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Ackworth Parish Church ~ Who's Who?



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At a recent PCC meeting we discussed the increasingly urgent matter of fundraising and in particular forming a group or committee in order to organise the financing of the much needed repair work on our churches. At that meeting it was felt that more information was required as to the role of members of such a group as people seemed unsure as to what they would be committing themselves to, and as such were reluctant to offer their services.

As most of you by now are probably aware from letters, notices and a presentation by David Cook (Fabric Committee Chairman), our church buildings, particularly St Cuthbert's are in desperate need of repairs and refurbishment. Although some work is more urgent than others (eg leaks in St Cuthbert's roof need to be tackled as soon as money is available to prevent further damage to stone and timber due to constant wetting), over the next few years it is estimated that we will need somewhere in the region of £200,000 – £250,000.

Although we hope that some of this will come through local donations and fundraising efforts, the greatest proportion will hopefully be raised through

grants from charitable trusts (eg English Heritage, Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust, etc).

It is in the application for such grants, co-ordinating efforts and appeals, monitoring and evaluation of progress and so on, that will be mainly the task of a fundraising committee, not the actual facilitating (eg standing behind a stall or delivering appeal letters etc) of individual efforts.

In all communications with people who may support our appeal, the committee's task will be to ensure that we don't give out the wrong signals and that we don't offend anyone. In fact we need to do quite the opposite; we need to encourage support and good will, particularly within our village. Our churches, after all, are not just the preserve of regular attenders, but a heritage and resource for the whole community; places which speak of God's presence in this village and in the lives of all who live here.

Fundraising then is not just organising and holding events to raise money, but also ensuring that the right sort of information as to why the money is needed is given out, and that the whole effort is



The Rector Writes ...



undergirded with prayer. The prime purpose behind the repair and refurbishment of our churches is so that we can preserve and pass on a viable resource to successive generations; a resource to serve the spiritual and religious needs of this community. If all we are hoping to achieve is to keep buildings in good repair for architectural interest, civic pride or to maintain a village landmark, then we will be doing it for the wrong reasons and I feel our efforts will be doomed to failure.

First and foremost, our restoration appeal is directed towards breathing new life into resources which exist to serve a living God, not as a memorial to a dead religion. *"Where your treasure is, there will be your heart also"* (Matt 6:21) It is through love that we will begin this task, and by faith in the God of love whom we serve that we will see it through to its final conclusion. We will only be able to do it,

if we believe we can.

I believe in this church and I believe I in this community which God calls me and my family in Christ to minister to.

Together we can do it!

Will you join me in prayer and in starting off this appeal?

Will you offer some of your time and talents to getting the fundraising committee started and later by helping out with events and spreading the news (both of the appeal and the good news of the gospel for all people)?

Will you help me to help our church?

If you can, then contact either the churchwardens, any PCC member or me, so that we can begin our work.

Yours in Christ
Paul

Prayer for Lent

Dear Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ
We hold up all our weakness to your strength
Our failures to your faithfulness,
our sinfulness to your perfection,
our loneliness to your compassion,
our pains to your agony on the cross.
We pray that you will cleanse us.
Strengthen us, and heal us, so that, in all
our ways our lives may be lived
as you would have lived it
Without cowardice and for you alone.
Amen.





Cool Kids!

Work out the picture code using the first letter of each picture

We can trust **Jesus**

like the disciples in ...



Answers to last month's puzzle: Matthew left ~ MONEY, JOB, OLD FRIENDS, GREED, PRIDE, OLD LIFE, HOME We need to give up ~ CHEATING, STEALING, RUDENESS, BULLYING, LAZINESS, HATRED, SELFISHNESS, GREED.



18th March
at 10.15 am at St Cuthbert's
Holy Communion and Confirmation
by Bishop Nigel

Please join us for this special occasion;
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Common Worship

Many of you will have noticed the recent changes to our services following the introduction of the Common Worship Services. So far we have produced booklets for our usual Holy Communion Service and for our monthly Family Service with Parade. As you may realise by now only a few words have changed, which if anything makes it harder as they are so difficult to spot! But keep looking, eventually they will become familiar to us all.

As the typing, printing and collating of the new booklets takes up so much time (baptism, marriage & confirmation still to come!) could you please remember to return any which you may have taken home to read, so that we don't have to think about reprinting them as yet – particularly in the case of the eucharistic prayer booklets as only 8 were printed originally!

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Notes

Readers and Readings

4 1st Sunday of Lent	<i>sc</i>	<i>48</i>
Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Mr Shaw	Mrs M Walker
Romans 10:8b-13	Mr Shaw	Mrs M Walker
Luke 4:1-13		
11 2nd Sunday of Lent		
Genesis 15:1-12,17-18	Ann Atack	Mr D Cook
Philippians 3:17 - 4:1		Mr D Cook
Luke 13:31-35		
18 3rd Sunday of Lent		
Joshua 5:9-12	Jane Siddall	Miss Smith
2 Corinthians 5:16-21	Jane Siddall	Miss Smith
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32		
25 Mothering Sunday		
Exodus 2:1-10	Helen Parkinson	Mrs V Cook
Colossians 3:12-17		Mrs V Cook
Luke 2:33-35		



From the Registers - January 2001

Baptisms

- 14 Jan Lucy Ruth Hull
- 28 Jan Lewis James Roberts

Funerals

- 8 Jan Edna England (56) 10, Oddfellows Cottages
- 10 Jan Algetha Strutt (94) The Grange Nursing Home, Kinsley
- 11 Jan Jean Withington (67) 6, Rhyddings Drive
- 18 Jan John Henry Carbyshire (78) 8, Vale View
- 18 Jan Muriel Lamprey (73) 16, Chapel Garth





Diary

1 Thursday	7.45pm	Magazine Committee	54 Holly Bank
5 Monday	7.30pm	PCC Meeting	Vestry - St Cuthbert's
7 Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
13 Tuesday	2.00pm	Toddler Praise	All Saints'
14 Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	8.00pm	Lent Study	Vestry St Cuthbert's
18 Sunday	10.15am	Confirmation by the Bishop of Wakefield*	St Cuthbert's
19 Monday		St Joseph of Nazareth	
	7.30pm	Holy Communion (said)	St Cuthbert's
20 Tuesday		St Cuthbert's Patronal Festival	
	7.30pm	Holy Communion	St Cuthbert's
21 Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	8.00pm	Lent Study	Vestry St Cuthbert's
26 Monday		The Annunciation	
	7.30pm	Holy Communion (said)	St Cuthbert's
28 Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
	8.00pm	Lent Study	Vestry St Cuthbert's
29 Thursday	2.30pm	Mothers' Union*	

Forthcoming Events

3 May Thursday Fashion Show

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

Don't forget British summertime begins on the 25th March; put your clocks forward one hour!



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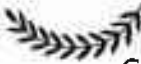
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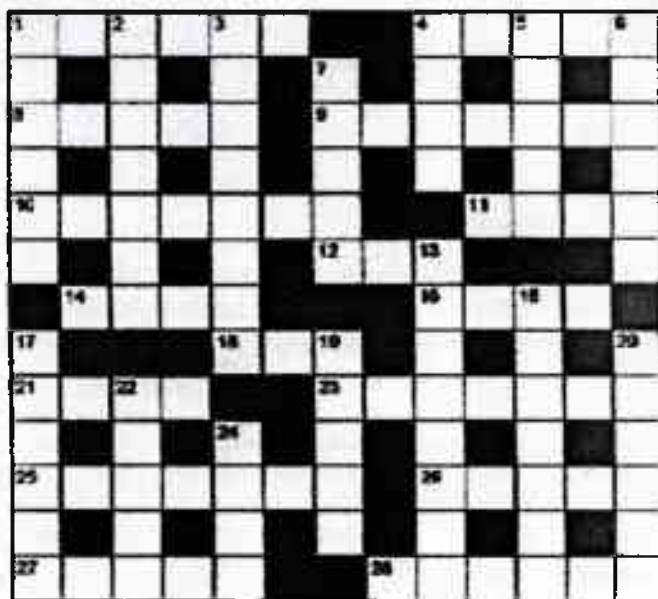
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This Month's Crossword



Across

- 1 Cut hair off (6)
- 4 Give grace to (5)
- 8 Spiritual leader (5)
- 9 A traveller to a holy place (7)
- 10 Holy city (7)
- 11 Spoken (4)
- 12 Number (3)
- 14 Support (4)
- 15 So be it (4)
- 18 Biblical yes (3)
- 21 Religious Song (4)
- 23 Merciful (7)
- 25 Found on a church (7)
- 26 Boredom (5)
- 27 Rope plant (5)
- 28 Choir members (7)

Down

- 1 Absolution (6)
- 2 Judge (7)
- 3 Bishopric (8)
- 4 Device that rings (4)
- 5 Mistake (5)
- 6 Easy (6)
- 7 Paid out (5)
- 13 Jesus was one (8)
- 16 Fore ever (7)
- 17 Spirits (6)
- 19 Pronunciation (6)
- 20 Marks (6)
- 22 Comes together (5)
- 24 Stone (4)

Last month's answers

Across: 4 Abbeys. 5 Shem. 7 Genesis. 10 Angel. 11 Roaming. 12 Elder. 14 Tonsure. 15 Groom. 16 Polemic. 20 Matin. 21 Deducts. 22 Yarn. 23 Finder. **Down:** 1 Abler. 2 Syria. 3 Shingle. 4 Abel. 6 Meeker. 8 Solomon. 9 Smashed. 10 Aneroid. 13 Friary. 14 Topiary. 17 Media. 18 Curds. 19 Star.

Prison Chaplaincy ~ Part 2

We work as an ecumenical team. We work also with other faiths. Our job is to see that a man's religious needs are met. So I also work with Muslims, Sikhs, Buddhists, Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses and so on. We work with men as we find them.

It's our job to break bad news - a death, serious illness in the family, and to help them cope. Each day we visit men in the punishment block. We provide prison visitors for those who have no one to visit them.

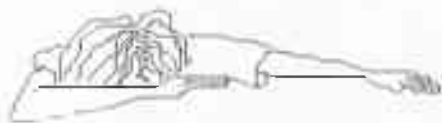
And men do respond. Like our chapel orderly, who has experienced God in his life and who is searching for a new way forward. Only recently I was invited to attend the wedding of a former prisoner who is now attending church and making a new life for himself, after having had a profound religious conversion in a high security prison.

'presence is everything'

One of the most important aspects of our work is simply to be seen around the prison. As a retired chaplain once said to me "presence is everything". Men like to see us round the place. Richard Atherton tells the story of going onto one wing each day. Everyday he said good morning to the same prisoner, who completely ignored him. Then one morning the man came up to him and shook him by the hand. He said he was to be released the next day. I want to thank you he said. Puzzled Richard Atherton asked why. To which the man replied, "It's seeing blokes like you walk around this place that makes the rest of us feel safe."

Christ spent much of his ministry with the outcasts and despised of his time, tax gatherers and sinners. He got criticized for it. In fact it's partly why he was crucified. Prison chaplaincy is about taking God to the fringes of our society. Most men know virtually nothing of the things church people take for granted. We cannot assume anything - no knowledge of the Bible, prayers, hymns, church life, even in some cases the Lord's Prayer.

However, not all prisoners are hardened criminals. I still remember opening up a cell door in Leeds Prison to a man who'd come in the day before. He declared himself to be a headteacher. He'd had a drink too many, driven his car, and killed someone in an accident. My life's in ruins he said,



weeping bitterly. Working in prison focuses the mind.

Chaplains are there not just for prisoners but also for staff. Being a prison officer isn't easy. They deal with difficult, unpredictable and possibly violent men. It is stressful work, especially in those prisons that house the most dangerous prisoners. They are authority figures who can be the focus of anger in men to whom authority often means injustice, even cruelty.

If anyone had told me at the start of my ministry as a priest, that I'd eventually work in a prison I'd have thought they were mad.

The idea of working in a prison didn't even enter my head. When I started at Leeds Prison almost five years ago my then colleague said, 'I wish I'd known about this job twenty years ago.' I echo his sentiments. There's something about working in prison that gets under your skin. As chaplains we are often dealing with men facing profound problems. They look to us for help and support. We are called to be there alongside them and to give them the Christian message of love and repentance. It is a very great privilege.

Peter Moorhouse

(Many thanks to the Rev. P Moorhouse, our last Rector, for this article which is based on a sermon preached at South Cave, November 2000)



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St. Clement's Court, 2 pm.
All Saints' Church, 7.15 pm.
ALL WELCOME
- 7 March Corporate Communion
All Saints', 9.30 am.
- 26 March Lady Day Deanery Service
St. Giles', Pontefract, 2 pm.
- 29 March Service and Branch Meeting
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St Cuthbert's and All Saints' **Sunday Services** *March 2001*



4th March

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

11th March

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

18th March

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

25th March

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