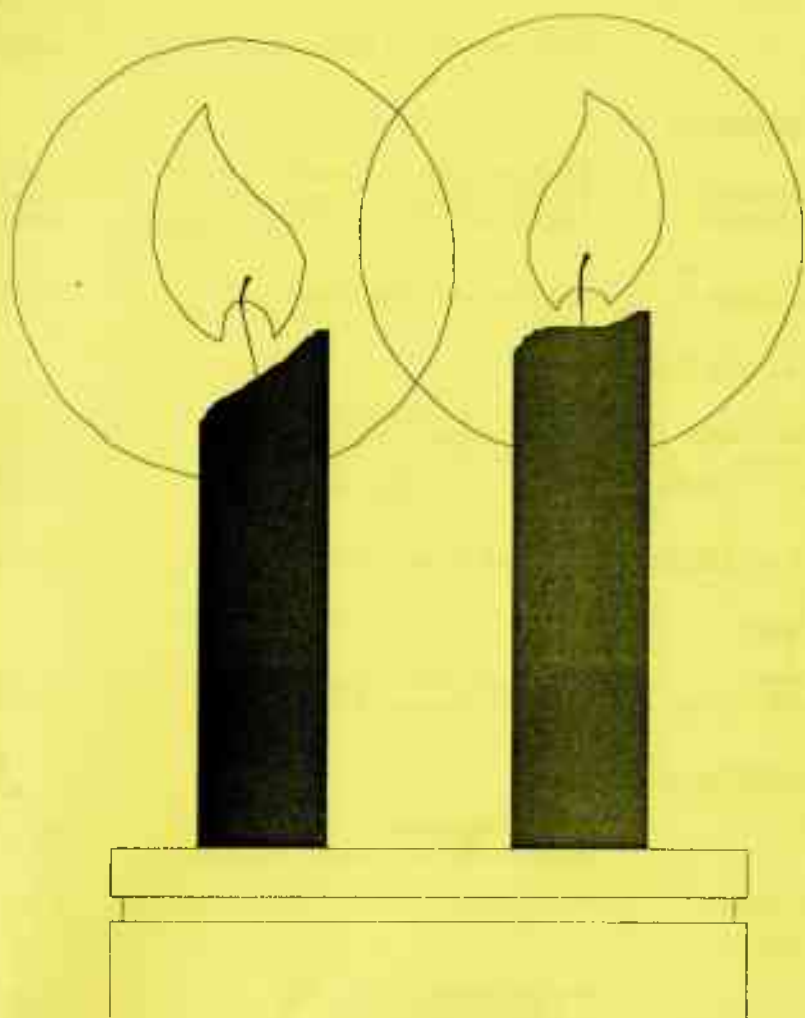


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Ackworth Parish Church ~ Who's Who?



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This month has two contrasting but complementary festivals in the Christian calendar which celebrate two important stages of our Lord's unfolding revelation to mankind, following his incarnation.

The first of these, on the 2nd of the month, 26 days after the feast of the Epiphany and marking the end of Epiphanytide, is Candlemas, also known as the feast of the 'Presentation of Christ in the Temple.' The second, taking on a somewhat more serious and sombre tone, in that it marks the beginning Lent, 26 days after Candlemas, is Ash Wednesday.

The period between these two major events in our Lord's life, one of some 30 years as far as we know, is represented by these 26 days. That we know little if anything of our Lord's life during those 30 years is matched by the fact that there are no other significant festivals or Holy Days between Candlemas and Ash Wednesday. It is a 'blank' that I've always found a bit odd!

Following Jesus' presentation in the temple, which in accordance with Jewish law would have been about a month after his birth; apart from one description in the second chapter of Luke's

Gospel, when he was lost and then found in the temple in Jerusalem as a boy; we know nothing of his life until he appears at the river Jordan to be baptised by John and then goes off into the wilderness - a time we equate with Lent.

It's strange, isn't it, that there seems to have been a gap of almost 30 years in the life of someone we consider to be the most important and well-known person in the world? All we can do is make the most of the two festivals we celebrate at the beginning and end of this gap and try to speculate what this very private time in his life must have meant to him and his family.

In all probability, being the eldest child and a son at that, he would have gone into his father Joseph's business. We can also believe that God would have chosen for his son parents, whose love would have been the greatest that was humanly possible. Although they would have been aware that this child was different, from the things that were said at his birth, his epiphany and the presentation in the temple, they were poor people, and would still have brought him up in the only way they knew. Consequently, Jesus would have had a very normal upbringing, surrounded



The Rector Writes ...



by love, with brothers and sisters, learning the carpenter's trade. An extraordinary family perhaps, but nevertheless a normal family life with all its joys, pains and problems. We know, that as all parents do, they suffered pain and anguish; none greater than to see their son executed at an early age, only three years or so after he left home to go out on his own.

In these two great festivals we see something of that pain and anguish in his parents. Firstly at Candlemas, when Jesus is presented at the temple, Simeon takes the baby in his arms and declares Jesus to be the one who would bring salvation to all nations; a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Israel. Perhaps they were getting used to it by now, after visits from archangels, the incredible story of the shepherds and the visit and homage paid by three kings, but to have their son be declared the Messiah, the most holy person of their known world, must still have been mind-blowing. But then comes the caution; the prediction of anguish and pain; "... and a sword shall pierce your own soul too ..." the premonition of doom that every mother must dread briefly as she contemplates the future for her child; one of the

many pains of love. On the second festival this month we see the start of the fulfilment, as Jesus goes off into the wilderness to prepare for his ministry; a ministry which, as we know, was to lead to his crucifixion: the beginning of the end, so to speak.

These two events encapsulate what must be the worst fears of any parent. In the first instance they are told that he will be a messianic figure who will be "... a sign to be rejected ..." and that Mary would suffer the worst pains of love possible ("and a sword will pierce your own soul too"). Then, on what was to become Ash Wednesday, they see their son depart from home after 30 years, leaving a family and a secure job to go off into the wilderness. Although most people don't experience such extremes, the celebrations of this month do highlight the risk we take when we love another, particularly when we love as parents. But as the old saying goes: "It is better to have loved and lost, than never to have loved at all." I am sure that Mary and Joseph, despite all the pain and anguish that came later, would not have changed anything.

Yours in Christ,

Paul

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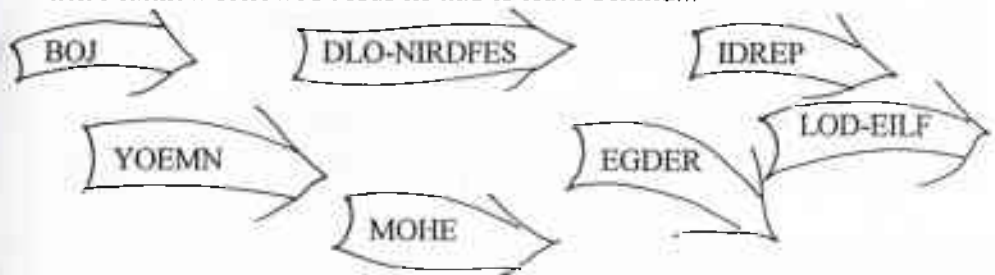
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Candlemas and Ash Wednesday



Following my article this month I would like to encourage you all to come to church for this month's two major festivals. Both services are at St Cuthbert's and begin at 7.30pm and are mid-week. Many people seem reluctant to go to extra services nowadays, they are however, very special and different from the normal Sunday routine. Candlemas on the 2nd consists of a candlelight procession around our church, stopping at various stages to light candles before 'tableaux' representing the major events from Christmas to Candlemas (Christmas, Epiphany, Baptism of Christ and the Presentation of Christ in the Temple) with readings, prayers and seasonal hymns and carols, culminating at the end of the eucharist by turning away from the Christmas/Epiphany season and focusing upon the cross.

Ash Wednesday on the 28th is a celebration of Holy Communion which includes the traditional ritual of the first day of Lent when we each receive the mark of the cross on our foreheads with ash from last years palm crosses.

Please do come and join us in the poignant and beautiful acts of worship as we celebrate two of the important events in the life of our Lord. *The Rector*

Church Flowers



Phyliss and Janet would be pleased to welcome new volunteers to help with flower arranging at St Cuthbert's.

Also, donations towards the cost of flowers, particularly for the big festivals would be greatly appreciated.

If you can help out with either of these matters please contact them in church or phone; 704732 (Phyliss) or 613203 (Janet)

Prayer for the Month

Grant us, O Lord to know what is worth knowing.
 To love what is worth loving.
 To Praise what delights you most.
 To value what is precious to you and reject whatever is evil in your eyes.
 Give us true discernment, so that we may judge rightly between things that differ.
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| 4 Proper 1 | | |
| Isaiah 6:1-8 | Miss Parker | Mrs V Cook |
| 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 | Miss Parker | Mrs V Cook |
| Luke 5:1-11 | | |
| 11 Proper 2 | | |
| Jeremiah 17:5-10 | | Mrs K Cooper |
| 1 Corinthians 15:12:20 | Mr F Davies | Mrs K Cooper |
| Luke 6:17-26 | | |
| 18 2nd Before Lent | | |
| Genesis 2:4b-9,15-25 | Mrs Woofinden | Dr McWilliam |
| Revelation 4 | Mrs Woofinden | Dr McWilliam |
| Luke 8:22-25 | | |
| 25 Sunday next before Lent | | |
| Exodus 34:29-35 | | Mrs S Hall |
| 2 Corinthians 3:12 - 4:2 | Sue Hartley | Mrs S Hall |
| Luke 9:28-36 | | |



From the Registers - November & December 2000

Baptisms

- 10 Dec Ariana Selby & Caitlin Mae Wilson
- 31 Dec Alice Johnson & Matthew Cleland

Marriages

- 1 Dec Paul L Galer & Sara Precious

Funerals

- 9 Nov Harold Dawson (80) 23, Chiltern Drive
- 18 Nov Kathleen Brammah (80) 17, Maple Avenue, Carlton
- 19 Nov Wildred Goldthorpe (85) 35, Rhyddings Drive
- 4 Dec Ethel Graham (87) 7, Hawthorn Grove
- 5 Dec Phyliss Taylor (72) 73, Townend Avenue
- 14 Dec Sylvia Mavis Matthews (90) Victoria House Nursing Home, Rhyill
- 18 Dec Jean Hirst (70) 5, Rhyddings Drive
- 21 Dec Norman Liddle (79) 34, Mount Pleasant





February Diary

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|----|---------------|--------|---|----------|---------------|
| 31 | Wednesday | 7.30pm | Magazine Committee | | The Rectory |
| 2 | Friday | | Candlemas | | |
| | | 7.30pm | Holy Communion | | St Cuthbert's |
| 5 | Monday | 7.30pm | PCC | Vestry- | St Cuthbert's |
| 7 | Wednesday | 9.30am | Holy Communion <i>(M.U. Corporate Communion)</i> | | All Saints' |
| 13 | Tuesday | 2.00pm | Toddler Praise | | All Saints' |
| 14 | Wednesday | 9.30am | Holy Communion | | All Saints' |
| 19 | Monday | 7.30pm | Fabric Committee | Vestry - | St Cuthbert's |
| 21 | Wednesday | 9.30am | Holy Communion | | All Saints' |
| 22 | Thursday | 2.30pm | Mothers' Union* | | |
| 28 | Ash Wednesday | | | | |
| | | 9.30am | Holy Communion | | All Saints' |
| | | 7.30pm | Holy Communion | | St Cuthbert's |
| | | 7.30pm | Magazine Committee | | The Rectory |

Forthcoming Events - March

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| 18 | Sunday | 10.15am | Confirmation by the Bishop of Wakefield* | | St Cuthbert's |
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From the Editor

A very happy new year to all our readers!

We have now been producing our parish magazine as an in house publication for two years. With the help of many volunteers our parish church has continued to benefit financially to a larger extent than previously. As advertised in your last issue the cost of the magazine has increased to 40p per copy. As the price has not increased for several years the magazine committee and the PCC believes that it still represents good value for money.

At this point I would like to offer a vote of thanks to two people who have made contributions to the magazine in the past. Our first goes to Mrs Mollie Gardham who has tendered her resignation to the magazine committee. Mollie has been of enormous help organising the distribution of the magazine for some 14 years and during the last two years collating and stapling the magazine. Her invaluable help will be sorely missed. Also to Dr Paul Fox, who for a number of years has written several series for publication in our magazine, his page will leave a gap in the usual format which we will find very difficult to fill. We hope that he will continue to write an

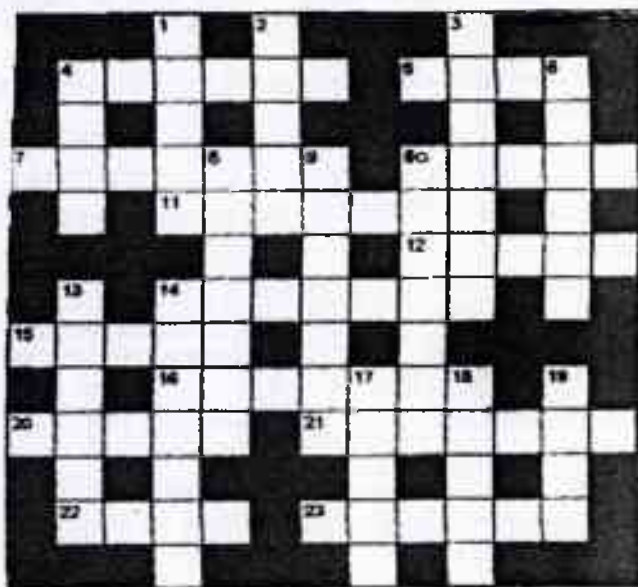
occasional article for us during the coming months.

With Mollie and Paul's retirement we now find ourselves in great need for new writers to the magazine and for new helpers to try fill the very large gap that Mollie leaves. If you feel you are able to contribute in either area, a piece of writing, a poem, even a short series on a particular subject or more practical help in collating and stapling the magazine, then please contact one of the magazine committee members.

Last year I asked for volunteers to help particularly with the photocopying of the magazine, unfortunately at that time no-one came forward. The need still exists – for one or more people to be involved with this aspect of your magazines production, as I am the only person currently involved in this (although one other person has had some training) there might be a time when I – through illness (as highlighted with my stay in hospital last October) - may not be available at the last minute to photocopy the magazine. If you feel able to offer, even in an emergency, to do this or would like some training please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sue Hartley (editor)

This Month's Crossword



Across

- 4 Religious building (6)
 5 Noah's son (4)
 7 Book of the Old Testament (7)
 10 "and the ... appeared unto Mary" (5)
 11 A mobile phone on the move (7)
 12 A senior of the Jewish church (5)
 14 A monk's haircut (7)
 15 He's cleaning for his bride (5)
 16 Controversial Writing (7)
 20 French morning (5)
 21 Subtracts (7)
 22 A tale (4)
 23 According to the proverb the keeper is the (6)

Down

- 1 More competent (5)
 2 Middle eastern country (5)
 3 Beach (7)
 4 Bale (*Ana.*) (4)
 6 Milder (6)
 8 He was wise (7)
 9 Broke (7)
 10 A kind of barometer (7)
 13 A monastery (6)
 14 The art of hedge cutting (7)
 17 The press (5)
 18 Coagulated milk (5)
 19 A special one appeared at Jesus' birth (4)

Answers to last months puzzle

Across 1 Present. 5 Panto. 8 & 9 Cliff Richard. 10 Science. 11 Osier. 12 Sister. 14 Robins.

17 Exams. 19 Descant 22 Hygiene. 23 Naiad. 24 Nylon. 25 Thirsty.

Down 1 Packs. 2 Elicits. 3 Elfin. 4 Turkey. 5 Piccolo. 6 Naafi. 7 Ordures. 12 Stephen.

13 Eastern. 15 Italics 18 Angel. 20 Sinai. 21 Teddy.

Prison Chaplaincy ~ Part I

I am a prison chaplain. I work at Everthorpe, which is a training establishment for 450 men serving medium to long-term sentences. Long term means four years or over. We do not have men on life sentences. Many are repeat offenders, trapped in a cycle of crime. For them prison doesn't work.



Along with other members of the Chaplaincy team, and the rest of the prison staff, I work with the outcasts of society -as someone once remarked 'the mad, the bad and the sad'. They are in gaol for offending against others, sometimes in quite nasty and vicious ways. Our men have often left a trail of hurt victims. Most are petty criminals, many of whom have committed crimes because of drug addiction. A few are in prison for the first time.

Many of the men at Everthorpe are hurt and wounded by life. It's said that the most dangerous animal is a wounded animal. I think that's also true of people. Wounded people are dangerous people. Many of our men are wounded - not that they would admit it. In prison you have to appear to be

tough. You put on a front. You wear a mask. You go to the gym and build up your muscles. You never show you are hurt. You never cry. It's only when you're banged up at night that you can stop pretending and let the mask slip or do so occasionally in front of a chaplain.

But our men are hurt. Some come from backgrounds that at best can be called chaotic and at worst violent and dangerous. Some come from homes which to you and me cannot be imagined, and which we'd find hard to believe still exist today. A home where the very person who is supposed to give you love, your father or mother, regularly beats you up or chastises you in psychologically twisted ways, or sexually uses you. Like the young man who told me his father had broken both his legs when he was seven. So many too have grown up in care, where as we now know you may also be further physically or sexually abused. Others stayed at home and smouldered with anger at the injustices they suffered until one day they were big enough to give vent to that anger in antisocial ways. Some in our prisons are so damaged, and turned in upon themselves, lacking even the most basic feelings for their fellow citizens, that they must be locked up for the rest of their lives, so dangerous are they.

A former senior Roman Catholic chaplain, Monsignor Richard Atherton once wrote "Anyone who has spoken about criminal justice and penal reform to a church meeting will quickly have learned that he or she is not preaching entirely to the converted". By that he means that some Christians share the view of the tabloid press, and the man in the street, that prisoners are 'scum', that they

Prison Chaplaincy ~ continued.

should be punished in prison, have no privileges, and have a harsh regime. They don't even begin to understand what our work as chaplains is all about.

Chaplains are sometimes accused of being all for prisoners and forgetting about the victims of crime. Underlying all our work and everything I say is a profound sympathy for the victims of crime. I do not wish to minimise the damage and hurt inflicted by crime, nor do I wish to dismiss the anger that crime generates in everyone, myself included. But treating criminals harshly does not work. Most men in prison can take harsh conditions. They've grown up with it.

It's part of the techniques they've had to adopt in order to survive. These are tough people. Our work is to show them another way. As chaplains we have to tell them that no matter what they've done God still loves them. And that deep inside them they have the potential to be different, with God's help. However, that may involve a very painful acknowledgement of the pain they have inflicted on others, as well as an acceptance of the pain others have given them.

Revd. Peter Moorhouse

Part two in next month's issue

Mothers Union Notes

February 2001

- 7th Corporate Communion, All Saints', 9.30 am.**
- 10th Service in Celebration of Marriage. Wakefield Cathedral, 2.00 pm.**
This service has been organised by MU and FLAME as part of National Marriage Week. The address will be given by Trish Heywood, our new World Wide President. Everyone is welcome.
- 16th Members of Ackworth Branch will be joining members from St. Giles', Pontefract, to serve coffee at Treacy Hall, Wakefield, 10.00 am to 12 noon.**
If you are in town that day please call in for a cup of coffee or tea.
- 22nd Service and Branch meeting. Mary Lowther Almshouses, 2.30 pm.**

18th March

10.15 Eucharist at St. Cuthbert's

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4th February

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

11th February

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

18th February

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

25th February

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| 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

Please contact the Rector to arrange Baptisms and Weddings