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### Sunday Services

<b>St Cuthbert's</b>	<b>10.15 am</b>	<b>The Parish Communion and Junior Church</b>
<b>All Saints'</b>	<b>8.30 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>All Saints'</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Evensong (except last Sunday of the month)</b>
<b>All Saints'</b>	<b>4.00 pm</b>	<b>Open Door Service (Last Sunday of the month)</b>

#### 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 ...



The holiday season is upon us again and those who have children will be contemplating the possibility of going on holiday with a mixture of feelings ranging from relief to trepidation.

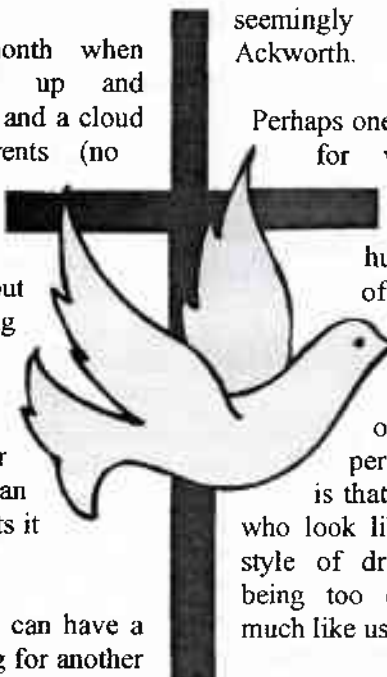
At the end of this month when the schools break up and children's spirits soar and a cloud descends upon parents (no comment on our English summer weather!) many pack suitcases with about two months clothing for two weeks holiday and head off for more exotic surroundings, abandoning their homes and as the slogan of the tourist trade puts it "get away from it all."

Ironically, this phrase can have a very different meaning for another group of people who have no choice in the matter and leave their homes behind for a very different reasons (according to the last conservative estimates I heard, some 43 million!) This is a 'group' of people scattered over every continent of our world, from diverse and different nationalities, yet all bearing the same title - refugee. As I write, with hope that current negotiations

may bear fruit, there are some one and a half million of this total estranged from a country quite close to home - Kosovo - a people whose plight we have been closely in touch with even in this small and at times seemingly insular village of Ackworth.

Perhaps one reason that this war, for want of a better description, and the ensuing exodus of hundreds of thousands of innocent people from their homes, has been so much at the forefront of our news and our personal consciousness, is that we see these people who look like us with the same style of dress as ourselves as being too close to home, too much like us, for comfort.

These people do not seem very different to us, they have a similar way of life to our own, they are European like ourselves. This brings home the thought that their situation could very easily happen to us, 'there but for the grace of God go I' so to speak. So our attention is all the more focused on these dispossessed and disorientated people, perhaps in some way more acutely than it was



in a nation further North of this small country not very long ago, called Bosnia. Maybe we thought the Bosnian situation was a flash in the pan or maybe it was shorter? Whatever the situation, we are now very aware of what it means to be a refugee.

Refugees are frightened, impoverished and devastated people who have had to flee their homes in fear of their lives. Many are near death, through exhaustion, starvation, hypothermia or dehydration. In the lowest physical and mental conditions having witnessed scenes of horror, that would have driven most of us half mad, they often meet rejection at the place of safety to which they may have walked many miles to reach.

Refugees have been a fact of life of life for as long as records have existed. We see refugees in both the Old and New Testaments; the Israelites who fled Egypt, led by Moses into the wilderness, wandered for forty years as refugees. Our Lord himself fled, ironically to Egypt with his parents to escape the persecution of Herod, only to ultimately be rejected by his own people. He above all must have know what if felt like to be a refugee, remember his words on his return to teach and heal in his own region of Nazareth;

“... no prophet is accepted in his own country.”

To return to where I began, the month of July when people begin their holidays in earnest, the time when we flee our homes and communities to explore new surroundings and hopefully be revitalised. How often do you hear the words “we enjoyed it, but we’re glad to get back home.” It’s not until we go away that we realise how important our homes, and our communities are to us.

Spare a thought then for those who can never return to their own homes, no longer have communities, have lost their roots and their identities; and when we are in foreign lands, lands where possibly refugees dwell or from which they have fled in the past, stop for a moment and say a prayer for those broken and frightened people; 43 million of them.

If you can offer whatever is requested - whether that be money, food or clothing - but whatever we do, let us not forget those who are all too often hidden away, regarded as a problem to be got rid of as quickly as possible; 43 million – that’s one heck of a problem!

*Yours in Christ,*

*Paul*

### **Time and Talents Survey**

Many thanks to all those who have returned their survey sheets. During July we hope to be able to report more fully on the results.

*W.A. Branston*



# CHRIST *our* LIGHT

**O**n Sunday morning, July 11<sup>th</sup>, the Bishop of Wakefield will be visiting our Parish to perform two important ceremonies in the life of our Church, the confirmation of fourteen new members of our Church, (their names are listed in the magazine, please pray for them!) He will also be commissioning the whole church to be 'ambassadors' of the church and carry the 'Light of Christ' out into our community in the new millennium. All who attend may receive the Bishop's blessing and three small gifts to mark the occasion.

The day itself will begin with the Bishop leading a short service of prayer (the 'Christ our Light Office') at 9.15am in All Saints' Church all are welcome to join

him. There will be no 8.30am service of Holy Communion on that day. We want to encourage the whole of the parish to come together at the main service of the day!

At 10.15am the service will begin at St Cuthbert's. This will comprise of a Confirmation service with Holy Communion which will include the Bishop's commissioning near the end, during the administration of the sacraments. All will be welcome and invited to come forward and receive the Bishop's blessing and gifts as well as the communion if they so wish.

Immediately following the service refreshments will be served in the vestry and weather permitting we will be able to meet outside in the marquees at the north side of the Church, an opportunity to meet the Bishop and one another informally.

All in all we hope it will be a great celebration in the life of our church and an occasion that our village will remember of many years ahead so remember to mark these important events in your diary - we look forward to seeing you there!



**THOMAS CRANMER**

In June we read about the Book of Common Prayer, the first prayer book in English. The person who wrote most of it, Thomas Cranmer, was born on 2nd July 1489. He became Archbishop of Canterbury in the reign of Henry VIII, but he lived in dangerous times for anyone who took an interest in religious matters. When he was a young man people were executed for smuggling Bibles in English into this country.



Thomas worked to replace the old style of worship with a closer version of scripture. People were at last allowed to read the Bible in their own language: More people were able to read and write although it still wasn't something that most people could do. But Thomas was part of something that we take for granted every time we say our prayers now.



**J-WORDS**

All the words in this word search begin with the letters JU (for July among other things). Can you find them all?

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 I J U G G L E P O T  
 J U K E B O X E X I  
 U U C R E P M U J C  
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 J U M B O E G D U J

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## *Readings and Readers*

<b>4th</b>	<b>Proper 9</b> Gen.24:34-38,42-49,58-67 Romans 7:15-25a	Mrs M Walker/Mr Shaw Mrs M Walker/Sue Hartley
<b>11th</b>	<b>Proper 10</b> Genesis 25:19-34 Romans 1:1-11	Miss Smith Miss Smith
<b>18th</b>	<b>Proper 11</b> Genesis 28:10-19a Romans 8:12-25	Mrs Cooper/Miss Parker Mrs Cooper/Mr Davies
<b>25th</b>	<b>St James</b> Jeremiah 45:1-5 Acts 11:27-12:2	Dr McWilliam Dr McWilliam/Mr Cook
<b>1st Aug</b>	<b>Proper 13</b> Genesis 32:22-31 Romans 9:1-5	Mrs Hall/Mark Cavill Mrs Hall/Miss Walker



*Brasses*

Mr & Mrs  
Firth

### *Flowers*

St Cuthbert's/All Saints'  
4th Mrs Barrow/Vacant  
11th Vacant/Mrs Mills  
18th Vacant/Miss Smith  
25th Mrs Hurst/Vacant



### *From the Registers*

#### *Baptisms*

23rd May Charlie Alana Greenwood

#### *Funerals*

14th May Gillian Glover, 7 Wakefield Road, aged 48

20th May Keith Wigglesworth, 37 Tan House Lane, aged 67

Peter Johnson, 18 Wakefield Road, aged 71

25th May Kenneth Wilson, 40 Hillside Drive, aged 86

3rd June Freda McDermott, 7 Hill Drive, aged 72

7th June Doris Hopkins, Ashfield House, Cudworth, aged 86

Marjorie Rita Bennett, Victory Nursing Home, Ryhill, aged 78





# July Diary



4	Sunday	<b>Proper 9</b>	
		8.30am	Holy Communion All Saints'
		10.15am	Holy Communion and Junior Church St Cuthbert's
5	Monday	6.30pm	Evensong All Saints'
		7.30pm	PCC Vestry- St Cuthbert's
6	Tuesday	1.45pm	Home Group 26 Hardaker Lane
7	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion All Saints'

*(M.U. Corporate Communion)*

11	Sunday	<b>Confirmation and Commissioning</b>	
		<i>Please see full details elsewhere in this magazine</i>	
		9.15am	Short Prayer Service All Saints'
13	Tuesday	10.15 am	Holy Communion, Confirmation, Commissioning followed by a reception St Cuthbert's
		6.30pm	Evensong All Saints'
		2.00pm	Mums & Tots All Saints'

*(last one until September!)*

14	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion All Saints'
18	Sunday	<b>Proper 11</b>	
		8.30am	Holy Communion All Saints'
		10.15am	Holy Communion and Junior Church St Cuthbert's
21	Wednesday	6.30pm	Evensong All Saints'
		9.30am	Holy Communion All Saints'
22	Thursday	7.45pm	Womens Group Bar-B-Q 8 Andrews Grove
		<b>St Mary Magdelene</b>	
23	Friday	7.30pm	Holy Communion St Cuthbert's
		7.30pm	Thai Banquet Vestry- St Cuthbert's
25	Sunday	<b>St James</b>	
		8.30am	Holy Communion All Saints'
		10.15am	Holy Communion and Junior Church St Cuthbert's
		4.00pm	Open Door Service All Saints'

AUGUST

1	Sunday	<b>Proper 13</b>	
		8.30am	Holy Communion All Saints'
		10.15am	Holy Communion and Junior Church St Cuthbert's
		6.30pm	Evensong All Saints'

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Isaiah chapter 51

“Where there’s hope there’s life.”

A very common saying, and I am sure one we have all clung to in times a trouble.

I wrote last month about Isaiah’s message to the Jews, and how God will save those who wish to be saved, which on the face of it may have been a small number of people. Translated into today’s world I said that the number of people wishing to be saved may now be very small indeed.

To all those who do wish to be saved, here is God’s message. The message is one of comfort. Chapter 51 begins with the words of the Lord “Listen to me, you that want to be saved.”

If you count yourself as one of the number of people who wish to be saved by God, then read further into this passage, for it is here



that we will find comforting words from our God.

God begins by reminding the Jews

and us about the promise he made to Abraham, the promise of a child. Despite being very old and past child bearing, God promised a son to Abraham and he kept his promise. God does not make empty promises! He promises compassion to those who are left, their desert will become a garden, full of joy and happiness, songs and praises will be given to God.

God reminds the Jews, and us, that he has given us a rule to live by. He teaches us and he will come to save us. No-one else, but God alone, will rule over us. The heavens and the earth will disappear, and the people on the earth will be destroyed. The deliverance which God brings will last forever, he is promising this to his faithful few, the remnant. God’s victory will be final.

Those to be saved will have God’s teaching written in their hearts, they will be taunted and insulted, but God will overcome and he will do so forever. The few who are left, those who remain true to God, who suffer on his behalf, are the ones who will be saved by God and that salvation will last forever.

Whatever befalls us, God will win for us a great and everlasting victory - that is hope indeed. I know where I put my hope. Do you?

Graham Richards, the Diocesan Christian Giving Adviser, has written this article to help guide anyone who is unsure what 'Covenants' are and what making a 'Deed of Covenant' involves.

A Deed of Covenant is a legal pledge an individual can make with the PCC, in order that the PCC can claim back a proportion of the income tax the member will have paid, in proportion to the gift that they have made.

The beauty of covenanting is that anyone who pays income tax, (employees, people with private pensions or investments), can - at no extra cost to themselves - increase the value of their gift to God by almost 30%! This obviously contributes a significant increase to the level of giving a parish receives.

Covenanting is our right. Successive governments have supported this benefit to charitable giving. It does not make sense, therefore, for anyone who pays tax and is a regular giver, not to covenant. In biblical terms, it is bad stewardship not to manage properly the resources God has generously given each one of us. *(see Matthew 25:14-30)*

Some people may feel anxious about entering into a legal agreement that lasts for four years. With news of redundancies and unemployment each week on the news, it is right to be concerned about pledging to give a specific amount each week or month for four years. However, should a person's circumstances alter, the Covenant Secretary who administers the covenants has the PCC's authority to release a covenantor from their agreement.



Others are concerned that covenanting will somehow compromise their confidentiality. This is completely unfounded, as the only person who knows what is given and covenanted is the Covenant Secretary, who is bound to preserve the confidentiality of those who give. Not even the vicar is party to that information!

One final point, similar to

covenanting is Gift Aid. Currently, anyone who pays tax and makes a gift of £250 or more can sign a form which allows the PCC to claim back the same proportion of tax as for covenants. Your Covenant Secretary also deals with this.

**If you would like to know more about Covenanting, please speak to our parish Covenant Secretary:- John Gardham.**

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# News, Events and Dates for your Diary



## Mothers' Union ~ July

7th Corporate Communion, All Saints Church, 9.30 a.m.

8th Diocesan Prayer Day, Treacy Hall, Wakefield, 11 am - 3 pm  
(Coffee served from 10.30 am). Speaker: Maureen Kyle,  
Prayer and Spirituality Unit Co-ordinator at Mary Summer House.

There will be no Branch Service and Meeting in July but **WE WILL** meet in August.

Barbara Firth

### Confirmation

10.15 am Service at St. Cuthbert's  
Sunday 11 July

Please pray for the candidates to be  
confirmed by Rev'd Nigel McCulloch  
Bishop of Wakefield



Heather Cavill  
Gemma Fox  
Michael Fox  
Rebecca Lewis  
Arianne Parkinson  
Genevieve Parkinson  
Jack Plant  
Joseph Plant  
Hayley Siddall  
Laura Siddall  
John Ward  
Rebecca Livesey  
Lyn Place  
Sadie Buttrick

### Commissioning, Confirmation and Reception

Bishop Nigel will lead a  
'Christ our Light'  
Commissioning Service  
and  
Confirmation



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