



Ackworth Parish Magazine



All Saints'



St. Cuthbert's

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Prisoners Week 1996

Prisoners' Week, 17 - 23 November

Prisoners' Week is organised by a committee consisting of prison chaplains and other Christians working with prisoners and their families. It was started to encourage all Christians to focus their thoughts and, above all, their prayers on prisoners, prisoners' families, victims of crime, prison staff and all those working in this field. This is not an easy task. As Monsignor Richard Atherton, one time Principal Roman Catholic Chaplain to HM Prisons quotes in a small book about the work of prison chaplains:

"Anyone who has spoken about criminal justice and penal reform to a church meeting will quickly have learned that he or she is not preaching entirely to the converted".

He is making the point that most people are unsympathetic to the care of prisoners, including many Christians. The standard views of many are: 'They get what they deserve.' 'Why should we care?' 'What about the victims of crime?'

It is easy to understand why people find it difficult to show an interest in those in prison, especially if they have been the victim of a crime. After all, inmates have committed offences, including a few of the most horrific kind. Nevertheless, to dismiss prisoners is contrary to the Christian Gospel. Anyone with even the slightest knowledge of Jesus will know he



befriended the outcast, the poor, the rejects and sinners of his day. His attitude was 'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick; I did not come to invite virtuous people, but sinners.'

Quite apart from the humanitarian and Christian need to work for the rehabilitation of prisoners, it is in society's own interest to do so. It is only by working to change offending behaviour that crime will in the end be reduced. As this year's Prisoners' Week leaflet puts it:

"The best antidote to fear is action. Effective crime prevention includes caring for children and enhancing the quality of our neighbourhoods by working together for common goals. Helping those formerly imprisoned to find jobs and housing are ways that we can take to restore them safely into the community. A restorative approach to justice encourages broad community involvement at every stage of the criminal justice process. The

Peter's Third Letter to the Ackworthians

worth of each person is affirmed and each person's contribution is valued as we respond to the challenge to create a community in which all are safe and respected.'

Prisoners' Week is not just about prisoners. It is concerned with justice, the victims of crime, and those who work with both victims and criminals.

Prisoners' Week Prayer

**Lord, you offer freedom to all people.
We pray for those who are in prison.**

**Break the bonds of fear
and isolation that exist.**

Support with Your love:

**prisoners, their families and friends,
prison staff and all who care.**

**Heal those who have been wounded
by the activities of others,
especially the victims of crime.**

**Help us to forgive one another,
to act justly, love mercy
and walk humbly together with Christ
in His strength and in His Spirit,
now and every day. Amen.**

Commuting to work

It is now six months since I left Ackworth and became a prison chaplain. I am now a commuter, driving to and from work each day and battling with the Leeds rush hour traffic. I work in a secular organisation. Most of the people with whom I work, both staff and inmates, have no church connections, and know little or nothing about the church, the Bible or Christian teachings. All this is good experience for me. It helps to remind me how little contact there now is between the church and most 'ordinary' people. Working as a

parish priest, and dealing all the time with 'churchy' matters, can blind you to these facts of life.

Harvest Festival

The Bishop of Bradford came to the prison to preside and preach at the Harvest Festival Eucharist on the first Sunday in October. For obvious reasons it is not easy for prisoners to donate gifts! One inmate, however, was able to buy some flowers for the chapel through the chaplaincy. He then arranged for them to be distributed to someone outside the prison as a harvest gift.



Christmas in Prison

Christmas can be a particularly difficult time for prisoners. The Christmas season brings home the fact that they are separated from their families and friends, and especially from their children. It is not surprising that attempts at suicide increase around Christmas. There will be a Carol Service and the Salvation Army Band will come into prison to play carols. On Christmas morning the Bishop of Knaresborough will preside at the Eucharist and preach.

Peter Moorhouse

This poem was written by a person recently attending a funeral.

St. Cuthbert's Church, Ackworth.

St. Cuthbert's will always be the Church for me.
There's something special inside that you cannot see.
The silence and the stillness as you walk through the door.
The peace in the window paintings are a treasure I'm sure.
As I sit in the pew with hymn book in hand.
There's comfort inside that I can't understand.
Though I don't go often and you may frown on me,
There's always a welcome, wouldn't you agree.

Anon.

Prince of Wales Hospice (Ackworth Group)

Coffee Morning
Saturday 16 November 10 am - 12noon

Low Ackworth Community Centre
Tickets 50p including Coffee and Biscuits

Message from the Editors!

We urgently need items from you for inclusion in the magazine. Please send us your comments on recent articles. Tell us about forthcoming events in and around Ackworth, about Birthdays and Anniversaries, your good news (and your bad news, if you wish) and anything you think might be of interest.

Hand your articles etc. to Linda Steer, Maureen Richardson or David Newman or post them to:-

The Editors
Ackworth Parish Magazine
54 Holly Bank
Ackworth
Pontefract

We need them by the first Sunday of the previous month ie. the first Sunday in November for inclusion in December's magazine.

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

Rector: to be appointed. Contact Churchwardens, Fred Davies on 610694 and Bill Branston on 610590.

Sunday Services:

St. Cuthbert's: 10.15 am Parish Communion and Junior Church
All Saints': 8.30 am Holy Communion (2nd Sunday Mattins)
4.30 pm Evensong (2nd Sunday, Holy Communion)

Midweek Service: 9.30 am Holy Communion, All Saints' Church

Guide and Brownie Parade and Family Communion: 2nd Sunday of 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 Parish Communion on the last Sunday of the month. Please telephone Churchwardens for information.

Marriages: Please contact Churchwardens

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

A CHEQUE FROM THE INLAND REVENUE

It was mid-October and, as predicted by John Gardham our Covenants Secretary, we received our annual cheque from the Inland Revenue. This cheque was for tax paid by our congregation on Planned Giving to the church through the Envelope Scheme and by direct debit.

The value of the cheque was £3560.50. This is a tremendous sum raised by everyone agreeing to covenant their giving by filling in a simple form.

We are very grateful to all who covenant and to John Gardham who makes the necessary returns to claim the refund. Without this money we would be in a very difficult position. It allows us to meet the ever increasing bill for the insurance of All Saints' and St. Cuthbert's which, last year, cost us £2254.25. In fact, it just about covers the cost of insurance, heating and lighting at both churches for a whole year.

We thank all those who currently covenant their giving and ask that anyone not yet covenanting would do so. Contact John Gardham, Ada Prichard or myself for a form. Unfortunately, you cannot covenant if you do not pay tax, but even if you pay a small amount of tax we can arrange to reclaim it and use it to benefit the church in Ackworth.

Bill Branston

Q. Where was the burning bush, where Moses met with God?

A. Mount Horeb. (Exodus 3:1)



Mount Horeb is another name for Sinai, this is not the same mountain as the present day Mount Sinai. This is God's mountain, or The Holy Mountain.

At this time, Moses has left Egypt, after an argument with a slave driver whom he killed. He marries Zipporah, the daughter of Jethro, a priest of Midian. Moses took the job of looking after Jethro's sheep. It was while he was herding the sheep that he went up Mount Horeb and saw the burning bush.

Of course, this was no ordinary burning bush, it was burning, but not being consumed. Later, Moses was to realise that he was looking at one of God's messengers. Following this, Moses hears the divine voice of God.

Then Moses is given his commission. He is to go into Egypt and free the Israelites from slavery. That must have been something of a tall order, especially since he was wanted for murder in Egypt. Moses comes up with several weak excuses as to why he should not go, but God does away with these excuses.

One of the excuses was that the people would ask of him, who had sent him. Moses asks God for his name. The God of the Israelites was usually referred to as Yahweh. God, in reply to Moses, however, does not use this name. Instead, he tells Moses to tell the people that he is 'I AM'. This is a strange name indeed, but one which finds parallels elsewhere. It is used to denote divinity, where no explanation is needed. So God says of himself, 'I am who I am' and that is an end to that!

Interestingly, Jesus uses the same phrase of himself when he is arrested in the garden. The guards ask, which one is Jesus, and Jesus replies, 'I am' (John chapter 18). At this phrase the guards fall back in fear. Not surprising, considering the use of the words in the Old Testament.

So God needs no explanation. If he sends you out on a mission, he is who he is, and for sure, he always will be.

"Where were the Ten Commandments kept?"

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Bishop Nigel Writes ...

At a time when accountability and appraisal has been in the news, it is important to remind ourselves that our ultimate accountability is to God. That applies not just to clergy, but particularly to every baptised member of God's Church. From that it arises naturally that we have a responsibility to each other.

Many of our clergy and congregations face tough and thankless tasks in an atmosphere which has become increasingly hostile. The discouragements and hurts, (and the sense of failure and guilt that those can bring), undermines confidence, saps faith and weakens our spiritual base. In such circumstances we need as

much personal encouragement and support as possible.

It may be helpful for everyone to know, therefore, that earlier this year I put into place three support systems for clergy and congregations in this diocese.

The first, already well under way, is my personal commitment to see each priest who shares my cure of souls,

for at least an hour each year - to listen to how things are going personally, spiritually and in the parish. That seems to me to be an important exercising of the fatherhood in God which, to my mind, is the proper pastoral role of the bishop. (Bishop John is doing this for those in specialist min-



istry, assistant posts, and for NSMs.)

Secondly, because clergy are liable to be increasingly isolated and under pressure, I am making available to each parish priest a Consultant (chosen by mutual agreement) whose role will be to provide both priest and congregation with a more continuous form of encouragement, appraisal and advice – building, for example, on the experience of the much appreciated Mission Visits in 1993. (Felicity Lawson and others are advising on this – and I am hopeful that we can have this in place early next year.)

Thirdly (and hopefully the two support systems mentioned above will make this less threatening), I have asked Bishop John and the Archdeacons to undertake in each

parish every five years a Mission Quinquennial / Church Life Review in order to encourage and extend the spiritual base and mission focus of every church in this diocese. After all, our living stones (who are the company of the baptised) are even more important than those stones already inspected.

If we are to take seriously the earthly accountability and responsibility which we have to one another, then this must not be seen to be a matter for the clergy alone. It must be a process which, under God, appraises the whole congregation – in order that we may the more effectively witness to God's love in the world of which, under God, we are a potentially transforming part.

+ Nigel Wakefield

Tech Talk



1 SeeLink is composed using Microsoft Publisher 95 and the graphics are prepared in Corel Draw 6.

2 Do your surf the Net? Then have a look at www.anglican.org.uk and search for Wakefield or even your Deanery. There is a great deal of world wide interest on the Church Net.

Diocesan Synod

Young people from across the Diocese of Wakefield called for the Church to refocus on the needs of youth at a special presentation to Wakefield Diocesan Synod last month at St Catherine's Church, Sandal.

The presentation, which has been prepared in response to the recent Church of England "**Youth A Part**" Report, urged Synod to adopt specific goals for youth work in the Wakefield Diocese. The Wakefield Diocese Youth Officer, the Revd Rob Whitehouse, expressed his hope that the Synod will share the vision "that we should be a Church that takes young people and youth work seriously".

Also included on the agenda for discussion at the Synod were new proposals for calculating the **Annual Parish Share**, the amount paid by each parish into central Diocesan funds every year. Under the new proposals, the amount levied to each

parish would no longer relate to the numbers on the electoral roll. Each parish would also be given information about the way in which their money is spent by the Diocese.

After the close of official business, there was a presentation by three authors of **Emmaus: The Way of Faith**, a new teaching resource for churches which includes materials for a fifteen session course on exploring the Christian faith. Written by a team of five in the Diocese, including the Bishop of Pontefract, *Emmaus* aims to help local churches welcome people into the Christian faith. The Diocesan Missioner (and co-author of *Emmaus*), the Revd Stephen Cottrell said: "We are very proud that the Wakefield Diocese is leading the way in encouraging churches all over the country to take an in-depth look at the way in which they welcome people into the Church."



UNIQUE DIOCESAN MISSION EXCHANGE

Bishop Nigel led a mission of 200 from this Diocese in the Deanery of Chester last month in a unique opportunity to exchange experiences and learn from each other. It is believed to be the first such exchange of its kind on this scale.

The Bishop said that he and the Diocesan team were excited about the mission which has been called: *JIGSAW - The Missing Peace*. "We were invited to share our faith and experience with the Deanery of Chester and we are planning hard and believe that we will learn much about ourselves from the exercise," said Bishop Nigel. "Many of the laity have

taken 10 days holiday to join this event. That in itself is a remarkable sign of commitment." The idea for the mission, which has taken three years to plan, came from Chester Deanery, on learning that Wakefield had called itself the missionary diocese—referring to its own commitment to internal mission and evangelism at parish, deanery and diocesan level.

Bishop Nigel led teams of laity and clergy in the 19 parishes and Cathedral at meetings, services, talks and special events and BBC Radio broadcast a special service from Chester Cathedral.

Pennies for Mara



For those who have forgotten or do not know, the scheme works like this: Consider the average church with 50 members, some more, some less. Each member gives 2 pence per week which amounts to £50 per year. There are just over 200 churches in the Diocese and so the income should be at least £10,000—all for 'tuppence'. So, how about a large jar at the back of your church and watch the pennies grow.



Resources Centre Open Day

You are warmly invited on 10 December to the new Children's Work Section of the Diocesan Resources Centre at Church House, 1 South Parade, Wakefield, 10am-830pm. Come and browse through the resources and see the displays of children's work. Large bookstall.



Project Boost

The Church Urban Fund has awarded grants totalling £52,000 to projects in the Wakefield Diocese to help the work and ministry of several parishes.

Projects in Newsome, Halifax, Woodhouse and Lundwood will receive a boost by the extension of existing funding.

One such project is at St Augustine's Halifax which provides facilities for local people including a drop-in centre, mother and toddler group and a food co-operative. Project Manager Denise Keenan said that the funding would ensure continuous staffing for the project for the next three years and was great news.

Canon George Nairn-Briggs, Bishop's Advisor for Social Responsibility, said: "This is wonderful news and illustrates the confidence that the Church Urban Fund has in the work being done all over the Wakefield Diocese. We are now set up to continue the valuable work for the next three years."

Bishop Nigel, met with project workers on 26th September to hear at first hand how the projects are developing and progressing.

Further information available from: Canon George Nairn-Briggs on (01924) 371802.

Test-tube Babies—an Option for Christians?

A very important Day Conference on this subject will be held in the Treacy Hall at Wakefield Cathedral from 10am-430pm on Saturday 14 December.

Seeing that one couple in six is infertile, the question of whether test-tube babies are an option for Christians must come up fairly frequently between the unfortunate couples and their spiritual directors. Is it right for infertile couples to resort to the scientific techniques of in vitro fertilisation to have the children which they cannot have in the normal way? will be among questions which will be discussed in the Day Conference.

Mr P R Norris MD, FRCOG, a gynaecologist of immense experience, will explain how IVF works. Peter Garrett, LIFE's Research Director, will give an up-to-date account of what is happening in the test-tube baby clinics. Dr Helen Watt, BA, PhD, Research Fellow at the Linacre Centre, will give a philosopher's assessment of the practice of IVF. Bishop Nigel, will be in the chair. (Please bring a packed lunch; drinks provided.)

Looking Ahead to 1997

- 1 The Religious Programmes Department of the BBC in Manchester has announced its plans for the observation of Lent. *A Time to Receive—preparing for Easter with BBC Religious Programmes* is a multi-media project linked to the book of readings, reflections and prayers written by Lavinia Byrne to be published on 9 January. Her voice will be familiar to listeners to Thought for the Day and the Daily Service and her themes will be developed across many of the radio and TV programmes during Lent.
- 2 **BIG '97 EVENT** Next year more than 2000 people from all over the Diocese will meet at the Harrogate Conference Centre for a weekend of learning and encouragement between 13-14th September. Each Parish will be asked to send representatives to share together points of growth and common problems and a particular aim of the organisers is to ensure as many young delegate (under 25) as possible.
- 3 There will be a **PARISH MAGAZINE COMPETITION** in 1997 following the successful competition three years ago. The purpose of the competition is to improve the standard of what is, for many parishes, their major means of communication. The Ecclesiastical Insurance Group has generously agreed to provide £5000 for prize money. More details will be given later, but parishes will be invited to submit one magazine published in December 96, January 97 or February 97. There will only be the one category this time—magazines, and these will be judged against the criteria of quality of writing, common appeal, editing, layout and design.

People and Places

- The Revd **Marion Bamford** retired as Priest in Charge of St Edward the Confessor, Brotherton with effect from 31 August 1996.
- The Revd **David Glover**, Vicar of St John the Baptist Church, Cudworth, Barnsley, will resign with effect from 30 November 1996.
- The Revd **Ian Gaskell**, Vicar of Birkenshaw cum Hunsworth is to be the next Rural Dean of Birstall. A date for the Commissioning Service will be announced later.
- The Revd **Michael Morphy**, Vicar of Luddenden with Luddendenfoot, is to be the Vicar of Corbridge in the Diocese of Newcastle with an institution in the New Year.
- The Revd **Dhoo Craig-Wild**, at present curate of St John's Chapletown, Sheffield, is to be Priest in Charge of St Andrew's Bruntcliffe. The licensing service took place on 30 October.
- The Revd **Anthony Street**, formerly working for the South American Missionary Society in Chile is to be Priest in Charge of St John Warley, Halifax. A date for the licensing will be announced later.

WHAT'S ON

- Nov 3 **150th Anniversary** of establishment of the parish of All Saints', Salterhebble, Halifax. 1846 work began—1996 work in progress.
- Nov 5 Wakefield Church Union & Forward in Faith **"Renewing Ecumenism"** Seminar. Speaker Mgr William Steele. Dewsbury Minster, 730pm.
- Nov 6 **Evening Prayer** using Common Prayer of **Taizé** at Wakefield Hospice Chapel, Aberford Road (opp Pinderfields), 730pm and every first Wednesday.
- Nov 9 Saint 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.
- Nov 2/3 St John's Church, Upper Denby (Huddersfield) **Watercolour Exhibition** and sale of Denby Calendar by Pamela Thorpe. Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 1045am-4pm. Refreshments available, easy parking.
- Nov 9 Holmfirth Parish Church **Autumn Fair** 10am-1pm. Entrance 60p including coffee & biscuits. Cold lunches available.
- Nov 9 St Stephen's Church, Lindley, **Craft & Gifts Fayre**; 25 stalls of crafts and home-made produce. 10am-4pm, in the Lindley CofE Infants School, East Street, Lindley, Huddersfield (M62 Junction 24). Admission 50p. Refreshments all day. In aid of Church Building Fund Appeal.
- Nov 14 St Andrew's Church Thongsbridge, Huddersfield, are holding a **Concert & Silent Auction** at the Royal Oak, Huddersfield Road, Thongsbridge, from 730pm.
- Nov 16 St Augustine's Church, Scissett, Huddersfield: **November Fair** in the Church School, 1030am-3pm. Various stalls, Tombola, snack bar, lunches.
- Nov 16 St Barnabas Church, Crosland Moor, **Early Christmas Bazaar** in the Parish Hall, De Trafford Street, 1030am-3pm. Proceeds for Church Funds. Stalls include: Cakes, Grotto, Home Produce, Plants etc. Lunch served. Transport to and from could be arranged by contacting J Hinchliff 01484 683522.
- Nov 16 **Christmas Fair** in Kellington Parish Hall (opposite the Green) 10am. Crafts, cakes, Tombola, etc.
- Nov 22 **Worship Evening** Chris Bowater and Band. North Bridge Leisure Centre, Halifax. 730pm £4 & £2.
- Nov 23 **Christmas Market** Womersley Village Hall. Cakes, fancy goods, white elephant, produce, toys, Tombola. Home made teas. In aid of St Martin's Womersley. Admission free.
- Nov 23 **Congregational Seminar** 930-1230 Heart To Worship (part 2) with Chris Bowater at St George's Church, Ovenden. £2. Details & tickets: Mr & Mrs P Hepptinstall, 01422 341436.
- Nov 23 **Small & Select Book, Antique & Collectables Fair**. Parish Room, Honley, Huddersfield, 10am-430pm. Teas.
- Dec 3 Wakefield Church Union & Forward in Faith **"Renewing Witness"** Seminar. Speaker Rt Revd Lindsay Urwin OGS, Bishop of Horsham. Dewsbury Minster, 730pm.
- Dec 7 St Mary's **Christmas Market** 11am-3pm in the National School, Burnley Road, Todmorden. Traditional Christmas Fayre, gifts, Father Christmas, refreshments. 330pm a Potted Pantomime by the

Parish Players.

Dec 7 All Saints' Church, Darton, Barnsley, **Christmas Fair** in the Parish Hall 230pm. Various stalls and refreshments. Admission 20p children accompanied by a adult free. The Christmas Raffle Draw will be made at 3pm.

Jan 13-Mar 12 **Ignation Open Door Retreats** (Interdenominational) at Huddersfield Parish Church Crypt. Nine consecutive Mondays from 730-930pm and nine consecutive Wednesdays from 1030am-1230pm. Retreat Leaders, Sister Elizabeth O'Brien and Licensed Reader Olive Taylor. Please send sse for further information to Olive Taylor, 44 Falconers Rise, Netherton, Huddersfield, HD4 7LJ.

MUSICAL MATTERS

Oct 26-Nov 2 Marsden Parish Church AO&DS presents the musical **Mame**. Parochial Hall 715pm. Sat 26 all seats £4, Mon-Fri adults £5 senior citizens & children £4.25. Sat Nov 2 all seats £5. Bookable at Duncan's Hairdressers 01484 845311 (shop hours).

Nov 2 **RSCM Diocesan Music Festival** at Mirfield Parish Church. This year the festival will take the form of a liturgical performance of Faure's Requiem for All Souls' Day and will be directed by Jonathan Bielby. Details from the Revd John Marshall 01422 202551. All singers welcome, including those who have only prepared a part of the work.

Nov 3 Hoylandswaine Music Group Concert by **Annes Wind Quintet**, 3pm in Hoylandswaine Parish Church. Tickets £4.50 (£3.50 Concessions) from 234 Manchester Rd, Millhouse Green, Sheffield S30 6NR.

Nov 3 **Todmorden Choral Society** with the Northern Chamber Orchestra and Todmorden High School Choir, Centenary Concert, Town Hall, Todmorden, 730pm. Tickets £6 & £4.

Nov 8 The Children's Society (Brighouse & District Committee) invite you to attend **Old Sweet Song** an evening of musical delight with Piano & Orchestral Keyboards in Huddersfield Town Hall at 730pm. £10, £8 & £6 from Huddersfield Tourist Information Centre 01484 223200.

Nov 9 Mirfield Parish Church presents **Hey Look Me Over**. Thornhill Male Voice Choir in Concert with guest soprano Sheila Turton. 730pm. Tickets £2.75 including wine available from Ann Pollard 01924 495322.

Nov 15 **Oldham Girls Choir** will be singing in St Mary's Church Todmorden. 745pm.

Nov 16 Wakefield Concert Society presents **London Winds** at Wakefield Town Hall at 730pm. Considered the best wind ensemble in the country, they are led by Michael Collins, the enormously popular clarinettist and past winner of the BBC Young Musician of the Year. Tickets £7.50 (Concessions £6.50, students £2.50) from Mrs C Morris 01924 276897 or at the door.

Nov 17 Hoylandswaine Music Group **Oboe Recital**. Hoylandswaine Parish Church 3pm. Tickets as on November 3rd.

Nov 23 Yorkshire Chamber Choir **Music for Brass & Voices**, in Wakefield Cathedral 730pm. Walton *Coronation Te Deum & Jubilate* and Rutter Gloria. Tickets £5 (£4 retired £3 students) from 01924 372416 or on the door.

Nov 23/24 The Choir of St Mary's Church Todmorden

are having a **Sponsored Hymn Sing** (Sat) in Church while the Guides are holding a Christmas Craft Fair in the Crypt of the Church, Sat & Sun. Coffee & biscuits served on Sat. Ploughman's lunch after morning service on Sunday.

Nov 24 **150th Anniversary of Consecration** of St Andrew's, Peterson Road, Wakefield. 1030am. Preacher the Bishop of Wakefield.

Nov 29 Elland & District Music Society **Concert**, Joanne Freeland (Clarinet) & Judith Keaney (piano). Parish Hall, Westgate, Elland at 730pm.

Nov 29 **Concert by Castleford Young Musicians** in St Paul's Church, Glass Houghton, 730pm. Admission £2.50 and £1 concessions.

Nov 29 **Concert** in St Martin's Church by the choir of NEW College, Pontefract. Refreshments. Tickets £2.50 available from 01302 700220 or at door.

Nov 30 **Musical Evening** - Spen Valley Brass Band, Soloist & Choir at St Thomas' Church, Grosvenor Road, Batley. 7pm. Tickets, adults £3, children £1.50 including cheese & wine.

Dec 1 Todmorden Choral Society present **The Messiah**. Todmorden Town Hall, 715pm.

Dec 1 Hoylandswaine Music Group **Concert by St John's Singers** 3pm in Hoylandswaine Parish Church. Tickets as on November 3rd.

Dec 6 A Christmas Celebration with **The Mastersingers** conductor Alan Simmons. 745pm in Wakefield Cathedral. Tickets £5.50 refreshments included, served from 7pm in the Eric Treacy Hall. Details from Joan Nind 01924 402220.

Dec 6/7 The Choir and Friends of St John's Church, Golcar, Huddersfield, are presenting the Christmas Musical **While Shepherds Watched**, by Roger Jones. 730pm in the Church.

Dec 7 A **Christmas Concert** with musical entertainment provided by various artists at St Saviour's Church, Ravenshorpe, 7pm. Adults £2.50 children 50p, includes refreshments. Details from 01924 498280.

Dec 7 Christ Church Staincliffe presents **Festive Frolics**, an Evening of Music, Magic and Sing a Long. 730pm at Staincliffe CofE Junior School Hall. Admission adults £4 concessions £2 children £1.50. Refreshments included.

Organist and choir trainer required for small country parish near Huddersfield. Parish Eucharist 915am. Choir practice Monday evenings. Salary by negotiation. Contact Vicar of Holmbridge St David's 01484 683131.

Mrs Sunderland Musical Competition 1997 Syllabus for the Competition to be held 14-22 February 1997 available from Woods Music, Market St, Huddersfield. More information from Mrs Elaine Lee 01484 450321. Closing date for entries 12 noon 16 November 1996.

MARKET PLACE

Hewlett Packard 510 Ink Jet Printer for sale, £100. Telephone 01924 210008.

EMMAUS: The Way of Faith publications available from the Wakefield Cathedral Book Shop. Discounts 10% single copies and 15% sets. Also available, copies of the 1996 **Churchwardens' Handbook**.

Used Hymn Books (Ancient & Modern Revised-large music editions and small word copies or those inclusive of Common Prayer) wanted, that are no longer required wanted by the Church of Sierra Leone. Telephone Valerie Foss 01924 493277.

Age Concern Wakefield's **Talk Back** project is looking for volunteers to visit housebound elderly people, to discover their views on Community Care. If you have two or more hours each month to spare, and are interested in helping elderly people speak up for themselves, then you could help. Contact Sheila Manclark on 01924 378109 or 01977 706751.

Complete Celebration Hymnal with New Songs of Celebration (Soft covers): 40 copies wanted. Fr Laurence Shutt, 01924 276159.

One pair of **Collection plates or Purses** required. Must be in very good condition. Telephone 01484 684755.

2 **Calor Gas Heaters** with gas cylinders. Offers telephone Canon Ellis 01924 32105.

Friends of Wakefield Cathedral

A stall has been booked at **Wakefield Victorian Street Market** in November in order to raise funds for the urgently needed new Public Address System in the Cathedral. The event lasts for 3 days, 21-23 November, but the Cathedral Friends are being asked to support the first day, Nov 21 by providing goods for the stall and refreshments in the Treacy Hall throughout the day. They need all the help they can get, also lots of biscuits, scones, sweets, jam, marmalade, pickles, as well as small handicraft items and fancy goods to sell on the stall. All are supposed to dress in Victorian Costume. Mrs D Gill (01924 376346) will be glad to receive offers of help and to provide further information.

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POPPIES

- Poppies flower in the summer don't they? So why poppies in
- November? You will see them
- everywhere in the next week or so,
- and everyone from the smallest
- Rainbow or Beaver to the Queen
- will be wearing a poppy on
- Remembrance Sunday.



- We wear poppies because among
- all the mud and chaos of the
- battlefields of the Great War, men
- were amazed to see the field flower
- of home, the humble poppy,
- springing up when the earth was
- disturbed - a blood-red splash of
- colour in a sea of khaki.

- When the British Legion started
- an appeal to those whose bodies or
- minds had been shattered by war,
- the poppy seemed an ideal symbol.

BIBLE NAMES

Each of these scrambled words are the names of someone in the Bible - the letters are in alphabetical order. Can you re-arrange them to find the hidden name?

1. AHNO
2. EMOSS
3. AAABHMR
4. AEEHLMSTU
5. AEHHJOPST
6. AACHIRSUZ
7. EEEIKLZ
8. AABBEHHST
9. DEEIMRSTU

We call our teacher 'Treasure'. That's because we don't know where she was dug up.

Have you heard about the man who had three daughters, Hazel, Coco and Brazil? They were all nuts.

1. Noah 2. Moses 3. Abraham
4. Methuselah 5. Jehosophat
6. Zacharius 7. Ezekiel
8. Bathsheba 9. Demetrius

By ANGELA WEBB

A PARENT'S PRAYER

O Heavenly Father, make me a better parent. Teach me to understand my children.

To listen patiently to what they have to say and to answer their questions kindly.

Keep me from interrupting them or contradicting them.

Make me as courteous to them as I would have them be to me.

Forbid that I should ever laugh at their mistakes or resort to shame or ridicule when they displease me.

May I never punish them for my own selfish satisfaction or show my own power.

Let me not tempt my child to lie or steal.

Guide me hour by hour that I may demonstrate by all I say and do that honesty produces happiness.

Reduce, I pray, the meanness in me and when I am out of sorts help me, O Lord, to hold my tongue.

May I ever be mindful that my children are children and I should not expect of them the judgement of adults.

Let me not rob them of the opportunity to wait on themselves and make decisions.

Bless me with the bigness to grant them all their reasonable requests and the courage to deny them privileges I know will do them harm.

Make me fair, just and kind. And fit me, O Lord, to be loved, respected and imitated by my children.

Children have more need of models than of critics !

From Focus, St Mary's Davyhulme Magazine

THE
SEVEN
AGES
OF
MAX



SLEEPY



HAPPY



DOPEY



PAINFUL



DOC



EMILY



GRUMPY

From Milestones Magazine

Get ready for Christmas

Bake Christmas Garlands and Sugar Canes - delicious biscuits you can prepare well in advance. Keep in an airtight tin or freeze until ready for use.

Ingredients

5 oz Butter
8 oz Plain Flour
4 oz Caster Sugar
finely grated rind of half a lemon
1 size 3 egg, beaten

Basic Method

Rub the butter into the flour until the mixture resembles fine crumbs. Stir in the sugar and lemon rind. Bind to a manageable dough with beaten egg.

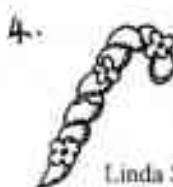
Christmas Garlands

1. Take half of the mixture and shape it into small balls about the size of a pea. 2. On greased baking sheets press eight balls of cookie dough together into a circle. Continue until dough is used up. 3. Place small pieces of angelica or cherry between the balls, and bake in the oven at 190 C (375 F) mark 5 for about 15 minutes. Just before the end of cooking time, brush with lightly beaten egg white and sprinkle with caster sugar. Return to the oven to glaze. Cool on a wire rack.



Sugar Canes

1. Take the remaining half of the mixture and roll into 'ropes' measuring about 1cm in diameter and 10cm long. 2. Twist in pairs to make canes. 3. Fold one end round to form a 'hook'. Place on greased baking sheets and bake at 190 C (375 F) mark 5 for 10 to 15 minutes. When cold dredge with icing sugar. 4. Make up a little, stiff glaze icing and use to fix pieces of rose petal or crystallised violet to the canes for decoration.



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Calendar for November



3 EIGHTH SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

'The Fall'

Genesis 4.1-10 (Mrs Hall/Mrs Riley); 1 John 3.9-18 (Mrs Hall/Mr Shaw);
Mark 7.14-23 ASB 403

- 5 Tuesday 1 45 pm Home Group, 1 Orchard View (Off Bell Lane)
6 Wednesday 9 30 am Holy Communion (All Saints')

10 SEVENTH SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

'Remembrance Sunday'

All Saints' 8 30 am Mattins - Genesis 18.1-19 (Dr McWilliam), Romans 9.1-13
(Dr McWilliam)

6 30 pm Holy Communion and Baptism **NB Change of time for this week.**

St Cuthbert's 10 00 am Parish Communion. Genesis 12.1-9 (Mr Shaw);
Romans 4.13-end (Mrs Woofinden); John 8.51-end. ASB 408

11 00 am Remembrance Sunday Service

2 30 pm Ecumenical British Legion Service

12 Tuesday 2 00 pm Mums & Tots (All Saints')

13 Wednesday 9 30 am Holy Communion (All Saints')

17 SIXTH SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

'The Promise of Redemption'

Exodus 3.7-15 (Mrs Cooper/Mrs B Firth); Hebrews 3.1-6 (Mrs Cooper/Miss Walker);
John 6.25-35. ASB 413

20 Wednesday 9 30 am Holy Communion (All Saints')

24 FIFTH SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

'The Remnant of Israel'

1 Kings 19.9-18 (Miss Smith); Romans 11.13-24 (Miss Smith/Mr Davis); Matthew 24.37-44
ASB 418

26 Tuesday 2 00 pm Mums & Tots (All Saints')

27 Wednesday 9 30 am Holy Communion (All Saints')

28 Thursday 2 30 pm Mothers' Union Service and Meeting, 26 Orchard Drive

DECEMBER

1 ADVENT SUNDAY

'The Advent of Hope'

Isaiah 51.4-11 (Mrs Hall/Mr R Firth); Romans 13.8-end (Mrs Hall/ Mrs Walters);
Matthew 25.31-end. ASB 424.

Flowers

St Cuthbert's Church

- 3 November Vacant
10 November Congregation
17 November Mrs Ashton
24 November Vacant



Brasses

Mrs Meadley and Mrs Harwood

All Saints' Church

- 3 November Congregation
10 November Miss Smith
17 November Misses Harrison
24 November Vacant