdity of his arrival in Jerusalem. Its a poignant moment in history as Jesus the Son of God, the great teacher and prophet, arrives at his destiny on a small, trotting donkey.

There was of course no better way of illustrating that Jesus' kingdom was not of this world. Here was not a man to drive out the Romans by some kind of armed revolution. How could such a man ride a donkey? Here was not a man seeking political power. His reign was not to be based on the exercise of worldly methods, but by a supreme act of self sacrifice undertaken in weakness. He allowed himself to be used by the powers of this world in order to save it. It was by his painful death on the cross, and by the glory of his resurrection, that Christ came into his true kingship. Christ's weakness in the face of worldly power, betrayed by all about him, was transformed into glory, and that is what we celebrate every Easter. Alleluia!

### The General Election

Election fever is in the air. For the past few months the political parties have been flexing their muscles, and sniping at each other. By the time you read these notes the date of the General Election may well have been announced. The phoney war of the last few months will have become real.

Perhaps those seeking election in the coming General Election will remember Christ's entry into Jerusalem. Not that I can see John Major, Neil Kinnock, or Paddy Ashdown riding across Westminster Bridge on a donkey! After all modern politics is far too serious for such stunts. How could we vote for a leader with such an image? What I mean is that I hope those standing in the election will remember the humility of Christ. The exercise of power is a great responsibility. Too often those in power, especially government ministers, seem to use power in an arbitrary way, based on their own prejudices and ignoring the advice of others, or responding to powerful vested interests who subject them to intense lobbying. In the end those in positions of political power hold it in trust on behalf of the people. It is a trust which must not be abused in pursuit of their own ends, but is to be used on behalf of others. In so many ways during his life Christ set the example of the right use of power. Let's hope and pray that those to be elected will remember that. Let's hope and pray that those who vote will also remember that power should be given to those who will use it wisely, - for the good of all in our country and not simply because which ever party will be elected will benefit ourselves.

*Peter Monahan*

## VIEW FROM THE PEW

Peter was away for some reason, so we had a stand in minister. He apparently had to be told how our service ran. But wasn't he an Anglican minister? Yes he was. But aren't we Anglicans too? Yes we are. So why didn't he know what to do? Are we so different?

He was a very large man physically, as I'm sure we all remember - quite imposing and fearful on sight. His character matched his figure, but he was a very loving and gentle man in other ways. I for one was in stitches at many of his comments, made at odd times throughout the service. And wasn't he good with the children?

His sermon began with the awful admission that although he was born and bred only five miles away, and drove through Ackworth regularly, he didn't even know St Cuthbert's existed. What a thought, a local minister who did not know of our existence. What hope for the rest of Ackworth?

Should we publicise our presence more within the village, and even further? Ackworth does not exactly spring to mind when you think of thriving Christian communities. Perhaps we should try to be the first. And are we so very different from other parts of the Church? And if so, is it by choice or tradition?

Perhaps every now and again we should try something different. There is always the chance we might enjoy it! We shouldn't get stuck in our ways. Remember how Jesus dealt with God's people!!

Paul Fox

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## SOCIAL COMMITTEE



"What am I bid?" called the 'Auctioneer' as yet another item was offered for sale - a football signed by the Leeds United Football Team; a stick of sealing wax; a picture of all Saints' Church painted by Bill Guest in 1979; an electric plug with a record player attached; an enormous Valentine card; a lampshade - the variety of items brought

for the 'Fun Auction' was tremendous and the bidding was brisk from start to finish.

This all happened in the Parish Rooms during the evening of St Valentine's Day when we held our Wine and Cheese Party.

It was a very happy evening - the selection of cheeses with garlic bread, biscuits and fruit with the choice of wines or orange juice were thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

Following the Annual General Meeting held on March 1st a new Social Committee has been elected and so this event was the last to be organised by the old one. It was, indeed, a worthy swan song, with over one hundred and fifty pounds finding their way into the church coffers.

Many thanks to all who helped before and during the evening and many more to all those who came along and supported their efforts.

Fred Walters



## Bishop Nigel writes

Although I am writing this some weeks before the Enthronement, my family and I have already been given a really warm Yorkshire welcome. With Celia, my wife, I now look forward to getting to know the clergy, the congregations, and the communities which make up this very special Diocese of Wakefield.

### Care of families

One of my favourite texts is John 10:14 - *I know my sheep and my sheep know me.* In the task and privilege I have been given of leading this diocese and being its chief pastor, I will do my best never to forget the importance of those words.

The pastoral care of the clergy, and where appropriate their families, is one of the highest priorities a bishop has. It is my practice to see any of the clergy in urgent pastoral need within 24 hours. It is of the utmost importance that clergy should feel they can turn to their Father in God in need.

### Affirming and encouraging

Of course, getting to know people is not just to do with emergencies. I have already booked into my diary personal visits to all the clergy in their homes. I believe this to be a very important way of beginning my ministry of knowing, affirming and encouraging the clergy in what, for some, is a lonely and sometimes discouraging task.

### Lay ministry

I mention this here because, by giving

these visits such high priority, some other things which I would like to do may have to wait for a while. I ask for your understanding and patience over that please. As the Church moves towards the next century, the laity will have to become more and more our front-line missionaries. So you will find me to be a bishop who very much wants to strengthen the ministry of every lay member.

### Visiting every parish

I look forward to meeting the members of our churches and sharing in worship with every congregation. All this will take time - but a systematic plan of pastoral visits is being worked out, which will ensure that I visit every parish as soon as is humanly possible. It is important for us all to remember that a bishop is not only the shepherd of his clergy and congregations, but also of the whole community.

### What a task!

In that sense he has his own particular missionary role - getting to know and be trusted by those outside the Church; being a bridge-builder and, in sensitive ways, showing God's love for all His people. Well, what a task! I can not do it alone, but only with God's strength and your prayers. Certainly my own prayer is that I may be found worthy: *as a Deacon to serve as a Priest to reconcile as a Bishop to lead and find fresh pastures for the flock of Christ.*



# Halifax Deanery

When I arrived at Halifax nine years ago the town was suffering from a loss of confidence due to the recession of the early 80's. Unemployment was high and there had been a collapse of our local industrial base. Due to the co-operation between Council, Local Businesses and the Churches there has been a considerable improvement in morale and all sorts of interesting things are taking place.

## Faith in the City

During that time the Diocese has celebrated its Centenary and there has been great emphasis on Church and Community working far more closely together. In a recent report on the work of the *Bishop's Centenary Fund* grants have been made to **St Hilda's** (facilities enabling the Church to meet the growth and serve community needs, £1,000).

The *Church Urban Fund* has also made grants to support **St Augustine's** — Pre-school and Family Centre, (£10,000), the Charity Shop/Flat Development (£5,000) and for a Family Centre Worker (£9,000). **Illingworth** has received £25,000 to help refurbish the building. At **Mixenden** a grant has been given to help the parish to respond to local need in an area of much deprivation. The parish has also taken the lead in establishing a Local Credit Union at the Parents' Centre (£13,000). At **Ovenden** the old vicarage has become a thriving Parish Centre with a £15,000 grant. It is encouraging to see how the Council has helped in these areas of social need through the Fair Shares initiative.

## Come and Celebrate

The parishes in the Deanery are in good heart, song groups now exist at **Warley**, **Sowerby**, **All Saints'** and **St George's**; they are adding new dimensions to our worship.

## "God Cares" — and after

Who will ever forget that memorable occasion at which the *God Cares* Mission was launched in Halifax at **The Parish Church** which overflowed with representatives from Calderdale Churches. Over the next ten days the Parish Church acted as a centre for the Oxford Pastorate Team which carried the Good News throughout Calderdale supported by song, dance and drama. Existing Church growth is taking place in congregational life in a number of parishes and it is reported that the Vicar of St George's will publish a book on *New Model of Churches*.

## The Deanery Synod

The Deanery Synod continues to exercise a supportive and pastoral role. At present we are endeavouring to produce a fair system for establishing social mix gradually within the parishes. A recent debate concerned **Holy Trinity Senior School**, our Church Aided Comprehensive School with shared Sixth Form with the Catholic High. We have also heard about Ecumenical Collaboration at National, District and Local levels.

All in all, the Deanery is in good heart and responding well to the challenges of the 1990's.

*Robert Gibson, Rural Dean.*

People & Places has been held  
over for the next issue — Ed.

## What's On

**Apr 9 Rita Nightingale** speaks about her life and Conversion to Christ while imprisoned on a false drugs charge in Thailand. All Saints' Church, Dudwell Lane, Halifax. 8pm. Contact The Revd Tim Wilson ☎ (0422) 365805.

**Apr 9-11 Flying Feathers** a farce by Derek Berfield, presented by the Carlinghow St John's AODS, at 730pm in the Church Hall, Pearl Street, Carlinghow, Batley. Tickets £2

**Apr 11 Quiz Evening** in Whitley Community Centre. 7pm. Teams of four and spectators invited. Tickets £1.50 including refreshments. Proceeds for Whitley St Mary & St Michael's Church Restoration Fund.

**Apr 12 The Cross of Christ** a series of readings, choral items, hymns and prayers on the sufferings and death of Jesus Christ. St Mark's Church, Halifax Road, Dewsbury, 630pm. Further information ☎ Mrs A Lee, (0924) 467319.

**Apr 14 Sexuality and Spirituality.** A day course led by Matthew Huxley. Holme Valley Network for the Study of Spirituality. Details ☎ Holmfirth (0484) 682532.

**Apr 18, 2-5pm; Apr 19, 2-4pm; Apr 20, 10am-5pm** Saint Michael's Church, Mytholmroyd, open for viewing **Easter Flowers**. Organ music and refreshments.

**Apr 24 An Up Market Mini Market**, Sale of cakes, plants, produce, jams, jellies, chutneys, books, bric-a-brac, clothes, toys etc. 9am-4pm, The Buttercross, Pontefract. In aid of St Martin's Womersley, Restoration Appeal.

**Apr 26-27 Open Days** at the New St Peter's Centre, Gildersome,

Leeds. Visit the youngest Church Building in our Diocese - only two months old. 3pm until a concluding act of worship at 7pm with guest preachers. Refreshments available. Come anytime. This building has benefitted from the Bishop's Centenary Fund. Further information ☎ (0532) 5333339.

**Apr 29 Assertiveness - A Christian Option?** Full course - first of six Wednesday evenings, or July 4 Starter day. At Church House Wakefield. Further details from Eileen Turner, Social Responsibility Department, 1 South Parade, Wakefield WF1 1LP, (0924) 371802.

**May 1-4 St Edward's Kellington, Goole, Flower Festival.** May 1 Preview Evening 7-9pm; May 2 & 4, 10am-430pm (Refreshments); May 3 noon-430pm. May 3 Service of Re-dedication by the Bishop of Wakefield 6pm.

**May 2 Craft Fair** at Saint Paul's, Hanging Heaton, Batley. 10am-430pm. Refreshments available.

**The Bishop's Certificate in Pastoral Ministry** course commences later in the year and further information and application forms can be obtained from Mrs Chris Bullimore, The Course Co-Ordinator, Church House, 1 South Parade, Wakefield WF1 1LP ☎ (0924) 371802.

**May 8 2-9pm, May 9 10am-7pm, Fourteenth Annual Art & Craft Exhibition.** St Mary's Church, Horbury Junction, of A640 Wakefield-Huddersfield Rd. Pictures and a large variety of crafts. Demonstrations and displays. Live guitar music. Come and browse or buy.

**May 20 Saint John's Church Golcar. Flower Arranging Demonstra-**

tion by Brian Battye at Golcar Central Liberal Club, 8pm. Admission £2.50 including cheese & wine. Raffle of arrangements. Tickets from ☛ Huddersfield 653691 or 655131.

**Evening Prayer** at Wakefield Hospice on the first Wednesday of every month in the Hospice Chapel on Aberford Road (opposite Pinderfields) at 730pm using the Common Prayer of Taize. On Good Friday there will be Prayer around the Cross at 730pm. Everyone is welcome.

## Musical Matters

**Apr 4 Stainer's Crucifixion** with Durufle's Requiem, at Saint Paul's Church, Mirfield. 715pm. Programmes £2.50.

**Apr 4 Music for Passiontide** by Halifax Taverner Choir, at St Paul's Church, King Cross, Halifax. 730pm. Entry by programme at door £3 (£2 Concessions). ☛ (0422) 835087.

**Apr 10 & 11 Jerusalem Joy!** a concert and exhibition with choir and Arian Sound at 630pm. Saint John's Church, Golcar, Huddersfield. For details ☛ (0484) 651552.

**Apr 15 Stainer's Crucifixion** at St Helen's Church, Hemsworth, 730pm, performed by Hemsworth Choral Society. Free admission - Collection. Enquiries ☛ (0977) 610762.

**Apr 24 Concert** by **Caroline Bonnett** (Christian contemporary singer & songwriter.) St Mary's Church,

Wombwell, Barnsley, 730pm. Admission £3.50 (Concessions £2.50) from (0226) 752166, 751195 or 200377.

**Apr 25 Sponsored Sing**, singing all the choruses from eleven Gilbert and Sullivan Operas. 10am to 7 or 8pm, Meltham Parish Church Gilbert and Sullivan Society, Huddersfield. In aid of Brian Longden Memorial Piano. Contact Mr H Gillett, ☛ (0484) 850089.

**Apr 25 Tingley Brass Band in Concert** at St John's Hall, Pearl Street, Carlinghow, Batley, at 730pm. Tickets £2 at door.

**Experienced Organist** available for occasional Sunday and Weekday services, within reasonable reach of Wakefield. Moderate fees. ☛ (0924) 468161.

## Market Place

**Music free to person** who will collect: Mendelssohn '42nd Psalm' (22 copies), Gual 'Holy City' (18), Thiman '21 Introits' (33), Handel 'Lenten Cantata' (28), Mendelssohn 'Hymn of Praise' (20). Contact Geroge Gomersal, 95 Whitehall Rd, Drighlington, ☛ Leeds 852416.

**Music free to anyone** who can collect: Hymns A&M Music (2); Hymns A&M words - school edition (2); Songs of Fellowship Bk1 words (139); Servant King Songbook words (Spring Harvest 1984) (66). Contact Mrs Janet Nash, Christ Church South Ossett, ☛ (0924) 277949.

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**CHANGES-OF-ORDER.** Please write to the Editor by 1st JUNE with details of required changes for the quarter JULY-SEPTEMBER. 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"

23 February

Matthew Paul Cuttle, 24 Banks Avenue

FUNERALS

"In sure hope of the Resurrection"

18 February

Thomas William Smith, Snydale Nursing Home, 78 years

21 February

Alexander Magowan, 26 Flounders Hill, 62 years

26 February

Edward George Parsons, 5 Rosslyn Avenue, 75 years

28 February

Ethel Sawyer, 112 Pontefract Road, 77 years

3 March

Terry Palfreyman, 44 Wakefield Road, 44 years

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ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED



Ackworth School would be pleased to hear from families in the village who would be willing to have a paying guest during the half term holidays in February (4 days) and October (one week) each year. Pupils from abroad cannot get home to their families for such a short time, and have to find rooms where they can stay during these periods. Current payment is £15 per night for bed, breakfast and evening meal.

If you would like further information please contact Margaret Shaw at the School (611401), or at St Cuthbert's Church any Sunday morning.

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PRINCE OF WALES HOSPICE



Coffee morning on Saturday 4 April  
10 00 am - 12 00 noon  
Low Ackworth Community Centre.  
Tickets 30p - including coffee.  
Easter stall \* Raffle \*



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MOTHERS' UNION

- 1 April 9 15 am Corporate Communion at All Saints' Church  
7 " 7 00 pm Enrolling members meeting, Church House, Wakefield  
27 " 7 00 pm Ecumenical Social Evening, Parish Room, Bell Lane.  
Mr E Usky will speak and show a film on Hong Kong and Bangkok. A warm welcome is offered to anyone wishing to join us on that evening.  
30 " 2 30 pm Service and meeting at All Saints' Church. Our speaker will be Miss Mumford.

You will note the new figures in the Easter Garden. Sincere thanks to Miss Pam Common for carving them.

Kitty Cooper

## DEED OF COVENANT



If you make a regular financial contribution to the church and pay income tax, why not consider taking out a Deed of Covenant which is a painless method of considerably increasing your giving. For example, if you decide to covenant £100 per annum, the church can claim £33.34 from the Inland Revenue at the current rate of tax, thus making your contribution for the year £133.34

\*\*\* You are free to cancel your deed at anytime, something of which many people are unaware and consequently are reluctant to undertake such a commitment.

\*\*\* Payments may be made weekly through the envelope system, or should you wish to pay monthly, quarterly or annually, you may do so by Banker's Order.

\*\*\* Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like a Deed of Covenant form or need any help or advice. Telephone: 794500, or write to Tenter Ings House, 83 Pontefract Road, Ackworth, WF7 7LN.

John Gardham  
Covenant Secretary

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### PCC NOTES, 2 MARCH

- 1 The following officers were elected: Vice Chairman - Mr F Davies; Secretary - Mrs M Ward; Treasurer - Mrs J Firth; Electoral Roll Officer - Mr R Steer.
- 2 Members were elected to serve on the Fabric, Pastoral Care, Finance, and Children/Youth Committees.
- 3 Mrs P Asquith and Mrs S Tanswell were appointed as representatives to the Ackworth Fellowship of Churches.
- 4 Furniture requirements for the new vestry were discussed.
- 5 Consideration was given to the need for further support for the Bishop's Centenary Fund.

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### BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP



The annual subscription for the Bible Reading Fellowship is now due. The cost is £6.00 for the year which runs from May 1992 to April 1993.

Something to think about - I have a bookmark which depicts a clergyman with a Bible under his arm. The caption reads: "For the best results follow the makers instructions". The message of course is not just for the clergy, but to each one of us. How much time do we spend studying the Bible and learning our faith?

Kitty Cooper

# APRIL



- 1 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)
- 3 Fri 7 00 am Holy Communion (SC)
- 5 LENT 5 (PASSION SUNDAY)  
Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34 (Mrs D White);  
Hebrews 9:11-14 (Mrs J Waites): Mark 10:32-45  
ASB 524
- 6 Mon 7 30 pm PCC, St Cuthbert's Church
- 7 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)
- 8 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

10 Fri 7 00 am Holy Communion (SC)

## 12 PALM SUNDAY

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

## 14 TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

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

## 15 WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

## 16 MAUNDAY THURSDAY

7 45 pm Parish Communion, followed by The Watch until 10 00 pm  
7 45 pm Parish Women's Group - Parish Communion

## 17 GOOD FRIDAY

10 30 am Family Service (AS)  
2 00 pm The Good Friday Liturgy (SC)  
7 00 pm Evensong (Said) (SC)

## 18 EASTER EVE

8 00 pm Lighting of the Easter Candle and Renewal of Baptismal Vows

## 19 EASTER DAY

Readings: Isa.43:16-21 (Mr R Firth); 1 Cor.15:12-20 (Mrs M Ward);  
Mark 16:1-8 ASB 575

21 TUESDAY IN EASTER WEEK - NO MIDWEEK SERVICE

22 WEDNESDAY IN EASTER WEEK - NO MIDWEEK SERVICE

## 26 EASTER 1

Readings: Exodus 16:2-15 (Mr D Cook); 1 Cor.15:53-end (Mrs B Firth)  
John 6:32-40-end ASB 604

28 Tues ST MARK THE EVANGELIST

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

29 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

30 Thurs 2 30 pm Mother's Union Service (AS)

## MAY

## 3 EASTER 2

Readings: Ezekiel 34:7-16 (Mr F E Walters); 1 Peter 5:1-11 (Miss Parker);  
John 10:7-16 ASB 610

St Cuthbert's Church

### FLOWER ROTAS

All Saints' Church

19 April Congregation  
26 " Mrs Clayton-Smith

19 April Congregation  
26 " "

### BRASS CLEANING ROTA

Mrs M Nunn & Mrs S Lee

Copy for the magazine should be handed to the Rector by the first Sunday of the previous month..