



# Ackworth Parish Magazine

## Open Day Sun Shines on St Cuthbert's - Kestrels Soar

It's not often in life that every little piece of the jigsaw falls so neatly into place - but that's how things turned out at our Open Day last month. With Ada Pritchard and Doreen Seal preparing, planning and working tirelessly behind (and in front of) the scenes, on the BIG day everything seemed to work like clockwork.

By early morning the church and its surroundings were a hustle and bustle of busy activity. Displays were being assembled, tables topped with tablecloths, and leaflets fat with facts about our church and its history put out ready for the visitors

There was a lot to do and a lot to see and perhaps even more to eat. Though honey may not have been for tea, with no more than a slight stretch of the imagination, we could still appreciate Rupert Brooke's 'Grantchester' observation: 'Yet stands the church clock at ten to three, And are there strawberries still for tea?'

A variety of activities continued well into the afternoon. Bell ringers escorted keen observers up the tower and down again; the organ played, the hand bell ringers rang and the Singing Group sang (for half an hour), thoroughly enjoying the occasion and hoping their 'audience' felt the same.

### Kestrels

For many visitors the highlight of the afternoon was the chance to see the five fledgling kestrels perched precariously (or so it seemed to us) on a ledge half way up the tower, gazing bemusedly at the human activity far below. By Tuesday the kestrels had flown, leaving the tower once more to its bells and ringers

As the afternoon came to a close Evensong drew many of us together to reflect on the day's proceedings. And, as Peter commented the following day at the Parish Eucharist, it was incredible that the Open Day had raised £800 when

in fact this had not been a priority in its planning. Anyway, Saint Cuthbert's Open Day was a good day and a happy day and perhaps, for at least some who came, it may even have been a holiday \*

(\* The modern English word 'holiday' is derived from the Anglo-Saxon 'halig-day' which meant 'holy day'.)  
David Newman



### In this month's issue.....

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ACKWORTH PARISH CHURCH  
ST CUTHBERT'S AND ALL SAINTS'

Rector: The Revd Peter Moorhouse, The Rectory, High Ackworth 780880

Sunday Services

St Cuthbert's: 10 15 am The Parish Communion and Junior Church  
All Saints': 8 30 am Holy Communion (2nd Sunday, 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: 10.15 am, St Cuthbert's Church on the 2nd Sunday in the month.

Service for Mothers Toddlers & Babies 2nd & 4th Tuesdays in the month (not 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.

Baptisms and Weddings Please telephone the Rector to arrange an appointment

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PCC Notes 4 July

- 1 Ackworth Parish Council have applied to WMDC to replace the stone slabs on the Green.
- 2 Photographs of PCC members are to be put in both churches.
- 3 The total amount raised in Ackworth for Christian Aid this year is £1417, a slight increase in 1993.
- 4 The treasurer reported on the church accounts. Reserves are down because of the unexpected work on St Cuthbert's roof. Income and expenditure are only just balancing. It was agreed to write to all members of the electoral roll asking them to support the church financially.
- 5 St Cuthbert's Open Day was discussed. All agreed it had been a very good event.
- 6 The Rectory is to have its quinquennial inspection in July.
- 7 A party from St Philip and St Paul's Church, Southport, visited St Cuthbert's Church on Sunday 26 June to see the re-ordering, in order to assess similar plans for their church.

## A VISIT TO LAMBETH PALACE



Early in June the Mother's Union arranged a Garden Party at Lambeth Palace by kind permission of the Archbishop of Canterbury, George Carey. Ten of us from the Diocese were invited. First came the unexpected pleasure of being told that I was to receive a ticket. Then the joy when it arrived. Next came the great discussion about what to wear. Should I buy something new? What was the weather going to be like? How were we to travel? These decisions made we booked our tickets. Some travelled by train. Ruth, another Vice President, and myself went by coach. The others would be already in London because they had been attending Central Council.

I listened intently to the weather forecast the evening before, which reported we were to have a fine bright day. Why, O why do we take any notice?

Finally the great day arrived, with my alarm ringing in my ear. The time was 4 45 am. Yes, there is such a time! All dressed up with my hat in my bag, I set off to Wakefield picking up Ruth on the way. The coach left Wakefield at 6 20 am. We arrived in London at about 10 15 am and did a bit of window shopping before lunch. After lunch we made our way to Mary Sumner House for a wash and brush up. The house was quite busy with members marking time, as we were all carrying hats in bags waiting for the time to set off for Lambeth Palace.

Ruth and I wandered down to the Embankment and sat watching the boats on the river and a little later the arrival by coach of hundreds of our fellow members. At about 2 30 pm we made our way to Lambeth Bridge where we were to meet up with the Wakefield contingent. We then made our way across the bridge to the Palace. There was security on the gate and everyone had to show their invitation. This formality over we went inside to be greeted by Pat Harris our Central President. Cameras were much in evidence as we strolled round the garden, stopping to admire the roses and exchange greetings with everyone. Unfortunately the weather was not kind to us as there was quite a cool breeze, which had some ladies clinging to their hats. Tea was served in a huge marquee on the lawn, with a band playing for our entertainment. Later our Central President addressed us and the Archbishop and his wife joined us for an hour. Once again the cameras flashed and some of us managed to have a few words with him as he signed our invitation cards. All too soon six o'clock came as we made our way out of the grounds and set off in different directions to catch transport home. Our coach didn't leave until eight o'clock, so Ruth and I had plenty of time to relax, sip a cup of coffee and talk about the day.

Although the sun hadn't shone for us it had been a wonderful day - something to remember and look back on, to relive over and over again as we take out our photographs and think out all those we had met and with whom we shared fellowship. Midnight struck as I garaged by car. A long day, but one to savour for the rest of my life.

Kitty Cooper

## TIME FOR A CHANGE



I preached my first sermon, would you believe it, four and a half years ago. I talked about "Whole person medicine", the need for balance to be achieved between physical, mental, social and spiritual well-being, and the fact that such an approach to medicine takes time. I like to take time.

As you will be aware, there have been many changes in the NHS recently. Some are good and will benefit patients and raise standards. Others, I feel, are less good and it is difficult to see who benefits.

I too have decided it's time for a change. After twenty four years in medicine, thirteen of which have been spent in general practice, I have decided to "hang up my stethoscope" or, to be more accurate, put my family planning handbooks back on the shelf. This has not been a sudden decision or an easy one.

I make no secret of the fact that government changes have meant that I can no longer practise medicine as I would like. I am not "high-tech", I dislike computers, business plans and fund-holding. While some of these are necessary and good, it has to be remembered that GPs are a mixed bunch. To try and squeeze them into a mould is bad for both doctor and patient. Being a natural anarchist I refuse to be squeezed any further.

All this sounds negative. There are positive reasons for my decision. There are other things I feel it important to do. Until now there has been no time. I may be able to do more work in connection with church. But let me set the record straight - I have not left medicine to "go into the church"!

Of course I shall be sad. I shall miss the women's medicine I have helped to build up, but I have put that in the capable hands of my colleagues. Most of all I shall miss my patients, and the sharing of problems and joys that the work brings. Thank you to all my patients for letting me into your lives.

Doreen Belk

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### THE MOTHERS' UNION

3 August 9 15 am Corporate Communion at All Saints' Church  
16 August 10 to 12 noon Open Coffee Morning at 27 Orchard Drive.  
Bring and Buy - Raffle. Everyone welcome.

There will be no service and meeting in August.

#### Looking Ahead

5 September 9 to 9 30 am Wave of Prayer Service, All Saints' Church

Kitty Cooper



The Archdeacon of Halifax writes:

Inevitably at a time like this, I am looking back as well as looking forward. In doing this there is a mixture of sadness at leaving such a supportive and vibrant Diocese, with a clear vision, and despite undoubted difficulties, in very good heart; and also anticipation for the future in Lichfield and the Area of Shrewsbury in particular.

This reminds me of the moment when God's ancient people of Israel were on the move, and facing difficulties. God said to them two things: *first*, (and it must always be first) "Stand still, and see the salvation of God". Wait on Him — don't do anything until you are in tune

with him. *Second* — (and only then), does he say, "Speak unto my people that they go forward!"

That principle always applies: always we must be alert to what

He wants and where He wants us to go — to do — to be. We are His people — and must constantly ask "Lord, what will you have me / us do?" What

is He calling me / us to in Shrewsbury? What is He calling you to in Wakefield? You have a vision — originally shared with us by Bishop Nigel but now owned by the whole Diocese — and this is spiritually healthy. I pray that I may share in what God is doing and leading in my new work. (For ".... without vision the people perish.")

Farewell

So, with me, continue to put your hand into the hand of God – and lets do that together – individuals, families, Church congregations, Deaneries and Dioceses – all varying parts of the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit. He has been faithful in the past, but remember – the best is always yet to come with God!

"And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace which is able to build you up and to give you the

inheritance among all those who are sanctified." (Acts 20.32)

Margaret, Jonathan and Timothy join with me in thanking God for every remembrance of you all, and for all your kindness and support over the past four-and-a-half years.

*Our new address is: 68 London Road, Shrewsbury, SY2 6PG – you are most welcome to call and see us.*

*David Hallatt*

## People and Places

The Revd Canon Alastair A Ross, at present Vicar of Saint Oswald Netherton and Honorary Canon of Liverpool Cathedral is to be Vicar of Halifax. A date for the induction will be announced later.

The Revd Elliott Allison, Team Vicar in the North Huddersfield Team parish has resigned with effect from 1st July 1994.

## A Vision for a Decade.... and beyond

No-one in their right minds would have chosen **The Ecumenical Decade of Churches in Solidarity with Women** as the title of a world wide focus on the place and role of women and the challenge to the churches to stand beside them and stand up for them.

The title is often cut down either to *the Women's Decade* which is precisely what it is not, or to *Solid Women* which is the kind of self-

mocking way in which women often get betrayed into expressing their concerns.

Also, the Ecumenical Decade becomes confused with the Decade of Evangelism. Both Decades are about good news – both are about the Gospel but the emphases are different and should not be confused.

So the Decade is ECUMENICAL, and that is about much more than

churches working together. It is about the whole inhabited earth and all that lives and breathes within it. If women are to be free to be life givers, pain-bearers, love-makers; mirrors of the image of God in which they are made, then Justice and Peace and the Integrity of Creation are also part of the agenda, and conversely the Ecumenical Decade is closely related to the JPIC programme to which the Churches are also committed.

It is the **CHURCHES DECADE**. The Churches are challenged to make issues that effect women their issues too; to honour initiatives women take, to listen to their insights, acknowledge their needs and to amplify their voices. To be the first and not the last to recognize where women are oppressed, distorted, compelled to wait until institutions shaped and directed over centuries by men give way to communities in which women and men together share in Christ's ministry of reconciliation.

It is a Decade for the Churches to be and act in **SOLIDARITY** with

women: taking their agendas as their own, not condescending or patronising. It would for instance be a tragedy to find those women now freed to respond to their vocation to priestly ministry in the Church of England squeezed into a pattern prescribed by men instead of discovering how being woman and priest can enrich both the church and its service to the world. So it is a Decade for the Churches to be in **SOLIDARITY WITH WOMEN**. Where women struggle, where women are violated, where women achieve, where women dance, where women are oppressed — the churches should be there to comfort, heal and affirm.

It is the Ecumenical Decade of Churches in Solidarity **WITH WOMEN**. If the world and the churches are to become truly communities of women and men then not only do women need the same access to leadership and opportunity, they also need to be honoured for the distinctive contributions and gifts they have to offer.

*Come and join with Churches Together with Women in West Yorkshire on Saturday October 15th 10-4pm at Elm Tree Street School, Wakefield, for Activity Day on Women in the Bible. The cost is waged £4, unwaged £2. Application forms are available from your parish priest or from the Revd A Jennings, 2 Cathedral Close, Margaret Street, Wakefield, WF1 2DQ. Please send a SAE. Closing date for applications is October 1st.*

## Book Review

## Keep the Faith Baby!

By Wilfred Wood, Suffragan Bishop of Croydon

In this fascinating, informative and sometimes shocking book, Wilfred Wood JP speaks about faith, evangelism, race relations and community, drawing from his own experiences of faith and life in Britain over the last 25 years.

Now Bishop of Croydon, Wilfred Wood was born and brought up in Barbados. He is a champion of black rights and promoter of racial harmony. *Keep the Faith, Baby!* is published to coincide with the Black Anglican Congress held in York in at the end of July.

The material is drawn from his sermons and talks, and provides a rich pattern of Christian truth and teaching. There are humorous illustrations and poignant and painful stories and reminiscences ... like when his six year old daughter was sitting on his knee and said, "*Dad, I hope this isn't*

*going to offend you, but I don't want to be in this family any more ... I would like to be white and live in a white family.*"

The book includes his moving memorial lecture to Martin Luther King, as well as a discussion paper used by small groups in racism awareness training. The Bible passages and reflections encourage us to deepen our faith and hold on to it – in the words of the title *Keep the Faith, baby!* It is a book that will profit Christians of all racial and denominational backgrounds as they can see the struggle going on in our world for justice and freedom from oppression, and consider how they should be involved in it.

*Keep the Faith Baby!* published by the Bible Reading Fellowship, 160pp paperback, £5.99 ISBN 0 7459 2965 6

## Mothers' Union Centenary

Wakefield Diocese's Mothers' Union steamed into its second century recently — on a miniature train! Central President Pat Harris, Bishop Nigel and Diocesan President Angela Byram launched the year-long celebrations by riding on the engine at a special Fun Day in Silcoates School, Wakefield.

The night before over 1000 MU members packed Halifax Parish Church for a service made all the more dramatic by the unexpected son-et-lumiere provided by a big thunderstorm during Central President Pat Harris's address.



The Bishop of Wakefield, a firm supporter of the MU as a missionary force within the Church, has challenged the Wakefield branches to reduce their average age by ten years by 1999.

### Computing News

The much awaited upgrade to WordPerfect 6.0 for Windows (6.0a) has now arrived. The editor has been using it for a couple of weeks and try as he may he cannot reproduce the problems he had with the original release. He now recommends it highly for clergy and parish work. It is the next best thing to a Desk Top Publishing package: in fact it is one! See-Link is produced using it.

A less expensive package with the

basic essentials of word processing is now available from WordPerfect under the title *LetterPerfect*, (£67 approx) and it is part of the WordPerfect Main series intended for home use. It certainly lives up to its pedigree. Other packages in this WordPerfect Main series include an Information Centre, a Drawing Package and Clip Art.

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### Memorial Service for John Smith

A Memorial Service was held for the Rt Hon John Smith, QC, in Wakefield Cathedral on July 3rd. The speakers were the Rt Hon Gerald Kaufman MP and Bishop Nigel.

The Bishop said "I got to know the Leader of Her Majesty's Opposition when we were both lobbying together to try and halt the closure of the West Yorkshire Pits. I was therefore happy to be invited to speak at his memorial service here."

The lessons were read by the Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons, Mr Geoffrey Lofthouse MP, and the Member of Parliament

for Normanton, Mr Bill O'Brian.

The initiative for this service was taken by the Normanton Constituency Party and politicians of all parties, together with civic leaders, attended the service. The Provost of Wakefield, the Very Revd John Allen commented "John Smith's death has struck a chord in the breasts of people of all political persuasions, and as a result this service provided an opportunity for ordinary people in West Yorkshire to express their sorrow at his sudden death and the loss of a man who was already beginning to make his mark in the life of the nation.

## WHAT'S ON

- Aug 1 **Power Praise** at Halifax YMCA, 730pm.
- Aug 6 **Nearly New Sale** 10-12noon in Staincliffe Church and Grounds. Admission 10p.
- Aug 12 **Children's Society Flag Day** in Halifax, Sowerby Bridge and Sowerby. Collectors needed. Phone Eddie Fowler (0422) 357060 for further details.
- Aug 20 **Halifax March for Jesus** 10-1230pm Flowing Reign Band, drama etc at Halifax Southgate Precinct. 1230-2pm assemble & launch of "Prayer for Every Home" strategy at Halifax Elim Car Park, Hall Street, bottom of Gibbet Street. 2pm march round town centre, returning to Elim Car Park until 4pm.
- Aug 27-29 **Flower Festival** at St John the Evangelist, Upper Denby (near Denby Dale, Huddersfield). Sat & Sun 1230-6pm, Mon 10-5pm. Refreshments and stalls all weekend. Vintage Brass Band Concert, Monday evening 7pm.
- Sept 3 **All Saints' Church, Darton, Gift Day** outside the Church and the Parish Hall. 9-1pm
- Sept 3 **Wild West Garden Party**, St Cuthbert's Church Birkby, Huddersfield. 2pm. Various stalls, fun and games for all the family. Refreshments in the Saloon.
- Sept 5 **National Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer Retreat** at Parcevall Hall, Appletreewick, Skipton. £5 deposit & 2 sae's to Ann Dodson, 29 Burnside Drive, Holmfirth, Huddersfield, HD7 1LY.
- Sept 6 **Farewell Service** to Archdeacon David Hallatt in Huddersfield Parish Church 730pm. People from across the Diocese are invited to this service.
- Sept 8 **Wakefield Diocesan Church Union** - a chance to see the new **Walsingham Video** with mass to celebrate Our Lady's Birthday at the following venues: St Paul, King Cross Halifax, 730pm; St John the Baptist, Royston, Barnsley 7pm; St Thomas, Huddersfield 730pm; St Peter, Horbury, 730pm; St Mary Magdalen, Altofts, 730pm; Holy Innocents, Thornhill Lees, Dewsbury 7pm; St Thomas, Purston 730pm.
- Sept 12-16 **Anglo Catholic Charismatic Celebration** at Ditchingham, Norfolk. Details from Barbara Ingamells, 70 Sandy Lane, Woking, Surrey GU22 8BH (0483) 726267.
- Sept 15-18 **Wakefield Anglican Cursillo Weekend** at Whirlow Grange. For more information ring (0226) 240173.
- Sept 18-25 The parish of Honley with Brockholes is holding an **Encounters** week led by Brother William Nicol CR, and a visiting team of nuns and lay workers. Please pray for the parish. Further details from Revd R Whittingham (0484) 661178.
- Sept 21-24 **The Flame**, a musical adaptation of the story of Barnabas and Paul. St Barnabas Church, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield. 730pm. Admission £2 & £1 (all concessions). Proceeds split between financing new kneelers for the church and the National Children's Home. Tickets from Mr A Blackburn (0484) 654111.
- Sept 24 **Calderdale for Christ / DAWN Challenge** day with Chris Forster, and at 730pm **Prayer Celebration**. Times and venues next month.
- Sept 27/29 **Conference for Wives of Evangelical Anglican Clergy in the North**. Hynning Hall near Carnforth; theme **Making Sense of My Spirituality**. Booking and Details:

Barbara Alldred, The Rectory, 246 Stag Lane, Lowton, Nr Warrington WA3 2ED (0942) 728434.

Sept 23-25 **Flower Festival** at St Michael's Church, Emley. "Village Talents Through Our Time". Fri open 230pm. 730pm Concert: Joseph & the Amazing Technicolour Dream Coat. Sat from 10am on the Green - Fair Organ, stalls, folk dancing, sword wrapping. 730pm Almondsbury Ladies Choir Concert. Sun 930 Holy Eucharist. Throughout the day young organists, prayers, bible reading 6pm Songs of Praise with Canon John Lodge. Contact S Hey (0924) 840124.

Sept 23-26 **Flower Festival** at Darrington Church. Fri Wine & Cheese party + viewing of displays 7pm £3. Sat Church Open 10-5pm Reading Room, 730pm in Church, Wakefield Cathedral Choir. Mon Church open 10-230pm

Oct 1 International Year of the Family: **FLAME Conference on the theme of the FAMILY** 10am - 330pm. JABBOK Theatre will present drama and group

work. Afternoon workshops will look at issues affecting the family. Cost £5 per person, £2.50 per child, including lunch. Book in advance. (0924) 371802, FLAME Officers.

Oct 3 **John Sharp Memorial Lecture** given by Rt Revd Geoffrey Rowell (Bishop of Basingstoke) - Life and Times of John Sharp, an exponent of the Tractarian Movement. 745pm in St Peter's Church, Horbury, Wakefield. Bookings (0924) 272603.

Oct 8 **Craft Fayre** in All Saints' Church, Darton Parish Hall, 10-4pm. Craft Stalls, Cake Stall and refreshments served throughout the day.

Oct 29 **Autumn Fayre** in All Saints' Church, Darton Parish Hall. 230pm. Various stalls, Tombola and other attractions. Afternoon tea.

Oct 29 **Myers-Briggs Basic Workshop** 930-4pm at St Peter' Church, Gildersome. Cost £15. Contact Mrs Gill Butterworth *first* for details (0924) 823150.

## MUSICAL MATTERS

Aug 1 **The Royal Artillery Band** in concert at Wakefield Cathedral at 730pm. Hear one of the British Army's premier staff bands, proceeds in aid of the Cathedral & the RA Assoc. Tickets £5 (£3 concessions) on sale at the Bookshop or by post from the Cathedral Office, Northgate, Wakefield WF1 1HG (0924) 373923 or pay at the door.

Aug 6 **Organ Recital** in Wakefield Cathedral by Sean Farrell (Assistant Cathedral Organist). Admission free.

Aug 6 the Dutch Vocal Ensemble will be joining members of the Huddersfield Methodist Choir in giving a **Concert** at Holy Trinity Church at 730pm. Admission by programme at the door £1.50 including coffee & scones.

### Wakefield Diocesan Church Union Day Pilgrimage to Walsingham

1st October 1994

Mass in Walsingham Parish Church  
12 noon followed by procession to the Shrine

*Preacher: Archdeacon E. Stroud*

Please phone (0484) 450054 with name and address and full details of transport arrangements will be sent to you.

Aug 7 **St Paul's Armitage Bridge, Organ**  
Recital by John Radford, organist of  
Quintet Group of Parishes, Diocese of  
Salisbury. 330pm. Admission £2.

Aug 19 **A Concert of Classical Music &  
Popular Light Classics** is to be given  
on the Organ of St Botolph's Church,  
Knottingley at 730pm by the teenage  
organist David Wrigley. Admission by  
program £2 available in advance or at  
the Church door.

Aug 20 **The Concord Singers** - an  
American Choir, are making their first  
visit to England and will give a concert  
in Halifax Parish Church at 715pm  
hosted by Halifax Male Voice Choir.  
Tickets from C Alan, (0422) 367858 or  
at the door.

Sept 10 **Concert** at Honley St Mary's by Jill  
Kemp (woodwind semi-finalist in the  
BBC Young Musician of the Year) and  
her friends. 730pm. Pay at the door.

Oct 15 **Horbury Victoria Band Concert** in  
St Peter's Church, Horbury 7pm.  
Admission by programme £2, Senior  
Citizens etc £1. Bookings: (0924)  
272603.

#### CONTRIBUTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Donna Rusling, Church House, 1 South  
Parade, Wakefield, WF1 1LP.  
Changes-of-Order are concerned with how  
many copies each parish receives and  
whether the copies are **FLAT** or **FOLDED**.  
The cost is currently £3.40 per 100 per  
month.

Oct 1 **St John's College Choir, Cambridge**  
will hold a trial of boys' voices for the  
choir at St John's College at 9am  
Choristers are educated at St John's  
School and are awarded scholarships  
which are worth £5,372 a year.  
Candidates should not be younger  
than 7 years nor older than 10 years 0  
months on the date of the trial.  
Applications to the College Organist,  
St John's College, Cambridge, CB2 1TP.  
For particulars telephone (0223)  
338612.

Holmfirth Parish Church require an  
**Organist and Choirmaster.** 1045am  
ASB Holy Communion except 4th  
Sunday BCP Mattins. 1st Sunday BCP  
Evensong. Weekly Choir Rehearsal.  
RSCM affiliated choir. Contact the  
Revd JM Sausby, 2 Rosegarth Avenue,  
Holmfirth. (0484) 683285.

## MARKET PLACE

**Roneo Alcatel 865 Duplicator** machine in  
good working order. Free to any  
group willing to collect it. Contact the  
Revd Ray Adair (0924) 471999.

### Exploring the Christian Faith Today

A course to explore the areas  
of faith and belief, starting with  
the Bible.

*Monday evenings 12 Sept to 28  
November, 9 January to 20 March  
and 1 May to 22 May.*

*730-9pm*

Church House Wakefield  
Contact Mrs Ros Gayford  
(0924) 371802

## Parish Magazine Questionnaire

The response to the questionnaire, which went out with the May issue of the magazine, was poor. Only 12% of the questionnaires were returned leading us to believe that perhaps 88% of people receiving the magazine don't actually read it!

The following was learnt from those we did receive.

1. Nearly half our readers are over 61.
2. The three most read items are the Rector's Notes, Profiles of Parishioners and PCC Notes.
3. The three least read items are See Link, Who's Who and Mothers' Union News.
4. For future issues people are most interested in reading Local News, Interpretations of Bible readings (to the Rector's surprise) and Church Club News.

5. Most people said they would be willing to pay more for the magazine.

It seems we are faced with the question of whether it is worth investing more time and effort into something few people read. Or perhaps we need to make changes to increase the magazine's appeal. It looks like another one of those 'Chicken and Egg' situations.

You will have noticed that recent changes have been made to the format of the magazine (e.g. the front cover). It would be interesting to know what you think of these. Please tell us.

Parish Magazine Committee  
(L. Steer, M. Richardson, D. Newman,  
P. Moorhouse)

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### BURGLAR ALARM APPEAL

Most Ackworth Church members will know of the recent break-in at St Cuthbert's Church.

The damage caused and value of the theft could have been much worse. However, to my mind, the main concern is the threat to the sanctity of our beautiful churches in the future.

Statistics show that crime against churches is increasing rapidly nationwide.

The Fabric Committee is anxious to have burglar alarms fitted in both churches and certain other crime prevention recommendations carried out as soon as possible.

Unfortunately, following urgent roof repairs at both churches, the coffers for fabric work are very low.

The congregation gave generously towards the sound system appeal which we are now all able to enjoy.

With some trepidation therefore, I plead with you again to dig deep and contribute towards this most essential work.

The work will cost in the order of £2,000.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Martin Hogg



## Jars of Grace

Extract of a letter received from UNICEF:

Thank you very much for the truly remarkable cheque for £335 - this being the total proceeds for our Jar of Grace Appeal in 1993 from everyone at St Cuthbert's and All Saints' Churches. Please will you pass on our thanks to all concerned for their tremendous help - it was good to hear that several people would like to make it an ongoing collection. We greatly appreciate all the time and effort which has gone into achieving such a result.

As you know, the money raised in the 1993 Appeal is going towards our Vitamin A Programmes which help to prevent blindness in children. The cost of a Vitamin A Capsule is a little under 2p and this helps protect a child from blindness for six months. UNICEF is also developing Nutrition Programmes which will, in the long term, prevent the lack of Vitamin A in the children's diets.

Submitted by Lynne Ward, Third World Committee

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### TOO MANY?

In the village there are:-

- 0 Banks
- 1 Supermarket
- 2 Sub-Post Offices
- 3 Petrol Stations
- 4 Ladies Hairdressers
- 5 Bus Routes
- 6 Public Houses
- 7 Places of Worship

Does this mean that Ackworth residents form a very religious community, or love old buildings, or cling to the past, or don't mind paying to maintain and run several separate religious buildings, or don't like the idea of getting together and helping each other financially, or have never really thought about it?

Whatever the reason, with the financial burdens increasing year by year, and with no end to that daunting prospect in sight, it must surely make sense for our "Leaders" to get together and give the matter some serious practical thought.

Of course there will be great howls of protest if any changes are suggested, but it just does not make common sense to perpetuate many places for, let's face it,

Fred Walters.

6 The Courtway  
Low Ackworth



2 July 1994

Dear Peter and Congregation

When I tell you that last Sunday my husband and I attended an open air Eucharist and Holy Baptism in Alaska you will no doubt be very surprised!

We have just returned from Alaska after visiting our son and his wife who are living out there at the moment, and last Sunday was the last day of our holiday and Christ Church Episcopal and Christ Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Anchorage, were holding a joint service in the local park.

At the beginning of the service the Priest thanked everyone for praying for good weather as it was a perfect day - lovely warm sunshine, blue sky and no wind. It was a lovely service - very similar to our own - and the two young babies who were baptised were very good.

During our stay in Alaska we had two days in Denali National Park and saw Moose, Dall Sheep, a Red Fox, Golden Eagles, Caribou, Marmot, Ground Squirrels and a Grizzly Bear - and all in their natural environment. Another day we had an 8 hour cruise off the Kenai Peninsula where we saw Humpback Whales, Sea Otters, Sea Lions and a whole variety of seabirds. We visited Portage Glacier and also the "Alaska Experience Centre" in Anchorage where the ground actually shook and rumbled beneath our feet in the "safe-quake" room!

We also found why our son has been out there nearly 6 years - several members of the congregation told us they prayed that his firm wouldn't move him to another part of the world!

Sincerely

Jean Reast

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FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

26 June	Grace Livesey, 12 College Terrace
26 June	Daniel Shaun Wheeler, 9 Fothergill Avenue
26 June	Jodie Allan, 52 Mount Pleasant
26 June	Sean Anthony Allan, 52 Mount Pleasant
26 June	Jake David James Lawrence, 16 Victoria Street

WEDDINGS

18 June	Ian Goldthorpe and Samantha Moore
25 June	Stephen Alan Parkinson and Susan Lesley Fletcher

## AUGUST



- 2 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (St Cuthbert's)  
 3 Wed **The Transfiguration of Our Lord**  
 9 15 am Holy Communion (All Saints')
- 7 **PENTECOST 11** **'The Serving Community'**  
 Readings: 1 Chronicles 29.1-9 (Mrs Cooper/  
 Mr McDougall); Philippians 1.1-11  
 (Mrs Cooper/Mrs B Firth); Matt. 20.1-16 ASB691  
 ☉ Mrs M Lloyd (SC); Mrs Walters (AS)
- 8 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (St Cuthbert's)  
 10 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (All Saints')
- 14 **PENTECOST 12** **'The Witnessing Community'**  
 Readings: AS BCF 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (Miss Pittaway)  
 SC Micah 4.1-5 (Mr R Firth); Acts 17.22-end  
 (Mrs Walters); Matthew 5.13-16 ASB 696  
 ☉ Mrs H Walters (SC); Mrs Turton (AS)
- 16 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (St Cuthbert's)  
 17 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (All Saints')
- 21 **PENTECOST 13** **'The Suffering Community'**  
 Readings: Jeremiah 20.7-11a (Dr McWilliam/Mr D Cook;  
 Acts 20.17-35 (Dr McWilliam/Miss Parker); Matthew 10.16-2 ASB 700  
 6 00 pm Churches Together in Ackworth, United Service,  
 Carr Bridge Field  
 ☉ Mrs King (SC); Miss Smith (AS)
- 23 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (St Cuthbert's)  
 24 Wed **St Bartholomew the Apostle**  
 9 15 am Holy Communion (All Saints')
- 28 **PENTECOST 14** **'The Family'**  
 Readings: Genesis 45.1-15 (Miss Smith/Mrs Riley);  
 Ephesians 3.14-end (Miss Smith/Mr Shaw); Luke 11.1-13 ASB 706  
 ☉ Mrs Barnard (SC); Vacant (AS)
- 30 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (St Cuthbert's)  
 31 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (All Saints')

Brass Rota: Mrs Arundel

## SEPTEMBER

- 4 **PENTECOST 15** **'Those in Authority'**  
 Readings: 1 Kings 3.4-15 (Mrs Cooper/Mrs Woffinden);  
 1 Timothy 2.1-7 (Mrs Cooper/Mr McDougall); Matthew 14.1-12  
 ASB 711

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