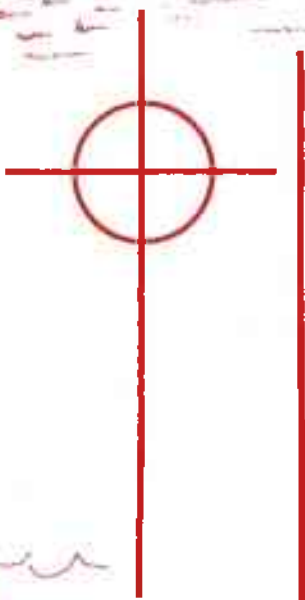




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PARISH OF ACKWORTH - ST CUTHBERT'S AND ALL SAINTS'

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

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and Toddlers: 2 pm at All Saints' Church

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The Revd Peter Moorhouse, The Rectory, High Ackworth 780880

RECTOR'S NOTES

A CHANGE OF NAME

ACKWORTH FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES - CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ACKWORTH

For many years now the churches in Ackworth have worked together. In particular they have organised united Sunday evening services once a quarter, organised a village carol service at Christmas and distributed Christian Aid envelopes in May. The committee which has coordinated these events has been the Ackworth Fellowship of Churches. At a recent meeting of the Fellowship it was agreed to change the name of the united committee. It will now be known as Churches Together in Ackworth.

A NEW NATIONAL BODY

Why change the name? There are a number of reasons. Firstly the new name reflects the names of the committee which does a similar job for the whole of the country, Churches Together in England. This new national body more closely involves a number of churches which previously were not members of the old British Council of Churches. The Roman Catholic Church for example is a member of this new national group. By reflecting the national name we are acknowledging that the churches in Ackworth are part of a new national attempt to get the churches to be more committed to each other. It also helps to remind us that the life of the church is much wider than that of Ackworth itself.

CHURCHES WORKING MORE CLOSELY TOGETHER

Secondly the new name acknowledges the fact that in Ackworth we are trying to work even more closely than in the past. In recent years the Churches acting together in Ackworth have published Christmas leaflets, published a joint information sheet for the community, organised joint Lent discussion groups, and very recently have started holding services for elderly people living in St Clement's Court, Chiltern Court, and Town End Avenue. In addition we have also organised the collection and distribution of furniture and household goods to those in need. The members of the constituent churches are getting to know one another better, and we have recently welcomed into the group the new Community Church in Bell Lane.

AN OUTWARD LOOKING CHURCH

Thirdly the new name, in my opinion, is in keeping with the need for the churches and their members to be more outward looking, and to work in and for the community. The danger with the word 'fellowship' is that it can suggest an inward looking group of people, concerned only with themselves. 'Churches Together in Ackworth' suggests to me a united group of Christians actively working for the people of Ackworth. It is a snappy, dynamic, outward looking and evangelistic name and I welcome the change.

MONUMENT APPEAL FUND

At the time of writing our Monument Appeal Fund has raised £1473.81 towards our target of £5000. The total includes a grant of £1000 from the Francis Coales Charitable Foundation. The restored monument to Richard Mason is to be replaced in church in May. I would like to thank any who have contributed to our Appeal. As you can see we still have a long way to go and I hope that many others will make a donation. Cheques should be made payable to 'Ackworth Churches Monument Appeal Fund' and may be sent either to myself at The Rectory, or to Dr Jeremy Belk, 3 Beech Drive, WF7 7ES.

Peter Monahan

SPRING HARVEST

Spring Harvest is an annual event run by Christians for both Christians and non-Christians alike. It is held each year around Easter. It runs for a period of three weeks, but you only spend one week there. It is held at various sites around the country in Butlins Resorts at Skegness, Ayr, Minehead and Pwllheli, with about 10-15,000 people attending each week.

All the facilities of the resort are available free of charge once inside the "compound" (as the brochure would say) includes breakfast and evening meal, but not lunch. Self catering accommodation is also available. There is also the sea and the sand and the respective towns and surroundings to explore.



The week is usually dominated by a theme. The last time we went it was The Bible (in a week!) However, there are many other events which you can follow including seminars, tutorials, lectures, group discussions or simply bible studies. A wide variety of topics are covered from the history or future of the Church to angels and devils, or social issues and the church, such as unemployment. The idea is that you attend as much or as little as you wish. You can spend time on a one to one basis to discuss problems, or you could spend all week alone by the sea. The choice is yours. Each evening there is a main event, usually held in a Big Top (circus style) taking the form of hymns/songs, worship, prayer and the inescapable sermon! Children are well catered for with creche/play school facilities, and a Youth programme for teenagers. There is also a large bookshop for those wishing to exercise their little grey cells. In all there is something to do from 7 00 am to 2 00 am each day if you have the energy.

In essence Spring Harvest is a meeting of Christians and interested or bewildered non-Christians of all ages for worship, learning, support and encouragement. It's name derives from Spring, as in the season, and Harvest, as in reaping, (Look for Jesus' many references to harvesting, eg Matthew 13). It is held at Easter, a time of renewal for many Christians as we celebrate the resurrection and God's promise to us. It is a week spent with God, a week to learn about God, a week given to God. So it must be a week well spent.

We will be booking for next year very shortly so let me know if you are interested in going (Tel. 613834).

Paul Fox

A PRAYER FOR THE DECADE OF EVANGELISM

(From the Church in Wales)

O God of life, do not let your light be darkened;
O God of life, let your joy be known to us;
O God of life, do not withhold your mercy from us;
O God of life, crown us with your gladness,
Deliver us from the troubles of the past
and make us more faithful witness to your love
made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

SEE - LINK

June 1992



Archdeacon Ken writes:

One of the archdeacons of London Diocese being interviewed recently about his impending retirement was asked about his plans for the future. "I plan to spend the first active part of retirement" he said "just becoming a human being." As I look to retirement at the end of this month, I think I would echo his words.

What a "churchy" job!

Archdeacons come in all sizes. I suppose the stereotype archdeacon is Archdeacon Grantley of *Barchester Chronicle* fame. An injection of humanity into his pomposity would not have come amiss. But even those who do not conform to that mould can easily be insulated against ordinary everyday life and the secular world. After being a parish priest, the thing you notice about being an archdeacon is what a "churchy" job it is. You spend a lot of your time in the underworld of diocesan committees, PCC's, church buildings, and with clergy and churchwardens. You have less engagement with the non-church world or even the non-Anglican world than the average parish priest or bishop. So retirement for me may well mean recapturing the humanity which being an archdeacon has rubbed away.

To be truly human

Having said that about an archdeacon's life, I'm not sure that "becoming a human being" is not a bad aim for all of us, clerical and lay. To be truly Christian is to be truly human. It is knowing your station in God's

order — its glory and its vulnerability. It is recognising that one is part of the human race, each with his own unique contribution and significance, but each also equally dependent on others.

That stops us getting exalted ideas of ourselves or being unduly depressed. Retirement reminds you that you are not your job or position, but you. A creation of God no more and no less important in God's eyes than anyone else.

Thanks be to God

I have been 33 years in the diocese - in fact 33 years in Pontefract Archdeaconry. It has not been by intention. That has been just how the chips have fallen. But I thank God that they have fallen that way. Surprisingly, even so, it has been an experience of wonderful and immense

variety - a couple of mining parishes, the "metropolitan" life of Wakefield City and then 10 years as Archdeacon.

First-class leadership

Were I to enumerate particular blessings, it would be the colleagues with whom I have worked, the friendship shown by laity to their parish priest and his family, and the quite first-class leadership given by a succession of Bishops to the Diocese, and still being given, which makes Wakefield Diocese one of the happiest in which to work and one which I shall look on with affection as we peer over the diocesan boundary when we move to Skipton.

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diocesan boundary**

People and Places

The Ven Kenneth Unwin, Archdeacon of Pontefract will retire on the 30th June 1992.

Appreciation: Philip Norris Pare

Philip died on Easter Monday aged 84. He had served this diocese from 1957 to 1972 as Canon Missioner and as Provost of Wakefield, coming to us from Cheshunt.

I first met Phil Pare when he came to preach in my then home parish in the late 1950's and I kept bumping in to him through the *Fellowship of Vocation* and at the Archbishop of York's *Schoolboy Conferences* in the early 1960's. After Ordination he asked me to work with him at the Cathedral, and I spent a happy eighteen months with him there.

He was a man of infinite wisdom, patience and understanding with a warmth of personality, a depth of spirituality, an infectious love of God, which manifested itself in his personal holiness and which gave him both authority in his teaching and a magnetism which drew others to him and through him to God.

He led people to God, not pushing them but waiting with them and for them giving them space to be themselves and develop in their spiritual journey.

Much of his time was spent being available to people whether it was in his *loitering with intent* (as he put it) in the Cathedral to pray with people, or in the Confessional or in his little-known late night visits to Clayton Hospital where he used his considerable

gifts of Healing to bring peace to the restless. He had no pretensions or artificiality, and he didn't suffer fools gladly. Indeed, he used his wonderful sense of humour to prick many a bubble of Ecclesiastical Pomposity and Self-importance.

In 1972 Phil surprised many people by giving up a "prestigious job" to become an ordinary Parish Priest - but that was what he quintessentially was - the best kind of pastoral Parish Priest.

For Nan and his family who so ably supported him in his ministry and latterly in his illness, we pray that they may be supported in their loss, and for his Soul we pray: *Requiescat in Pacem.*

John Hudson

Clergy Wives Dates

A letter and full details of events will be sent out at the end of the summer to all wives and husbands of the clergy, and to widows and wives of retired clergy. However, nowadays diaries get filled months in advance, so you may like to get these dates pencilled in now.

Saturday 3rd October, 1992 - Treacy Hall, Wakefield. Bishop Michael Henshall and Mrs Steve Henshall - *The Media, how they affect our lives, and how we can use them.* Bishop Nigel will celebrate the midday Communion.

Tuesday 17th to Thursday 19th November, 1992 - Annual three day retreat, Briery Retreat Centre, Ilkley.

March 1993 - Weekend retreat, Mirfield, date to be confirmed.

Mission Statement

The new **St Peter's Gildersome** is due to be consecrated on the Feast of St Peter (June 29) by Bishop Nigel. The foundation stone was laid two years ago, on the Eve of St Peter's Day, and when you go to see this splendid new building it is worth noting the inscription:-

*May
Almighty God
the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
be glorified
in the building to be erected here, in the
living stones who will be gathered here, and
in the community for which this place will be
a centre for worship, witness, and service in
the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Not a bad place for a parish to put its mission statement!

Saints in Renewal

From the Anglican Renewal Ministries

During the last few years Anglican Renewal Ministries have brought out four training courses for use by parish groups: *Saints Alive*, *Saints Together*, *Saints for Healing*, and - most recently - *Saints in Worship*. They share a common format, each having a leader's handbook and link work-books for the individual group members. *Saints in Worship* also has two cassettes included in the package.

The Wakefield factor

Three of these courses have strong Wakefield links. **Miss Felicity Lawson** was one of the co-authors of *Saints Alive*, **Dr John Marsh** (Vicar of South Ossett and chairman of ARM) wrote *Saints Together*, and **Derek Howell** - the leader of the Normanton Worship Group - has been responsible for *Saints in Worship*.

Warm commendations

Saints in Worship has warm commendations from **Graham Kendrick** and from **Bishop David**, who has also written a foreword.

It is proving as popular as the earlier courses, and all the signs are that it is going to have a major influence on the way in which the worship in our parishes can be renewed while remaining recognisably Anglican in style.

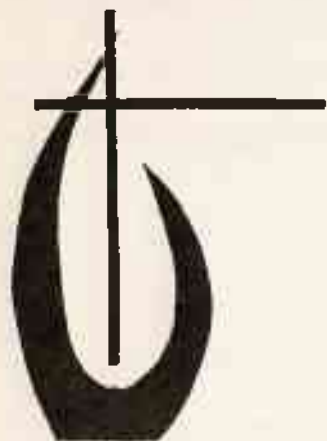
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Further details about this course can be obtained from Derek Howell himself: 3 Newfield Avenue, Normanton, WF6 1SL. Tel 0924-890095.

Details of any of the courses can be obtained from Felicity Lawson, or from: Anglican Renewal Ministries, 45 Friar Gate, Derby, DE1 1DA. Tel 0332-200175.

Anglican Religious Communities

"I never knew there were Religious Communities in the Church of England"



Many people, including regular churchgoers, are surprised when they discover there are "Nuns and Monks - Sisters and Brothers" in the Anglican Church.

Most of the Anglican Communities were founded in the last century as a direct result of the *Oxford Movement*. There are now over 60 different communities in the British Isles and throughout the Anglican Communion. Some are very small. Some have 88 members.

Religious Communities are formed by men and women who feel called to seek God and live out their Baptismal Promises in a particular way under the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience. There are some 1,200 men and women living this life today in the United Kingdom.

Only four of the 43 dioceses in the Provinces of York and Canterbury have no Anglican Religious living and

working in them. But Religious Communities are still, as The Archbishop of Canterbury said, "One of the best kept secrets of the Church of England."

The **Communities Consultative Council** (which consists of representatives from all the Communities) and with the support of the *Advisory Council on the Relations of Bishops and Religious Communities* and The Archbishops of York and Canterbury ask parishes and individuals to keep the Second Sunday after Pentecost (this year 21st June) as the collect set for this Sunday in the ASB is the same one as given for the theme of Vocation to Religious Communities (ASB page 967).

The Communities pray for the work of the Church, they hope that the Church will

pray for them and be aware of the different forms of vocation.

If you would like further information there is a specially prepared pack which contains leaflets covering basic information about Anglican Religious Communities, vocations and suggestions for intercessions together with a poster. This pack is free for a single copy (larger quantities will be charged postage and packing) from: Mrs Angela Webb, The Administrative Secretary, Communities Consultative Council, 9 Stafford Road, Eccleshall, Stafford ST21 6JP.

The Community of The Resurrection: A Centenary History

Alan Wilkinson, 400pp illustrated, £40 (or £25 paper)

The Community of The Resurrection, CR, with its Mother House at Mirfield, has been perhaps the most influential and best-known of the Anglican Religious Communities.

For all those who have been trained or influenced by CR or who have any association with it, this book will be essential reading. Alan Wilkinson, who trained at Mirfield, was formerly Principal of Chichester Theological College and Director of Training in the Diocese of Ripon.

Local Churches Immediate Needs Store

For approximately 10 years, Gledholt (Huddersfield) Methodist Church has kept open to supply the immediate needs of those who need help of a practical kind, eg - battered wives, alcoholics, single parents and their families and others who have fallen on hard times.

This includes those who are homeless or destitute. Although we have sympathy with the latter, we do not aim to subsidise anyone on either a low income or who has meagre supplies.

New joining of forces

Newsome L.E.P. and **St Thomas' Project** have joined forces with Gledholt to provide an even more efficient service and our long-term aim is to encourage other Churches to join this scheme.

It is stressed that our service is aimed at those "without" provisions of any kind and those who are classed as "emergency cases." We ask that this is established before any referrals are made to any of our workers.

No-one turned away

We equally emphasise that no-one has ever been turned away and this will continue to be the case. A listening ear will always be available for those in need. More recently, there has been an increase in those needing help, including homeless young people.

Procedure

When a person is in need of immediate help, please telephone for an appointment with the appropriate worker.

We always prefer to see who we are giving to. If circumstances are such that the person cannot physically call in to see us, then other arrangements may be made.

Confidentiality

NO records of the people referred to us will be kept and no information will be passed on to anyone else without the prior consent of the person involved, or in really exceptional circumstances. All the workers involved in *LCINS* have had many years of

experience in this type of work, counselling etc. and all are in possession of information regarding other Caring Agencies, should the people they are dealing with need to be referred.

Can you help?

We need more support in order to keep this scheme in operation. In the meantime, if you have any items to donate we will be very grateful,

Further information

If you would like any further information regarding the work of the *Local Churches Immediate Needs Store* then please do not hesitate to contact any of the following on their Huddersfield (0484) telephone numbers.

Gledholt Methodist Church:

George McDonald - 426575

John Harris - 530356

Newsome L.E.P.:

Volunteer helpers - 422740

St Thomas' Project:

Sue Booth - 450054.



Additional Curates Society

The Additional Curates Society (Wakefield Diocese) are to hold a symposium - **Exploring Vocation** on Sunday 21st July in Carlton (near Barnsley) Parish Church and Hall, beginning at 2.00 pm.

It will be led by:

Miss Felicity Lawson

Diocesan Director of Ministerial Training (Lay Vocation),

Fr Timothy Edgar

Tutor at The College of The Resurrection (Priestly Vocation),

Fr Edmund Wheat SSM, *Parish Priest of All Saints' Middlesbrough and a member of The Society of The Sacred Mission (Vocation to the Religious Life).*

Cost (including Tea) £3. To book, write to: The Rev John Hudson, (The ACS Diocesan Secretary), The Clergy House, Church Street, Royston, near Barnsley S71 4QZ. Please enclose the fee, cheques to "Fr Hudson" by Wednesday 17th June 1992.



For original compositions

The Horatio Albert Lumb Musical Competition was founded in 1953 to encourage original musical compositions by means of competition. Entries may be submitted in either or both of these classes:

Class 1 - A **setting of any words** chosen by the competitor for S.A.T.B. and organ. Performance time must not exceed 5 minutes.

Class 2 - An **instrumental composition** for keyboard instrument or Chamber group (max. 6 performers). Performance time must not exceed 5 minutes.

A 1st and 2nd Prize (£50 and £30 respectively) will be awarded in each class. The winning entry (subject to resources being deployed) will be given at Halifax Parish Church at a service on a date to be decided. For full details of the conditions of entry and closing date please write without delay to: Mr Donald Maxwell-Timmings, Secretary to the Trustees, 8 Kelvin Avenue, Trimingham, Halifax, West Yorkshire HX27LU.

See-Link

Currently costs £3.05 per 100 copies. The See-Link year begins on 1st Oct, which is when Parish Treasurers are sent their bill for the preceeding year, Oct 91 to Sept 92.

Please continue to send details of all announcements, in writing, to **The Rev Michael Bootes** in Lundwood (address at the bottom of page 8) and not to me. His deadline is always the 4th of the preceeding month - eg 4th June for the July issue.

Please contact me (the Ed) for anything to do with articles, distribution or copies being flat or folded. Or, for that matter, anything you like (or dislike) about See-Link. The former is much preferred!

What's On

Jun 4/5 St Paul's Church, Armitage Bridge, Art & Craft Exhibition afternoon & evening. Jun 6, 10am-5pm. Refreshments available.

Jun 5 Praise for Pentecost in the Cathedral, 730pm. Preacher: The Bishop of Wakefield.

Jun 5-7 Nineteenth Annual Exhibition & Sale of Pictures in St Mary's Church Hall, Church Lane, Mirfield. Fri 7-10pm, Sat 10am-9pm & Sun 2-830pm.

Jun 7 Praise at Pentecost in Thornhill Parish Church. Preacher Fr Michael Powell. 630pm

Jun 11 Caring for Carers. An informal meeting for people who are interested in what the church can do to support carers. 10am-1pm, The Parish Centre, Whitwood, Castleford. Details from Eileen Turner ☎ (0924) 371802.

Jun 13 Celebration Service 730pm Christ Church, South Ossett. Speaker: Elaine Storkey.

Jun 20 Luddenden Summer Fair, St Mary's Church, 2-4pm.

Jun 20 Craft Fair at St Paul's Church Eastthorpe, Mirfield, 10am-4pm. Refreshments available all day. No charge for admission.

Jun 20 St Botolph's Church, Knottingley, Gift Day and Garden Party in Church Grounds 2pm.

Jun 20 St Martin's Womersley, near Pontefract. Church Fete + Auction 2pm Vicarage Garden and Church Grounds. Organ Recitals - many stalls. All in aid of St Martin's Restoration Appeal.

Jun 26-28 Woodcarving in a Spiritual Context with Edward Robinson. Holme Valley Network

for the Study of Spirituality. ☎ Holmfirth (0484) 682532.

Jun 27 Arnold & Joan Hinchliffe of 173 Kitson Hall Road, Mirfield, invite you to an Open Garden/Bring & Buy Sale. Admission 50p including coffee 10am-noon and tea 2pm-4pm. Plant stall, tombola etc. In aid of British Heart Foundation and Friendship for the Disabled.

Jun 27 Summer Fayre 2-4pm. All usual attractions and more. Overthorpe CE JIN School, Edge Top Road, Thornhill.

Jun 27 Tingley Sylvians in Concert in Drighlington Parish Church. Selection of Gilbert & Sullivan & other popular music. Admission £2 or tickets from (0532) 853597. Refreshments. In aid of Drighlington Church Restoration Fund.

July 4 Assertiveness - Starter Day to consider assertiveness as a Christian option. 10am-4pm at Church House. Details from Eileen Turner ☎ (0924) 371802.

July 4/5 Flower Festival Saint Peter's Woolley. 1030am to dusk. Refreshments available.

July 10 The Buttercross, Pontefract. An Up-Market Mini-Market. Sale of Cakes, plants, produce, jams, jellies, chutneys, books, bric-a-brac, clothes, toys etc. In aid of St Martin's Womersley Restoration Appeal.

July 11 MOW Day in York meet at the West End of the Minster at 230pm. For transport ☎ (0977) 513980.

July 18 Day of Dance & Song with Julie Bell. (No experience necessary). St Paul's Church, Armitage Bridge. 10am-5pm. Details from Madeleine Russell (0484) 661080.

July 19 St Mary's Church, Badsworth. Garden Walk: visit gardens around & about the village within the conservation area.

Plant stalls, exhibitions, tea/coffee, refreshments etc. Proceeds to the Tower Restoration. 1230-6pm.

July 18 Commemoration Day: Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield. 12 noon Solemn Eucharist on the front lawn under cover, Preacher: The Archbishop of Canterbury. 130pm Lunch on Cricket Field. West Yorkshire Police Brass Band will play at the Eucharist & during the afternoon. 4pm Tea on the Field. Punch & Judy Show before & during tea. 5pm Solemn Evensong in the Community Church. Programmes & Service Sheets (20p) from The Commemoration Day Secretary, CR, Mirfield, W Yorks, WF14 0BN. Please enclose stamps for postage.

Musical Matters

Jun 6 Sheffield Philharmonic Chorus Concert, St Peter's Church, Barnsley, 730pm. Entry by programme £2.50 (Concessions £1.50) ☎ (0226) 282220.

Jun 7 Aeolian Brass Quintet Concert at Hoylandswaine Parish Church. 745pm. Tickets £4 (Concessions £2.50) Details: ☎ Barnsley (0226) 765716.

Jun 16 Taverner Choir of Halifax will present a concert for Mid-Summer in Christ Church Sowerby Bridge at 730pm. Proceeds for the Window Appeal. Admission £3 (Concessions £2).

Jun 21 Calder Valley Deanery Choirs Evensong at Mytholmroyd Parish Church at 630pm. Address by Mr Harry Bramma, Director of RSCM. All welcome.

Jun 27 Come and sing Mendelssohn's 'Elija' at Holmfirth Parish Church. Please note time is 7pm & not as stated in RSCM circular.

Jun 27 Meltham Parish Church G&S Society present a concert by **Colne Valley Male Voice Choir** in Meltham Parish Church. 730pm. Tickets from members of the Society £2.75 (Children & OAPs £1.75).

Jun 27 Nabucco by Verdi - Concert Version sung by Mirfield Choral Society at Castle Hall Middle School, Mirfield, 715pm.

Market Place

Dales Cottage near Arncliffe available for clergy. Sleeps six. Mark & Kerri Thomas ☎ (0274) 872131.

A selection of simple Altar Frontals (hand-made) to fit a 5 foot Altar. Free. ☎ Revd M Rogers, Ryhill (0226) 722363.

2 small Choir Stalls/Pews approx 5' urgently required for St Peter's Church, Doncaster Road, Barnsley. ☎ (0226) 284871/282220.

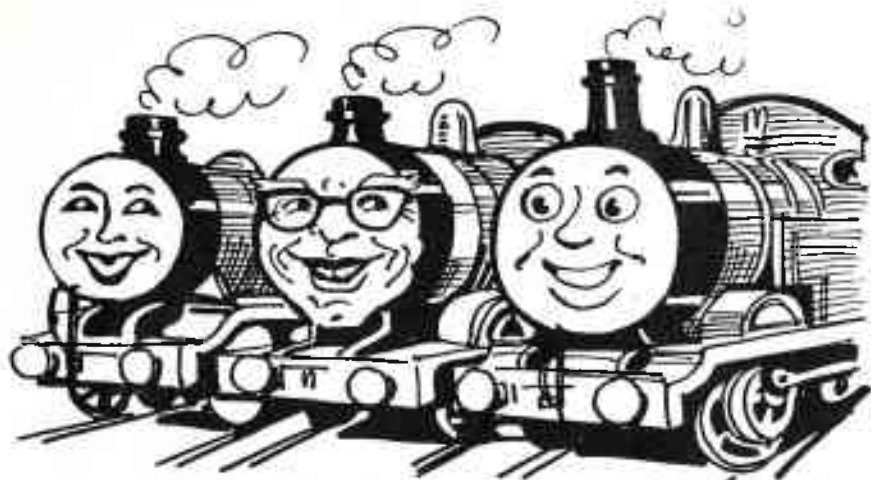
A Statue depicting St Peter the Fisherman has been commissioned by parishioners and friends of St Peter's Church Barnsley, by local artist Steve West, to commemorate the Church's Centenary which begins on 16th October. This will be funded by parishioners and friends of the Church.

Copies of **The Book Of Common Prayer** in good condition are wanted for the Cathedral. Can any parish help? ☎ The Revd Anne Jennings (0924) 378179.

ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS go to: The Rev Michael Bootes OGS, The Vicarage, Littleworth Lane, Lundwood, BARNSELY S71 5RG. Tel: Barnsley 203194, by 4th of preceding month.

SEE-LINK EDITOR — The Rev Hugh N Lawrence, Christ Church Vicarage, Stainland Road, Barkisland, HALIFAX HX4 0AQ, Tel: Halifax 822339. Deadline 8th of preceding month.

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.



INSPIRED BY STEAM

WHO is the clergyman whose name is best known to the average young child?

Probably the Rev W. Awdry, creator of the steam engines that behave like people, who recently celebrated his 80th birthday and still pays visits to the preserved railway in the Forest of Dean, near his home.

'ALWAYS TALKING'

It is unlikely that Awdry would have been inspired to write books about today's diesel and electric trains, but he grew up in the age of steam. A steam engine, he says, is, 'The most human of all mechanical contrivances. Unless he is sitting in a siding with his fire drawn, he always has something to say. He strains at his work like a thoroughbred racehorse.'

Awdry got his love of trains from his father, who was also a parson. There was a model railway in the garden of the Hampshire vicarage that was Awdry's first childhood home and real trains were not far away. Later, the family moved to a house in Wiltshire that overlooked the London-Bristol main line.

While Awdry was a young curate in Birmingham, his son Christopher fell ill with measles. Among the nursery rhymes that father recited to son to keep him amused was the one about little engines standing in a row. Awdry drew some engines and gave them faces, inventing stories that eventually got written down. That episode led to 26 books that have sold 10 million copies.

Christopher Awdry has continued the tradition, producing nine more titles. His father's initial, by the way, stands for Wilbert, derived from the Christian names of *his* father's favourite brothers.

PHILIP BARRON

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

"We welcome you into the Lord's family"

26 April

Luke Hirst, 17 Victoria Street

FUNERALS

"In sure hope of the Resurrection"

21 April

Betsy Burton, 6 St Clement's Court, 77 years

8 May

Ray Pickering, 48 Banks Avenue, 44 years



THEY HAVEN'T A PRAYER

This is a statement which is often heard in relation to expected losers in sport and competition. People in times of unhappiness and trauma often need the support of other people's prayers. How do we know who or what to pray for?

We intend to have a notice board at each church for prayer requests. It will work as follows:-

A basket will be placed at the back of each church, into which written prayer requests may be placed - just a name would do, but extra details are helpful. For example:

John: illness.
Tim and Jean whose marriage is unhappy.
Thanks for baby Elizabeth.

The churches are open for at least fifteen minutes before and after each service, or you can pass the request on to someone you know who goes to church.

These prayer requests will be offered to God with the collection during the services. After the service they will be placed on a notice board for one month (or longer if requested). This will enable us to pray for each other.

We are convinced that prayer helps people in any situation, crisis or circumstance. Where better to share our problems than in the family of God.

"Units of prayer combined, like drops of water, make an ocean which defies resistance".

Pastoral Care Team

LAUGHLINES

NIGHT THOUGHTS

What does an agnostic, dyslexic insomniac do?

He lies awake at night and wonders if there is a Dog?

ROUGHLY SPEAKING

Old people often eat a lot of cheap carbohydrate and can become stricken with illness or obscenity.

A common disease of cereal crop is wheat germ.

WEDDING BELLES

ARRIVING at church to attend a wedding, a lady in a large hat was tackled by the usher: 'Are you a friend of the groom?' 'Certainly not, she replied - 'I'm the bride's mother!'

JUNE



- 1 Mon 7 30 pm PCC, St Cuthbert's Vestry
- 2 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)
- 3 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion
- 7 PENTECOST (WHIT SUNDAY)
Readings: Exodus 19:16-25 (Mr D Cook); Acts 2:1-11 (Mrs D Greiff); John 14:15-26 ASB 636
- 9 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)
2 00 pm Service for Mothers and Toddlers (AS)
- 10 ST BARNABAS THE APOSTLE
Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)
- 14 TRINITY SUNDAY
Reading: John 14:8-17 ASB 642

- 16 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)
- 17 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)
7 45 pm Parish Women's Group, St Cuthbert's Vestry
- 21 PENTECOST 2
Readings: 2 Samuel 7.4-16 (Mrs B Firth); Acts 2.37-end (Mr F E Walters); Luke 14.15-24 ASB 645
- 23 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)
2 00 pm Service for Mothers and Toddlers (AS)
- 24 Wed THE BIRTH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)
- 25 Thurs 2 30 pm Mothers' Union, Service and meeting (AS)
- 27 Sat Ackworth Gala
- 28 PENTECOST 3
Deuteronomy 8.11-end (Miss L Parker); Acts 4.8-12 (Mrs D White); Luke 8.41-3rd ASB 650
- 30 ST PETER THE APOSTLE
Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)

JULY

- 1 Wed ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE
9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)
- 5 PENTECOST 4
Readings: Isaiah 63.7-14 (Mrs J Waites); Acts 8.26-38 (Mrs M Woffinden); Luke 15.1-10 ASB 655

FLOWER ROTAS

St Cuthbert's Church

- 7 June Mrs E Roberts
- 14 " Mrs P Asquith
- 21 " Vacant
- 28 " Mrs Barnard



All Saints' Church

- 7 June Congregation and Mrs Huby
- 14 " Congregation and Mrs Walters
- 21 " Mrs Hardy
- 28 " Vacant

BRASS CLEANING ROTA

2nd Ackworth Brownies

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