



Ackworth Parish Magazine



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Special Services ~ November 1998

During November there are a number of special services to commemorate particular events or festivals. These are as follows...

1st November

All Saints' Day

Joint Service of Holy Communion with hymns at All Saints' Church, 10.30 am.

At St. Cuthbert's Church (5.00 pm), a service of commemoration (usually held on All Souls' Day - tomorrow) for the faithful departed. All who have lost loved ones over the past year have been invited to join us in a service where there will be an opportunity to remember their dearly departed and light a candle. Everyone is welcome to attend this poignant and reflective service to remember departed friends and relatives of the past in the same way.

(No Evensong at All Saints' today!)

8th November

Remembrance Sunday

There will be a short communion service (said) at 10.00 am at St. Cuthbert's followed by a Service of Remembrance at 11.00 am. All uniformed organisations are invited to parade at this service.

29 November

Advent Sunday

Once again there will be two Christingle Services; 4.00 pm at All Saints' and 6.00 pm at St. Cuthbert's.

The 'New' Parish Magazine

Starting in the New Year, there will be 10 and not 12 magazines per year. January's and September's will be missing but the August and December ones will be 'double' issues (to make it easier for us to work round the summer and Christmas hols). Your first 'new' mag will therefore be February 1999's.

We are to print the magazines ourselves. In recent years, due to falling sales, we have barely managed to 'break even' but by doing the job ourselves we hope to be able to rectify this. **HELP! VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY REQUIRED FOR PHOTOCOPYING AND ASSEMBLING! Ring Sue H. on 602751 NOW!**

Advertising costs are to be increased but we should be able to offer our advertisers more space and flexibility. The cost of the magazine to our readers will remain the same.

From the Rector's Study

Sometimes when that deadline for the magazine article comes round I find that the 'muse' has deserted me; inspiration has taken a holiday. It happens to the best of us; professional authors call it writer's block. You know, no matter how hard you try, tomorrow's shopping list, "what shall I cook for tea", or "I wonder what's on TV tonight" are the only things which come to mind. The more you concentrate, the blunter your mind becomes. In these last few days before the deadline when not just one but two pieces of inspiration drift into the void - the prompt cannot be ignored.

The Parable of the Talents

These came in the form of two pieces of scripture, one being the Gospel reading on Sunday the 4th October (Pentecost 18 year 2), the second being the New Testament reading set for morning prayer on the following Tuesday the 6th October. The first is taken from the Gospel of St Matthew (chapter 24:14-30) and is that well known parable of the Talents, where the master goes away and entrusts shares of his property to his servants, each in proportion to their ability (a reminder that God never entrusts to us more than we are capable of handling!) On the master's return, two have increased their proportion of the property - by using what they had



Advent – a time to take stock and assess what is needed for the coming year

been given – whilst the third hid his and only returned what he had been given. His talent is taken from him and he is then cast out into the dark 'where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.' Apart from what sounds like anaesthetic free dentistry I have always felt that this was a bit unfair, until I considered the text from a more literal viewpoint. If we take the modern usage of the word 'talents' which the servants

were given (i.e. master = God; hence God-given talents) and considering that this final servant didn't use his in the service of his master, then perhaps he deserved all he got!

Will we be awake and alert?

The second reading from the Gospel of St Mark, chapter 13:28-end, again considers a master who goes away leaving his servants in charge of his property, each with his own work to do, leaving the command to keep awake and watch, because he didn't know at what time he might return. The message of this reading, also set in the run up to Advent (Sunday next before Advent) in the ASB lectionary and for Advent Sunday in the New lectionary (year B), is undeniable. The 'master' is God in the form of Jesus Christ who left his 'property' - his creation - when he was resurrected and ascended into heaven, and who

promised a second coming, is the theme Advent. The searching question being, will we, his servant whom he left in charge of his property, be awake and alert when he returns; ready to receive him and give back all that which was entrusted to us in good order? And have we made good use of that which was entrusted to us? Have we used our God-given talents to increase that which was placed into our stewardship?

In preparation for the year ahead

These many painful and uncomfortable questions certainly make me squirm. But why, you may ask, have I chosen to highlight these at this year's Advent? Well, to begin with, Advent being the first season of the new Christian year, we should look upon it as preparation for the year ahead - especially on this occasion - a year in which we will see many changes in the Church's life.

We do in fact begin with a major change, as we move away from the old ASB lectionary which will be redundant at the end of the coming year and adopt the new 'Revised Common Lectionary' for our readings (see the article, later in the magazine). The ASB services will be phased out at the end of 1999. No-one will have escaped the fact that 1999 is the last year of the second millennium of our Lord

- a time of urgent preparation to take our church into the third millennium. A time indeed to take stock of where we stand, assess our talents and the use we make of them, and a time to make sure we are ready to face the master as he returns to settle accounts.

As a response, partly to the urgent prompting that a new millennium brings and partly as a result of open discussions by the PCC on an 'Awayday' at the end of September, we have decided that there will be two major events in the coming year in order to prepare ourselves as a Church. Near the beginning of the year we will be having an 'audit' of the time and talents that members of our parish possess, in order that we may better utilise the gifts available to the church. Many may say that this has been done before, but people change and new gifts may emerge, also there may be some people who weren't around last time. Besides, as with any audit or stock take, it must be done regularly if we are to keep up to date with the human resources we have available to us.

Later in the year, we will be mounting a financial stewardship campaign, in order that, besides having the human resources, God's given talent, we also have the material resources to carry out the task of taking the church into the 21st century.

I leave you with the sentence of scripture that heralds the beginning of Advent, *"Now it is time to wake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed."*

Will we be ready when the master returns?

Yours in Christ,
Paul.



New Lectionary

Paul Hartley

From the 30th November 1997 the new lectionary was given authorisation to commence, and to quote from the preface of the book in which it is printed; 'For three years it will provide a second alternative to the Book of Common Prayer and the Alternative Service Book 1980. Thereafter it is expected that it will replace the ASB material.' Known as the 'Revised Common Lectionary' (RCL) it has been brought into being for many reasons, principally to bring the Church of England into line with many other denominations who have already adopted it for their use and to offer a wider choice of scripture. It replaces the ASB which, though widely used, was only intended as a temporary alternative to the BCP.

The reasons why I, with the agreement of the PCC, have chosen to bring it into use this year are twofold. Firstly, because year A of the three year cycle begins this year (it started last year on year C to bring us in line with the other denominations) Secondly, when the ASB services are replaced in the year 2,000 we will not have too much change at once, the new lectionary already being in use.

As the readings in the full ASB green books will no longer be applicable, we will be purchasing more Bibles for use in our churches. For those who like to follow the readings, and for those who read in our churches week by week, details will be on the notice sheet and in the magazine. We are also hoping to purchase lectern bibles for each church for the Sunday readings. The version we will be using is the **New International Version (NIV)** this is because we already have a few of these at St Cuthbert's and it is also the translation recommended for use in the new lectionary.

Readers

Those currently on the reading rotas will receive a list of Sunday readings for the next six months so they can prepare in advance, as well as reminders in the magazine and on the notice sheet. I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage NEW READERS to join this rota (see either the Rector or Fred Davies). Don't worry if you're not too sure or a bit nervous, help will be given and a chance to practice in an empty church. Please do take up this opportunity to share more fully in our church's worship.

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Rotas for November



Readings and Readers

November 1st

Old Testament
New Testament

All Saints'

2 Esdras 2:42-end
Rev. 7:2-4 & 9-end

ASB ff 810 yr 1
Miss Smith/Miss Parker
Miss Smith/Mrs Riley

November 8th

New Testament (AS)
Old Testament (SC)
New Testament (SC)

7 Before Christmas

Phil. 1:3-11
Genesis 12:1-9
Romans 4:13-end

BCP/ASB ff 407 yr 1
Mrs Walker
Mrs Shaw
Mrs Woofinden

November 15th

Old Testament
New Testament

6 Before Christmas

Exodus 3:7-15
Hebrews 3:1-6

ASB ff 413 yr 1
Mrs Cooper/Mrs B Firth
Mrs Cooper/Miss Walker

November 22nd

Old Testament
New Testament

5 Before Christmas

1 Kings 19:9-18
Romans 11:13-24

ASB ff 417 yr 1
Dr McWilliam/Mr Davies
Dr McWilliam/Mr R Firth

November 29th

Old Testament
New Testament

Advent Sunday

Isaiah 2:1-5
Romans 13:11-14

(NEW LECTIONARY) yr A
Mrs Hall/Mrs Walters
Mrs Hall/Mr Cook



Flowers & Brasses

St Cuthbert's/All Saints

1st Mrs Reast/Congregation
8th Congregations
15th Mrs Ashton/Vacant
22nd Vacant/Vacant



Mrs Meadley
&
Mrs Harwood

From the Registers

Baptisms

13 Sept Thomas Paul Greenfield
27 Sept Natasha Beth Prout & Romy Mae Wilkinson

Marriages

3 Oct Andrew R Haigh & Donna M Cleland (Blessing)

Funerals

24 Sept Ernest Dodd, 15 Orchard Drive, aged 92





Calendar for November



1 SUNDAY	All Saint's Day		
	8.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	10.15am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
		<i>* Please note change of venue</i>	
	5.00pm	Service of Commemoration	St Cuthbert's
2 Monday	7.30pm	PCC	Vestry - St Cuthbert's
	7.45pm	Discipleship Discussion Group	'Portare' Mill Lane
3 Tuesday	1.45pm	House Group	5 Lindale Ave
4 Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
7 Saturday	6.00pm	Bonfire Party	8 Andrews Grove
8 SUNDAY	7 Before Christmas - Remembrance Sunday		
	8.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	10.00am	Said Communion	St Cuthbert's
	11.00am	Service of Remembrance	St Cuthbert's
	3.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'
10 Tuesday	10.30am	M.U. Diocesan Council Meeting	
	2.00pm	Mums and Tots	All Saints'
	7.45pm	Discipleship Discussion Group	The Rectory
11 Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
15 SUNDAY	6 Before Christmas		
	8.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	10.15am	Holy Communion	St Cuthbert's
	3.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'
18 Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	7.45pm	Women's Group	vestry - St Cuthbert's
		Flower for Christmas - Lorraine Bingham	
19 Thursday	7.45pm	Discipleship Discussion Group	36 Flounders Hill
22 SUNDAY	5 Before Christmas		
	8.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	10.15am	Holy Communion	St Cuthbert's
	3.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'
24 Tuesday	2.00pm	Mums and Tots	All Saints'
25 Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
26 Thursday	2.30pm	Mothers' Union	27 Orchard Drive
	1.30pm	Discipleship Discussion Group	'Portare' Mill Lane
29 SUNDAY	Advent 1		
		NEW LECTIONARY BEGINS!	
	8.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	10.15am	Holy Communion	St Cuthbert's
	4.00pm	Christingle Service	All Saints'
	6.00pm	Christingle Service	St Cuthbert's
30 Monday	St Andrew		
	7.30pm	Holy Communion	St Cuthbert's

A Sanctuary Light in Memory of Dorothy

On 17 November it will be the 6th anniversary of the death of my beloved wife, Dorothy. It seems like only yesterday that Revd. Peter Moorhouse and Father Bill Burtoft performed a double-act second to none in celebrating a mixed funeral prior to cremation and the spreading of her ashes.

Dorothy had donated her organs for transplant and two patients benefited; a male patient in Coventry suffering from renal failure and a female patient in London. Both patients are well after their surgery. Significantly, I received this information on the morning of her funeral, 24 November, from Steve Bell, the Transplant Co-ordinator at St. James's Hospital in Leeds.

The retiring collection and donations in place of flowers amounted to £620 which was given to the Neuro-surgery Trust Fund at Pinderfields Hospital. Dorothy had said she didn't want a fuss made but the children and I discussed the matter and felt

something should be done in memory of her, but what?...



It was with great pride and happiness, therefore, that I turned on the Sanctuary Light at St. Cuthbert's on Sunday 26 July, this year. I wish to thank Paul Hartley for obtaining permission to accept this gift from myself and my family in remembrance of Dorothy. Many thanks also to everyone from the Anglican Church in Ackworth for their much needed welcome and support during the last six years.

With God's Blessing
John T White



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As Our Saviour taught us ...

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.

This begins the end of the prayer, and echoes the beginning. Words of acclamation and praise. However, these words are not at the end of every Lord's prayer.

This is because most modern texts do not include this part of the prayer. It can be found in the King James' Version. It is excluded from ancient texts also, the conclusion being that this was not part of the original prayer which Jesus taught. However, it is included in the oldest known orders of service. Interestingly, in the order of service for Evensong, in the Book of Common Prayer, the Lord's Prayer is said twice ~ once with, and once without this ending, so covering all possibilities.

These are words of praise. Jewish custom was that all prayers offered to God would end with words of praise, usually ad lib praise. Therefore it is only natural to assume that Jesus would have expected each person praying this prayer to add some words of praise at its end. These are the words we have come to learn.

And it seems only fitting that we should end our prayers with praise and thanksgiving. These words state that God is everything, the kingdom, the power and the glory. Echoing the words of the communion offering

'Your's Lord is the greatness the power the glory the splendour and the majesty ...'

But, how could we do anything else. If we pray in faith, we will receive. That is the teaching of the Gospels. In that case, when we pray the Lord's Prayer we will receive blessings greater than we could ever have imagined. We will have asked God for everything that we need. This prayer teaches us to ask for all these things

Having then prayed this prayer, we reach a climax of adoration. We have prayed a prayer which teaches us to think of God in many ways, as Father ('Our Father'), as King ('Thy kingdom come'), as Governor ('Thy will be done'), as Provider ('Give us . . . bread'), as Pardoner ('Forgive us . . .'), as Guide ('Lead us . . .'), as Deliverer ('Deliver us . . .').

At this point in the Prayer we are returning to God centered adoration (doxology). At the beginning of the prayer we approached God with adoration, and humility for what we were about to ask. We now leave with adoration, and thanksgiving for what we have received.

Paul Fox



Etcetera ...

Bonfire Party

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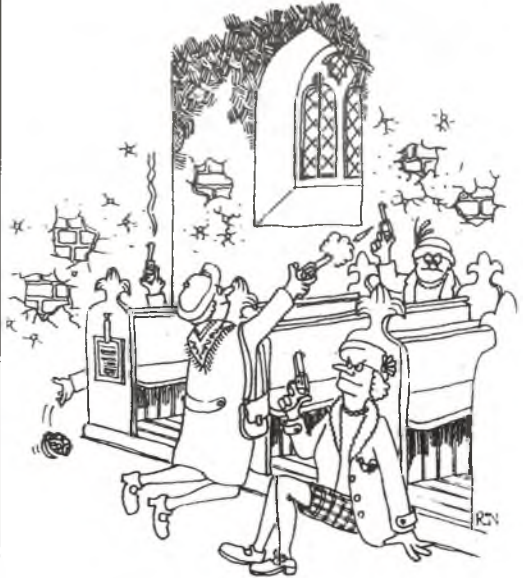
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For a while the argument seemed to
favour the English Hymnal

"There, there, dear. She's gone now."



This was Ralph's comment as the front door slammed shut and our youngest daughter, Helen, disappeared up the road to school one day last week

It all started at about 7.30 am when Helen got out of bed. Her alarm clock (one with a very loud nerve-shattering ring) went off and someone else had to turn it off when it became obvious that Helen was dead to the world with her head under the pillow. She had her breakfast watching Blue Peter and managed to spill milk on the kitchen floor and down herself. (I always knew vinyl flooring was a good idea! What about vinyl clothes?) After breakfast and three times being told to get ready she eventually went upstairs to do just that ... or so I thought. I should have known better. At 8.30 she appeared unwashed and uncombed, without shoes or socks! By now I was starting to get frantic. At 8.40 am (time to go) she announced that it was Tuesday and she needed games kit and flute. But where are they? Silly me, I forgot to notice where she had kicked off her trainers the night before and the flute music was still scattered all over the dining room!

By 8.45 we had everything together when I noticed her hair still wasn't brushed so I did my best as she walked out of the door ...Phew! If you have any advice on how to cope don't ring me too early because I'll be having a nervous breakdown.

Linda Steer

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