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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 (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's Annual Report to the APCM

Following many votes of thanks, I turned my attention to the year past, an exercise where it never ceases to amaze me at how much has actually happened in our church. Attendance figures have remained steady albeit with a slight rise in some services. We have seen the introduction of a new service at 4.00pm once a month at All Saints'. Entitled the 'Open Door Service' it is intended to attract new people to our worship, offering a short simplified form of service for those who are unfamiliar with the C of E's main stream liturgy. Attendance's at this service have been good and it seems to be going some way towards achieving its objective.

In Advent of last year we introduced the C of E's new lectionary of readings and added some new readers to our rota as well. With the added resource of new bibles and the printing of the bible references on our notice sheet, this seems to have been a painless and reasonably smooth change. Just before Christmas, we introduced a new hymn book to supplement our current one and, although the choice of book has not been universally popular, it has given us a broader base from which to choose our music and thus enhance our worship; I feel that it will stand us in good stead for well into the new millennium.

At the beginning of Lent this year, I introduced a short time of silence for prayer and reflection at the beginning of our main service. Although it is early days yet, I know

that this addition is appreciated by some and that it will ultimately deepen the spiritual dimension of the Church's life.

There have been several developments in terms of ministry. In September of last year, six members of our church began training with the Wakefield Ministry Scheme. In so doing, they took on the responsibility to pass on that teaching to the whole congregation, with a view that both individual ministries may be fostered and that as a whole we may begin to move towards a better sharing and collaboration in that ministry which is after all, the whole church's. In order to facilitate sharing in the church's ministry, we also held a meeting in February this year to begin a time and talents audit, a project which will continue through the year.

Last September, Edward Wynn was accepted for and began his training for the ordained ministry on the part-time 'Northern Ordination Course,' I hope you will all continue to support Eddie in any way possible as he continues his course. Towards the end of last year a group of trainee lay readers, as part of their course, began their parish placement in this parish. Last year the PCC had an 'awayday' when they took time to consider wider issues and reflect spiritually on the future.

On a more practical level, I re-introduced the old custom of a Gift Day in October which was

moderately successful in raising £1000 towards the churches finances. During November we had our quinquennial survey, as a consequence we have some potentially costly repairs, the details of which will have to be tackled in the near future. Sadly, the bell-ringers group disbanded in 1998 and for the moment the bells remain silent. Perhaps, this situation may change in the future as new people begin to come through our doors.

Over the last year or so there have been big changes in the editing, formatting and printing of the magazine, changes which will set the magazine on a more secure financial footing and, due to a greater flexibility in production, offer greater opportunities for improving the content. All in all, an interesting and busy year where we have seen many changes, most of which will bear fruit in terms of the ministry and mission of this Church in its community.

Which brings me to the more speculative part of my report. What future movements can we envisage within our church both short and long term. In the next few months a communications group will be formed, this hopefully will ensure that all publicity and flow of information within the church and between the church and community is handled as effectively as possible.

On July 11th the Bishop of Wakefield will be coming to the parish to carry out a confirmation in St Cuthbert's - it was thirteen years ago that we had a confirmation in our own Church! Please support the

candidates in your prayers. This is also part of his ongoing programme of visits to every church in the diocese to commission people to carry the light of Christ into the third millennium.

Later in the year (Oct/Nov) we will be launching a stewardship campaign which will be entitled 'Stewardship 2000' to remedy our present failing financial situation and to take us forward into a new millennium. In March 2000 we will be tripping off the Scarborough again for our Parish Weekend; a chance to relax, worship and reflect together in a different environment.

A liturgical group has been formed to look at and prepare us for the introduction of new styles of worship in the year 2000 when the ASB is phased out. As well as keeping the congregation informed of new developments, this group will eventually formulate and introduce - in consultation with the PCC - the new forms of worship when it is felt the time is right.

All in all, the changes in our parish worship so far have been small but they have been positive and productive. The liturgical group will keep us up to date and make the transition as smooth and painless and possible. It seems now that the new services will be very similar to the ones we use at present and with a little tolerance and understanding on all sides we should move forward into the new millennium with enthusiasm.

Yours in Christ

Paul.



FUN DAY

Saturday, June 19th
11.00am - 4.00pm

St Cuthbert's Church
& the Rectory Garden
Fun and games for all the family!

Fancy Dress Football

Country Produce and Crafts

Games and Activities

Refreshments

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COMMON ENGLISH

450 years ago, on 9th June 1549, the Book of Common Prayer was first issued throughout the Church of England. It was called 'Common' because it was in English, the language people used in their everyday lives instead of Latin which only the priests had understood.

Imagine how strange it would be to say prayers in a language you don't understand. You can get an idea of what that's like if you attend a church service when you are on holiday in a foreign country where they speak a different language. There will be long stretches when you don't understand what's going on. The Book of Common Prayer changed that, suddenly people could understand and take part in the act of worship.



There have been lots of changes in church services over the years but few can have been as major as when our prayers suddenly became 'common'.

By Angela Webb

What did the bookworm say to the librarian?
Can I burrow this book?



COMMON WORDS

Lots of words have 'common' in front of them. What would you add to 'common' to make...

1. Someone who isn't royalty.
2. Place in a school where the staff meet.
3. A group of countries under the Queen.
4. Also known as the European Economic Union.
5. Makes you sneeze.
6. Is very ordinary.

Answers at the bottom of the page.



Did you hear about the sword swallower who went on a diet?
He had pins and needles for months.

Did you hear about the sword swallower who swallowed an umbrella?
He was putting something away for a rainy day.



1. commoner 2. common room
3. commonwealth 4. common market
5. common cold 6. commonplace.

Nik and Sarah ~ Missionaries in Thailand

Sarah Matthews, a niece of Bill and Biddy Branston, and her husband Nik, are working as missionaries with YWAM (Youth With A Mission) in Thailand. In their latest newsletter they tell how they almost gave a lift to an unwelcome visitor...



'We were on the last leg of a north-south island hike (on Koh Samet, a small island 200 kms from Bangkok) and stopped to watch the sun go down on a picture postcard, palm tree bordered, white sandy beach. For some reason I turned and looked at our rucksack. I may have been slightly sun-stroked and a little dehydrated but there was no way I was mistaking a snake for a rucksack strap! So we moved to scare the snake away, hoping it would decide this whole bag adventure thing was not worth the consequences. It did leave - straight into my shoe - half of it at least! The snake didn't know how very close it was to getting a free ride back to our bedroom!'

Life in Thailand is very different from our lives here - Nik and Sarah have been in

Bangkok for two years, grappling with the language and culture! They have been working in the YWAM office, which oversees projects as varied as Church planting in the slums of Bangkok; arranging for a YWAM team to work with severely handicapped and malnourished children in the largest orphanage in Thailand; and work on an island in Cambodia given over to mothers and children who are homeless and are running away from prostitution and violence. Nik and Sarah also work with the youth in their church in Bangkok.

Their time in Thailand comes to an end on 4th June and they fly back to England on the 25th, hoping to continue to serve God, possibly in the Discipleship Training School on board YWAM's ship 'Anastasis'. We should like to welcome them here in Ackworth and find out a little more about their work in Thailand - so do look out for them!

To support the valuable missionary work taking place in Thailand the Third World Committee are planning a 'Thai Evening' to take place on Friday, 16 July. Do join us and take this chance to sample some excellent Thai cuisine!



Thai Banquet

St. Cuthbert's Vestry

7.30 pm on Friday, July 16th, 1999

Tickets £6 per person from Third World Committee
Bring your own drinks!

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PCC NEWS

Do you know who is on your PCC and the job they do? The PCC (the Parochial Church Council not to be confused with the Parish Council) is made up of 19 members.

The Chair of the Council is the Rector -
The Rev'd Paul Hartley.

There are two elected Churchwardens - Bill Branston and Fred Davies. Churchwardens are elected on a yearly basis. Their duties are many and varied and includes keeping order amongst the congregation!

There are 12 elected members of the PCC each of which is elected on a three yearly basis, with four standing down each year. After the recent elections they are: David Cook, Sarah Hartley,

Mary Walker, Bryan Lewis (PCC Treasurer), Ada Pritchard (Stewardship Recorder), John Gardham (Covenant Secretary), Maureen Richardson, Barry Hill, Helen Parkinson, Doreen Seal, Ann Atack and Edward Wynn.

Our Parish is also allowed to have four representatives on the Deanery Synod, these members hold office for three years and also form part of the PCC membership, they are: Paul Fox, Susan Hartley, Kitty Cooper and Lynne Ward (PCC Secretary)



LATEST UPDATE

I, and I am sure the other members of the PCC, were deeply concerned to hear at our May meeting of the serious and worsening financial situation we find ourselves in as a Church. Whilst I do not wish to be alarmist, I feel that it is a situation that church members and all those who support the church in any way should be aware of.

We are approaching a major financial stewardship campaign in October when we hope the long term situation will be made secure. However, we have an increasingly urgent short term problem which simply means that we don't have the money to pay our bills. In short we are not presently receiving sufficient

income to cover our expenditure. We are currently facing bills of £4807 which when paid will create an overdraft of almost £1700.

I ask you to pray for your church, PCC and Treasurer and to offer any immediate practical support you are able to in what will be a worrying time ahead as we seek to ensure the continuing full functioning of all aspects of your church's life and work. Unless the current situation rapidly improves we may sadly have to consider making cuts somewhere in our budget at our meeting on the 7th June.

I am sorry to be the bearer of such sad tiding, but I feel it only right that you should know where your church stands.
The Rector



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June Rotas



Readings and Readers

6th	Proper 5	
O.T.	Romans 7:15-25a	Miss Smith/Mrs Riley
N.T.	Romans 4:13-25	Miss Smith/Mrs Woofinden
13th	Proper 6	
O.T.	Genesis 18:1-15	Mrs Cooper
N.T.	Romans 5:1-8	Mrs Cooper
20th	Proper 7	
O.T.	Genesis 21:8-21	Dr McWilliam/Mrs Walters
N.T.	Romans 6:1b-11	Dr McWilliam/Mr Walters
27th	Proper 8	
O.T.	Genesis 22:1-14	Mrs Hall
N.T.	Romans 6:12-23	Mrs Hall/Mrs Firth



Flowers & Brasses

St Cuthbert's/All Saints'

6th	Mrs Roberts/Mrs Cooper
13th	Mrs Asquith/Mrs Huby
20th	Mrs Barnard/ Miss Smith
27th	Vacant/Mrs Cooper



From the Registers

Baptisms

2nd May	John Cuffling
9th May	Rachel Elizabeth Galley
	Lewis William Brearley

Weddings

1st May	Jack Allen Powell & Mavis Evans
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Funerals

16th April	Jeffrey R Scholey, 5 York Place, Low Ackworth, aged 75
19th April	Jean Smith, 1 Mount Pleasant, aged 69
20th April	Olive Darlisson, 45 Orchard Drive, aged 90
14th May	May G Glover, 7 Wakefield Road, aged 48





June Diary

2	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion <i>MU Corporate Communion</i>	All Saints'
6	Sunday	Proper 5		
		8.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
		10.15am	Holy Communion and Junior Church	St Cuthbert's
		6.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'
7	Monday	7.30pm	PCC	vestry - St Cuthbert's
8	Tuesday	2.00pm	Mums and Tots	All Saints'
9	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
13	Sunday	Proper 6		
		8.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
		10.15am	Family Communion and Parade	St Cuthbert's
		6.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'
15	Tuesday	1.45pm	Home Group	5 Lindall Ave
16	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
19	Saturday		FUN DAY	
			<i>11.00 am - 4.00pm at St Cuthbert's & Rectory Garden</i>	
20	Sunday	Proper 7		
		8.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
		10.15am	Holy Communion and Junior Church	St Cuthbert's
		6.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'
22	Tuesday	2.00pm	Mums and Tots	All Saints'
23	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
24	Thursday	The Birth of John the Baptist		
		2.30pm	Mother's Union	All Saints'
		7.30pm	Holy Communion	St Cuthbert's
26	Saturday		<i>Ackworth Gala</i>	Playing Fields
27	Sunday	Proper 8		
		8.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
		10.15am	Holy Communion and Junior Church	St Cuthbert's
		4.00pm	Open Door Service	All Saints'
29	Tuesday	Sts Peter and Paul, Apostles		
		7.30pm	Holy Communion	St Cuthbert's
30	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'

**Don't forget - Confirmation by the Bishop of Wakefield on
11th July at St Cuthbert's**

Please contact Sue Hartley or Biddy Branston if you need an event putting in the monthly diary.

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THE JUNE SAINTS

The New Lectionary recognises 22 Holy days or Saints days during the month of June. Ten are lesser festivals, of the remaining twelve only four are greater festivals (sometimes referred to as red letter days - they are actually printed in red in the 'Christian Year' book!)

Barnabas the Apostle (11th) was 'a good man, full of the Holy Ghost and of faith.' Although styled 'apostle' he was not one of the Twelve, he was a Cypriot Jew and is remembered for his close association with the work of St Paul. It was Barnabas who was sent to the growing Christian centre at Antioch. He is said to have been martyred at Salamis, a Cypriot port.

The Birth of John the Baptist (24th). John was the forerunner and herald of Jesus Christ. His parents were Zachary - a priest of Jerusalem - and Elizabeth a kinswoman of the Virgin Mary. His life is probably one of the better known having baptised Jesus and eventually being beheaded by Herod on the whim of Salome. Contrary to popular custom the principal feast commemorates his birth: but his death is also observed on the 29 August.

Peter and Paul, Apostles (29th). Paul until his conversion to Christ

was known as Saul his trade being that of a tent-maker. He was brought up as a strict Pharisee even to the point of seeking out Christians and handing them over to be imprisoned or even put to death.

His conversion came whilst on the way to Damascus where in a vision Jesus Christ rebuked him and told him he was destined to take the Christian faith to the Gentiles. Paul's missionary journeys are legion visiting places such as Ephesus, Greece, Malta and Rome to mention but a few!

Peter, the leader of the Apostles started out as a fisherman on the Sea of Galilee. He was married and the brother of (St) Andrew, with whom he was called to follow Christ and be a 'fisher of men.' His original name was Simon but Jesus gave him the name Peter, the Greek equivalent of which means 'rock.'

The New Testament gives ample evidence of Peter's unique position among the apostles. Peter was the one who prior to Christ's death denied him three times. He was martyred under Nero and it is thought (but disputed) that he was crucified, head downwards - at his own request.

Thinking About Ministry? A WMS Report

This was the title of our Lent Study Groups. The question mark is, however, an addition. In the group which I attended, we came to the conclusion that we are all called into ministry, of one form or another, and that ministry is not the prerogative of the clergy. A phrase which has been oft-quoted to me recently is "The Priesthood of all believers." That is, that all who believe must act as priests. By this I mean anyone who professes the Christian faith is called to mediate between God and people. We are all called to mediate between God and the people who live in this village and who we do not see in church.

This is in no way meant to downgrade the job of the clergy. They have a very definite calling, and a very definite role to play within the church, but they are not the only ones who work on behalf of Christ in this world. Indeed we are perhaps more important when it comes to Christian contact with the world, because we are in the world more often than the clergy, who can become detached - if they allow it to happen.

The core group (and others) of the WMS took these thoughts about

ministry one stage further by attending a whole day of study on vocation.

It is true to say that we have all had a calling. Going to church, calling ourselves Christians is not a popular activity in the eyes of the world. Therefore it must be a calling which has brought us into the presence of God. We are all called, and therefore we all have a vocation. What that vocation is has to be discerned.

We spent some of our time trying to work out how we know when we are being called, and what we are being called to. This led naturally onto the calling to ordination. During the day we heard from two ordained Priests, who are Ordained Local Ministers. That means they can practice their Ordination only in the Parish to which they are ordained. They are also non-stipendary, i.e. unpaid.

The Time and Talents Audit, which is being carried out at present, requires that we all search our hearts and minds to see exactly what God is calling us to do here in Ackworth. Prayer is essential if we are to consider what God's will is for us.



Who is Left?

Isaiah chapter 10

So far I have written about the creation of the world and the beginning of the human destruction of the world, followed by how God chooses and by how God has promised to act to save us.

This chapter of Isaiah shows how man will react to that saving power from God.

Isaiah of course is writing for the Jewish nation. A nation which had seen many ups and downs in its fortunes. It had been a mighty and powerful fighting nation under the rule of David and a cultural, peaceful nation under Solomon. After that its fortunes fluctuated, first by the division of the nation into a northern and southern kingdom. Each of these kingdoms was then invaded and destroyed, ending with the exile of the nation in Babylon. This history can read about in the Old Testament.

There was however, another side to the nation which was founded on Abraham. - its spiritual nature - this too had seen many fluctuations. From the low of the reign of Ahab and his wife Jezebel, to the high of Josiah who discovered the book of the Law in the Temple and began his religious reforms. It was through the Jewish nation that God promised

redemption. They were to be the instruments of salvation.

God must have despaired of his chosen people constantly turning their backs on him, and then expecting him to act on their behalf all the time, especially during their exile. Isaiah tells them that a time is coming when a few people will come back to God, and will rely on God, not on the nation which almost destroyed them.

Does this all sound familiar? Perhaps it should. God created us and we have not conformed to his will. He has chosen us and has promised to save us, but a person can only be saved if they really want to be saved.



Does our nation wish to be saved? Superficially we call ourselves a Christian country however, I often wonder just how many people would actually commit themselves to Christianity. When I look around our church buildings on a Sunday morning, it would seem that there are not many who are willing to do so.

So it seems that Isaiah's prophecy to the nation of Israel is just as valid to us today as it was then. Only a few of God's people will return to him. Are you one of them?

Paul Fox



Suzy Fund

Vera McWilliam and Barbara Firth

Extract from a letter received from Brian Hazell:

'Thanks for your cheque for £70.02 and summary sheet. It is amazing to think that you have been our 'Ackworth Branch' since February '96 and have collected over £3000. If 10p provided a meal for one child then, you could have had quite a party; 30,000 meals or enough to feed almost 100 children for a year. Quite frankly the people we send the money to tell me that if the money does not arrive then the orphans die.'

Of course, the Suzy Fund is not used exclusively to provide food for children, although in the early days that was its prime aim and it still responds to the needs of children in desperate circumstances. Brian went on to say that the previous week he had sent £2000 to help the refugees in Kosovo. £500 of that money had been directed to the Archbishop of York's appeal and in his letter the Archbishop wrote:

'I am sending this at once to the European Children's Trust who I know will transmit it to the hard-pressed people they already have working just across the border in Albania.'

Brian would like us to pass on his thanks to all those who continue to support the Suzy Fund.



Youthful Church Leadership

Eddie Wynn

The recent Annual Church Meeting elected Sarah Hartley to stand on the Church Council. At 16 years of age she is the youngest member of the PCC that Church rules allow and certainly the youngest Ackworth has known! Is this a take-over bid by the Hartleys? As it was I who nominated Sarah I should like to explain my reasons.

Firstly, Sarah has a great deal to contribute to how the Church in Ackworth moves forward. She will fulfil the role as a PCC member in representing the views of all Church members and in communicating decisions and discussion with the whole congregation. And, I am sure, she will not hesitate to give her own very independent viewpoint!

Secondly, young people are the Church of tomorrow. They should be valued for their gifts and abilities, irrespective of their age. Sarah will bring to the PCC a fresh viewpoint and will highlight those issues of greatest importance to her age group.

Lastly, I remember how encouraged I felt as a 17 year old representative on PCC, that I had a voice and that my views were important. I have every confidence that Sarah will have the maturity and ability to represent all views and influence the future life of the Church in Ackworth.

Gardening Page!

Children's Society Gardens Campaign

Alan Titchmarsh, top gardener, is calling on gardening fans in Britain to take part in The Children's Society's annual 'All Gardens Great and Small' campaign to run between May and September 1999.

Alan said: "This is a great opportunity to enjoy the fruit of your labours, show off your prize specimens and help raise money for The Children's Society's excellent work! All you have to do is open your garden to friends, family and neighbours and charge a fee. You can also raise extra money on the day by serving refreshments and selling plants."

"It doesn't matter whether you're a seasoned gardener or are just developing your green fingers, or how big or small your garden is. You may have sprawling acres or a modest town garden, everyone can take part and help some of the country's most vulnerable children and young people."

The Children's Society works directly with some of the most vulnerable children and young people in isolated and deprived communities, in schools, on city streets and in prisons.

A free information pack for gardeners interested in taking part in the campaign is available from National Campaigns, The Children's Society, Edward Rudolph House, Margery Street, London, WC1X 0JL, Telephone: 0171 841 4400



Alan Titchmarsh's Top Five Tips

- Mulch all bare soil with a two-inch layer of well-rotted garden compost or manure to seal in moisture and keep down weeds.
- Fit water butts to catch rain water from all your down pipes.
- Make a new compost bin which stops that slithering pile spreading over the garden.
- Plant thickly so that border perennials, cover the ground and leave no room for weeds.
- Feed all container grown plants once a fortnight from April to September with liquid tomato food.

News, Events and Dates for your Diary



Bishop Nigel to Visit Ackworth 11th July

Bishop Nigel is to visit Ackworth on July 11th as part of his journey around the Diocese to commission all parishes to go forward into the new millennium 'bearing the light of Christ.' He will be bringing with him the 'Christ our Light' candle which was lit in every location visited during his recent pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The Bishop hopes that 'we will all share that deepening sense of bearing the light of Christ.'

Confirmation

12 children and 2 adults are to be confirmed by the Bishop during the Eucharist service at St. Cuthbert's. It is thirteen years since this ceremony was last performed in Ackworth. Please come and support the confirmation candidates and their families.

Reception

After the service there will be a reception in Church for Bishop Nigel. Come and join in the welcome and meet the Bishop.



Mothers' Union ~ June

2nd Corporate Communion, All Saints Church, 9.30 a.m.

3rd Diocesan Quiet Day at Mirfield, 10.30 am

17th Diocesan Council Meeting, Dewsbury Minster, 6.45 pm.

24th Service and Meeting at All Saints' Church, 2.30 pm.

An officer from the Fire Service will talk about fire prevention in the home and the Advisory Service now available to members of the public. This will be an open meeting. All welcome.

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