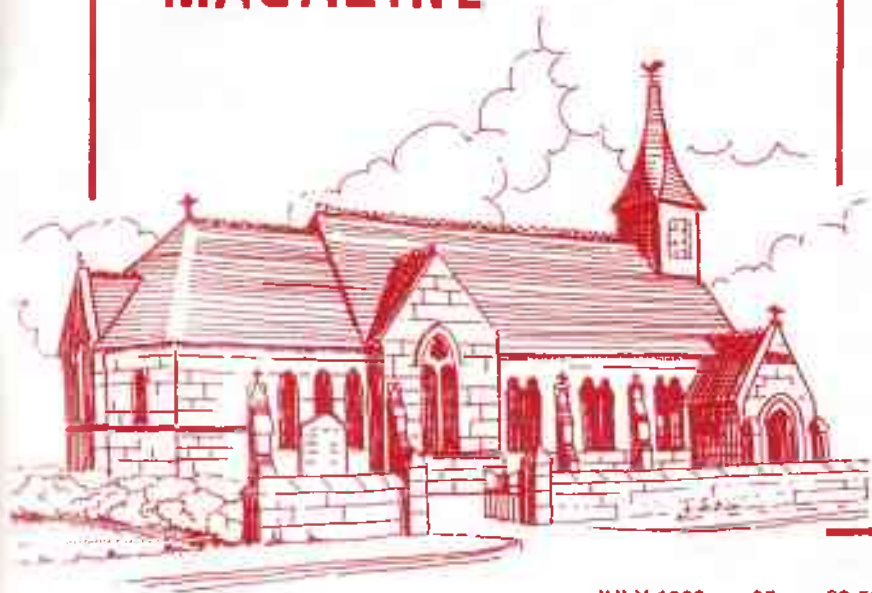




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PARISH OF ACKWORTH - ST CUTHBERT'S AND ALL SAINTS'

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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.

What are the benefits of going to church?

I sometimes think that we in the church do not 'sell' ourselves very well. Some dioceses in the Church of England have considered employing advertising agencies in an attempt to put over some good reasons for coming to church. Some people may find that idea offensive, as though it was linking Christianity with selling soap powder 'on the box'. Why should this be so? Spreading the Gospel is, after all, a kind of selling. We have a message to proclaim. Why not use modern methods to do it? Perhaps we can learn a thing or two from the ad men. We know, if we believe the ads, that some soap powders wash whiter and cleaner than others! In using soap powder the benefit is cleanliness. What benefits do you get from coming to church?

Friendship

The first benefit I would suggest to you is that of friendship. Worship in church is a group activity. We worship with other people. We are told that many people in our communities are lonely. If they are housebound that may be so. For those not so hampered, but who complain of being lonely, there is a chance to meet others in the fellowship of the church. Hopefully a church congregation is a welcoming one to the newcomer, and will make the new person part of the existing fellowship. As I look round our congregations I see groups of friends giving one another help and support, often through difficult times in their lives, during illness or bereavement. I am sure that many of the ills with which we go to see our doctors could be helped, if not cured, by joining in a group activity, such as a church fellowship.

Service

Another benefit of being a church member is that it provides an opportunity for service to others. Jesus said 'Whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.' Jesus is not simply talking about death. He is also talking about giving ourselves to him, and one of the ways we can do that is to give ourselves to other people. Most parishes provide scope for service either by going out into the community, such as our home visiting group, or for practical service to the church, eg helping to maintain the building.

Worship

Friendship and service may be found in many non church groups. What makes the church distinctive is that of joining in worship. This also helps us since a church service should take us out of ourselves. By that I mean in worship we are giving some part of ourselves to God. Worship takes us into the presence of a mystery, it takes us out, over and beyond ourselves through prayer, hearing the Bible being read, singing hymns and through Holy Communion. In true worship we lose just a little part of that self concern which can so easily overtake us in our daily lives. In worship there is an opportunity to stretch your mind, by listening to a sermon! Hopefully it will make you think about some of the mysteries of life and of God and will challenge you.

Notice that all the benefits mentioned above concern the giving of ourselves in some form or other, in worship, in fellowship or service. It means being less concerned with ourselves, and being more concerned with God and our neighbour.

Peter Mounham.

FIRMLY FIXED

ON A craggy hillside stand some trees. Some grow in clumps giving each other shelter and strength to withstand the storms. Others stand alone.

To the casual observer the lone trees look misshapen, distorted by the constant exposure to wind and weather. They continually face the full force of winter storms, the unyielding heat of summer and the bitter cold of night.

They cling to the bare rock, with no visible means of support. The question is, how can those trees survive in such conditions?

The secret is in their roots. They thrive because they are so deeply embedded in the earth underneath.

In the valley below other trees are well watered in a more sheltered position. These trees spread their branches wide and are a beautiful sight. It seems they have everything for healthy growth, and they make good use of it.

But the tree on the hill top can't move into a more comfortable position. However, it never argues with its Maker. It just uses what resources it has to reach up towards the sun, and it grows (2 Cor 12:9).

The remarkable thing is ... the tree unknowingly gives praise to God. It has a beauty of its own. People remark: 'Just look at that tree. Whoever would think it could survive in such an inhospitable place. Isn't it wonderful.'

'You are like that tree. Your surroundings may be very difficult. Yet your roots are deep, firmly driven into the Lord.'

In the midst of your storm, you give glory to God. Even in such adverse circumstances your life has spoken of God's love. You reflect a unique strength that has withstood the stress of a mountain storm.

To the tree there must be times when it seems that the wind will rip it out of its bedding, but like you it has to trust in its roots.

The roots will hold... They will stand the stress and strain. Your roots will hold because they are firmly fixed in Jesus.

PAM WEAVER





**A report on the Episcopal Church in America
by The Very Revd John Allen, Provost of Wakefield.**

Two year old Eliza came to communion in her mother's arms. Elizabeth put the wafer to her mouth. She was taking time out from the priesthood to care for Eliza, whilst Philip, Eliza's father, was principal of a theological college.

Peter was a Lutheran architect in Minnesota when he married Mary, a Roman Catholic teacher.

Before long she joined the fifteen thousand Roman Catholics who, each year, become Episcopalians. Eventually Peter gave up his job. They moved to Alex-

andria, Virginia, so that Mary could go to Virginia Theological Seminary. Now she is Associate Rector of the largest Episcopalian Catholic parish south of the Potomac River, and he sings in the church's choir.

One of Mary's predecessors had been a Nun in an enclosed Cath-

olic order, which she left to become Director of Lay Training in her Catholic Diocese. Then her spiritual pilgrimage brought her too into the Episcopal Church. Now she is Rector of a growing church in Arlington, has developed ministry amongst Washington's many homeless families, and was short listed for the post of suffragan Bishop of Virginia.



Judith was made Rector of a derelict urban priority parish in New York. A loving prayerful ministry built it up. But she was still surprised to be called to a large industrial parish

whose previous incumbent had taught for fourteen years that women could not be priests.

These are just some of the many priests I met during my four months Sabbatical leave in the United States. I went to see how the church had survived nearly twenty years of women in the

priesthood. I found a church beginning to grow again after forty years of decline, exercising a ministry of care to the marginalised, attracting proselytes from other denominations, and taking care over liturgy and preaching.

As well as a term at Yale University, and five weeks in a Parish in Virginia, I travelled widely, and crossed the States from coast to coast, visiting people, places and parishes of every kind. I did find churches where women had not yet been allowed to exercise a ministry, and some "no-go" areas.

But lay people, who had had experience of both male and female priests told me over and over again how much they valued the differing gifts each brought.

The problems facing that church today are not about leadership - but economic. With no Church Commissioners, every parish has to be self supporting. No parish with less than a hundred subscribing households is able to afford its independence - so for many parishes there is an urgent need for growth and evangelism. They must grow or die.

Finding Faith Today

The Decade of Evangelism inevitably raises the question: how do people make that mysterious journey from unbelief to faith, and how can local churches help rather than hinder the process?



David Power, the Portsmouth Diocesan Adviser in Evangelism, writes of a new piece of vital research into how people come to faith. At the end of this article he reveals the most effective evangelistic technique avail-

able to Christians today.

Bishop John Finney, until recently the Church of England Officer for the Decade of Evangelism, had a problem. He had been appointed, along with a small team, to foster the work of evangelism during the 1990's; he went to the British Council of Churches and asked to see all their research into how people came to faith. "We haven't got any", came the reply. He asked various evangelistic organisations, some of whom had been doing evangelism for many years, but they didn't have any either. So it turned out that many churches in England had been rushing around evangelising without any hard evidence about how people

become Christians. It's rather like an aircraft designer seeking to design a plane without understanding the theory of flight!

John Finney decided to do the research himself, and made contact with 511 Christians who had made a public profession of faith (confirmation, believer's baptism, etc.) in the last twelve months. Aged 16 or over, they came from right across the denominational spectrum, from a wide range of social contexts in different parts of the country, and from varying ethnic and educational backgrounds. In face-to-face interviews, or on their own, each completed a 22 page questionnaire which had been devised by John Finney in conjunction with Pamela Hanley, a professional market researcher. Her involvement ensured that the results would stand up to the severest scrutiny by statisticians. The results were computerised by Manchester Polytechnic; Pam Hanley wrote a technical report, and then John spent six months writing *Finding Faith Today*, the first published research on how people become Christians. It will probably prove to be the most important publication in the service of the Decade of Evangelism. The book contains a marvellous blend of hard statistical evidence as to how people are coming to faith and some moving personal anecdotes of what happened to those

involved. The implication of the research is clear; ultimately it is the Holy Spirit who brings people to faith, but if we understand the means He uses then this information is an indispensable tool in developing our ministry of evangelism in co-operation with Him.



Gradual or Sudden?

Most "up front" methods of evangelising assume that the person will hear the message and make a sudden decision to follow Christ. The sermon, followed by a prayer of commitment or the "altar call" is a popular stereotype of evangelism. However, 69% of the sample said that they experienced a gradual coming to faith, the average time being four years. Even among those churches which look for specific moments of turning to Christ, two-thirds of the respondents said their conversions were gradual. Most people belong to the local church before they believe the gospel, and part of evangelism is making sure our church life is sufficiently open and welcoming so that new

people stay around long enough to "catch the faith".

Factors leading to faith.

Obviously the most important factor is the work of God, but what means does He use? *Finding Faith Today* reveals that most people come to faith through the influence of Christians with whom they are in consistent contact. Such Christians are the members of one's own family, friends, members of a congregation, and clergy. (The chapter on the role of the minister is essential reading for all

clergy.) Personal contact is much more significant than those factors which do not involve contact with people, such as Christian books, the Bible, an evangelistic event, Christian television and radio. For most people the corporate life of the church is a vital element in the process of becoming a Christian. The life and morale of the church is particularly important because if morale is low among church members they will not ask their neighbour to "come to church and be bored with me"! If we are not confident about what goes on in our church we're not

going to invite our friends to accompany us to its worship or activities.

An essential resource for all churches.

This readable, informative book should be used to undergird a parish strategy for evangelism, and in particular should be read by those in any form of leadership. If your parish has an evangelism sub-committee it would profit from the accompanying study guide *Journeys into Faith*, prepared by Canon John Young to help churches use the research as an integral

part of their plans for evangelism. It's photocopiable, so parishes need only buy one copy. If your parish doesn't have such a group, why not create one, and give them the initial task of studying these publications?

Finding Faith Today by John Finney (£6.95) and *Journeys Into Faith* by John Young (£8.95) are published by the Bible Society.

Oh yes; the most effective evangelistic technique available to Christians today: "I'm going to church on Sunday - would you like to come with me?"

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People and Places

The Revd Dr John Marsh, Vicar of Christ Church, South Ossett, is acting Rural Dean of Dewsbury. The Rural Dean, the Revd Robert Wilson, is currently very ill in hospital.

Mrs Wilson and family, send their thanks to all who have phoned, sent cards, letters and flowers - and have prayed for Robert, and given help and support. Prayers are still desperately needed.

The Revd Gary Mann, at present assistant curate at Knottingley, is to be Team Vicar within the Brighthouse Team Ministry with responsibility for Clifton St John's. The licensing will be at Clifton on 16 September at 730pm.

The Revd Martin W Parrott, at present Anglican Chaplain to the School of Oriental and African Studies and the Faculty of Medicine at University College, London, is to be Vicar at Hebden Bridge, St James.

The Electronic Gospel

The last few months have seen the publication of a number of high quality computer programs (PC) aimed at the clergy and others who preach, teach and lead worship.

1) The *Lion PC Bible Handbook* is a Bible Resource bringing together the highly acclaimed Lion Reference Materials (Lion Concordance, Dictionary, Handbook, Encyclopaedia, Commentary) and NIV bible text. Bible texts can be brought to the computer screen; given words or ideas can be found; cross references can be made to the reference books. While being very thorough and an excellent help in sermon and lesson preparation or private study, I found the program very user unfriendly.

2) On the other hand I found *Worship Master* published by Hodder and Staughton to be a delight to use. This program is a collection of Worship material, 1000 hymns, prayers and service outlines - to which the user can add his/her own material, and service / lesson sheets can be printed

out. An add-on module is available containing the texts of the ASB and another containing *Songs Of Fellowship* will be available shortly. If a Church holds a CCLI licence, then copyright material within this program can be reproduced in quantity, eg in service sheets.

3) For serious study *Wordsoft* is a suite of program modules which integrate together to make an advanced study system. This covers the King James, New KJ, Revised Standard Version, New RSV, Greek and Hebrew texts and Strong's Dictionary. Further details may be obtained from Word UK Ltd, 9 Holdom Ave, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, MK1 1QR.

Each of these three computer programs (for a PC computer with hard disk) can be obtained from some Christian Book and Music Stores, including the St Denys' Bookshop, 235-237 Manchester Corn Exchange, Hanging Ditch, Manchester M4 3BP (061-835 1069).

Editor.

Applications for the next
**BISHOP'S CERTIFICATE
IN PASTORAL MINISTRY
COURSE**

must be in by July 1st.

Further details may be
obtained from
Mrs Ros Gayford
at Church House in Wakefield
[0924 371802]

What's On

1st Wednesday of each month: **Evening Prayer** is sung using the BCP at Wakefield Hospice at 730pm in the Hospice Chapel. Everyone is welcome.

July 3 **A Myers-Briggs Workshop** An explanation of personality types and their relevance to prayer and perception. Led by Jan Betts of Leeds. Bookings no later than June 17th. Foster Place Retreat Centre near Holmfirth. (0484) 682532.

July 3 **Garden Party & Bar-b-cue** in the grounds of the Vicarage, Fitzwilliam, 6pm. In aid of Kinsley Church Building Fund. Various stalls and Karate Demonstration. Tickets £1.50 (children 75p) includes Hot Dog and Hamburger.

July 3 **Garden Party** at Saint Martin's Womersley in the Church grounds and Vicarage garden 2pm. Fun for all the Family. Entertainments and participation in 'live' crafts. Refreshments. Admission 20p.

July 3 **Summer Fair** at Saint Edmund's Kellington with Whitley at Kellington Parish Hall 230pm.

July 4 **An Hour's Organ Music** and Afternoon Tea. Organist: Robert Cockcroft. 330pm at Saint Paul's Armitage Bridge, Huddersfield (off A616). Half proceeds to Bishop's Centenary Fund.

July 4 **Strawberry Teas** from 230pm at Saint Peter's Church, Felkirk, South Hiendley.

July 7, 21 28 (and every Wednesday thereafter) **Individually Guided Retreat Day**, especially for first-timers. 930am-430pm. Foster Place Retreat Centre, near Holmfirth. Details (0484) 688680.

July 4, 11, 18 **Saint Mary's Church, Badsworth** open 2-5pm. Flower displays, organ recitals, Douglas Bailey Water Colour exhibition, West Yorkshire Archeological Society exhibition on "Medieval Churches". Refreshments in Parish Centre.

July 7 **An Evening of Family Fun** in the Church Grounds of Christ the King, Battyeford (indoors if wet) 6pm. Bouncy castle, parachute play, stalls and side shows. In aid of Church Army. Adults 30p, children over 5 15p.

July 8 **A Day for Yourself** A time of refreshment and creative ways to stillness and fellowship. 10am-4pm. Foster Place Retreat Centre near Holmfirth. Details (0484) 688680.

July 8 **Faith Development Day** in Treacy Hall Wakefield Cathedral, organised by The Mothers' Union, Wakefield Diocese, Prayer Department. Speaker Mrs Joan Stannard, Central Vice-President. Start with coffee at 1015am and end at 3pm. Cost of £1 to include drinks, please bring a packed lunch.

July 10 **Guyana Diocesan Northern Festival** at Hemsworth Parish Church, 12noon Solemn Mass. Principal Celebrant The Bishop of Guyana. Details (0977) 610507 or (0977) 702928.

July 10 **Car Boot / Table Sale** St Philip & St James Scholes, Cleckheaton. Details from Stuart Schofield (0274) 871593.

July 11 Mirfield Parish Church - Some local **Ordinary Gardens** to be opened in aid of Church funds. Plant stalls. Refreshments. Details (0924) 492813.

July 16 **Antiques Evening** with Roy Young. 730pm in Kellington Parish Hall. £3 including wine and cheese and one valuation. In aid of Saint Edmund's Roof Fund.

July 16-18 **Flowers for a future** St Paul's Church Eastthorpe, Mirfield. A flower festival to give you an opportunity to view the Church during its redevelopment. Fri 2-9pm, Sat 930am-6pm, Sun noon-4pm (Sung Eucharist 930am Songs of Praise 6pm). Free admission, refreshments available.

July 17/18 **Flower Festival** at Saint Mary's Church, Chequerfield, Pontefract. Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 10am-6pm. Service of Thanksgiving for New Life at Saint Mary's Sun 6pm.

July 23-25 **Flower Festival** Biblical Occupations Theme. Hoylandswaine Church. Fri & Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 915am Eucharist - 430pm Evensong. Refreshments will be served each day. Admission Free. Collection.

July 24 **Strawberry Fair** - Halifax Parish Church Grounds and Hall. 2-5pm. Teas, stalls, amusements &

entertainment. Admission free. Proceeds to Town Centre Parish and local charities.

July 24 **Garden Party** at Saint James', Ryhill. Interesting stalls and sideshows. 2pm.

July 24 **Garden Party** at Saint Mary Magdalene's Church, Altofts, from 1230pm. Ploughman's Lunch will be served - tickets £2 booked in advance (0924) 893322. Teas and stalls to follow.

Aug 28 **A Garden Party** in the Churchyard of All Saints Church, Darton, Barnsley from 2pm. Various Stalls, Tombola, afternoon teas etc.

Sep 13-16 **Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer Retreat** at the Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield. Deposit £5 with sae to Ann Dodson, "Shalom", 29 Burnside Drive, Holmfirth HD7 1LY.

Sep 17-19 **Flower Festival** at Holy Trinity Parish Church Ossett. Any group or individual wishing to participate may contact Mrs A Rigg (0924) 273178 business or (0924)272856 after 6pm. A trophy is to be given to the arrangement judged to be the best. A craft fair will be held in the Parish Centre on Sat 18th.

Oct 9 Ryhill Saint James is planning a day pilgrimage to **Walsingham**. Any other local parish wishing to join please contact the Revd Michael Rogers on (0226) 722363.

Saint Edmund's Church Kellington is open on Saturdays 1-4pm during the summer months.

The time of the Induction and Institution of the Revd Wayne Plimmer as Vicar of All Saints' Darton Sept 18th has been changed to 330pm.

Musical Matters

July 3 Workshops, Choral, Instrumental & Dance in the Music of the early 18th century. 10am-5pm in Hoylandswaine Parish Church. Tickets £4 (Concessions £2.50) from Hoylandswaine Music Group, 234 Manchester Road, Millhouse Green, Sheffield, S30 6NR.

July 4 Early Music Ensemble performing on period instruments music of the Baroque period. 7.45pm. Hoylandswaine Parish Church - details as above.

July 9 A programme by Wyke Westfield Male Voice Choir & guest soloists. 7.30pm. St Philip & St James, Scholes, Cleckheaton. (0274) 871593.

July 20 Organ Recital by Stuart Walmsley at 7.30pm in Saint Peter's Church, Felkirk, South Hiendley.

Director of Music required for All Saints, Salterhebble, Halifax. Hill organ, adult choir and music group employing a variety of music styles. Details from the Revd Tim Wilson (0422) 365805.

Organist/musical director required for Holy Trinity Denby Dale. Choir is RSCM affiliated. Please contact the Revd David Clarkson at Cumberworth Rectory (0484) 606225 or Mr Gordon Halkyard (0484) 864689 for details.

Saint John's College Choir, Cambridge A trial of boys' voices for this Choir will be held on Sat Oct 2 at Saint John College at 9am. Choristers are educated at Saint John's College School and are awarded Scholarships which are worth £5,116 a year. Candidates should not be younger than 7 years, nor be older than 10 years 0 months on the date of the trial. Apply to the College Organist, Saint John's College, Cambridge, CB2 1TP (0223) 338612, Fax (0223) 337720.

Market Place

Printing My new economic printing service may be able to help with your magazine, order of service etc. Alan Robinson, (0924) 462875.

The Social Responsibility Department of the Diocese has published a revision of its **Homelessness Pack**. The pack offers fresh information for clergy and others who encounter homeless people on their doorsteps. It is divided by sections into Local Authorities covered by the Diocese. It lists both statutory and voluntary agencies which offer help and support to homeless people. The pack retails at £3 per copy, including postage and packing, and is available from Canon Nairn-Briggs at Church House, 1 South Parade, Wakefield, WF1 1LP.

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FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

"We welcome you into the Lord's family"
30 May Alexandra Frances Bacon, 45 Cricketer's Close
30 May Jamie Lee Whitehouse, 25 Wakefield Road

WEDDINGS

"Those whom God has joined together"
12 June Nigel Samuel Ellis and Dana Louise Bidski
12 June Philip David Ward and Jane Andrea Hardaker

FUNERALS

"In sure hope of the Resurrection"
14 May Joseph Marshall, 42 Rhyddings Avenue, 62 years
28 May Clarence Rowley, 23 Mount Pleasant, 72 years



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NEW KNEELERS FOR ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

The new blue kneelers in All Saints' Church have recently been purchased in memory of Mrs Elsie Atkinson, who died in February of this year.



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THE MOTHERS' UNION



1 July 6 45 pm Diocesan Council meeting at Huddersfield University.
3 July Theatre Outing 'Pirates of Penzance'. Bus leaves Beverley Arms at 1 15 pm.
8 July 10 15 am to 3 00 pm 'Faith Development Day' in Treacy Hall, Wakefield. Cost: £1 Please bring a packed lunch. Speaker: Central Vice-President, Mrs Joan Stannard.
29 July 2 30 pm Service and meeting. Speaker: Mrs K Wainwright, "Handicapped in the Family".
30 July 2 00 pm Deanery Meeting St Giles Parish Hall, Pontefract.

Kitty Cooper



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Founded in 1924, and established as an independent charity in 1974, the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) is unique in the scope and range of its services to assist charitable giving. Quite simply, it exists to encourage an increased flow of funds through to the charitable sector in the UK, taking full advantage of the tax benefits offered by the Government.

Among the facilities CAF provides to charities and donors are Covenant Administration, Give As You Earn (its payroll deduction scheme), and Company Charity Accounts. In addition, it offers a charitable trust service for those who wish to set up a long term capital fund from which to make their donation. The Legacy Account, meanwhile, enables an individual to leave a gift to charity in their Will but also allows them to change the choice of charity, whenever they feel it is appropriate to do so, without altering the Will.

However, at the heart of the Foundation's donor services is the Personal Charity Account. Similar, in many ways, to a bank account, donors can use any one of a number of tax-efficient methods to pay money into an account in their name. CAF then reclaims the tax from the Inland Revenue and credits it to the same account. The donor is given a book of vouchers, like cheques, in order to make their donations to the charities of their choice, whenever they wish.

The charities, on receipt of the vouchers, return them to the Foundation. CAF, in turn, sends the money to the charity's bank account within a few days.

More than 34,000 individuals currently have a Charity Account. For them, and for the many others who use its services, CAF provides an easy, convenient and effective way to give.

For information on any of CAF's services, please write to:

Charities Aid Foundation, 48 Pembury Road, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 2JD.

KIRK'S PRACTICAL ADVICE ON GIVING

The Stewardship and Finance Report to this year's Church of Scotland's General Assembly has suggested one way in which church members could revolutionise their financial giving.

It is for members to increase their offerings by one per cent of their annual income and to keep doing so each year until they believe they are giving 'proportionately and generously to God's work'.

In financial terms, figures for average giving may seem healthier in the Kirk says the Report, yet analysis shows that 'only a small minority of members are giving at realistic, and few at sacrificial levels' so that the new financial demands strain congregations which may feel stretched beyond their financial abilities.

In Brief



*Count your joys instead of your woes,
Count your friends instead of your foes;
Count your courage instead of your fears,
Count your laughs instead of your tears;
Count your health instead of your wealth,
Count on God instead of yourself.*

The perpetual obstacle to human advancement is custom.

John Stuart Mill



I THOUGHT that my family services were rather good. My youth leaders didn't. Infact ... they threatened to withdraw the uniformed organisations from worship unless the services improved.

We had a meeting and I took their comments seriously. The changes weren't too startling. I shortened everything, included more participation, simplified my approach and generally made the atmosphere more relaxed.



**God give me work till my life shall end,
and life till my work is done.**

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

That I spent, I had.
That I gave, I have.
That I kept, I lost.

The children responded well and the leaders were delighted. Right after the 'new format' service they came to show their appreciation. I felt good.

*Just after they'd gone I was cornered by a smartly dressed lady who had attended the church for years. 'That service was dreadful,' she protested, 'If there's ever another like it I'll resign my membership.'
I went home and made myself a strong cup of coffee.*

*From Breaking Bread
by Rob Frost (Kingsway)*

GETTING THERE...

Ideals are like stars: we never reach them but, like sailors, we can chart our course by them.

JULY



4 PENTECOST 5

Readings: Exodus 20.1-17 (Mrs M Jackson/Mr K Shaw);
Ephesians 5.10 (Mrs M Jackson/Mr S McDougall);
Matthew 19.16-26 ASB 658

- 5 Mon 7 30 pm PCC, SC Vestry
- 6 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)
- 7 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

11 PENTECOST 6

Readings: AS BCP (Trinity 5) 1 Peter 3.8-15a (Dr P McWilliam)
SC Luke 15.11-end ASB 665

- 13 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)
- 9 30 am Coffee Morning, Howard School
- 2 00 pm Service for Mothers and Toddlers
- 14 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion

18 PENTECOST 7

Readings: Hosea 11.1-9 (Mrs K Cooper/Mr R Firth);
1 Corinthians 12.27-13-end (Mrs K Cooper/Mr D Cook);
Matthew 18.21-end ASB 668

- 20 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)
- 21 Wed ST MARY MAGDALEN
- 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)
- Parish Women's Group - Theatre Trip

25 ST JAMES THE APOSTLE (PENTECOST 8)

Readings: Jeremiah 45 (Miss S Pittaway/Mrs D Greiff);
Acts 11.27-12.2 (Miss S Pittaway/Mrs B Firth); Mark 10.35-45 ASB 790

- 27 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)
- 2 00 pm Service for Mothers and Toddlers (AS)
- 28 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)
- 29 Thurs 2 30 pm Mothers' Union

AUGUST

1 PENTECOST 9

Readings: Joshua 1.1-9 (Miss E Smith/Mrs H Walters);
Ephesians 6.10-20 (Miss E Smith/Miss L Parker);
John 17.11b-19 ASB 679

St Cuthbert's Church

- 4 July Mrs Barrow
- 11 July Mrs Tanswell
- 18 July Mrs Hirst
- 25 July Mrs S Lee

FLOWER ROTAS



All Saints' Church

- 4 July Vacant
- 11 July Miss Walker
- 18 July Mrs Dugdale
- 25 July Miss Smith

BRASS CLEANING ROTA

Mrs Hogg; Mr and Mrs M Firth