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In the months covered by this issue of the magazine we have probably the greatest festival of the sacred and secular worlds combined. Although for the Christian, Easter is arguably the most important festival, it sadly doesn't have as much significance to unchurched people as does Christmastide.

So in this special period (twelve days if counted until Epiphany, or forty days if Christmastide is taken through to Candlemas), we have two of the biggest events of the year, particularly in terms of secular celebration: Christmas Day and New Year's Eve. Two days of feasting, partying and extravagant excesses; two days on which we spend considerably more than any other two days of the year; two days of getting together with friends and family, buying each other presents and generally making every effort to create a happy and memorable time: a time to remember and hold in our minds for years to come.

It is a favourite pastime for many to remember what they were doing at the moment a significant event occurred. For many it might be the Queen's coronation, or the first man walking on the moon, or the day President Kennedy was shot. For football fans it may be when

England won the World Cup in 1966, or the Munich air disaster when most of the legendary Manchester United team were killed. Stories in years to come may include, "do you remember Christmas 2000 or New Year's Eve 1999 – the eve of the new millennium?" We often link our memories to those rare, significant 'once in a lifetime' events in our human history, memories of which are often crystal clear. Other memories may become distorted, however, changing over time or being selectively weeded out by the brain so that they become hazy or only partial in their recollection.

Memories of Christmas can be like that, particularly because it occurs every year. We may remember separate bits of different years and in our minds fit them together to create a memory of that perfect Christmas we had many years ago. We also do this, believe it or not, with the Christmas story itself. Ask anyone on the street or in the supermarket to tell the Christmas story and I'm willing to bet that they will begin with the journey of Mary and Joseph on the donkey to Bethlehem for the census: you may get the annunciation to Mary prior to that, if they have a good memory. You will almost certainly be told the bit



The Rector Writes ...



about there being no room at the inn and having to go into the stable where the baby Jesus was born and laid in a manger. Chances are you will be told about the shepherds on the hillside and the throng of angels that appeared to them; they might also remember the bright star leading the three kings or wise men to the stable to see the baby, with their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

This is the sort of potted nativity that the majority of people know from school, the charming nativity plays and tableaux that most have seen, if not taken part in. I wonder however, how many people will know that the story they describe is in fact an amalgam of two separate accounts from the gospels of Matthew and Luke (check for yourself)! There may also be details that are not even in the original accounts, but come from carols, Christmas cards, poems or other sources and have been integrated into the originals over the years. But that is what memory does; it draws together different details from many years, linked by the same event and we end up with the memory of that one perfect Christmas that in reality never actually existed by itself.

The great problem with this sort of 'selected' memory event is that we try and recreate it each year, failing more often than not and ending up feeling disappointed. I'm sure that many of you, like me, have experienced that. The chances of succeeding in recreating this perfect Christmas are even

less when we consider that in each successive year, so much has changed that although we might recreate the picture as near as we can get it – other people or events may not fit into that picture in the same way. In short, sad to say, we will never be able to recreate a memory and any attempts will almost certainly end in disappointment.

Disappointment is a poor way to feel at a time when we should be rejoicing for the hope that this season can offer us; the hope that as Jesus brought joy to the earth by the offer of salvation; so that hope is ever present and can enter our hearts any Christmas-time. The Christmas hope brought by our Lord's incarnation is not a one-off that happened 2000 years ago, but an ever present reality; a constant potential for this and every Christmas.

So this Christmas, especially when we celebrate Jesus' 2000th birthday, let us not struggle to try and relive a memory that may in all probability not be a real event anyway - but live for the present one instead. Let us approach Christmas as though it were our first, as we receive Jesus into our hearts and lives afresh, rejoicing in the hope that this knowledge brings. To coin an old adage, let this Christmas be the first day of the rest of your lives!

In anticipation we wish you a joyous and exciting Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Paul, Sue, Chris, Phillip and Sarah

Cool Kids!



A picture to colour ~ 'They found the babe lying in a manger' (Luke Chapter 2 v.16)



Answers to last month's puzzle:- Love Praise Worship Pray Sing Be Happy Help Listen Learn Read

This is a slightly odd title for Jesus in some ways, but a perfect one in others.

The problem for Jesus, was that the Jewish nation were expecting the arrival of the Messiah, to be a great event, which would be marked by a notable victory, and then the Messiah would reign forever in the Jewish nation. This was the prophecy they were waiting to have fulfilled. They were expecting some great and mighty king like King David, to save them from foreign occupation. In essence they were expecting a general to lead an army

Jesus was well aware of this, and even more aware that he was not the king and Messiah they were expecting. This is one possible explanation why Jesus often tells his disciples not to tell other people about his great works. We have already seen that the miracles he performed were often misunderstood.

Jesus never claimed to be a king; he did not deny it when asked directly by Pilate (John 18: 33-40), but it is never a claim he overtly made for himself, probably because of the connotations which the Jews would attach to the title. However, king is a very good description of Jesus.

Once you have accepted that Jesus is more than just a great teacher, whose teaching you can pick and choose from, and consistent with the belief that he is the Son of God and The Christ, then his teachings take on greater meaning. I can follow the teaching of any human being if I like, and I can choose which teaching to follow, when it suits me. However, once I accept that the teaching is

coming from God, then that teaching takes on a different perspective. It becomes more urgent, it takes on more authority, it is much harder to ignore, or pick and choose, You cannot accept Jesus as the Son of God, and then ignore half of what he said. If you accept Jesus as the Son of God then you have to accept all of his teaching as well. Not only accept, but act on it.

Now I would be the first person to say that it is difficult if not almost impossible to act on what Jesus taught. Much of what he teaches is very hard indeed, but that shouldn't stop us trying, otherwise there is no point in listening to him at all.

Making Jesus equal with God, gives the kind of authority which no-one else can have, that is the kind of authority which a king would have. Therefore that makes Jesus the King in our lives. It is he who rules over us, and tells us what we should do, although we know that that is not always easy. However, Jesus is the kind of king who not only sets us the rules; he actually helps us to keep those rules of life.

Earlier this year I spoke about Jesus being our friend. Fancy having a king as a friend! Friends are there to help us. Jesus sets the agenda. We try to keep to it, and when we find it hard, when we fail, Jesus our friend will help us through that difficult patch.



Howard Headteacher Returns from South Africa

I have just about come down to earth after what can only be described as an incredible visit to Rebonwe Primary School in South Africa. Reuben Ralephata, the Principal of Rebonwe, who visited the Howards School in March/April this year certainly got his own back as regards having a busy schedule. I saw so much, visited so many places and met so many people but my overwhelming memory will be of the warmth and generosity of everyone that met – particularly in the schools and church. Being welcomed by 1300 children singing as only Africans can and being invited to speak before a 400+ congregation at Church were two of the highlights.

Rebonwe is in the formal township of Ivory Park, near Johannesburg, in quite a poor area with a large unemployment problem. In 1993 it was an empty field – today it is a school, a community where children want to learn and where they can begin to build for the future.

During my visit I was able to go to several of the local schools – one where the children came in shifts (the platoon system), where there were not enough chairs and tables, and where the class sizes ranged from fifty to a

hundred!! But wherever I went the atmosphere and attitude could be felt quite tangibly.

The largest class I taught had 60 children and it was a marvellous experience – especially their reaction when I greeted them in Zulu, Tsonga or Sotho (the children are taught in English as well as their tribal language). The schools are not well resourced and the books that were collected throughout Wakefield are eagerly awaited – the schools have designated library areas and some actually have empty shelves ready and waiting!

South Africa is a wonderful country but a country of contrasts. There is tremendous enthusiasm and vitality amongst the people and the part played by the schools and the churches is central to the reconstruction and reconciliation that is taking place at the moment. The road ahead will be difficult but the future could be fantastic.

Our links and friendship will continue with further exchanges and visits already planned. Our support and interest is much appreciated and welcomed.

Harry Armitage



Common Worship starts in Advent!

As most of you will now be aware, the ASB services, which have been in use for the last 20 years will no longer be able to be used by the end of this millennium year. They will be replaced by a whole set of new service which the Liturgical Commission have labelled 'Common Worship.' The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) of course, which have been in use since 1662, will still continue as an authorised form of worship. So now, instead of BCP and ASB we will have BCP and Common Worship.

The first new service we will use will be the Holy communion, or main service in both churches and that will begin on Advent Sunday, December 3rd. We will be using Order One, which is virtually the same as the ASB Rite A. there are one or two slight differences in wording and order, but for the most part we should find it very similar to our old service. The biggest difference is in the eucharistic prayer which the priest says over the bread and wine. Whereas in the ASB we have four prayers which could be used on different occasions (of which we in Ackworth used three), we now have a choice of eight (of which we will be

using four; A, B, F and G). The main thing to watch out for are the congregational responses which are introduced with different words in different prayers. As we have always done, we will print which prayer we will use on the top of the notice sheet.

As I have already said, the service of Holy Communion will be the first to change, followed by Baptism and others as they become ready for use. You may ask, in comment to what I have already said; "If the new service is so similar to the old one we have been using for the last 20 years, why change?" Well quite frankly that is a question I personally would also like to ask those who have made the changes. All I can really offer is an explanation the Liturgical Committee gave in an information booklet they sent out to clergy. In answer to the question "Why do we need new services," they write:

'When the ASB was published, no one knew which (if any) of the new services would stand the test of time. The ASB soon became an established part of the worship of the Church of England alongside the Book of Common Prayer. However, after 20 years of use, the weaknesses as well as the strengths of the ASB have become apparent. The General Synod therefore decided that there was a need to revise the ASB, so that the Church could continue to draw on both modern and traditional services.'

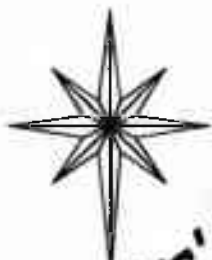
Whatever the reasons for change and whether we like it or not, the new services are here to stay and we simply have to get used to using them. Remember, they are as new to me as they are to you, so please excuse the occasional inevitable mistakes as I lead you in worship. Together, in time we will become as familiar with the new services as we were with the ASB. Prayers for patience all round I feel, will be the order of the day!

The Rector

Price Increase

The PCC and editorial committee have agreed that as from the February 2001 issue the cost of the Parish Magazine will be 40p per copy (£4.00 for one years subscription). We hope you still feel that it represents good value for money and we look forward to your continued support during the coming year.

The Editor



An Invitation to Jesus' 2000th Birthday Party

An activity afternoon for children and
youth

December 16th 2.00pm - 4.30pm

St Cuthbert's Church

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Jackie Fox - 613834



Christingle Services

Sunday 3rd December at
All Saints' - 4.00pm
and

St Cuthbert's - 6.00pm

A Seasonal Service for all the family
make sure you pick up your Children's Society
collecting box either from school or church!



Gift Service Sunday 10th December at 5.30pm at St Cuthbert's.

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child's Christmas special.
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Readers and Readings

3 1st Sunday of Advent	SC	AS
Jeremiah 33:14-16	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13	Mr F Davies
		Mr D Cook
10 2nd Sunday of Advent		
Malachi 3:1-4	Philippians 1:3-11	Mark Cavill (O.T)
		Miss Smith
17 3rd Sunday of Advent		
Zephaniah 3:14-20	Philippians 4:4-7	Sue Hartley
		Mrs V Cook
24 4th Sunday of Advent		
Micah 5:2-5a	Hebrews 10:5-10	Mr Shaw
		Mrs Cooper
31 1st Sunday of Christmas		
1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26	Colossians 3:12-17	Mrs Woofinden (N.T)
		Dr McWilliam
7 Baptism of Christ		
Isaiah 43:1-7	Acts 8:14-17	Jane Siddall
		Mrs Hall
14 2nd Sunday of Epiphany		
Isaiah 62:1-5	1 Corinthians 12:1-11	Ann Atack (N.T)
		Mrs M Walker
21 3rd Sunday of Epiphany		
Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a	Helen Parkinson
		Mr D Cook
28 4th Sunday of Epiphany		
Ezekiel 43:27 - 44:4	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	Mrs Riley (N.T)
		Miss Smith

Flowers & Banners

		Mrs Dodd & Mrs Barnard
24 Congregation	Congregation	
31 Congregation	Congregation	
7 Mrs Kidson	Congregation	Dr & Mrs McWilliam
14 Mrs Reest	Flower Fund	
21 Mrs McWilliam	Mrs Cooper	
28 Vacant	Flower Fund	

From the Registers - October 2000

Baptisms

- 8 Luke Morgan Forster & Olivia Jackson
- 29 Matthew Robert Sykes & Marcus Christian Key

Funerals

- 9 Harold Dawson (80) 23, Chiltern Drive
- 18 Kathleen Brannah (80) 17, Maple Avenue, Pontefract
- 19 Wilfred Goldthorpe (85) 35, Rhyddings Drive.



December & January Diary

2	Saturday	2.00pm	Christingle Making	St Cuthbert's
4	Monday	7.30pm	PCC	St Cuthbert's
5	Tuesday		Coffee Morning*	Solentia' Wakefield Rd
6	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
			<i>(MU Corporate Communion)</i>	
		7.30pm	Womens' Group Christmas Dinner at Rogerthorpe Manor	
12	Tuesday	2.00pm	Toddler Praise	All Saints'
13	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
16	Saturday	2.00pm	Activiry Afternoon*	St Cuthbert's

Christmas and Seasonal Services can be found
on the back page

20		9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
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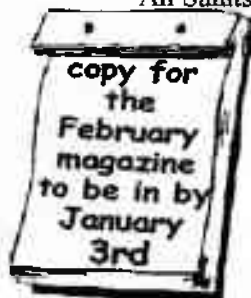
January

3	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
			<i>(MU Corporate Communion)</i>	
		7.30pm	Magazine Committee	The Rectory
8	Monday	7.30pm	PCC	St Cuthbert's
9	Tuesday	2.00pm	Toddler Praise	All Saints'
10	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
17	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
		7.45pm	Women's Group AGM & Supper	St Cuthbert's
24	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
25	Thursday	1.45pm	Mother's Union*	

**further details can be found elsewhere in the magazine*



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On-line, Christian Soldiers!



The Internet has become the most important form of communication, and Christians should get on-line. So says a recent Church of England report, *Cybernavts Awake!*

The report urges that "cyberspace will, willy-nilly, shape our thinking. Rather than allowing it to do so passively, we believe that Christians should seek to play an active role in shaping this process, and thereby influence cyberspace itself.

"Cyberspace is a strong force for social change, and Christians should be using it to work for social justice and evangelisation." *Cybernavts Awake!* was produced for the Board for Social Responsibility by a working party of scientists and academics who covered topics from internal e-mail systems through to total-immersion virtual reality.

The report goes on to say that "cyberspace is changing how we perceive truth: websites may give the facts behind the stories, but can

mislead and misrepresent; it is changing the way we treat people; we can keep in touch and make friends by e-mail, but there is a risk of confusing the cyber-presence with the person. It is shifting power: anyone with a website can reach the world, but a few organisations have immense power. Its diversity and complexity can be exhilarating, but can cause alienation."

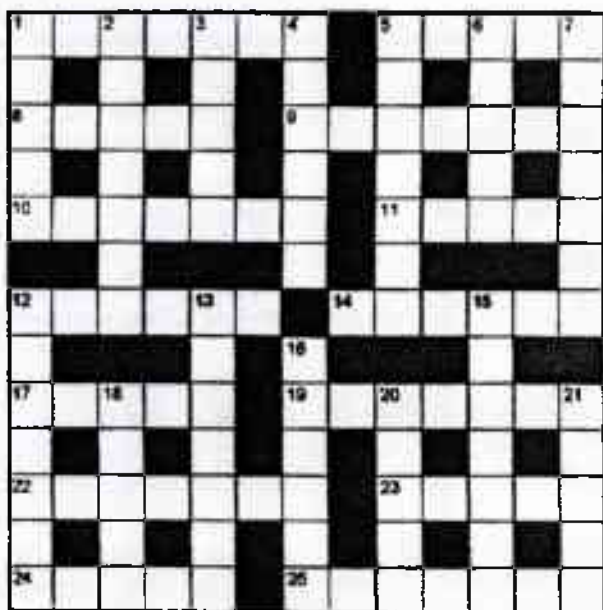
For Christians, "the challenge in cyberspace, as in all other areas of our lives, is to discover God's will and to enact it." The report suggests that Christians should respond positively to cyber-technology because "no part of creation is outside the care and concern of God, including cyberspace."

However, the report doubts that cyberchurches might ever replace tangible congregations. "There are limitations to what cyberspace can do."

Cybernavts Awake! is published by Church House Publishing, £5.90 or can be read free on:- www.cybernavtsawake.net



Christmas Crossword



Clues Across

- 1 Gift (7)
- 5 Christmas Entertainment (5)
- 8&9 He's often a hit at Christmas (5,7)
- 10 The Knowledge of the Matter (7)
- 11 Species of Willow, used particularly in basket making (5)
- 12 Member of an Order (6)
- 14 They're around at Christmastime(6)
- 17 Tests (5)
- 19 It is sung out of tune (?) (7)
- 22 Cleanliness (7)
- 23 A Water Nymph (5)
- 24 Synthetic Fibre (5)
- 25 A Need for Liquid Refreshment (7)

Clues Down

- 1 U-boats used to Hunt in these (5)
- 2 Extracts (7)
- 3 Small and Delicate (5)
- 4 He wouldn't Vote for Christmas (6)
- 5 Musical Instrument (7)
- 6 Navy, Army and Air Force Institute (5)
- 7 Excrements (7)
- 12 His Day is celebrated after Christmas (7)
- 13 The Kings came from these Lands (7)
- 15 Written Aslant (7)
- 16 Preparation for Christmas (6)
- 18 Gabriel (5)
- 20 The Land where the Israelites roamed for many years (5)
- 21 A Furry toy (5)

Space permitting a crossword will appear in every magazine. Answers to this crossword will be in the February issue.

ETERNITY in a NUTSHELL?

A small child of today asked, "If Jesus was born two thousand years ago then he must be two thousand years old this birthday, so why doesn't he have an enormous birthday cake with two thousand candles on it? We could all help him blow out the candles - and eat the cake."

The NOW of Eternity

It is difficult to explain to a young child that Jesus was born in history-time but lives forever in God-time, that the past, present and future are all one in the NOW of Eternity.

I remember the story of the squirrel on the mountain:-

Mountain boasts, "O Squirrel, I am so strong that I can carry you easily on my back."

Squirrel replies, "O Mountain, it is true that I cannot carry you on my back, but neither can you crack a nut!"



It is just as difficult for us to crack the Nut of Mystery, to understand the concept of the NOW of Eternity, but we can try, we can have a nibble at the Nut.

By means of God's Holy Spirit we can read his gift of the Scriptures. There in the Bible

we can discover the recording in history-time of our Father-God's gradual revelation to us of the eternal nature of his merciful love and his insatiable and ceaseless yearning for our love in return.

But the recording doesn't end with the Scriptures. Our reading and learning 'about' God becomes uneasily personal, uncomfortable, even shocking, because it is borne in upon us that we are the sequel, that God's actions are not just history ~ they continue with us, in us, through us.



We begin to realise that because of Mary's wondering but obedient "YES" in history-time, the spirit of the God-man Child is alive in every one of us ~ in us, for us. He may seem to sleep but he is waiting for our response in the NOW of Eternity.

A life enhancing experience

When at last we become aware of his Presence in us, when we accept the disturbing, astonishing reality, when it becomes a felt experience, and not merely head-knowledge, then it becomes a life-enhancing experience, and our lives are changed for ever.

But our personal identity, our own special, private "me"-ness, is not over-ridden or destroyed but is used, with our consent, by God's quickening Spirit, for his purposes ~ the very same "me", just as we are, but differently motivated and empowered. After all, God himself created us and he delights in the richness and beauty of our variety.

Our unique lives and personalities become dynamic, deified; our "me"s become unique manifestations of God's own love ~ and who can tell what dormant and hidden potentialities of ours may be activated in his service?

We may not be able to crack the Nut of Mystery but we can have a little nibble, a tiny taste of the Now of Eternity, even in this life.

Thanks be to God

Homegrown ~ October 2000

Quotes!

A parson once asked the actor David Garrick: "Why is it that I, who speak great truths, deliver them to a half-empty church once a week, while you who speak merely fiction can fill a theatre every night?"

Garrick replied: "Because you speak truth as though it were fiction; whereas I speak fiction as if it were the truth."



A Meditation for the New Year

Give us through the coming year
Quietness of mind.
Teach us to be patient
And always to be kind.
Give us reassurance
When everything goes wrong
So our faith remains unfaltering
And our hope and courage strong
And show us that in quietness.
We can feel your presence near,
Filling us with joy and peace,
Throughout the coming year.



Christmas Crackers

For many of us, this coming Christmas will be about remembering the Incarnation, spending too much money, giving generously, and trying desperately to get along with all the visiting relatives...

The Incarnation

Christ veiled his deity but He did not void it. *Anon*

The Son came out from the Father to help us to come out from the world; He descended to us to enable us to ascend to him.

Anthony of Padua

Christ became what we are that He might make us what he is.

Athanasius

God became man to turn creatures into sons; not simply to produce better men of the old kind but to produce a new kind of man.

C S Lewis

Thoughts for anyone tempted to spend, spend, spend....

The world provides enough for every man's need but not for every man's greed.

Mohandas Gandhi.

If we have God in all things while they are ours, we shall have all things in God when they are taken away.

Anon

It is easier to renounce worldly possessions than it is to renounce the love of them.

Walter Hilton

Nothing influences a man so much as that which he calls his own.

C H Spurgeon

As for giving generously over Christmas:

He who is not liberal with what he has, does but deceive himself when he thinks he would be liberal if he had more.

William Plumer

Let us give according to our incomes lest God make our incomes to match our gifts.

Anon



We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.

Duane Hulse.

Wisdom for everyone with relatives coming to stay this Christmas...

When we are out of sympathy with the young, then I think our work in this world is over.

George MacDonald

Age doesn't always bring wisdom. Sometimes age comes alone.

Anon

Long-suffering is a grace of silence.

William Bagshawe

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Prayer for Christmas

God, make us aware that in Thy name
The holy child humbly came
To live on earth and leave behind
New faith and hope for all mankind
And make us aware that the
Christmas story
Is every man's promise
Of eternal Glory



THE MOTHERS' UNION DECEMBER 2000 ~ JANUARY 2001

December 5th

Corporate Communion, 9.30 am, All Saints' Church.

December 16th

Deanery Carol Service, 2 pm, All Saints' Church, Castleford.

January 3rd

Corporate Communion, 9.30 am, All Saints' Church.

January 12th

Deanery Committee Meeting, 2 pm, St. Giles' Church, Pontefract.

January 25th

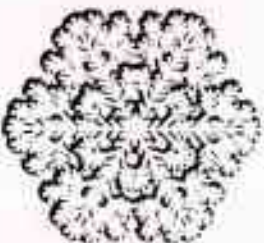
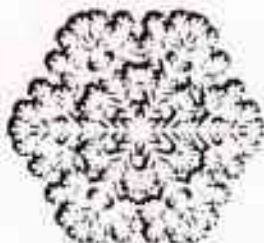
Service and AGM, 2.30 pm, 27 Orchard Drive.

Congratulations to Kitty Cooper who has been elected a Diocesan Vice-President of the Mothers' Union. Kitty's area of responsibility will be to support the members in Barnsley, Chevet and Wakefield Deaneries by attending their Deanery meetings and special services.

Kitty will finish her term of office as Diocesan Prayer and Spirituality Co-ordinator at the end of this year. The Diocese has much to thank her for in this role, including the organisation of many inspiring Quiet Days and Prayer Days.

She takes up her new office on January 1st, 2001.

B. Firth



THE PARISH OF ACKWORTH

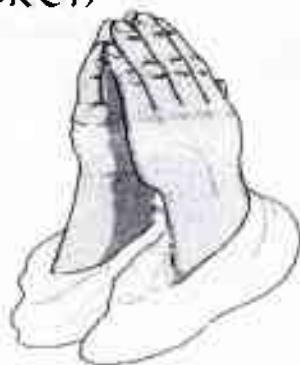


St Cuthbert's and All Saints'

Sunday Services

December 2000

(Normal Services)



3rd December

8.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
10.15am	Parish Communion and Junior Church	St Cuthbert's

10th December

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

17th December

8.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
10.15am	Parish Communion and Junior Church	St Cuthbert's

24th December

8.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
10.15am	Family Communion	St Cuthbert's

31st December

8.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
10.15am	Family Communion	St Cuthbert's
3.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'

Please contact the Rector to arrange Weddings and Baptisms

All other seasonal services are on the back cover.

THE PARISH OF ACKWORTH

St Cuthbert's and All Saints

Sunday Services

January 2001



7th January

8.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
10.15am	Family Communion	St Cuthbert's
3.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'

14th January

8.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
10.15am	Parish Communion and Parade	St Cuthbert's
3.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'

21st January

8.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
10.15am	Parish Communion and Junior Church	St Cuthbert's
3.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'

28th January

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

Details of all midweek services can be found on the centre pages

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The Fellowship Quiz

27th January 2001

Watch out for Details!



Parish of Ackworth

St Cuthbert's and All Saints'

Christmas and Seasonal Services

3rd December

4.00pm	Christingle Service	All Saints'
6.00pm	Christingle Service	St Cuthbert's

10th December

5.30pm	Gift Service*	St Cuthbert's
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17th December

3.00pm	Village Carol Service	St Cuthbert's
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24th December - Christmas Eve

5.30pm	Carols around the Crib	St Cuthbert's
11.30pm	Midnight Mass	St Cuthbert's

25th December - Christmas Day

8.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
10.15am	Family Communion	St Cuthbert's

26th December - St Stephen's Day

10.30am	Holy Communion	St Cuthbert's
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* (Everyone is invited to bring toys or games etc, to be given to underprivileged children. Please wrap and mark 'girl' or 'boy' and suitable age. Please also note - this is the only opportunity we have to pass on the gifts before Christmas. Unfortunately any brought to church after this time will have to be stored until next year!)

Normal Sunday services are inside the back cover.

