



# Ackworth Parish Magazine



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## Ackworth Parish Church ~ Who's Who?

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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 (3.30 pm from 25 Oct)                                 |
| All Saints'   | 4.00 pm  | Open Door Service ( Last Sunday of the month<br>- no 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

There are two events which stand out in my diary for this month! On the 11th October we celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving and on the 17th our Gift Day. The link between them is obvious!

In our Harvest Thanksgiving service, we each bring gifts of food, flowers or money to redistribute amongst the less well off both locally and globally (the proceeds from the Harvest Lunch are going to UNICEF), in order to signify our thanks for the rich abundance we have received. Let us not be fooled into thinking, however, that in offering these small tokens we have adequately responded to the task. We make, in fact, nothing more than token gestures in this harvest custom. We owe God far more in return for what we have been so richly blessed with, materially and spiritually.

Obviously, we can never afford to pay him back in full. All we can hope for is that we understand ourselves and make steps towards creating awareness in others about the truth of the situation. Whilst we have far more than we could ever need, the vast majority of our brothers and sisters under the fatherhood of God are impoverished and dying. As individuals, we might never be able to meet their needs physically. This requires change on a global scale.

Spiritually and emotionally, through prayer and sharing with others ~ using those gifts of the Spirit ~ we can hopefully begin to make changes in people's attitudes and in the way they think. Max Warren expressed this superbly when he wrote: **"The millions of hungry men in the world have no ears for reason. They only have stomachs. Those**

**who fill them will earn their lifelong gratitude and allegiance - whatever their way of life. Our ability to grow sufficient, cheap food depends not only on our way of life, but also on the future of humanity."** In pledging our gifts to be used in God's service at Harvest Thanksgiving let us not forget that ALL of those gifts count, not just those which feed the body.

The other event which links with our theme of Harvest, and, by coincidence, also focuses on all God's gifts, not just the material ones, is our Gift Day. The letter concerning this, which has been widely distributed in the Parish is printed on the next page! I do hope you will feel able to respond. Here, as with our Harvest Thanksgiving, we are given the opportunity to give thanks to God for all his gifts by making an offering of money to the church so that it may continue to meet the spiritual needs of the community. Unlike the predicament we find ourselves in when we offer our 'drop in the ocean' donation to the global needs which charities such as Christian Aid attempt to address, your gift to the church at a more local level can make a big difference!

Harvest Thanksgiving and Gift Day; two opportunities to offer thanks to God by giving back a little of what we have so richly received. I will leave you with two short sentences from scripture which seem appropriate to the theme of this month; **"It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35) and "As you sow, so shall ye reap" (Galatians 6:7).**

Yours in Christ  
Paul

Dear Friends

I understand that in the past it had been the custom in this Parish to have an annual 'Gift Day'. A day which is set aside for people of the parish to offer a financial gift to their parish church in support of its work and upkeep.

This year (and hopefully in years to come) I would like to revive this custom and in particular on Saturday the 17th of October I shall be available to receive your gifts (you may wish to make use of the envelope provided) in St Cuthbert's parish church from Morning Prayer commencing 9.00am) onwards until 5.00pm, when the day will finish with Evensong.

Besides being an opportunity to show your support for your Parish Church it will also be an opportunity to meet me, your Rector, if you have not already done so. Of course I realise that you may not be available on that day but would still like to offer your church a gift, you can do this by passing on your gift to me or to any of the church officers at any time.

Your gift will be used for repairs or enhancements which will be necessary to ensure the continued existence and improvement of your parish church.

Yours sincerely

Paul Hartley (Rector)

### FROM THE REGISTERS



#### FUNERALS

- 4 Aug William Aust Edwards, 61 Town End Ave,  
Low Ackworth, aged 83.
- 4 Aug Phyliss Eleanor Smallwood, 26 Milgate, Ackworth,  
aged 74
- 6 Aug Renee Ward, 71 Mount Pleasant, Ackworth,  
aged 74
- 7 Aug Louisa May Breward, 67 Town End Ave,  
Low Ackworth, aged 87
- 26 Aug Arthur Taylor, 1 Rosslyn Grove,  
Ackworth Moor Top, aged 96
- 2 Sept John Metcalf, 34 Banks Ave, Ackworth Moor Top,  
aged 63
- 8 Sept Albert Truzwell Seal, 16 Hardaker Lane,  
Ackworth Moor Top, aged 82

# Here and Now ... and ...The Future!

Douglas Brown ~ 'Helper' and 'Enabler'!

I've been to your parish a few times and I hope to come again ... and again.

You have a vision for the future. Good, because the Bible says that without vision the people perish! The **Wakefield Ministry Scheme** is there to help you with a tailor-made programme. My role is simply that of HELPER ~ no fancy title that, but perhaps I am more of an ENABLER.

I live in Huddersfield where I am a Lay Reader at All Hallows, Almondbury, and where I am involved in active ministry to the four churches in the Team Parish. Although

I am of an age to qualify for free prescriptions, I still work in business. Family-wise I am outnumbered by my wife, three daughters and two grand-daughters!

**WMS?** It's really all about change, not about being uprooted and not 'against the grain' but about simply getting from where you are now to where you want to be, under God. Prayer is also about that kind of change.

Bit by bit I look forward to meeting and working alongside you all.

**Douglas Brown**



During the next two months - October and November - on the first and third Sundays there will be a series of sermons/addresses based on Discipleship.

This is the first part of the next stage of the Wakefield Ministry Scheme, following a day on Discipleship which the Core Group went to on 19 December, and is part of the process allowing all the congregation to take part in the Scheme.

The second part runs alongside the first and takes the form of study/discussion groups which will meet during October and November. This is an opportunity after

listening to the sermons to discuss what discipleship means to you personally and to all of us as Christians and members of the church, here in Ackworth.

There will be two groups meeting after each of the four sermons; one the same week and one the following week. It is likely that they will be on different days of the week and at different venues (depending on numbers). It isn't vital to attend all four sessions, nor do you need to attend the same one (i.e. week one and week two). However, it would be helpful if you would put your name down on the lists that will be in church after each sermon so that the venues can be arranged.





# Rotas for October



## Readings and Readers

**October 4th**      **Pentecost 18**      *ASB ff 722 yr2*  
 Old Testament      Ecclesiasticus 38:24-end      Mrs Hall/Mrs B Firth  
 New Testament      1 Peter 4:7-11      Mrs Hall/Miss D Walker

**October 11th**      **Pentecost 19**      *BCP*  
 New Testament      Romans 5:1-11      Miss Smith  
 (Gospel only at St Cuthbert's)

**October 18th**      **St Luke**      *ASB ff 804 yr2*  
 Old Testament      Isaiah 35:3-6      Dr McWilliam/Mr Davies  
 New Testament      1 John 4:15-end      Dr McWilliam/Mr R Firth  
 (Baptism at St Cuthbert's)

**October 25th**      **9th Before Christmas**      *ASB ff 398 yr 1*  
 Old Testament      Genesis 1:1-3, 24-31a      Mrs Cooper/Mrs Walters  
 New Testament      Galatians 2:15-3:9      Mrs Cooper/Mr Cook

*Readers - please arrange own replacement for holidays etc.*



## Flowers & Brasses

St Cuthberts/All Saints  
 4 Oct Mrs Reast/Vacant  
 11 Oct The Congregations  
 18 Oct The Congregations  
 25 Oct Vacant/Miss Smith



Mrs Sutcliffe

## Mother's Union

**1 Oct**      10.30am to 3.00pm Diocesan Quiet Day at the House of the Resurrection,  
 Mirfield.  
**6 Oct**      11.15am Committee Meeting at 27 Orchard Drive.  
**19 Oct**      2pm Women's World Day of Prayer committee meeting at 54 Chiltern Drive.





# Calendar for October



- 4 SUNDAY Pentecost 18 W.M.S. Preachment - Discipleship Series**  
8.30am Holy Communion All Saints'  
10.15am Holy Communion and Junior Church St Cuthbert's  
6.30pm Evensong All Saints'
- 6 Tuesday 1.45pm Mums and Tots Home Group 1 Orchard View**
- 7 Wednesday 9.30am Holy Communion All Saints'**
- 10 Saturday 7.30pm Wakefield Metropolitan Brass Band Concert**
- 11 SUNDAY Pentecost 19**  
8.30am Holy Communion - BCP All Saints'  
10.15am Holy Communion and Junior Church St Cuthbert's  
Harvest Lunch - speaker Sandra Howarth - UNICEF  
6.30pm Evensong All Saints'
- 13 Tuesday 2.00pm Mums and Tots All Saints'**
- 14 Wednesday 9.30am Holy Communion All Saints'**
- 17 Saturday Gift Day**
- 18 SUNDAY St Luke W.M.S. Preachment - Discipleship Series**  
8.30am Holy Communion All Saints'  
10.15am Holy Communion and Junior Church St Cuthbert's  
6.30pm Evensong St Cuthbert's
- 23 Wednesday 9.30am Holy Communion All Saints'**  
7.45pm Women's Group St Cuthbert's  
Slides to Music - Peter Davies
- 24 Saturday Clocks go Back!**
- 25 SUNDAY 9th Before Christmas**  
8.30am Holy Communion All Saints'  
10.15am Holy Communion and Junior Church St Cuthbert's  
1.00pm Baptism St Cuthbert's  
4.00pm Open Door Service All Saints'
- 28 Wednesday St Simon and St Jude**  
9.30am Holy Communion All Saints'
- 29 Thursday 2.30pm M.U. Service and Meeting All Saints'**

## As Our Saviour taught us ...

**B**ut deliver us from evil.

The prayer now seems to be racing towards its conclusion and, as we get to this part of the prayer, our minds might well be moving onto the next part of the service. Therefore, we might be tempted to ignore this part of the prayer. We would do so at our peril.

Evil is something which we do not seem to talk very much about. Is it because evil is not part of our lives? Is it because we don't want to acknowledge evil? Or, is it because we don't believe evil exists? All of these views of evil are wrong.

Evil certainly does exist. You don't have to look very far to see it in action, either in the recent past, or in today's world. We must acknowledge evil because it is there. If we try to ignore it, it might just take us over. We must admit that evil is a part of our lives, even if we are the most saintly people alive, evil will not be far away. Even Jesus came across evil face to face.

So, do not be complacent. Evil is there.

Many people equate evil with the devil. As soon as I mention the devil, some will immediately think of a two legged beast with horns, a long pointed tail, carrying a trident! The devil is evil personified. In order to understand evil, the early theologians formed the picture of a devil; a person, working against the good works of God. The problem now is, that the modern world cannot believe in this kind of picture. I think that is right. I cannot believe in the picture that is portrayed by medieval artists.

However, I can believe in the evil force which is the devil.

The problem is, that evil is often disguised. It is not always easy to see and, therefore, we must always be on our guard. Not only that, we must ask God to help us in this vigilance. This is what this part of the Lord's prayer is asking for ~ that God will deliver us from evil.

We, as frail human beings, will not always recognise evil when it comes our way. What we ask is that God will help us to recognise it, and, if we can't, that He will guide us away from it. Just as we asked Him to guide us away from temptation, we also ask Him to guide us away from evil.

When I read this part of the prayer I am reminded of the collect for Aid against all Perils, which is used in Evening Prayer.

**Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

This reminds us that Jesus is the light, and that evil is the darkness. But remember what John's Gospel teaches us.

The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not overcome it.

When we walk in the light of Christ, we walk under the protective umbrella of God's love.

**Paul Fox**





# Pupil or Pupa?

Eddie Wynn

I would firstly like to thank you all for your thoughts and prayers for me during my recent selection interviews. As you will probably be aware I started my Training for Ordained Ministry at the beginning of September.

The Northern Ordination Course is a non-residential course which involves me in travelling to Manchester and Leeds for tuition whilst I continue my current job as a Nurse (now working part-time). This will also mean a change in my involvement in the parish as I try to get to grips with different issues. All being well, in three years I will be ordained to a full-time Curacy somewhere in the Wakefield Diocese.

I do not hope or expect to be a different person as a result of training and Ordination. I will have my strengths and weaknesses which make me the person I am. I do hope to evolve and grow with an increased knowledge of God, others and myself.

This brings me back to my title and what training actually does to a person. Obviously, I expect some academic grounding in order to lend some credibility

to my Ministry and Teaching after Ordination and this course will provide it. However, the overwhelming emphasis of the course is on the reflection that I give to my own faith and the transition this will cause.



This transition makes me feel a little like a caterpillar now; the transition of training being a bit like pupation and at the end I hope with the help of the Holy Spirit to emerge, if not exactly as a butterfly, at least a moth!

I would appreciate your continued prayers and support for myself, Ruth and Hannah during the training period, which will prove demanding for all of us!

## Jars of Grace

So many of the world's children are sadly caught up in horrifying wars and conflicts and remain traumatised for the rest of their lives by what they have seen and experienced. This year's 'Jars of Grace' scheme is in aid of UNICEF's programmes to help such children; reuniting them with their parents, where possible, and giving them a secure grounding to rebuild their lives.

The idea behind the 'Jars of Grace' scheme is simple and gives everyone a chance to help ~ between Harvest and Christmas ~ just donate a small coin at each mealtime as an act of gratitude. Jars will be collected in January 1999. Labels for jars will be available in both churches after harvest - please sign the list if you feel that you could support this appeal or contact **Lynne Ward (616384)**

## News, Events and Dates for Your Diary



### Harvest Lunch

Sunday 11 October, 11.45 am, St. Cuthbert's Vestry  
Join us for a simple meal with an African theme  
in celebration of the harvest.

No need to bring food ~  
donations of money for UNICEF on the day, please.

### Knitters!

Blankets are still urgently required  
in many parts of the world. I have  
some wool available for anyone  
who would like to join us in the  
good work. Many, many thanks to  
all who have knitted squares. Three  
blankets have recently been passed  
on to the White Rose Charity.

Keep Knitting!

### Remember!

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approx. 70 rows make one square  
and 54 squares make one blanket.

More details?

Ring Mollie Gardham (794500)



Don't Forget!  
Clocks go back  
one hour  
(at 2 am!) on  
Sunday 25 October

Open Door Service  
at 4 pm  
All Saints'

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presents the

### **Marianne Oliver Gypsy Orchestra**

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