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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.

RECTOR'S NOTES, MAY 1993

Christian Aid Week, May 17 - 21

In past ten years the public has almost tripled the amount it donates to the Third World in real terms, while government spending has fallen, according to Christian Aid's Annual Report on government aid spending.

In 1991 government aid spending increased by 21 per cent or 14 per cent after adjusting for inflation, to £2 billion. But it remains at a lower level in real terms than in 1981. In 1991, despite the recession, the public increased its donations by 13 per cent after inflation. Grants from voluntary organisations are now equivalent to just over a tenth of government aid. Certainly in Ackworth the amount given during Christian Aid Week has increased considerably in the last two years. On behalf of Churches Together in Ackworth I would like to thank everyone who gives to Christian Aid, and hope this year's response will be as good.

The focus of Christian Aid Week 1993 is International Trade. It's a complex subject. Part of the problem is that whilst many Third World countries receive large amounts of aid, they still remain poor because of world trading conditions. For example, in 1985 Ethiopia received \$3 billion in aid from countries like ours, while Africa as a whole lost \$19 billion during the same period because of the fall in coffee and copper prices. Much subsidised food from Europe is sold on the world market at a cheap price, so making it difficult if not impossible for Third World farmers to sell their produce. For this reason most of the money raised in Christian Week is used to meet the immediate needs of the poor. A small percentage is used to campaign for fairer trade with the Third World. You can help directly in this matter by using the 'Traidcraft' shop on Bell Lane. Third World producers receive a much larger share of the profits from goods sold in the shop.

Wakefield & Five Towns Ecumenical Council

We are fortunate in Ackworth in that the churches have always worked closely together. Despite some differences in belief and emphasis Christians in Ackworth know that we should try to cooperate as much as possible.

In the wider area an important new development is taking place. The West Yorkshire Ecumenical Council covers so large an area that it is being split up into local groupings. Wakefield & Five Towns Ecumenical Council (W5TEC) is a new Enabling Group, covering the geographical area of Wakefield Metropolitan District. Its mission is promote church unity in the WMDC area. It will do this by offering advice, help and encouragement to local church groups such as Churches Together in Ackworth.

To launch its work a Forum is to be held at St Wilfrid's High School, North Featherstone, on Saturday 22 May. It is hoped the Forum will allow Christians from our area to get together, celebrate their faith in Christ and talk over what they need for Christian cooperation and commitment to happen locally. There will be presentations at the Forum by people involved in existing ecumenical projects which it is hoped will give ideas and stimulate discussion.

Peter Mowhouse

WHERE THERE'S A WILL ...



As I sat at the Annual General Meeting listening to Bill Branston giving his report on the state of the fabric of our two churches, I wondered how on earth sufficient money could be raised during the coming years to meet the cost of the essential work involved, which will run into many thousands of pounds.

We had already been told by Jenny, our conscientious treasurer for so many years, but now, alas, retiring, that it would be helpful if more advantage was taken of the covenanted scheme to help "make ends meet" this coming year. In other words our anticipated income will just about cover all the expenses of running two churches.

In just the same way the vast majority of us are having to watch our pennies a little more closely these days, and it is really not reasonable to be able to squeeze thousands of pounds more out of our pockets when there are already so many demands on them.

But I am quite sure that many of us would like to help if we could, and perhaps we can. We can leave the church some money in our wills. Not a new idea by any means but, for some reason or other, it is not done as frequently as it was in yesteryear.

Maybe it is because there are so many charities such as Cancer Research, Heart Foundation, Hospices, etc., etc., that deservedly reap the benefit of bequests made by so many. But here in Ackworth our two churches could do with a little help as well.

As each day passes a few more grains of the stonework are blown away and the erosion continues relentlessly - just walk round St Cuthbert's and you will see for yourselves.

The spiritual life of a community merits some consideration and that life is dependent, to a certain extent, on the buildings in which the residents of our village can come together and worship.

We should endeavour to ensure its continuity even though we ourselves will not be here to share its joys.

Fred Walters



MOTHERS' UNION

- 5 May 9 15 am Corporate Communion at All Saints' Church.
27 May 2 30 pm Service and meeting. Our speaker will be
Mrs Helen Waters from Staincliffe Dewsbury.
Her topic 'Hands'. (AS)

Membership of the Mothers' Union is open to all those who have been baptised in the name of the Holy Trinity and support the aim and objects of the society. Why not come along to our meetings, learn more about us and join in our fellowship.

Kitty Cooper



John Finney, Bishop-designate of Pontefract, writes

"Jesus Christ is King" is the heart of the Ascension. "Glorified" is the word usually used – not just "taken up in glory" but shown in his true light – the cloak of the incarnation was in part removed and he was revealed as God in majesty. He was seen for who he was and is and will be.

Sheila and I have already received the warmest of welcomes from the Bishop and many members of the diocese and we look forward greatly to working among you. We will remember that my consecration on May 14th is shortly before Ascension Day and seek to make Jesus our Lord and King. The service asks the new bishop to affirm his loyalty to the faith and "in bringing the grace and truth of Christ to this generation".

It is to that that we dedicate ourselves. We know that we do not come to Wakefield at an

easy time. I am not primarily thinking about the ordination of women. That is an issue which is difficult for some and joyous for others and we must find in Christian charity the best way in which both points of view can be held within one communion – if necessarily permanently.

There is a question which is greater still. We have come to the end of the time when the Christian faith was the automatic faith of English people. There is now a great mass of people who have no concept of the faith handed down to us by the saints and no experience of

**Four questions
about what we say
and do in the church
and outside.**

the Christian church. We now live in a more bracing atmosphere for the world no longer owes a living to the Church of England or any other denomination.

Educational evangelism must be what we are about. We must teach the faith ... proclaim the faith ... live the faith so that Jesus may be seen as Lord. Can I suggest four questions which we can ask of what we say and do in the church and outside:

1. *Does it speak of Father, Son and Holy Spirit?* I think we need to speak more of who God is and less of what he can do for us. There is a danger that our desire to make God relevant reduces him to a sticking plaster for hurts.
2. *Is love our aim?* A real concern for people keeps us from evangelising so that our churches may grow, or our denomination prosper. We

must love them for themselves.

3. *Does it change things?* The New Testament is full of people and situations being changed. True evangelism makes a difference.
4. *Is it bold?* The Epistle to the Hebrews says boldness is being so aware of the goodness of God to us so that we can approach him with confidence and offer what we know of him to the world.

Very sensitively, very humbly, conscious of the burden and joy of it, we offer the ascended Christ to the world.

John Finney

(Please note that for the time being official correspondence to the Bishop of Pontefract should be sent to Church House, Wakefield, but after May 10th it should be sent to: Flat 8, Saint John's Mews, Wakefield, West Yorkshire WF1 2QY.

Assistant Bishop for the Diocese

The Rt Revd Anselm Genders, of the Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield, has been appointed an honorary assistant bishop in the Wakefield Diocese. Bishop Anselm, a former Bishop of Bermuda, is firmly opposed to the ordination of women as priests, but remains a committed member of the Church of England.

Announcing this appointment to the Diocesan Synod in March, Bishop Nigel said that the move meant that the diocese would have a greater flexibility when it came to the need for a bishop's ministry.

THE SITUATION IN THE PITS

Bishop Nigel has stated that he is deeply disappointed with Mr Heseltine's announcements in the House of Commons. "The Government White Paper is a disgrace and a tragedy. A tragedy for the coal industry and above all a tragic and disgraceful way to treat the miners." "It fails to provide a long term overall energy policy for which the churches have been pressing", he said, and "many families will be devastated by this blow to their livelihood. "We are very disappointed that, once again, market forces are seen to be more

important than people. We are very concerned about the future strain this huge increase in unemployment will put on family life and the well being of our communities."

"As Church leaders we remain committed to bringing hope to all who are in despair, and to supporting the miners and all our local communities who are facing unemployment at this sad time."

To the Government Bishop Nigel says "Keep the pits open. We want coal not dole."

To the miners he says "Keep up your spirits, keep up the struggle, with the courage and the dignity which has gained you so much public support and respect. God bless you all."

People and Places

The Revd Ian Gaskell, at present Vicar of Cleckheaton St Luke and Whitechapel, is to be Vicar of Birkenshaw St Paul cum Hunsworth. The Institution will take place on Tuesday 7th September at 730pm.

The Revd William E Henderson, curate of Christ Church, Winchester, is to be Vicar of Saint Peter Stanley.

The Revd W Giles Harris Evans, at present Team Rector of Coventry East Team Ministry, is to be Vicar of Brighouse. He has worked in

Clapham, London, Sri Lanka, and Benhilton (Southwark) before moving to Coventry.

Mrs Jean Attwood has been appointed to work alongside Eileen Turner as the second FLAME (Family Life and Marriage Education) Officer in the diocese. Jean has taught in nursery and infants' schools, has been pastoral co-ordinator for a local church and has spent some time in Uganda where she worked as a teacher and secretary. Come and meet her at the **FIND OUT ABOUT FLAME – WINE AND CHEESE EVENING** on Thursday 27th May 730-930pm at Church House, Wakefield, and discover more about FLAME work in the Diocese and look at some of the resources. Anyone is welcome, but please let Maureen Harrison at Church House know you are coming – (0924) 371802.

The Revd **Lindsay Taylor McKenna's** Induction and Institution as Vicar of Illingworth will be on Tuesday 6th July at 730pm.

Commemoration Day at Mirfield

this year will be on Saturday 10th July with Bishop Nigel preaching at the 12 noon Solemn Eucharist on the Front Lawn. There will be Solemn Evensong in the Community Church at 5pm. Programmes (free) and Service Books (50p) are available from The Commemoration Day Secretary CR, House of the Resurrection, Mirfield, West Yorks WF14 0BN. Please enclose stamps but not envelopes.

The Revd **John A Williams**, at present Priest in Charge of Cloughton (York) and Clergy Training Officer for the East Riding, is to be Priest in Charge of Emley and Director of Clergy Training. To be licensed on 15th September at 730pm.

The Revd **A Gillian Swallow** is to be licensed as Assistant Curate in the parishes of Ripponden with Rishworth and the United Benefice of Barkisland with West Scammonden at Rishworth on 9 May at 630pm.

THE DIOCESAN REGISTRAR has announced that with effect from April 1st the fee payable for a Common Licence for Marriage will be £35.

**HERITAGE TREK**

Saturday 28th August

As a result of popular demand St. James' Parish Church at Hebden Bridge have again agreed to organize this spectacular walk. Over 300 walkers enjoyed a great day out last year and many asked for a repeat. Well this is your chance! The full walk covers 19 miles and combines four shorter walks with return links for walkers who do not wish to complete the full walk. The walk is suitable for people of all ages and will be supervised with detailed route instructions provided.

Parishes are invited to enter a team and sponsorship forms will be provided for each walker. Please send for further details to:

The Bishop's Centenary Fund, Church House, 1 South Parade, Wakefield. WF1 1LP.

WHAT'S ON

May 1 **Open Day** at Saint Peter's Church, Barnsley. 10am-6pm
Organ Music, Art Exhibition,

**PRAISE FOR
PENTECOST**
Friday 28th May
730pm
in
Wakefield Cathedral
Preacher:
**The Rt Revd John
Finney**
Bishop of Pontefract.

Refreshments & Barbecue throughout the day. Concert by the South Yorkshire Crusade Choir at 730pm. Tickets £1.50
Concessions 75p.

May 2 Youth Event **The Cannon Ball Event Fire Two.** St Peter's Church, Kirkgate, Birstall. 7-9pm. 11-18 yrs old. Music from Revolution. Choc Finger Race. Milly's Mallet. Free.

May 2 Royston Parish Church **May DayGala** in Royston CE School Field, Vicarage Lane. 130pm. All the usual entertainments & refreshments.

May 6 **Christian Aid Meeting & Frugal Supper** Speaker Mrs Gillian Weeks, Area Organiser. Northwram Community Centre, 745pm.

May 8 **Quiet Day** 10am-4pm, "Heatherwood Cottage", Shibden, Hali-

- fax. £7 including home cooked lunch. Contact the Revd Jean Hoggard, 13 Joseph Ave, Northowram, Halifax HX3 7HJ, ☎ (0422) 201475. Heatherwood is also available for days of individual prayer, reading, study, etc. (Also on June 19th)
- May 10 **Almondbury & District Churches Together in Christ Healing Celebration Services:** All Hallows Church Almondbury. (NB May 10th). 730pm. Fr Cyril Brooks OSB.
- May 11 **Chevet Deanery MU Festival** 730pm, St Catherine's Church, Doncaster Road, Wakefield, whose branch is celebrating its 90th Anniversary. Past members welcome.
- May 11 **Antiques Evening** St Philip & St James, Scholes, Cleckheaton. Antiques specialist available for advice & valuations. £1.50 including refreshments. In aid of Repair and Restoration fund. Details ☎ (0274) 871593.
- May 12 **Wakefield & District Organists' Association AGM**, to be held at St John's Church, Wakefield, Reception Room, 730pm. New members most welcome. Details from Jan Clegg ☎ (0924) 265251.
- May 14 (2-9pm) & 15 (10am-7pm) **Art & Crafts Exhibition** in St Mary's Church, Horbury Junction. Demos & displays. Plant & charity stalls & refreshments in the Parish Centre.
- May 15 Foster Place Retreat Centre near Holmfirth. **Doorways to the Transcendent** - a day of stillness and reflection and simple creative activity. Led by Brenda Wall. Details ☎ (0484) 682532.
- May 16 **Car Boot Sale** 9-12, Refreshments. £5 per car £7 per van. Overthorpe CE JI&N School, Edge Top Road, Thornhill, Dewsbury.
- May 21 **Gardening with Joe** - an evening of gardening delights with Mr Joe Marden, Horticultural Promotions Officer, Leeds City Council - in Kellington Primary School at 730pm. In aid of St Edmund's Roof Fund £2 including light refreshments.
- May 21 (230-8pm), May 22 (10am-7pm), May 23 (1230-6pm) **Flower Festival** in St Andrew's Church Stainland, Halifax. £1.
- May 22 **Anglo Catholic Charismatic** - South Yorkshire Area Committee invite all interested to a **Day of Renewal** at St Nicholas Rawmarsh from 1030am. Bring packed lunch. Speaker: Fr Stephen Wright OSB. Further details from Fr Eric Cheetham, Belle Isle, Leeds ☎ (0532) 717821.
- May 22 **Coffee Morning** 1030am-1pm B&B, Cake Stall, Nearly New; proceeds to Church and Building Fund. St Catherine's Church, Doncaster Road, Wakefield. Admission 35p.
- May 22 **Christian Aid 10 mile Sponsored Walk** from Horbury Bridge 10am. Detailed route & sponsor forms from Malcolm & Hazel Rennison ☎ (0532) 535107.
- May 22 **Halifax March for Jesus** - A Carnival of Praise. Assemble 1pm in the Piece Hall for 2pm March, followed by Praise, prayers, drama etc, until 4pm in.

the Piece Hall. Details ☎ (0422) 368169.

May 26 Pennine Poets present **A Taste of Yorkshire**, readings of original poetry with music interludes by Morley Sinfonia. Wakefield Cathedral, Treacy Hall, 7pm. Admission £3.

May 30/31 **Stainborough Rhododendrons** - The Grounds of Wentworth Castle, Stainborough, will be open to the public, 10am-5pm. Stalls & refreshments. In aid of Northern College (Barnsley) and Silkstone Church. £1, children 50p.

Jun 5/6 Foster Place Retreat Centre near Holmfirth: **The Omega Experience: spiritual discipline and the wider vision**. an exploration of major themes and directions in contemporary spirituality, led by Canon Peter Spink of the Omega Order, Bristol. Details ☎ (0484) 682532.

Jun 11/12 **Studying the Bible in Small Groups** at St George's Church, Ovenden. Fri 730-930pm, Sat 9am-1230pm. A training event to help leaders of house groups discover different ways to help others explore the Bible: led by John Oliver, Scripture Union's Urban Trainer. £5 per person. Contact Mrs Catherine Townend, St George's House, 2 Lilac Street, Halifax HX3 5BT. ☎ (0422) 380495.

Jun 19 **Garden Fete** St Philip & St James, Scholes, Cleckheaton. Tickets at the gate, 20p. Details ☎ (0274) 871593.

Juliantide Vigil of Prayer for the Church affirming the Ministry of

Women, in love, holiness and humility. Prayers and thanksgiving will be offered to God in the Cathedral in the Lady Chapel from 12noon to 5pm and in the Parish Churches at Castleford and Halifax.

MUSICAL MATTERS

May 2 **Orion Wind Quintet** Students from RNCM perform a programme - Handel to Hindemith. £4 (£2 conc) from 234 Manchester Rd, Millhouse Green, Sheffield S30 6NR. Holylandswaine Parish Church, 745pm

May 4 to 8, St Michael's Amateurs, Mytholmroyd, present **South Pacific** at the Parish Hall, Mytholmroyd, at 715pm, matinee on 8th at 215pm. Tickets ☎ (0422) 883663.

May 8 **Halifax Young Choral Singers** concert in St Matthews Church, Northowram, Halifax. 730pm. Tickets £2 ☎ (0422) 202110.

May 8 St John's Church Carlinghow; Batley. **Sounding Brass and Voices**. Tingley Band and St John's Operatic Society in Concert in the Hall, Pearl St, at 730pm. Admission £2.

May 9 A Concert by **The Crosland String Quartet** at Holy Trinity, South Crosland, Huddersfield 730pm. Britten, Mozart & Schubert. £3 & £1.50 concessions.

May 11 **Felkirk St Peter** a recital by Gareth Green (Organ) and Pamela Green (Flute) at 730pm, admission £1.50

May 15 St Peter's Consort presents in Wakefield Cathedral **A Spring**

Festival of Music - to celebrate the Consort's 10th Anniversary Year. Including music by Albinoni, Handel, Haydn & Rutter. 7.30pm, admission £3 (concessions £2).

May 22 A programme by **St Paul's Singers** from Huddersfield University, including Vivaldi's Gloria and works by Buxtehude & Hungarian folk songs. St Paul's Crosland Moor 7.30pm. Retiring collection.

May 23 Deanery Evensong for **The Children's Society**. St Giles, Pontefract, 6.30pm. Preacher Fr N Clews, Vicar of Featherstone. Refreshments afterwards.

May 25 **Felkirk St Peter** a concert of classical and light music sung by The Quartet. 7pm: admission £1.

May 26 **St James Shepherd Versatile Brass** Concert in St Matthews Church, Northawram, Halifax, 8pm. Tickets £2 ☎ (0422) 201377.

Musical Director required by **The Bradford Choristers**, independent choir of boys & men with programme of liturgical

Miss **MARIEKE FEWSTER** is at the moment working as a volunteer in Mara with Bill and Maureen Jones for five months. She will be back home in Gomersal - Cleckheaton on June 2nd and from that day until the end of September she will be available to give talks about her experiences in Mara and about the progress our link diocese is making, to any interested group. ☎ (0274) 873485.

All **CONTRIBUTIONS & 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 August with details of required changes for quarter October-December. 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.

recitals and deputise regularly at Cathedrals and parish churches. For full details contact M Guerin, 33 Pemberton Drive, Bradford, BD7 1RA ☎ (0274) 733680.

MARKET PLACE

Dales Cottage available for clergy; sleeps six. Please apply to Mark & Keri Thomas ☎ (0484) 421753.

St Michael & St Helen's Church, Almondbury, require a relief organist. Might suit young trainee. Details from Sue Brooks, ☎ (0484) 545085.

Rudderless but seaworthy choir very much needs **Organist and Choirmaster / Mistress**. One main Sunday service. Very good organ. St David's, Holmbridge. Contact Fr Leslie Greenwood ☎ (0484) 683131.

Yamaha small house organ for sale. In almost new condition, it has two manuals and a small pedal board. An attractive instrument. £100. Offers to ☎ (0226) 205213.

Two Epitaphs

Here I lie at the Chancel door,
Here I lie because I'm poor,
The further in the more you pay,
But here lie I as warm as they.

Should she have gone to realms
above,
Farewell to peace in heavenly love,
But if she's sought the lower level,
The Lord have mercy on the Devil.

Grave Situations - from *Christian Crackers*, ed. Phil Mason.

Burial Charges are to go up at the cemetery. The increased cost of living is blamed.

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Wife: 'John, mother says she wants to be cremated'

Husband: 'Tell her if she gets her things on I'll take her down this morning.'

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My father had to have a regular hospital check up which sometimes required a couple of days stay. The local funeral director, a family friend, has been very helpful giving lifts to and from the hospital.



WILL WE ALL BE READY?

On one occasion, the night before he was due to come home, the ward sister approached my father, 'Your wife is on the phone', she said with a smile. 'She wants to know what time you will be ready for the undertaker to collect you.'

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The Clerk of the local District Council thought he would take a rise out of the local vicar who had reported that some gypsies had deposited a dead donkey at the gate of the church. The Clerk wrote that it was surely the Vicar's job to bury the dead. The vicar replied politely that it was his first duty to consult the relatives.

'The Verger'

GOD'S LOVING PROVISION

OUR gracious Creator cares and provides for all his creatures. His tender mercies are over all his works; and so far as his love influences our minds, so far we become interested in his workmanship and feel a desire to take hold of every opportunity to lessen the distresses of the afflicted and increase the happiness of creation.

Here we have a prospect of one common interest from which our own is inseparable, that to turn all the treasures we possess into the channel of universal love becomes the business of our lives.

John Woolman (1763)

We're not making this up...

**GOD
CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY EPISCOPAL
208 EUSTIS AVE SE
HUNTSVILLE AL 35801.**

- *The Anglican Digest.*

TWO THOUGHTS

It is because of wonder that men, anciently as now, philosophised. They wondered initially at the obvious problems of every day, and then little by little they progressed to the point of expressing difficulties of a more demanding sort.

- *Aristotle.*

Philosophy begins in wonder. And, at the end, when philosophic thought has done its best, the wonder remains.

- *A.N. Whitehead.*



LET IT BE

THE WRITER Coleridge was once talking with a man who told him that he did not believe in giving little children any religious instruction. His theory was that the child's mind should not be prejudiced in any direction, but when he came to years of discretion, he should be permitted to choose his religious opinions for himself.

Coleridge said nothing, but after a while he asked his visitor if he would like to see his garden. The man said he would, and Coleridge took him out into the garden where only weeds were growing. The man looked at Coleridge in surprise and said, 'Why, this is not a garden. There is nothing but weeds here!'

'Well, you see,' answered Coleridge, 'I did not wish to infringe upon the liberty of the garden in any way. I was just giving the garden a chance to express itself and to choose its own production.'



Dominican Republic

Drink water from your own wells

The children lined up to fill their buckets from the water pouring from the tap. This tap and one on the other side of the village are the only source of water for the one thousand people who live here.

But they are greatly appreciated by the villagers, who until recently did not have clean water at all.

Richard Francoise, president of the La Libertad community association, pointed at the slow-moving grey water in an irrigation ditch behind La Libertad. "That is what we used to use for everything: drinking, washing and bathing," he said.

La Libertad is in the Dominican Republic, in the Caribbean.

Most people came from the neighbouring country of Haiti as migrant farm labourers. The work is hard and the pay is low, with long lay-offs during the dry season.

People in La Libertad formed a neighbourhood committee several years ago. They started a school, and take care of villagers who



Children wait to fill their buckets with clean water.

• Photo: Christian Aid/Larry Boyd

are too old or sick to work.

In 1990, with the help of Christian Aid's partner in the area, the Centre for Community Work, the committee asked for funds to dig a well. The grant was only £2911, but it paid for the materials and the hire of

an engineer. The residents of La Libertad did all the work.

Diarrhoea is a big killer of children in poor communities. Richard Francoise held his newborn daughter in his arms and said, "Now that we have clean water, I don't have to worry so much."

Larry Boyd



FROM THE REGISTERS



FUNERALS

"In sure hope of the Resurrection"

31 March

Agnes Ann Seed, 21 Tan House Lane, 86 years

6 April

Maggie Heptinstall, 14 Mount Pleasant, 79 years

BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP

The annual subscription for Bible Reading Fellowship notes is now due. The cost is £6.45 for the year which runs from May 1993 to April 1994. A large print version of Daylight is now available at a cost of £10.50 for the year.

Book List

New Lent Book 'Oh God, Why?' by Gerard W Hughes. Other books are - 'Knowing God', 'Step by Step with Jesus', 'Following Jesus' and 'Living Like Jesus'. There are also two special offer packages. Pack A includes three resource books price £8.50. Pack B includes two books by R.E.O. White and one by William Barclay prices £9.99.

If you would like some more information please ring me on 611274.

Kitty Cooper

PCC NOTES 6 APRIL

- 1 The treasurer reported on the accounts.
- 2 A report was given on the last Howard School Governing Body meeting, with particular reference to the proposals of the Southern Area Review.
- 3 A report was given on the Diocesan Synod meeting of 13 March.
- 4 Reports were received from the fabric and pastoral sub-committees. It was agreed to apply for a grant from SPCK to buy new books for the church library.
- 5 A new ecumenical body, the Wakefield Five Towns Ecumenical Council has been established. A meeting is to be held on 22 May at St Wilfrid's High School, North Featherstone.
- 6 Group discussions of the General Synod Report 'Receiving and Giving' took place. Church finance, the concept of Stewardship and the policy of the PCC towards these matters was discussed.

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

MAY



2 EASTER 3

Readings: Isaiah 61.1-7 (Mrs K Cooper/Mr F E Walters);
1 Corinthians 15.1-11 (Mrs K Cooper/Miss L Parker);
John 21.1-14 ASB 613

4 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)

5 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

9 EASTER 4

Readings: AS BCP James 1.17-21 (Dr P McWilliam)
SC John 21:15-22 ASB 619

10 Mon 7 30 pm PCC, SC Vestry

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

12 Wed ST MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE
9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

16 EASTER 5 (ROGATION SUNDAY) CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Readings: Hosea 6:1-6; (Miss S Pittaway/Mrs J Waites);
1 Corinthians 51.21-28 (Miss S Pittaway/Mrs M Woffinden);
John 16.25-end ASB 622

6 30 pm Churches Together in Ackworth United Service
at Our Lady of Lourdes Church

18 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (SC)

19 Wed 7 45 pm Parish Women's Group

20 Thurs ASCENSION DAY
7 45 pm Parish Communion (SC)

22 SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY
Readings: Daniel 7.9-14 (Miss E Smith/Mr S McDougall);
(Miss E Smith/Mr R Firth); Ephesians 1.15-end Luke 24.45-end ASB 630

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

26 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (AS)

30 PENTECOST
Readings: Genesis 11.1-9 (Mrs M Jackson/Mrs M Ward);
Acts 2.1-11 (Mrs M Jackson/Mr D Cook); John 20.19-23 ASB 635

JUNE

6 TRINITY SUNDAY

Readings: Isaiah 6.1-8 (Mrs K Cooper/Mrs D Greiff);
Ephesians 1.3-14; (Mrs Cooper /Mrs B Firth); John 14:8-17 ASB 641

St Cuthbert's Church

2 May
9 May Mrs J Bateman
16 May Mr J Lamprey
23 May
30 May Mrs A King

FLOWER ROTAS



BRASS CLEANING ROTA

Mrs Asquith and Mrs Lancaster

All Saints' Church

2 May Mrs Huby
9 May Mrs Upright
16 May Mrs Turton
23 May Mrs Camplin
30 May Congregation and
Mrs Huby