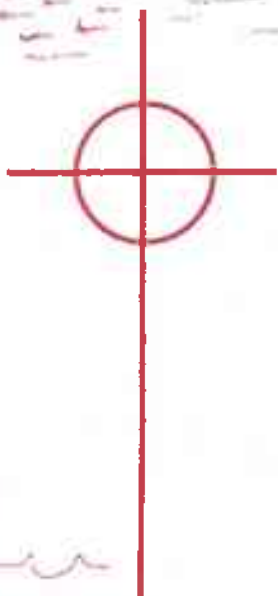


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PARISH OF ACKWORTH - ST CUTHBERT'S AND ALL SAINTS'

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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, 10 15 am, St Cuthbert's Church.

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.

BRINGING CHILDREN TO CHURCH

The second in a series of articles on making sense of church life. Cut out this article and keep for future reference.

Bringing children to church can be a nerve racking experience. I speak from bitter experience of when my own children were young! Here in Ackworth we want parents to feel welcome to bring their children to our services. The following article offers some ideas on how to do it without too many tears or frayed nerves!

Most parents worry about bringing children to church because they are afraid the child will make a noise or interrupt the service, so upsetting regular churchgoers. The main thing when taking children to church is to 'BE PREPARED'!! In addition it helps to remember that the problems associated with babies are different to those with toddlers.



BABIES

The main problem with babies is crying, since a crying baby will stop us hearing the words of the service. Babies usually cry because they are hungry, tired, ill, or are 'uncomfy'. The answer is to make the child feel as secure and comfortable as possible.

- Do try to be 'cool, calm and collected' as you prepare to come to church. If you are feeling hassled chances are baby will too!
- Bring a bottle of milk/juice/water for the child to drink. Please feel free to breast feed your child if necessary. God isn't going to mind (after all He designed this method of feeding babies!), and given the right clothing it can be done discreetly (during the sermon?).
- The baby should feel secure. Make sure the person holding him or her knows how to comfort a baby. Mum or Dad is usually the best person.
- Don't play 'pass the parcel', ie pass the baby from person to person.
- DO NOT sit in the pew with a crying child. Take the child to the back of the church and walk it up and down. If this fails go outside for a few minutes while the child calms down.

TODDLERS

The main problem with toddlers is boredom. Church services are not designed for two year olds! The answer is to try to interest the child.

- Bring with you a favourite book(s) for the child to look at.
- Bring with you a favourite soft toy/doll (not a toy sub machine gun please!). Make it a game by saying you are taking Teddy to church this morning.
- Have a few sweets in your pocket (bribery works wonders!!).

JANUARY



- 1 Wed NO MIDWEEK SERVICE
 5 CHRISTMAS 2
 Readings: Isa.60.1-6 (Mrs Woffinden);
 Rev.21.22-22.5 (Mr McDougall);
 Matt.2.1-12,19-end ASB 457
 7 Tues EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)
 8 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)
 12 EPIPHANY 1
 Reading: John 1.29-34 ASB 466

- 14 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)
 2 00 pm Service for Mothers and Toddlers (AS)
 15 Wed NO MIDWEEK SERVICE
 19 EPIPHANY 2
 Readings: 1 Sam.3.1-10 (Mr R Firth); Gal.1.11-end (Mrs M Ward);
 John 1.35-end ASB 469
 21 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)
 22 Wed CONVERSION OF ST PAUL
 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)
 26 EPIPHANY 3
 Readings: Deut.8.1-6 (Mr D Cook); Phil.4.10-20 (Mrs D Greiff);
 John 6.1-14 ASB 474
 7 00 pm Ackworth Fellowship of Churches United Service
 Ackworth School
 NB NO EVENSONG AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH
 28 Tues NO MIDWEEK SERVICE
 2 00 pm Service for Mothers and Toddlers (AS)
 29 Wed NO MIDWEEK SERVICE
 30 Thurs 2 30 pm Mothers' Union (AS)



FEBRUARY

- 2 PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLEMAS)
 Readings: Malachi 3.1-5 (Mrs B Firth); 1 Peter 2.1-10 (Mr F E Walters);
 Luke 2.22-35 ASB 757

FLOWER ROTAS

St Cuthbert's Church

5	January	-
12	"	Mrs Kidson
19	"	Mrs Reast
26	"	Mrs McWilliam



All Saints' Church

5	January	Congregation
12	"	
19	"	Mrs Turton
26	"	Mrs Cooper

BRASS CLEANING ROTA

Dr and Mr P McWilliam

Copy for the February magazine should be handed to the Rector by Sunday 5 January

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS

SEE-LINK

News from Wakefield Diocese,

January 1992



Archdeacon David writes: Happy (?) New (?) Year !

1991 dawned with the dogs of war snapping at our heels in the Gulf, and ends with the perennial problems in Ulster, Yugoslavia and elsewhere. The year that is just past will have brought with it some real joys and blessings, as well as hardships, agonies and losses.

Crumbling regimes

Just over two years ago the totalitarian regimes of Eastern Europe were crumbling. The pictures of the TV screen that will stay with me were those of East Germany. The people were massing on the streets of East Berlin, and elsewhere; armed only with courage and determination for freedom and justice.

Ordinary people

These were, like you and me, ordinary people. They were in their 20's and 30's and knew that they were putting their lives at risk by going onto the streets. But before they went outside they met; where? **They met in churches** - and one in particular: a Church called *Gethsemene!*

Named after the place where nearly 2,000 years before another youngish man in his early 30's wrestled with doing the right and losing everything, or avoiding the issue and saving his skin.

Lasting celebrations?

All the public celebrations seem to indicate a need for celebrating the advent of this New Year. But what really lasts? Only Christ has the power to draw into the reality of a suffering world a true awareness and knowledge of love tinged with lasting joy.

Terry Waite exhibited this so clearly on his return - his suffering for almost five years, chained for 23 hours a day - we cannot start to comprehend the reality of that. Try it for yourself for one day,

even one hour; but 1,763 days, 40,549 hours . . . !? Yet such a quiet and confident joy, love, compassion and a real sense of forgiveness. Amazing grace !!

**Terry Waite,
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joy, love, compassion and a
real sense of forgiveness.
Amazing grace !!**

To take into 1992

When the situation seems to be getting worse by the hour, the problem of good can hit us in the eye and overwhelm us. Terry Waite had obviously discovered the truth of the great verse, in Isaiah chapter 40, **They that wait upon the Lord will renew their strength; they will mount up with wings as eagles, they will run and not be weary, they will walk and not faint.**

For 1992 - that will not - nay, CANNOT, fail !!

James J. Halad

BISHOP'S CENTENARY FUND 1992

Bishop Richard has been greatly encouraged by the way people across the Diocese have rallied round to raise money for the Fund. With three-quarters of the money raised, Bishop Richard says "People have used their God given talents and I am amazed to see the way that relatively small amounts can add up to the huge sum of £775,000 we now have."

Bishop Richard continued, "Just as we made a big effort as a send-off for Bishop David when he was going, so it would be a wonderful welcome for Bishop Nigel to know that the Diocese was hoping to make significant strides to cover the remaining gap between what we now have and our final target."

We're nearly there

We are now into our last year of fund raising and Ron Carbutt reports a steady stream of income. The following will give you some idea of the amazing variety of ways people have discovered to raise money for the Fund.

Yorkshire ingenuity !

A lady in one parish gives the Vicar 25p in an envelope every week. The young children of Sunny Hill House School, Wrenthorpe, Wakefield, sent £1,079 as a result of a Sponsored Swim. A Band Concert at St Thomas' Huddersfield raised £175. A Coffee Day

at the Treacy Hall recently raised £417. A Jumper Party held at St Jude's Halifax brought in £158. In Golcar a family held a Bonfire Party which raised £78. Clayton West had a sponsored Organ Play during which resulted in £165. These are only some of the ingenious ideas which people from all over the Wakefield Diocese have come up with, there are many more and we are always delighted to hear of them.

The benefits so far

The BCF has awarded grants of £52,000 for 15 local parish projects and in addition, we have received £252,000 from the Church Urban Fund for 16 projects in our Diocesan Urban priority areas. The policy of the Trustees is to only use the income from the Fund and we will only be able to increase the numbers of grants we make when we achieve our Fund target.

Please can you help ?

If so, send your donations or ask for more information on fund-raising ideas by using the coupon below:

YES! I want to help

Name

Address

.....

.....

Please accept my donation of £

Payable to: The Bishop's Centenary Fund.

Further details from: Ron Carbutt,
BCF Chairman, Church House,
1 South Parade, Wakefield WF1 1LP.

What's On

After Christmas a group will travel to the Hospital and orphanage in Sighisoara in Romania. Can you help with donations of gifts (towels, blankets, baby's requisites, bandages, basic medical supplies) or money to be sent to **Tewitt Fund** Hanging Heaton School, High Street, Batley. Care to join the trip? ☎ (0924) 462587.

Jan 15 An Inaugural General Meeting to set up a Charitable Trust to assist in the **Rehabilitation of Alcoholics** will be held in the St Paul's Church Hall, Glasshoughton, Castleford, at 7pm with The Bishop of Pontefract in the Chair. Further details, and details of membership can be obtained from the Acting Chairman, John Daykin, 36 Stonegate Drive, Pontefract, WF8 4NA ☎ Pontefract (0977) 705903.

Jan 24, 25, 29, 31 & Feb 1 Pantomime **Mother Goose** at St Mary's Hall, Mirfield at 7.15pm. Tickets £2.25 & £1.25 Party bookings taken of twenty or more. ☎ Mirfield 495360.

Feb 2 **Creation Centred Spirituality** A Study afternoon to be led by The Revd Bill Cuthbertson. Holme Valley Network for the Study of Spirituality. Details ☎ Holmfirth (0484) 682532.

Feb 4-8 Pantomime **Hickery Dickery Dock** by St Mary's Pantomime Players, Gomersal, at Gomersal Middle School, Oxford Road. Tickets from Vicarage ☎ (0274) 872131 / 873485

Feb 5, 6 & 8 Marsden Parish Church AO&DS present a premiere of a comedy by Peter Armitage **A Funny Old War** in the Parochial Hall at 7.30pm. All Seats £2.50. ☎ Huddersfield 844485 or 845311.

Feb 29 **The Desert** - a day of practical creative exercises and meditations as an introduction to Lent to be led by The Revd Michael Gartland and Brenda Wall. Holme Valley Network for the Study of Spirituality. Details ☎ Holmfirth (0484) 682532.

Musical Matters

Jan 17 **An Evening of Gilbert & Sullivan** performed by "The Savoyards" 7.30pm Church of Saint Mary The Blessed Virgin, Luddenden with Luddendenfoot, Halifax. £1.25 including refreshments. Proceeds to Church Funds.

Feb 25-29 The musical **Godspell** in Christ the King Church, Battyeford, Mirfield at 7.30pm. £3 adults and £1.50 OAP's and children 16 and under. For tickets ☎ G Broadhead (0924) 470454 (day) (0924) 4500059 (evenings and weekends) or J West-erby (0924) 496257 (evenings and weekends).

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 5.15pm after the 4pm Evensong. Contact: The Master of the Choristers, The Cathedral, Wakefield, WF1 1HG.

Huddersfield Friends of Church Music. Following the sad and sudden death of Choir Director Ralph Garside last June, Mr A J J Cowell (organist at St Cuthbert's Birkby & formerly at St Matthew's Sheffield) has been appointed to this position. Anyone interested in membership, or if any PCC is desirous of a choir to lead a service in music of the English choral tradition by this choir (whether at a festival or not) please contact the Secretary, Mrs H Powell,

60 Station Road, Honley, Huddersfield, ☎ Huddersfield 662281.

Deputy Organist needed at South Elm-sall. Duties - one choir practice and Evensong weekly. Contact Dr B Knowles, (0977) 643767. This is one of the major and few remaining boys choirs in the Diocese. RSCM affiliated.

Organist wanted Christ Church, Helme. Details from The Revd M C Russell ☎ Huddersfield 661080.

Organist required for St Chad's, Brighouse. New three manual computer organ; Parish Eucharist 930am; Evensong once a month. Small choir in need of development. Details from The Revd David Brooks, ☎ (0484) 713649

Diocesan Organ Tuition Scheme Applications are invited from keyboard players (to equivalent Associated Board Grade V) who would like to learn to play the organ. There is no age limit but they should not have had organ lessons previously. The scheme provides a third of the cost of 20 lessons throughout a year, the other two thirds are shared between parish and pupil, each third being £60. Applications should be made to Canon David Baxter, 4 Cathedral Close, Margaret Street, Wakefield, WF1 2DQ ☎ (0924) 361922.

Bishop's Chorister Award 1992 Syllabus and application forms are available for this Award from Canon David Baxter. The Course for would-be Bishop's Choristers is at the Cathedral on two consecutive Saturdays in April (4 & 11) from 930am to 4pm, the second Saturday concluding with Choral Evensong at 4pm. A stamped & addressed A4 envelope would be helpful. Awards to suc-

cessful candidates will be presented by the new Bishop in the cathedral at 630pm on Sunday 27th September.

Provost's Church Musician Award Look out for details, being planned at the moment, for a new award for both singers and players whether in traditional choirs or in music groups. It has been felt by some in the Diocese that a more inclusive recognition of the faithful singers and players of music in parishes should be made, and therefore the Provost has kindly agreed to be the patron of this award. We hope to publish further details in See-Link and through the diocesan mailing in the next few weeks. For this award, it will not be essential for applicants to be members of the RSCM.

Market Place

Processional Cross available. Details from The Revd Tony Vigers ☎ (0484) 850050.

Compton Electronic Organ 357 C/S 2 full manuals and full pedal board. 28 stops. Offers around £500. ☎ Barnsley (0226) 790232.

Quantity of Church Music available List can be obtained from the Parish Office, All Saints' Church, Vicarage Road, Dewsbury ☎ 457057.

Complete Computer Budgeting Service for Churches, Societies and other organisations. An inexpensive and confidential service which ensures that you know the exact state of your finances at any time. Bridge Business Services, 2 Bridge Street, Penistone, Sheffield S30 6AJ ☎ (0226) 766432.

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 MARCH with details of required changes for the quarter APRIL-JUNE. Changes-of-Order are concerned with: how many copies each parish receives and whether the copies are FLAT or FOLDED.

PROMISE OF SPRING

A NEW year, new hope, and new beginnings: these things prompt many of us to make New Year's resolutions. Yet after a few weeks often we find ourselves slipping back into our old ways. Our intentions are good but the progress we see seems to be constantly eroded, and we become disheartened or apathetic. But if we do not attempt to put our own lives in order, who will?

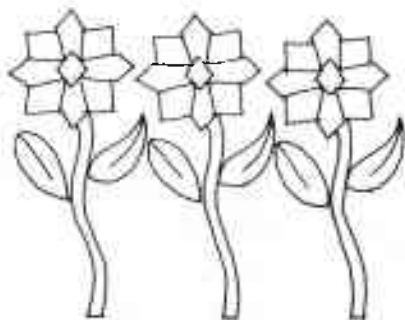
As I look at the wintery wasteland of my garden, I know that when spring arrives it will burst into new life. Unfortunately, this will mostly be weeds! Weeding is a constant battle. As weeds are removed and thrown into the bin, then new weeds sprout up to replace them. If I give up I know that my garden will be over-run.

However, gardening isn't simply about weeding: it's about creating something of use and of beauty. If nothing worth growing is in my garden then all my weeding is in vain.

KEEP AT IT!

By now you will have realised that my discussion of gardening is meant to provide an analogy with our lives. Our New Year's resolutions are similar to weeding; we need to tackle our failings but like weeds they are bound to spring up again. In trying to correct our faults we shouldn't expect to achieve perfection, but we can expect to keep them reasonably under control.

But why do we become disheartened? Is it because, despite all the weeding we do in our lives, nothing worthwhile has been planted? What should we be doing with our lives?



If God is planted at the centre of our lives then our lives can become things of beauty and of benefit for other people. God's presence in us helps us in the task of ordering our lives.

In 'The Waste Land' T.S. Eliot writes:

I sat upon the shore
Fishing, with the arid plain behind me
Shall I at least set my lands in order?

It is a call made to all of us, but we are not alone in the task: God is with us and helps us. It is only as we take up the task that we start to transform the arid plain behind us. The more of us there are setting our lands in order then the sooner the arid plain will be changed into a garden.

DAVID BRADSHAW

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Our annual Christingle Service was held on Advent Sunday, 1 December. The service was attended by 150 children and their families and a total of £426 was raised for the work of the Church of England Children's Society. I would like to thank all children, parents, leaders of the uniformed organisations and the head and staff of the Howard School for their support of this service. Our thanks also go to J Lamprey and Sons for donating the oranges used to make the Christingles.



Peter Moorhouse

SOCIAL COMMITTEE



Our Ceilidh at Top Farm last October was a very happy occasion enjoyed by over one hundred and sixty friends merrily dancing to the music of Yorkshire Tweed and, during the interval, enjoying a very nice supper.

It was a combined evening with the parents of Howard School children and the £202.40 we raised was divided equally between church and school funds.

Our Christmas Fair last month was blessed with beautiful weather compared with the previous year's winter snow and well over £500 was raised for church funds.

Many thanks to all those who ran the stalls and did a hundred and one other things and to all those parishoners who came and delved so deeply into their pockets. It was indeed a splendid effort by all concerned.

Now make a note in your brand new diaries for Friday February 14th - St Valentine's Day. That evening we shall be holding a Wine and Cheese Party in the Parish Rooms and having a Fun Auction which we all enjoyed so much last year.

On behalf of the Social Committee may I wish you all a very happy and successful New Year.

Fred Walters

MORE GO TO CHURCH THAN YOU'D THINK!

ON AN average Sunday, 10 per cent of England's adult population choose to be in church, rather than in bed, the garden or the DIY shop. And one in seven of those go to church twice on a Sunday. The English Church Census

reveals that 3.7 million adults in England are churchgoers. And 1.2 million children under 15 attend church services or Sunday School, around 14 per cent of the child population. This means over eight times as many people go to church each week as go to Football League matches.

FROM THE REGISTERS



BAPTISMS

We welcome you into the Lord's family"

24 November

Jemma Louise Cooper, 57 Bell Lane

WEDDINGS

"Those whom God has joined together"

9 November

Steven Paul Phillips and Lisa Jane Fletcher

30

Neil Taylor and Deborah Sutton

FUNERALS

"In sure hope of the Resurrection"

13 November

Alan Wilson, 2 Stone Villas, Hardaker Lane, 84 years

13

Barbara Alice Skidmore, 39 Tan House Lane, 65 years

18

Doris Tate, Dale End, Fitzwilliam, 86 years

25

Edith Lindsay, 38 Bell Lane 83 years

6

Thomas Henry Burton, 8 Rhyddings Drive, 76 years

9

Kenneth Barracrough, 13 Went Hill Close, 67 years



MOTHERS' UNION

8 January

9 15 am Corporate Communion All Saints' Church

30

2 00 pm Committee Meeting

2 30 pm Service and meeting All Saints' Church

The subscription of £3 50 is now due, for those who take "Home & Family" magazine the total will be £4 86.

Looking Ahead

5 February

10 00 am A Deanery Quiet Hour - St Giles Church,
Pontefract

Kitty Cooper

PCC NOTES

- 1 The treasurer reported on the church accounts.
- 2 It was agreed to make the following charitable donations:
United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel - £300;
Leprosy Mission - £100; Church Army - £100; Bible Society - £100;
Five Towns Hospice - £200; Church Housing Trust - £150;
Bishop's Centenary Fund - £300; Ackworth Senior Citizen's Fund -
£50.
- 3 A report was given on the building works at St Cuthbert's Church.
- 4 Reports were given from the Fabric, Social and Pastoral Committees.
- 5 Four members of the Council, Sue Tanswell, Lynn Ward, Stuart McDougall and Doreen Belk, gave talks on how they would like to see the parish develop in the next twelve to eighteen months. This was followed by a discussion on future developments in the parish.
- 6 It was agreed to hold a church cleaning week at St Cuthbert's Church, commencing Monday 6 January.

- Make sure the child gets a special children's service book when you come to church.
- At a baptism bring out the child to the front so they can see what's happening.
- Bring the child up to the altar for a blessing during Communion.
- If the child still proves difficult, take him/her for a walk to the back of the church. If all else fails go for a short walk outside.

Last but not least, a word to the rest of the congregation. Remember it takes a great deal of work, and not a little courage, to bring children to church. Make sure you welcome young families. Black looks, because a child happens to be making a bit of noise, can put off parents for life. Be sensitive, be welcoming, and lets have more children in our churches!

Peter Moorhouse



ALL OUR SUNDAYS



The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, has warned that England will lose 'something very special' if legislation comes in allowing unrestricted Sunday trading.

'We have to retain the specialness of Sundays. If we lose that, we will have destroyed something we will never be able to replace again. Once you actually bring in bills that negate the holiness of that day - a day of rest, a day when people can worship - then you will never, ever, get that back.'

Dr Carey, commenting after legal moves towards unregulated Sunday shopping, said: 'I recognise the need for the prosperity of our nation and I fully understand the need for people to have access to shops. We have to find ways of helping the nation. But I do believe Sunday is a special day.'

BRIAN COOPER



'THANK YOU'

The Ackworth Group of The Prince of Wales Hospice would like to thank all those who supported the Coffee Morning held in November 1991.

The sum of £400 was raised.

Pat Barran