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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...

This month is marked by an important event in the life of our church; or rather FOR the life of our church, to ensure its continuation well into the next millennium.

On Sunday October 10th at a joint service at 10.15am in Saint Cuthbert's, as well as celebrating our Harvest Thanksgiving, we also launch our Stewardship 2000 campaign. In order to ensure hopefully that no member of the church misses out, there will be no morning service at All Saints' Church that day and we will worship together as one parish under one roof. This will be balanced, when at the end of the month we cancel St Cuthbert's morning service and worship together on All Saints Sunday, appropriately at All Saints.

At this second service, having read the material given out at the launch service and prayerfully and carefully considered your response to your churches financial needs, the pledge forms will be collected back in and offered with the offertory collection at the altar for God's blessing.



Without wishing to repeat too much of what has been written in previous issues, let me explain briefly why, as a PCC, we are launching this campaign. In the simplest of terms, due to circumstances beyond our control (i.e those to whom we pay our bills increasing their costs!) our expenditure has outgrown our income. As is inevitably the case, such a situation will eventually reach the point where either we increase our income, cut our expenditure (very difficult as they are already cut to the bare essentials), or go into the red. As I am sure, not many of its members would like to see their church in debt, financially speaking (theologically speaking we are continually in debt to our maker and redeemer!) the only available option is the first; increase our income. The only effective and reliable way to do this is to ask you, its members, to consider increasing the amount you give regularly to support the churches work (i.e your offertory).

Appropriately the service which we chose to launch this appeal on

happened to be the same day at which we traditionally celebrate our Harvest Thanksgiving; a time when we offer gifts, usually of harvest produce back to God, in thanksgiving for what we have so richly been given by him. A time when we are called to give account, metaphorically speaking for our stewardship of the many gifts and resources entrusted to us by God.

Although we may prefer not to think in such terms, this also includes our financial resources and as the church, just as much as the world to which it ministers, cannot survive without financial support, what better way to give thanks to God than to give back a little of our finances to his Church. Besides which, at the most basic level, it is plainly and simply the responsibility of each and every one of us to ensure that our church has enough money to be able to do its work properly.

Finally, what I ask of each one of you is, that in the first instance, you make an extra special effort to come to Saint Cuthbert's on the 10th of October to hear what your church needs from you and also to the response service on the 31st to offer your renewal pledges to support your church into the next millennium and beyond. Secondly, at the end of the first service to pick up an envelope containing several different leaflets which explain about giving and the Church's need. Also to take and pass

on any envelope addressed to someone you live near to who was unable to attend.

Please read the material in the pack then, after much thought and prayer, respond by completing the pledge form, hopefully increasing your offering to the church. Remember, we are hoping not just to meet immediate shortfall, but seeking a sound financial footing which will take us well into the next millennium. I, least of all, would hate to be having to write another such article in one or two years time because we find ourselves in the same situation again. It would be a great blessing if, at least in the foreseeable future, we didn't have to worry about money above all else, or before deciding whether or not we can begin new ventures.

Last and by no means least return the pledge form, either personally or via a fellow member of the church, so we are able to budget effectively, based upon what we can expect to receive.

Above all else, whatever your decision is in response to this campaign, it is in the end between you and God, let your response be in proportion to what He has given you. We can never fully hope to repay all our debt to Him, but we can offer a proportion as our thanksgiving.

Yours in Christ

Paul.

FOR CHILDREN - YOUNG AND OLD!



WORLD ANIMAL DAY 4th October

World Animal Day takes place every year on October 4th. It has been celebrated in countries around the world for many years as a day which commemorates St Francis of Assisi – the patron saint of animals.

There are many legends about animals being drawn to Francis by his quiet love and holiness. He called all animals his brothers and sisters.

In a time when we are so concerned about the environment it is good to think about St Francis who

taught that each of us is dear to God, each one of us created by one heavenly Father. So every creature, from the biggest to the smallest, from the cuddliest to the creepiest, is our brother or sister. And this should affect the way we treat all the other species with which we share planet Earth.

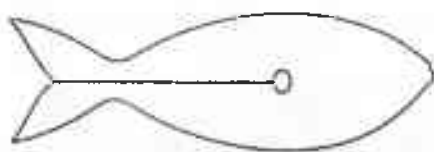


SWIM, FISH, SWIM

How do you make a paper fish swim? Cut a fish shape from a sheet of ordinary writing paper. Make it 10-12 cm (4-5 inches) long and if you decorate it make sure that the colours won't run when the fish gets wet.

In the centre of the fish's body cut a small circle and then a very narrow slit from the tail to the circle.

Now, keeping its surface dry, gently lay the fish on the surface of a bath or large bowl of water and carefully place a few drops of cooking oil into the central hole. The oil will expand through the slit and drive the fish through the water.



1st cow: Moo-oo-oo.

2nd cow: Cock-a-doodle doo.

1st cow: What's with the 'Cock-a-doodle doo'?

2nd cow: I'm learning a foreign language.

Where would you put an injured insect?

In an antbulance.

Nik and Sarah ~ Missionaries on the Move!

You remember our article about Nik and Sarah Matthews in the June magazine? As you know, they left Thailand after two years working in the YWAM (Youth with a Mission) office in Bangkok. YWAM is involved in projects as diverse as Church planting in the slums of Bangkok and working with homeless mothers and children in Cambodia.

The Thai Banquet held at St. Cuthbert's in July raised, together with generous donations from those taking part, about £100. Nik and Sarah decided to give the money to the YWAM Sponsored Children Project. Pikul, Nik and Sarah's Thai friend working on the project (pictured on the right) is sitting beside Nittaya, a little girl rescued from a life on the streets of Bangkok.



Pikul sends her thanks to all who contributed to the project and hopes you will continue your support by praying for her. In particular, she asks you to pray for:

1. Her work. She needs a good translator and wisdom and guidance as the project expands.

2. Her new 'daughter', Pikul, and their relationship.

3. A bigger place to live. Pikul's vision is to get a big house so she can take in more children like Nittaya.

Nik and Sarah are continuing their work as missionaries with YWAM on board the Mercy Ships vessel *Anastasis*. Nik is assisting the Financial Officer and Sarah, the Personnel Manager. They will work closely with other departments as well as with the Home Office and other Mercy Ships locations.

Nik and Sarah need your support. Please pray for their ministry regularly and, if possible, give financial support. Contact Bill and Bidy Branston on 610590 for details on how to do so. Alternatively, write to:

Nik and Sarah Matthews
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3rd	Proper 22 Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20 Philippians 3:4b-14	Dr McWilliam/Mr Davies Dr McWilliam/Mark Cavill
10th	Proper 23 Exodus 32:1-14 Philippians 4:1-9	Mrs Walker Mrs Walker
17th	Proper 24 Exodus 33:12-23 1Thessalonians 1:1-10	Miss Smith/Sue Hartley Miss Smith/ Sarah Hartley
24th	Proper 25 Deuteronomy 34:1-14 1Thessalonians 2:1-8	Mrs Cooper/Mr R Firth Mrs Cooper/Helen Parkinson
31st	4th Before Advent Micah 3:5-12 1 Thessalonians 2:9:13	Dr McWilliam Dr McWilliam/Mrs Woofinden



Flowers

St Cuthbert's/All Saints'	
3rd	Mrs Reast/Miss Smith
10th	Congregations
17th	Vacant/Congregation
24th	Vacant/Miss Smith
31st	Vacant/Congregation



Brasses

Mrs Sutcliffe



Harvest

Don't forget your harvest gifts on Sunday 10th October. Once again this year your gifts of produce - fresh or tins and packets - will be going to 'Caring For Life' a Leeds based charity which continues its work with homeless young people.





Archdeacon Richard writes —

FRUITFULNESS

*Seasons of mists and mellow fruitfulness
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eaves run.*

I wish I had a £1 for every parish magazine article for September or October that has started with this famous quotation from Keats. It may even have made the front of **See-Link** before.

Though I'm no poetry buff, I find there's something very evocative about these lines. They catch the essence of autumn and the harvest season, reminding those of us who live in urban areas of our



dependence on God's world and God's generosity.

In our last parish, the Rectory garden had a wonderful plum tree,

which, in one memorable year alone, gave us more than 100 lbs of fruit. I have a photograph of the garden that autumn which could be used as an advert for someone's fruit pies! However, I gather from my successor that the

tree recently got one of those fungal diseases and ceased to bear fruit altogether. To prevent the spread of the disease, the tree has had to be cut down.

The parable of Jesus about the barren fig tree came to mind as I heard the fate of the Rectory plum tree. For three successive years the landowner is disappointed when he receives no harvest from it at all, and he suggests it's a waste of space. The gardener however wants to give it another chance with extra care and more fertilizer. If that fails, the time to cut it down may have to come.

The expectation and the compassion of God are so beautifully balanced in that

parable, as so often in the teaching of Jesus. Yes, he expects his people to be fruitful in his service; but he's loath to give up on anyone too soon. God's loving tender care may make a person fruitful yet.

Keats' line about the fruitful vine brings another image from the teaching of Jesus to mind as well. "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me, you can do nothing."

In this season of 'mellow fruitfulness', what fruit are you going to bear for God and with the help of his Spirit?

Richard Inwood



People and Places

The Revd **Giles Harris-Evans**, Team Rector of Brighthouse and Clifton, has been appointed vicar of St Peter, Petersfield with St Mary, Buriton in the Diocese of Portsmouth. The institution will take place on 26 November.

The Revd **Kenneth M Singleton**, was licensed as Assistant Priest in the Parish of St John the Baptist, Kirkheaton on Sunday 12 September.

The Revd **Matthew J Barnes**, at present Curate of St Peter's Stanley, is to be Team Vicar of St Bartholomew's Clay Cross and St Mark's Handley (Diocese of Derby). The licensing will take place on 26 September.

The Revd **Simon Parkinson** expresses his gratitude for the prayers of so many in the Diocese during his recent illness. After two successful operations he has been officially restored to the active list.

Wakefield Cathedral Choir

We are looking for Boy Choristers for the Cathedral Choir
Choristers attend Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield
Scholarships are worth one third of the fees in the Junior School
and 40% of the fees in the Senior School.

School Entrance Examination — Monday 7 February

Cathedral Voice Trial — Saturday 12 February

Age — 7 to 10 years

To find our more:

Contact Jonathan Bielby, The Cathedral, Wakefield WF1 1HG
(Telephone 01924 373923) as soon as possible

*You are invited to the Cathedral to hear the Choristers sing
Carols on Tuesday 7 December at 5pm
and meet the Cathedral Music Staff*

CMS is 200

The Church Mission Society was founded by a group of forward looking Christians, including William Wilberforce, in 1799, who felt God was calling them to share their faith beyond Britain. CMS sent people to many countries in Africa and Asia, New Zealand and Canada and was the catalyst which allowed Christians in those countries to build their own Christian communities. In the early days many schools and hospitals were run by CMS and this was often the only provision for health and education. Some of the first missionaries were trained by the Vicar of Dewsbury, Rev Mr Buckworth.

CMS is still sending mission partners to work with the church in Romania, Sierra Leone, Pakistan, Tanzania and many other places. Our partner churches are sending people here to help us share God's Good News eg in Bradford and Leeds. CMS also gives grants to train Church leaders, both lay and ordained; often works with the

church in areas where there are many refugees eg Sudan, or Congo and with small and struggling churches.

We are celebrating this important birthday in Dewsbury Minster on Saturday 27th November. Please come and join the celebration and explore the World Church. From 10am to 1pm you can try your hand at making peanut butter, watch videos about The World Church, make a small Dinka cross (a sign of hope in the war torn Southern Sudan), test your knowledge with an intriguing quiz, meet the mission partners of today and have lots of fun. From 2pm to 4pm there will be a dramatic all age presentation followed by all age worship.

We hope many people of all ages will come and join us and put a bit of light into a dull November day and see CMS into their next century.

For more details contact Dewsbury Minster (01924 457057) or Natasha Thomas (CMS Area co-ordinator) 01274 499361.

Yorkshire Three Choirs Festival

This year the Festival is at Wakefield Cathedral with the choirs of Ripon Cathedral, Leeds Parish Church and Wakefield Cathedral.

Thursday 30 Sept: 630pm Evensong (Wakefield Cathedral Choir). Friday 1 October 6pm Evensong (Wakefield Cathedral Girls' Choir) & 8pm Recital, Violin & Piano. Saturday 2 October 5pm Festal Evensong (Combined Choirs) & 7pm Festival Recital (Combined Choirs). Tuesday 5 October 105pm Leeds Town Hall, Lunchtime Concert.

Millennium Keepsake

Christians in every town and city in England are being urged to provide a millennium keepsake for their communities — by helping handwrite a Gospel.

Bible Society believes that a handwritten Gospel for the Millennium will link God's Story, which started the first Millennium, with the people of today, and so far forty groups are involved. The project will also raise money for Bible programmes across the world as writers donate £1 for each verse they copy. They will receive a certificate and be entered on the List of Scribes, to be included in the finished Gospels.

Once the handwritten sheets are specially bound, the Gospels will be presented to local town halls or public libraries for future generations.

A Gospel for the Millennium will take three months to complete if chapters are assigned to churches and local groups — but it is also an excellent opportunity to get tourists and shoppers involved. The goal is for each town's Gospel to raise over £1000.

Children can be invited to produce pictures based on the Scripture passages — Bible Society will provide preprinted sheets; with a space for their pictures, name, age and church or school.

The finished volume will then be bound in an elegant maroon

leather binding, with corded spine and cold inlaid title and Bible Society "Sower" logo, plus silk headband. The marbled end papers are repeated on the custom made book box, which also carries the title and logo. This high quality binding is designed to last and will create a feature in any council chamber, library, or church.

Bible Society Partnership Team Leader Andy Bissex explained, "We are thrilled with the response to this project but we'd love to have every town in England involved. It's not only a fabulous way of providing a millennium keepsake for your local community, but a great way of raising thousands of pounds for Bible work while having fun and taking part in something that will last."

The *Altrincham Gospel* launched by that town's mayor earlier this year, has been a great success, according to local organizer Prue Wallis Myers.

The Gospel project began with a public exhibition at the town's library. The two week event, which enjoyed support from many different churches displayed photographs and stories on how the Word of God has touched people's hearts, and included translation facts, competitions, and the Testaments videos. Also visiting church schools Prue saw almost 200 ten year olds writing out a gospel verse. Prue explained, "This project has opened the Bible for some of the

children. It's really been a wonderful opportunity." Some children have drawn pictures illustrating the stories and the best will be included in the finished Gospel, which will be bound during the summer.

Meanwhile, Brighthouse Action Group is already encouraging churchgoers to pay £1 to write out one of the 880 verses in John's Gospel, and has arranged for the final verse to be written by the Bishop of Wakefield in October.

When completed the book will be on display in the town library for future generations.

Why not take part?

If you would like to take part in the project Bible Society will produce a special Gospel for the Millennium kit for your town — free of charge. Please show it to your church leaders, or Churches Together group. Please contact: Mike Dilly on 01793 418100 for more information.

SURVIVING THE DEATH OF A CHILD

Every day someone's world will have been turned upside down by the death of their child. Each parent will react to that event in a different way, but all will feel a sense of loss and know that their life will never be the same again. In September, the national Christian charity Care for the Family are launching a Bereaved Parents Network, which will have a key role in supporting grieving mothers and fathers.

The new network is headed by Peter and Barbie Reynolds whose son was killed, at the age of 21, in a road accident six years ago, "When Simon died, we would have found it so helpful to have talked to someone with an understanding of bereavement and loss", said Barbie. "We needed to be reassured that our

feelings and experiences were normal and that we would survive it. Talking to other bereaved parents was a tremendous help."

The main aim of the network is to provide opportunities for parents to support each other by phone, prayer and in other practical ways. Additionally, it will make information and resources available for Church Leaders and Members, enabling them to support families who have lost a child, not just during the immediate aftermath of the death, but also in the months and years ahead.

For further information about the network, contact Care for the Family at their National Family Centre in Cardiff on, 01222 810800.

WHAT'S ON

- Sept 30-Nov 24 **Open Door Retreat**
Nine 2 hour Thursday evening sessions to share personal experiences of prayer and the challenge of living according to the Gospel Values of Christ. Mirfield Centre; contact Kath Hinchcliffe 01924 481920.
- Oct 2 **An evening with Adrian & Bridget Plass** 730pm in the Trinity Methodist Church, Castleford. Advance tickets £4 from Martyn & Jayne Beecham, 17 Wingate Croft, Sandal, Wakefield WF2 6HB (cheques payable to *Sound Track*).
- Oct 2 **Craft Fair** at East Ardsley Methodist Church 10am-4pm. Large Variety of Traditional & Modern Crafts. Admission 50p. Lunches/Refreshments at moderate prices.
- Oct 3 **Harvest Festival Celebration** at St Andrew's Church, Bruntcliffe, 630pm. Choral version of **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat**, followed by harvest Supper.
- Oct 5 **Introduction to Evangelism**, 8 evening sessions at 50 Longcroft, Almondbury, Huddersfield, for anyone wanting to explore their own call to an understanding of evangelism. Info from Canon John Holmes 01924 255832
- Oct 7 **Harvest Festival** Service of Thanksgiving in St Martin's Church Womesley at 730pm.
- Oct 8 Wakefield Cathedral Girls Choir **Wine Tasting Evening** 730pm Treacy Hall, Wakefield Cathedral. Wine & Cheese included £7.50.
- Oct 9 **Northern Provincial Festival** 12 noon in York Minster: Solemn Eucharist, principal Concelebrant & Preacher The Bishop of Beverley. Further details from The Revd Donald Membery SSC, 0113 269 1578.
- Oct 14/21 **Catching the Vision** Emmaus: a programme for your church? Two evening sessions led by Stephen Cottrell. Why not bring your PCC members to find out more? Book with Rosemary Holmes 01924 255832.
- Oct 15-17 **13th Annual Art Exhibition** Lightcliffe School. Friday preview 730pm. Drinks & light refreshments all day Sat & Sun. Entry forms & more details from 01422 202424.
- Oct 15 **Crafts** at St John's Church, Golcar, Huddersfield. 630-930pm. Light refreshments, raffle, cake stall. Selection of stalls for gift ideas to purchase or order. Admission 50p (Concessions 30p) children free.
- Oct 16 **Hoe Down** 730-1130pm Campsount High School dancing to the Ramshackles Band. Home made supper. Licensed Bar. Raffle. Tombola. Tickets £7 available from members of the PCC. In aid of St Martin's Church, Womersley.
- Oct 17 Open meeting of the **Hampole Trust** 230-430pm. The Trust links those working in caring & medical roles with those interested in bringing a spiritual dimension to all of life. Foster Place Retreat House, near Hepworth. 0161 748 8779.
- Oct 18 The 7th **Paulinus Lecture** will be given by Dr Christina Baxter, Principal of St John's College Nottingham. "The God who is working among us" perspectives on Mission & Evangelism from the Letter to the Hebrews. Dewsbury Minster, 730 for 8pm Refreshments.
- Oct 18 St Luke's Church, Old Rd, Overton. **Patronal Festival & Celebration of 25 years** since the dedication of St Luke's Church Overton and Middlestown. 730pm Eucharist, preacher Canon Stuart Ramsden. Followed by buffet supper in the Church Hall.
- Oct 19 W Yorkshire One World Group presents **Trade Fair-ly** at the Mirfield Centre, Stocks Bank Rd, Mirfield. 8-930pm. Christmas goods for sale, short talks about principles of Fair Trade, Tea & Coffee tasting. Proceeds to Fair Trade. Details 01924 484481920.
- Oct 27 **A Pageant of Brides: Two thousand years of Wedding**

Fashions modeled and Traditions Narrated with Wedding Music and songs by the Cathedral Choir. In aid of the Wakefield Cathedral Music Trust Development Fund and Riding for the Disabled. Tickets £6, concessions £4 from 01924 373923 and 01924 787789 or from the Cathedral Bookshop and the Ridings Information Centre. In Wakefield Cathedral at 730pm.

Oct 30 **Autumn Fair** at 2pm in St Andrew's Sunday School, Bruntcliffe.

Nov 6 St Stephen's Church Lindley, Huddersfield, **Craft & Gift Fayre** 10am-4pm in the Lindley CofE Infants' School, East St. Admission 50p. Refreshments available all day. In aid of the Church Building Fund Appeal.

New Testament Greek Group, now in its 7th year, meets at 7 Greenlaws Close, Holmfirth, on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 215pm. Help given, ecumenical, clergy & laity. Tel: 01484 683 779 for details.

MUSICAL MATTERS

Oct 16 St Paul's Church, Birchencliffe, Huddersfield, 730pm **Concert by The Bluebird Singers** (Yorkshire's newest and youngest chamber choir). Tickets at the door £5 Concessions £4, including a supper after the concert. In aid of Church Funds.

Oct 29 **Organ Concert of Music for Halloween** by Dr Arnold Loxam at Whitechapel Church, Cleckheaton, 730pm. Adults £3 children 50p.

Details from 01274 870434.

Nov 13 Christ the King, Battyeford, **Mirfield Concert by the Master Singers**. 730pm, adults £5 concessions £3. Ring Robert for tickets 01924 492542 after 6pm.

Nov 27 **Handel's Messiah**, St Edward's Church, Kingston, Barnsley: tickets £5 from 01226 287398. Singers (who know the score) wanted for an augmented choir for this performance. Contact Judith Thorpe on 01226 287398.

The Huddersfield Singers: Concert season 1999-2000. Voices required in all sections. The choir performs a wide variety of sacred and secular music ranging from plainsong to present day. Rehearsals at Mold Green Junior School on Monday evenings 730-930pm. For further information contact 01484 713084.

MARKET PLACE

In connection with a lecture to trainee Readers, Dick Bradnum would like a copy of a) the blue Series II **Communion** booklet, and b) the green Series III one. 01422 321740.

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ber Diary



2	Saturday	7.30pm	Wakefield Metropolitan Band	St Cuthbert's
3	Sunday	Proper 22		
		8.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
		10.15am	Holy Communion and Junior Church	St Cuthbert's
		6.00pm	United Service	Methodist Church
4	Monday	7.30pm	PCC	St Cuthbert's
6	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion <i>(MU Corporate Communion)</i>	All Saints'
		7.30pm	Magazine Committee	
10	Sunday	Harvest Thanksgiving		
		10.15am	Parish Communion Launch of Stewardship 2000	St Cuthbert's
		6.30pm	Harvest Praise	All Saints'
13	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
17	Sunday	Proper 24		
		8.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
		10.15am	Holy Communion and Junior Church	St Cuthbert's
		6.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'
18	Monday	St Luke		
		7.30pm	Holy Communion	St Cuthbert's
19	Tuesday	2.00pm	Mums and Tots	All Saints'
20	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
		7.45pm	Women's Group	Vestry - St Cuthbert's
24	Sunday	Proper 25		
		8.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
		10.15am	Holy Communion and Junior Church	St Cuthbert's
		6.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'
28	Thursday	Sts. Simon & Jude		
		2.30pm	Mothers Union - Service & Meeting	All Saints'
		7.30pm	Holy Communion	St Cuthbert's
30	<i>Saturday</i>		<i>Clocks Change!</i>	
31	Sunday	4th Before Advent		
		10.15am	Parish Communion Stewardship 2000 - Response	All Saints'
		4.00pm	Open Door Service	All Saints'
		5.00pm	All Souls Service	St Cuthbert's

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Mothers' Union ~ October

- 6th** Corporate Communion, All Saints Church, 9.30 a.m.
- 7th** Diocesan Quiet Day. Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield,
10.30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- 28th** Service and Meeting, All Saints' Church, 2.30 p.m.
- 29-31st** Diocesan Conference at Cober Hill, Scarborough.

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Malachi 3:1-5

So far this year, I have been taking you through various passages whereby we can see just how God is unfolding his plan, and occasionally just how man seems to want to thwart it.

Looking at this passage in Malachi, it seems like the pace is quickening somewhat. God has promised throughout the Old Testament that he will act. He will save and not let his people down. He will come to save those who are willing to accept him as their God. His people are waiting anxiously for the Day of the Lord.

In this particular passage it begins to sound like that time is imminent, God says that he is sending a messenger to clear the path for him. This is an important part of God's promised act of salvation. We also



see in this passage that God will not come unannounced. In effect he is giving everyone every chance to meet him.

It seems that God wants to save the whole of creation and not just a part of it. If I were to salvage one of my creations which had gone wrong, I would descend upon it quickly and save only the best bits. God of course does things differently to us.

It is in this passage that we are reminded of that. He is going to send a messenger who will prepare people for his coming. He is sending a *'messenger who will clear a path before me'* (vs 1).

We would do well to remember that because of what the rest of the passage says. *'Who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand firm when he appears?'* These are difficult words, words which speak of a great, almighty and all powerful God and we should always remember that.

We too should make sure that there is a clear pathway for our Lord God to enter our lives and save us; that there is nothing which will hinder that relationship between us and him. We should be prepared for his coming and to accept his salvation.

So God is giving us every chance to be prepared for him, let us all take every chance that he throws our way.

The next three articles in this series look at the 'occasional' services of the church – baptism, marriage and funerals

Whilst Baptism may not be the first time a family has contact with the church it very often marks the beginning of a new life, that of a baby or young child. However, it must be remembered that baptism can take place at any age.

Initially contact needs to be made with the Rector either following a church service or contacting him at home. In most cases the parents of the child to be baptised need to be resident in the parish. However, if there is a problem with this you should speak to the Rector about it.

Most parents want to have godparents for their child, this is usually up to three people, a mix of male and female is usual but not statutory, but they must themselves be baptised and preferably confirmed.

The baptism service itself demands that parents renounce evil, profess their faith and promise to bring up the child in the Christian faith.

Parents will have the opportunity to discuss what this means at a preparation evening which will include watching a short video. Other parents who are having their child(ren) baptised will be also at that meeting.



During the revision of services, which is currently taking place in the Church of England, it is expected that a service of 'Thanksgiving for the Gift of Child' will be included in the new services to be introduced next year. This blessing is intended to avoid the hypocrisy of non-believers having their babies baptised in church with no intention of returning. It is a way of drawing into the Church those interested in Christianity but who are currently not ready to make the commitment that a full baptism service demands of parents.

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There are a great many myths existing still today about the need for baptising, many of which are completely untrue some of which are hopelessly out of date! At the first meeting with the Rector, parents will be given a leaflet which explains what Baptism is all about, and what it isn't.

It is important to remember that this is just an explanation

of the service of baptism in this parish, other priests may do things differently. Whilst this gives a brief explanation of how to go about arranging a baptism it does not go into the reasons why baptism in the church is important. It is hoped that anyone considering baptism for their child or themselves does so after careful consideration and much prayer.

From the Registers

Baptism

- 11 July Lydia Rose Barratt,
Jason Cockram,
Shannon Marie Simpson
- 25 July Bryony Mae Butler,
Annabel Hartley
- 8 Aug Patrick Laurence Healy Gardener,
Reece David Close.
- 29 Aug Jonathan Andrew Flowers
- 12 Sep Ami Sharman-Dutton

Weddings

- 31 July Justin M Twigg and Kathryn R Parkin
- 7 Aug Mark Hewitt and Victoria Rowland
- 14 Aug Neil C Wright and Sarah L Kirk
- 11 Sep Stephen R Wynn and Andrea Davies

Blessing and Dedication

- 18 July Maxwell Handforth and Julie Cook

Funerals

- 19 Aug Annie Burton, 2 Fairview Avenue, aged 86.
- 25 Aug Kathleen Howarth, 41 Tan House Lane, aged 84.





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