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# Ackworth Parish Magazine

At St. Cuthbert's Church, Ackworth.

## THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH IN MUSIC AND FLOWERS

Saturday 22nd June 10.00 - 5.00 pm  
and

Sunday 23rd June 12.30 - 5.00 pm

Refreshments available (including Light Lunch on Saturday)  
Admission Free

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also

## CONCERT BY WAKEFIELD METROPOLITAN BRASS BAND

Saturday 22nd June at 7.30 pm

Admission by Programme, including refreshments.

Adults £4, Senior Citizens £2, Children £1

For programmes ring 611086 or 613178 or at the door.

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Join us for worship at the

**PARISH COMMUNION 10.15 - 11.30 am**

on Sunday 23rd June.

In this month's issue...

Life in Prison - Peter's First Letter to the Ackworthians!

Know the Bible in Five Minutes - A Lesson from Thomas Pumphrey

Who Survived the Den of Lions? - Paul Fox replies

More Than Mothers - MU Activity Afternoon at Bishop's Lodge (for all the Family)

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

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**Rector:** To be appointed, please contact Churchwardens,  
Fred Davies on 610694 or Bill Branston on 610590.

**Sunday Services**

St Cuthbert's: 10 15 am The Parish Communion and Junior Church.  
All Saints': 8 30 am Holy Communion (2nd Sunday, Mattins).  
6 30 pm Evensong (2nd Sunday, Holy Communion).

**Mid Week Service**

Wednesday: 9 30 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 churchwardens for information.

**Marriages:** Please contact the churchwardens.

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

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### **FROM THE REGISTERS**

**BAPTISMS**

28 April Jack Robinson, 12 Francis Terrace, Ackworth.

**WEDDINGS**

4 May Simon Julian Peaker and Wendy Jane Storey.

**SERVICE OF BLESSING**

11 May David Colin Mason and Nicola Jane Johnson

**FUNERALS**

28 April Bernard Murgatroyd, 41 Townend Avenue, 57 years.

1 May Olive Morris, 80 Wakefield Road, 72 years.

4 May Tom Turton, 16 Garden Street, 81 years.

### **The Children's Society**



### **STRAWBERRY TEAS**

**Friday 28 June, 48 Holly Bank.**

**Bouncy Castle \* Raffle \* Bring & Buy**

**From 1 pm to 4 30 pm - Strawberries, Tea, Coffee or Juice. Adults £1, Children 50p**  
**From 7 30 onwards Strawberries and Wine (or Fruit Juice) £2**

**PCC Notes, 13 May**

- 1 Reports were given on the accounts, the Christian Stewardship Appeal, the Parish Weekend and the Ceilidh. The Ceilidh made a profit of £168 to be used to finance the forthcoming Flower Festival.
- 2 Miss A Pritchard gave a summary of arrangements for the Flower Festival on 22 & 23 June.
- 3 Fred Davies advised that progress was being made towards the appointment of a new Rector. All services are continuing as planned and have been well supported.
- 4 It was agreed in principle that the St Cuthbert's Hand Bell Ringers could proceed with urgent repairs to the hand bells.
- 5 The arrangements necessary to meet the provisions of the Children's Act were considered by the Youth sub-committee and a report was given.
- 6 There had been some response to the appeal for volunteers to clean All Saints' Church but more help is still needed.

**The Christian Stewardship Appeal**

Miss Ada Pritchard gave a final report on the above appeal at the recent PCC meeting. We wish to thank all the members of the congregation who responded to this appeal and for the generosity of everyone who contributes to the Christian Stewardship giving.

87 families either renewed or increased their pledged amount or made a pledge for the first time. Pledged giving was increased overall by £62.62 per week giving a new total of £291.68 per week.

This is a splendid effort by all concerned and will certainly help in meeting our increasing commitments to the Diocese of Wakefield and our running expenses.

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO RESPONDED**

**Jars of Grace**

The final total for the Jars of Grace collection (Harvest to Christmas 1995) is £302.55. This will be used by UNICEF to help relieve the suffering of children injured, permanently maimed, orphaned or traumatised after being caught in the horrors of conflict. Many thanks to all who contributed.

Lynne Ward

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## *How to Know the Bible in Five Minutes!*

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**I**n this issue we print Thomas Pumphrey's Bible verses, composed about 150 years ago when he was Headmaster of the Quaker School. It was written to help pupils remember all the books of the Bible and the main message in each one of them with the minimum of effort on their part.

Those who aspire to godly learning yet lack the heart to tackle the whole book, even in modern translation, might do worse than take a lesson from Thomas Pumphrey.

Fred Davies

In **Genesis** the world was made by God's creative hand,

In **Exodus** the Hebrews marched to gain the promised land,

**Leviticus** contains the laws, all holy, just and good,

**Numbers** recalls the tribes enrolled, all sons of Abraham's blood.

Moses in **Deuteronomy** recounts God's mighty deeds,

Brave **Joshua** into Canaan's land the hosts of Israel leads.

In **Judges** their rebellion oft provokes the Lord to smite,

But **Ruth** describes the faith of one well-pleasing in His sight.

In first and second **Samuel**, of Saul and David read,

Ten tribes in first and second **Kings** revolted from their seed.

The first and second **Chronicles** see Judah captive made,

But **Ezra** leads a remnant back through princely Cyrus's aid.

The wall around Jerusalem **Nehemiah** builds again,

While **Esther** saves her people from the wiles of wicked men.

In **Job** we read how faith will live beneath affliction's rod,

And David's **Psalms** are precious songs to every child of God.

The **Proverbs** like a goodly string of wondrous pearls appear,

**Ecclesiastes** teaches men how vain are all things here.

The mystic **Song of Solomon** exalts sweet Sharon's rose,

While Christ the Saviour and the King the rapt **Isaiah** shows.

The mourning **Jeremiah** apostate Israel scorns,

His plaintive **Lamentations** their coming downfall mourns:

**Ezekiel** tells in gracious words of dazzling mysteries,

While kings and empires yet to come **Daniel** in vision sees.

Of judgement and mercy **Hosea** loves to tell,

**Joel** describes the blessed days when God with man shall dwell.

Among Tekoa's herdsmen **Amos** receives his call,

While **Obadiah** prophesies of Edom's final fall.

**Jonah** displays a wondrous type of Christ, our risen Lord,

**Micah** pronounces Judah lost, then once again restored,

And **Nahum** tells on Ninevah just judgement shall be poured.

A view of Chaldea's coming doom **Habakkuk's** visions give,

Next **Zephaniah** warns the Jews to turn, repent and live.

**Haggai** writes to those who saw the temple built again,

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## ***How to Know the Bible in Five Minutes***

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And **Zechariah** prophesies of Christ's triumphant reign.

**Malachi** is the last to sing the high prophetic chord,

His closing notes sublimely tell of the coming of the Lord.



**Matthew, Mark, Luke and John**, the Holy Gospels wrote,

To tell us how the Saviour lived, His death and all He taught.

**Acts** shows how the apostles preached His Word in every place,

St. Paul, in **Romans**, teaches us how men are saved by grace,

And in **Corinthians** he still exhorts, instructs, reproves

**Galatians** shows how faith in Christ our heavenly Father loves.

**Ephesians** and **Phillipians** show what we ought to be,

**Colossians** bids us live for God and for eternity.

In **Thessalonians** we are told that Christ will come from Heaven,

In **Timothy** and **Titus** too, the Bishop's rule is given.

**Philemon** tells of Christian love which only Christians know,

**Hebrews** reveals the Gospel truths as shown us here below.

**James** teaches us that without love our faith is vain and dead,

And **Peter** points the narrow way through which the saints are led.

**John**, in his three Epistles, the love of Christ does tell,

While **Jude** the warning gives to men of judgement, heaven and hell.

The **Revelation** prophesies of that tremendous day

When Christ in glory comes again, and earth shall pass away.

### **Family Day at Bishop's Lodge**

#### **'MORE THAN MOTHERS'**

**Saturday 29th June**

**12 noon to 4pm**

Mums, Dads, families and friends are invited to come along for an afternoon of exploring, explaining and fun, at Bishop's Lodge, Woodthorpe Lane, Sandal (near Wakefield Golf Club).

In addition to finding out more about Mothers' Union (no longer just for mothers, you see) there are displays, a bouncy castle, creche, live music, sausage sizzle, worship, cream teas and much more! You can even wander round the Bishop's garden.

**Please come and join the fun!**

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## ***Where is it?***

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### **Q. Who survived the den of lions?**

**A. Daniel, Daniel 6: 16-24.**



This story takes place at a time in Israel's history, when the homeland had been invaded by the Babylonians, the king of Babylon being Nebuchadnezzar. As part of this invasion the Babylonians took many Jews hostage, and took them back to Babylon. It was usually the powerful people and clever people who were taken hostage. The idea behind this, is that the people left behind in the invaded territory would be less likely to revolt against the invading armies. This was common practice at this time in Eastern history.

Daniel is one of those people who it was thought best not to leave in Israel. He was thus taken to Babylon. The book of Daniel is the story of Daniel and how he survived as a hostage. Many hostages were treated well, as was Daniel, for some of the time.

The book of Daniel also gives an account of some of the visions or dreams which Daniel had. Daniel, it seems, was a bit of a dream interpreter, much as Joseph was

before the Pharaoh of Egypt. It seems that interpreting dreams was a way of securing one's future in a foreign land.

The book of Daniel belongs to a group of writings often called Apocalyptic. That is, they tell something of a divine revelation, which we cannot know by any other means. Apocalyptic works are common amongst Jewish writings in the pre-Christian era. They usually take the form of explaining the end of the world, or at least the end of the suffering of the Jews. At a time when the Jews were in exile in Babylon, these sorts of ideas were prominent.

The book of revelation also falls into this class of writing. One of the most interesting parts of these writings is the use of the phrase 'Son of Man'. The meaning of this phrase has occupied scholars for centuries. This phrase first appears in the book of Daniel (Dan. 7:13). It is a phrase which Jesus often used to describe himself (Mat. 8:20). It is a phrase which finds its way into the book of Revelation (Rev.1:13).

Apocalyptic writings attempt to tell us what is going to happen in the future. They are well worth reading, but reading with care. It is all too easy to make predictions using these books. This is clear from the great number of people who tell us when the world is going to end. It seems, so far, that they are all wrong.

Paul Fox

**'How many sons did Sarah have by Abraham?'**

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## Bishop John writes

Within twelve months there will be a General Election. Hopeful politicians ask, "What are people looking for?"

It is a very Christian question because it is about hope. Have people any expectation of the future—or are they just battling along day by day? Do people just want more money, more security or is

there more to it than that—what we in the church call a 'spiritual dimension'?

The Christian Enquiry Agency puts adverts in papers and cards in cathedrals asking people if they want to find out more about the Christian faith. It published two kinds of colourful posters. One set said in effect 'If you have a need. Christ can meet it'. The other set said 'God is great—find out more about him'. Twice as

many people (mainly men aged 25-40) responded to the second statement than the first. Many people genuinely want to find out about God and are more interested in God himself than in what

he can do for them.

We diminish the Gospel if we suggest that God exists primarily to do things for us. It portrays him just as a

'sticking-plaster' God who saves us, gives us peace, makes us whole; that is wonderfully true but that is not the heart at the Gospel. The Creator of the Universe with its millions of whirling galaxies cannot merely be made into a helper of us tiny creatures. The Gospel is about God himself—what he can do for us derives from who he is. Many today are spiritually hungry—and we need to teach about him and live

*In the love of the Father,  
In the light of Christ,  
In the leading of the Spirit,  
We place ourselves today.*



his Life.

Christians understanding God as the Holy Trinity. I am glad that the latest proposals for the revised Prayer Book suggest the restoration of the 'Sundays after Trinity'. That would mean that we have to keep thinking about the being of God who is both one and three—majestic in solitariness and yet in very essence communal. Traditionally summer and autumn Sundays have been the time to think about the Church in its mission to the world. It is here that the trust of the Trinity comes in, for the three Persons within that Unity are to be reflected in the Church.

We are his mirror, reflecting his being into the world.

So from the mutual interdependence of the Trinity comes our reliance upon each other, from the love which binds the Trinity comes our love for each other and the world, from his fundamental diversity in unity comes our non-uniform oneness in Christ.

Pray for yourselves and others:

*In the love of the Father,*

*In the light of Christ,*

*In the leading of the Spirit,*

*We place ourselves today.*

+ John Pontefract

## Thank you — from the Children's Society



To everybody who had a hand in organising an event or collection for Children's Society Appeal this year.

Delivering and collecting envelopes or standing with a collecting box at the local supermarket can seem a daunting, even boring and sometimes downright unpleasant task at times. Despite this your efforts during Appeal Fortnight regularly raise large amounts of money which go to help children like Lauren.

Lauren didn't like school and was often disruptive. So disruptive that her school were on the point of excluding her. Before they did, The

Children's Society was asked to visit the family. We found, that at only seven years old, Lauren was left alone much of the time, getting her own meals, putting herself to bed, seeing herself off to school etc on a regular basis.

The Children's Society workers have been able to spend time with Lauren and her Mum, helping them get to know each other, spend time together, learn to love one another. The result is that Lauren now feels more secure at home and has stopped being disruptive at school. She is actually beginning to enjoy it!

Your hard work with envelope and box makes transformations like this possible.



## The Long Walk

On Monday 17th June, The Revd Dennis Ackroyd, Vicar of St Luke with Whitechapel, Cleckheaton, will set out on a long walk!

This Marathon, starting from Cleckheaton Town Hall, is to celebrate his 25 years of Ministry and 75 years of the Royal British Legion. He plans to walk 375 miles to Dorset, passing through parishes in which he has worked. The purpose is to raise funds for the British Legion and for

his Parishes in Cleckheaton, along with the Parishes in which he has served who are participating and are involved in the Fund Raising.

Dennis Ackroyd hopes that volunteers will join him on the way including members of the Royal British Legion.

If you would like to sponsor him he can be contacted at The Vicarage, 62 Whitcliffe Road, Cleckheaton, BD19 3BY. Tel: 01274 873964.



### More Than Mothers



An Afternoon of Explaining, Encouraging and Enlivening.

Saturday 29th June 12noon to 4pm

Bishop's Lodge, Woodthorpe Lane, Wakefield.

For everyone, young and old, male & female, ordained and lay.

Displays, competitions, music, disability awareness course, bouncy castle  
face painting, crèche, worship and much more.

Bring a picnic. Drinks, Ice-cream & sausage sizzle on sale.

## People and Places

The Revd **Gordon S S Watts** at present Vicar of the Benefice of Boldre and South Baddesley (Diocese of Winchester) is to be Priest in Charge of St Peter's Warmfield. The licensing will be held at Warmfield on 11 September at 730pm.

The Revd **Lindsay Dew**, Vicar of St Thomas Batley, will be commissioned as Rural Dean of Dewsbury on 20 June at 730pm at St Thomas Batley.

The Revd **Keith G Williams**, Vicar of St Michael East Ardsley, will be commissioned as Rural Dean of Wakefield on 19 May at 630pm in the Cathedral.

The Revd **John P Taylor** at present Assistant Curate at Holy and Undivided Trinity, Ossett, is to be Rector of All Saints, Crofton. A date for the Institution will be announced later.

The Revd **Nigel D Beer**, at present Assistant Curate at St Matthew's Rastrick, is to be Assistant Curate at St John's Biltono, Harrogate (Diocese of Ripon). The licensing will be on August 25.

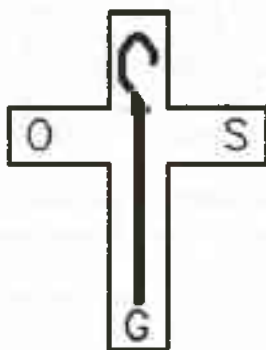
# Oratory of the Good Shepherd

The fact that there are Monks and Nuns in the Church of England still comes as a great surprise to many people—yet there are three communities working in this diocese: The Community of the Resurrection, The Community of Saint Peter and the Oratory of the Good Shepherd. The Superiors of all the communities in this country have just had their annual meeting where they were addressed by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The Oratory of the Good Shepherd seems to be the least known, certainly in this diocese. Perhaps they are not so obvious because they have no specific house but work in whatever situation they are called to, rather than living together in community.

The Oratory is an Anglican Society of Priests and brothers founded in 1913 at Cambridge University and now has members throughout the world—in Africa, Australia, the United Kingdom and Canada. Members work in most areas of Church life and beyond: for example as Bishops, Archdeacons, Deans, University Professors, Parish Priests, Schoolmasters, and in the legal profession.

Members are bound together by a common Rule and discipline requiring celibacy, a regular account of spending and direction of life. In



addition "Labour of the Mind" is a characteristic of the Oratory and members are expected to spend time in study.

An Oratorian undertakes to follow the example of Jesus the Good Shepherd and to live a life of prayer, discipline and pastoral concern. The Rule commits him to a

regular Eucharist, Offices and at least an hour's prayer a day.

Oratorians regard each other as brothers and find within the Oratory friendship, trust and love. A commitment to the Oratory way of life is a commitment to God and to each other so that they may serve Jesus the Good Shepherd both as individuals and as a religious family.

Attached to the Oratory are Companions and Associates and they are considered to be an important part of the Oratory family.

Companions keep a rule of life based on the Rule observed by the professed brethren. They undertake to attend the Eucharist on Sundays and some weekdays, to pray regularly, spend time in retreat and to be regular in alms-giving.

Companions report quarterly to one of the professed brethren who acts to a greater or lesser degree as their Spiritual Director (this is considered a particularly important aspect of Oratory Life). Those who

wish to become Companions are invited to examine the Rule of Life and to try to live it for a few months before being formally admitted.

Associates are friends of the Oratory who wish to receive its annual report, newsletters and intercession lists, and to pray for the Oratory.

Communication is an important aspect of Oratory life and members, Companions and Associates are ex-

pected to communicate regularly as members of any family would. A recent innovation in Oratory life has been the advent of Electronic Mail which is becoming a very valuable asset to communications overseas.

Further information on any aspect of Oratory life can be obtained from the Editor of SeeLink.

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## **Bishop's Certificate in Pastoral Ministry Diocese of Wakefield**



*Would you like to do more in your church? Do you have a good listening ear?*

Then what about taking a three year Course to enable people to develop their own personal pastoral ministry. If you would like to be considered or would like more details please contact Miss Elizabeth Ewan, Church House, 1 South Parade, Wakefield, WF1 1LP, 01924 371802. Applications for September 1996 must be in by 1 July 1996.

## **Sharing in Ministry in the Parish**

The course starts in September. Hipperholme on Monday evenings, Newsome on Wednesday evenings. Details from Mrs R Gayford, Church House, 1 South Parade, Wakefield, WF1 1LP. Tel: 01924 371802.

## **Commemoration Day at Mirfield**

The Annual Commemoration Day will be on Saturday 13th July with the Solemn Eucharist on the front lawn under cover at 12noon; Preacher: Fr Eric Simmons CR, former Superior and now Prior of the Community's House in London. Lunch will be on the Cricket Field (Sandwiches and drinks available). Silence will be kept in the Resurrection Chapel throughout the day and a priest will be available for confessions between 1030am and 1130am and 230pm until 430pm.

Applications for programmes and Service Books to be sent to The Commemoration Day Secretary, House of the Resurrection, Mirfield, West Yorks WF14 0BN.

Is dieting pulling society apart?  
Is the Church making the situation worse?  
Now you can help break the monopoly of the dieting industry...

## CONSUMING PASSION

Why Diets Harm Body and Soul

by Elizabeth Filleul

In the UK, the diet industry is big business. Over 85% of the population diet and books by authors such as Rosemary Conley are among the top-sellers. But why are people so obsessed with dieting and body image? And what can the Church do to help? These issues are tackled in *Consuming Passion: Why Diets harm Body and Soul* (published by Triangle Books, price £5.99, ISBN 0 281 04844 4).

*Consuming Passion* is the first book to thoroughly examine the physical and emotional problems of dieting for men, women and children from a Christian viewpoint. It looks at the enormous social pressures from the slimming industry, the media, society and even the church. Offering practical solutions, it challenges Christians to help put a stop to the dieting industry by changing the way we think about body image.

Popular writer and broadcaster, Michele Guinness, claims: "This book is a must for anyone who is concerned about the damage caused by our obsession with dieting. It made me realise how deceived I had been, how abused society is. It made me angry enough to want to do something about it, to protect my daughter, and my son too, from the kind of exploitation that makes them ashamed to be who and what they are."

Elizabeth Filleul, herself a recovered bulimic, is a freelance writer based in Australia. She has worked for the Birmingham Post and Mail and for the Sports Council. She is the author of *Dying to be Thin* (Lion, 1990) and a series for Marshall Pickering including *100 Ways to Be at Peace* and *100 Ways to Increase your Faith*.

## Cathedral Music Day

A Festival of Choral and Organ Music.

Sat 29 June 1996 1130am—Evensong at 5pm

Come along and find out for yourself what it was that inspired former choristers like the present Archbishop of York. Meet the people who make the glorious sounds & take the opportunity to play the Organ.

There is no charge for the day! Please reserve a place to assist with catering. For further details contact the Cathedral Office.

## WHAT'S ON

- June 2 **Summer Fayre** 2-4pm, St Mary's Church, High Street, Luddenden Village, near Halifax. Games & activities for all ages. Many prizes, refreshments.
- June 2 and remainder of Sats & Suns in June **St Thomas Church, Heptonstall Open** 2-430pm light refreshments available.
- June 4-6 **Christian-Buddhist Encounter** Love meets wisdom. A chance to experience an in-depth dialogue between these two faiths at intellectual, textual & experiential levels, at USPG College of the Ascension, Selly Oak, Birmingham. 0121 472 1667.
- June 6-8 **11th Annual Art/Craft Exhibition** St Paul's Church Armitage Bridge, Huddersfield. Thu & Fri 2-4pm & 7-9pm, Sat 10am-5pm. Refreshments available.
- June 7-9 **23rd Annual Art Exhibition and Sale of Pictures** in St Mary's Church Hall, Church Lane, Mirfield, Fri 7-10pm, Sat 10am-8pm, Sun 2-8pm. Refreshments & afternoon teas.
- June 8 **A Bit of a Do** — St Philip's Church Hall, Birchencliffe. 10am-4pm. Light refreshments all day; Main Course Lunch 1145-2pm (Tickets 01484 429084). Car wash, stalls & other attractions. Proceeds to local and other good causes.
- June 8 **Heptonstall Festival** - Village event. Exhibition with refreshments in Church. Open all day.
- June 8 **Mission of the World Church in a local context** A day course primarily for USPG co-workers, volunteers and supporters to help them understand the Society better. USPG College of the Ascension, Selly Oak, Birmingham. 0121 472 1667.
- June 8 **Deserts of vast infinity**, a day exploring the trauma of wrestling with Jacob led by Catherine Wood. 10am-4pm. £12 (drinks provided.) Foster Place Retreat Centre, Hepworth, Holmfirth. 0161 748 8779.
- June 8 **Brass Rubbings '96** A unique concert of traditional and modern church music arranged for vocalists, guitars, keyboard, church organ & full Brass Band. Featuring: Todmorden Old Brass Band, vocalists Catherine Binns and Abigail Sharp, plus members of local group Orion. 730pm St Mary's Church, Todmorden. Tickets £4 & £3 concessions. Tel: Mrs Lyn Luddington 01706 818060.
- June 9 **Rededication of War Memorial in Royston Churchyard**. 230pm.
- June 12-15 St Barnabas Amateur Players present a Supper Play **Holiday Snap** by Michael Pertwee & John Chapman at Crosland Moor Parish Hall, De Trafford Street, 715pm. Tickets include coffee & biscuits only (June 12) £2.50, 2 course meal 13-14-15 Tickets £4, £3 children. Family ticket £12 (2A, 2C). Tickets A Blackburn 01484 654111.
- June 12-15 Marsden Parish Church A&DS present **Old Peculiar**, a new comedy by Peter Armitage. 730pm Parochial Hall. Tickets £3 01484 845311 (Shop hours only please)
- June 15 **Garden Party** in the Vicarage Garden, Huddersfield Road, Meltham, near Huddersfield. 4-6pm. Various stalls, games, "sing in". Adults £4, children £2, family £10. In aid of St Bartholomew's Development Fund. 01484 850697 or 01484 851588.

- June 15 **Garden Party**, St Botolph's Knottingley 2pm. To be opened by Lady St Oswald. Stalls, Viking display, refreshments, fancy dress (costumes down the ages). A peal will be rung on the new ring of bells, many other attractions. In aid of the Appeal.
- June 15 **Traditional Village Fayre** with Craft Stalls. Fun for all the family. 1030am-5pm in Church and Grounds, St Martin's Womersley. Licensed bar, lunch, tea, snacks, Brass Band, Organ Recitals, Bouncy Castle, Children's Dancing Display, Singing, Gymnastics.
- June 15 **A day with the World Church** A USPG day for individuals and parish groups to keep world church on your agenda. USPG College of the Ascension, Selly Oak, Birmingham. 0121 472 1667.
- June 15 St Michael's Church, East Ardsley, **Summer Fayre** 2pm. Refreshments, side-shows, fancy dress, produce, cakes, clothes, crafts etc.
- June 15 **Garden Fete** at St Philip & St James Scholes, Cleckheaton to be opened 2pm by Claire Frisby. Dutch organ music, bouncy castle, crafts, games & many other attractions.
- June 15 **Garden Fete** St Paul's Vicarage Garden, Hanging Heaton, Batley, to be opened at 2pm by Gaynor Barnes, presenter on Yorkshire TV Tonight programme. (If wet in Church Hall)
- June 21-24 **Scenes from the Life of St John Baptist**. Royston Parish Church. Refreshments. Church Tower open. Exhibition of photographs of old Royston, parish events etc.
- June 22 **Dewsbury Minster Summer Fair** from 10am. Fire Brigade & Police demonstrations, Assault Course, Majorettes, Musical entertainment, Pet Show, Fancy Dress, Bouncy Castle, Novelty Races, stalls and refreshments throughout the event. At the Minster in Dewsbury Town Centre. In aid of the Minster refurbishment.
- June 22-23 Thornhill Lees Parish Church **Dedication Festival (150th)** display of flowers with hymn themes; children's work, parish register, refreshments. Sat 11am-5pm, Sun Mass 1030am then 2-6pm concluding with hymn singing 6pm.
- June 22-23 St Cuthbert's Church Ackworth, **The Life of the Church in Music & Flowers**. Sat 10am-5pm refreshments & light lunch available. 730pm **Concert** by Wakefield Metropolitan Brass Band. Admission by programme adults £4, senior citizens £2 children £1 from 01977 611086 or 613178 or at door. Sun Parish Communion 1015-1130am, Church open 1230-5pm, refreshments available.
- June 23 **Garden Trail** in the Summer Wine parish of Holmbridge. 2-6pm. 12 gardens on view. Details: 01484 682950 or 682463 or on the day from St David's Church, Holmbridge near Holmfirth.
- June 24 **Glimpse the World Church**. CMS Yorkshire meeting. Young people share their experiences of seeing the world with CMS. St John the Baptist, Kirkheaton, 730pm. Details 01226 282619.
- June 28-30 **Festival of Flowers & Music** in All Saints Church, Elland. Fri 10am-9pm, Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 12noon-5pm. Refreshments. Further information from 01422 256259.
- June 28-30 St Edward the Confessor Church Brother-ton **Flower Festival celebrating the History of Village Life**. Sat 10am-5pm, Short tableaux 230-330pm. 730pm Concert. Sun 1045am-4pm.



Details 01977 672370.

June 29—July 2 **The Life of the Church**, flower festival at St Peter's Church, Woolley. Sat 10am-dusk, refreshments and light lunches served in the Village Hall. Sun 1230-5pm. Mon & Tue 11am-5pm tea & biscuits available in the Church.

June 29 Arnold & Joan Hinchliffe request your company at their Annual **Open Garden/Bring and Buy Sale**. In aid of the Hoyland Centre for the Disabled and the British Heart Foundation. 173 Kitson Hill Road, Battysford, Mirfield. Tea/Coffee 10am-12noon and 2-4pm.

June 29 **Strawberry Teas** at the Hollytree Private Nursery, George Street, Ravenshorpe 2-4pm Adults £1.50 children 50p with cake stall and bric-a-brac. Ticket details 01924 498280 or pay at door. Proceeds for St Saviours, Ravenshorpe.

July 5 & 6 The drama group "The Cliffites" from St Philip's Birchencliffe present a Variety Show entitled **Cliffe Capers '96** in the Parish Hall, Briarlyn Road, Birchencliffe, Huddersfield 730pm. Proceed shared equally between the Church and the Huddersfield Branch of the British Diabetic Association. Tickets £3 from A Dyson, 1 Briarlyn Ave, Birchencliffe. Tel: 01484 539216 or 01484 428235.

July 5-7 St Saviour's Church, Brownhill, Batley. **Flower Festival** 10am-5pm. Details 01924 472217.

July 6 St Mary's Church Todmorden **Craft Fair** 10am-4pm. If you are interested in exhibiting please phone Judith Thornton on 01706 812008 for an application form.

July 6-7 **Open Garden Scheme** South Crosland and Netherton, for Holy Trinity Church building fund. Meals and refreshments. Strawberry tea. Tickets and information from the Vicarage, 01484 661080.

July 7, 14 & 21 **St Mary's Church Badsworth** Open for visitors. Teas will be served 2-5pm.

July 12-15 **Celebration of Village Life Flower Festival** All Saints Church, Cawthorne, Barnsley. Refreshments. A beautiful Church in a lovely village.

**Diocesan NT Greek Group** meets every 4th Tuesday in the month at 215pm at 7 Greenlows Close, Holmfirth. From Sept 4th they begin with St Mark's Gospel. Newcomers, clerical & lay welcome. Ring 01484 683779 for details

## MUSICAL MATTERS

June 7 **An evening of music** by Elland Male Voice Choir & Joyce and Donald Haigh (Violin & Piano) in the Parochial Hall, Westgate, Elland. 730pm. Admission £2.50, concessions £1.50.

June 12 and every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month: **Circle Dancing** at Holy Trinity Church, South Crosland. Folk dances and new dances

from all over the world. Beginners & enquirers welcome: 8pm. £1. Tel: 01484 661080.

June 15 Halifax Choral Society presents **Songs and Praises**, a programme of hymns and anthems in Halifax Parish Church at 730pm. Conductor John Pryce-Jones, organist Darius Battiwalla. Join the choir in the hymns. Tickets £5, concessions £4 available from the HCS Secretary 01422 714636.

June 15 Yorkshire Building Society **Band Concert**. St Luke's Church, Cleckheaton. 730pm. Tickets £4, senior citizens £3, children with parents free.

June 22 Wakefield Cathedral **Organ Recital** by Jonathan Bielby, Organist & Master of the Choristers. 1130am. Admission free.

June 22 **Concert by Yorkshire Chamber Choir** 730pm, Wakefield Cathedral. Music with an American Feel. Tickets £5 (£4 retired/£3 students) or from 01924 372416 or on the door.

June 23 St Thomas the Apostle Batley present **Saints Alive**—musical by Roger Jones. Details 01924 465661 after 6pm.

June 30 **Recommissioning of restored organ**—lecture/recital, Alan Smith, Colin Rowlands, Jonathan Proberts. St Peter & St John the Baptist Church, Doncaster Road, Barnsley. 3pm.

July 6 Huddersfield Town Hall 730pm. Richard Baker and Jerry Jarratt present **The Story of Gilbert and Sullivan**. With Honley G & S Society, Huddersfield G & S Society, Meltham G & S Soc and Slaithwaite Philharmonic Orchestra. Tickets £8 to £10 from any members of the Societies or Elizabeth Pearson, 01484 663967. Proceeds in aid of Yorkshire Cancer Research.

**Church Organist required** for Sunday Service and occasional offices at St Mark's Church, Siddal, Halifax. Must be willing to work with guitars in services. Details from the Revd Rod Fereday, 01422 369538.

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## MIDSUMMER



The idea of celebrating at midsummer goes back a long time and is related to the strength of the

sun. In the early days of the Christian Church many of the old pagan festivals were Christianised - so the midwinter festival on 25th December was used to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ and became Christmas.

According to the Bible story, John the Baptist was six months older than Jesus so it was decided that 24th June should be the festival of the birth of John the Baptist. This is very unusual because he is the only saint whose birth is celebrated: usually we remember the day the saints die.

Perhaps we remember John's birth because of the special way that it happened. You can read about it in St Luke's Gospel, chapter 1.

## SUMMER WORDS

Can you find all these summer holiday words?

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bucket \* caravan  
 holiday \* icecream \* luggage  
 sand \* sandcastle \* sea  
 seaside \* spade \* sun \* swim  
 tent \* waves



Ann: I just love sun bathing.  
 Sam: So do I. I could lie in the sun all day and all night.



## LIFE IN PRISON

I would like to begin this article by thanking everyone for their cards and best wishes on my leaving the parish. I would also like to thank everyone who contributed to my leaving gift. I now have a computer which has oodles of memory, and a CD Rom drive which lets me use very large complicated programs. I have yet to decide how I will spend the cheque for £125.

### Freedom

It is difficult to believe that I am starting my fourth week in prison. Unlike St Paul, however, I am not writing this letter as a prisoner. Thankfully each day I can leave the prison and my work behind. I have the wonderful gift of freedom to come and go. This freedom is precious, and is taken away when you are sent to prison. Those who think a prison sentence is a soft option should try spending a few weeks here. The loss of personal freedom is a punishment in itself. In addition prisoners have little control over their lives. Unless they are on remand all their clothing and possessions are taken away when they go through reception. They are told what to wear; where they will live and with whom. Most share a cell with one other person, usually a complete stranger.

### Annley Jail, Leeds

Annley Jail was built in 1847 by the Victorians. It has the appearance of a medieval castle, with towers and turrets and a large gatehouse. The original building



houses four wings, radiating from a central point. At the centre is the chapel, an indication of the importance of religion to the Victorians in rehabilitating prisoners. Only two of the old wings are presently occupied. The other two are soon to be modernised. Elsewhere there is a new building which houses two wings, the gym, kitchens and a hospital. One pleasant surprise is to hear birds singing high in the roof space of some of the wings!

One officer pointed out to me that a jail is a bit like a walled town or village. There is a church (the prison chapel). There is a school (the education department). There is a hospital. There is industry, in the form of the workshops. There are houses (cells) and a population. The population is unusual, however, in that it is made up entirely of men, and there are no children. (Interestingly some women's prisons have mother and baby units). To a newcomer it comes as a surprise to find a considerable number of women officers working in the prison.

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## *Peter's First Letter to the Ackworthians*

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### The Chaplaincy

The chaplaincy team includes two full time Anglicans priests and a full time Roman Catholic priest. Two women lay readers act as part time chaplains, together with other part timers including a Methodist minister, a Baptist minister, a Salvation Army officer and an Anglican vicar from Bradford. A Quaker comes in once a week to hold a discussion group. The chaplaincy is also responsible for organising visiting ministers from other faiths, including Buddhists, Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, Sikhs, and Muslims.

### Services

Services are held every Sunday morning, a Roman Catholic Mass and a service run by Anglicans for the other Christian inmates. A short Eucharist is held each Sunday in the hospital, and Communion may be taken to one or two other prisoners who for various reasons are unable to attend chapel. A midweek service is held every Wednesday evening. In addition special events and services are held, eg we recently had a Christian rock band playing one Sunday afternoon. The Sunday morning service attracts between fifty and eighty men. Several discussion groups are held each week.



### What do Chaplains do?

One of the main duties of the chaplains is to see every new prisoner who comes into the prison. This is done every day except on Sundays. We also have to visit those in the hospital and any who are in the segregation cells. Prisoners can request an interview with a chaplain if they wish to discuss a personal problem. Many inmates genuinely seek help in order to try and make a new start in life, and as part of this may wish to talk about the Christian faith. This is often in marked contrast to life in a parish where, in my experience, it is unusual for church members to seek this kind of guidance. Chaplains deal with any applications to get married, and may also be asked to break bad news to a prisoner such as a death or illness in the family. They also arrange pastoral visits from parish clergy who may wish to visit someone from their church or neighbourhood. Chaplains also give as much support to staff as possible, in what at times may be very difficult and demanding work.

My first impressions are that the staff and the Prison Service in general go to great lengths to care for prisoners, no matter what they may have done, and how difficult some of them may be. In this way they are fulfilling the stated aim of the Prison Service which is:

Her Majesty's Prison Service serves the public by keeping in custody those committed by the courts. Our duty is to look after them with humanity and to help them live law abiding and useful lives in custody and after release.

Peter Moorhouse

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### 2 TRINITY SUNDAY

'The Trinity'

Isaiah 6.1-8 (Mrs Cooper/Mrs Woffinden); Ephesians 1.3-14  
Mrs Cooper/Mrs B Firth); John 14.8-17 ASB 640

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

### 9 PENTECOST 2

'The Church's Unity and Fellowship'

All Saints' MATTINS - Ezekiel 37.15-end (Dr McWilliam);  
Ephesians - 2.11-end (Dr McWilliam)  
St Cuthbert's: Luke 14.15-24 ASB 647

11 Tues 2 00 pm Mums and Tots Group (All Saints')

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

### 16 PENTECOST 3

'The Church's Confidence in Christ'

Deuteronomy 8.11-end (Miss Pittaway/Miss Walker); Acts 4.8-12 (Miss Pittaway/Mr Firth);  
Luke 8.41-end ASB 650

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

22 Sat 10 00 am - 5 00 pm 'THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH IN MUSIC & FLOWERS'

AT ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

7 30 pm CONCERT BY WAKEFIELD METROPOLITAN BRASS BAND  
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### 23 PENTECOST 4

'The Church's Mission to the Individual'

Isaiah 63.7-14 (Miss Smith/Mr Davis); Acts 8.26-38 (Miss Smith/Mrs G Riley);  
Luke 15.1-10 ASB 655

12 30 pm - 4 45 pm 'THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH IN MUSIC & FLOWERS'

AT ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

4 45 pm Festival Evensong (St Cuthbert's)

25 Tues 2 00 pm Mums and Tots Group (All Saints')

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

27 Thurs 2 30 pm Mother's Union Service and Meeting (All Saints' Church)

### 30 PENTECOST 5

'The Church's Mission to All Men'

Ruth 1.8-17,22 (Mrs Cooper); Acts 11.4-18 (Mrs Cooper/Mrs Walters); Luke 10.1-12 ASB 661

## JULY

### 7 PENTECOST 6

'The New Man'

Micah 6.1-8 (Dr McWilliam/Mr D Cook); Ephesians 4.17-end (Dr McWilliam/Miss Parker);  
Mark 10.46-end ASB 666

### Flowers

#### St Cuthbert's Church

2 June Mrs Roberts  
9 June Mrs Asquith  
16 June Vacant  
23 June Mrs Barnard  
30 June Vacant



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