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Ackworth Parish Magazine

Christian Stewardship

What is Christian Stewardship?

Stewardship is, or should be, one of the main ideas ruling the life of any Christian. It is based on the belief that all we see around us is a gift from God - the earth, our life, our family and friends, our possessions. We own none of them. They are given to us in trust by God. His intention is that we should use them in His service. We are forcefully reminded of this in the funeral service:

'We brought nothing into the world, and we take nothing out. The Lord gives and the Lord takes away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.'

Christian and Non Christian alike

As well as being a Christian idea, many non Christians also hold a similar view, ie that we are stewards of creation. The 'Green Movement', which urges us to care for our environment for future generations, is a form of Stewardship. One of the best descriptions of what this means for man was written nearly 150 years ago by an American Indian, Chief Seattle. His reply to the American government (see page 4), who wanted to buy his tribal lands, is a wonderfully moving account of Creation and how we should see God's gifts.

Time, talents, money

Christian Stewardship asks us to think in terms of our time, our talents or gifts, and our money. How can we best use them in God's service, and in the service of the Church? Over the next few weeks the Church Council wants every church member to think and pray in particular about their financial commitment to the church. Next year we are likely to face increased demands on our finances. We estimate our Parish Share is going to increase substantially again, as our congregations have gone up. We need to replenish our reserves, following major roof repairs to St Cuthbert's last year. We face the need to do urgent work on St Cuthbert's tower, making repairs to the pinnacles. At the time of writing the bells once again are silent because of further problems in the belfry.

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We have set aside Sunday 5 November as Stewardship Sunday. We hope that on that day church members will bring to church a 'pledge response card', which will indicate their level of giving in the year ahead. We also hope that new church members will consider joining the envelope scheme, and that everyone will review their covenants, whereby we are able to reclaim income tax paid on donations. This simple, painless, procedure increases your giving by 33%. Our hope is that this review of our finances will give us a firm foundation for the year ahead.

Harvest Thanksgiving

We celebrate the gifts of Creation at our **Harvest Thanksgiving**, this year on **Sunday 8 October.**

Everyone is invited to bring gifts to the Parish Communion. As in previous years these will be donated to the Thurnscoe Family Centre run by the Children's Society.

Doreen Belk

Doreen Belk has now withdrawn from parish ministry as a Reader in Ackworth, as she is no longer resident in the parish. An appreciation of her contribution to the life of the church and the community appears elsewhere in this magazine. I would like to thank Doreen for all that she has contributed to the life of the church, not just as a Reader but also as member of our congregations.

Peter Moorhouse.

Parish of Ackworth - St Cuthbert's and All Saints' - Directory

Rector: Revd Peter Moorhouse, The Rectory, High Ackworth 602751

Sunday Services

St Cuthbert's: 10 15 am The Parish Communion and Junior Church.
 All Saints': 8 30 am Holy Communion.
 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.

Guide and Brownie Parade and Family Communion: 2nd Sunday in the month.
 10 15 am, St Cuthbert's Church.

Mums and Tots Group: 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. Please telephone the Rector for an appointment.

Marriages: Please contact the Rector

Ministry to the Sick: Please inform the Rector of anyone who is in hospital or very ill at home.

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MARK 2:

Soon we hope to have available a cardboard bishop, which can be placed in the diocese while the real bishop is in the House of Lords, or on holiday. Trial

models have been installed for some time in the General Synod, without being detected. One is even said to have made a short, excellent speech which was even related to its topic!

Work on the cardboard Archdeacon has been abandoned, as market research demonstrated that nobody actually wants the real thing. There would, therefore, not be much demand for the cardboard substitute.



However, our cardboard congregation is now on the market and is selling very well already. Its response to sermons is indistinguishable from the real thing, and it has the positive advantage that when volunteers are called for, nobody makes a dash for the door. In

some churches, there has been a marked improvement in the singing.

We commend our quality products for your consideration and hope that you will find that they are just what you have been looking for.

Your sincerely

(From Wakefield Cathedral News and two parish magazines.)

Chief Seattle

In about 1852, the United States government inquired about buying Indian tribal lands for the arriving people of the United States, and Chief Seattle wrote a marvellous letter in reply:

"The President in Washington sends word that he wishes to buy our land. But how can you buy or sell the sky? The land? The idea is strange to us. If we do not own the freshness of the air and the sparkle of the water, how can you buy them?

"Every part of this earth is sacred to my people. Every shining pine needle, every sandy shore, every mist in the dark woods, every meadow, every humming insect. All are holy in the memory and experience of my people.

"We know the sap which courses through the trees as we know the blood which courses through our veins. We are part of the earth and it is part of us. The perfumed flowers are our sisters. The bear, the deer, the great eagle, these are our brothers. The rocky crests, the juices in the meadow, the body heat of the pony, and man, all belong to the same family.

"The shining water that moves in the streams and rivers is not just water, but the blood of our ancestors. If we sell our land, you must remember that it is sacred. Each ghostly reflection in the clear waters of the lakes tells of events and memories in the life of my people. The water's murmur is the voice of my father's father.

"The rivers are our brothers. They quench our thirst. They carry our canoes and feed

our children. So you must give to the rivers the kindness you would give any brother.

"If we sell you our land, remember that the air is precious to us, that the air shares its spirit with all the life it supports. The wind that gave our grandfather his first breath also receives his last sigh. The wind also gives our children the spirit of life. So if we sell you our land, you must keep it apart and sacred, as a place where man can go to taste the wind that is sweetened by the meadow flowers.



"Will you teach your children what we have taught our children? That the earth is our mother? What befalls the earth befalls all the sons of the earth.

"This we know: the earth does not belong to man, man belongs to the earth. All things are connected like the blood that unites us all. Man did not weave the web of life, he is merely a strand in it. Whatever he does to the web, he does to himself.

"One thing we know: our god is also your god. The earth is precious to him and to harm the earth is to heap contempt upon its creator.

Chief Seattle

"Your destiny is a mystery to us. What will happen when the buffalo are all slaughtered? The wild horses tamed? What will happen when the secret corners of the forest are heavy with the scent of many men and the view of the ripe hills is blotted by talking wires? Where will the thicket be? Gone! Where will the eagle be? Gone! And what is it to say good-bye to the swift pony and the hunt? The end of living and the beginning of survival.

"When the last Red Man has vanished with his wilderness and his memory is only the shadow of a cloud moving across the prairie, will these shores and forests still be here? Will there be any of the spirit of my people left?

"We love this earth as the new-born loves its mother's heartbeat. So, if we sell you our land, love it as we have loved it. Care for it as we have cared for it. Hold in your mind the memory of the land as it is when you receive it. Preserve the land for all children and love it, as God loves us all.

"As we are part of the land, you too are part of the land. This earth is precious to us. It is also precious to you. One thing we know: There is only one God. No man, be he Red Man or White Man, can be apart. We *are* brothers after all.

PCC Notes, 4 September

- 1 The Rector led a discussion on parish finance. His main concern was the need to increase parish giving in order to cope with rising costs next year. Provisional figures suggest we may face an increase of £30 per week in the Parish Share. It was agreed to hold a Stewardship Sunday on the 5 November, when church members would be asked to consider revising their giving.
- 2 It was agreed to hold a Harvest Supper on Saturday 7 October.
- 3 It was agreed to make plans for a parish week-end to be held in 1996.
- 4 Draft copies of the baptism service were discussed. Further work is needed before a decision can be made.
- 5 Dr Doreen Belk informed the council that she would be withdrawing from the parish at the beginning of October now that she was living outside the parish.
- 6 The church council gave formal approval for Paul Fox to proceed with the final part of his training as a Reader.
- 7 Details were given of revision of the Alternative Service Book by General Synod

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Bishop Nigel writes:

By far the largest and most effective missionary movement within the Anglican Communion is the Mothers' Union. Even in this country, more often than is recognised, the MU provides the backbone for the Church of England's mission task.

The Mothers' Union in the Wakefield Diocese was founded in 1895. This month, at a Cathedral service on October 7th, its present members will commit themselves to a second century of pastoral, teaching and spiritual ministry - far removed from the popular image of just cosy tea and chat.

Tea and chat does, of course, have its place in the MU - and rightly so. Valued and once active older members, often living alone, look to their branch meetings for companionship and still continue their prayerful concern for people and issues.

But that is only part of what the MU provides on behalf of the church for people of all ages. Many youngsters who have run away

from home have been reconciled with their families, thanks to a highly acclaimed national scheme begun by the MU. Here, in the Wakefield Diocese, a new Mothers' Union project provides practical support for students in need; and the centenary project has helped to pioneer mother and baby facilities in one of our prisons - where they have also opened a branch for inmates.



All Mothers' Union activities have at their heart the prayerfulness and attendance at the Eucharist which is a Rule of Life for many members. Particularly helpful to many churches and house groups have been the two recent courses on the Christian Faith and on Evangelism - widely used and still available.

So what is the difference between the Mothers' Union and other church organisations? *The Mothers' Union is chiefly a society, within the church, which has a special concern for all that strengthens and preserves marriage and Christian family life.* Although that purpose goes back a

hundred years, the MU is spot-on and up-to-date in its aims. For there has never been a greater need for the church to voice concern about marriages and families than now.

The MU is chiefly a lay society for women – but not exclusively so. Increasing numbers of men are now joining; and there are clergy members. Indeed, I will be among those to be admitted as members at the Centenary Service.

You do not have to go to branch

meetings to be a member of the MU. You may never be asked to make a cup of tea! You do not have to be a mother or father, or married. But, by joining the MU you will be signalling your wish for our church and society to do everything possible to preserve and strengthen marriage and family life.

May God bless our MU – and strengthen it in its second century for that vital task.

† Ngie Wakefield

Christmas Card Competition



A competition held at Christmas 1994 invited children of the Wakefield Diocese to design a Christmas card for 1995. Over 150 children responded and Canon Roy Clements and Mrs Clements had the onerous task of selecting the winners. The final prizewinners list was:-

Aged 6 and under

- WINNER Frances Katherine Edwards aged 5 from St Giles Church, Pontefract.
- RUNNER UP David Browell aged 6 from All Saints Church, Darton, Barnsley.

Aged 7-10

- WINNER William Carr aged 10 from All Saints Church, Darton, Barnsley.
- RUNNER UP Sarah Dean aged 7, Kellington & Whitley Church Sunday School.
- RUNNER UP Jennie Goodall aged 10 from St Barnabas' Church, Hightown, Liversedge.
- RUNNER UP Anna Schreiner aged 9, 12th Mirfield Brownies (Mirfield Parish Church).

For those aged 11-14

- WINNER Natalie Armitage aged 14 from St Giles' Church, Pontefract.
- RUNNER UP Emma Wilcock aged 11, St John's Church, Lepton.

RUNNER UP Kate Goodall, St Barnabas' Church, Hightown, Liversedge. These cards have now been produced and are on sale at £2 per packet. They are available from Parish Link people and from Patricia Cooke at Church House. All profits will go to the Diocese of Mara. It is hoped that this project will help the children of the Wakefield Diocese to help the children of Mara.

PEOPLE AND PLACES

The Revd **Peter Whittingham**, at present Assistant Curate of The Holy Cross Church Airedale with Fryston, is to be Vicar of St Anne Wrenthorpe. A date for the Induction will be announced later.

The Revd **Roger Stokes**, at

present a temporary assistant Chaplain at Dewsbury General Hospital, is to be Priest in Charge of St John's Carlinghow, Batley. The licensing will take place at Carlinghow on 12 October at 730pm.

KEYSTONES COMPETITION



To mark the 10th anniversary of the influential Anglican report *Faith in the City*,

the Church Urban Fund has launched a new competition **KEYSTONES**. 12 churches have been chosen from 41 entrants—one of these being in the Wakefield Diocese.

Different congregation — same church

Today's congregation at the imposing church of St Thomas in Huddersfield's Manchester Road, is 50% Afro Caribbean, and is building bridges to the large surrounding Asian population.

When it was built in the mid-19th

century, to a design by Sir George Gilbert Scott, the huge church was needed to serve a far larger congregation.

Now thanks to locals, a newly-appointed Parish Development Officer (the post was created by the Bishop of Wakefield to encourage parishes to make better use of church buildings), and a hard working congregation which raised £15,000 of the necessary £150,000 for a face lift, it is reaching out and drawing in the community

With its soft lighting and 'inglenooks', the radical development of the west end of the church has brought a congenial community atmosphere. (The main interior of the church was gutted although the old buildings were retained.)

Succeeding in its aim of

avoiding the 'aircraft hanger look', St Thomas's has benefited from the expertise of local architects, Diocesan surveyor Gerald Wood and Richard Giles, a qualified town planner. Pews were built on platforms while the nave and choir have been carpeted.

The new upstairs gallery which has been created is ideal for anything from parish lunches to musical evenings.

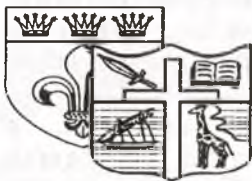
For the first time, the church is now alive with social activity. Asian families attend language classes there and come to the multi-cultural drop in centre. The

University of the Third Age counselling and performing arts go on in the church building. There are four weekly prayer meetings for children, as well as for adults.

Some of the finance for the renovations came from selling derelict land and from a grant from the Church Urban Fund plus donations from other charitable trusts.

The winner of the KEYSTONES competition will be announced later this month and the prize will be £5000 to commission a suitable work of art for the location.

A VISITOR FROM MARA



The Diocese of Mara has appointed a full-time Link Officer,

Arthur Mauya, and he is coming to stay with us for the whole of October and November.

He hopes to go to many of our parishes to bring news about Mara (parish profiles, photographs...) And to learn about joys and concerns.

Please make use of this

wonderful opportunity to put new life into the Link and get some personal feedback on specific places and projects.

He will be staying with Canon Leslie Brooks at Carleton Vicarage. Leslie has had a three year break from his duties as Link Officer and he will be escorting Arthur on his visits to pick up the reins again. He could also do with some help in looking after Arthur during this time. Please get in touch with Leslie Brooks on 01977 702478.

CHURCH HOLIDAY BULLETIN

This bulletin is now under preparation. Anyone wishing to offer accommodation for church members, or wishing to arrange a clergy locum, please send immediately for an application form with a sae to Mrs S M Bernardi, 13 Kingsmere, South Terrace, Littlehampton BN17 5LD.

RSCM YEAR OF THE SMALL CHURCH

Where two or three are gathered

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Topics covered will include:

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Thursday October 12th at 730pm in St Edmund's Church, Kellington,
just off to the north-west of junction 34 on the M62.

There will be a charge of £2.50

Contact the Revd Michael Bootes, OGS, 01977 662876.

WAKEFIELD DIOCESAN COMMITTEE FOR MINISTRY AMONG DEAF PEOPLE

October 21st is *Sign in Worship Day* at St James' Church, Denby Dale Road, Thornes, Wakefield. Sign Language can add a new dimension to your worship. Come and join in exploring song and scripture through Sign. Refreshments

available, please bring a packed lunch. Entrance fee £2, pay at door. For further information contact The Revd Charles Dixon, Diocesan Chaplain Among Deaf People. Tel: 01924 290501. Minicom 01924 380175.

THE TOTAL BLESSING

Find out more about a man whose faith and testimony have inspired two generations by reading his collection of meditations...

The Total Blessing (Triangle Books, £4.99) collects the thoughts of Richard Wurmbrand on God and human life, and the paradoxes and profundities of the Christian faith.

Richard Wurmbrand, a pastor of Jewish descent, served in Romania

during Fascist and Communist rule. He and his wife were imprisoned and court-martialled under the Fascists. They were also jailed under the Communists – Wurmbrand for fourteen years, his wife for three.

During his jail sentence, partly spent in solitary confinement in a cell 30 feet underground, he had no books or writing material, so he concentrated on meditation and through this had many spiritual experiences. After his ordeal, Wurmbrand escaped to the West, where he founded an international organisation dedicated to helping persecuted churches and families of prisoners. In the UK this is called

'Release International' and the organisation works in 70 countries.

In *The Total Blessing*, Richard Wurmbrand, now 86 and based in the USA, has written a collection of meditations which contain the wisdom gleaned through long years of suffering. It can be read as private study or for group discussion.

SUNDAY MONDAY – FAITH IN THE WORLD

– Books by Christine Allen, David Durston, Chris Powell, Wendy S Robins

Linking the fellowship and life of the church community with everyday life is of vital concern to all Christians. This six-session course, published jointly by Cassell and Scripture Union helps groups of Christians look at how to carry their Sunday faith into their lives on Monday and through the week.

Designed for all committed Christians, the material is flexible enough to be used by groups with differing interests and outlooks. The course was developed by an ecumenical group including people from Roman Catholic and Anglican Dioceses, the Free Church, the Society of Friends, Christian Aid, CCBI, the Mothers' Union and Adult Education advisors and Industrial Missioners.

Sunday Monday provides:

- * a wide range of activities to choose from
- * opportunity for participants to share their own experience
- * activities and questions to stimulate discussion
- * Bible passages to study
- * questions to think about during the week
- * practical ideas to express concern through action

The *Six Sessions for Groups* book is designed for participants' use, and each group also needs a *Resources Book*. This lists organisations which can be contacted for further action, gives guidance for celebrating, prayer and Bible reading, and offers help in groups skills and organisation.

Six Sessions for Groups: ISBN 0-86201-986-9, A5 format, 48 Pages, £2.50
Resources Book: ISBN 0-86201-987-7, A4 format, 64 Pages, £7.99

WHAT'S ON

Oct 1 St Thomas' Church, Thurstonland

celebrates its 125th Anniversary with a Special **Harvest Festival** at 3pm, when the Ven Richard Inwood, Archdeacon of

- Halifax will preach.
- Oct 1 **The Sunday Group** Open discussion at Foster Place Retreat Centre, Hepworth, Holmfirth. 230-430pm. 0161 748 8779.
- Oct 1 Whitechapel Church, Cleckheaton. **Dedication Festival & Harvest Thanksgiving** 915am. Preacher, The Archdeacon of Pontefract.
- Oct 4 **Quiet Day** at Foster Place Retreat Centre Hepworth, Holmfirth. 0161 748 8779.
- Oct 5 **Harvest Festival Evensong** St Martin's Church, Womersley, 730pm.
- Oct 6-8 **A New Way of Being Church: Small Christian Communities as a Model for Evangelism.** First of a series of 3 workshops (2nd 12-14 Jan, 3rd 5-7 July) at the College of the Ascension, Selly Oak, Birmingham, 0121 472 1667 for details.
- Oct 13-15 **Flower Festival,** St Bartholomews Church, Marsden, 10am-6pm. Sun: 12-6pm. Organ Music and refreshments. Sat concert by **Wigston & District Male Voice Choir** 730pm £3 incl refreshments. Sunday celebration, Sung Eucharist 930am, celebrant Bishop Nigel. Evensong 630pm. Details 01484 847099.
- Oct 13-14 A newly formed company of local actors are to present **The Frogs** by Aristophanes, St John's School, Wakefield, also Oct 16-17 at St Paul's Church, Mirfield. Tickets from Roger Grainger, 01924 272742, or pay at the door.
- Oct 13-15 **Lightcliffe Art Exhibition** in Lightcliffe CE School Hall, Wakefield Road, Lightcliffe, Halifax. Fri: Preview & Reception 730-930pm. £1.50 including a glass of wine. Sat: 10am-8pm, Sun: 1130am-415pm. Painting demonstrations, raffle, refreshments. Details 01422 202424.
- Oct 14 **Table Top Sale** in Altofts Church Hall, 10am-2pm. Refreshments.
- Oct 14 Day Course on **Discernment ...** when and how to know what we need to do, led by Andrew Nash. Foster Place Retreat Centre, Hepworth, Holmfirth. 0161 748 8779.
- Oct 14 **Day and Evening of Circle Dance** in St Mary's Todmorden. 1030am-5pm & 730-10pm. Come to both or either session. This will be a wonderful event with a trained dance teacher. £5 for the day, £2.50 for the evening. Phone Julia 01706 818360 for details.
- Oct 17 **Individually Guided Retreat** at Foster Place Retreat Centre, Hepworth, Holmfirth. 0161 748 8779.
- Oct 21 All Saints' Church, Darton Ladies Group, **Craft Fayre** in Parish Hall 10am-4pm. Refreshments available throughout the day.
- Oct 21 **Ceilidh** at Kettlethorpe High School, 730pm. St James Chapelthorpe with St John's Calder Grove.
- Oct 25-27 Almondbury Players will be at Almondbury Methodist Church Hall with **Broak Out**, a play by Bill Owen (Compo in *Last of the Summer Wine*). 730pm. Admission £3 (OAPs & children £2.50 Wednesday only).
- Oct 26 **12 hour Peace Vigil** in Wakefield Cathedral, 8am (Holy Communion) - 8pm. Everyone is welcome. For further details contact Mrs Mary Rodwell, 01484 651361.
- Oct 26-29 Wakefield Anglican **Cursillo #8**, Whirlow Grange, Sheffield. Details 01226 212910 or 01924 270825.
- Oct 28 **Gift Day** at Holy Trinity Church, South Crosland, Huddersfield, in aid of Kirtland & Jardine Organ Restoration Fund. Afternoon: tea with opportunity to view the organ and make donations. Evening: recital by Gordon Stewart, Kirklees Borough Organist, at 730pm. Admission £2.50 at the door. Enquiries to Tony Poole, 01924 824372.
- Oct 28 **Auction of Bric-a-Brac** and other items at the Church Institute of S Mary Magdalene, Outwood, Wakefield at 2pm. Viewing 1am-2pm.
- Oct 29 St Mary's Church, Todmorden, **Todmorden Choral Society** present The Peasant Cantata - Bach, Mass in G -

Schubert, Cantique de Jean Racine - Faure. 730pm.

Nov 4 **W A M A G** Diocesan wide ecumenical discussion group meets 11am-4pm, with faith lunch; Dr E Stuart will open discussion on "Talking Sex with God". Details 01977 513980.

Nov 11 St Luke with Whitechapel, Cleckheaton, **Extravaganza** at Cleckheaton Town Hall. 10am-1pm Sale of Crafts, plants, bric-a-brac, toys, toiletries, tombolas, refreshments. Opener Charles M Fenton, OBE, JP.

MUSICAL MATTERS

Oct 4-7 Religious Musical **Daybreak**, 730pm. St Barnabas Church, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield. £2, children, OAP's & students £1. Tickets from A Blackburn 01484 654111.

Oct 6 **Halifax Male Voice Choir** in St John's Cleckheaton at 730pm. Admission £2.

Oct 7 **Organ Recital** by Alastair MacKenzie at St Mary's Church, Todmorden. 730pm.

Oct 11 Concert by **Yorkshire Imperial Metals Band** in St Michael's Church, East Ardsley at 8pm. Tickets £4 from the Vicarage, 01924 822184. Proceeds to the organ Restoration Fund.

Oct 14 Mirfield Parish Church presents **Glorious the Song**, an evening of song from Mozart to Miss Saigon with Jane Harrison. 730pm. Tickets £4, children £2. Enquiries to 01924 495322 or 352360. Proceeds to Mirfield Parish Church and St Anne's Church, Southwram.

Oct 20 Elland & District Music Society, **Celebrity Recital, Mark Anderson,**

piano. Parochial Hall, Westgate, Elland. 730pm.

Oct 21 **Rosendale Male Voice Choir**, St Mary's Church, Todmorden. 730pm.

Oct 28 **Music for an Occasion** 730pm. The Victoria Theatre Halifax, with the Overgate Hospice Choir, Rastrick High School Band and Simon Lindley (organ). Tickets £3-£8 bookable at the Theatre. Sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Calderdale. All proceeds to the Hospice.

Nov 25 **Hear! O Israel**, a powerful musical presentation of the history of the Jewish people. The Northern Premiere in Leeds Town Hall at 715pm. Tickets £12, £10, £8 & £5 from High Winds, Craiselound, Haxey, Doncaster DN9 2NG, 01427 752855 or Leeds City Centre Box Office, 0113 247 6962. (Anyone wishing to participate in any capacity contact Mr & Mrs Horsman 01422 824210.)

Conductor required for Mirfield Choral Society, starting January 1996. Monday evening rehearsals in Mirfield. Apply in first instance to the secretary, J Leslie, 4 Wheatley Drive, Mirfield, WF14 8NW. Tel: 01924 498391.

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Harvest poem; Dr Doreen Belk

Harvest

New moon in the sky,
the old moon, pale and waning,
cradled in her arms.
Slowly the new moon grows,
displacing the old, filling the space,
till she holds and enfolds it wholly
for herself alone,
and, triumphant, shines forth,
a golden harvest - moon.



New life in Christ,
our old life, pale and waning,
cradled in His arms.
Slowly our new life grows,
displacing the old, filling the space,
till Christ holds and enfolds us wholly
for Himself alone,
and, triumphant, shines, within and without,
a golden Harvest - Moon.

Homegrown

Dr Doreen Belk

We were all sad to hear at the last meeting of the Parochial Church Council of the impending departure of Doreen Belk as Reader in Ackworth. In the last few years her committed Christian witness has been of immense value to the worshipping congregations of both our churches and has, we believe, extended into the community as a whole. It was perhaps her work as a medical practitioner in Ackworth that gave her that rare compassionate insight into human distress that has characterised her distinctive approach to pastoral work.

Doreen's first rather shy and diffident contributions to the Sunday worship of the church have, with time, evolved into confident and effective ministry, which has been greatly valued by the congregations of both our churches. She leaves with our best wishes for success and happiness in whatever sphere of activity she may have in mind. We know it will be helpful and caring, and she knows how much she will be missed here at Ackworth.

F A Davies and W A Branston, Churchwardens



Bells

that during the Second World War no bells were rung at all because they were going to be used as a warning signal if German paratroopers landed. The bell towers were silent until peace was declared and then the bells rang out with a message of joy and peace.

We hear church bells ring out every Sunday. These bells give a message of love, hope and welcome. They say 'come and join us: come and celebrate the best news of all'.

October makes me think of bells. Why? Let me tell you two stories...

☀ In October 1799, the ship Luttine was wrecked in a storm off the coast of Holland. She sank with over one million pounds in gold - the ship's bell was recovered and hung at Lloyd's of London where shipping insurance takes place. Since then, whenever a ship is lost or overdue the Luttine Bell is rung as a bad news bell.

☀ In October 1753, William Davies was walking home to Twyford in Hampshire. He became lost in a very thick fog and was heading straight for the local chalk pit when he heard the bells ringing in the parish church. Realising he was in danger he stopped right on the edge of the quarry. To this day, the bellringers enjoy a feast he paid for, and will do so for as long as the bells are rung on the 7th October.

☀ Bells ring out for good and bad news. Older people will tell you



RINGing WORDS

All these words have the word RING hidden inside them. Can you say which RING is...

1 carrying?

__ring__

2 campanology?

___ring___

3 ties up parcels?

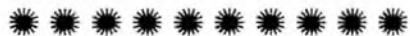
__ring

4 for electricity?

__ring

5 what a plant does?

___ring



4 wiring 5 flowering

1 bringing 2 bellringing 3 string

Where is it?

Q. Where do we first see the phrase "an eye for an eye"?

A. Exodus 21:24

This is a famous quote from the bible, 'an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth'. Unfortunately, this is more often quoted by non-Christians, or people who try to trip up the Christian evangelist. How can any Christian subscribe to the view that we should take an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, in the light of what Jesus teaches? However, if we do not subscribe to this quote, then we are accused of not believing in the bible. Once again, we, as Christians, cannot win!!

Those who are familiar with the bible will know that Jesus uses this part of the law in Matthew 5:38. This is even more difficult, because Jesus tells us not to take revenge, but to turn the other cheek. Why is the bible so complicated? When God inspired man to write the bible, He certainly wasn't aiming to give us an easy time of it!!

So what are we to make of it? Well, in the Exodus passage, this is part of a long list of laws which follows on from the Ten Commandments. These were laws the Jews were to follow once they entered the promised land of Canaan. In these laws, God tells the people how they are to worship Him, and also how they are to treat each other. This includes civil laws and justice. What this particular law is doing is not teaching about revenge, but how to limit it. If a man takes your eye out, then you may take his out, but no more than that. Indeed that would be the end of the matter.

What Jesus does, as He often did, was to turn it on it's head. You could paraphrase Jesus' saying, 'a cheek for a cheek'.

However, this does not mean that when someone slaps your face you should slap back, rather offer the other cheek. Perhaps, an eye for an eye, means we should offer both eyes. But then that would be a little dramatic.



So how should we as Christians respond to this? Might I suggest that when someone mocks us for our beliefs and our faith, we should not walk away. We should offer our faith and belief in God as our defence. We should not back down and apologise for our faith. For me, my faith is very important. If anyone wants to knock it they can do, that is their freedom. But I am more than willing to put forward my views about Jesus and God. Whether they are accepted by my opponents is up to them, not up to me. If someone repeatedly knocks me for my faith, I will repeatedly defend myself with my faith, in the hope that they will accept my faith as the truth, or they will give up on me. Either way, God wins.

"In which of Paul's letters, does he tell us about the last supper, and it's relationship to our Eucharistic prayer?"

Paul Fox

From the Registers; Third World News

BAPTISMS

27 August Chloe Jane Furniss, 63 Wakefield Road.
27 August Lauren Vanessa Cooper, 9 Penrose Beck Drive.

WEDDINGS

2 September Rodney Paul Geary and Lynn Margaret Bishop.
9 September Jonathan Alan Jones and Linda Su Fung Lai.

FUNERALS

5 September Francis Waites, 'Millston', Mill Hill. 90 years

Harvest Supper

Saturday 7 October, 6-8 pm

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Jars of Grace 1995 - Children in Conflict

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Calendar for October



1 PENTECOST 17 'The Proof of Faith'

Jeremiah 7.1-11 (Miss Pittaway/Mrs B Firth); James 1.16-end
(Miss Pittaway/Mr R Firth); Luke 17.11-19 ASB 717
6 00 pm Churches Together in Ackworth, United Service,
the Methodist Church Barnsley Road. NB No Evensong, All Saints'

- 2 Mon 7 30 pm PCC. St Cuthbert's Vestry
3 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (St Cuthbert's)
4 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (All Saints')

8 PENTECOST 18 - HARVEST THANKSGIVING

All Saints Trinity 17, BCP Eph. 4.1-6 (Miss Smith)
St Cuthbert's: John 6:27-35

- 10 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (St Cuthbert's)
10 00 am Coffee Morning, Howard School
2 00 pm Mums and Tots Group (All Saints')

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

15 PENTECOST 19

Genesis 28 10-end (Mrs Cooper/Mrs Walters); Hebrews 11.1,2,8-16
(Mrs Cooper/Miss Parker); Matthew 6.24-end ASB 729

'The Life of Faith'

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

18 ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST

Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (All Saints')

22 LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jeremiah 29.1,4-14 (Dr McWilliam/Mrs Riley); Phillipians 3.7-end (Dr McWilliam/ Mr Shaw),
John 17.1-10 ASB 745

'Citizens of Heaven'

- 24 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (St Cuthbert's)
2 00 pm Mums and Tots Group (All Saints')

25 ST SIMON AND ST JUDE, APOSTLES

Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (All Saints')

- 26 Thurs 2 30 pm Mothers' Union Service and Meeting (All Saints')

29 NINTH SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Genesis 2.2,4b-9,15-end (Miss Pittaway); Revelation 4 (Miss Pittaway/Mrs Woffinden);
John 3.1-8 ASB 402

'The Creation'

- 31 Tues 9 15 am Holy Communion (St Cuthbert')

NOVEMBER

5 EIGHTH SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

'STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY'

Genesis 3 1-15 (Miss Smith/Mrs B Firth), Romans 7.7-13 (Miss Smith/Mr R Firth);
John 3 13-21 ASB 405

Flowers

St. Cuthbert's Church

1 October Mrs Reast
8 October Harvest
15 October Vacant
22 October Vacant
29 October Vacant

All Saints' Church

1 October Vacant
8 October Harvest
15 October Congregation
22 October Mrs Hardy
29 October Congregation