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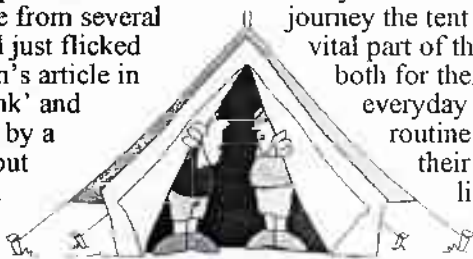
It is at this time of year, when the rare phenomenon of the sun's rays beat down creating tiredness and lethargy, that I find myself most prone to 'writers block'. Energized by the heat and exhausted by strenuous gardening (all who have seen the size of the Rectory garden will know what I mean!) I sat down for the third or fourth time, deadlines pressing upon me and sought inspiration for the this, the summer double issue article.

Having screwed up several sheets of paper and stuffed them in the bin, the topic for this issue came to me from several directions. I had just flicked through the Dean's article in the July 'See-Link' and been confronted by a sea of youthful but desperately tired faces at the morning service following their annual sleep-out in the churchyard that my thoughts were wistfully drifted towards the month of August and my holidays, remembering with fondness previous holidays when our family used to go camping in France. There it was ... tents! With their memories of relaxing, carefree holidays under canvas and their inextricable link with our early religious roots, both old and new testament.

Tents; items of pleasure and leisure pursuits, for some an everyday fact of life and for

others a vital lifeline. They are an inextricable part of our Christian religious heritage. From the earlier antecedents of the Jewish patriarchs, Abraham and Moses, tents were a very important element of their lifestyle. Both Abraham and Moses were people on the move. They sought a land promised by God; a land where their journey would end, where they could become a community of God's chosen people; a nation which could become established and grow into a kingdom. God's kingdom on earth.

Whilst they were on that journey the tent was a vital part of their lives, both for their everyday domestic routine and for their spiritual lives, their



encounters with God. In Exodus (chapters 26 & 27) we find a job specification for the making of the tent of meeting which sounds as though it would have put the millennium dome in its shadow. On the Mount of Transfiguration, Peter wanted to build three tents, one for Jesus, one for Moses and one for Elijah. Then we have possibly the most important 'tent man' of all - St Paul - the tent maker who was probably the most important influence as regards the growth of the new church of Jesus Christ.



The Rector Writes ...



As I said earlier, tents are everywhere in our Christian heritage and have played a vital part in the lives of many of our great religious figures of whom I have named but a few.. However, what meaning do they have for us today? We, who for the most part, live in solid dwellings of bricks and mortar, what can the symbol of the tent say to us?

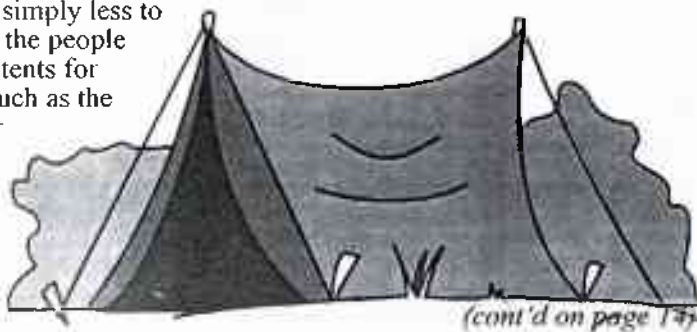
Well, in a very simple way the tent stirs up in us the spirit of adventure. Memories of childhood and the essence of the pioneering spirit makes our heart leap slightly and puts a bit of excitement back into our humdrum lives. Those of us who have spent time in a tent, particularly on holiday, even if it was for just a few days, will remember (once you got over that cold, damp feeling) the feeling of freedom, of not being tied down to a permanent location where doors and windows are locked and bolted and alarms are set each night. True, there is an element of risk; a lack of security; anyone can get to our possessions simply by ripping a bit of cloth, but then, how many campers have taken with them their little Gucci bag and shoes, their Versace frocks or their Bond Street jewellery?

When we go off into the great outdoors we take few possessions with us and we live simply. Perhaps that's another reason why we feel freer and more relaxed, we have quite simply less to worry about. Certainly the people who have to rely upon tents for long periods of time, such as the Biblical 'wanderers' or modern day homeless people and refugees could not carry with them a great many possessions; they were a people on the

move; they had by necessity to travel light. Such people are also much more reliant on trust. With no locks, bars or bricks and mortar to protect their possession they were forced to live in a community based on trust of the neighbours and perhaps more importantly of GOD!

Trust is a very 'spiritual' quality of human nature and forced reliance upon it, along with fewer material distractions nurtured a people who were much more open to and focussed upon their spiritual relationship with God. If you read some of the stories of our religious ancestors who were continually on the move, it's interesting to find that, although their journeys were not totally without problems, it wasn't until they settled and began to build permanent structures and furnish them with their new acquisitions, that their real troubles began. It was only when they distracted by material wealth that they began to turn their backs on God to the extent that he allowed t heir great nation to be plundered and his people to be driven into exile. They had too much else to worry about, so they forgot to 'worry' about God.

I think that there is a message here for the whole of society and in particular Christians. We have a faith which is frequently typified by its sense of being on a journey. We are, or should be,



(cont'd on page 17)



Cool Kids!

Peace-Makers?

I'm sorry.
Can I help
mend it?



I'm much
better than he is.



You can play
with my skateboard
if you like.



I'll never speak
to you again.



Why should I!



You swim
really well!



Circle the children who are working for PEACE

Jesus said:

"Happy are those who work for peace;
God will call them his children."

(Matthew 5:9)

Answer to last month's puzzle:

The mountains and hills may crumble but my love for you will never end.

All Change...! Part One

We don't like change do we? But, we do! We want the weather to change... we go away for a change. We love change. Well, so long as it is on our terms! We hate change when it is on someone else's terms!

You see, there is nothing more obvious than change. We live in the midst of it. Time is not frozen. The pen of history writes on ~ it is not static. And we wrinkle, and ache, and age. Change and decay ~ that's the second law of thermodynamics. Change is a... law, no less. Change is an inescapable concept.

God doesn't change: but from alpha to omega there is change: Creation: Fall: Redemption: and Transformation. 'Changed from glory unto glory till in heaven we take our place...' So, good change, too.

Just think... If you don't want change, don't pray! Prayer is about change.

'dry bones'

So what? Well, they do say that the Christian Church is dying in the West. So it has simply got to change. All right, let's get going. But then we are told that the church is dying because of us ~ because we won't change. Then what are we told? Ezekiel 37 is added to the charges brought against us. 'You are nothing but a pile of dry bones', they say. Is it true? Are we as dry as dust, no-hopers, with one foot in the grave, a dead lift?

We have to back up a bit. Ezekiel and the dry bones was one reading. **Note: no water.** The gospel reading was about a paralysed man at the pool of Bethesda ~ just

a pool. **Hardly any water.** The paralytic had queued no less than thirty-eight years. Acts talked of in the Gospel coming to Europe: to Lydia's little prayer meeting. **There's water again, a riverside and more, Baptism.** Finally, there is a glimpse of heaven in Revelation, and there are gushing streams of crystal waters ~ abundance of supply and access for all.



So, linking the readings, we can see a dynamic progress towards real refreshment. 'How?', you ask. Good question. We may not quite be dry bones, but maybe we do feel a bit like the paralytic who has been upstaged and displaced for 38 years: we, too, can feel helpless and hopeless. So, 'how?'

Back to the dry bones. Life at any level was an impossibility for them, was it not? Dry bones, picked clean by carrion. Scorched by the mid-day sun. Dismembered bones. Death... literally, **post mortem.** Next step ~ dust. Dust to dust!

That's what we are ~ dust. Yes, we are formed ~ as living creatures ~ from the dust of the earth. Dust, maybe. But **animated dust!** **Spiritual dust.**

That's torn it. The 'S' word has been mentioned. What do we mean by 'spiritual?' See, part two...

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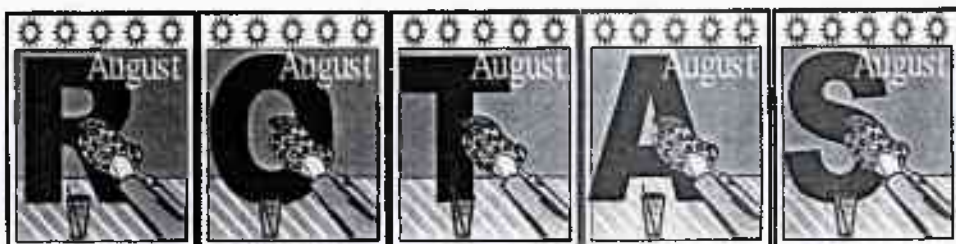
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Ackworth Concert

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Readers and Readings

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5 Proper 13		
Hosea 11:1-11	Jane Siddall	Mr D Cook
Colossians 3:1-11	Jane Siddall	Mr D Cook
Luke 12:13-21		
12 Proper 14		
Isaiah 1:1,10-20	Sue Hartley	Miss Smith
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Sue Hartley	Miss Smith
Luke 12:32-40		
19 Proper 15		
Isaiah 5:1-7	Miss Parker	Mrs V Cook
Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Miss Parker	Mrs V Cook
Luke 12:49-56		
26 Proper 16		
Jeremiah 1:4-10	Mrs Riley	Mrs Cooper
Hebrews 12:18-29	Mrs Riley	Mrs Cooper
Luke 13:10-17		



Flowers and Brasses

5 Mrs Lloyd	SC	
12 Mrs Walters		}
19 Mrs Branston		
26 Mrs Barnard		
		Mrs Sutcliffe

From the Registers - June 2001

Baptisms

- 24 Braidon James Woodhead
- Nathan Dean Liversedge & Calvin James Liversedge

Mariages

- 2 Paul S Lanstaff & Karen Graham
- Mark J Garry & Rachel L Hanby
- 9 Christopher J Hill & Claire L Palmer
- Lloyd Slater & Susan H Booth

Funerals

- 18 Phyliss Rourd (82) 40, Chiltern Drive
- 25 Olive (Pat) Tate (80) 48, Rhyddings Avenue
- 26 John Duncan Sutcliffe (74) 72, Pontefract Road





Readers and Readings

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AS

2 Proper 17

Jeremiah 2:4-13
 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
 Luke 14:1, 7-14

Mrs Woofinden
 Mrs Woofinden

Dr McWilliam
 Dr McWilliam

9 Proper 18

Jeremiah 18:1-11
 Philemon 1-21
 Luke 14:25-33

Helen Parkinson

Mrs S Hall
 Mrs S Hall

16 Proper 19

Jerimiah 4:11-12, 22-28
 1 Timothy 1:12-17
 Luke 15:1-10

Mr F Davies
 Mr F Davies

Mrs M Walker
 Mrs M Walker

23 Proper 20

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
 1 Timothy 2:1-7
 Luke 16:1-13

Mr K Shaw
 Mr K Shaw

Mr D Cook
 Mr D Cook

30 Proper 21

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
 1 Timothy 5:6-19
 Luke 16:19-31

Jane Siddall

Miss E Smith
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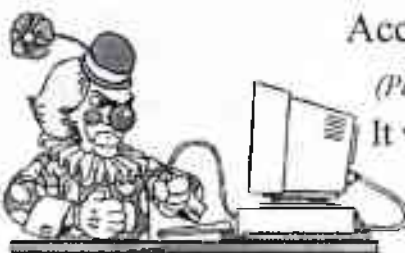

19 Mrs Lee

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} Mrs Asquith & Mrs Lancaster

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August

1	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion		All Saints'
			<i>(M.U. Corporate Communion)</i>		
6	Monday		The Transfiguration of our Lord		
		7.30pm	Holy Communion		St Cuthbert's
8	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion		All Saints'
15	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion		All Saints'
22	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion		All Saints'
29	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion		All Saints'

September

5	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion		All Saints'
			<i>(M.U. Corporate Communion)</i>		
		7.30pm	Magazine Committee		The Rectory
10	Monday	7.30pm	PCC	Vestry	St Cuthbert's
11	Tuesday	2.00pm	Toddler Praise	Elm Garth, 4 Doncaster Rd	
12	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion		All Saints'
19	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion		All Saints'
26	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion		All Saints'
27	Thursday	2.30pm	Mothers' Union*		
29	Saturday		Michael and All Angels		
		10.30am	Holy Communion		St Cuthbert's

Forthcoming Events

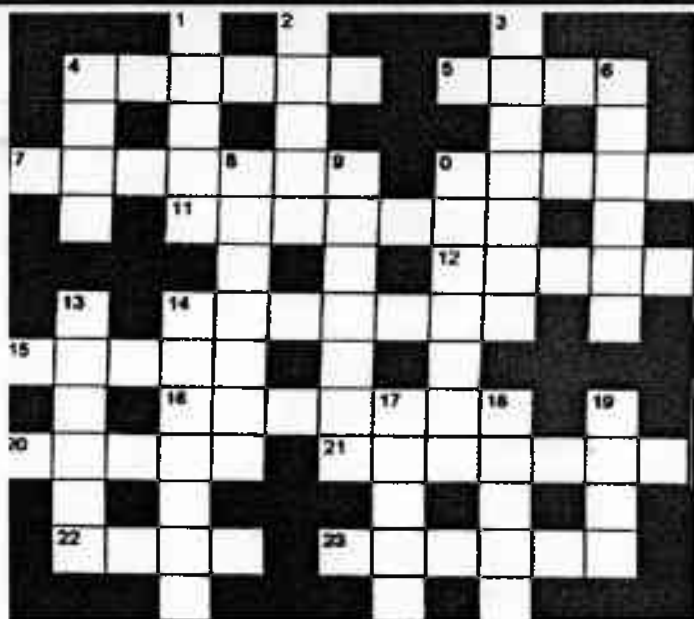
6	October	Saturday	Simeon Wood Concert*		St Cuthbert's
10	November	Saturday	Christmas Market		Bell Lane School
15	December	Saturday	Houghton Main Male Voice Choir		St Cuthbert's

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**further information can be found elsewhere in the magazine.*

Diary dates and copy for the October magazine to be in by September 5th - thank you.

This Month's Crossword



Across

- 4 Mass leaving (6)
- 5 Idol (5)
- 7 Division of a Diocese (7)
- 10 Cuts (5)
- 11 Channel of sea movement (7)
- 12 Trinity (5)
- 14 To that (7)
- 15 Legal (5)
- 16 Mainly (7)
- 20 Corrects (5)
- 21 Senior member of a group (7)
- 22 Killed (4)
- 23 Raised up (6)

Down

- 1 Nobleman (5)
- 2 Keep (5)
- 3 Hunting cry (5,2)
- 4 Early garden (4)
- 6 Pleads (anagram) (6)
- 8 Fractions (7)
- 9 Desired (7)
- 10 Spitefully (7)
- 13 Clergymen (6)
- 14 Amused (7)
- 17 Plus - ... (5)
- 18 Leven (5)
- 19 Unknown writer (4)

Hope you all spotted last month's deliberate (sic) mistake!

Last month's answers

Across: 1 Abraham. 5 Zadek. 8 Paved. 9 Gabriel. 10 Clement. 11 Lathe. 12 Isaiah. 14 Snipes. 17 Loves. 19 Delilah. 22 Michael. 23 Carer. 24 Colon. 25 Solomon. Down: 1 Aspice. 2 Riviera. 3 Hedge. 4 Mightily. 5 Zebulon. 6 Deist. 7 Killers. 12 Islamic. 13 Abstain. 15 Pilgrim. 16 Adults. 18 Vocal. 20 Local. 21. Heron.

(cont'd) if you like a 'tent people'. Could it be that many of the problems we are now experiencing as a church (I use the word in a world-wide sense) is that we have lost those qualities upon which our church was founded; freedom, excitement, trust, lack of security – a sense of people together on a journey of adventure?

We, here in Ackworth, in just a small part of that whole body of the church are about to launch a campaign to raise somewhere in the region of £300K for the restoration and re-development of our churches. A daunting task which may weigh heavy upon our shoulders (although the more shoulders that there are the lighter the burden) as our efforts progress. Should we, I wonder, take a leaf out of the book of those O.T. Patriarchs, of Paul and Peter and of those young people who slept out in tents in the churchyard. Sell our bricks and mortar, pitch our tents in the churchyard and cover our leaking

church roof with a millennium dome type structure, recreating a close-knit, trusting community with a 'tent of meeting' in which to meet our God? Such a suggestion of course might be seen as grossly exaggerated and probably physically impossible, though symbolically the ideals it conjures up are extremely attractive – something to think about!

Finally, I would like to leave you with a closing thought from a portion of N.T. scripture traditionally read at Christmas, from the first chapter of the gospel of St John "... the word became flesh and dwelt among us." The literal translation of the second half of that phrase originally came out as '... pitched his tent among us.' An interesting thought...

Yours in Christ
Paul.

This Prayer was used at the Ordination Service at the Cathedral on the 1st July – I think it much to say to us at all times. (Ed.)

Come Holy Spirit;

Restore the lives which, without you, are dead;

Kindle the hearts which, without you, are cold and dull;

Enlighten the minds which, without you, are dark and blind;

Fill the church which, without you, is an empty shrine;

And teach us to pray.



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All Change...! Part Two

In Part One we ended with the word, "spiritual". What does it mean? Well, it can be a slippery word. And yet, we all, especially Christians, know what it means. Just as someone says to us, "It's really cold today!", we know what is meant - without a temperature read-out as well.

Why worry about... "spiritual"? Well somehow we expect it to be a part of the answer to being effective Christians creating change for the better. We know dry bones are not good enough. But then we have problems: we are "material" in a "material" world. Anything "spiritual" is ...different...separate... distant ..kind of a "virtual" reality.

Back to our dry bones. They revived. How? Not by DEMaterialising! They came together - a skeleton. Just a skeleton? No - enlashed. So, "flesh and bones" equals Life? Not at all! Something was missing... "BREATH"!

Creation is God breathed. God literally gave the word! God said - and there was.. all of Creation. Now creation is very "material"...AND... very "spiritual". You cannot have one without the other.

Go back to the dry bones. How did they finally come to Life? The text says : "and breath came INTO them". Not around them, not over them....INTO them. "Spiritual" is embodied breath. It is not "breath on the air" a winter exhalation. It is not a gaseous cloud somewhere above us. God actually inspires us. He doesn't give us a back-pack of oxygen bottles, something to strap on as an afterthought for the expedition of life. He breathes our first, all, and last breaths... "In

Him we live and move and have our being..."

New Creation

Creation was originally good. It was actually spiritual material - a heavenly earth (think about it)! But, historically, of course, there was the Fall - dry bone time, if you like. But our Lord Jesus Christ brought the New Creation - He brought us fresh Breath! By His resurrection. And by His Ascension he opened the way for the fullness of the Spirit to come. Paradise was lost - now it is being regained.

The dry bones were in the Old Testament. No fullness of the Spirit. The paralytic at Bethesda was still in the Old Testament - in a sense. That is, until Christ came! "Do you want to walk?" Of course he did, but everything had been such a dead lift. Now... "pick up your bed and walk"! He did. Paralysis is not our Life. The valley of dry bones is not our Home.

How does the Spirit come? Is it on the Damascus road? Like Paul - pole-axed to the ground? Read on; that story brings you to a Street called Straight. There he was baptised. "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus has sent me that you may receive your sight ..AND...BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT"! A child opens its eyes at birth and breathes: a child of God does the same at new Birth - by water AND the Spirit. We live by the Spirit. we are "spiritual"!

Breathe on us Breath of God..!

Douglas Brown

Mothers' Union

August

- 1st Corporate Communion.** All Saints', 9.30 am.
- 14th Open Coffee Morning.** 27 Orchard Drive, 10 am ~ 12 noon.
Bring and Buy Stall ~ Raffle. Everybody Welcome.

September

- 4th Deanery Autumn Rally.** St. Cuthbert's Church, 2 pm. Service to be conducted by Revd. Paul Hartley. Speaker: Mrs Sheila Crosby, Diocesan President. **Deanery Wave of Prayer 5 ~ 9 pm.**
- 5th Corporate Communion.** All Saints', 9.30 am.
- 13th General Meeting** to be held in Portsmouth.
- 27th Service and Branch Meeting.** All Saints' Church, 2 pm.
Speaker: Father Mark Davies – 'Living the Eucharist'.



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Nik and Sarah ~ Update

Dear friends and family,

Greetings from Benin, West Africa where the ship has sat for the last 7 months! I expect you thought we'd disappeared for Nik's birthday and never returned... nice idea!!! But no... we returned from Ghana and our very interesting Life Boat course a few weeks ago and have continued with life ever since.

Thank you to all of you who sent Nik Birthday greetings. He actually received greetings from every continent of the world! And, as I'm sure you would expect... that made him VERY happy. I printed them all out on coloured paper and gave them to him as a booklet. It was very special... thank you.

Our lifeboat training was funny. We travelled all the way to Ghana which took 8 hours in a landrover to learn how to row! The course is approved internationally which is why we went, but the standards were not what you would expect. We got to the Naval Academy at 8am, took the boat out for an hour, waited in the sun for 3 hours and then went back to the YWAM base for the rest of the day. On the third day the water in the estuary where we were paddling, disappeared, so we went to the classroom to learn the theory of rowing! We did learn a few other things, but did NOT feel qualified at the end of the week to save people's lives! Thankfully, we have received some good training onboard since then which has made us feel a little more comfortable with the responsibility. BUT... it was a fun week, and great to get into a new country and see a bit more of Africa.

A lot has happened on the ship in the last few months. I shall paste all the statistics below. We are now getting finished up and preparing to sail away on Friday morning. It's been a long, hot but very fruitful time in Benin and we are all looking forward to seeing Tenerife next week where we'll stay for a few days break before hitting Europe

this summer. We can hardly believe that 7 months is almost over.

We will be taking our holiday in July and August when the ship goes into dry dock for some renovation work. If all goes to plan we will arrive on English soil, 11 July and stay there until 14 August. Ohhh to see the green hills of England once again... I can't wait! (There's a 'green stuff shortage over here). If you would like to see us, please let us know and we'll start to put together some sort of itinerary. We are hoping to spend some time in Nottingham, Rugby, Derby, Preston and maybe the London area... but who knows... our itinerary is flexible!!!



Well... I think that's all for now. Please hold us in your prayers as we finish off the work here. Nik has a lot of financial things (ships business!) to close before the end of the week, and our office (Human Resources) is busily trying to confirm workers for our ship yard projects in Spain and get things organised for the staff (crew) who will be joining us in Europe. I'd also like to ask for your prayers on a project that I'm trying to put into action. I'd like to start working more with new crew, trying to help them get better orientation when they join the ship, and also debriefing long term crew when they are about to leave the ministry and return home. It's something new to me, but something that God has been placing on my heart and nudging me into.

So, remember us on Friday as we set sail towards home. We would like a nice smooth sail with no need for lifeboats!!! Pray for our Captain and officers as they will be working day and night trying to keep this old ship 'ship shape'.

Every blessing and big hugs,

Sarah & Nik

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Sunday Services

August 2001



5th August

8.30am	Parish Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
10.45am	Parish Communion	St Cuthbert's
6.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'

12th August

8.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
10.15am	Parish Communion	St Cuthbert's
6.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'

19th August

8.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
10.15am	Parish Communion	St Cuthbert's
6.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'

26th August

8.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
10.15am	Parish Communion	St Cuthbert's
4.00pm	Open Door Service	All Saints'

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Sunday Services

September 2001



2nd September

8.30am	Parish Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
10.45am	Parish Communion	St Cuthbert's
6.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'

9th September

8.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
10.15am	Parish Communion & Parade	St Cuthbert's
6.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'

16th September

8.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
10.15am	Parish Communion & Junior Church	St Cuthbert's
6.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'

23rd September

8.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
10.15am	Parish Communion & Junior Church	St Cuthbert's
6.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'

30th September

8.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
10.15am	Parish Communion & Junior Church	St Cuthbert's
4.00pm	Open Door Service	All Saints'

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