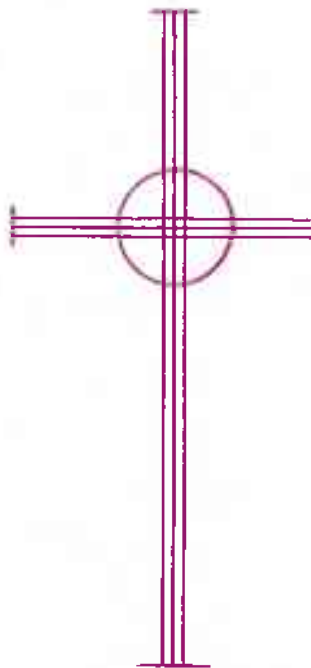
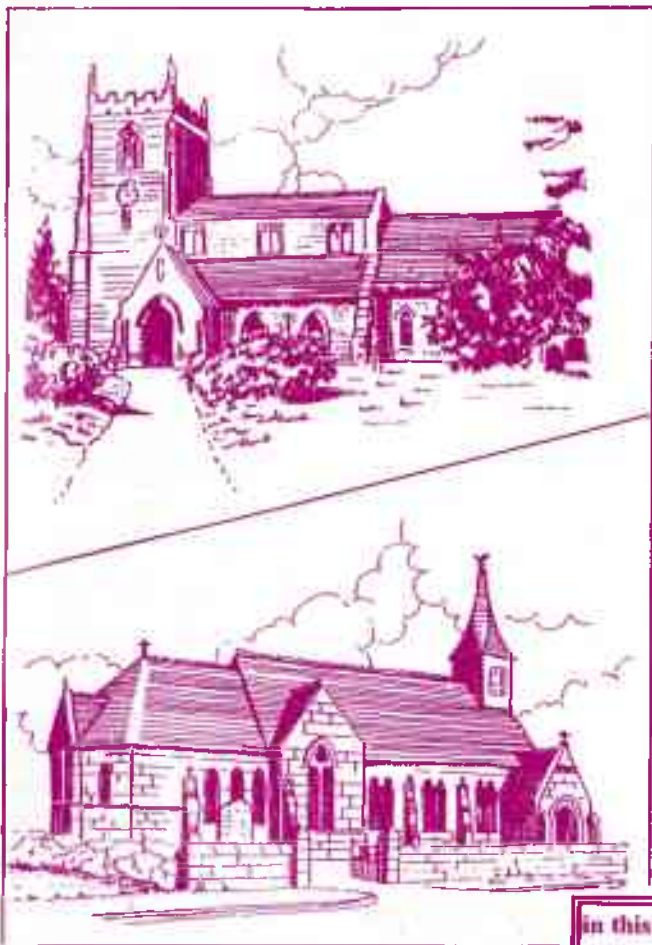




# Ackworth Parish Magazine



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## *John Gully Esquire of Ackworth*

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Stratford may have its Shakespeare and Haworth the Brontes, but here in Ackworth we have our very own person of note. One John Gully Esquire who, in his day, was famous throughout the locality for a number of very interesting reasons.

The following information about this famous nineteenth century Ackworthian is taken from an old edition of Ackworth School's magazine "The Cupola".

John Gully - now a resident of Saint Cuthbert's churchyard - was born amongst the masts and tall sailing ships of Bristol in 1783. Coming from a background of poverty and narrow twisting alleyways where memories of "press-gangs" and forced sea-voyages lingered, the physically tough and tenacious Gully fought his way to fame and fortune in the bare-knuckled ring.

After winning a fortune in this way, Gully eventually either won or bought an estate at Ackworth in 1831. One source records that the prize-fighter bought the estate for the princely sum of £21,500. Another reports that he won the estate through betting.

As with all larger than life characters, many (seemingly) apocryphal stories have grown around Gully. One story concerns the quarrel Gully had with a certain Ackworth incumbent. As a result of the argument the "sportsman" decided he could not leave the remains of one of his young daughters to continue to rest in Ackworth churchyard. In fact, Gully wished to have the child's body removed from the churchyard into his own small cemetery. As the rector refused to permit this, Gully decided to remove the

body himself. On a night without a moon when winds strained the trees, Gully dug down into his own cemetery adjoining the churchyard and tunnelled towards his child's coffin; dragged the coffin back towards his own small cemetery and reinterred the child there.

Another story is that when Gully discovered that his youngest and favourite son was in love with an unsuitable governess the prize-fighter was determined to end this liaison by sending his favourite abroad to foreign shores. This he did. However, things turned out badly, for this favourite son was captured by pirates off the coast of China, later to be more cruelly murdered.

John Gully never forgave himself this rash action of sending his own son to his death. Tales tell that he would often walk around the village bemoaning his fate and shouting at the moon.

Some say he never smiled again.

As a sportsman, Gully was a great name in racing circles. He owned - it is said - much fine horseflesh and his horses at various times won every important race on the horeseracing calendar. Unfortunately, Gully's great good luck at gambling deserted him at the end. So sure was he about the prowess of one particular horse, that he staked his house, estate and fortune on it. The horse, it goes without saying, proved not to be a winner.

There are stories also about Gully's bravery. Apparently one night returning to Ackworth from Pontefract on his coal black mare, Gully was set upon by a

number of footpads. Without breaking sweat the ex-prize-fighter set upon them with gusto. It was said that the local Pontefract surgeon was very busy the next morning.

John Gully was also much thought of for his philanthropy. Every Christmas he himself killed one of his own bullocks and distributed the meat to the poor. Again, in harsh winters when snow lay deep for weeks and Ackworth Spring froze over,

Gully would buy lumps of coal from Wakefield coalmerchants to warm the poorer cottages of the community.

John Gully stayed at Ackworth for twenty years, and then went to Durham in 1850 in almost complete poverty after losing his estate through gambling. He died at Durham in 1863 in his eightieth year, but was buried in the small cemetery which belonged to him at Ackworth

**David Newman**

**From the Registers**

**Baptisms**

June 30th Bethany Iris Lee, 16 Broadway, Lupsett, Wakefield.

June 30th Zoe Hannah Marie Gardham, 1 Low Farm Lane, Ackworth.

June 30th Matthew George Armitage, 45 Langdale Drive, Low Ackworth.

**Funerals**

June 19th Eric Shipley, 13 Beech Drive, Ackworth, 76 years.

June 21st Leonard Richardson, 3 Rosslyn Court, Ackworth, 86 years.

June 27th Kathleen Ingham, 10 Townend Avenue, Low Ackworth, 75 years

June 28th William Thomas Oliver Nicholson, Adenac Place, Ackworth, 73 years.

**The Children's Society  
Wine Whist and Raffle**

Thank you to everyone who supported this event at 48 Holly Bank on 19th July. The final figure raised will appear in the next issue of the magazine.

Grateful thanks to everyone who donated prizes including:- G T Smith, Tesco, B&P Sheard, The Boot & Shoe Inn, Mr K Lo, Ralph Steer of BESS, E & D Brereton, The Porter Brook Pottery, E & D Jones and Teresa Forrest.

**Jackie Dawson (21-7-96)**



It was an idea a year ago - then a suggestion - and soon afterwards, a decision - then jottings on paper.

Next, a small group was called together to discuss the feasibility of arranging a Music and Flower event. After praying and seeking guidance it was agreed it could be done, but that it should be on an amateur basis.

What would be the theme? - after several suggestions had been thoroughly discussed it was decided it should be:- 'The Life of the Church in Music and Flowers' and that each church group be invited to do a flower arrangement and/or musical item.

Time was passing on towards June 22nd and 23rd. The groups willingly co-operated and set to work planning their arrangements.

A few more meetings took place and a programme emerged - it was to be a happy weekend indicating to visitors the work our various church groups were doing - with the refreshments throughout the weekend to keep us all - exhibitors and visitors - going,

and with a concert on the Saturday evening for relaxation and enjoyment.

On Friday evening, June 21st, all was ready. Would it be a success? Would people come?

The great day, Saturday 22nd, arrived. Eighteen groups were represented. The church was ablaze and fragrant with flowers. The vestry was bursting at the seams with food and drink. An opening prayer was said by Fred Davies, one of our churchwardens, then a peal of bells and the church was open! All would be well!

There was organ and recorded music throughout the weekend with items from the Junior and Senior Music and Singing Groups. The number of visitors over the weekend exceeded all our expectations. People came from all over the district and were thrilled and moved by the beauty of the church and the flower arrangements and work involved. It was our hope and prayer that our efforts would be witness to the work of our church.

On Sunday there was the Festival Eucharist celebrated by Canon S.M. Hind, the theme of his address being the Benedicite Omnia Opera:-

'O all ye works of the Lord,

Bless ye the Lord,

Praise Him and Magnify Him for ever'

Our evensong was led by Lay Reader, Hugh Meiningen. These services put the seal of Praise and Thanksgiving on the whole weekend.

The organisers and churchwardens offer grateful thanks to all who participated in and supported this event.

## *Study Course starting in September*

### **Exploring the Christian Faith Today.**

A Study Course to be held in St. Cuthbert's Vestry.

There will be twenty-two sessions giving a chance to learn more about the faith and to share ideas with other people. The sessions are divided into three: Autumn, Spring and Summer.

The first session is on **Monday Evening, September 9th from 7.30 to 9 pm.**

If you'd like to attend or need more information please contact

Mrs Phyllis Frankland  
2 Carleton Park Avenue  
Pontefract  
WF8 3RH

( or telephone 01977 795910 )

By the time you read this, programmes should be available in both churches.

### **Mothers' Union Open Meetings**

**August 13th - 10 am to 12 noon.**

**Coffee Morning**  
at 27 Orchard Drive

Coffee 50p - Bring and Buy - Raffle

Mrs Janet Dickie, MU President from Australia, will be present. Please join us.  
Everyone welcome.

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**No meeting in August**

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**September 2nd - 9 am to 9.30 am.**

### **Wave of Prayer Service at All Saints' Church**

If you are unable to attend please pray for our Linked Dioceses of Adelaide, The Murray and Willochra in Australia; Soroti and Karamoja in Uganda.

**Kitty Cooper**

We are pleased to report that the Music & Flower Festival at St. Cuthbert's Church increased Church Funds by £722. Many thanks to all who took part in and supported this event.

**Ada Pritchard and Doreen Seal**

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## *Where is it?*

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### **Q. Which of Isaac's twins was the eldest?**

#### **A. Esau. Genesis 25:25.**

**I**saac, son of Abraham, marries Rebecca, who gives birth to twins. These twins are, Esau and Jacob.

Again, there is a problem in getting pregnant, and from Genesis chapter 25 we read that Isaac prays to God, and it is only then that his wife becomes pregnant. What a gift, not one child, but two!

Even in the womb, these two brothers fight. God says that in this womb there are two nations, and the older will serve the younger (Genesis 25:23). This must have puzzled poor Rebecca, who would subsequently suffer at the hands of her sons rivalry.

Following the story on, the brothers certainly did squabble, and as is often the way, the parents were divided on the issue. Isaac preferred Esau, who was a hunter, whilst Rebecca preferred Jacob, who was a quiet man and stayed at home.

By all accounts, Esau must have been a man who always tried hard to get what he wanted. Unfortunately for him, he did not seem to care what it cost. It was this fact which robbed him of his birthright. Esau sold his rights as first-born son, for some soup, which Jacob had made. This is the reason why Isaac is mentioned in the list of fathers, rather than Esau. Interestingly, Jacob tricked his father Isaac into giving his blessing (i.e. wealth) to Jacob by wearing a goat skin (Genesis 27). And so it came to be, that Isaac's name was remembered forever, and not Esau's. Perhaps that is justice, since Esau did not seem to care two hoots about his inheritance, when he wanted to eat some of the food Jacob had prepared.

Here is a salutary lesson; hang on to what is important. In Esau's case, that was his inheritance. From a Christian viewpoint, perhaps we should hang on to **our** inheritance, the one which is given to us by our heavenly Father. The story of Esau and Jacob is one worth noting.

**Paul Fox**

**"Who were Joseph's mother and brother?"**

### **The Prince of Wales Hospice (Ackworth Support Group)**

#### **Quiz Evening**

Friday 27th September at 8pm

#### **Coffee Morning**

Saturday 16 November 10am to 12 noon

Both events at Low Ackworth Community Centre  
Please support us and bring your friends!



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## **Bishop John writes**

Close your eyes and see the pictures. Think of basking on a beach and then picture yourself sledging through the Arctic. The extraordinary gift of imagination enables us to flit around the world better than any TV. You don't even have to press the remote control. As you read a novel or listen to the radio your mind provides the pictures. The elderly can recall their past without moving from their chair and the young can dream dreams of what might be. Good teaching (or a good sermon) gets our imagination up and running. But it is not always helpful. Those who have been in an accident or been attacked cannot get the images out of their mind.

For like most human abilities

imagination can be good or evil. You can imagine yourself unselfishly helping people or you can let into your mind pictures of the vilest deeds—we can indeed 'nurse anger against our brother'. Our Lord knew that things did not stop there: what is imagined is put into action, 'from inside, from the human heart come evil thoughts, acts of fornication, theft, murder....'. Most sins are committed a hundred times in the imagination before they become reality.

The controversy about the effect of TV and the Internet on people's imagination rumbles on. Is it filling the human mind with thoughts which lead to crime and violence or is it harmless entertainment 'portraying the real



world'. What pictures would you like to have hung round your own house or in your child's bedroom? Does the fact that they come and vanish on a TV screen mean that they have no lasting impact? I doubt it.

But imagination is not negative. The simplest form of contemplative prayer uses it as a pathway to God. We can picture ourselves among the crowd as Christ heals Blind Bartimaeus or hangs on the cross. Go through the five senses—what did it feel like... smell like.. taste like... what can you see and hear? Two thousand years ago and two thousand miles away and you are there in an instant, and the Bible becomes

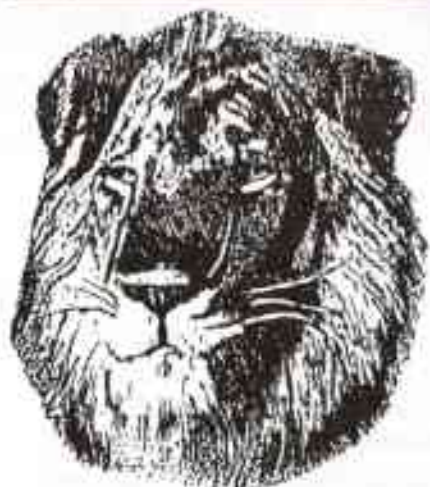
real and feeds our soul.

Be bold in your dreams. Think what you might do for others—and then turn imagination into action so they are not just idle dreams. Imagine what your church should be like—and make the dream come true.

Imagination may be one of our greatest human capacities but it needs to be redeemed by the grace of God. Use the words of Shakespeare, a prayer—'sweeten my imagination', or, as the Prayer Book has it at the beginning of the Eucharist, 'Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of they Holy Spirit'.

*+John Pontefract*

## Some Facts About Mara



\* The Mara Diocese and the Mara Region are in the north-west corner of Tanzania. Northern Tanzania is just two degrees south of the Equator.

\* Day time varies little throughout the year—13 hours of daylight and 11 hours of darkness. The nights are very dark and there is the brilliant star-studded sky of the southern hemisphere.

\* The temperature is pretty constant at around 80—90 degrees Fahrenheit. You don't need



central heating! Most European visitors need a hat!

- Life is much more precarious in Tanzania than it is in the UK. Many babies die during their first year of life. The average adult life—span is 42 (76 in the UK). The biggest killer is malaria.

- 50% of the population are *under* 15 years of age—i.e. half the population are children!

- The Diocese of Mara is four times the size of the Diocese of Wakefield. Yet there are only two tarmac roads, few cars, not many telephones, not much running water or electricity.

- 90% of the population of Tanzania do not earn wages. They are “subsistence” farmers—growing their own food and building their own houses from local materials—mostly mud and thatch.

- Healthcare is rudimentary, since the Tanzanian government have little money to fund it. Much of the best health care is provided by other agencies (as at Issenye). The village Witch Doctor is still a reality.

- Nevertheless Tanzanians love going to church. The Seventh Day Adventists, The Africa Inland Church, the Romans Catholics and the Anglicans are the most popular churches. It is not uncommon for the congregation to spill over outside the church building.

- Services are lively, with beautiful African rhythmic singing, dancing in the aisles and some testimony. They are proud of their choirs—some of them robed. The Tanzanian liturgy is based on our 1662 Prayer Book translated into their language—Swahili. The Eucharist is the regular form of worship.

- All visitors are welcomed with open arms and treated with enormous dignity and deference. We could learn a lot!

- If you want to learn more—send to Church House for Bill Jones' pamphlet “Mara in Tanzania”—or ask me to arrange a “Mara Speaker” for your church.

*from Archdeacon John*

## People and Places

The Revd **Andrew (Andil) Bowsher**, at present priest-in-charge of All Souls', Haley Hill, Halifax, is to be Vicar of St Augustine's Undercliffe in the Diocese of Bradford. The Induction will take place on 1st August.

The Revd **David Lockyer**, at present Vicar of St Jude, Salterhebble, Halifax, is to be Vicar of St Andrew's Banwell in the Diocese of Bath and Wells. The Induction will take place on 11th September

Mr **David Thorp** CA has been appointed as the new Community Worker in Lowerhouses \ Longley. He will be licensed in Longley Baptist Church on 9th September at 730pm.

The Revd **David J Humphries** at present Vicar of Greetland will be Inducted as Vicar of Shawbury with Moreton Corbet and Stanton upon Hine Heath in the Diocese of Lichfield on 19th September.

The Revd **Anne Jennings**, at present Cathedral Chaplain at Wakefield, is to be Priest-in-Charge of the Parish of Whitwell and Streetley in the Diocese of Derby. The licensing will take place on 11th November in Whitwell Church at 730pm.

The Revd **John M Wells** is to retire as Incumbent of the Benefice of St Paul, Hanging Heaton, on 30th September.

## John Thomas Murray. Priest 1933-96 RIP

Fr Murray was a priest of this Diocese, born, and brought up in South Elmsall. After some work experience he went to Edinburgh Theological College and was Ordained to a title at Golcar where he served with the late John Mowll. He soon had the call to serve the Church overseas and went out to Guyana from Golcar.

At Petertide 1995 Bishop Randolph George, the Bishop of Guyana, offered him a parish in his diocese—there was one snag—no cash to get him out there. Lots of friends in our own diocese and beyond rallied round and raised enough to send him out to Guyana with his belongings and some spare cash for essentials he would need when he got there. For this he was very thankful.

On Saturday, 13th January there was a farewell Eucharist at S Thomas' Furston when he was sent off with Episcopal Blessings and a party. Monday, 15th

January 1996 saw him boarding the plane at Heathrow bound for Guyana where he served as the Parish Priest of Belladrum and Lichfield with Fort Wellington—a vast expanse for one priest.

His love for God and his Church, especially in Guyana, was his driving force. As he left his friends at Heathrow he told them that he was going where God wanted him and that he would stay there to the end.

The end came suddenly in the first week of July when he was brutally murdered in his own home, no further details are available yet.

Thank God for a faithful, forthright priest who was not afraid to go where he believed his Lord wanted to plant him. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. There will be a Requiem for him at S Thomas' Furston on Saturday, 3rd August at 12 noon with a reception afterwards.

# The Wakefield Diocesan Challenge for Runners, non-runners and friends !

**A marathon, a half marathon, and a 3-mile fun run**

A personal challenge from

**Ashley Ellis**

Assistant Diocesan Secretary at Church House (leading the slowly expanding Church House running team, already up to 3)

and

**Roy Clements**

Chaplain to the Bishop of Wakefield at Bishop's Lodge leading a very exclusive Bishop's Lodge team, numbering 1 member (as at 24 June),



On 27 April 1997 we plan to run the Sheffield Marathon as a challenge to the Wakefield Diocese and its parishes. And there is a wonderful choice for you, whether you already run or not.

The full Marathon (26.2 miles, two laps of a half marathon course starting and finishing at the Don Valley Stadium) is a long way—but achievable even by a novice beginning to train in September (but take advice from us first!).

But you could run the Half Marathon (13.1 miles) —but it would still be sensible to start this autumn, if you are new to it. And there's the 3-mile

⇒ **Fun Run** ⇐

achievable by almost everybody who is medically fit with some preparations after the new year.

Neither of the challengers has ever run a Marathon before. So the challenge is real for them too!

Why run it? Well, for almost any reason you like really. Getting fit isn't a bad reason. Having a different kind of fun with a definite challenge in it is another. But we will shortly publish a list of ideas which might join us together as a diocesan family in a major effort both for our churches and for other causes by our churches.

Willing to think about it? Contact either of us for more (Ashley on 01924-371802 and Roy on 01924-255349). Watch out for more from us soon. And please photocopy this and spread it around. We want everybody!

How about the target of at least one runner from every parish?

## SPCK develops UK ministry

The Worldwide division of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge (SPCK), one of the UK's leading Christian mission agencies, has appointed two new senior managers to play key roles in developing SPCK's ministry in the UK.

Stephen Tooke is SPCK's National Co-ordinator, a newly-created post which will involve assessing SPCK Worldwide's current UK representational structure, managing a network of volunteers and promoting SPCK Worldwide's international work.

Based in Christchurch, Cambridgeshire, Stephen Tooke is actively involved in his diocese as a member of General Synod and a trainee lay Reader. Formerly a police superintendent, he brings to SPCK Worldwide over thirty years experience of co-ordinating and motivating teams of people.

Richard Stableford has been appointed as UK Programmes Manager to develop SPCK Worldwide's UK ministry. No stranger to SPCK, Richard Stableford managed SPCK's Leicester Bookshop for 5 years and spent 11 months at SPCK's Exeter shop. He has also served in the dioceses of Exeter and Gloucester as a lay Reader and is currently based at a local ecumenical project in Leicester.

Says Richard Stableford about his role: "At a time when many Christian organisations are having to cut back, we hope that our new interdenominational programme will offer a lively, much-needed choice of resources and activities for children, young people and adults throughout the UK" Stephen Tooke comments: "My challenge is to effectively communicate the needs and demands of SPCK's Worldwide projects and at the same time to develop our work as an outreach agency."

The Worldwide division of SPCK has worked in partnership with Christians throughout the world to promote the Christian gospel for nearly 300 years. Each year, SPCK is involved in over 200 projects in over 80 different countries offering Christian spiritual resources and opportunities for Christian education and training to children, young people and adults.



### Desk Top Publishing for Beginners

Find out for yourself how easy it can be to produce professional looking leaflets, posters, etc. Saturday 16 November 9.30-12noon at Heckmondwike Grammar School. Fee £10 including morning coffee. For further information or bookings telephone Anne Wood on 01924 460703 or 402202.

## WHAT'S ON

### Aug 19 **Dramatherapy—Using Our Imagination to Explore our Faith.**

The group which met last year begins again soon. Come along and enjoy it. Meeting in St John's Church Wakefield Reception Room at 7pm. You will be most welcome and you don't have to be able to act.

### Aug 23 **Gardener's Question Time** by David & Ruth Hudson in St Saviour's Parish Hall, Church Street, Ravensthorpe. 7pm. Adults £1.50, children 50p. Includes refreshments, proceeds for Church Funds. Details 01924 498280 or pay at the door.

### Aug 23-26 **Flower Festival Weekend** St Mary's Church, Todmorden. Floral displays, music, refreshments available through the weekend. Official opening by Town Mayor on Fri morning. The church will be open for viewing from Friday lunchtime, all day Sat and Bank Holiday Monday. Sun **Mothers' Union Choral Evensong** 630pm. Preacher Celia McCulloch, Diocesan President. Closing service Monday Evening with raffle of floral arrangements. Programmes £1.

### Aug 23-26 **Art Exhibition & Sale of Pictures.** (Local artists) St Thomas Church Hall, Church Street, Heptonstall. Fri reception & preview 730pm. Tickets £2 including glass of wine. Sat 11am-5pm, Sun 1-5pm, Mon 11am-5pm. Light refreshments available. Further details of the sale or for exhibiting ring 01422 842004.

### Aug 24-26 **Flower Festival** at St Catherine's Church, Doncaster Road, Wakefield. Fri Preview with Wine & Cheese 7pm. Tickets £3. Open Sat 10am-7pm, Sun 1-6pm, Mon 11am-6pm. Admission £1. Preview Tickets 01924 211130, 258672 or 252691.

### Aug 31 **Table Top Sale** 10am-1pm St Edward's Parish Hall, Kingstone, Barnsley. Tables £5. To reserve ring 01226 287398. Proceeds towards Flower Festival.

### Sept 3 **Wakefield CU & Forward in Faith** Committees "Renewing Vision" Seminar, Speaker Fr Martin Warner. Dewsbury Minister 730pm.

### Sept 4-Oct 30 **Ignation Open Door Retreat** (Interdenominational) at Huddersfield Parish Church Crypt. Nine consecutive Wednesday mornings from 1030am-1230pm. Retreat leaders, Sister Elizabeth

O'Brian and Licensed Reader Olive Taylor. Please send sae for further information to: Olive Taylor, 44 Falconer Ride, Netherton, Huddersfield HD4 7LJ.

### Sept 6-8 **All Saints' Church** Darton, Barnsley. **Flower Festival** with music. Opened by Mayor of Barnsley 630pm followed by wine & nibbles. Sat 10-1230pm & 2-5pm, followed at 730pm with concert featuring Staincross Ladies Choir & Worsborough Brass Band. Admission £1.50, £1 concessions. Sun 1-5pm. Service with confirmation by the Bishop of Wakefield at 630pm. Refreshments served throughout the weekend.

### Sept 7 **70th Anniversary Fayre** St Cuthbert's Church Grimsar Avenue, Birkby from 2pm. Travel through 70 years of Birkby. Stalls, afternoon tea, games for all the family.

### Sept 9-12 **Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer Retreat** at the House of the Resurrection, Mirfield. £5 deposit & sae to Janet Craven, 70 Craven Lane, Shepley, Huddersfield, HD8 8AW. Cheques payable to Janet Craven.

### Sept 14 **Craft Fair** Eggborough Village Hall (near Knottingley) 11am-4pm. Variety of craft stalls and refreshments. In aid of Kellington & Whitley Churches.

### Sept 14 & 15 In support of the **Civic Trust's Heritage Open Days** 96 Christ Church Liversedge will be open from noon until 5pm on each of these days. Displays of old documents and photographs etc. Refreshments.

### Sept 21 & 22 Christ Church, Liversedge **Annual Art Exhibition and Sale of Pictures** in the Parish Centre, Halifax Road, Liversedge (opposite Doves-leyland Daf) 10am-8pm Sat and 1pm-8pm Sun. Plenty parking. Contact Pat Bradby 01924 443632 for further details.

### Sept 27-29 **St Mary & St Michael**, Whitley Lower Parish Church celebrating 150 years anniversary. Fri 27; Exhibition in Church showing 150 years of life in the parish. 10am-12noon, 2-6pm. Sat 28; Exhibition in Church 10am-2pm, Organ Recital in Church 3pm-4pm. Beetle Drive & Dance in the Community Centre 7pm. Sun 29; Anniversary Eucharist 4pm, Bishop of Wakefield. Date correction.

### Oct 19-27 **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** led by the Revd Shirley Goldthorpe—two places left. For further details telephone 01924 275274.

### Nov 9 St Stephen's Church Lindley, **Craft &**

**Gift Fayre** in the Lindley S of E Infants School, East Street. Stalls available at £10 each. Contact Mr C Chappell 01484 423240.

## MUSICAL MATTERS

Sept 19 St Edward the Confessor, Barnsley 730pm. **Cossacks of Russia** Choir will present a concert in 2 parts. 1 Russian Orthodox Monastic Chant & Liturgical Choir Music. 2 Traditional Russian Songs. This choir of international repute draws its singers from the operatic world of S Petersburg, Moscow and Kiev. They are touring UK in September. Tickets £8 (Concessions £6) Reserve 01226 203919 or pay at the door.

**Organist & Choirmaster** required for St Matthew's Lightcliffe. Recently rebuilt organ. Details and job specification available from Rend David Wilding, Lightcliffe Vicarage, Wakefield Road, Lightcliffe, Halifax, HX3 8TH. 01422 202424 before 30 September. In aid of Church Building Fund Appeal.

**Organist wanted**, Christchurch Helme, near Huddersfield. Sunday 1115am Rite A Eucharist or Morning Prayer. 630pm BCP Evensong or other service. 01484 661080.

## MARKET PLACE

If you have an **Electronic Stencil Cutter** in working order which you no longer use

and which needs a good home, ring 01924 443632.

**Heptonstall Church Hall** (on the edge of the moors) available for hire. 01422 842004.

**9 Day Holy Land Pilgrimage** 24 May 1997 - 1 June 1997. Led by Revd Andrew Ashdown, Vicar of Ryhill. Brochure, full details and booking form available from Andrew Ashdown, 01226 722363.

## Congratulations

to Mr David Wheatley who completes 25 years as a Reader in the Church of England this year. Most of his ministry has been at All Saints Castleford and has been warmly appreciated by very many people.

## Wakefield Cathedral Organ Recitals

August 3rd: Kerry Beaumont, Organist & Master of the Choristers, Ripon Cathedral.

Music by Buxtehude, Haydn, Liszt, Frescobaldi, Harwood, Durufle, Planavsky and Vierne.

1130am—admission free

## SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR'S COURSE.

The Diocesan Prayer and Spirituality Group are planning a second course for clergy and laity to begin in early 1997. A Foundation Course to learn more about the work will be held on Wednesday evenings, October 1,8,15,29 at St Catherine's, Wakefield. Further details and application forms from Canon Cyril Dawson 01977 704744.

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## *100th Birthday of Bell Lane School*

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Headteacher Mrs Susan Smith (centre) pictured with Mr. Lloyd and Mrs. Common.

**T**he weather didn't spoil our celebration. We invited our four oldest scholars to help us celebrate. They were Mr. Lloyd, aged 97, Mrs. Common, 92, Mrs. Burton, 91, and Mrs. Pickering.

Our two youngest children were Christina Holroyd and Joe Rowley and our oldest children were Lara Cleland and Adam Heaton. They presented chocolates, flowers and commemorative mugs.

Mr. Lloyd cut our birthday cake and we sang Happy Birthday. Our huge cake had a large bell and oak leaves in the middle and

clowns around the edges. Our visitors joined us to sing 'All Things Bright and Beautiful' and we sang our favourite hymn 'Let there be Peace on Earth'.

We enjoyed ourselves dancing, playing games and singing before the picnic on the field. The picnic was cut short by the rain so we finished inside with ice lollies. We all took home our mugs and pieces of cake.

We enjoyed our school's birthday!

**Mrs Cooke's Class (Year 3)**

### **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**

**1st December 1996**

in aid of the Children's Society

Time to be arranged - Watch this space!



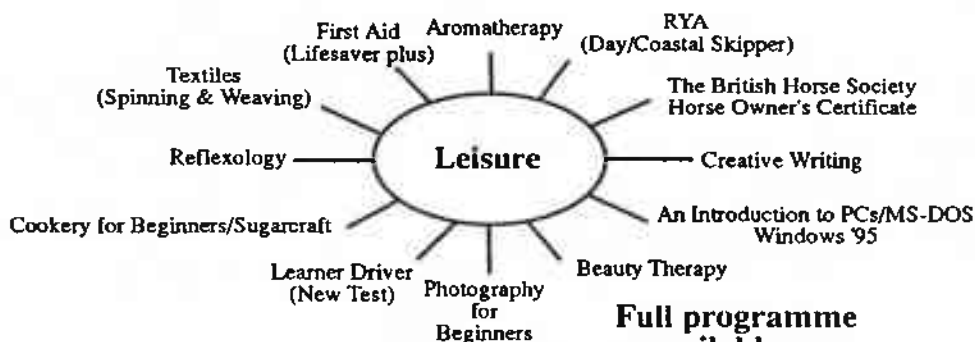
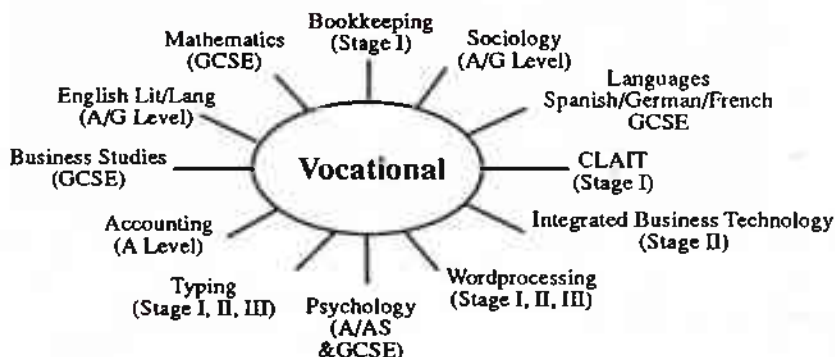
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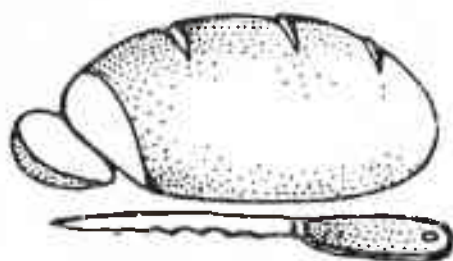
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## LAMMAS DAY

In Anglo-Saxon times this day was a harvest festival - not to give thanks for a harvest safely gathered in but to offer the first fruits of the harvest to God. Some of the first grain to be reaped was made into a loaf to be broken and used at the Mass (Holy Communion). So this became the Loaf-Mass - or in the Old English 'Hlaf Maesse', which, as time passed, became Lammas.



For many country people Lammas Day was important because certain land in the village was available for anyone to use. During the summer hay was grown for cattle on this land but after 1st August, when the hay had been harvested, people could turn their animals loose on these Lammas lands. The day was a holiday with fairs and amusements.

## COLD SCULPTURE

Fill an ordinary metal or plastic ice tray with water and drip various edible food colourings into each compartment. Stir the colour in. Put the ice tray into the freezer until it freezes solid.

When they're frozen, empty the coloured ice cubes on to a plate. Put all the cubes into the bottom of a plastic bag and jiggle them around into a rough shape, making sure they're all touching each other. Add a *little* extra water to the bottom of the bag so that when the cubes are refrozen they'll stick together. Seal the bag and re-freeze.



Take your sculpture out of the plastic bag and display it on a dish (to catch the drips as it melts).

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## Calendar for August 1996



### 4 PENTECOST 10

'The Mind of Christ'

1 Samuel 24:9-17 (Miss Pittaway/Mrs Firth); Galations 6:1-10  
Miss Pittaway/Miss D Walker; Luke 7:36 end ASB 685

6 Tues 1 45 pm Home Group, 5 Andrews Grove  
7 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (All Saints')

### 11 PENTECOST 11

'The Serving Community'

All Saints': MATTINS - 1 Kings 12:1-20 (Dr McWilliam);  
2 Corinthians 9 (Dr McWilliam)  
St Cuthbert's: 1 Chronicles 29:1-9 (Mr Davis); Philippians 1:1-11 (Mr R Firth);  
Matthew 20:1-16 ASB 691

13 Tues 10 - 12 noon Open Coffee Morning, 27 Orchard Drive.  
14 Wed 9 15 am Holy Communion (All Saints')

### 18 PENTECOST 12

'The Witnessing Community'

Micah 4:1-5 (Mrs Cooper/Mrs Riley); Acts 17:22-end (Mrs Cooper/Mrs Walters);  
Matthews 5:13-16 ASB 696

6 00 pm Salvation Army Service, Ackworth School Grounds  
NB No Evensong at All Saints'

21 Wed 9 30 am Holy Communion (All Saints')

### 25 PENTECOST 13

'The Suffering Community'

Jeremiah 20:7-11a (Miss Smith); Acts 20:17-35 (Miss Smith/Mr Cook);  
Matthew 10:16-22 ASB 701

28 Wed 9 30 am Holy Communion (All Saints')

## SEPTEMBER

### 1 PENTECOST 14

Genesis 45:1-15 (Dr McWilliam/Mr Cook); Ephesians 3:14-end (Dr McWilliam/Miss Parker);  
Luke 11:1-13 ASB 707

### Flowers

St Cuthbert's Church  
4 August Mrs Lloyd  
11 August Mrs Walters  
18 August Vacant  
25 August Mrs Barnard

All Saints' Church  
4 August Mrs Walters  
11 August Mrs Turton  
18 August Mrs Chadbourne  
25 August Vacant

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