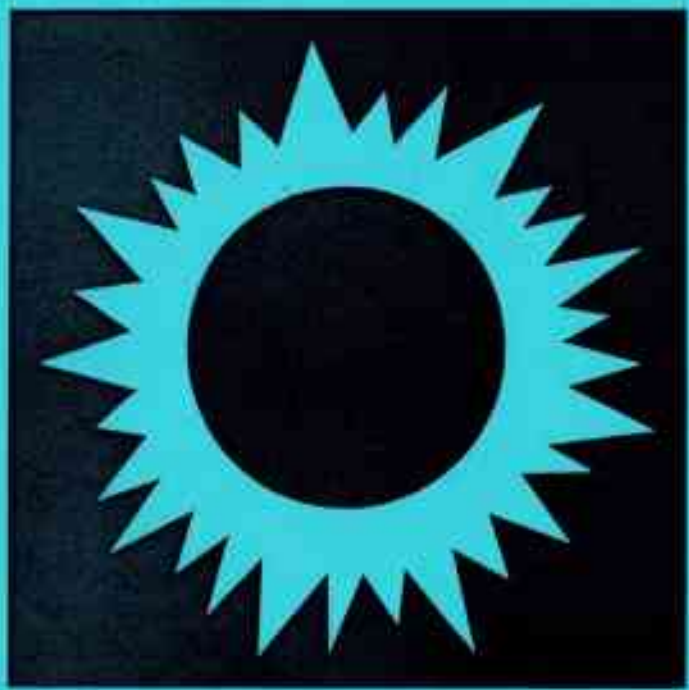


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Sunday Services

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 (except last Sunday of the month)
All Saints'	4.00 pm	Open Door 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

The Rector Writes...



Last month was marked by quite an occasion in the life of our church when we had a visit from the Bishop of Wakefield, the Right Reverend Nigel S McCulloch.

The Bishop's visit to our parish was to fulfil two functions, firstly the confirmation of 14 members of our congregations (12 children and 2 adults), the first at our parish church since 1986, and secondly to commission the people of our parish to carry the light of Christ into the new millennium.

In recognition of these visits to every parish in the diocese, the Bishop left a replica of the 'Christ our Light' millennium candle; this will be lit on the first Sunday of the new year – the 2nd January 2000 – and then on any event throughout the year where we celebrate the third Christian millennium.

The lighting of this candle will remind us of our commissioning on this very special day when, to use the words of the 'Christ our Light' prayer we will each be enjoined to carry the light of Christ into the new millennium. Each person who attended that service also received

three gifts; a commemorative booklet, a badge depicting a cross and flame, and a prayer card to remind them of that very special day.

A special day, which I am sure many of those who attended will remember for many years to come, especially those who were confirmed. A service from which they carried

Christ out into the world, not just in the new millennium year, but for the rest of our lives, a milestone of great proportion on their Christian journey.

It was also quite a milestone for me on my own life's journey, both sacred and secular. Just a week previous to this great parish event, apart from celebrating my wedding anniversary (an important personal celebration) I also received a letter from the Bishop of Blackburn congratulating me on the 10th anniversary to the priesthood, an event I had forgotten about amidst everything else that was happening.

This was a week to remember for all sorts of reasons, but a week which would be changed dramatically by another letter in the post, this time from the hospital saying that a bed



CHRIST
our
LIGHT



had been reserved for me on the 6th July for a long awaited hernia operation. Just five days before this great event in the life of my parish.

Imagine how I felt, particularly when I found out I would have to take two weeks off normal duties to convalesce. After spending the last few months training the candidates (the adults myself), many hours of meeting diocesan officials, writing service sheets and organising the practical arrangements, it now seemed that I would be unable to attend, let alone participate in the great event myself.

At the 11th hour, I had to take a back seat. I was so disappointed. It must be a bit like what an athlete or sportsman feels like when after a long and meticulously planned training programme they are injured at the last minute and have to drop out to the big event – the goal of their aspirations. Or perhaps to use a biblical reflection, like Moses must have felt when after 40 years of leading the Israelites through the wilderness he got to view the promised land from a mountain top, but is told he will never enter it!

I felt that fate had dealt me a cruel blow; but then, after prayer and reflection, realised that God was trying to tell me something. There is something in this little saga a

message for us all – a message which I had offered to others at times in trying to advise them to take things a little easier; that being “the graveyard is full of indispensable people.” Maybe God was trying to tell me the same thing!

Parish life, even such a great event as the one which was about to happen could go on without me. The church would continue to exist whether I was there or not. My situation forced me to let others carry on the work I had begun. I had to let go and place trust in others – something which, I began to realise, I was not very good at. Probably something we all have problems with from time to time.

Perhaps not one I had expected to reach, but in fact another milestone in my Christian journey. I had learnt something very important, something which had to be taught in a way where I would listen, drastic though it was. I hope we can all stay open to the lessons God has to teach us, not only those who have just started on their Christian journey when they were confirmed, but those of us who have had many years on that same journey. God always has something new to say to us, sometimes it can be life changing. I hope you are able to listen to that still small voice – without having to learn the hard way.

I leave you with the ‘Christ our Light’ prayer to take us into the new

millennium, a prayer which reminds us to be constantly aware and ready for Christ speaking to us in new and different ways as we enter a third Christian millennium.



"Eternal God, you make all things new in Christ who is our Light. Grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, and a new faithfulness to your word. That inspired by your love and guided by your spirit we may carry the Light of Christ into the new millennium. Amen"

Yours in Christ

Paul

Are you the sort of person who would like to spend a relaxing evening out? An evening where you are collected at your doorstep and transported, in comfort, to a place where you can enjoy a meal, and drinks at your leisure.



An evening that you can spend with your partner, or with friends, or both. An evening where you will be entertained. Then, when you are ready, transported home.

If this sounds like you, or something you would like to experience, then there is some good news. St Cuthbert's Church is offering this evening to you. You will be picked up from your home, and taken to St Cuthbert's restaurant. There you will be served a meal and drinks chosen from a select menu. You will be entertained until it is time for you to return home in the same style with which you arrived. Places are limited, so you will need to reserve your place or places early. The evening will cost a donation £15.00 per person.

This event will take place on Saturday 11th September 1999, 7.30 for 8.00 pm.

If you are interested, please contact Paul Fox to reserve your seat, and also for a copy of the menu, as orders will have to be taken before the event.



Stewardship

2000

Ackworth Parish - Planning for the future

As many of you may be aware, we are launching a major stewardship renewal campaign on October 10th 1999 at our Harvest Thanksgiving service at 10.15 am at St. Cuthbert's.

The service will be a joint one so that both churches might worship together as a united parish; consequently there will be no 8.30 am service at All Saints' on that day. This will be 'compensated' for when we join together in thanksgiving to close the campaign on All Saints' Sunday - the 31st October at 10.15 am, at All Saints' church (there will be no 8.30 am service on that day).

The Rector will preach at the Harvest Thanksgiving service - an ideal opportunity when we are thinking about giving thanks to God for the bountiful harvest we have received - asking us to respond by considering our stewardship of

those gifts, as we consider our response in terms of our financial giving.

After the service, which will include a presentation on Christian stewardship, you will be asked to take away a package of information which will include a response/pledge form and a reply envelope. We ask you to consider increasing your giving in response to what God has given freely and abundantly. You may return your pledge at one of the services leading up to our closing/thanksgiving serving on the 31st, or if you are unable to attend, via a friend or by post.

The preacher on All Saints' Sunday will be Mr Graham Richards, the diocesan Christian Giving Adviser, as we give thanks for the response to our campaign. Refreshments will be served after the service, an opportunity to

meet together to give thanks and celebrate this special occasion.



The Bishop Visits Ackworth

The sun shone down and there was a party like atmosphere. Nearly 200 people turned up, some were invited some came for the special occasion, many were regulars. It was definitely the event of the year, if not the decade and, as was mentioned, something which would not be seen again this millennium.

St Cuthbert's church was full with people rejoicing. At the start of the service the 'Christ our Light' candle – which had accompanied the Bishop on his tour of the Holy Land early this year – was lit; a smaller replica of which was left with us to be used at our service on the first Sunday of the new millennium (2nd January).

Fourteen members of our church family were confirmed and most of the congregation went forward for Bishop Nigel's blessing, to receive communion and collect three gifts – a prayer card, booklet and 'flame and cross' badge.

For his address the Bishop chose the Wedding at Cana miracle. The children were familiar with the story as they have recently studied it in Junior Church. However, many were amazed when told that the jars of water that Jesus turned into wine contained 120 gallons! The Bishop then asked how much that would be

in litres as he realised that gallons were old fashioned - the answer being around 500!

The service lasted slightly longer than usual but passed all too quickly. There was a real sense of God's presence with us, an uplifting spiritual occasion. It certainly served to remind us all what being a Christian is all about.

After receiving the final blessing and singing the final hymn most of the congregation stayed on for a reception. The tables in the vestry were laden with food and drink which was then taken outside and enjoyed in fellowship, shade being provided by a marquee and several gazebos.

The Bishop stayed to chat to the members of the congregation and to the confirmands and their families, his wife, Celia, took over 60 photos on a digital camera as a record of the event.

Needless to say an event such as this takes a lot of organising and planning. Many thanks to all those who took part in any way, both in the planning and preparation ahead of the day, and to all those who helped immediately before and after the service.

God's Word

Paul Fox

Isaiah chapter 55

How often do you read God's word?

You may read God's word a lot of the time. Spiritual directors often say that you should be reading God's word at least once a day. Do you find time to do that?

I know that it is often very difficult to find time in our busy lives to do this, but one thing I can guarantee is that reading God's word regularly is a tremendously important thing to do, as well as being an uplifting experience.

If we are to grow as Christians - and we should all be growing - there is no such thing as standstill in Christian terms, then we have to read God's words regularly. The more we read the more we grow. My suggestion is that you make time to do this, the rest of the day actually seems to fit in better. I know from personal experience that this is true.

However, it will be no surprise to those who know me well, that having exhorted you to read God's word, I will ask more of you.

Reading God's word is only half of the equation. The other half is

listening to God's word. I can read for hours, without actually taking in anything of what I am reading.

This passage from Isaiah teaches us that, they are God's words. He says "Come to me, and listen to my words, hear me, and you shall have life." (verse 3). Consequently you can see that is it not just me who is exhorting you to read and to listen, but God.

God is asking us to approach him, to listen and to hear him. The promise is that when we do that we shall have life. That is not a promise of a cosy life here on earth, all Christians will testify to that. We are promised the sort of life which only comes from him, eternal life.

God's word is so important. Without it we shall have no life.

Later on, we shall come to realise just how important God's word is, and how God will use that word. For it is only through God's word that we shall have that life.

I urge all those who reads my words here, to read God's word and to listen to his words. Then we shall all have that promised life together.





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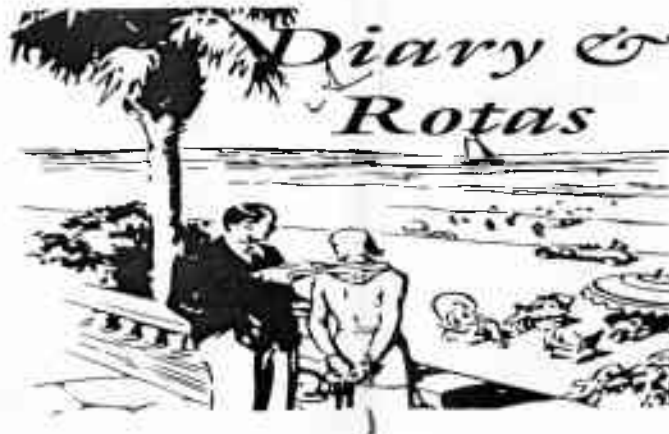
Make it a Day to Remember

Readings and Readers August

1st	Proper 13		
	Genesis 32:22-31	Mrs Hall/Mark Cavill	
	Romans 9:1-5	Mrs Hall/Miss Walker	
8th	Proper 14		
	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28	Mrs Walker/Helen Parkinson	
	Romans 10:5-15	Mrs Walker/Mr R Firth	
15th	The Blessed Virgin Mary		
	Isaiah 61:10-11	Miss Smith/Sarah Hartley	
	Galatians 4:4-7	Miss Smith/ Mrs Riley	
22nd	Proper 16		
	Exodus 1:8 -2:10	Mrs Cooper/Mrs Woffinden	
		Mrs Cooper/Mrs Walters	
29th	Proper 17		
	Exodus 3:1-15	Dr McWilliam	
	Romans 12:9-21	Dr McWilliam/ Mr Shaw	

September

5th	Proper 18		
	Exodus 12:1-14	Mrs Hall/ Mrs Firth	
	Romans 13:8-14	Mrs Hall/ Miss Parker	
12th	Proper 19		
	Exodus 14:19-31	Mrs Walker	
	Romans 14:1-12	Mrs Walker	
19th	Proper 20		
	Exodus 16:2-15	Miss Smith/Mr Walters	
	Philippians 1:21-30	Miss Smith/ Miss Walker	
26th	Proper 21		
	Exodus 17:1-7	Mrs Cooper	
	Philippians 2:1-13	Mrs Cooper/ Mr Cook	



August Diary

Sunday and Wednesday services
as usual throughout August.
Please note – no Junior Church!

From the Registers

Baptisms

13th June Bethany Louise Crookes & Nathan Thomas Walshaw
27th June Laura Louise Molloy & Lewis Paul Downs

Blessing and Dedication

3rd July Gordon Elsworth and Sylvia Jean Brookes

Funerals

30th June James William Taylor, 73 Town End Avenue, Low Ackworth, aged 74
2nd July Edith Valerie Secker, 21 Chiltern Court, Ackworth Moor Top.
7th July Alan Clifford Kirkman, 9 Hill Drive, Ackworth, aged 78
8th July Christopher Nigel Wilde, 21 Cricketers Close, Ackworth, aged 22
9th July Elizabeth Irene Wood, 48 Chapel Garth, Ackworth, aged 82
Maureen Johnson, 56 Holly Bank, Ackworth

September Diary

5 SUNDAY	Proper 18		
	8.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	10.15am	Holy Communion	St Cuthbert
	6.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'
6 Monday	7.30pm	P&C Meeting	Vestry St Cuthbert
8 Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
		<i>(Mother's Union Corporate Communion)</i>	
	7.30pm	Magazine committee	
11 Saturday	7.30pm	'Gourmet' Evening	St Cuthbert
12 SUNDAY	Proper 19		
	8.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	10.15am	Family Communion & Parade	St Cuthbert
	6.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'
13 Monday	7.30pm	Social Committee Meeting	St Cuthbert
15 Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	7.45pm	Women's Group	Vestry St Cuthbert'
		Wakefield Bat Group - Mr Jon Gardner	

19 SUNDAY	Proper 20		
	8.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	10.15am	Holy Communion and Junior Church	St Cuthbert'
	6.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'
22 Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
26 SUNDAY	Proper 21		
	8.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	10.15am	Holy Communion and Junior Church	St Cuthbert'
	4.00pm	Open Door Service	All Saints'
29 Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
30 Thursday	2.30pm	Mother's Union	

October

2 Saturday	7.30pm	Brass Band Concert	St Cuthbert's
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Flowers

August

St Cuthbert's/All Saints'	
1st	Mrs Walters/Mrs Upright
8th	Mrs Lloyd/ Mrs Walters
15th	Vacant/Mrs Gardham
22nd	Mrs Branstom/Vacant
29th	Mrs Barnard/Mrs Hardy

September

St Cuthbert's/All Saints'	
5th	Mrs Gardham/Mrs Camplin
12th	Mrs Dodd/Miss Smith
19th	Mrs Lee/ Mrs Cooper & Mrs Laybourne
26th	Vacant/Mrs Hardy

Brasses

Mrs Sutcliffe

Mrs Asquith & Mrs Lancaster



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One Year On...

I am just completing the first of three years of training on the Northern Ordination Course and it has certainly been a roller-coaster ride! I am only working part-time as a nurse to allow time for my studies. This has meant demotion, reduced income and a great deal of swallowed pride as I now take orders from those I once interviewed, appointed and trained!



The course has involved studying New Testament Greek, Church history, the Bible, Pastoral Care and Theology and I have written essays on such diverse subjects as Myths in Genesis (not the band!), the Pastoral Epistles (nothing to do with sheep), Gnosticism in the 2nd Century and the Temple of Jerusalem in the Old Testament (for more details see me or the Rector!). I have also completed a profile of the Church in Ackworth and a workbook of the Christian Ministry in a Secular World.

Practical experience is on-going and next year I will be spending three to six months gaining experience away from Ackworth in another parish as I continue to be involved in pastoral care.

So, how does it feel to be training to become a priest? The image I like best is that from

Jeremiah, chapter 18, of a potter reworking a piece of clay.

"Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand so are you in my hand, says the Lord."

I feel as though I am gradually being reshaped into a pot that is of most use to God and His Church.

I would like to thank all those who, over the last year, have tolerated my early attempts at preaching and leading services, who have given advice with projects and those who have given practical help with day to day living costs without letting me thank them publicly. Especially, I thank Paul Hartley and Paul Fox for their guidance, and Fred Davies for his motivation with my Greek studies!

Finally, I would like to thank you all for the encouragement and prayerful support you have given to Ruth, Hannah and myself. I ask that you please continue to pray for and support us over the coming years as we prepare together for Ordination.

Eddie Wynn





KEPT SAFE

On

8th August 1864 groups of people from countries all round the world met in Switzerland, in the city of Geneva, for the first Geneva Convention. We often hear about the 'Geneva Convention' on the TV news when they are talking about Bosnia, the Middle East and any other places where there are fighting and people at risk.

That first Convention started at the suggestion of Jean Henri Dunant who was so horrified at the bloodshed and death at the Battle of Solferino in 1859 that he proposed that all countries should join together to set up what became the Red Cross. Gradually the various Conventions that followed covered treatment of prisoners of war, protecting hospitals, medical staff and medical supplies and protecting people



By Angela Webb

who were not taking part in the fighting. Before the Geneva Convention existed the weakest had no one to speak out on their behalf.

SOLDIER, SOLDIER

All the answers to these questions were soldiers in the Bible stories. Can you say which soldier...

1. Was a Roman centurion whom Peter visited. (Acts 10)
2. He succeeded Moses and won the Battle of Jericho. (Numbers 27)
3. He led Saul's army and was his uncle. (1 Samuel 14)
4. A Roman tribune in Jerusalem who took Paul into custody. (Acts 23)
5. A very big man killed by a sling shot. ((1 Samuel 17)
6. A general who had 900 chariots of iron and was killed by a woman. (Judges 4)



Where do you find baby soldiers?

In the infant-ry.

What's a rifle with three barrels called?

A trifle.

1. Cornelius 2. Joshua 3. Abner
4. Claudius Lysias 5. Goliath 6. Sisera

Following on from last month's article on covenanting, this month we look at what is involved in the Stewardship Envelope Scheme.

Most people who attend church will be familiar with the sight of small white envelopes being placed in the offertory plate along with any money collected during services. But what exactly are they and how do you get them?

To join the scheme is relatively simple, you just let the Stewardship Recorder know you want to join and you will be given a year's supply of envelopes contained in a small box. Each year starts at the beginning of March, but you can opt in at any time.

By having an envelope marked with each Sunday's date means that you can put a regular amount aside for the work of the church, this helps with your own budgeting but also helps with the church's budgeting.

Each week your gift is placed in an envelope and placed in the offertory plate. If you cannot attend church that week the envelope can be taken

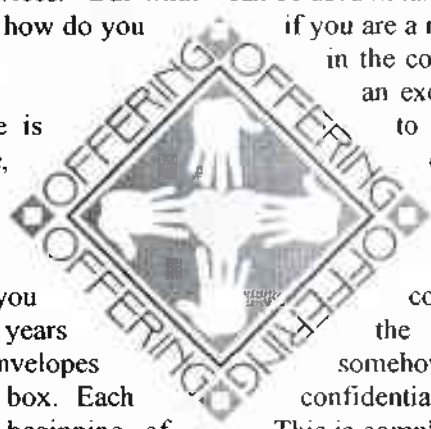
to church next time. If you want to add several weekly offerings together, this can be done, but it is helpful to have the unused envelopes included as this helps with the recording of gifts.

As mentioned in last month's article on covenants the envelope scheme can be used in tandem with them, but if you are a non-tax payer or not in the covenant scheme it is an excellent way for you to make a regular commitment to your church.

Some may be concerned that using the scheme will somehow compromise their confidentiality.

This is completely unfounded, as the only person who knows what is given is the Stewardship recorder who is bound to preserve the confidentiality of those who give, anyone else only sees the unique number on the envelope and not who that number belongs to. No-one else is party to that information!

If you would like to know more about Stewardship Envelopes, please speak to our parish Stewardship recorder:- Ada Pritchard



Etcetera!

Bones

It has been said that the membership of any organisation is made up of four sets of bones!



There are the **wishbones** who spend their time wishing someone else would do the work.

Along with them are the **jawbones** who do all the talking about the work and very little else.

Another group is the **knucklebones** who knock everything that anybody else tries to do.

But most valuable are the **backbones** who get under the load and actually do the work.

To which set do you belong?

From Pip and Jay Magazine

 Gargole's



Not everyone appreciated the Vicar's jokes

Money

We cannot live without it,
We need it more each day.
Yet the best things in life are free
Or so they always say.

You cannot buy the sunshine,
Nor buy the Evening Star,
You cannot buy the Moon by night,
or the view both near and far.

A true friend you cannot buy,
or the love of a faithful pet,
Yes, God gives more 'free samples'
Than the shops have given yet.

Apologies to Margaret Lloyd for keeping this so long. It is from St Oswald's Church Magazine, Newcastle on Tyne.

Ed.





Ackworth Concert Society New Season Update

It is now fourteen years since the Society was formed to provide a wide range of high quality music for this area of the WMDC. Many people have enjoyed the concerts given by artistes of international standing, local musicians and amateurs. Children have also taken part, in a variety of workshops specially provided for them.

Here is the programme for the start of the 1999-2000 season.

Saturday 18 September, 7.30 pm, The Music Centre, Ackworth School.

THE TRICORN TRIO

Oboe, bassoon and piano. Three young professionals make up an unusual musical ensemble.

Saturday 23 October, 7.30 pm, The Meeting House, Ackworth School.

NORTHERN SAXOPHONE QUARTET

Widely recognised as Britain's premier saxophone quartet, their programme for us should provide an exciting evening's music.

A pre-concert finger buffet will be served as a prelude to the evening.

Saturday 20 November, 7.30 pm, The Music Centre, Ackworth School.

CHOPIN RECITAL

To mark the 150th anniversary of his death, Angela Lear, the world renowned exponent of Chopin's piano music, will be playing well known and lesser known piano pieces.

Saturday 18 December, 7.30 pm, The Meeting House, Ackworth School.

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Mollie Gardham

Forthcoming Events and Dates for your Diary

Millennium Parish Weekend

Well, why not jump on the bandwagon? Our next Parish Weekend is in the year 2000.

Following a very successful weekend in 1998 our next parish weekend, again at Green Gables, Scarborough will be the first weekend in March 2000 – from Friday evening on the 3rd to Sunday afternoon on the 5th.

Everyone young and old is invited to come along, those who have not tried it before, give it a go, many newcomers last time thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The atmosphere is very relaxed and you get as much time as you want to sample the delights of one of Yorkshires premier resorts.

Wakefield Metropolitan Band Concert



At St Cuthbert's
Church

Sat. Oct. 2nd at 7.30 pm
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Open Meeting

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- ◆ Planning
- ◆ Organisation
- ◆ New Committee
- ◆ New Ideas



If you are interested in social activities and would like to join in the discussion then please come along to the meeting on Mon. 13th Sept. at 7.30 pm in St Cuthbert's vestry.



Mothers' Union

August

- 10th Coffee Morning, 27 Orchard Drive, 10 am - 12 noon. Everyone Welcome!
26th Service and Meeting, 27 Orchard Drive, 2.30 pm.

September

- 8th General Meeting, Harrogate.
11th Diocesan Quiet Day, Bishop's Lodge, Wakefield.
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