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Sunday Services

St Cuthbert's	10.15 am	The Parish Communion and Junior Church
All Saints'	8.30 am	Holy Communion
All Saints'	6.30 pm	Evensong
All Saints'	4.00 pm	New Service (Last Sunday of the month)

Morning and Evening Prayers

Monday to Thursday 9.00 am and 5.00 pm St Cuthbert's Church

Guide, Brownie and Rainbow Parade and Family Communion:

2nd Sunday in the month 10.15 am at St Cuthbert's Church

Baptisms and Marriages: Please contact the Rector for an appointment

From the Rector's Study

We are back to the holiday issue again; it doesn't seem twelve months ago since I was writing my letter for the August 1997 edition of the magazine. From memory however, I cannot remember writing for this issue in a temperature which seems more like late autumn or early spring climate wise. However, you didn't pick up the magazine to read a belated weather report. I would like to reflect upon holidays and their place in Christian life.

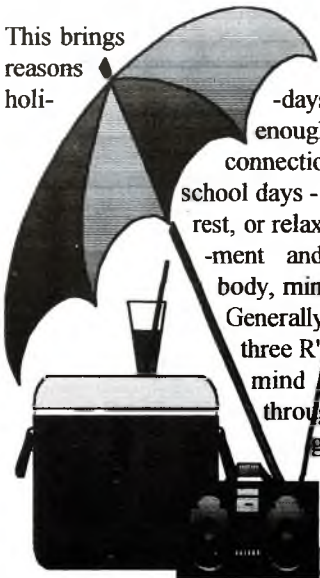
We all need holidays whether we are Christians, Buddhists or Agnostics, because, quite simply, if we don't take a little time out for ourselves we will end up with what is known in the business world as "burn out." No matter how much we enjoy our daily routine, whatever that may be, we still need release from it, or need a change, and change as the saying goes is a good as a rest.

This brings reasons holi-

me to the why we take -days; interestingly enough it also has connections with school days - the three R's - rest, or relaxation, refreshment and renewal of body, mind and spirit. Generally speaking the three R's of body and mind are achieved through following a gentler, more sedate regime and a bit of pampering

(which may be different things to different people.) Spiritually this is not quite the same. Taking time for self exploration and getting closer to God is undoubtedly an important aspect of this. We also need to view new horizons and reflect on the different ways that people relate to God and experience him in everyday life. A good way to do this whilst on holiday is to absorb something of the way that living relationship has prompted communities to express their feelings in the past, both recent and ancient. There is a title of a book that gives advice upon welcoming visitors to churches, that captures this sense in just a few words; it's called "Helping the Stones Speak."

Although I am still eagerly awaiting my holiday as I write - looking forward to very ancient stones speaking (we are going to the Greek Island of Rhodes) perhaps I could give you an example of how the stones 'spoke' to me on a previous holiday. The family and I were camping in France a few years ago (a place we never tire of), touring around the French roads and countryside I never failed to be impressed by the many visual reminders of God's presence and relationship with communities. The reminders are one thing that we rarely see in this country. Christian symbols on the roadside, sometimes elaborate groups of figures sumptuously painted, sometimes simple wooden, metal or stone crosses. More often that not they are not centrepieces of the village square like the market square crosses of old England, but alone, on the outskirts of towns and villages, reminders that this is



where our Lord was crucified and rejected and cast out of the community to die. A reminder also, particularly as we often feel strangers or intruders in foreign communities when we are on holiday, that most of our Lord's ministry was to the outcasts and rejects of society and close knit community life.

So, as the stones speak to us we find ourselves being brought closer to God in new and different ways, offering us the spiritual 'three R's' of relaxation, refreshment and renewal. Whether those stones for you are those of a magnificent cathedral, or a simple country church or a solitary mountain or hill, away from our regular routine cares and the hustle and bustle, God can speak to us in very deep and life changing ways.

For those of you who have been able to enjoy a holiday this year or are going away shortly, it is quite possible that at sometime whilst you are away, you may end up in a holy place, whether that be a church, cathedral or shrine. Stay for a moment in that place, and if it is possible amongst the hubbub of fellow visitors, spend a moment in prayer. Pray for the witness of that place, the local people who care for it, the people who work and worship there and the people back home who for whatever reason have been unable to enjoy the rest and relaxation of a holiday.

I would like to finish with a couple of extracts from a poem by T. S. Eliot - "Little Gidding" which I think brings this home to us.

*"If you came this way,
Take any route, starting from anywhere,
At any time or at any season,
It would always be the same:
you would have to put off*

*Sense and notion,
You are not here to verify,
instruct yourself, or inform curiosity
or carry report, You are here to kneel
Where prayer has been valid.
And prayer is more
Than an order of words,
the conscious occupation
of the praying mind,
or the sound of the voice praying."*

*"We shall not cease from exploration
And at the end of all our exploring
will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time.
Through the unknown, remembered gate
when the last of earth left to discover
Is that which was the beginning;
At the source of the longest river
The voice of the hidden waterfall
And the children in
the apple
tree
Not known
because not
looking for
But heard,
half heard,
in the stillness
Between two waves
of the sea"*

Have a good holiday, if you haven't already had one, and I hope that we shall never cease from exploration on that most important journey of all.

Yours in Christ

Paul



As Our Saviour taught us ...

Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

I remember having great problems with this part of the Lord's Prayer when I was at school. The reason being that I understood trespassing to mean going onto someone else's land when I shouldn't. I remember only too well those signs around the grounds of the big houses near where I grew up, which said "Trespassers will be prosecuted." It took me a long time to understand what was meant by trespass.

The King James' version of the Bible uses the words 'debt' and 'debtors' instead of trespass and trespassers. The New English Bible uses the word 'wrongdoings', and the Youth Bible uses the word 'sins'. This last version is the same as the alternative words to the Lord's Prayer which we find in the ASB.

What we are asking for here is forgiveness of our sins. That is anything which separates us from God. Sin is a word which has lost its true meaning over the years. Sin is so often related to sexual practices. This is not so. A sin is a deed which God would wish us not to do. A sin is committed when we disobey God's Law. In committing such an act we separate ourselves from God. What Jesus is teaching us in this prayer is that God can forgive us our sins. This is good news indeed, since most, if not all of us, can think of at least one sin which we have committed during the course of a day. But if we confess our sins to God, he will forgive us. In this way we can remain close

to God. In using the words of the confession at the beginning of a service we are putting ourselves right with God. The words offer comfort, because we ask for forgiveness of sins which we have committed either by doing something, or not doing something, and also those which we have committed without even knowing we have committed a sin. But by confessing, we are forgiven. However, that forgiveness comes with a small condition. Forgive me, as I forgive.

This is the meaning of this part of the prayer. It is missing the point slightly, if we say that by forgiving other people we too will be forgiven. It is more true to say that God will forgive us as we forgive others. Therefore if we hold grudges, or fail to forgive, we are hardening our hearts against God's forgiveness. If we cannot forgive others the wrongs they have done to us, how can we expect God to forgive us.

This is a hard lesson to learn. It is an even harder one to practice and live with. I am sure that there have been times when we have felt it impossible to forgive the actions of someone we know, especially if they have hurt us. However, I have said many times, if you cannot forgive someone their actions, ask God to do it for you. After all, he is the one who is in charge. This is easier said than done, but it puts us right with God.

Remember that whatever we have done, and whatever we have done to us, God is the one who will have the last word, just as he had the first.

Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.



Rotas for August

Readings and Readers

August 2nd Pentecost 9 *ASB ff 678 yr 2*
 Old Testament 1 Samuel 17:37-50 Mrs Walker/Miss Parker
 New Testament 2 Corinthians 6:3-10 Mrs Walker/Mrs Riley

August 9th Pentecost 10 *BCP*
 New Testament 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Miss Smith
 (Gospel only at St Cuthbert's)

August 16th Pentecost 11 *ASB ff 688 yr 2*
 Old Testament 1 Chronicles 29:1-9 Dr McWilliam/Mr Shaw
 New Testament Philippians 1:1-11 Dr McWilliam/Mrs Woofinden

August 23rd Pentecost 12 *ASB ff 693 yr 2*
 Old Testament Micah 4:1-5 Mrs Cooper/Mrs Firth
 New Testament Acts 17:22-end Mrs Cooper/Miss D Walker

August 30th Pentecost 13 *ASB ff 698 yr 2*
 Old Testament Jeremiah 20:7-11a Mrs Hall/Mr Davies
 New Testament Acts 20:17-35 Mrs Hall/Mr R Firth



Flowers & Brasses

St Cuthbert's/All Saints'

2nd Mrs Walters/Mrs Upright
 9th Mrs Lloyd/Mrs Walters
 16th Vacant/Mrs Gardham
 23rd Vacant/Vacant
 30th Vacant/Mrs Barnard



Mrs Sutcliffe

Mother's Union

August 11th

Open Coffee Morning at 27 Orchard Drive 10am-12 noon
 Bring and Buy, Cakes and Raffle. Everyone Welcome
Please note - there will be no service and meeting during August.

September 3rd:

9am-9.30am - Wave of Prayer Service at All Saints' Church
 Please pray for our link dioceses of Willochra, The Murray,
 Soroti, Karamoja and Tamale.



Calendar for August

2 SUNDAY Pentecost 9

8.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
10.15am	Holy Communion	St Cuthbert's
6.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'
4 Tuesday	1.45pm House Group	36 Flounders Hill
5 Wednesday	9.30am Holy Communion	All Saints'

6 Thursday The Transfiguration of Our Lord

2.00pm	Teddy Bears Picnic - Dicky Sykes Lane Playing Fields
7.30pm	Holy Communion St Cuthbert's

9 SUNDAY Pentecost 10

8.30am	Holy Communion - BCP	All Saints'
10.15am	Holy Communion	St Cuthbert's
6.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'
12 Wednesday	9.30am Holy Communion	All Saints'

16 SUNDAY Pentecost 11

8.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
10.15am	Holy Communion	St Cuthbert's
6.30pm	Evensong	St Cuthbert's
19 Wednesday	9.30am Holy Communion	All Saints'

23 SUNDAY Pentecost 12

8.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
10.15am	Holy Communion	St Cuthbert's
6.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'
26 Wednesday	9.30am Holy Communion	All Saints'

30 SUNDAY Pentecost 13

8.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
10.15am	Holy Communion	St Cuthbert's
4.00pm	The 4 O'clock Service	All Saints'

No Junior Church throughout August



Open Day

September 12th

Stalls, Games, Cafe

Watch out for further details!

The Wakefield Ministry Scheme ~ Moving Forward

We are sure that, by now, you will all be aware that the PCC has agreed to join the Wakefield Ministry Scheme. One of the requirements of the scheme is that a core team be chosen who will keep the congregation and parish aware of the scheme and the events. However, anyone in the congregation or parish is welcome to attend the meetings at any time.

The volunteers for the Core Team are:-

Ann Atack

Paul Fox

Susan Hartley

Marie Lewis

Kate Plant

Lynne Ward

Edward Wynn

The Wakefield Ministry Scheme is a three year programme but the majority of sessions take place within the first year. The programme for the first year is as follows...

Autumn: Discipleship Day - 19 September 1998

A day of study followed by four sermons on the themes of "Being a Christian at Home", "Being a Christian at Work", "Being a Christian in Your Neighbourhood" and "Being a Christian in Society". Discussions on each theme follow.

Spring: Collaborative Ministry - 8 January 1999

A day of study followed by four home group meetings during Lent on the theme of Ministry.

Summer: Ordained Ministry - 3rd Saturday after Easter.

Followed by a sermon and discussion on vocation.

In addition there may be other sessions, which you may wish to attend, planned for Sunday afternoons.

22 November - "Spirituality"

"How to lead groups" - a 3 session mini-course. Details of this available later.

It cannot be emphasised enough that this scheme is for the benefit of us all as a parish. The idea of the scheme is to help us to become aware of the gifts that God has given us and how we can use them in our Christian lives for the benefit of ourselves and others.

As more details become available we will pass them on! Please support the parish in prayer as we move forward with this significant development.

Marie Lewis and Lynne Ward

From the Registers



Baptisms

- 28 June Thomas William Smillie &
Eleanor Jane Billbrough
5 July Jennifer Tallulah Seaman
12 July Andrew Joseph & Jessica Jewitt
17 July Freya Page Crawley

Marriages

- 20 June John Easter & Jacqueline Adams
4 July Christopher Hopes & Joanne Wood
Stuart L McWhirter & Jane M Tudor (Blessing)
11 July George D Thompson & Ellen J S Woofinden
18 July Tony J Kiernan & Jenny C Briggs

Funerals

- 1 July Brenda Hall Hinton, 8 Maple Drive,
Pontefract, aged 77
3 July George Lee, York, (formerly of Ackworth)



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