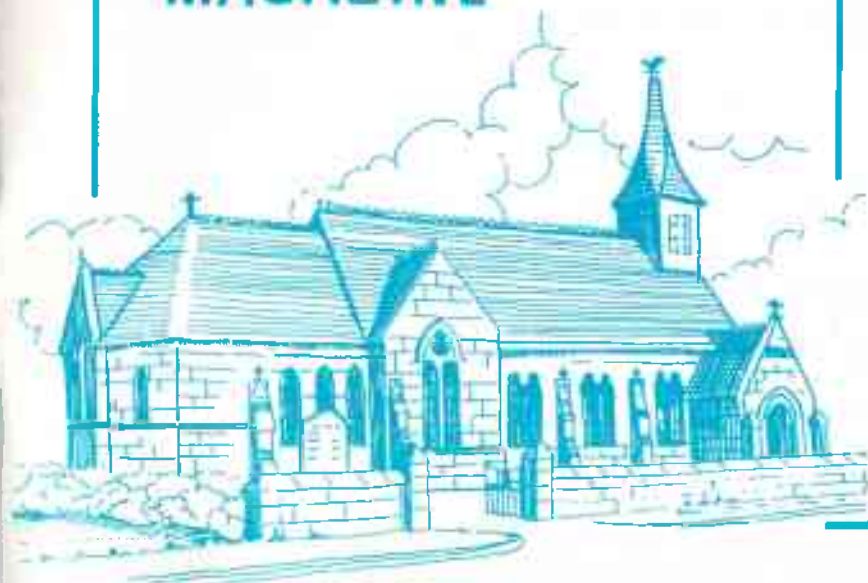
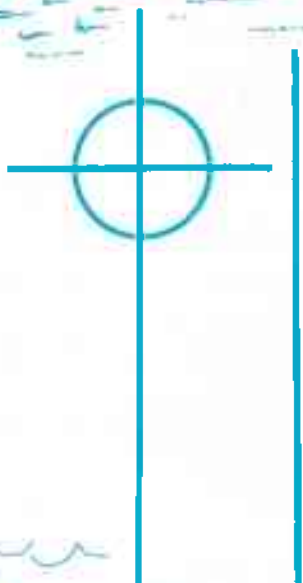




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PARISH OF ACKWORTH - ST CUTHBERT'S AND ALL SAINTS'

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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, SEPTEMBER 1993

### Parish Records

Amongst the mountain of letters and paperwork which lands on my desk there is occasionally something which, despite sounding tedious and boring, turns out to be of real interest! One of the most intriguing of late has been information about parish registers and records. The keeping of parish records is covered by the Parochial Registers and Records Measure, 1978, which was amended at the beginning of this year. The Guide to this Measure explains in detail the responsibilities of the incumbent, the churchwardens and Parochial Church Council with regard to the keeping of registers and records. All services in church including the pastoral offices baptisms, weddings and burials are recorded in the parish registers. The keeping of such records was first introduced in 1538. Prior to that date many parishes kept no records. It may be of interest to know that Ackworth's records of Baptisms, Weddings and Burials date back to 1558, and so are amongst some of the oldest in the country. They were also meticulously maintained and only recently the West Yorkshire County Archives Office asked my permission to photo-copy some entries, for use in a course they were giving on Parish Registers.

In addition to registers, the Guide points out that other records should be preserved including those concerned with: churchwardens, minutes of meetings, accounts, documents relating to church buildings, together with any relevant correspondence, maps and photographs. It is also suggested that parish magazines should be kept, as a record of parish life.

I know that some people have parish magazines dating back over a long period of time. The parish archives contain magazines dating back to 1942, but there are some years which are missing eg 1957-1962 inclusive and 1971-1977 inclusive. If anyone would be willing to donate their collections to the church, either now or in the future, especially for these years or prior to 1942 it would help us maintain a complete record for future generations. If you are willing to help in this way please contact me, or the churchwardens.

### Junior Church

Our Junior Church starts its new term on Sunday, 19 September. Children meet in the vestry at St Cuthbert's Church at 10 15 am and have their own service and activities. They then join the rest of the congregation for the last twenty minutes of the Parish Communion. We cater for children in the age range 4 to 8. The Junior Church has gone from strength to strength and we now have over twenty children on our books. If you wish your child to attend please contact Jacky Fox on 613834.

### The Family

An article elsewhere in this edition gives details of a new initiative by the Church on changes in family life in recent years. We shall be holding a discussion about the consultation on Monday 20 September at St Cuthbert's Church, at 7 45 pm. Everyone is welcome. The meeting will be chaired by Dr Doreen Belk.

### Joyce Wooffindin

As many will know Mrs Joyce Wooffindin retired from the Howard School at the end of the Summer Term after working there fifteen years. During that time she has contributed much to the school, especially its musical life. We wish Joyce every happiness in her retirement.

*Peter Moulhane*

# WHOSE CUP IS IT ANYWAY?



*The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.*

It was an ordinary Sunday. I was administering the chalice during the Eucharist. Knowing that Ray had been receiving by intinction since his return to church after he was diagnosed with AIDS, I reached for his host to dip the bread into the wine for him.

Ray reached for the chalice to drink. For a moment. I was paralysed. Didn't he know that people were afraid? Didn't he know he was inviting other infection? Someone had to talk to him.

*The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.*

Someone did talk to Ray. He had missed the chalice so much that he agreed to receive from the cup last, putting his own health at greater risk. That calmed the brewing storm, and life at church returned to normal.

Inside me, something was wrong. My spirit was troubled and I suspected I knew why. I am intelligent enough to trust the evidence that no one gets AIDS by drinking from a common cup, but I was still afraid.

*The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.*

Ray could no longer come to church, so the priest asked me to take communion to him at home. The brightness was gone from his eyes. His face was gaunt, his body now emaciated. He could not walk any more. I passed the chalice to Ray. He held his hand and said, 'You first'.

I don't know what came over me. I seemed to have no control as the words came out in a whisper, 'No, I'm not afraid of you'.

*The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.*

I had lied. I was shaking. As Ray raised the cup to his parched lips to drink, I entered a moment of terror at the thought, 'What if the experts are wrong?'

It was then that I saw the tears well in Ray's eyes. As he passed the cup to me, saying those familiar words I have said so many times, my own tears mingled with Jesus blood. I had come to minister, to bring Communion, but I received the healing of forgiveness in the sharing of life.

*The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life.*

Dan Wall  
from 'Anglican Advance',  
Diocese of Chicago and 'The Compassrose'



## Richard Giles responds to the Bishop Nigel's Vision for the Diocese

"Born too late" was a pop song when I was young, and, having the necessary lean and hungry look, I always regretted being born too late to work as a missionary in Africa with UMCA. I needn't have worried; I'm going to work in a missionary diocese after all.

The conditions which made Africa in the 1930's an exciting and rewarding mission field are now replicated for us right here in our Post-Christian materialist culture, so 'three cheers' for the Missionary Diocese of Wakefield!

I welcome Bishop Nigel's Diocesan Vision Statement because

1) it is **REALISTIC**. We are deep in missionary territory, and the chips are down. To face up to that will be uncomfortable, but a healing process. I shall never forget spending a week at the seminary of the Mission de France at Pontigny in the 1960's; tough young men being trained as combat

troops in a mission field right on their doorstep, in a joyful militant spirit lacking in the English Church clinging to the delusions of Establishment and 'residual Christianity'.

2) it is **PRECISE**. We all know how to spiritualise failure with talk of 'growing in depth' when we DO need bums on pews. Local Christian communities must grow if they are to change the world, and the Diocesan Vision Statement gives us a precise target to aim at - just five new members each year in each church. So we can begin work on this as if our life depended on it - because it does!

3) it is **POSITIVE**. We have got ourselves into such a downbeat state of mind that we begin to believe all we read in the papers about decline. A young couple seeking faith recently were bemused when the sidesman kept asking "Have you come to hear

your Banns?". The people in that church were kind, but it never entered their heads that there were people out there hungry for God and wanting to join them. Inwardly they had already admitted defeat. The Diocesan Vision reminds us that we have an exciting story to tell, and people eager to hear it once we have the courage to begin.

4) it **GIVES US A JOB TO DO:** by requiring us to spend the first three years of the Decade of Evangelism talking about women priests, the General Synod has not served us well. That must now be put behind us. We are assured that both 'integrities' within the Church are to be recognised and valued, and both have a vital part to play in the growth of the

Church as a powerful force towards the conversion of England.

The traditional Catholic insight is that incorporation rather than instruction is the key to church growth, and if this is to play its full part in making the Diocesan Vision a reality, we need to work hard at creating local Christian communities which are both lively and demanding, fun to belong to and unbearable to stay away from.

No, we were not born too late. This is our moment, here is the place. In the name of the Lord, let's go for it!

*Richard Giles is Priest-in-charge of Saint Thomas, Huddersfield and Parish Development Officer for the Diocese.*

**BISHOP'S**



**CENTENARY FUND**

The Bishop's Centenary Fund is tantalizingly close to reaching its £1 million target. and two special Services have been arranged to mark the culmination of five years fundraising:

**WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL Monday 13th September 730pm**  
**HUDDERSFIELD PARISH CHURCH Monday 20th September 730pm**

All parishes are invited to come along to one of these services and join Bishop Nigel and Bishop John in joyful celebrations.

Refreshments will be provided.

## Let the Children Live

*Let the Children Live* is a charity founded by Father Peter Walters of the Anglican Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. He became involved with the street children when he was stranded in Columbia in 1982. Since then, he has returned there many times and has gained first hand knowledge of the problems of the Gamines (the disposable ones - children who live in the sewers and are hunted and killed) and of the work that is being done to help them. He will be going to work among them full-time. *Let the Children Live* aims both to safe-guard the lives of children from violence and poverty of the streets and to make their lives worth living by giving

them love, education and a future. Father Walters confirms that the Columbians are taking the lead in this campaign but they need help. Because the Gamines have no one, they really belong to us all. Unless we help them, he says, these children will remain disposable ones: throw away kids without a future.

Father Walters will be spending some time in the parish of Saint John the Baptist, Cudworth, during October and will be sharing his experience among the Gamines at a presentation in Church on Tuesday 26th October at 730pm. If you would like to come, please do. *Further information from Father Glover, (0226) 710279.*

## Christian Broadcasting Library Service

*The challenge.*

A survey by Christian Broadcasting Library Service has revealed that, in any given year, more people go to their local library for information regarding Christianity than the total membership of all churches in that library's catchment area.

The survey was carried out over a one-year period among 150 libraries in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire. It shows that, when available in sufficient numbers, Christian books in local libraries are borrowed and read up to twice as much as the average of all other categories of book.

A total of 5000 non-churchgoers were asked, "If you desperately wanted to know something about the Bible or the Christian Faith,

where would you go?" The top answer with 27% was 'the public library', a further 20% answering 'don't know'. This 47% of unchurched people presents one of the biggest challenges to the Christian Church in the UK.

The freedom to accept or reject Jesus Christ is a freedom given by God. Yet few people in the UK - especially the younger generation - have had the opportunity to make that choice. There is widespread ignorance of the Christian faith, and public libraries and school resource centres have generally not recognised the shortage of Christian material to enable that choice to be made.

In addition to the unchurched, more than 7 million people in the UK are churchgoers. While there are many good church bookstalls and Christian bookshops, research has shown that 32% of churchgoers (2.25 million) are likely to borrow from libraries. Yet out of 135 million books in the UK public libraries, less than half a million are Christian. Were the Christian bookstock to reflect the demand from just these 2.25 million potential borrowers, a further 5.5 million Christian books would need to be added.

#### *The Solution.*

CBLS is now redressing this serious imbalance by offering all public libraries a selection of free Christian books and all education authorities a selection of its top 20 Christian videos.

It is also challenging local churches to finance the placing of books into their local libraries and videos into their local schools, through their education resource centres.

#### *Help Needed.*

CBLS and the local churches can work together to promote the Christian Faith locally through libraries and schools. This must be seen as part of the churches' commitment, not left to local authorities. Please make this need a matter of prayer in your church. There is a harvest of people right on your doorstep. CBLS provide the ground-bait for the churches to go fishing!

*For further information contact J Roger Alford, Christian Broadcasting Library Service, 28 Lilac Grove, Broadmeadows, South Normanton, Derbyshire DE55 3NP.*



## People and Places

The Revd Nils Bersweden, curate of St Mary Mirfield, is to be temporary Priest-in-Charge of St Andrew Purlwell, while still living at his base in Mirfield. He will be licensed on 27th September at 730pm at St Andrew's.

The Revd Canon Robert L Whitely, formerly Vicar and Rural Dean of Almondbury, is to be made Canon Emeritus of Wakefield Cathedral.

The Revd Mark W Thomas, Team Rector of Almondbury with Farnley Tyas Team Parish, is to be the new Rural Dean of Almondbury.

The Revd Godfrey Higgins, Vicar of Pontefract Saint Giles, is to be made a Canon of Wakefield Cathedral.

Dr John Addy, of King Cross, Halifax, has been appointed by Bishop Nigel to the new Honorary Post of Diocesan Historian. The appointment comes at the moment when Dr Addy is retiring from his post as Secretary to the Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches.

The Revd David Miller, Vicar of Saint John's, Rastrick, is to be Team Rector of Helston and Wendron in the Truro Diocese.

## Change to Life

### Pastoral Care of the Newly Retired

*Roger Grainger's new book is for everyone affected by or interested in the subject of retirement; published by Darton Longman and Todd at £7.95.*

The aim of *Change to Life* is to show that retirement does not have to mean the beginning of the end - it can mark a change to a new, often better, life.

Most of the help currently offered to those approaching retirement focuses on its financial aspect; those who have prepared for this can be shocked to discover that money is only one problem among many. The emotional repercussions of retirement are often disturbing and confusing; problems

in personal relationships, feelings of dislocation, diminished self-esteem, all are too common.

Roger Grainger is a non-stipendiary minister, attached to Saint John's Church, Wakefield, and retired two years ago from his post as a hospital chaplain. He has produced a book which will help both retired people and those who care for them. Those directly affected are helped to prepare for and deal with the various trials and challenges; those caring for them are able to empathise more closely and therefore to provide better support. As the author puts it, "Those making the retirement voyage need to know more or less where the storms are likely to break. So do their friends."

## What's On

- Sept 4/5 **Glorious Food** - Floral displays depicting foods of the New Testament at All Saints Church (Hightown) Whitwood, Castleford, plus Buffet/Restaurant & other attractions. Adm free.
- Sept 9 **A Day of Refreshment**. A practical day to discover spirituality. Foster Place Retreat Centre, near Holmfirth. Details (0484) 688680
- Sept 10-12 **Flower Festival** celebrating 125th anniversary at Emmanuel, Shelley. Bell ringing competition on 11th. Festival Evensong, sung by Huddersfield Friends of Church Music, at 3pm on 12th, preacher The Bishop of Wakefield. Fri 2-8pm, Sat 10-8pm, Sun 1030-3pm. Parking opposite, courtesy of Armitage's Garden Centre.
- Sept 10 **Pontefract Buttercross Market Stall** cakes, plants, bric-a-brac etc in aid of the Roof Appeal, St Edmund's Kellington.
- Sept 12 **Renewal of Marriage Vows Service** in Wakefield Cathedral 3pm. All the family Welcome.
- Sept 12 **The Hunt for the Lost Treasure** will begin at 2pm from Drighlington Parish Church. Entry 50p. Tickets available (0532) 853597 or on the day. A Barbecue will follow organised by the search party. Proceeds will help the Churchyard Conservation Fund.
- Sept 17 **Featherstone & District Male Voice Choir** Concert in St Edmund's Kellington. 730pm. £2.50 including refreshments - in aid of Roof Appeal.
- Sept 18/19 **St Mary the Virgin, Honley, Huddersfield** begins 150th Anniversary Celebration with **Exhibition of Vestments & Needlework**. Sat 10-noon, 2-5pm; Sun 11-6pm. Sun 930am Festival Eucharist, Preacher: The Revd L R Wickham. Details (0484) 661178.
- Sept 21 **The Jabbok Theatre** perform **Behind You**, a play for the Decade of Evangelism, in Horbury Comprehensive School at 730pm. Admission £2.50 or £1.50 Concessions. Ring Wakefield 277284 for details.
- Sept 22 **A day for beginners in imaginative contemplation**. 930-4pm. Foster Place Retreat Centre, near Holmfirth. Details (0484) 688680.
- Sept 24 **Society for the Study of Theology**. Parish Room Honley, 730 for 8pm Speaker Dr John Addy, **The World, The Flesh and The Devil**. Particulars from (0484) 661153.
- Sept 24/25 **Bags for Breakthrough Exhibition** St Thomas' Church, Longroyd Bridge, Huddersfield, Fri 7-9pm, Sat 930am-530pm. An exhibition of hand-made & embroidered bags, there will also be pottery, paper & edible bags. All bags to be sold in aid of the Royal Marsden Breast Cancer Appeal. Details (0484) 666167.
- Sept 24-26 **Flower Festival at St Edward the Confessor, Brotherton**. "A Celebration of Village Life". Preview Fri 6-8pm. Sat 10am-6pm 730pm Brass Band and Choral Concert. Sunday 10am-630pm 630pm Eucharist of Thanksgiving, President - The Bishop of Pontefract. Refreshments available, admission free, collection.
- Sept 25 **In the steps of Evelyn Underhill** - talks, reflections, meditations. Led by Fr Michael Gartland. Foster Place Retreat Centre, near Holmfirth. Details (0484) 682532.
- Sept 25/26 **Flower Festival** The Saints portrayed in flowers by the Spenn Valley Flower Club at St Philip & St James Church, Scholes, Cleckheaton. Sat 10am and Sun 1030am - Eucharist 930am. Preview and Reception Friday evening. Light lunches & afternoon teas both days. (0274) 678472.
- Sept 24-26 **St Thomas the Apostle, Batley** celebrates it's 125th anniversary with a **Flower Festival**. The flower theme will be our Yorkshire Heritage. Cafe and Craft Display & Sale in Hall. Fri & Sat 10am-6pm, Sun from after Parish Communion to 530pm. Concerts on Fri & Sat evenings. Sunday service

10am - Preacher The Rt Revd John Finney. Harvest Songs of Praise 630pm.

Sept 24-26 **Flower Festival** at St Michael's Church, Carleton. Opening Service Fri 7pm. Church open all day Sat from 10am. Tea & biscuits served. A lucky programme for a small charge. Musical Concert at 7pm. Sunday Harvest Service & Eucharist 1030am, church remains open all day till Songs of Praise at 630pm.

Sept 24-26 **Mini Flower Festival** at St Paul's Hanging Heaton, Batley. Arrangements based on departments of Mothers' Union. Service Fri 730pm Open Sat 10-5pm, Sun special services at 945am & 630pm.

Sept 26 **Friends of Halifax Parish Church** will attend Mattins at 1030am when the preacher will be the Provost of Wakefield. The AGM in the Parish Hall at noon will be followed by lunch.

Sept 26-Oct 10 **Stars in Your Eyes** - a Mission led by Fr Augustine Hoey, CR. St Paul's Church, Queens Road, King Cross, Halifax. Mission Services 715pm - Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Details (0422) 352933.

Sept 27-Oct 2 Carlinghow St John's AODS presents **Irene** in the Church Hall, Pearl Street, Batley 715pm. Tickets £3. Details (0924) 474841 or (0422) 371893.

Sept 28 The Board of Mission and Unity is to hold an open meeting at the Minster Church of All Saints' Dewsbury at 730pm. Dr Kevin Ward, **Mara Link** Officer will report on his visit to Mara earlier this year.

Oct 7 **Harvest Festival Evensong** 730pm. St Martin's Womersley, followed by light supper.

Oct 8-10 **Paulinus Weekend** - Dewsbury Minster. The inaugural Paulinus lecture by the Rt Revd Patrick Harris, Bishop of Southwell "The Decade of Evangelism - a Dynamic Missionary Emphasis" - Oct 8th at 8pm, refreshments from 730pm, supper at 9pm. The Paulinus Eucharist and Sermon - Oct 10th at 630pm, Preacher: John Wid-

dowes - "Paulinus, an Historical Assessment".

## Musical Matters

Sept 4 Calderdale/Bradford based **Power Praise Band** will perform in the Halifax Piece Hall 1-3pm & in the Halifax YMCA, Crossley Street at 730pm. Both are outreach events with modern Christian music, testimonies, etc.

Sept 17 **Honley Male Voice Choir** in Concert. 730pm. Tickets £2.50 at the door.

Sept 17 Bishop Nigel will conduct a number of selected items in a **Concert by Brighthouse and Rastrick Band** at 715pm in the Civic Hall, Brighthouse. The Concert is arranged by St Matthew's Church, Rastrick and the Band, proceeds donated to the Bishop's Centenary Fund and local charities. Tickets £5 - £4 (Concessions £2.50) now available from G E Fawthrop, 144 Huddersfield Road, Brighthouse, HD6 3RT, (0484) 713961 (SAE please).

Sept 18 **Consort Favourites!** St Peter's Consort in Wakefield Cathedral at 730pm to celebrate the choir's 10th anniversary. £3 concessions £2.

Sept 22 **Organ Recital** by Ronald Frost of the Royal Northern College of Music & Organist of St Anne's Manchester. 745pm at St Matthew's, Northowram.

Sept 28 **An Evening of Baring-Gould** with a talk by the Revd Gordon Fisher and a selection of hymns in celebration of the Revd Sabine Baring-Gould (who wrote Onward Christian Soldiers while at Horbury) at St Marys, Millfield Road, Horbury Junction at 730pm. Admission free. Details from Wakefield 277284.

Oct 7-12 **Yorkshire Three Choirs Festival** Thu 630pm Choral Evensong; Fri 630pm Choral Evensong; 745pm Organ Recital; Sat 5pm Festal Evensong, 7pm Festival Concert; Sun 11am Solemn Eucharist, 630pm Evensong; Tue 1.05pm Festival Concert in Leeds Town Hall. Details from Organising Sec., 5 St

Peter's House, Kirkgate, LS2 7DJ.

Oct 16-23 Marsden Parish Church AO & DS present the musical **High Society** in the Parochial Hall at 7.15pm. Adults £4.50, SC & children £4.00 except last Sat when all seats £4.50, (0484) 845311 (Shop hours only).

Oct 23 **Let All the World in Every Corner Sing ...** A Celebration of the life and work of Kenneth Leighton. Wakefield Cathedral 7.30pm. Come and sing in two of Leighton's most colourful scores - Music provided. Come and hear a variety of Leighton's other music with Wakefield Cathedral Choir and the Cathedral Girls Choir. Admission free.

The Team Parish of Dewsbury hope to appoint a **Director of Music** for Dewsbury Minster and to co-ordinate Team music events. An organist is required and someone who will take up the challenge of developing music, choirs, singing group, musicians in a wide spectrum of styles. Contact the Rector: The Revd John Hawley, 16a Oxford Road, Dewsbury, WF13 4JT (0924)

## **Battle of Britain Sunday September 19th**

Once again this year many Churches will be marking this Sunday with special services and donating the collections to the RAF Benevolent Fund.

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**Organist** required for St Peter's Church, Woolley. Simple Service, no choir, 2 Manual Norman & Beard pipe organ in very good order. Salary negotiable. Enquiries to Canon Stuart Pearson, The Vicarage, Woolley, Wakefield, (0226) 382550.

## **Market Place**

**For Sale 1) Roneo/Alcatel 980 Dupli-** cator in excellent condition, 3 years old; recently serviced; plus 2 drawer pedestal on casters; plus 7 tubes ink. 2) **Vista-Fax I U Thermal Stencil Scanner**; plus 3 packs of thermal stencils, good working order. 3) **Hermes Toptronic 42 electronic typewriter** needs repair. All for £850. Roneo alone worth £800 (£1400 new). Enquiries to (0532) 533339, David Martineau, Gildersome Vicarage.

**Teacher Training Text Books** for sale, for the early years (3-8 years). All in excellent condition, up to date and reasonable priced. Contact Mrs Ashworth, Thornhill Lees Vicarage (0924) 461269 for further information.

**Mara Prayers** The book of prayers chosen by famous and not so famous Yorkshire people is now ready. It has been put together to raise funds for our Link Diocese. Copies (£1.75+28p postage) can be obtained from Sue Naylor (0977) 794681.

**For Sale Steck Boudoir Grand Piano** (4' 6") in very good condition £2,200 ono, M E Wood (0484) 536496.

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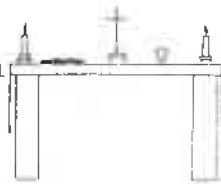
## ONE PERSON'S EXPERIENCE OF QUIET DAYS AND RETREATS

When I was asked to write in the magazine about why I went on quiet days and retreats it instantly brought to mind a fellow Mothers' Union member, Win Lambert, who first encouraged me to attend one. As in many other things it is my membership of the Mothers' Union which has widened my horizons, and step by step led me on to being able to share my faith with others.

I took my first tentative step when I became a representative from our branch to the Deanery Committee and a couple of years later was asked to become a representative on a Diocesan Committee. This was when I first met Win way back in 1969/70.

When I was first asked to consider attending a quiet day I had quite a few misgivings, foremost of which was, could I stay silent for that period of time? How would I cope? What went on at these sort of days? Would it all be explained? Would people think I was trying to be goody goody? At that time no one I knew, or at least that I was aware of, went to quiet days, so it was a step into the unknown - a real reaching out. I was filled with apprehension. However, within the first few minutes after my arrival at the convent, and the warm welcome with which I was received by the sisters, as well as those who were more aware of what the day together would give to us all, I began to relax.

After coffee and biscuits we wended our way from the guest house into the main building passing the school room, the kitchens and then on to the chapel itself is very beautiful and one is instantly aware that here one can find calm, peace and serenity within a loving prayerful atmosphere. Our day began with Holy Communion followed by a short address. Time was then given to sit in silence and to read or walk in the gardens. We were also invited to share in 'Sext' and 'None', two of the services which the nuns hold. Our packed lunch was eaten in the dining room, then back to chapel for a short talk and silence once again until the day ended at four o' clock, with a cup of tea!



The day changed so many things for me. It made me realise how much I had been missing; how much I needed that time apart giving me space to think things through; to wait on God and try to find out the way He wanted me to go forward. So, over the last twenty or so years quiet days have become part of my life, usually attending two or three each year. Most of the time these have been at Horbury but for the last few years I have been to Mirfield.

Why do I go? For me it has been a means of recharging my batteries - a time apart with God to enjoy His peace, and then to go out accepting and facing everyday life in the knowledge of God's strength and love. Building a relationship with God when times go well gives one the faith to hold on to when the going is hard.

I shall always give thanks to God for the Mothers' Union and Win Lambert in particular, without whom I may never have taken those first tentative steps towards exploring my faith further.

Kitty Cooper

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

"We welcome you into the Lord's family"

- 25 July Jamie Lee Parker, The Mason's Arms, Bell Lane  
25 July Ryan James Bell, 35 Langdale Drive  
25 July Brett Connor Phillips, 11 Orchard Drive

WEDDINGS

"Those whom God has joined together"

- 16 July Adrian John Chew and Julie Helen Hirst  
17 July Andrew John Coppin and Claire Louise Arundell  
31 July Robert Philip Place and Lyn Susan Brear



FUNERALS

"In sure hope of the Resurrection"

- 13 July Frances Annie Wright, 9 Hawthorn Grove, 90 years  
2 August Edith Irene Crossley, 10 St Clement's Court, 87 years
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## 'KEEP TALKING ON FAMILY MATTERS' SAYS C of E

Much has been said about the role of 'the family' recently. The Church of England plans to keep everyone talking about it throughout the summer and autumn. Profound changes are taking place in the structure and functioning of families and the Church of England's Board for Social Responsibility is asking everyone with an interest to discuss the subject of the family seriously and put their views on paper.

'We want to get as many people as possible talking about the future of the family,' said Alan Morgan, Bishop of Sherwood and chairman of the Working Party on the Family. 'We want to hear about the actual experiences, hopes and fears of families today, and the people working with them, so that we can look at the changes that are happening and evaluate the contribution that the Christian faith and the Church can make.'

The working party has issued two consultation papers for anyone concerned about the family. One is aimed at individual Christians and churches, encouraging them to set up groups to study the issues and send in their views. The second is aimed at voluntary organisations, other Christian denominations, other faiths and groups with an interest in the family.

The working party was set up in autumn 1992 and will continue into 1994, publishing its findings and reporting to General Synod to encourage further discussion and action. The present consultation period ends on October 31.

## PARISH WOMEN'S GROUP



Ackworth Parish Women's Group resumes its meetings after the summer break on Wednesday 15 September. Final arrangements for the coming year's programme are almost complete. Our plans for the months ahead include a talk on the history of nursery rhymes and another on the work of the Prince of Wales Hospice; a visit to Ackworth School and, we hope a visit to a Sikh Temple; a Lenten quiet evening; a cookery demonstration; a demonstration of china painting and a Christmas dinner at the Elm Tree, (for which we shall be taking names at the September meeting).

Membership of the Women's Group is growing steadily and we are always pleased to welcome new members. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month, usually in the vestry at St Cuthbert's, at 7 45 pm. We cover a wide age range - the youngest of our number is in her 20s and the eldest in her 80s - so if you are interested in joining us please do come along to a meeting. If transport is a problem please give me a ring (611728) and I will be only too happy to try to arrange a lift for you.

Barbara Firth

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## THE MOTHERS' UNION

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| 1 September    | 9 15 am Corporate Communion at All Saints' Church  |
| 2 September    | 7 to 7 25 pm Wave of Prayer Service at All Saints' Church. If you are unable to attend please pray for our Linked Dioceses of Adelaide, The Murray, Willochra, Karamaja and Soroti at that time. |
| 13 September   | 2 30 pm Deanery Festival Service at St Giles Church, Pontefract  |
| 24/25/26 Sept. | "Faith Scope 93" at three day Conference at Swanick.   |
| 30 September   | 2 30 pm Service. Afterwards Mrs Jean Lees will be showing slides of South Africa.  |

Kitty Cooper

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## Parish Picnic

On Sunday 5 September we are once again planning to have a parish picnic (weather permitting!!) at Hazlewood Castle, near Tadcaster.

We shall meet on the Green at 12 30 pm and travel by car via the A1 to Hazlewood. Lifts can be arranged for those without transport.

The Castle is the home of a group of Carmelite Friars. It has extensive grounds, which include a nature trail, a shop and a tea room. The afternoon will end with a short service in the chapel.



# SEPTEMBER



1 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (All Saints')

## 5 PENTECOST 14

Readings: Proverbs 31.10-end (Miss Smith/  
Mr D Cook); Ephesians 5.25-6.4 (Miss Smith/  
Miss L Parker); Mark 10-2.16 ASB 703  
Junior Church re-commences  
Parish Picnic at Hazelwood Castle

6 Mon 7 30 pm PCC, St Cuthbert's Vestry

7 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (St Cuthbert's)

## 8 Wed THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9 15 am (All Saints')

## 12 PENTECOST 15

Readings: AS BCP (Trinity 14) Galatians 5.16-24 (Mrs M Jackson)  
SC Matthew 22.15-22 ASB 710

14 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (St Cuthbert's)  
2 00 pm Service for Mothers, Toddlers and Babies (All Saints')

15 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (All Saints')

## 19 PENTECOST 16

Readings: Leviticus 19.9-18 (Mrs K Cooper/Mrs G Riley);  
Romans 12.9-end (Mrs K Cooper/Mr K Shaw; Luke 10.15-37 ASB 713

21 Tues ST MATTHEW THE APOSTLE  
9 15 am Holy Communion (St Cuthbert's)

22 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (All Saints')  
7 45 pm Parish Women's Group, St Cuthbert's Vestry

## 26 PENTECOST 17

Readings: Jeremiah 7.1-11 (Miss S Pittaway/Mrs M Woffinden);  
James 1.16-end (Miss S Pittaway/Mrs D Greiff); Luke 17.11-19  
ASB 719

28 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (St Cuthbert's)  
2 00 pm Service for Mothers, Toddlers and Babies (All Saints')

29 Wed ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS  
9 15 am Holy Communion (All Saints')

30 Thurs 2 30 pm Mothers' Union (All Saints')

## OCTOBER

### 3 PENTECOST 18

Readings: Deuteronomy 26.1-11 (Dr P McWilliam/Mr S McDougall);  
2 Corinthians 8.1-9 (Dr P McWilliam/Mrs B Firth); Matthew 5.17-26  
ASB 722

6 30 pm Churches Together in Ackworth, United Service,  
Ackworth Methodist Church

## FLOWER ROTAS

### St Cuthbert's Church

5 September Mrs Gardham  
12 " Misses Harrison  
19 " Mrs Dodd  
26 " Mrs Robinson



### All Saints' Church

5 September Mrs Hardy  
12 " Mrs Campbell  
19 " Mrs Cooper  
26 " Mrs Turton

## BRASS CLEANING ROTA

Mrs Asquith and Mrs Lancaster

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