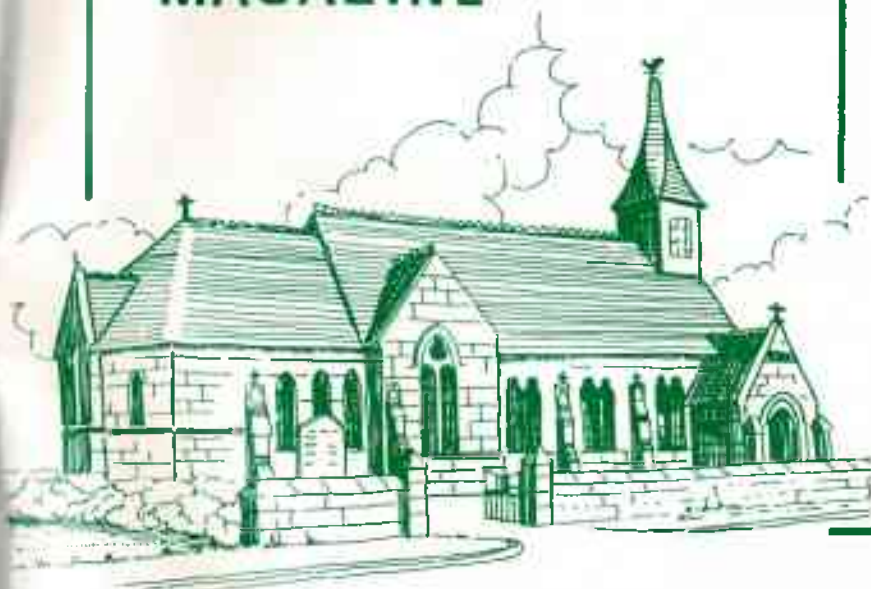




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St Cuthbert's: 10 15 am The Parish Communion.
All Saints': 8 30 am Holy Communion (2nd Sunday, 1662 Prayer Book).
6 30 pm Evensong (2nd Sunday, Holy Communion).

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.

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Enquiries about Baptisms and Marriages: The Rector is normally available every Tuesday evening at the Rectory. Please telephone beforehand to arrange an appointment.



TRAI DCRAFT

Most people respond with generosity when they are asked to help those nations or peoples who are in great need of assistance. Nevertheless, some people do wonder whether the public may not begin to suffer from generosity fatigue, if we go on repeatedly asking them for donations. Generosity is fine. It is true that God blesses the cheerful giver; BUT TRAI DCRAFT IS NOT ABOUT GIVING. From the viewpoint of the needy person, there is much more satisfaction, and much more dignity in trade than in simple aid.

World Trade

The present system of world trade cannot justly be described as wicked or unscrupulous. It is not being suggested that a group of hard-hearted villains have plotted to bring about a system of trade which always brings huge advantages to one side and huge disadvantages to the other. Human nature is prone to selfishness. We might have guessed that as international trade developed it would tend to produce a system where the rich and powerful normally take advantage over the poorer and the less powerful.

Anyone who looks at the present state of international trade must see that it leaves a great deal to be desired. A good way to illustrate what we are trying to express is seen in the coffee market. You and I go to the supermarket in our village, and we buy a packet of coffee for, say, one pound. The peasant family in Nicaragua or Kenya who tilled the soil and grew the crop receive 10p for that same packet of coffee. The other 90p went in profit and commissions for all the many people and firms who handled that packet of coffee on its way from the producer to the shelf in our supermarket.

Is that fair? Is it any surprise that that family in Nicaragua or Kenya often go short of food for their children, because they have no money left to spend?

What can we do?

Is there anything that we can do about this very sad state of affairs? Are we content to go on with such a system? I am sure you will say, No! We must change things! The good news is that there are some among the world statesmen who are trying to bring about a fairer system of world trade. Perhaps they will succeed some day; but it will take a long, long time.

In the meantime, is there anything we can do? The good news is YES! There is something that we can do! A number of energetic and enterprising christians from all the churches have come together to produce the system which we call TRAI DCRAFT. Now you can buy that packet of coffee, still for one pound, but the family that produced it will get, say, seventy pence.

TRAI DCRAFT deals not only in coffee, but in tea, cocoa, spices, honey and nut spreads, in a range of clothing, in paper products and in ornaments.

Churches Together in Ackworth

A group of people from all the churches together in Ackworth have joined together and are determined to make the range of TRADCRAFT goods readily available to all the people of Ackworth. If you feel that you can help us in any way, we shall be glad to welcome your help. Initially, goods will be sold through members of all the churches in Ackworth, starting this autumn. If you want more details please contact me (616748).

Jesus Himself said "You must love your neighbour as yourself." St John, the beloved disciple, declared "If a man who was rich enough in this world's goods saw that one of his brothers was in need, but closed his heart to him, how could the love of God be living in him? My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth, and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence. ... His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and that we love one another as he told us to."

Michael Quinn



PARISH PICNIC

On Sunday 6 September we are once again having a parish picnic at Hazlewood Castle, near Tadcaster.

We shall meet on the Green at 12 30 pm and travel by car via the A1 to Hazlewood Castle, the home of a group of Carmelite Friars. Lifts can be arranged for those without transport.

The Castle has extensive grounds, including a nature trail, a shop and tea room. The afternoon will end with a short service in the chapel.



MOTHERS' UNION

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| 2 September | 9 15 am | Corporate Communion at All Saints' Church |
| | 5 00 pm | - 5 30 pm Wave of Prayer Service at All Saints' Church. If you are unable to attend please pray for our linked Dioceses of Adelaide, The Murray, Willochra, Karamoja and Soroti. |
| 22 September | 2 30 pm | Deanery Festival Service at St Giles Church, Pontefract. |
| 24 September | 2 30 pm | Service and meeting at All Saints' Church. |
| 28 September | 10 30 am | - 3 30pm Day Seminar on "Living Together" at St Andrews Church, Wakefield. |



Kitty Cooper



Bishop Richard writes

It seems like only yesterday! St Matthew's Day — September 21 — will be the anniversary of my consecration twenty-one years ago. I was ordained on Trinity Sunday 1960, so of those forty-two years in the ministry I shall have spent exactly half in the Diocese of Wakefield.

To be honest at first I never thought we'd settle. To a timid southerner like myself the initial cultural shock of coming to live in West Yorkshire can be quite astringent. Admittedly I had been twenty years in the North, but Cumbria is a gentler climate: even Lancashire. People are basically much the same everywhere — Yorkshire folk wrap it up differently. (After a short while it rubs off on you, and your southern friends notice the change).

I can truthfully say now that there is

nowhere in the world where we would rather have been, and that Sall and I will never cease to be grateful for having had the chance to bring up our family here.

If I have a regret it is that I have not had longer with Bishop Nigel. I have no doubt at all that he is just the man to carry on the work of his remarkable predecessors. There can't be many suffragans who are able to say that they are working through their fourth diocesan bishop! My four have been quite vivid contrasts, and I could possibly produce quite a readable memoir about them for the local press: "Uncontroversial bishop writes..."

It has been a joy to work with each one of them, and I praise God for the considerate way in which they have all been willing to share their episcopal ministry.

The diocese looks a bit different now from when I came, but that is true of the church as a whole. The nineteen-sixties were for many an arid time, and one could be forgiven for thinking that the church then was on the defensive.

Since then we have seen a total transformation. For instance in our relationship with Christians of other traditions: who could have foreseen such a change twenty-five years ago.

We have seen the church recovering its nerve.

I was for fifteen years Diocesan Director of Ordinands, and one of the exciting things has been to see the sheer quality



of recent entrants into the ministry.

Some of them may not be quite so elegant in appearance as our generation. I believe, though, that the training they receive now is better than it has ever been, and that they have a commitment to mission and a confidence in the power of the Gospel which is one of the richest treasures God has given us.

It has only been during the last seven or eight months that I have really come to terms with the fact that our time here is coming to an end. Since then I have been looking closely at the parishes where I have been: not just at the particular occasion of the visit, but also as an indication of the general

state of play.

I see signs of encouragement everywhere, and have to suppress feelings of envy when I am with younger priests with a long stretch in the ministry ahead of them. I detected that same feeling in Eric Treacy when he was with me twenty years ago, and now I know he felt!

Sail and I will be remembering you all from time to time in our prayers, and should be grateful for an occasional mention in yours.

+Richard Pontefract

People and Places

The Rev Dennis Barraclough, Vicar of Kirkburton is also to be the Rural Dean of Kirkburton.

The Rev Stephen Cottrell, Priest-in-Charge of St Wilfred's Parklands (Chichester Diocese) has been appointed Diocesan Missioner and Bishop's Chaplain for Evangelism.

The Rev Barry Firth, Vicar of St Matthew's Rastrick is also to be the Rural Dean of Brighouse and Elland.

The Rev Joseph Frank Harper, Vicar of St Aidan's Bamber Bridge (Blackburn Diocese) is to be the Incumbent of the Benefice of Kinsley with Wragby.

Institution: 7 Sept, 7.30 pm, +RP.

The Rev Peter Howard, Vicar of St Peter's Stanley, Wakefield, is to be Priest-in-Charge of the Benefice of St Francis Heartsease (Norwich Diocese).

The Rev Derek Mathers, Team Vicar in the Almondbury Team Ministry, is to be Vicar of St Bartholomew's Marsden. Institution: 14 Dec, 7.30 pm, +NW.

Mr Ashley W Ellis has started work in Church House as Assistant Secretary (Finance), and **Mr Peter Thomas**, is the new Diocesan Houses Officer.

The Rev Dr Kevin Ward, Lecturer of Halifax Parish Church is also to be the new Mara Link Officer for this Diocese.

The Rev Richard Weller, Vicar of St Peter's Birstall, is also to be the Rural Dean of Birstall.

The Rev Michael Graham Whittock, Rector of St Oswald's Methley-w-Mickletown (Ripon Diocese), is to be Vicar of St Peter's Morley. Induction and Institution: 29 Sept, 7.30 pm, +NW.

The Calvert Trust Adventure Centre

Close to where Bishop Richard will be living in Cumbria is the **Calvert Trust Adventure Centre for Disabled People**, of which he is vice-chairman of the Trustees.

Bishop Richard writes, "this Adventure Centre is the most exciting thing of its kind that I have encountered - a view shared by one of our trustees, Norman Croucher, who has climbed the Matterhorn wearing a T-shirt with our logo, and in the Andes, and more recently in the Chinese Himalayas. Norman did this having had both legs amputated...

"The aim of the Centre is to provide the Outward Bound kind of experience for mentally and physically disabled people: not to give them a holiday in the Lake District. The Centre tries to stretch them beyond what they thought their ability was, and aims - when this is feasible - to

encourage them to take part in integrated activities with able-bodied people. I know of nowhere else, apart from our sister foundation in the Kielder Forest, which provides the same facilities for disabled people.

"The Calvert Trust is not a specifically religious body, although as it happens it was a christian commitment that provided the motivation for getting things started in the first place. If you have friends or family who are disabled, and would like to know more, write to: The Warden, Calvert Trust Adventure Centre, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 4QD. He will gladly send you details, and do his best to fit folk into a course with others who have similar disabilities. You could be doing them the best turn you ever did them."

+ RP



A Sung Evensong will be held in Saint Faith's Church

(at Stanley Royd Hospital, Wakefield)

on Sunday, November 1st at 3pm
to give thanks for the generosity of
all the churches in the Diocese who have given their pennies for
the work of SPCK both in Mara and elsewhere.

Bishop Nigel has promised to come and the service will be conducted by the Revd Michael Gartland, Chaplain to Mental Health Services, Wakefield Health Authority. This beautiful and large church seats about 600 - so please do come and share in this thanksgiving.

HOLIDAYS BY THE SEA — IN YORKSHIRE'S EAST RIDING

The premises of Emmanuel Church Bridlington in the East Riding of Yorkshire are available for young people's organisations, offering a modern centrally-heated church hall with showers and well-equipped kitchens. All within 200 yards from a safe, extensive beach. Consultations, seminars and fringe meetings of major conferences catered for.

Information and terms from: Mr Norman Westlake, 128 St James' Road, Bridlington, East Yorkshire. Tel: 0262 675804.



Fan the Flame

The Decade of Evangelism

An invitation!

**What is it about God which excites you or which you find helpful?
What is good news to you about your Christian Faith?**

"God doesn't use extraordinary people to do extraordinary things. God uses ordinary people to do ordinary things in an extraordinary way," wrote William Barclay.

Bishop Leslie Newbigin, who spent many years in the Church of South India, tells of inviting 40 confirmees to write to him stating what had prompted them to seek Confirmation - "One factor was common to all the letters; it was the presence of a believing, worshipping, celebrating congregation involved in the ordinary life

of the neighbourhood.

We invite "ordinary" people in our congregations to write in with their response to the questions at the top of this page.

Please be brief and jargon-free in telling of your faith milestones - and tell of what's happening now. Please write to: The Evangelism Adviser, Ken Sawyer, 39 Norton Drive, Norton Tower, Halifax HX2 7RA.

Springboard - The Archbishop's Initiative for the Decade of Evangelism.

Bishop Michael Marshall and Canon Michael Green are to be leaders in this initiative in the next few years. Bishop Michael is visiting our diocese at the beginning of December. An outline programme has already been arranged:-

Friday 4th December 1992

- 10.30 am Clergy meeting.
- 7.30 pm Speak at Advent Praise, Wakefield Cathedral.

Saturday 5th December

- 10.00 am at Deanery School, Barnsley, for Barnsley, Pontefract and adjacent deaneries.
- Evening Celebration, Huddersfield.

Sunday 6th December

- Morning preach at Brighouse Parish Church.
- Evening preach at St George's Church, Ovenden, Halifax.

Details later.

ABOUT SEE-LINK

Some of the secretarial work is to be transferred to Church House. The first change is to ask for all **CHANGES-OF-ORDER** to be sent in writing to Mr Ashley W Ellis at Church House. These are enacted quarterly and concern the **NUMBER** each parish receives and whether the copies are **FLAT** or **FOLDED**.

Please continue to send all **PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS** to The Rev Michael Bootes (as before), and not to the Editor.

Church Urban Fund Exhibition in Wakefield Cathedral



An invitation from Bishop Nigel

There will be an exhibition about the work of the Church Urban Fund in Wakefield Cathedral from Friday 16th October until the 30th. The Wakefield Diocesan efforts for the CUF have always carried the name "The Bishop's Centenary Fund."

I have asked that the CUF exhibition be supplemented to show projects from our own diocese which have been supported by the *Bishop's Centenary Fund*.

16th October 1992, 7.30 pm

I invite up to eleven members from each of our parishes to join me in a short but stimulating celebration of the life of our parishes in the Cathedral at 7.30 pm on the 16th October. The exhibition itself will be open from 7.00 pm.

The famous **Riding Lights Theatre Company** will be performing for us. We will also have an opportunity to hear about exciting things that are happening in

parishes across our diocese.

I would be grateful if you would let us know if you will be present by the 18th September. Please reply to: Mrs June Rushforth, Church House, South Parade, Wakefield WF1 1LP.

We have much to thank God for in all the parishes of our diocese. I do hope that you will be able to join me for this special evening.

+NW



Church Action on Disability

Have you ever really wondered what it is like to be disabled and to try at the same time to be a full member of your local Church? Perhaps you think it is no different from being able-bodied, or perhaps the same with just a few extra hiccougs.

You might be surprised what the problems are and surprised at what simple things can be done to help. **Church Action on Disability** would love to come to speak to your Church or group on the subject.

Locally CHAD offers a focus for advice, speakers for synods, Church meetings, group meetings and worship leaders

and speakers.

Contact Cynthia Fox (NE Area Co-ordinator) 0484 658083, or Sue Maynard (Secretary of CHAD Group NE) 0924 270335.

CHAD is also to be represented at a stall at the Christian Resources Exhibition in Manchester this year - at the G—MEX Exhibition Centre, 29 to 31 October 1992.

What's On

Sept 2 Mothers' Union United Service Hoylandswaine Parish Church 3pm. Speaker: Mrs Pat Dixon, Diocesan Prayer Representative.

Sept 5 St Paul's Church, Mirfield Town Centre, Fun Day, Bouncy Castle, stalls, refreshments. 10am-2pm.

Sept 5 St Mary's Parish Church, Gomersal, Annual Fete to be held at Gomersal Middle School at 2pm. Bouncy Castle, tombola, coconut shy, sale of cakes, books, plants, bric-a-brac. Crowning of the Rose Queen, Yorkshire Mixture Majorettes and lots more. Admission Adults 25p, children/OAP 15p.

Sept 6 Harvest & Rushbearing Festival St Bartholomew's Church, Ripponden. 8am HC (BCP), 1030am Harvest Eucharist (Rite A), 230pm Diocesan Harvest Festival for the Deaf & their friends (signed service), 430pm Arrival of the Rushcart & Procession, 515pm Rushbearing Songs of Praise. Stalls, bands, Morris Dancing, refreshments throughout the afternoon.

Sept 9 Music & Spirituality - a day exploring sound and silence led by Michael Clarke of Huddersfield University Music Department. No musical expertise required. Foster Place, Hepworth, near Holmfirth. Details ☎ (0484) 682532.

Sept 12 Day of Renewal, St Mary's Church, Gawthorpe with Chickenley Heath. 10am-3pm. Drinks provided, bring packed lunch.

Sept 13 The Jabbok Theatre present an afternoon for both adults and children for Mission 'In 1492 Columbus sailed the ocean blue'. St Peter's Church, Gilder-

some, 230-7pm. No charge but a collection at the 6pm Service at which the Preacher will be The Bishop of Wakefield.

Sept 13 Conducted tour of Badsworth Church at 230pm, followed by refreshments. Adults £2, accompanied children free - all proceeds to be divided between Badsworth Church restoration appeal and the Children's Society.

Sept 15 Chevet Deanery MU Quiet Evening, 730 pm. Conducted by The Rev Mike Croft, St Catherine's Church, Wakefield.

Sept 18-20 Harvest Flower Festival with Arts & Crafts at St Peter's Church, Kirk Smeaton. Friday church opens 230-5pm, Sat & Sun 1030am-530pm. Opening Choir Concert Thursday 17th 730pm. Harvest Supper Fri 18th 730pm. All proceeds to Church funds.

Sept 18-20 Flower Festival, St Matthew's Church, Lightcliffe, Halifax. Fri 7pm-9pm, Sat 10am-8pm, Sun noon-6pm. Refreshments and craft stalls.

Sept 19-20 St Saviour's Church Ravensthorpe Dedication Festival "Partnership in Community" exhibition by local industries, schools, Islamic Community & voluntary agencies. Sept 19 Brass Band Concert in Church, 730pm. Sept 20 Parish Mass, 1030am.

Sept 19 Into the 3rd Millennium Market Place for Mission. St Georg'e, Lupset, Wakefield, 10am-2pm. See August See Link, front page.

Sept 20 Conducted tour of All Saints Church at North Featherstone at 230pm, followed by refreshments. Adults £1, accompanied children free - all proceeds to Romanian Handicapped Children of Siret Appeal.

- Sept 20 Christ Church, Sowerby Bridge, 630pm Service of Thanksgiving for the restoration of stained glass windows damaged by vandalism. Re-dedication by Bishop Nigel.
- Sept 20 Treasure Walk & BBQ organised by the Parent Support Group of Overthorpe CE J1 & N School, Edge Top Road, Thornhill. Details ☐ (0924) 451091. (Local Walk to include children as well.)
- Sept 23 Board of Mission and Council of Education *The Adult Catechuminate*. A resource & corporate planning evening for laity & clergy. 730pm St Andrew's Junior School, Waterloo Road, Brighouse. Bookings to Canon Ian Knox at Church House by Sept 11th.
- Sept 24-28 Patronal Flower Festival (Michaelmas) at Mytholmroyd Parish Church. Open all day.
- Sept 26/27 Harvest Event 'All things Bright & Beautiful' at All Saints' Church, Whitwood. Full decoration of the Church plus Market and Restaurant. Admission 25p. Enquiries ☐ Castleford 559215.
- Sept 26 & Oct 3 Exhibition of Archives and Old Photographs at Saint Michael's Wakefield. 10am-12 noon & 2-4pm. Also Sept 27 & Oct 4 11am-4pm.
- Sept 27 St Paul's Church Morley Day of Thanksgiving for God's Gifts. 10am Sung Eucharist & Renewal of Stewardship. 630pm Songs of Praise for Harvest and Harvest Supper. The Rt Revd Edward Luscombe, until recently Bishop of Brechin and Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church will preach at the Eucharist and preside at the Harvest Festival.
- Sept 27 The Annual Service of The Friends of Halifax Parish Church 1030am, Preacher the Vicar of Huddersfield, The Revd Brian Maguire. Followed by Lunch and the meeting of the Friends in the Parish Hall.
- Sept 28-Oct 3 Carlinghow St John's AODS present Brigadoon 715pm in the Church Hall, Pearl Street, Batley. Tickets £2.75. Further details ☐ Leeds 537087 or Batley 474841.
- Sept 28 Living Together: A day seminar for clergy, MU members and anyone interested in discussing the theological and pastoral implications of couples living together before marriage. Details from Eileen Turner, FLAME Officer, at Church House. ☐ (0924) 371802.
- Oct 3 Mirfield Parish Church, Church Lane. Harvest Festival Weekend. Church Flowers and Harvest decorations on display 10am-4pm. 11am Cake stall in the Choir Vestry. Organ Music from 1pm. Refreshments available. Sunday evening (4th) Songs of Praise.
- Oct 3 Table Top Fayre - All Saints Parish Hall, Church Street, Darton - 10am-4pm. Good variety of stalls and food fayre available throughout the day. Everyone welcome.
- Oct 3 Harvest Craft Fayre St Mary's Church, Leddenden Village near Halifax, 10am-5pm. Various craft stalls, display and music in the church throughout the day. Refreshments available. 20p admission.
- Oct 6, 13, 20, 27. Nov 3, 10, 17, 24. An Inter-Church Youth Workers Training Programme. Mirfield Parish Rooms, Tuesday evenings, 730-930pm, Cost £25 inc manual. LEA grants may be available. Contact, Mrs Annette Smith (0924 403160) or Mrs Roz Harrison (0924 490823).

Oct 10 Day Conference on Christian Marriage organised by Wakefield Diocesan Church Union and led by Dr Martin Stringer at St Helen's Church, Athersley, Barnsley, 10am-4pm. Cost £4 including lunch. Booking/details: Mrs J Dagnell, 72 St John's Road, Huddersfield, HD1 5EA, ☎ (0484) 427071.

Oct 20-21 24 Hour Peace Vigil at Wakefield Cathedral. A Eucharist Service will be held at noon each day. For further details please contact Mary Sanderson ☎ (0924) 864903.

Dewsbury Christian Festival:

Sept 23 Songs of Praise for Pensioners, United Reformed Church Loncauseway, Dewsbury 130pm.

Sept 23 Youth Night with Dave Bilbrough Dewsbury Town Hall, 730pm.

Sept 27 After Festival Rally, All Saints Church, Dewsbury, 8pm. Further enquiries ☎ (0924) 490648 or 493163.

Musical Matters

Sept 12 Lucernarium and Vespers, Plainchant & Russian Orthodox Music at St Luke's Grimethorpe. 2pm. Service 630pm, supper 730pm. Details from Fr MacPherson ☎ (0226) 711331 or Sue Willington (0484) 425387.

Sept 19 An evening of English & European Choral Music given by St Peter's Consort in Alverthorpe Parish Church at 730pm. The recital features "Let thy

hand be strengthened" (Handel), "Air in G" (Bach), English Folk Songs, motets by Bruckner and Stanford and works by Russian Composers. Admission £3 (concessions £2).

Oct 5-10 Dewsbury Collegians AODS present *Bellas*, a new musical based on the life of the Revd Lancelot Bellas of Marsden, in Dewsbury Town Hall at 715pm. Tickets ☎ (0924) 260350.

Nov 14 RSCM Festival Service in Wakefield Cathedral. Contact The Revd John Marshall (0422) 202551 or Canon David Baxter (0924) 361922.

Sept 26 Prom Praise - Hull City Hall. Box Office (0482) 226655.

Halifax Choral Society Young Singers need male & female singers between 12 & 18. Contact Sue Rosborough (0422) 835385 or Lesley Conolly (0422) 823953.

Choristers required at Mirfield Parish Church. Strong RSCM tradition. Wide repertoire. Contact Organist & Choirmaster ☎ (0484) 722590.

Experienced organist available for occasional Sunday and mid-week services. Moderate fees. Please ☎ (0924) 468161.

Market Place

Processional Cross wanted by All Saints Parish Church, Darton, and any Altar brass ware or silver due to recent burglary. Please contact Miss C Jackson ☎ (0226) 385399.

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

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ST MATTHEW

21st SEPTEMBER

Matthew, sometimes called Levi, was a tax collector for the Romans when he first met Jesus. The job was probably one of the most hated ones that a Jew could have: most tax collectors were despised and treated as outcasts. They charged more tax than was set and lived off the difference. Their fellow Jews rejected them because they mixed with non Jewish people.

But Jesus picked Matthew as his disciple. 'Jesus saw Matthew at the tax office; and he said to him, "Follow me". And he rose and followed him,' (Matthew chapter 9, verse 9).

Traditionally, the first Gospel is called St Matthew's Gospel but we don't know if he did write it. What we do know is that Matthew, in Jewish eyes the most unsuitable disciple, followed Jesus till the end of his days.

What's hot, greasy, and makes you feel bad?
A chip on your shoulder.

All the answers to this Bible Quiz begin with the letter M - some have clues to help you. Answers at the bottom of this page. So can you say which M...

1. Was found in the butrushes?
2. Wrote the second Gospel?
3. Was food found in the desert? (Exodus 16)
4. Was the mother of John Mark? (Acts 12)
5. Is a plant that would make the desert flower? (Isaiah 41)
6. Was the oldest man in the Bible? (Genesis 5)
7. Is where Paul was shipwrecked? (Acts 27)
8. With all his angels, fought the dragon? (Revelation 12)
9. Was the elder sister of Moses and Aaron? (Exodus 2)
10. Is the land between the rivers Tigris and Euphrates?

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BACK TO SCHOOL

When do you like school best?
At weekends, when I'm not there.

How do you like going to school?
Going's all right, and so's coming home. It's the in-between that I don't like

MMMMMMMMMMMMMM

- Mesopotamia
Michael 9 Miriam 10
Methuselah 7 Malta 8
4 Mary 5 Myrrh 6
1 Moses 2 Mark 3 Manna

BATTLING IN FACE OF INFLATION IN C. of E.

THE latest Annual Report of the Church Commissioners, who are responsible for much of the financial support of the Church of England's clergy, shows the management of investments in a year which was very difficult for all institutions - particularly those involved in property.

Investment income increased by 1 per cent to £167 million compared with average inflation of 5.9 per cent. But taking 1990 and 1991, the two years of recession, together, it has risen by 18 per cent compared with inflation of 16 per cent and in the last decade, by twice the rate of inflation (159 per cent compared with 79 per cent).

The recession continued to bite deeply on all institutions and the Commissioners were no exception, and the Commissioners expect total investment income to remain flat for some time, whereas expenditure on clergy pensions, which they wholly fund, is increasing by some £5 million a year. With the help of Church people, clergy pay will nevertheless increase at least in line with inflation.

GIVING IS VITAL

The clergy pay bill was £145 million in 1991. Generous giving is a priority say the Commissioners 'and it is encouraging that three-quarters of the increased cost of the 1991 clergy pay bill was met from giving by Church people.'

'Many already give generously, but some of us forget to review our giving regularly to take account of the Church's needs. We ask all Church members to rise to this latest challenge.' said Sir Douglas Lovelock, the First Church Estates Commissioner who is due to retire in March.

LAUGHLINES

Found in various church bulletins...

- Next Sunday Mrs Vinsion will be soloist for the morning service. The Rector will then speak on 'It's a Terrible Experience.'
- The Rector spoke briefly, much to the delight of the audience.
- The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing 'Break Forth into Joy'.
- Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.
- Pot Luck Supper: prayer and medication to follow.
- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in school days.

ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH, NORHAM



The journey to church was highlighted by an energetic red fox who darted across the road in front of us and disappeared into the hedgerow. The journey was a long one - from Kirk Yetholm in the Cheviots to Norham, near Berwick - but we weren't going to turn down the chance of visiting another St Cuthbert's. The church at Norham lies only a few yards from the banks of the Tweed, slow and majestic as it nears the sea.

Like our own St Cuthbert's, the church was built on the site where the coffin of St Cuthbert is said to have rested as the monks fled with it from the Viking invasion of Holy Island.

The original church at Norham dates back to AD 830, but the present building was begun in 1165 and parts of this building still remain. It is a large church, much bigger than our own, and the overall impression is "pink", due to the colour of the local stone. This colour is seen too in the ruins of the Priory on Holy Island, where the exposed stones have been weathered into beautiful shapes and designs.

The service followed a similar pattern to our own but was more "remote", due to the absence of "the Peace" and the virtual disappearance of the priest at the distant high altar when the Eucharist began. But the children's church was similar to ours - they joined us enthusiastically halfway through the service. Young teenagers had their meeting after the service, sitting in the sunshine among the gravestones. (I'm not sure where they meet on a rainy day).

Over a cup of coffee we exchanged tea-towels! Theirs is a similar design but with the incomplete St Cuthbert's cross, as found in his coffin.

In a small village the church is still very much the centre of village life. This was certainly true at Norham. Their church fair the day before had attracted almost the whole of the village and raised over £1000!

If you ever get the chance, do visit another St Cuthbert's. It emphasised to us the fact that we are all members of one family, part of a chain of worship to God that has gone on down the centuries. The Norham branch of the family has worshipped God through bad times and good for over 800 years.

Doreen Belk

FROM THE REGISTERS

WEDDINGS

"Those whom God has joined together"

18 July Craig Joseph Bedford and Joanne Louise Marwood
25 July Jonathan Mark Waites and Ruth Beecher
25 July Nicholas Ronald White and Paula Jayne Price

FUNERALS

"In sure hope of the Resurrection"

21 July Ronald Fox, 'Wayside', Bell Lane, 74 years
27 July Edward Frank Sykes, 5 Mount Pleasant, 68 years





SEPTEMBER

- 1 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)
 2 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

6 PENTECOST 13

*Readings: Jeremiah 20.7-11a (Mrs K Cooper/Mr R Firth); Acts 20.17-35 (Mrs K Cooper/Mrs M Ward); Matthew 10.16-22 ASB 696
 Junior Church re-commences.
 Parish Picnic at Hazlewood Castle

- 7 Mon 7 30 pm PCC, St Cuthbert's Vestry
 8 Tues NO MIDWEEK SERVICE
 2 00 pm Service for Mothers and Toddlers (AS)
 9 Wed NO MIDWEEK SERVICE

13 PENTECOST 14

Readings: AS: BCP Trinity 13 (Dr P McWilliam);
 SC: Luke 11.1-13 ASB 707

- 15 Tues NO MIDWEEK SERVICE
 16 Wed NO MIDWEEK SERVICE
 7 45 pm Parish Women's Group, St Cuthbert's Vestry

20 PENTECOST 15

*Readings: 1 Kings 3.4-15 (Mr G Cooper/Mrs B Firth); 1 Timothy 2.1-7 (Mr G Cooper/Mr F E Walters); Matthew 14.1-12 ASB 711

- 22 Tues NO MIDWEEK SERVICE
 2 00 pm Service for Mothers and Toddlers (AS)
 23 Wed NO MIDWEEK SERVICE
 24 Thurs 2 30 pm Service and meeting at All Saints' Church

27 PENTECOST 16

*Readings: Deuteronomy 15.7-11 (Miss E Smith/Miss L Parker);
 1 John 4.15-end (Miss E Smith/Mrs D White; Luke 16.19-end ASB 715)

29 ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

- Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)
 30 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

OCTOBER

4 PENTECOST 17

*Readings: Jeremiah 32.6-15 (Mrs K Cooper/Mrs J Waites);
 Galatians 2.15-39 (Mrs K Cooper/Mrs M Woffinden); Luke 7.1-10 ASB 719

* The first name for each set of readers refers to All Saints' 8 30 am

FLOWER ROTAS

St Cuthbert's Church

- 6 September Mrs Gardham
 13 September Misses P & R Harrison
 20 September Mrs Dodd
 27 September Mrs Robinson



All Saints' Church

- 6 September Mrs Camplin
 13 September Miss E M Smith
 20 September Mrs Turton
 27 September Mrs H Walters

BRASS CLEANING ROTA

Mrs Asquith - Mrs Lancaster

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