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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 and Junior Church.
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.



His manner suggests that he never did anything else all year but stand there, hop a little, his head slightly cocked, eager to watch me, wanting me to notice him. "Hello Robin how nice to have you back again." Suddenly the Robin was there, my little friend, as sure a sign of winter as any frost and fog. Since last winter, however, so much has happened, some events which have touched us all, others which brought personal grief or joy, some which could be acclaimed or sorrowed over together, others which were tied up tight in our hearts, hurting or delighting - experiences we couldn't share. Whatever these events may have been the on-sweep of the seasons rushes us now towards Christmas and towards farewell with 1993. For those as lucky as I was, childhood memories of Christmas are forever. A time of stealthy rustling of paper in the dark as my sister and I felt with our toes for the stocking. The unexpected scent of the tree in Grandma's front room. The warm humdrum of an enormous family turkey feast, and the absolute certainty that we would hear the angels sing!! It was sheer magic, so perhaps the price we pay later, as adults, is to strive to find the magic again. The panic build up before Christmas, the unwritten cards (perhaps I'll make it in time for the New Year?), the parcel arriving from someone whose present I have forgotten, the bad tempered crowds on the roads and in the shops, the over drawn bank account. Then when it is all over the flatness and fatigue and the regrets - a whole year to wait now, seems far too long. Perhaps the effort we make to chase after the magic is where we go wrong. The wonderful thing is that in spite of all it really is here - look at children's faces when candles are lit!

God Bless us, everyone. I hope that in this Christmas season we may all avoid the panic and retain the joy. I hope we shall find some way of keeping a little oasis of peace and calm within ourselves so that afterwards we can feel we really experienced the true meaning of Christmas - the birth of our Saviour - and not just lived through it.

Janet Bateman

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THE LONG NIGHT

*This night is the long night,
It will snow and it will drift,
White snow there will be till day,
White moon there will be till morn,
This night is the eve of the Great Nativity,
This night is born Mary Virgin's Son,
This night is born Jesus, Son the King of glory,
This night is born to us the root of our joy,
This night gleamed the sun of the mountains high,
This night gleamed sea and shore together,
This night was born Christ the King of greatness
Ere it was heard that the Glory was come,
Heard was the wave upon the strand,
Ere 'twas heard that his foot had reached the earth,
Heard was the song of the angels glorious,
This night is the long night.*



PARISH PROFILE — EDWARD WYNN



Edward is a busy man - filling a number of roles not only within our own Ackworth Anglican Community - but also beyond. I was then, a little surprised when Edward told me that it was only after marrying Ruth in 1990 that he came to live in Ackworth.

Edward, in fact, hails originally from Wymondham in Norfolk, and it was during a stint at the Norfolk and Norwich General Hospital, training as nurses, that Edward and Ruth met. Now working in the Intensive Care Unit down the road at the PGI Eddie - perhaps with less spare time than before after the birth of Hannah just under a year ago - 'unwinds' in a variety of ways.

At the Harvest Festival, we heard Eddie in the 'music group' playing the tuba and then taking the solo voice in the Taize' musical prayer. Eddie is also keen on running and cycling. However, it is through his duties at St Cuthbert's that Eddie is best known to many of us. Perhaps his most public role is that of Sacristan - an invaluable aid to the Rector on a busy Sunday morning. Of course, along with a number of others from the St Cuthbert's congregation, Edward regularly administers the chalice at the Parish Communion.

He gives freely of his time in a number of other ways; not only serving on the PCC but also on the Deanery Synod. Recently he was appointed foundation governor at the Howard School. Eddie tells me he is not a committee person. Perhaps his fingers were crossed at the time!!

Interestingly, Eddie is also a 'Companion of the Society of St Francis' - a body of Anglican Franciscans. He supports them through prayer and retreats.

It is, of course, well-known that Edward is considering the possibility of ordination himself. Although that may be some time in the future, another church's gain would most certainly be St Cuthbert's loss!

David Newman

ACKWORTH CONCERT SOCIETY — CHRISTMAS CONCERT

SATURDAY DECEMBER 11 AT 7 30 PM AT ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

Scunthorpe Co-operative Choir and Ackworth Handbell Ringers

Seasonal refreshments

Tickets: Adults £4 00 Children £ 1 00

Part of proceeds for church funds

Please note car parking is not available at the Brown Cow car park

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BISHOP NIGEL WRITES:

Christmas is a time for love and peace. So it is sad to discover that more breakdowns and more stress related illnesses occur at Christmas than at any other time of the year.

That is a much more serious and fundamental malaise in our society than the commercialism of Christmas which church leaders normally, and quite rightly, attack.

Christianity has a particularly important message to give to a country like ours — where people treat each other with less and less respect and where selfishness reigns tragically supreme.

Recent studies on the Early Church have again emphasised that the crucial factor in its missionary outreach was the exemplary conduct of ordinary Christians. It was this, rather than the *professional* evangelists and monks, which made the impact on

the population which led to the enormous growth of the Christian church.

That is why the way Christians should behave is so frequently emphasised in the pages of the New Testament. Writing to the Ephesians (4:29-32) Saint Paul urges:

Do not use harmful words, but only helpful words — the kind that build up and provide what is needed; so that what you say will do good to those who hear you. And do not make God's Holy Spirit sad Get rid of all bitterness, passion

and anger. No more shouting and insults, no more hateful feelings of any sort. Instead, be kind and tender hearted to one another and forgive, as God has forgiven you through Christ.

There is indeed a powerful, contemporary message there for us all — and not least for families and individuals facing stress and breakdown.



In this past year, in the Church of England, there have been many harmful words, bitterness, passion, anger, shouting, insults and hateful feelings. It is time to act on Paul's message.

For if the members of the

Christian Church are not loving and forgiving for one another, then what hope is there for the world?

George Nairn-Briggs

IT'S NOT ALL DOOM AND GLOOM

I am not often surprised by the letters that arrive in my postbag, but the other day I received the following note:

"You gave us a generous grant from the Family Life Trust last year so that we could upgrade our hall kitchen to start a lunch club for the elderly. I'm coming back to you again to ask if you could make another grant! The project has been so successful that the original equipment has worn out and we need to replace it!"

Truly a tale of a need being identified and met with a vengeance!

It made me sit down and work out how much cash has been put into projects in the parishes of our diocese since 1988. [The year both the Church Urban Fund and Bishop's Centenary Fund came into being].

I can only speak about the funds that I have a hand in administering. There are other "pockets" in the diocese that have helped parishes, but the ones I am talking about are those specifically aimed at projects that reach out into the community in service in one way or another.

The result of my adding up was as follows:

The Bishop's Development Fund [Was "Centenary"] has made awards totalling £125,759.

Add on the grants of £440,800 received from the Church Urban Fund and;

Grants made to parishes from the Central Church Fund of £62,000 and; Grants made to parishes for outreach work from the Family and Social Welfare Trust of £100,000 and we have a grand total of:

£728,559 of NEW money made available to parishes for their work in their local communities!

This is not a time for false optimism or denial of the very serious financial position facing the diocese, but I thought that it might be useful just to remind us all of the support that is available for parishes when they seek new ways of serving their people.

George Nairn-Briggs
Social Responsibility Adviser

COME IN FOR CHRISTMAS

How are your preparations for Christmas progressing? Many parishes will doubtless be organising food parcels for the elderly, and ensuring that those people known to be lonely or ill are being cared for over the holiday period. However, there are many people who may not fall into these relatively easily defined categories, who still need support at Christmas. These are people who find themselves without permanent accommodation, without proper homes at Christmas.

The Team Parish of Dewsbury are again embarking upon a major Christmas project, aimed at the homeless and lonely. Designated areas of the Minster will be open from Christmas Day to January 3rd, to those who are in need of shelter and/or company.

The main aim of the project when it began last year was to provide shelter for those on the streets at Christmas, but from last year has come the realisation that it is not only those without home who need support, but also those who may be old, lonely or confused.

The project this year hopes to provide a daytime centre for those people who

need food and shelter during the day for whatever reason, and a place for those without shelter to stay at night.

This will include meals, entertainment, people ready to talk, listen and advise, together with supplies of clean warm clothing.

The parish is already mobilising a highly motivated group of volunteers, but needs support from the Diocese for various aspects of the work. If you are aware of volunteers who would be willing to help please contact the Team Parish Office (0924) 457057. Alternatively if you can give support either financially, or with supplies of food or men's clothing, again, please contact the Parish Office.

Lastly, and perhaps of most importance, if you know of anyone who would benefit from this facility, please contact the Parish Office, and let them know of the particular circumstances of the person concerned, so that arrangements may be made to accommodate that person, if at all possible.

*Julie Burnham,
Homelessness Worker.*

PEOPLE AND PLACES

The Revd **George Midgley**, at present Team Vicar in the Penistone and Thurlstone Team Ministry, is to become Team Rector in the same Team. The Induction and Institution will take place on 26 January.

Our new Diocesan Secretary is Mr **John Clark**. By the time you read this he will have begun his life with us. It is a new life for him in various

ways. He arrived in Yorkshire from the South coast — and in a senior position in a Church of England Diocese from a Senior position in the Royal Navy. The change will perhaps be dramatic for him — but he will be completely at home in another, and deeper sense. He is a committed Christian, a lay leader in the parish from which he comes, and a church treasurer himself — as well as being a member of Portsmouth Diocesan Board of Finance.

John Clark is a candidate of a very high order and is well qualified for the position he has just taken up. I am quite clear he is what the Wakefield Diocese needs at this time. I welcome him very warmly to the Diocese and know that you will join me in assuring him and his family that they can rely on our prayerful and practical support as they put down their roots in the nourishing soil of Yorkshire.

+Nigel Wakefield.

From the Rural Dean and Chapter Clerk of the Barnsley Deanery:

As a result of the General Synod's decision last November to ordain women to the Priesthood, three of the Priests of the Barnsley Deanery have in the past three months made a conscientious decision to leave the Church of England and seek reception into the Roman Catholic Communion. We feel it would be both sad and inappropriate if their contribution to the life of their Parishes, the Deanery and the Diocese were to go unrecognised.

The three Priests are Peter Stonier and Philip Harrop of Athersley and Shaun Swales of Penistone.

Of the three, Peter Stonier has served in the Deanery the longest, first as Assistant Curate and then as Parish Priest of Athersley, a total of 11 years. During this time he has not only set up "Athersley Cares" which has become a role model for other Community Programmes in UPA's, but has had a wider influence in the Deanery and Diocese through his

involvement with Education. He served on the Diocesan Council of Education, Barnsley Sacre, and played a major part in the organization and running of the Diocesan Youth Festival in Huddersfield. His ministry as Chaplain to the Deanery School has been marked by the way in which he is able to inspire the children in Religious Education and Experience as well as by the way he cared for both children and staff.

Shaun Swales and Philip Harrop, although they have not been in the Deanery as long as Peter, are in the same way recognized as conscientious Priests with a real pastoral heart and missionary zeal.

The three of them are remembered with thanksgiving for the way in which they so readily have shared their particular gifts in Education, Music and Spirituality, especially with Priests and Parishes of the Barnsley Deanery.

John L Hudson and David Glover

The ISSENYE CHOIR is visiting us this month

The choir will be singing in various places in the diocese and invite you to be present. Their concerts include:

Dec 3 Wakefield Cathedral 730pm (participating in Advent Praise): Dec 5 730pm Halifax Parish Church: Dec 12 930am Saint Thomas Batley: Dec 13 730pm Normanton Parish Church: Dec 14 730pm St Mary's Horbury

Junction: Dec 16 730pm St Edward's Barnsley: Dec 17 7pm St John Baptist Royston: Dec 19 10am Christ the King, Battyeford (Confirmation): Dec 21 730pm St John's Golcar.

Further information from The Revd Dr Kevin Ward, Mara Link Officer, (0422) 348188.

Serengeti News for Autumn 1993 is now available

Please help support Issenye School in Mara by subscribing. The issues for 1994 can now be ordered from Mr G Holdsworth, 10 Batty Avenue, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield HD4 5PW. Minimum donation for three issues is £1.50 (or £2 to include the Autumn 1993 issue). Cheques payable to the Revd Michael Storey.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Dame Thora Hird will be leading a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land during Pentecost 94. The eight day pilgrimage holiday leaves London on Saturday 28 May and will include visits to Galilee, Bethlehem, Nazareth and Jerusalem. Dame Thora will also speak at a special dinner for our pilgrims in Jerusalem. She will be assisted throughout the week by the Revd Rob Marshall. Further details from — The Holy Land with Dame Thora Hird, c/o Fairlink Christian Travel, 12-14 Glendower Place, South Kensington, London SW7 3DP.

TREASURE IN THE FIELD

Treasure in the Field is the Archbishops' Companion to the Decade of Evangelism. It is published at the request of the Church's Archbishops both to stimulate the initiatives in evangelism already underway and, as important, to raise evangelism above and beyond the decade concept.

The book is first and foremost a platform for both Archbishops to share their own vision, concerns and convictions. The substance of the volume is, however, made up of shorter contributions from more than thirty individuals (including Bishop Nigel and Father Richard Giles) who have first-hand experience of evangelism in a particular area of the Church's ministry.

Treasure in the Field is essential reading for anybody committed to the better communication of the Christian faith in their own context.

Treasure in the Field is published in paperback by Fount at £4.99 - ISBN 0-00-627635-0.

WHAT'S ON

- Dec 1 **Autumn Quiet Days** - individually guided retreats 930am-4pm. Foster Place Retreat Centre, Hepworth near Holmfirth. Enquiries (0484) 688680.
- Dec 1, Jan 5 & Feb 2 **Evening Prayer** at Wakefield Hospice is sung and said using the Common Prayer of Taizé, at 730pm in the Hospice Chapel. Everyone welcome. Enquiries (0924) 377921.
- Dec 3 **Riding Lights Theatre Company** performing in St John's Church, Lepton, Huddersfield, 730pm. Tickets £3 - (0484) 602086.
- Dec 4 **Christmas Fayre**, Christ Church Liversedge. 11am in Parish Centre.
- Dec 4 **Christmas Fayre** St Paul's Church, Armitage Bridge, 10-3pm lunches, stalls & Santa Claus.
- Dec 4 Royston Parish Church, St John the Baptist, **Annual Christmas Bazaar**, C E School, Vicarage Lane, 2pm. Usual stalls and refreshments. Father Christmas in attendance with gifts for children.
- Dec 5 **Native American Religion** the vision of the first people. John Holt. 230-4pm Foster Place Retreat Centre, Hepworth, near Holmfirth. Enquiries (0422) 885824.
- Dec 5, 11 & 12 **Nostel Priory Christmas Festival** 12-5pm also Dec 7th-9th 6-9pm. Admission £3.
- Dec 5 St Thomas' Church, Thurstonland, Huddersfield **Advent Carol Service**; Friends of Church Music Choir. 330pm
- Dec 6-10 A week of individual days of times of stillness, guidance and **preparation in the season of Advent**. 10-330pm each day. Foster Place Retreat Centre, Hepworth, Holmfirth, (0484) 688680.
- Dec 11 **A Myers-Briggs Basic Workshop** with Jan Betts. Foster Place Retreat Centre (0484) 682532.
- Dec 11 Holy Trinity Church, Ossett, are holding their annual **Christmas Pantry** in the Parish Centre, 1030-330pm. Refreshments.
- Dec 11 **Christmas Bazaar** 10-12noon Overthorpe CE JI&N School, Edge Top Road, Thornhill, Dewsbury. Details Dawn Keen (0924) 840818.
- Dec 11 **Songs from the Shows** 730pm St Peter & St James Church, Scholes, Cleckheaton. An evening of entertainment from shows old and new. Admission £2 including refreshments.
- Dec 15 **A Day for Yourself** — to find respite for Christmas 930-4pm Foster Place Retreat Centre (0484) 688680.
- Dec 18 **Christmas Dance Evening**. Christ Church Liversedge Parish Centre, Halifax Road.
- Dec 19 Thurstonland Village **Carol & Crib Service**. 230pm
- Dec 20 **An Advent Celebration** from 730pm. Foster Place Retreat Centre. (0484) 682532.
- Dec 24 **The Family Preparation for Christmas** a 45 minutes act of worship in the Cathedral with the Cathedral Girls' Choir. 5pm
- Dec 26 **The Cathedral Carol Service** -

9 lessons and carols at 4pm.

Jan 9 The Epiphany Procession in the Cathedral at 4pm.

Jan 29 Understanding Others - Understanding Yourself Myers-Briggs Basic Workshop. Cost £15 at St Peter's, Gildersome, 930-4pm. Contact Gill Butterworth by Jan 10 (0924) 823150.

Feb 5 Your Personality and Prayer A follow-up Myers-Briggs Workshop. Participants to have attended a Basic workshop first. Cost £10 at St Peter's, Gildersome 930-4pm. Contact Gill Butterworth (0924) 823150.

Spirituality via Drama — a Lent Course 1994 in Wakefield led by Dr Roger Grainger. If you are interested please ring (0924) 272742.

MUSICAL MATTERS

Dec 5 Taizé for Advent at St David's Holmbridge. Details from John Garrard (0484) 683830.

Dec 5 Advent Carol Procession St Thomas' Thurstonland. 330pm.

Dec 11 Rodillian Singers Christmas Concert with guests The Yorkshire Bus Band, in St John's Church Wakefield. 730pm. Refreshments and Cake Stall. Information & tickets from Barbara Idle (0924) 823095.

Dec 11 Carols for Christmas by Yorkshire Chamber Choir in Wakefield Cathedral 730pm. Tickets £5, (£4 OAPs £3 students) including mulled wine. Contact Miss P

Woolford (0924) 372416.

Dec 11 A Concert by St Raphael Singers at Wragby Church 730pm. Admission £2 including refreshments. Tickets (0977) 612282.

Dec 13 A Celebration of Christmas with John Pantry. 730pm Pontefract Carleton High School. Details from the Headteacher The Revd Michael Wright (0977) 703263.

Dec 14-17 1993 Musical The Gift at Christ the King Church, Battyeford, Mirfield. 730pm. £3 adults, £1.50 OAPs and children 16 & under. Tickets ring G Broadhead (0924) 470454 (day) & (0924) 450059 (evenings & week-ends)
CORRECTION AND AMENDMENT.

Dec 16 Musical Evening by the **Issenye School Choir**, 730pm in St Edward's Parish Hall, Barnsley, Adults £2, children £1, including refreshments.

Dec 18 Carol Concert by St Peter's Consort, in Alverthorpe Parish Church at 730pm. Admission £3, concessions £2, including mulled wine and mince pies.

Dec 18 Make Way for Christmas at Holmfirth Parish Church. A feast of music, dance and drama to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Details from Bob Oreschnick (0484) 666299.

Dec 18 Christmas with the Elizabethans at Ossett Town Hall, 730pm. Tickets £3.50 & £4. Seasonal refreshments available.

Dec 19 Candlelight Carol Service in Holmfirth Parish Church. 630pm

ADVENT PRAISE

**December 3rd 730pm
in the Cathedral**

Preacher:

**The Revd Michael Mitton,
Director of Anglican
Renewal Ministries.**

**Dec 21 St Paul's Armitage Bridge
Songs and Brass for Christmas
730pm.** Pennine Singers and
Vintage Brass. Collection for HRI
Special Care Baby Unit.

Jan 2 Carol Service to launch
International Year of the Family,
3pm All Saints' Church, Savile
Road, Elland, led by the Revd Betty
Pedley, Childrens Advisor for
Education.

New Choristers required for
Wakefield Cathedral Choir. Most
choristers attend Queen Elizabeth
Grammar School, Wakefield.
Parents pay only third fees in the
Junior School. Bursaries available in
the Senior School. Entrance
examination on 7th February, voice

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to: SEE-LINK EDITOR The Revd Michael Bootes, OGS, 17 Hartley Park View,
Pontefract, W Yorkshire WF8 4AP, in writing please, by SIXTH of the
preceding month.

CHANGES-OF-ORDER. Please write to Mr Ashley W Ellis, Church House, 1
South Parade, Wakefield, WF1 1LP, by 1st February with details of required
changes for quarter April-June. Changes-of-Order are concerned with how
many copies each parish receives and whether the copies are FLAT or
FOLDED. The cost is currently £3.05 per 100 per month.

trial on 12th February. (7-10 years).
Boys also welcome from other
schools, who receive Friends of
Cathedral Music bursaries. (Voice
trial as above). If interested come to
the **Choir Open Evening** on Sunday
30th January 515pm, following
Evensong at 4pm. Contact — The
Master of the Music, The Cathedral,
Wakefield, WF1 1HG.

PARISH MAGAZINE COMPETITION

A national competition has been
arranged by the General Synod
Communications Unit, with prizes
of £500, £300 and £150. There are
three categories, newsletter,
magazine and newspaper and will
be judged in each of four criteria,
layout & presentation, editing,
quality of writing and common
interest.

Your Parish Priest should have
received an entry form in the
November Mailing from Church
House. Closing date is 1st March
1994.

PCC NOTES

- 1 The treasurer gave a report on the church accounts. The costs for insuring our churches will be £1966, to be paid in November. The covenant secretary reported that tax rebates to the parish should amount to £3343.
- 2 The stone cross on St Cuthbert's Church porch is shortly to be replaced.
- 3 The Hunger Lunch and retiring collection for Water Aid raised a total of £130.
- 4 Consideration was given to the Parish Share which in 1994 will increase from £13,980 to £17,200. It is hoped to encourage more people to use the envelope scheme.
- 5 It was agreed to appoint A & K Bridgett and Son to repair the roof of the north aisle of St Cuthbert's Church at a total cost of about £5,400.
- 6 Plans are in hand to install a sound system at St Cuthbert's Church. It is hoped to finance the system by an appeal for funds.
- 7 The Bishop's statement setting out his vision for the future life of the diocese was discussed. The Archdeacon of Pontefract is to visit the parish in February.

A CHRISTMAS RECIPE



LEBKUCHEN

One of the festive glazed cookies which owes its existence to the medieval honey cakes made in Central European cities and a tradition among German-American families at Christmas. Lebkuchen can be formed into any fancy shape you like, cut into strips, or even dropped by spoonfuls on a baking sheet. It is a sweet, spicy cookie not unlike a thin gingerbread, and it improves with storage from two to six weeks in an airtight tin.

8 oz runny honey	5 oz light brown sugar	2 tbsp water
1 oz butter or margarine	14 oz plain flour	$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp salt
$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp bicarbonate of soda	$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp powdered cloves	$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp ground ginger
$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp ground cinnamon	4 oz cut mixed peel	4 oz flaked almonds

For the glaze: 4 oz icing sugar 3 tbsp boiling water

Heat the honey, sugar, water and butter slowly until it comes to the boil, remove the pan from the heat and let it cool to lukewarm. Sift the flour with the bicarbonate, salt and spices. Stir into the honey mixture until completely blended. Add the peel and almonds.

If you have the time, store the dough wrapped in plastic film for two or three days. Otherwise roll it about $\frac{1}{4}$ " thick, on a lightly floured board and cut with fancy cutter, or cut into 3 x 1" strips. Put them on oiled baking sheets.

Pre-heat oven to 300°F (150°C) Gas 2. Bake the cookies for about 10 to 15 minutes. They should be delicately browned and firm but not hard.

Slide them off on a rack while they are warm.

Mix the icing sugar and boiling water and brush it over the cookies.

Store between sheets of greaseproof paper in an air tight container.



From: Janet Bateman

CHRISTMAS SERVICES



Sunday December 12

3 00 pm Village Carol Service,
St Cuthbert's Church,
organised by Churches
Together in Ackworth
NB No Evensong at
All Saints' Church

Sunday December 19

4 00 pm Service of Lessons and
Carols (All Saints')

Friday December 24 Christmas Eve

5 30 pm Carols on Christmas Eve - a service for all the family.
Children are invited to bring toys, games, etc to be
given to underprivileged children. Please gift wrap
and mark 'boy' or 'girl', and suitable age. Retiring
collection for the Prince of Wales Hospice
(St Cuthbert's Church)

11 30 pm Midnight Mass (St Cuthbert's)

Christmas Day

8 30 am Holy Communion (All Saints')

10 15 am The Parish Communion (St Cuthbert's)

Sunday December 26 Boxing Day

8 30 am Holy Communion (All Saints')

10 15 am Parish Communion (St Cuthbert's)

NB No Evensong at All Saints' Church

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CHRISTMAS FAYRE

SATURDAY 4 DECEMBER, 2 15 PM

THE HOWARD SCHOOL, LOW ACKWORTH

OPENER: DEREK ENRIGHT MP

Refreshments * Raffle * Treasure Hunt * Cakes * Dried Flowers *
Games * Toiletries * Tombola

FATHER CHRISTMAS will be here for the children, so do come along
and make this a festive occasion at the start of the Christmas
season.

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FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

24 October
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"We welcome you into the Lord's family"
Jessica Watson, 125 Wakefield Road
Daniel Sacre, 4 Holly Bank

WEDDINGS

30 October

"Those whom God has joined together"
David Lee and Sally Amanda Danby

FUNERALS

19 October
20 October
22 October

"In sure hope of the Resurrection"
Annie Shillito, Oak Foss, Pontefract 93 years
David Horace Grace, 35 Elm Park, Pontefract, 62 years
Sylvia Lightowler Bell, 3 Railway Cottages,
Burton Salmon, 72 years



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COFFEE MORNING

At 'Solentia' Wakefield Road, Tuesday 14 December
Time: 10 00 am to 12 noon
Raffle * Bring and Buy * Holly available
Coffee: 30p
Proceeds: All Saints' flower fund



THE MOTHERS' UNION

1 December 9 15 am Corporate Communion at All Saints' Church
3 December 2 00 pm Deanery meeting at St Giles Parish Hall, Pontefract
There will be no service or meeting in December.

May I take this opportunity to wish all our members a happy and blessed Christmas.

Looking Ahead

1994 is the Year of the Child and the Young Families Department has organised a Carol Service with a difference at All Saints' Church, Elland 3 00 pm on 2 January. Everyone is offered a warm welcome.

Kitty Cooper

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A Very Happy

Christmas

to all our Readers



DECEMBER



- 1 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (All Saints')
4 Sat 10 30 am Confirmation, Wakefield Cathedral
2 15 pm Christmas Fayre, the Howard School
5 ADVENT 2
Readings: Isaiah 64.1-7 (Mrs Cooper/Mr Shaw);
Romans 15.4-13 (Mrs Cooper/Mrs Woffinden);
Luke 4.14-21 ASB 430
6 Mon 7 30 pm PCC, St Cuthbert's Vestry
7 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (All Saints')
11 Sat 7 30 pm Ackworth Concert Society,
Christmas Concert (St Cuthbert's)

- 12 ADVENT 3
Readings: All Saints' BCP 1 Corinthians 4.1-5
(Dr McWilliam)
St Cuthbert's Matthew 11.2-15 ASB 435
3 00 pm Churches Together in Ackworth,
United Carol Service (St Cuthbert's)

- 13 Mon 6 30 pm Carol Service, Townend Avenue
14 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (St Cuthbert's)
10 00 am Coffee Morning at 'Solentia', Wakefield Road
2 00 pm Carol Service for Mothers, Toddlers and Babies (All Saints')
15 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (All Saints')
2 00 pm Howard School Nativity Service (SC)
18 Sat 7 30 pm 'While Shepherds Watched' A Christmas Cantata at
Ackworth Methodist Church, Barnsley Road. Sunday also.

- 19 ADVENT 4
Readings: Zechariah 2.10-end (Miss Pittaway/Mrs Greiff);
Revelation 21.1-7 (Miss Pittaway/Mr McDougall); Matthew 1.18-23 ASB 400
21 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (St Cuthbert's)
22 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (All Saints')

- 24 CHRISTMAS EVE
5 30 pm Carols on Christmas Eve (St Cuthbert's)
11 30 pm Midnight Mass (St Cuthbert's)

- 25 CHRISTMAS DAY
8 30 am Holy Communion (All Saints')
10 15 am Parish Communion (St Cuthbert's)

- 26 SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY
Readings: 1 Samuel 1.20-end (Miss Smith/Mrs Firth); Romans 12.1-8
(Miss Smith/Mr Firth); Luke 2.22-40 ASB 452
NB No Evensong at All Saints'

- 28 Tues No midweek service
29 Wed No midweek service



JANUARY

2 CHRISTMAS 2

Readings: Isaiah 60.1-6 (Mrs Jackson/Mrs Walters); Revelation 21.22-22.5
(Mrs Jackson/Mr Cook); Matthew 2.1-12, 19-23 ASB 457

CHURCH FLOWERS

Traditionally there are no flowers in church in Advent. Donations for Christmas flowers may be given to Mrs Asquith (SC). For All Saints' please support the Coffee Morning, 14 December.

BRASS CLEANING ROTA

Mrs Dodd and Mrs Barnard; Mrs French

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