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The Rector's Report to Ackworth's Annual Parochial Church Meeting 29th April 2001

Looking back over the last year it has, as usual, been both a busy and eventful period. The events which stood out for me looking back to around the time of the annual meeting last year they were as follows. Just before the meeting in March we had our parish weekend in Scarborough. Once again it was a week that was well-attended and enjoyed by all. Our study sessions were led by myself and our WMS helper Douglas Brown when we looked at the general theme of Spiritual journeys. Sadly, shortly after arriving back from that weekend, one of our oldest and longest attending members of our churches, Dorothy Common, passed away peacefully at the age of 96 – someone whom I and many residents of this village will have many memories of.

In June of last year, the newly formed fabric committee had its first meeting. Chaired by David Cook, it has, mostly due to a great deal of had work by David, carried out a great deal of planning for extensive repairs and refurbishment of our two churches. Hopefully work should begin shortly in implementing the first phase of those plans.

During summer last year Edward Woodcock, a candidate for the

ordained ministry began a placement in our parish which was to continue for the next 4 - 5 weeks. During that time, Edward shared many of our services and visited quite a number of our church members. He has now been accepted for training for the ordained ministry and begins full-time study at Mirfield Theological College this year. In June the WMS core group presented and led a series of studies entitled Faith, Love and Marriage, unfortunately not very well supported after a great deal time and effort.

In December following many meetings by the Liturgical committee and a lot of hard work printing and putting together service booklets, we began on Advent Sunday to use our new Common Worship services. Revision of the full range of those service will be completed shortly, and for the most part, the transition for ASB has been fairly painless. Full credit to the liturgical committee and all the members of the congregation for a relatively smooth transition.

In January of this year, unfortunately the Women's group was wound up due to lack of support and surplus funds were transferred to the restoration fund, with a small amount being kept in trust should the group ever start up again. Finally in March, always a highlight in the life of this parish, we were graced by a visit from the Bishop of Wakefield when he came to confirm eleven new



communicant members. All in all a fairly busy year in which we have seen attendance and income rise slightly and experienced a period of moderate change and consolidation.

Looking to the coming year we anticipate many challenges and opportunities. As a result of our last quinquennial report and advice from our architect and surveyor, we set up a fabric committee last year to plan and implement those recommendations. Unfortunately, repairs and refurbishments do not come free! Hence a restoration fund has been established and opened. The newly formed fundraising committee will begin meeting to organise an appeal to raise somewhere in the region of £250-£300K over the next few years. Though the task sounds onerous, with faith, prayer and the support of every member of our church we will achieve our targets – but it will require 100% support of every member of our congregations – the fundraising committee cannot do this on its own. It sounds like a tall order, but by God's grace we should be able to bequeath a legacy of a sound resource to future generations to ensure that the Christian faith is kept alive and flourishes here in Ackworth.

This summer sees the end of the three year training programme some members of our church began with the Wakefield Ministry Scheme. Though they will no longer be involved with the study and training that this involved, they have through involvement with the scheme established a strong ministry team which will continue to apply themselves to maintaining and enriching the ministry of this church to the parish. Speaking of ministry, Marie Lewis is now more than half way through her training for lay-readership and, all being well, will probably be licensed next year. I am sure many other of our church members

will look forward to even greater involvement (if that is possible!) in the worship and ministry of our church in future.

Finally, some advanced notices for next year, 2002! Once again we will be going off to Scarborough for our parish weekend, keep an eye on the magazine and notice sheet for further details. Secondly, prior to our annual meeting next year we have to undertake the formation of a new electoral roll. This means that the present roll will be scrapped and everyone will have to re-apply (i.e. fill in new form) to be included on the new roll. Plenty of advance notice will be given.

Overall, we seem to be in a reasonably 'healthy' position, both financially and congregationally speaking, but time does not stand still and with a 7½% increase in the diocesan share this year and an almost certain rise next year as the diocese begins to implement a new scheme for calculating the figures, plus potentially enormous repair bills in the near future, we cannot afford to be complacent.

Ministry, as I have often commented is the responsibility of the whole body of Christ – every church member and the continuation of the church and the propagation of the Christian faith in this community is down to each and everyone of us. Let us take on that task with joy and anticipation, strengthened and empowered by our prayers and worship together.

Yours in Christ

Paul



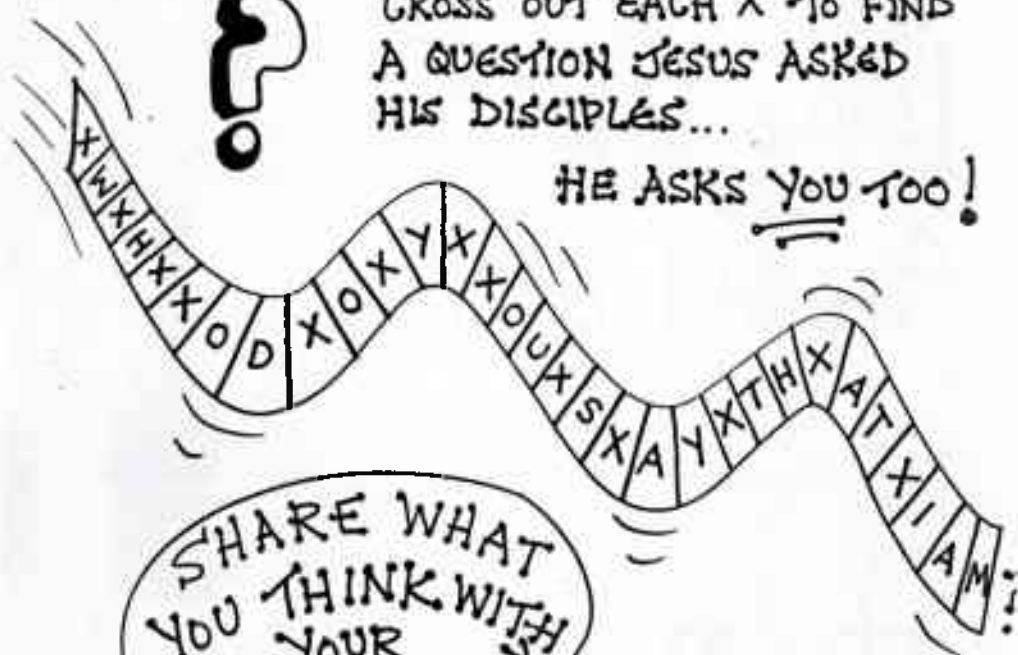


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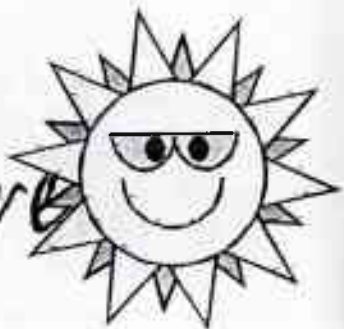
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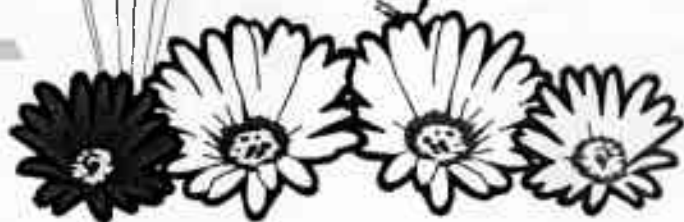
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3 Day of Pentecost

Genesis 11:1-9

Jane Siddall

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Acts 2:1-21

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John 14:8-17 & 25-27

10 Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8:1-4 & 22-31

Mrs M Walker

Romans 5:1-5

Mark Cavill

Mrs M Walker

John 16:12-15

17 Proper 6

1 Kings 21:1-10 (11-14) 15-21a

Miss Parker

Mr D Cook

Galatians 2:15-21

Miss Parker

Mr D Cook

Luke 7:36 - 8:3

24 Birth of John the Baptist

Isaiah 40:1-11

Miss Smith

Acts 13:14b-26

Mrs Riley

Miss Smith

Luke 1:57-60 & 80



From the Registers - April 2001

Baptisms

29 Nathan Oliver Sellars

Marriages

27 John G Murphy & Deborah Anne Savage

Blessing/Rededication

24 March - Robert Nutt & Diane Margaret Nutt

Funerals

5 George William Challender (70) 12, Vale View, Low Ackworth

14 Gladys Draper (89) Priory Gardens Nursing Home, Pontefract

27 Evelyn Winifred Lloyd (62) 2, Chapel Garth, Ackworth.





Diary



4	Monday	10.00am	Deanery Chapter Quiet Day		
6	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion		All Saints'
			<i>(M.U. Corporate Communion)</i>		
		7.30pm	Magazine Committee		
11	Monday	7.30pm	PCC	Vestry	St Cuthbert's
12	Tuesday	2.00pm	Toddler Praise		Elm Garth
		7.30pm	Fundraising Committee		St Cuthbert's
13	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion		All Saints'
		7.30pm	Deanery Synod		Purston
16	Saturday	1.00pm	Summer Fayre*		St Cuthbert's
17	Sunday	11.30am	Farewell Lunch for the Wynne Family		St Cuthbert's
20	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion		All Saints'
27	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion		All Saints'
28	Thursday	2.30pm	Mothers' Union*		
30	Saturday		Ackworth Gala		

Forthcoming Events

1	July	Sunday	Eddie Wynn's Ordination	Wakefield Cathedral
14	July	Saturday	BBQ	Elm Garth
6	October	Saturday	Simeon Wood Concert	St Cuthbert's

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



Once again our church will be having a bookstall at the Ackworth Gala. Boxes will be available in both churches nearer the date.

If you are able to help on the day please contact any member of the Social Committee (Biddy Branston, Jean Ensor, Lyn Place, Maureen Richardson, Doreen Seal, Pauline Wright)

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Goodbye and Thank You!

This will be the last article I write for the magazine as in July I will be taking up my post as Curate working with the Rey'd. Christine Bullimore in the parishes of Emley and Flockton, which we two rural Communities mid-way between Wakefield and Huddersfield, easily seen from Ackworth by Emley television mast!

My feelings on leaving Ackworth are very mixed, I am very excited and just a little apprehensive about my new job, with a severe dose of stage fright! I am also very sad to be leaving a community of good friends who have encouraged and shared with me some of the most important years of my life.

The Christian life for me has three important facets, community, journeying and fun! All of you as a community have supported me from newly moving into Ackworth 12 years ago. Our marriage and the Baptism, Christian nurture and later the Confirmation of Hannah, all took place in the Christian community here.

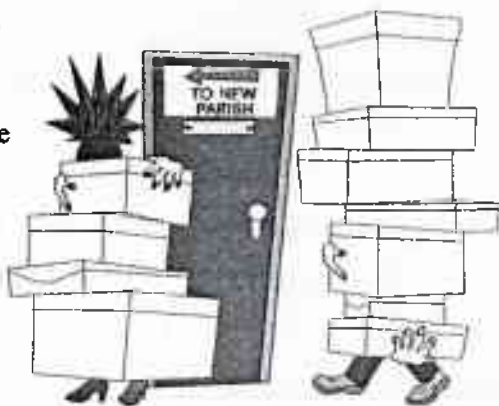
We as a family are now journeying to a new community but my memory of the community in Ackworth will

always be treasured. You have all shared in my journey of vocation and I wish to thank Paul in particular for his encouragement during the low times as well as high points. In Ackworth you will continue to journey on with the Lord, but without Hannah, Ruth or myself but we will continue to hold you in our prayers.

Lastly, thank you all for your sense of fun! You have a gift of bringing somebody who might be taking themselves a little too seriously, out of themselves with a sense of perspective and without this I would have become a very sad and insular person! So once again thank you for your help and support, your love and Community. I wish you all well for the future as you continue on your own journey, and I promise to keep in touch, have fun!

Wishing you every blessing, with much love,

Eddie, Ruth and Hannah.



Etcetera...

MOTHERS' UNION June 2001

- 6th Corporate Communion.**
All Saints', 9.30 am.
- 7th 125th Anniversary Service.**
Westminster Abbey, 12 noon.
- 21st Diocesan Council Meeting.**
Dewsbury Town Hall, 6.45 pm.
- 27th Deanery Summer Rally.**
St. Giles' Church, Pontefract, 7.15 pm.
- 28th Service and Branch Meeting.** All Saints' Church, 2.30 pm. Speaker: Mrs Bethan Dyson.
Barbara Firth



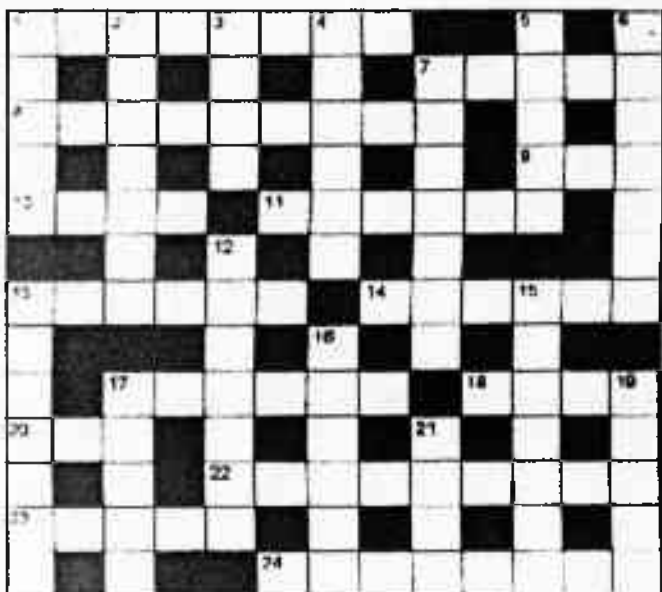
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This Month's Crossword



Across

- 1 Where the sacred utensils are kept (8)
 7 (and 6 down) He was stoned to death (5,7)
 8 Prepre it on Stir up Sunday (9)
 9 Ram (3)
 10 He collected what sounded like pears (4)
 11 Room in a church (6)
 13 Frozen, north and south (6)
 14 Taken without permission (6)
 17 Planet (6)
 18 Deeds in the Bible (4)
 20 Large Deer (3)
 22 Written name at the bottom of document/
 letter (9)
 23 "Light's abode, Celestial ..." (6)
 24 His day is 23rd April (2,6)

Down

- 1 He was called Peter (5)
 2 Opposite to convex (7)
 3 Object (4)
 4 Subjects (6)
 5 Godfiness (5)
 6 See 7 across
 7 Law (7)
 12 Name giving (7)
 13 Sounds like to make
 angry (7)
 15 Shiny Paint (7)
 16 Not dark (6)
 17 Kills (anagram) (5)
 19 Riddle (5)
 21 Kismet (4)

Last month's answers

Across: 1 Rejoice. 5 Pious. 8 Nylon. 9 Circled. 10 Stirred. 11 Iotas. 12 Joyful. 14 Psalms. 17 Dance
 19 Incense. 22 Invert. 23 Reins. 24 Myrrh. 25 Elapses. *Down:* 1 Rings. 2 Jollity. 3 Inner. 4 Encode.
 5 Parties. 6 Order. 7 Sadists. 12 Judaism. 13 Unearth. 15 Lentils. 16 Tissue. 18 Never. 20 Circa.
 21 Eases.



HOW DO YOU READ YOURS?

Well, that's it then. Lent has finished and Easter has come and gone. Those of us who gave up chocolate or any other treat now have a reasonable excuse for indulging. (My excuse is usually there is only a year or so left on the Sell By date!)

I love chocolate, whether I eat a whole bar or find myself eating the odd smartie lying around. I find it hard to resist.

I sometimes wished this yearning applied to my Bible reading skills, and not just mine but the children's also. In fact, I find myself writing this article in order to encourage Bible reading as a pretty good habit to acquire, whether it's to read a whole chapter or a single verse.

It's easy to say, 'There is no time', ... 'Where do I start?' ... 'It's too difficult!' These are excuses, I know, I've used them! If we plan we can actually fit in a lot more than we think. Bible reading can be fitted in perfectly with your prayer time and can even be a prayer in itself. This surely must be encouragement.

There are many editions of the Bible out there; Bibles suitable for babies right through to adulthood. For older children the Youth Bible is very helpful, often giving discussion points

relating to real life situations. I use this Bible for Youth Group and often to get a different perspective.

My personal favourite is The New Jerusalem Bible. However, as I progress with the Readers' Course I find myself developing the habit of reading the same passage in at least three versions. This often helps, especially if the passage is difficult.

You don't even have to pick up a Bible. Kitty Cooper encouraged me to use Daily Bible Readings. There are many types to choose from and these are also available for young people. They are a great way to read scripture, in small pieces, with useful notes by various authors. I've even been known to read on ahead when gripped!

The Bible is fascinating history, it is relevant teaching, it is a way to live. By daily reading we come closer to God and Jesus. It is strength in times of sorrow, hurt and weakness.

Next time you sit down for a cup of tea and, perhaps, a chocolate biscuit, why not reach a little further - pick up your Bible. There are far fewer calories and it is very good for you!

Marie Lewis

Prayer of Pentecost

**O God, life-giving Spirit,
Spirit of healing and comfort,
Of integrity and truth,
We believe and trust in you.
Warm-winged Spirit, brooding over Creation,
rushing wind and Pentecostal Fire,
we commit ourselves to work with you
and renew our world.
Fill us all with the love of Christ.
Fill us all with the peace of Christ
and a voice to praise Him forever. Amen**



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St Cuthbert's and All Saints' Sunday Services *June 2001*



3rd June

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10.15am	Family Communion	St Cuthbert's
6.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'

10th June

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

17th June

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

24th June

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 midweek services can be found on page 9
Please contact the Rector to arrange Baptisms and Weddings