



Ackworth Parish Magazine



All Saints'



St. Cuthbert's

Ackworth Parish Church ~ Who's Who?

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Sunday Services

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|---------------|----------|--|
| 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 |

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

Ackworthians invade Scarborough!

On March the 27th in the early evening, history records that the North Yorkshire coastal town of Scarborough was invaded by the West Yorkshire tribal group known as the Ackworthians. Well, 90 people of Ackworth parish arrived at the Green Gables Hotel for their parish weekend. From Friday evening until Sunday afternoon, people spanning an age range of over 80 years, male, female, single, married and of different denominations and different levels of religious commitment came to spend time together in study, worship and leisure. The most important aspect of the whole weekends was to get to know one another better and strengthen the bonds of friendship and fellowship.

Looking at our Church

It's surprising though, that in getting to know one another, we also get to know ourselves a little better and also understand better our church. This in fact was the aim of the study we did together on Saturday, directed by the Reverend Tim Sledge (diocesan Missioner and shortly to be the new vicar of St Mary's, Luddenden). Through looking at our church in Ackworth and what it means to each one of us as an individual, we then moved on to look at what it means for others who are not members and between the two exercises arrived at a conclusion as to what purpose the church serves in our community. For those who were unable to be with us, we considered the first questions by trying to complete the sentences "I love our church in Ackworth

because" and "The reason we have a church in Ackworth is" Perhaps it's an exercise you would like to try for yourselves!

Mission Statement

The morning was concluded in the final session by 'pooling' all our thoughts and through discussion arriving at a 'mission statement' for our parish. The final statement to which we all committed ourselves to making work by signing and offering to God in our Sunday morning Eucharist was:

We, the church in Ackworth, exist to worship God together and inspired by the fire of Jesus' love we are committed to love, serve and care for the people of Ackworth, to witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ to deepen our faith in him and I(name)..... commit myself, with the help of God, to my part in making this vision a reality.

This was done without coercion on my part (one reason for getting a 'neutral' to lead our study) and was something which all



committed church members produced and felt they could 'own' themselves. Perhaps those of you who weren't there would consider whether it is a statement you could commit yourselves to as our church's commitment to the community of Ackworth.

Witness to the Good News

It is an interesting coincidence that the month in which I write this report of the Parish Weekend is also the month in which we celebrate Whit Sunday or Pentecost, when the church was born and those first disciples committed themselves to witness to the good news of Jesus Christ having been inspired by and filled with the Holy Spirit. It is actually another interesting coincidence that those first disciples had the equivalent of a parish weekend before their ministry began.

Time for Reflection

Having locked themselves away in the upper room, following their Lords death and burial on Good Friday, they were to emerge on that first Pentecost, filled with the Holy Spirit to preach the Gospel. That doesn't mean that they became recluses for fifty days and the churches calendar might seem to suggest with the five Sundays of Easter plus the Sunday after Ascension before Pentecost Sunday. No, in fact the many resurrection appearances and the Ascension itself did in fact, according to scripture (see Luke chapter 24) happen on the same day. It's no wonder they went back into the upper room confused and shell-shocked, before they were ready to receive the Holy Spirit and begin their mission. They needed time for reflection, to share with one another and to begin to understand all that had happened and their part in it. Leaving aside the social side,

this is exactly what happens on a parish weekend albeit at a different depth and without the earth shattering conclusions.

The Fire of Jesus' Love

Of course there is little point spending much time in discussion and reflection if the decisions and commitments we make do not come to fruition - if we don't act upon our resolve. Similarly, I ought to remind you that the coming of the Holy Spirit at that first Pentecost was not a one off event. The Holy Spirit was poured out upon the Church for all time and is constantly at work reviving and renewing the call to witness to the good news of Jesus to all who will respond. It is that fire of Jesus' love spoken of in that mission statement.

Shared Ministry of our Church

In the weeks and months ahead there will be an opportunity for us all to respond in some way as we begin preparations for joining the Wakefield Ministry Scheme. This is a scheme of training for the whole congregation which the PCC has voted to commit themselves to support in our parish. In a nutshell, it is a three year course which will explore how each and every member of our congregation can use their God-given, spirit inspired gift in the shared ministry of our Church. It will enable all to respond to the prompting of the Holy Spirit and allow our church to experience its own Pentecost, so that we may be able to better face Christ's new millennium equipped to witness to the good news for the whole community, not just a small group who meet once a week to offer one another comfort in the face of a critical and hostile secular society.

Yours in Christ,

Paul

FROM THE REGISTERS



FUNERALS

- 10 Mar Annie Cleland, The Coppins Nursing Home, Brearley; aged 85
- 12 Mar Raymond Baddeley, 29 Tan House Lane, Low Ackworth, aged 62
- 18 Mar Irene Ferris, 8 Church Street, Brotherton, aged 49
- 2 Apr Mary Ousley, 10 Francis street, Brackenhill, aged 83
- 8 Apr Margaret Taylor, 58 Mount Pleasant, Ackworth, aged 72



Didn't We Have a Lovely Time?

A Parish weekend, or retreat, is a great way to get to know your pew neighbour, your fellow communicant or a new face. It's an opportunity to spend time in a relaxed atmosphere to discover something about yourself and your faith without the usual trappings of our usual day to day hectic lives.

Our parish weekend, which was spent at the Green Gables Hotel in Scarborough, started on Friday evening with people arriving between 4pm and 8pm and settling themselves into their rooms. After our evening meal most of us gathered in the lounge for a getting to know you session. This took the form of a type of 'Bingo' where questions were asked about your 'talents' with a separate more appropriate version for the children. The winner however, did cheat saying that Bidy Branston was a closet pipe smoker!

Saturday afternoon was completely free, many taking advantage of the warm weather to take a walk - some even managed a dip in

the sea! Most of the children and some of the adults managed to take advantage of what the hotel had to offer by way of the swimming pool, table tennis or snooker. Saturday continued with an evening of entertainment, there is some real talent amongst all age groups of our congregations from the youngest to the eldest. There were so many good acts it's hard to choose a star performer but the 'Two Pauls' and Ackworths answer to the Spice Girls were certainly amongst the most funny.

Although we managed to meet the costs of the weekend there were plenty of places for many more from our congregations. Those who had not joined in a weekend before were surprised at how much they enjoyed the whole experience. Due to the popularity of Parish weekends/retreats we have had to book two years ahead for our next weekend (even so we had a very limited choice as to date!). Please give some thought as to whether you feel you would like to join in next time, our booking is for the 3rd - 5th March 2000.



Rotas for May



Readings and Readers

| | | |
|---------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| May 3rd | EASTER 3 | |
| Old Testament | 1 Kings 17:17-end | Mrs Cooper/Miss D Walker |
| New Testament | Colossians 3:1-11 | Mrs Cooper/Mr R Firth |
| May 10th | EASTER 4 (BCP All Saints') | |
| New Testament | James 1:17-21 | Mrs Hall |
| | (Gospel only at St Cuthbert's) | |
| May 17th | EASTER 5 | |
| Old Testament | Deuteronomy 34 | Dr Mc William/Mrs Walters |
| New Testament | Romans 8:28-end | Dr McWilliam/Mr Cook |
| May 24th | SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION | |
| Old Testament | 2 Kings 2:1-15 | Miss Smith/Miss Parker |
| New Testament | Ephesians 4:1-13 | Miss Smith/Mrs Riley |
| May 31st | PENTECOST | |
| Old Testament | Genesis 11:1-9 | Mrs Walker/Mr Shaw |
| New Testament | Acts 2:1-21 | Mrs Walker/Mrs Woofinden |



Flowers & Brasses

St Cuthbert's/All Saints'

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| 3rd | Vacant/Mrs Walker |
| 10th | Mrs Bateman/Mrs Upright |
| 17th | Mr Lamprey/Mrs Chadbourne |
| 24th | Mrs M Gardham/Vacant |
| 31st | Congregations |



Mrs Asquith
&
Mrs Lancaster

Forthcoming Event

Rectory Garden Tea Party

on 20 June 1998

Watch for details on Posters and in next months magazine.





Calendar for May



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| 3 SUNDAY | EASTER 3 | <i>'The Resurrection and the Life'</i> | |
| | 8.30am | Holy Communion | All Saints' |
| | 10.15am | Holy Communion and Junior Church | St Cuthbert's |
| | 6.30pm | Evensong | All Saints' |
| 5 Tuesday | 7.45pm | PCC | St Cuthbert's |
| 6 Wednesday | 9.30am | Holy Communion | All Saints' |
| 10 SUNDAY | EASTER 4 | <i>'The Way, the Truth and the Life'</i> | |
| | 8.30am | Holy Communion - BCP | All Saints' |
| | 10.15am | Family Communion and Parade | St Cuthbert's |
| | 1.00pm | Baptism | St Cuthbert's |
| | 6.30pm | Evensong | All Saints' |
| 12 Tuesday | 1.45pm | Mums And Tots | All Saints' |
| 13 Wednesday | 9.30am | Holy Communion | All Saints' |
| 14 THURSDAY | ST MATTHIAS | | |
| | 7.30pm | Holy Communion | St Cuthbert's |
| 16 Saturday | 10-4.00pm | Craft Fair | Parish Rooms |
| 17 SUNDAY | EASTER 5 | <i>'Going to the Father'</i> | |
| | 8.30am | Holy Communion | All Saints' |
| | 10.15am | Holy Communion and Junior Church | St Cuthbert's |
| | 6.30pm | Evensong | St Cuthbert's |
| 20 Wednesday | 9.30am | Holy Communion | All Saints' |
| | 7.45pm | Parish Women's Group | Vestry - St Cuthbert's |
| 21 THURSDAY | ASCENSION DAY | | |
| | 7.30pm | Holy Communion | St Cuthbert's |
| 24 SUNDAY | SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION | <i>'The Ascension'</i> | |
| | 8.30am | Holy Communion | All Saints' |
| | 10.15am | Holy Communion and Junior Church | St Cuthbert's |
| | 6.30pm | Evensong | All Saints' |
| 26 Tuesday | 1.45pm | Mums And Tots | All Saints' |
| 27 Wednesday | 9.30am | Holy Communion | All Saints' |
| 28 Thursday | 2.30pm | Mothers Union | All Saints' |
| 31 SUNDAY | PENTECOST | <i>'Whit Sunday'</i> | |
| | 8.30am | Holy Communion | All Saints' |
| | 10.15am | Holy Communion and Junior Church and Baptism | St Cuthbert's |
| | 6.30pm | Evensong | All Saints' |

As Our Saviour taught us...

Thy kingdom come

So far we have prayed to Our Father, in heaven, and we have hallowed His name. With these words we have prayed a prayer of adoration. We have put God, Our Father, in his rightful place. Now we move on to an asking prayer. We ask for God's kingdom to come. But what does this mean?

King of kings, Lord of lords

To understand this, we have to understand what we mean when we use the word kingdom. We would usually understand the word to mean a geographical area governed by a king. So a kingdom, is an area, with a king. Part of this is easy to translate into Christian theology. If we talk of God's kingdom, then we talk of God as king. That is why we talk of Jesus as king. He is not just any king though, he is King of kings, and Lord of lords. The more difficult part to explain is just where God's kingdom is, and what does it look like. This is something which some of the Lent groups have been looking at.

A kingdom is an area governed by a king. Therefore, God's kingdom must be that place where he is in control. So where does God rule the roost? Many people would make the connection that the Church is God's kingdom, because that is where he is

in control. However, looking at many churches throughout the land, it could be argued that God does not get a look in, because of the tight hold of the PCC!!

God's kingdom is that place where God's will is done. Wherever God has complete sovereignty, there is God's kingdom. So that people within the church who are subject to the will of God, are in God's kingdom.

The kingdom is here

Matthew chapter 13 has much to say about the Kingdom. Here Jesus gives many parables about the Kingdom. He also says that the Kingdom is here, or put another way, near at hand. So we can say that we are living in God's kingdom already. Why then do we pray 'Thy kingdom come'?

Jesus also taught that the kingdom was to come. Here is another of those difficult to grasp paradoxes. The Kingdom is here, but it is also to come. What we also pray for is that God's kingdom will spread. This does not necessarily mean church growth, but that could be part of it. What it does mean is the pushing back of all that opposes God ~ the evil in this world. What we ask, is for that kingdom to spread. What we expect, is that in the last days all evil will be stamped out, and God's kingdom will reign for ever.

Paul Fox

Mothers' Union ~ May Notices

14 May 10.30 - 3 pm Diocesan Council Meeting

28 May 2.30 pm Service and Meeting. Speaker: Miss Mumford

News, Events and Dates for Your Diary

Ackworth Parish Church Social Committee

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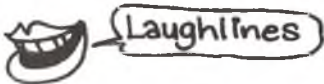
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"Mother?" repeated the woman.
"I thought you said 'smother'."

*from Christ Church Magazine,
Virginia Water*

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