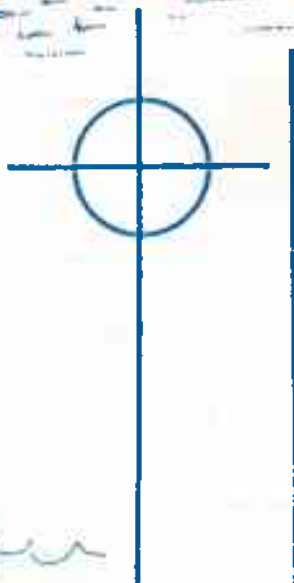




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FARISH OF ACKWORTH - ST CUTHBERT'S AND ALL SAINTS'

WHO'S WHO, WHAT'S WHAT?

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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.

GENERAL SYNOD VOTE ON THE ORDINATION OF WOMEN TO THE PRIESTHOOD

As you will all be aware, the November meeting of the Church of England General Synod voted in favour of the ordination of women to the priesthood. This is a decision which I personally welcome. I am convinced that the Holy Spirit is moving the church to extend the priesthood to include women as a fuller, more complete, expression of Christ's priesthood. Priesthood is not a personal possession of those so ordained. Priesthood stems from Christ himself and those ordained priest share in Christ's priesthood. It is an office held on behalf of the whole Christian community, men and women, and it is only right that women should share in the fullness of the Church's ministry.

I regret the pain of those who find this decision difficult, and it may be that some will feel they have to leave the Church of England. However, I believe that the Anglican church must do what it regards to be right, after giving due regard to the possible effects such a decision may have on relationships with other churches.

DOROTHY WHITE

Everyone has been shocked and saddened by the sudden death in November of Dorothy White, one of our most faithful worshippers at St Cuthbert's Church. Dorothy, until recently a teacher at St Wilfrid's School Featherstone, made a significant contribution to the quality of worship at St Cuthbert's Church. She was a gifted reader who was able to make any Bible passage come alive with meaning. She also had a good singing voice and on many occasions gave a strong lead to the singing in church. She was a very committed Christian, and was well known to the Roman Catholic community in Ackworth through her husband John who worships at Our Lady of Lourdes. Dorothy was a very caring and devoted wife, mother and grandmother and our heartfelt sympathies go to John White and his family on their very sad loss.

THE BRADLEY MEMORIAL

I am delighted to report that the Bradley Memorial has now been returned to the church. From being tucked away in a damp spot behind the old organ, where it was slowly decaying, the memorial has been re-sited on the wall behind the lectern. The memorial has been cleaned and restored to remove the damaging effects of years of damp. The return of this memorial marks the completion of the alterations to St Cuthbert's Church. We have now closed the Memorial Fund, and I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to our appeal. I also wish to thank Dr Jeremy Belk for his administration of the Memorial Fund, which has involved complex negotiations and correspondence with various grant making bodies. Our thanks also go to Mr Peter Thornborrow of the West Yorkshire Archaeology Service for his expert advice and help. The memorials were restored Harrison Hill Ltd of Brigstock, Northants.

CHRISTIAN BASICS GROUP

As outlined in last month's magazine we are hoping to start a group for those who wish to explore the meaning of the Christian faith. The course is designed to cater for newcomers to church life, and for those who regularly attend church but who wish to 'brush up' on their faith. It will also provide confirmation preparation for any adult who wishes to be confirmed. If you are interested please contact myself (780880), Paul Fox (613834), Kitty Cooper (611274), or Doreen Belk.

Peter Mounhouse

VIEW FROM THE PEW



I have just seen a film called 'The Robe'. It was about the robe that Jesus wore to the cross. Caligula, the Roman Emperor, believed that it possessed magic powers. Why? Because Jesus was raised from the dead. So he thought that the robe gave anyone who owned it similar powers.

The good news is that Caligula believed in Jesus. Indeed, because of his place in history he had more reason than we to believe in Jesus' historical presence. Not only that, but he believed that Jesus was raised to life. The bad news was that he believed it was the robe that gave him the power. His belief was basically flawed. He was worshipping the robe, not Jesus.

But then everyone knows that.

Caligula was psychotically ill, believing that he himself was a god. So no-one really cares about what he thought or believed. So what about people of our age? We would not follow this path, would we?

My thoughts turn to our European holiday this year. We visited Cologne (Koln) cathedral. There on the high altar of a prestigious cathedral was a gold box encased in glass. This box was given the highest honour of all, being placed on the high altar. Indeed, its position was such that we could not approach it, except at a distance. What was it that was held in such high esteem?

When we finally got our English translation, we discovered that the gold box held a box which is reputed to hold the remains of the three wise men of the Epiphany. Carbon dating does not refute this. Although they have been stolen and replaced!

Wait a minute! Who, or what are we worshipping here? God, Jesus, relics, or idols? Remember Moses (Ex. 20:5).

So we should remember what is at the heart of our Christian belief. Not a golden cross, or even the altar. But God, who constantly surrounds us with His love. Remember His commandments when we return His love.

Paul Fox

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

I would like to thank all children, parents, leaders of the uniformed organisations and the head and staff of the Howard School for their support of our Christingle Service on Advent Sunday, 29 November. A total of £425 was raised for the work of the Church of England Children's Society. Over the last few years this service has raised £3336 for the Society. Our thanks also go to J Lamprey and Sons for donating the oranges used to make the Christingles.

Peter Moorhouse



Mission, Evangelism, Outreach, Gossiping the Gospel, Sharing the Good News, Extending the Kingdom, are all about the same issue - Proclaiming the Gospel - and are the responsibility of everyone who calls themselves a Christian. Some people talk about every member ministry or what it is to be baptised and a member of the Church.

Bishop Nigel in his book 'A Gospel to Proclaim' in a very readable style sets about the issue. He raises the key questions about the Decade of Evangelism which each church member without exception needs to tackle.

"What is needed is a major change of attitude..."

Church's worship, ministry, and structures;

- confront injustices and respond to human need;
- proclaim the Good News by word and deed."

(to quote the publishers' blurb)

In 'A Gospel to Proclaim' the Bishop highlights the need for all church people to:-

- "pray for the renewing love and power of the Holy Spirit;
- be equipped to live and share the Gospel;
- explore God's activity in different situations and cultures;
- change where necessary the

What better Lent Study Project could there be than to take the book chapter by chapter? A simple guide with questions on each major section is being prepared by the Education Department to help parish study groups and their leaders with this task. Many of the questions facing the Church today are clearly described in the book and challenge us to

think out afresh our Christian commitment. The Bishop says, "The purpose of this book is to open some windows, in the hope that others will be able to see out more clearly..."

"I have become increasingly aware that there is nothing so complicated as trying to pass on the simple message of God's love! ..."

"What is needed is a major change of attitude and emphasis in the life of the Church and the lives of its members. We need to be freed from being a Church which is for ever absorbed in churchy things;

Ian C Knox — Diocesan Director of Education

then we may come nearer to being a Church which is Christ-like."

A LENT PROJECT INDEED!

Why not have a go! Use the book for your own private reading. Discuss it with friends and neighbours. Set up a group in your own Church with the help of the simple guide. Take it chapter by chapter.

The book 'A Gospel to Proclaim' by Bishop Nigel is published by Darton, Longman and Todd at £4.95 and is readily available from most Christian Bookshops, including the Cathedral Bookshop.

Permission to Officiate

A request from Bishop Nigel:

Many clergy — mostly those who are retired — have the Bishop's **Permission to Officiate**. The Bishop intends to renew *all* these permissions, beginning on 1 February 1993. From that date all current permissions will be withdrawn. Bishop Nigel has now been in the Diocese almost a year and is hoping in this way to establish afresh his relationship with all those who work so generously for us in our parishes. Would those who have the Bishop's Permission at the moment please write to him asking for a renewal of their Permission. He will be delighted to give it to them.

Correction: last month's See-Link, page 2 column 1 lines 4 & 5 should read: **this truth** — Apologies: Editor.

BISHOP'S CENTENARY FUND 1992

End of Term Report....

The Fund finished 1992 on a high note, monies flowed into Church House and the recent notable highlights were...almost £9,000 from the intrepid walkers who completed the Heritage Trek; the excellent Soirée and Buffet Supper at Nostell Priory raised £1500; from the children at Sunny Hill House School we were presented with a cheque for £959; Kirkheaton Parish raised £2,750 from a weekend gift day and Hebden Bridge sent in £1,721, which along with numerous other worthwhile Parish contributions all helped to swell our funds.

As I write - in early December - Although we have now ended our fund raising activities we still have many supporters who will be regularly handing in their 'pink' envelopes, covenants are still being paid and "promises" collected. Our

thanks to everyone who has contributed and continues to do so. Please keep up the good work and I expect this "giving" process to continue through to the end of March. In the mean-

time, we are not inactive - approaches are being made to Charitable Trusts to see if we can drum up some outside support.

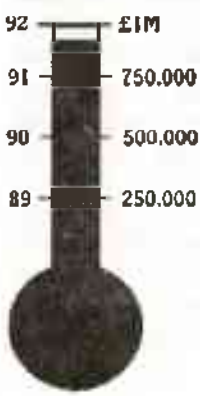
I end this progress report with a plea ... if you haven't contributed to this Unique Fund - a Fund set up specifically to give cash grants to any Parish which is promoting a project that benefits their local community - *this is now your opportunity!* Last minute donations from either Parishes or individuals could just make the difference and help us reach our target.

Every good wish for 1993.

Ron Carbutt (Chairman)

PS: £300,000 has been paid over to the Church Urban Fund. One last big effort and we are there. Will you help us achieve our target?

Any Parish within the Diocese can apply for a cash grant from the Fund. The Parish has only to prove that the money will be spent on a new worthwhile project or service which will improve the quality of life in the community.



Any donation can be made to BCF Office, at Church House, Wakefield.

Pit Closures

On November 12th Bishop Nigel had a meeting with the President of the Board of Trade, Mr Michael Heseltine. He was accompanied by The Revd Ian Gaskell, his chaplain to the coalfields, and Mrs Elizabeth Peacock, MP for Batley and Spenborough.

The Bishop left Mr Heseltine in no doubt about the Church's dismay over the pit closure policy. He spoke strongly on behalf of the miners, and pointed out the devastating effect on local communities if the collieries are shut.

The President of the Board of Trade was clearly shaken by the figures which the Bishop and Mr Gaskell produced about the projected levels of unemployment in places like Grimethorpe.

Mr Heseltine listened carefully to all the points made by the bishop and seemed to be ill at ease about the whole situation. Bishop Nigel has also visited Grimethorpe to look at various areas of community life in the company of the vicar, The Revd Tony Macpherson.

Our Link Diocese of Mara

Leslie Brooks has been the Link Officer since contact was first made with Mara in 1986. He has now handed over to his successor and he reflects on the history of our partnership over the past few years.

"When I first went to Mara in 1987 I visited every Parish. It was not quite as difficult as it sounds as there were only twelve of them at that time. There were very few material resources but the spiritual gifts were overflowing. There are now nearly forty parishes with more being added all the time. New churches are being built and,

despite the drought which has lasted for a very long time, the priority is still to go forward.

The parish-to-parish links are strengthening and material resources from Wakefield are often used to evangelise new areas in Mara. One I visited in November has built a Church in a neighbouring village *in one day* and laid the foundations for yet another.

People from here are meeting people from there and information is beginning to flow. Provost Hilkieah is expected for further studies in England next Autumn

and others are expected to follow.

Calderdale Council has recently forged links in Mara and there is great potential for all kinds of cultural exchange. Perhaps Churches and Local Authorities will be able to help each other. Of course, it has not been all light and triumph. Sometimes letters are not answered for a long time. We tell ourselves that their culture is not the same as ours. Yet it is we who write in our own language with the expectation that we will receive a reply in English —

which is their third language! And sometimes they write despite having enough to do to survive the drought (which mercifully seems to be ending). True partnership is about caring and sharing through thick and thin. Even if marriages fail in times of difficulty we cannot be divorced from our brothers and sisters.

We have so much to learn from Mara about faith, hope, love and joy. It has been a great privilege for me to have been part of it."

Cringe no more!

It's unity week again: January 18-25. So, what's new this year? Same old round of joint services? Making the same plans for Lent? Shall we have joint house-groups again? Fancy a change? Here's something to liven up your local Christian Unity scene.

ONE is an enlightening and non-competitive board game which enables Christians from different backgrounds to explore and share their beliefs. Many house groups and meetings across denominational boundaries have enthused about its use in these settings. Perhaps it can best be described as a specifically Christian combination of "Trivial Pursuit" and "Scruples". It is designed to be played by between 3 and 6 individuals or by teams involving up to 18 people.

It is played with game pieces, dice and 570 questions and discussion cards covering 19 topics. One of the distinctive elements of the game is that you are only able to *win* by helping your fellow players. In this Decade of Evangelism, the ONE board game can also be a mighty powerful mission tool. The game is available at the special price of £10, including postage, from Foundry Press, 20 Ivatt Way, Peterborough, PE3 7PG; Credit card orders ☐ (0733) 332202.

People and Places

- Canon David Baxter**, Precentor, Wakefield Cathedral, has been appointed Vice-Provost of the Cathedral and will act for the Provost in his absence.
- The Revd Susan Brooks**, at present Deacon at Carleton is to be Deacon in Charge at St Michael's and St Helen's in the Almondbury and Farnley Tyas Team Parish.
- The Revd Dr Daniel O'Connor**, Director of Scottish Churches House and former Principal of the College of the Ascension Selly Oak is to be Residentiary Canon of Wakefield Cathedral and Bishop's Adviser on Interfaith issues. Installation in the Cathedral on 10 January at 4pm.
- The Revd Michael Graeme Rawson**, at present Assistant Curate Brighouse Team Ministry, is to be Vicar of Gomersal St Mary.
- The Revd Ronald William Fullerton Howell**, at present Vicar of Millhouses Holy Trinity (Sheffield Diocese) is to be Vicar of Thornhill St Michael and All Angels. The Institution will be on 19 April at 730pm.
- The Revd Peter Whittingham**, Assistant Curate of St Matthew Northowram is to be Assistant Curate at The Holy Cross Church, Airedale with Fryson.
- The Revd Edward Owen Roberts**, Vicar of Huddersfield Holy Trinity and Rural Dean of Huddersfield, is to be Honorary Canon of Wakefield Cathedral. Installation in the Cathedral on 10 January at 4pm.
- The Revd Robert David Strapps**, Vicar of Sandal Magna, is to be Honorary Canon of Wakefield Cathedral. Installation in the Cathedral on 10 January at 4pm.
- The Revd Canon J Stuart Pearson**, Vicar of Woolley with West Bretton, is to be Rural Dean of Chevet from 1 January 1993 for one year replacing the Revd Canon Robert Strapps whose resignation as Rural Dean takes effect from 31 December 1992.

What's On

On the last Sunday of each month

there will be a Sung Eucharist (Merbecke) using the 1662 Book Of Common Prayer at St Paul's Church, Morley at 10am.

A Group has been formed by a number of divorced or separated

people in the Diocese of Wakefield. It is intended that the group will be informal and forward looking and that it will provide support and help on a practical and social level. Contact The Revd R Adair, St Saviour's Vicarage, Intake Lane, Brownhill, Batley, (0924) 471999 or Denise Gallagher (0484) 719718.

Jan 9 Christians in Communion: A Day conference organised by Wakefield Diocesan Church Union for Parish Groups, Parish Priests and lay people disturbed by the recent decision of the General Synod to allow the Ordination of women to the Priesthood. St Peter's Church, Gildersome, 10am-4pm. Details: Mrs J Dagnall, 75 St John's Rd, Huddersfield, HD1 5EA ☎ (0484) 427071

Jan 22, 23, 24, 29 & 30 Sinbad the Sailor in Mirfield Parish Church Hall at 715pm. Tickets £2.50 & £1.50. Booking & information Mrs Barbara Chappell ☎ (0924) 495360.

Jan 27, 28 & 30 The Pantomime Aladdin performed at Elland Parochial Hall (CofE School) at 715pm, matinee on 30th at 2pm. Tickets £3.

Feb 18, 19 & 20 Luddenden On Parade Scout & Guide Gang Show, Luddendenfoot UR Church, 730pm. Adults £3.50, under 16s £2.50 ☎ (0422) 882235. In aid of uniformed organisations & St Mary the Blessed

Virgin, Luddenden with Luddendenfoot Development Fund.

Feb 20 £1 Sale 10am-4pm Todmorden Town Hall. All proceeds to Todmorden Parish Restoration Fund.

Musical Matters

Jan 22 Elland District Music Society Concert of Music by Schumann with Henry Wickham (Baritone) & Simon Weale (Piano). Parochial Hall, Westgate, Elland, 730pm, Tickets £4. Mrs D Haigh, 7 Crestfield Crescent, Elland, HX5 0LS.

Feb 15-20 Lindley Church AOS present *Oklahoma* at Venn St Arts Centre, Huddersfield at 715pm. Saturday matinee at 215pm. Adults £4, children & OAPs £3. For tickets ☎ (0484) 535462.

Feb 22-27 Jesus Christ Superstar at Christ the King Church, Battyeford, Mirfield. 730pm. Tickets £4 adults £2 children 16 & under, ☎ (0924) 470454 (day) 450059 Evenings and weekends.

Feb 27 Pontefract Parish Church presents *The Manchester Boys Choir* in concert at Castleford Civic Centre, 730pm. Tickets £6 (OAP, students & 20 or more £4 each) & details ☎ (0977) 706803.

Christ Church Sowerby Bridge requires a **Director of Music**. Small but loyal choir and a fine well-maintained 3 manual organ.

Details from Revd Peter Jeffrey,
☛ Halifax (0422) 831253.

Organist/Director of Music required for Pontefract Parish Church. 3 Manual Binns Organ and mixed RSCM choir. Details from Fr Michael Bootes ☛ (0977) 600587.

New Choristers required for the Cathedral Choir. Most choristers attend Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield. Parents pay only one-third fees in the Junior School. Bursaries are available in the Senior School. Entrance exam on 1st February. Voice Trial on 13th February (7-10 years). We also welcome boys from other schools for whom Friends of Cathedral Music Choristerships are available (Voice Trial as above). If interested, please come to the **Choir Open Evening** Sunday 24th January at 5.15pm (after the 4pm Evensong). Contact the Master of the Choristers, The Cathedral, Wakefield WF1 1HG.

Market Place

A copy of Adrian Plass' book **Join the Company** is wanted by Mrs

Lily Wilkinson, 178 Illingworth Road, Bradshaw, Halifax HX2 9XH ☛ (0422) 249146.

Free to good home/Parish boxes of **manilla envelopes**, 5"x3½" showing BCF logo, available from BCF Office at Church House or by telephoning June Rushforth (0924) 371802 (a.m.)

The Diocese of Wakefield seeks to employ a **Family Life and Marriage Education (FLAME) Officer** to work within the Department of Social Responsibility. This post is a job-share with our present FLAME officer. A teaching or training qualification or appropriate experience in a training environment would be an advantage. The salary is at the General Synod Executive Officer scale. At present the starting point of this scale is £10,024 pa full time (£5,012 for this job-share) increasing by four annual increments. A job description and application form may be obtained by writing to: The Revd Canon George Nairn-Briggs, Social Responsibility Officer, Church House, South Parade, Wakefield, W Yorks WF1 1LP.

All **CONTRIBUTIONS** and **ANNOUNCEMENTS** for See-Link should be sent 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.



A CHANGING SCENE

Did you read the PCC Notes in last month's magazine?

"The final work on St Cuthbert's Church will shortly be completed".

Final?? The final work will NEVER be completed, not so long as parishioners go there to worship. There will always be 'Room for improvement' - some of us may well disagree - as Paul Fox said in his article "No-one likes to change" - I disagree with his "No-one" because some do like change - "The change will do me good", "It will make a nice change", etc., etc.

There is nothing wrong in changing things provided the reasons for those changes are well intended.

Would it be wrong if something were done in St Cuthbert's which enabled us ALL to hear the lessons, the sermon, the prayers, etc.?

Would it be wrong if those blasts of cold air were stopped from descending upon us and from coming through that great big entrance door?

Would it be wrong if the congregation could sit on comfortable chairs?

Would it be wrong if we didn't have to twist and turn round to witness a christening?

Would it be wrong to be able to park our cars without inconveniencing anybody else?

I could go on, and, no doubt, so could you - not only for St Cuthbert's but also for All Saints'.

There will always be changes - some will be good, some will not. There will always be objections to change - some well founded, some not.

But there will never be "The final work" - unless that comet does hit the earth in 143 year's time, as the scientists predict!

But that won't be until 2136!:

Happy New Year everyone - even that has changed since last month!

Fred Walters



MOTHERS' UNION

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| 6 January | 9 15 am Corporate Communion at All Saints' Church |
| 28 January | 2 00 pm Committee meeting |
| | 2 30 pm Service and meeting, 26 Chiltern Drive. |
| | The speaker will be Mrs J White |

The subscription of £5 00 is now due, for those taking "Home & Family" magazine the total will be £8 00.

Looking Ahead

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| 3 February | 10 00 am A Deanery Quiet Hour at St Giles Church, Pontefract. |
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Kitty Cooper



- 1 The treasurer reported on the church accounts. The Parish Share is likely to increase in 1993 by £1600 to £14000.
- 2 It was agreed to make the following charitable donations: United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel - £310; Leprosy Mission - £110; Church Army - £110; Bible Society - £110; Prince of Wales Hospice - £200; Church Housing Trust - £160; Bishop's Centenary Fund - £300; Ackworth Senior Citizen's Fund - £50.
- 3 A discussion took place on the problems of car parking at St Cuthbert's Church. Some guidelines for those using the church are to be published.
- 4 Designs for various items of new furniture for St Cuthbert's Church are to be obtained
- 5 A report was given on work at All Saints' Church.
- 6 The Rector commented on the effects of the recent vote by General Synod to approve the ordination of women to the priesthood.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Our December Christmas Fayre was probably the most successful to date. The Fayre was very well attended, and the many attractive stalls raised a total of £728. In addition parish tea towels, cards and mugs were sold to the value of £120, making a grand total of £848. I would like to thank all who worked so hard to make the Fayre such a success, and to thank those who came to spend money. A particular thanks goes to Ada Pritchard and Doreen Seal for master minding the event.

Peter Moorhouse

KEY MOVE TO CRACK STRESS - BUT IT NEEDS FUNDS

AN APPEAL is being made for support for an innovative Scottish project, which will offer retreats for people seeking to get away from it all. Church of Scotland Deaconess, Lynda Wright is setting up an ecumenical centre for people of all faiths or of none.

Key House and Key Cottage at Falkland, Fife, will offer retreats for up to eight individuals, respite care and short breaks for those with special needs, care for carers, holidays for inner-city groups and a place of welcome in the local community.

The project has the support of the Iona Community who will recognise it as a Columban house - a means by which the ethos of the Community can be expanded on the mainland. Before becoming Warden of Iona Abbey, Lynda Wright served as a Deaconess in Ayrshire, Edinburgh and Fort William.

She says: 'My work at the Abbey on Iona convinced me of the need to help people find and use a "quiet space" in their lives, and the current situation in ministry, in terms of people struggling on in very stressful situations with little support, or of giving up completely, shows this is a very real need within the Church.'

... AND MORE

Another project in Scotland, one which offers new hope to alcoholics and to young people at risk of developing addiction, opened in Stornoway this Autumn as a resource for residents on the Isle of Lewis.

The Lifestyle Centre, involving churches, the Western Isles Council, the Health Board and voluntary groups is managed by the Board of Social Responsibility of the Church of Scotland

Day-care facilities at the project, housed in the old town hall, include a drop-in centre, leisure and recreation programmes, study groups and workshops and counselling and advice. Health and education projects promote a drug-free life. The centre has a staff of four, assisted by volunteers.

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

"We welcome you into the Lord's family"

- 29 November Bridget Elizabeth Pleasant, 35 Station Road, Hemsworth
29 November Samantha Louise Livesey, 11 Bell Lane
29 November Laura Claire Taylor, 1 Dickinson Terrace, Featherstone

WEDDINGS

"Those whom God has joined together"

- 21 November Christopher Paul Halliwell and Joanne Louise Beaumont

FUNERALS

"In sure hope of the Resurrection"

- 10 November David Marshall, 37 Charlestown, 5 days
24 November Dorothy White, 28 Moor Top Avenue, 61 years
1 December Lillian Emily McKee, Roop Cottage, Fitzwilliam, 87 years

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'STARGAZERS' BY ROGER JONES



A cantata for Epiphany telling the story of the Wise Men.

To be performed by a choir from Ackworth Methodist Church.

SUNDAY 10 JANUARY 6 30 PM

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, WAKEFIELD ROAD



JANUARY



3 CHRISTMAS 2

Readings: Ecclesiasticus 3.2-7 (Miss E M Smith/ Mrs J Waite); Romans 8.11-7 (Miss E M Smith/ Mrs M Woffinden); Luke 2.41-end ASB 455

5 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)

8 Wed EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

10 EPIPHANY 1

Readings: AS BCP Romans 12.1-5 (Mrs M Jackson) SC Matthew 3.13-end ASB 463

6 30 pm Evensong (AS) followed by a performance of 'Stargazers' by Roger Jones sung by a choir from Ackworth Methodist Church

12 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)
9 30 am Howard School Coffee Morning
2 00 pm Service for Mothers and Toddlers (AS)

13 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

17 EPIPHANY 2

Readings: Jeremiah 1.4-10 (Mrs K Cooper/Mr S McDougall); Acts 26.1.9-20 (Mrs K Cooper/Mr R Firth); Mark 1.14-20 ASB 467

6 30 pm Holy Communion (AS)

19 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)

20 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)
7 45 pm Parish Women's Group AGM, SC Vestry

24 EPIPHANY 3

Readings: Exodus 33.12-end (Dr P McWilliam/Mrs M Ward); 1 John 1.1-7 (Dr P McWilliam/Mr D Cook); John 2.1-11 ASB 472

7 00 pm Churches Together in Ackworth, United Service, Ackworth School. NB No Evensong at All Saints'.

26 Tues THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL

9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)
2 00 pm Service for Mothers and Toddlers (AS)

27 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

28 Thurs 2 30 pm Mothers' Union (AS)

31 THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLEMAS)

Readings: Malachi 3.1-5 (Miss S Pittaway/Mrs D Greiff); 1 Peter 2.1-10 (Miss S Pittaway/Mrs B Firth); Luke 2.22-35 ASB 758

FEBRUARY

7 NINTH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER

Readings: Isaiah 30.18-21 (Miss E M Smith/Mr F E Walters); 1 Corinthians 4.8-13 (Miss E M Smith/Miss L Parker); Matthew 5.1-12 ASB 486

St Cuthbert's Church

3	January	
10	•	Mrs Kidson
17	•	Mrs Reast
24	•	Mrs McWilliam
31	•	

FLOWER ROTAS



All Saints'

3	January	Congregation
10	•	Miss Smith
17	•	Mrs Turton
24	•	Mrs Cooper
31	•	Vacant

BRASS CLEANING ROTA

Dr & Mrs P McWilliam

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