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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.

RECTOR'S NOTES

NIGEL, BISHOP OF WAKEFIELD

This month sees an important event of the life of the Diocese of Wakefield, as we welcome our new Bishop. The Rt Revd Nigel McCulloch will be enthroned in Wakefield Cathedral on Saturday 28 March. He comes to us from the Diocese of Bath and Wells, where he was Bishop of Taunton. At 49 Nigel McCulloch will be the youngest Diocesan Bishop. We wish him well as he begins his ministry in this Diocese.

SCARGILL HOUSE WEEKEND, 27-29 MARCH

At the end of March we shall be holding our Parish Weekend at Scargill House, near Kettlewell in Upper Wharfedale. Scargill House is a major Christian conference centre, and I have to confess that when the idea of going to there was first discussed I wondered whether we would be able to raise the number of people needed to fill the place. In the event we have 85 names for the weekend, at the time of writing, - 60 adults and 25 children and young people. Which just goes to show that without occasionally taking risks in church life, in faith, we will never achieve anything.

The purpose of the weekend is that church members should go away and enjoy themselves, and get to know one another better. We hope that this will be a relaxing occasion. Scargill is set in a beautiful area of the Dales, with excellent facilities for people of all ages. There are a considerable number of young people with church connections in the parish and the number of them attending Scargill is an indication of the potential for work with young people in Ackworth. One of the great challenges facing the parish is how to 'nurture' children and young people into the life of the church.

LENT 1992

*** Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 4 March. There will be a service of Holy Communion at All Saints' Church at 9.15 am, and a Parish Communion at St Cuthbert's Church at 7.45 pm. As in previous years the ancient tradition of Imposition of Ashes, a symbol of penitence, will be offered at the evening service. Ash Wednesday is one of the most important days in the church's calendar, and I hope many will support these services, as in previous years.

*** During Lent we shall be holding a series of early morning Eucharists at St Cuthbert's Church on Friday mornings at 7.00 am, starting on Friday 6 March. The services should finish by 7.25 am for those who have to travel some distance to work.

VISITING PREACHER

The preacher at the Parish Communion on Sunday 15 March will be the Revd George Nairn-Bridgs, the Bishop's Adviser on Social Responsibility. George is an interesting and lively speaker, and I hope many will come along to hear him speak about his work.

Peter Markham



- 1 The treasurer reported on the church account for the year ended 31 December 1991. The accounts for 1992 were approved.
- 2 A report was given on the building works at St Cuthbert's Church. Work has been delayed because of late delivery from one of the suppliers.
- 3 The recommendations of the Diocesan Advisory Committee on the choir stalls at St Cuthbert's Church were discussed. It was agreed to accept their advice, and to apply for a new faculty to modify the stalls, but to keep the carved angel ends in the chancel.
- 4 The problem of cleaning St Cuthbert's Church was discussed. It was agreed to try to draw up a new rota of cleaners.
- 5 Reports were given on recent meetings of the Deanery Synod and the Ackworth Fellowship of Churches.
- 6 The Rector presented his vision for the future development of the parish over the next few years, and this was followed by a discussion.



LITTER

- * In a third-rate place people leave rubbish, and no one stops to pick it up.
- * In a second-rate place people leave rubbish but others pick it up.
- * In a first-rate place no one leaves rubbish, but people would pick it up if they saw it.

Contributed by a member of the parish



THE SICKNESS

MUCH illness may have its roots as unrecognised spiritual distress: isolation, anger, the feelings people have that they don't matter any more. Depression is an issue of not finding a place to give your love, not being able to love enough. There is a general lack of meaning, purpose and significance that seems to underlie illness. What we call stress may really be spiritual isolation.

- Rachel Naomi Remen

QUOTES

MUCH of our fear is fear of a change in the status quo, a fear that we might lose what we have if we venture forth from where we are now.

People find new information distinctly threatening, because if they incorporate it they will have to do a good deal of work to revise their maps of reality, and they instinctively seek to avoid that work.

M. SCOTT PECK

SEE-LINK

News from Wakefield Diocese,

March 1992



Provost John writes: About The Enthronement

Last month, Archdeacon Ken wrote about the office and work of a Bishop. No one can fulfill all the expectations made of a Bishop without the help and support of the prayers of the people of his diocese.

The chief purpose of an Enthronement Service is to begin to provide that support. It must forge those bonds of mutual trust between a Bishop and his Diocese that are so necessary if together we are to carry forward the mission of Christ. Of course we will all be eager to see what sort of a person God has sent us! But our critical curiosity must not be allowed to get in the way of our determination to affirm our partnership.

The essentials

An Enthronement Service is one of the few liturgical occasions on which we have a free hand. Neither General Synod, nor our own liturgical committee have constructed a form of service.

There are certain things that have to be done. The Archbishop's Mandate has to be read out; the Bishop has to take his canonical oaths; and he needs to be seated in his Throne (or *Cathedra*) as a sign that he has taken possession of the Diocese. The rest is up to us.

The priorities

As we have done this together, certain things have become clear. We have agreed to try and emphasize three particular parts of the Bishop's ministry. His **preaching and teaching** role is central; so naturally the sermon is prominent.

He is to be a focus of **unity**, in every sense of the word; so he will sign the *West Yorkshire Ecumenical Church Leaders' Covenant*, and most of the other signatories will be there to welcome him and see him sign.

As we are to pray for him, so he is to pray for us; he will therefore lead our prayers as the first thing he does after he has been enthroned.

Continuity and affirmation

In addition, he is clear that he wants to establish continuity with Bishop David's episcopate, so features from the last enthronement are included. An enthronement parallels the Induction of any Priest into his Parish; so there are similarities with the Diocesan Induction Service.

He wants to affirm the ministry of women, so a woman deacon will act as his Chaplain at the Enthronement. Roy Clements makes his first appearance as Bishop's Chaplain at the *Enthronement Eucharist*. Finally, since Bishop Nigel is married with two daughters, there will be a place for them too to be welcomed and affirmed.

All this has to be done with dignity and panache as there will be guests from all over the country. If you are not able to be there, please join us in your prayers.

John Allen

People and Places

The Rev Paul Ainsworth, A/c of All Saints' Salterhebble, Halifax is to be A/c of St John the Evangelist Golcar, Huddersfield. Lic - 5th April, by The Archdeacon of Halifax, 10.00 am.

The Rev Antony Foster, Vicar of Christ Church, Mount Pellon, Halifax is to retire on 30th June 1992.

The Rev Frank G Lee, Rector of the Episcopal Parishes of Girvan and Maybole (Church of Scotland) is to be TV in the Upper Holme Valley Team,

WSR for New Mill and Thurstonland. Lic - 9th March, by +RP and The Archdeacon of Halifax, 7.30 pm.

The Rev Canon John Lodge, P/c of St Michael and All Angels Emley, and Rural Dean of Kirkburton is to retire on 31st June 1992.

The Rev Canon Robert Whiteley, TR of Almondbury with Famley Tyas, and Rural Dean of Almondbury is to retire on 31st July 1992.

Appreciation: Nicholas Webb (1938-1992)

Nicholas died in January at the tragically early age of 53, having been rector of the large and exacting parish of Thornhill for over twenty years. The huge congregation at his funeral - drawn from his own parish and from much wider afield, and including a representative of the Lord Lieutenant - testified to the high regard and affection in which Nick was held, and to the extent of his pastoral contacts.

Nick read Classics at Newcastle before going to train at the College of the Resurrection. After a curacy at Royston he was for four years Precentor at Wakefield Cathedral, after which he spent the rest of his ministry in the parish where he died.

A tall and strikingly handsome man, Nick was gifted with an enviably wide range of skills: musical, scholarly, and

immensely outgoing, he was also an enthusiastic bell-ringer, gardener, member of the Sealed Knot, chaplain to the Order of St John, walker, climber, and expert in a number of other activities. He was even good at games, and his coffin was carried out of the church by fellow cricketers.

In the summer of 1987 Nick was incapacitated by a cerebral blood-clot which at the time threatened to terminate his ministry - if not his life - then and there. He made a determined and courageous recovery, and was riding a horse the morning of the day he died.

The deepest sympathy of the whole diocese goes out to Norma and their family, as we give thanks to God for Nick and his ministry among us.

+RP

Pilgrimage

A small group of parishioners from Christ Church Linthwaite visited Rome for 5 days during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity this January. This was so successful that they feel that other parishes may like to do the same. The ideal size of a group is 15-25 and the best months are Oct - Mar.

For further details contact: Miss Ann Leigh (Reader), 12 School Hill, South Crosland, Huddersfield HD4 7BY. Tel (0484) 842262.

This Church Charity is a success

The BCF is a registered charity which was set up by Bishop David to fund both the Wakefield Diocesan contribution to the national **Church Urban Fund** and also to create a permanent fund to assist local parishes carry out their own projects. Despite the recession the BCF has raised record sums for this work.

The Fund total is now almost £800,000 raised over three years, and is on course to reach the final target figure of £1m before the end of this year.

Amazing ingenuity

The Fund's Chairman, **Ron Carbutt**, paid tribute recently to the many people across the Diocese who have made the Fund such a success. "I am constantly amazed to see the ingenuity that people use to raise money for the BCF," he said. "There are so many people who recognise the value of the Diocese having its own fund to help parishes, and they are regular contributors."

Wakefield Diocese has benefited by £328,000 over these three years. This is made up of grants from the *Church Urban Fund*, the BCF and money which has been directed to parishes from people who have wanted to make direct grants to specific projects.

What the BCF is doing now

The Fund's Treasurer, **Richard Sanderson**, underlines the value of this inward investment, he said, "£328,000 is a huge investment in the Wakefield Diocese which has been spent on a

diverse range of projects covering many different areas of the Diocese.

"That money has been used to refurbish old Church buildings for community use, to provide for workers to promote community activities, to help with the homeless, to assist disadvantaged youngsters and many more similar projects."

The latest campaign

It is to do accomplish this that the Fund has launched its latest campaign. The central message is to ask a lot of people to give a little - each week. By now all parishes will have been informed about this and asked for help. The special envelope system will be easy to administer. **The main effort is now to encourage people to take out a weekly envelope for one year.** Anyone who is prepared to do this is asked to contact the BCF Office, Church House, 1 South Parade, Wakefield WF1 1LP. Tel Wakefield (0924) 371802, any morning, Mon-Fri.

Ron Carbutt, BCF Chairman.

A special effort

A sponsored walk lasting 2 weeks. It is being undertaken by David Coulthard, beginning on the 16th May. He will set out on the Coast-to-Coast Walk — St Bees, Cumbria to Robin Hood's Bay, Yorkshire (some 190 miles).

All proceeds are for the BCF, please order a sponsor form from him, ☎ Wakefield (0924) 265730. David is a Reader from Christ Church South Ossett, seconded to St Catherine's Wakefield.

The Wakefield-Mara Link

"Serengeti News"



A new joint venture between our two Dioceses of Wakefield and Mara (Tanzania) consisting of a newsletter to be issued in March, July and November of this year. If you have ordered one - well and good. If not, you still can!

Serengeti News

Please send £1.50 (payable to *The Rev M Storey, St Barnabas' Vicarage, Church Avenue, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield HD4 5DF, Yorkshire*). You will receive three editions this year.

offers stories from in and around Issenye, where Mara's Church Secondary School flourishes under the guidance of Bill and Maureen Jones, from Mirfield. Bill used to be the *Community Relations Adviser* for Wakefield Diocese.

The publication has two aims. To inform you and ask you to support Issenye Secondary School. Every copy sold spreads information and money.



Fan the Flame
The Decade of Evangelism

Our thanks to Ben Gates of Knottingly for writing the following:

**Fulfil
Another's
Needs
Then
Helpfully
Encourage
Fellowship
Lovingly
Applied
Motivates
Evangelism**

Listening
and
praying

Their needs
and
pray

Fed on Bible
study and
fuelled by
prayer.

Unemployment Sunday

1st March 1992

Along with the rest of the country, the Diocese will be keeping Unemployment Sunday. The Diocesan Social Responsibility Department has sent out an invitation to Church people to join in a simple Vigil Service in their Cathedral on that day, 6.00 pm.

The Rev George Nairn-Briggs, the Social Responsibility Adviser for the Diocese has devised the service which will be an act of quiet prayer and devotion.

This is an opportunity to focus thoughts and prayers on the unemployed and their families in a special way.

Readers

Towards the end of last year Bishop Richard Admitted and Licensed the following Readers at the Annual Licensing Service, held at Honley Parish Church:

Lillian Brooke	Dewsbury Team Parish	Barbara Sen	Elland Team Ministry
Peter Coates	St Thomas' Bradley	Leyland Smith	All Saints' Sallerhebble
David Coulthard	Christ Church S Ossett	Alice Snowden	St Andrew's Purlwell
Leslie Driver	St Saviour's Brownhill	Stephanie Spyvee	Elland Team Ministry
Kevin Fieldhouse	St Mary's Luddenden	Norma Webb	St Michael's Thornhill
Ian Grange	Christ the King Battyeford	Errol Webster	North Huddersfield Team
Barbara Manning	St John the Baptist Coley		
Maureen Martin	Holy Cross Airedale		
Roy Martin	Holy Cross Airedale		
Michael Richer	St Paul's Drighlington		
Edwin Schofield	St Thomas' Bradley		

Those Licensed only:

Peter Dawson	All Saints' Roberttown
Phyllis Frankland	St Giles' Pontefract
Phyllis Wood	Elland Team Parish

A new musical award

The Diocese of Wakefield has launched a musical first in the Church of England in the form of its new **Provost of Wakefield Musician Award**.

Throughout the country there has been, for many years, awards for choristers, reflecting the more traditional trends in Christian music. Many church choir girls and boys proudly wear medallions struck as a mark of their choal achievements.

This new award is designed to give similar encouragement to those who these days use their musical abilities in churches. There is, throughout the church, an increasing number of instrumental groups in churches, and the Diocese of Wakefield has decided to launch this new award for all amateur musicians leading parish worship.

It is the first award that encourages young *players* as well as singers. In the future those parishes without the traditional organ and robed choir will

not feel left out and even young *composers* will have a chance to receive an award.

The Precentor of Wakefield Cathedral, The Rev Canon David Baxter, who devised the scheme, hopes that the award will be received by *charismatic* type parishes, as well as the more traditional parishes - evangelical and anglo-catholic alike. He said, "Those who produce music to clothe worship must see this as an important ministry and this award is geared to this view."

Applicants or their parishes do not have to be members of the Royal School of Church Music. Further information and forms are available from: The Rev Canon David Baxter, 4 Cathedral Close, Margaret Street, Wakefield WF1 2DQ. (0924) 361922.

Dewsbury Deanery

The biggest contribution

Situated in the very centre of the Diocese, the Dewsbury Deanery stretches from **Ossett** in the East to **Mirfield** in the West, and incorporates the "twin" towns (though their rivalry has lasted down the centuries) of **Batley** and **Dewsbury**.

It may not be the biggest Deanery, in square miles, though it's near enough. It may not have the most clergy, though it's not far short. But it does make the biggest overall financial contribution to the Diocese of any Deanery, £269,000 this year, and three of its members, John Marsh, John Bullimore and David Ashton, are members of General Synod.

Founded 1,365 years ago

The Parish Church of All Saints' Dewsbury, founded by St Paulinus in AD 627, is the Mother Church of both Wakefield and Bradford Cathedrals.

The fortunes of Batley and Dewsbury were founded on the production of *Mungo* and *Shoddy*, manufacturing processes which mixed raw wool and used wool.

The decline in the textile trade hit both communities hard and the shells of the great mills which powered the industrial heart of the towns still abound, but there are encouraging signs of renewal and redevelopment, both material and spiritual.

The beginning of Mirfield?

In 1244, Lady Heton was "mugged" whilst on her way to worship at All Saints' Dewsbury. Incensed by this attack upon her person, Lady Heton petitioned the Pope for a church to be built near her home. So, tradition says, were the beginnings of the town and parish of Mirfield.

Once described as the *Crewe of the North East* because of its 4 railway lines and the canal, Mirfield is now a busy industrial town with a thriving parish

church, the newest parish church in the Diocese - Christ the King at **Battleyford** and is the home of *The Community of The Resurrection*.

The Centre of the World !

To the East lies the town of Ossett. Its residents claim that it is the centre of the world, being the point where the textile and mining communities meet.

Now essentially a dormitory town for the larger cities which surround it, Ossett holds to the belief that "life begins at Junction 40!" Those who have experienced the worship of its churches would confirm the truth of that statement.

A sudden loss

The Deanery was deeply saddened by the sudden death of Nick Webb, Rector of **Thornhill** on January 2nd. Nick was by far the longest serving clergyman in the Deanery and he will be greatly missed.

We extend our sympathy and prayers to Norma and her family.

Robert Wilson, Rural Dean.

(It will be quite a Deanery that follows this one, let's see what Halifax Deanery can offer next issue! Ed)

What's On

Mar 1 Creation Centred Spirituality - a study group will meet on the first Sunday of each month at 230pm. Holme Valley Network for the Study of Spirituality. Details ☛ Holmfirth (0484) 682532.

Mar 13 Movement for the Ordination of Women General Meeting / Faith Supper. All welcome, 1 Cathedral Close, Wakefield, 7pm. Details ☛ (0977) 513980.

Mar 14 There will be a Celebration at Christ Church, South Ossett, at 730pm. The speaker will be the Reverend John Leach.

LENT 1992 Church Union

SERVICES OF RECONCILIATION Four evening celebrations of the Eucharist, each with the opportunity for Confession and Absolution. Mar 11, Halifax Parish Church, Father Aisbitt; Mar 18, Christ the King, Battysford, Father Ramsden; Mar 25 Saint Peter, Horbury, Father Hall; Apr 1, Saint Luke, Grimethorpe, preacher to be announced. All at 730pm.

Mar 27 Society for Study of Theology meets in Honley Parish Room at 730pm for 8pm. The Reverend David Calvin-Thomas "Listening to Enable Listening".

Mar 28 Feminist Perspectives and Spirituality. A day course led by Deacon Jean Lamb. Holme Valley Network for the Study of Spirituality. Details ☛ Holmfirth (0484) 682532.

Apr 14 Sexuality and Spirituality. A day course led by Matthew Huxley. Holme Valley Network for

the Study of Spirituality. Details ☛ Holmfirth (0484) 682532.

May 20 Saint John's Church Golcar. Flower Arranging Demonstration by Brian Battye at Golcar Central Liberal Club, 8pm. Admission £2.50 including cheese & wine. Raffle of arrangements. Tickets from ☛ Huddersfield 653691 or 655131.

Ancient Womersley. Conducted tour of the 12th century church. Medieval treasures, 17th & 18th century embroideries. Afternoon tea. Information pack or bookings ☛ Pontefract (0977) 620436.

Musical Matters

Mar 14 Huddersfield Caribbean Choir at Saint John's Church, Birkby, Huddersfield. Tickets at the door £2 (£1 concessions) or from the Reverend Bernard Bag-nall, The Vicarage, Saint John's Road, Huddersfield HD1 5EA. ☛ Huddersfield (0484) 427071. Refreshments included.

Mar 16-21 Woodhouse Church Amateur Operatic Society presents *Carousel* in Venn Street Arts Centre, Huddersfield. Tickets ☛ (0484) 549922.

Organist required for Saint Luke's, Cleckheaton. Enthusiastic RSCM affiliated choir. Please contact the Reverend Ian Gaskell for job description on Cleckheaton (0274) 873964.

Manager Of The Music required for Lepton Parish Church. He/she would be responsible for organising the instrumentalists and singers and playing piano and organ. Contact: the Reverend G F

Whitcroft, The Vicarage, 138 Wakefield Road, Lepton, Huddersfield, HD8 0LU ☎ (0484) 602172.

Halifax Chamber Choir, a small SATB choir, is looking for suitable performance venues. Madrigals, Small Masses, Anthems, Part-Songs from Byrd to Gershwin. Small donation to cover costs. ☎ The Chairperson, Mrs J Worthington, 188 Cliffe Lane, Gomersal, Cleckheaton, BD19 4SE (0274) 376493.

Featherstone and District Male Voice Choir have vacancies for concerts and weddings from June for the 1992 season. Please contact J Heys, Stage Manager, ☎ (0977) 677999

Market Place

Prayer in Lent: A Prayer Light meditation is a simple but effective way to pray. The Prayer Light consists of a candle and a small wrought iron stand. Two alternative meditations: a very good pastoral gift for people learning to pray, or confirmations. £1.75 each +post from the Reverend David Rhodes, The Vicarage, Roberttown, Liversedge, WF15 7PF. ☎ (0924) 402064.

Choir Robes is there someone who can put these to good use? All sizes, purple and red. ☎ (0926) 462875.

117 Shorter Prayer Books and **56 Book of Common Prayer**, free to anybody who can collect them. ☎ Mrs Janet Nash, Ossett 277949.

The Clergy Cricket Team within the diocese are always pleased to hear of new players. ☎ The Secretary, Adrian Hezel (0484) 602640.

Corner of a 'green' field sought by clergy seeking a site for 'day-off' caravan. Any offers greatly appreciated. ☎ (0484) 653576.

Grants to Churches and Chapels
The Trustees have a small amount of money available for distribution in the form of grants for the repair and preservation of Yorkshire's churches and chapels. The closing date for applications to be considered by the trustees is 31 March 1992. Applications must be submitted on the prescribed forms which are available from Dr David Smith, Secretary, Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust, Crowham House, Market Place, Masham, North Yorkshire HG4 4EA.

Coach Parties Visiting Skipton may like to know that members of Christ Church Skipton are willing to provide refreshments. Lunch, High Tea or Supper at £3 per head. All profits go to Christian Charities. Last year £650 was raised for a forestry project in Nepal, as well as other charities. Mrs Frances Peers, (0756) 793612.

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.

ACKWORTH'S HISTORICAL HERITAGE



The Bradley Memorial

The Church of England churches in Ackworth have at least two important functions. They are places of worship for the Anglican Community in Ackworth which is small in relation to the village population. They are also there to serve the wider community of Ackworth especially for weddings, baptisms and funerals. St Cuthbert's Church, High Ackworth, is also the treasury of fragments of our historical heritage, important not only to the whole village but also housing fragments relating to our nation's history.

The Rector mentioned in his notes last month that we are launching an appeal to restore two important memorial plaques in St Cuthbert's. The first is to the Reverend Thomas Bradley D.D. and wife Francis. In fact Francis' plaque is the more imposing. She was the daughter of Sir John Savile of Howley Hall, an important local aristocratic family.

Dr Bradley is perhaps Ackworth's most famous Rector and in his time a figure of national importance. He lived through the turbulent period of the Civil War. He was born in 1597 and became, after graduating in 1620 from Exeter College Oxford, chaplain to George Villiers, Duke of Buckingham, the King's favourite. In 1627 he went with

Buckingham on his ill fated expedition to Ile de Re to help the Huguenots at La Rochelle. Following Buckingham's assassination in 1628, Charles I made him his Chaplain and granted him the livings of Castleford (1630) and Ackworth (1643). He preached to the defending troops during the siege of Pontefract Castle. With the death of Charles I, not surprisingly, his fortunes went into sharp reversal and he lost his livings and his library of precious books. He and his family endured great suffering. However, he was restored to his Ackworth living in 1663, when he set up a new font to replace the one thrown down by the Commonwealth troops. This font is now by the door of the church and is used for baptisms. He was sympathetic to the plight of the poor, building two almshouses off the village green and preaching sermons against excise men, Westminster lawyers and rack-renting landlords.

The second memorial is to Mr Richard Mason, his wife and son. He was an eighteenth century gentleman but little else is known about him. If anyone has further information, we would like to know.

Both memorials were in urgent need of repair. The Bradley monument was being destroyed by damp (see photograph) and the Mason one was falling off the wall. Both have been removed to a restorer and have been stabilised to await funds to finish the repairs. The Bradley memorial will be resited in a new position in the south aisle so it can be well seen.

We need to raise approximately £5,000 and have applied to the various grant making bodies and charities who might help with funding. However, at the moment their funds are in short supply. I feel very strongly that church members only should not be expected to bear the cost of preserving the history of Ackworth, although we do take seriously our role as custodians of the village's heritage. Please show this article to all those people in Ackworth and beyond who might be sympathetic to our Appeal. I have a limited number of leaflets if needed, giving more information about the monuments. Cheques should be made payable to "Ackworth Churches Monument Appeal" and sent to the Rector or myself, Dr Jeremy Belk, 3 Beech Drive, Ackworth, Pontefract, WF7 7ES.

W J Belk

VILLAGE PRAISE

Is village life in Britain still seen in black and white, with a village bobby on a bike in a sunny idyll that is forever Ambridge?

'Songs Of Praise' presenter Pam Rhodes goes to six villages around the UK for six topical reports to discover the real lives of Christians in Britain's rural communities in 'Village Praise' on BBC 1, beginning in March.

"Many of our smaller communities are centres of vibrant Christian worship and witness and this is a way 'Songs Of Praise' can find its way into parts of the nation it has previously failed to reach," says Pam Rhodes.

"Each programme will be recorded in the week of transmission to feel the pulse of each community - in their homes and communal meeting places like the pubs, shops and churches - as villagers react to the international, national and local events of the week," she says.

'Village Praise' will visit villages in the Cotswolds, North Wales, North Yorkshire, County Durham, Northern Ireland and Suffolk.

'Songs Of Praise' now regularly runs subtitles for all its hymns.

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ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED

Dr Karen Needham, the new G.P. in the village, needs simple accommodation when she is on call (approximately 30 days per year, mainly weekends). Telephone needed. Message taking may be necessary. Self-catering facilities would minimise disruption to the owner. Terms by negotiation.

Please contact Drs Jeremy or Doreen Belk
3 Beech Drive
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FROM THE REGISTERS



BAPTISMS

"We welcome you into the Lord's family

26 January
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James David Roebuck, 37 Holly Bank
Matthew Alan Harper, 111 Bell Lane

FUNERALS

"In sure hope of the Resurrection"

20 January
29 January
5 February
5 February

Olive Oates, 38 Rhyddings Drive, 88 years
Fred Dyson, 61 Townend Avenue, 66 years
Gladys Gwendoline Hewitt, 'Bullenshaw House', 92 years
Marjorie Constance Moore, Thornton le Dale, 79 years



MOTHERS' UNION

- 4 March 9 15 am Corporate Communion at All Saints' Church
6 " 7 15 pm Women's World Day of Prayer Service at
Brackenhill Methodist Church
26 " 2 30 pm Service and meeting at the Lowther School Room.
Mr D Jowett is showing film and speaking about
a visit to France.
27 " 2 00 pm Deanery Committee meeting at St Giles Parish
Hall, Pontefract

Kitty Cooper

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

The Annual Church Meeting will be held
on Sunday 1 March at 7 30 pm, after
Evensong at St Cuthbert's Church.

CAFÉ MISS

Coffee Morning on Tuesday 3 March 10 am to 12 noon at 24 Mount Pleasant.
In aid of Mission to Seamen.
Coffee 30p - raffle - bring and buy.

BRASS ROTA

ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

March 1 and March 8 Mr Morley
March 22 and March 29 Mrs Hogg and Mr Sumnall



1 7TH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER
 Readings: Numbers 15.32-36 (Mr S McDougall);
 Col.1.18-23 (Mr R Firth); John 8.2-11
 ASB 497
 6 30 pm Evensong (SC)
 7 30 pm Annual Church Meeting
 2 Mon 7 30 pm PCC, the Howard School
 3 Tues 10 00 - 12 noon Coffee Morning,
 at 24 Mount Pleasant

4 ASH WEDNESDAY

9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)
 7 45 pm Parish Communion (SC)
 6 Fri 7 00 am Holy Communion (SC)

8 LENT 1

Reading: Luke 4.1-13 ASB 507

10 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)
 2 00 pm Service for Mothers and Toddlers
 11 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)
 13 Fri 7 00 am Holy Communion (SC)

15 LENT 2

Genesis 7.17-end (Mrs M Ward); 1 John 3.1-10 (Mr D Cook);
 Matthew 12.11-32 ASB 510
 Visiting Preacher at 10 15 am service Revd George Nairn-Briggs

17 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)
 18 Wed ST JOSEPH OF NAZARETH
 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)
 7 45 pm Parish Women's Group, St Cuthbert's Vestry
 20 Fri 7 00 am Holy Communion (SC)
 21 Sat 7 30 pm Ackworth Concert Society, 'Sinfonia of Leeds' at
 Ackworth School

22 LENT 3

Genesis 12.1-9 (Mr D Greiff); 1 Peter 2.19-end (Mrs B Firth);
 Matthew 16.13-end ASB 515

24 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)
 25 Wed FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION
 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)
 27 Fri 7 00 am Holy Communion (SC)
 Scargill House Weekend
 28 Sat 3 00 pm Enthronement of the Rt Revd Nigel McCulloch as
 Bishop of Wakefield (Admission by ticket only)

29 LENT 4 (MOTHERING SUNDAY)

Exodus 3.1-6 (Mrs E Grew); 2 Peter 1.16-19 (Miss L Parker);
 Matthew 17.1-13 ASB 520

31 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)

APRIL

5 LENT 5 (PASSION SUNDAY)

Jeremiah 31.31,-34 (Mrs D White); Hebrews 9.11-14 (Mrs J Waites);
 Mark 10.32-45 ASB 524



FLOWER ROTAS

St Cuthbert's Church
 1 March -

All Saints' Church
 1 March Mrs Hardy

The other Sundays are in Lent, and by tradition no flowers are in Church.
 Donations for Easter flowers may be given to Mrs P Asquith (SC) or
 Miss E Smith (AS)

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