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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 (changes to 3.30 pm on 7th Nov)
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 ...



In the church's liturgical calendar, the month of November is frequently punctuated with commemorations of Christians who down the centuries have been outstanding in their example and contributions to the faith in the British Isles. Because of their courage, steadfastness and dedication they have been elevated to the status of sainthood; a title they so richly deserve.

Beginning with All Saints on the first of the month and ending with Andrew the Apostle on the last day of November, we have to name but a few, Richard Hooker (3rd); St Willibrod Bishop of York (7th); the Saints and Martyrs of England (8th); Charles Simeon (13th); Queen Margaret of Scotland (16th); Hugh of Avilon and Bishop of Lincoln (17th); Hilda of Whitby (19th) and Edmund of East Anglia (20th). Along with All Saints' Day and Remembrance Day as well as various assorted Martyrs mystics and Bishops at home and abroad numbering some 26 commemorations in all! - it is quite a month for "those who have gone before us with the sign of faith" as the petition for the departed in the ASB Rite A intercessions puts it.

Though it is undoubtedly right that we should commemorate those who have lived lives with an exceptional degree of devotion to the Christian

way of life, there can be the unfortunate knock-on effect of overawing us and making our own efforts seem feeble or insignificant. We should not allow such feelings to overwhelm us. In particular All Saints is a festival when we remember those countless saints, unrecognised who were known perhaps only to their friends or neighbours or even to God alone who have now left this world and are in heaven. Not a time to remember also-rans but all those who have spent their lives serving others in accordance with the Gospel of our Lord. A definition which I found helpful from the 'Penguin Dictionary of Saints' was *'Men and women become saints by living 'in Christ' in whatever state of life to which they are called. They are enabled to do this by grace, the divine help - as Christians they believe - which Christ freely offers to every man according to the circumstances, capacities and needs of each one.'* This I feel gives hope to all of us who feel overawed by those Christian giants the canonical saints, who we commemorate by name.

Sainthood then is within reach of all Christians as attested by Saint Paul in many of his epistle, and as many of you are aware, there are many living saints walking about among us now, against the sides of whom we often

feel humbled.

Saints were never perfect people; many were simple ordinary folk - such as ourselves - who did what their position in life demanded with an extraordinary level of Christian faithfulness and integrity. Saints are not people who rest back their laurels, believing they have done enough good to achieve a high place in heaven and the accolade of sainthood. Saints are those people who are aware of their sinful nature and aim at the highest, though unattainable target; the perfection of our Lord Jesus Christ. They are in short to use our Lord's own words from his sermon on the mount, a passage popularly known as the

Beatitudes; *"those who know their need of God..."* as he goes on to say *"... the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."*

So then, as we praise the saints in worship throughout November, join with them in prayer and invoke their intercession in heaven on our behalf, let us also not forget the many who were never canonised or commemorated on special days. Let us spare a thought and a prayer for those still amongst us; those who in that popular hymn "Ye holy angels bright", are the "Saints who toil below".

Yours in Christ

Paul



Social Committee News

A new social committee has now been formed and have met to discuss plans for the future. As with any new committee their ideas may be somewhat different to what has happened in the past, but it is hoped with everyone's help and support that their ventures will be successful in every way.



Plans for the Christmas Fair are now well underway, lists for offers of help to man the stalls are in both churches. Please do not think that this means you have to supply all the items for sale - boxes for donations for all the stalls will be in both churches. Lists for fresh foods will also be available, please sign up if you can offer donations in this way.

The Social Committee depends on you to make the events a success - they cannot do it without you!

The new committee members are: Biddy Branston, Sue Hartley, Lyn Place, Ada Pritchard, Maureen Richardson, Doreen Seal and Pauline Wright.

FOR CHILDREN ~ YOUNG AND OLD



POPPIES

Poppies flower in the summer don't they? So why poppies in November? You will see them everywhere in the next week or so, and everyone from the smallest Rainbow or Beaver to the Queen will be wearing a poppy on Remembrance Sunday.



We wear poppies because among all the mud and chaos of the battlefields of the Great War, men were amazed to see the field flower of home, the humble poppy, springing up when the earth was disturbed - a blood-red splash of colour in a sea of khaki.

When the British Legion started an appeal to those whose bodies or minds had been shattered by war, the poppy seemed an ideal symbol.

BIBLE NAMES

Each of these scrambled words are the names of someone in the Bible - the letters are in alphabetical order. Can you re-arrange them to find the hidden name?

1. AHNO
2. EMOSS
3. AAABHMR
4. AEEHLMSTU
5. AEHHJOPST
6. AACHIRSUZ
7. EEEIKLZ
8. AABBEHHST
9. DEEIMRSTU

We call our teacher 'Treasure'. That's because we don't know where she was dug up.

Have you heard about the man who had three daughters, Hazel, Coco and Brazil? They were all nuts.

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1. Noah
 2. Moses
 3. Abraham
 4. Methuselah
 5. Jehosophat
 6. Zacharius
 7. Ezekiel
 8. Bathsheba
 9. Demetrius

Etcetera



Millennium Parish Weekend Green Gables Hotel, Scarborough 3 - 5 March, 2000

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Booking forms will soon be available from Paul Fox or Lynne Ward - watch out for further details!

A Childhood Between the Wars by Jacquetta Bouch

(daughter of Revd. J L Bouch,
Rector of Ackworth 1910-1940)

Jacquetta, who was born in 1915 and lived at the Rectory until 1940, has written a book about her childhood in Ackworth. Through her reminiscences she paints an outline of life in Ackworth during this period, drawing on her own childhood experiences. The book gives real insight into Ackworth life as it was between the wars.

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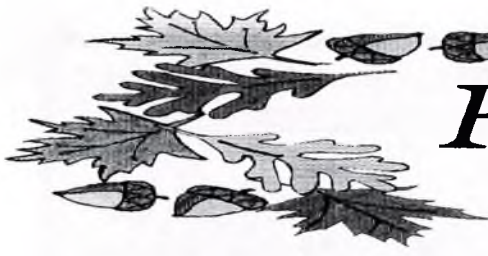
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Readers and Readings

7th	3rd Before Advent Amos 5:18-24 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Mrs Hall/ Fred Davies Mrs Hall/ Fred Davies
14th	2nd Before Advent Zephaniah 1:7 and 12-18 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Mrs Walker Mrs Walker/Mr Walters
21st	Christ the King Exekiel 34:11-16 and 20-24 Ephesians 1:15-23	Miss Smith/Mrs Riley Miss Smith/ Fred Davies
28th	1st Sunday of Advent Isaiah 64:1-9 1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Mrs Cooper Mrs Cooper/Mark Cavill

Flowers and Brasses

St Cuthbert's/All Saints'

7th	Mrs Ashton/Congregation	Mrs Meady
14th	Remembrance/Vacant	and
21st	Vacant/Vacant	Mrs Harwood
28th	ADVENT	

From the Registers

Baptisms

- 26 Sept Daniel Ian Byrom and Casey Andrew Townsend
- 10 Oct Jack Matthew Byrom and Chloe Louise Cartwright

Weddings

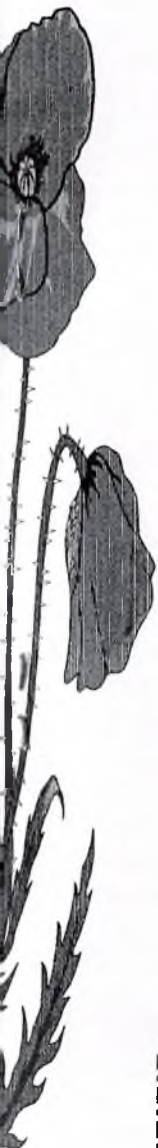
- 25 Sept Nicholas Graham Berry and Zoe Adele Booth
Peter Alisdair Tyrell and Susan Lesley Ogle

Funerals

- 15 Sept Fred Hardaker, 27 Moor Top Avenue, aged 80
- 17 Sept Edith Doreen Shaw, 12 Moor Top Avenue, aged 64
- 22 Sept Paul Stuart Smith, 65 Mount Pleasant, aged 39



ember Diary



1	Monday	7.30pm	PCC	Vestry - St Cuthbert's
3	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion (<i>MU Corporate Communion</i>)	All Saints'
4	Thursday	7.30pm	Magazine Committee	
5	Friday	5.30pm	Bonfire Party	The Rectory
7	Sunday		1st Before Advent	
		8.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
		10.15am	Holy Communion and Junior Church	St Cuthbert's
		3.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'
9	Tuesday	2.00pm	Mums and Tots	All Saints'
10	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
14	Sunday		2nd Before Advent - 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'
17	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
		7.45pm	Women's Group	Vestry - St Cuthbert's
21	Sunday		Christ the King	
		8.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
		10.15am	Holy Communion and Junior Church	St Cuthbert's
		3.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'
24	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
25	Thursday	2.30pm	Mothers Union - Service & Meeting	27 Orchard Dr
27	Saturday	2.00pm	Christingle Making	St Cuthbert's
28	Sunday		1st Sunday of Advent - lectionary year B	
		8.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
		10.15am	Holy Communion and Junior Church	St Cuthbert's
		4.00pm	Christingle Service	All Saints'
		6.00pm	Christingle Service	St Cuthbert's
30	Tuesday		St Andrew's	
		7.30pm	Holy Communion	St Cuthbert's

Christingle Services

Children, young and old, are invited to attend this popular service. Young ones will receive the symbolic Christingle, all proceeds will be going to the Children's Society.



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Zechariah 2:10-13

"Shout and be glad, O Daughter of Zion. For I am coming, and I will live among you," declares the LORD.

"Many nations will be joined with the LORD in that day and will become my people. I will live among you and you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me to you. The LORD will inherit Judah as his portion in the holy land and will again choose Jerusalem. Be still before the LORD, all mankind, because he has roused himself from his holy dwelling."

So, are you ready for the big event? Soon the Millennium celebrations will be upon us, and no sooner are they upon us than they will be over and done with. I, for one, shall not be too sad to see the back of them. But there is another event which we should be ready for, one which is far more important. This passage from Zechariah tells us what that event is.

All the passages from the Old Testament which I taken you through this year have been leading up to this climax. The whole of the Old Testament leads up to this point. The coming of the Lord.

In this passage, God speaks, and his words are words of comfort. It is in this passage that God

announces that he is coming to dwell among his people. This is known as the annunciation - the announcing of the Lord's coming.

God not only tells us that he is coming but that we should rejoice in that fact and that we should shout aloud to everyone around us that it is true.

God promises to live with his people, and that many more will join his people to worship God. This is a fact which is so true today - as it was then. God will live with his faithful people, but there is more, there are more people which God wants to be part of his family. It is our job to ensure that can happen.

God is coming to claim his people as his own. He will not only live with them but he will own them. This too is a fact we should not ignore. If we are to call ourselves God's people, then we must proclaim that he has ownership over us and over our lives.

As you prepare for the Millennium celebrations try and remember this passage from Zechariah. This passage speaks more truth to us than any advertisement of the coming Millenium.



In this months article we look at funerals, maybe not the happiest of topics but one which many of us may have to deal with in the future.

"The Doctor's just gone, what do I do now?" This may be the first thought that comes to mind, just where do you start? These days a local Funeral Director is usually the first place to contact. They will take care of most of the arrangements.

However, you still have choices to make. Do you want a burial or a cremation? Do you want a funeral service in Church or at the Crematorium?

There should be no problems with having a service in church and this could be the best venue if you or your departed loved one are Christians, you should let your funeral director know what your preferences are so that the right arrangements are made on your behalf. It is also worth bearing in mind

that if you expect a large number of mourners the local church might be the one place where everyone can get in.

A service in church will usually include singing two hymns, the vicar or priest will be able to help you with making a suitable choice. It is often possible to include playing a suitable favourite piece of music at some point during the service, again the vicar will be able to give you advice on this.

Following on from a church service the deceased can then be moved to the cemetery or the crematorium depending on individual preferences.

If you prefer a service at the crematorium the funeral director will contact your parish priest to make the arrangements. The service itself will be the same but without hymns. Also bear in mind that space may be more restrictive for all the mourners.

Finally the burial,



unfortunately here in Ackworth both the churchyards are now closed for burial, however, the plots for the burial of ashes are still open. If you do choose a cremation followed by a burial of ashes in either churchyard please bear in mind that there are a number of restrictions in force.

This means that legally the plot for ashes in St Cuthbert's is unmarked with no memorials placed, and at All Saints' a simple stone tablet is all that is permitted. To save problems later on it is usually better to check before any work is carried out.

Jars of Grace



Lord, we give thanks for this food and for the opportunity to share it together, May we ask for your blessing on the work of UNICEF as it helps to share your gifts with the world's most vulnerable children Amen.

When we sit down to a meal in this country, the majority of us are lucky enough to be confident that our food provides the nutrition we need to maintain good health. Lack of essential vitamins and minerals can lead to long-term problems.

In particular a lack of vitamin A in the diet is the main cause of blindness in children under 5 worldwide - more than 250,000 children lose their sight due to this deficiency each year! In addition, three million children die each year due to a weakened immune system, again simply through the lack of this one vitamin.

Proceeds from UNICEF's 'Jars of Grace' scheme will, this year, be used to prevent this needless loss of sight, by providing vitamin supplements for needy children. Leaflets (including a label for a jar) are available in both churches; just by dropping a coin in the jar each mealtime as an act of gratitude you can make a real difference to the lives of innocent children. Each 4p (yes really - that small amount!) can protect the sight of a child for a year. Jars will be collected early in the new year.

Thank you - *please make a difference.*

Further details from Lynne Ward (616384)

News, Events and Dates for your Diary

Mothers' Union ~ November

- 3rd Corporate Communion, All Saints Church, 9.30 a.m.
11th Diocesan Council Meeting, Dewsbury Minster, 10 a.m.
25th Service and Branch Meeting, 27 Orchard Drive, 2.30 p.m.
26th Deanery Committee Meeting, St. Giles' Church, Pontefract, 2 p.m.

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