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## **“Why Stand Ye Gazing”**

Apart from Saints' days and the Feast of the Transfiguration in August - the Feast of the Ascension at the end of May and Pentecost in early June are the Church's last two major festivals until All Saints' Day in November.

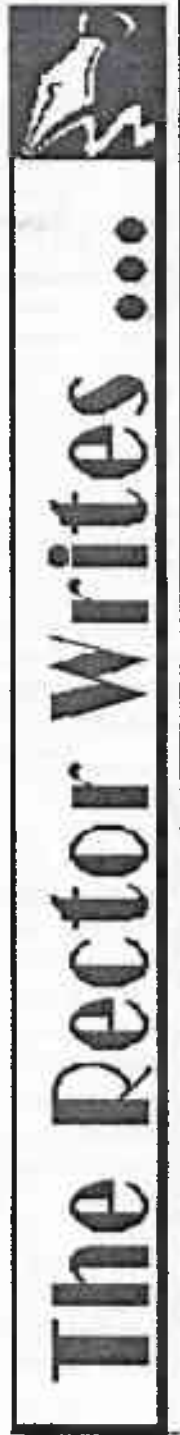
This long period without any major celebrations, and the holiday season in the middle of it, seems to leave the Church at a low ebb. Following a very busy time in which we seem to get a rapid succession of festivals and holy days, i.e. Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent and Easter, the many months following Pentecost seems to be a time when we take a 'spiritual holiday'. Following the birth of the early Church however, this could not be said to be the case. It was (as it should be for us) a time of revival; for planning action and building for the future. All this motivated by the great spiritual 'explosion' and outpouring following the Ascension and Pentecost; two events closely associated with one another.

This month I would like to reflect briefly upon the Ascension of our Lord. My two abiding memories of the Ascension still raise a smile whenever I call them to mind. The first is of a stained glass window in Lincoln where I regularly worshipped during my training for the ordained ministry. The window depicting the Ascension showed several

of the Apostles stood around on a hill looking up into a cloud, out of which a pair of feet dangled. The sight of those two feet protruding from a cloud was a constant source of amusement to my fellow students and myself.

The second memory is one which arises out of the account of the Ascension in the book of Acts (1:6-11). The scene is described when the eleven Apostles were gathered together looking on as Jesus is lifted up to heaven and then left gazing into the clouds at the point where he disappeared. Two angels appear and ask them the question "...men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven?" The picture that this scene conjures up in my mind is that of several people standing around a building site in a busy thoroughfare gazing upwards as they see other doing. I find this to be another amusing reflection on human nature and this scene which describes the Ascension.

Amusing though these images of the Ascension may be, they do hold a serious message for us. The Apostles as they gazed at the spot in the clouds where their Lord had disappeared from view were probably reminiscing upon the glories of their recent past, spent with their master. The angels' comments I believe were intended to shock them out of the melancholic day dreaming.



Reading between the lines I think that what they probably meant to say was "Why stand ye gazing ... you have work to do – go out and get on this it!" Indeed, only a few days later, they were to be inspired and equipped to do the tasks entrusted to them; to begin building the church for the future.

That comment of the angels I think holds a message for us too. Instead of gazing back with fond memories of glorious past times in our Church, we should be planning, acting and building for a yet more glorious future. In other words, we shouldn't dwell on the past event of the Ascension as the end of an era, but look forward in terms of its unbreakable link with Pentecost as the beginning of a new era. The past has much to teach us, but it cannot be changed and the lessons learnt can be used for the future. To dwell on the past means that present opportunities pass us by, and if there is to be any

future for the church then we must begin to build toward that future now.

As I will have commented at the APCM – due to a good response to the stewardship campaign in 1999 and a freeze on the Diocesan quota for 2000, we are happily in the 'black' for once as regards our annual budget. BUT with a rise of some 7½% on our quota for this year alone and several years ahead of urgent expensive repairs to the fabric of our church we cannot afford to stand around waiting for the next crisis and urgent appeal. As the angels said to the apostles on that hill of the ascension I now say to you "Why stand ye gazing?"

Yours in Christ

Paul.



### *A Prayer for Easter-time*

Lord, at this Easter time we ask you to increase our faith, our hope and our love.

Give us the faith that overcomes the world and enables us to face both life and death calm and unafraid.

Give us the hope that looks beyond the life and holds on to things unseen and eternal.

Give us the love that binds us more closely to one another, and to your our risen Lord; to whom all glory and praise, dominion and power, now and for ever.

Amen.

*The season of Easter continues until Ascension Day which is on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May.*

*On that day there will be a service of Holy Communion at 7.30pm at St Cuthbert's*





# Cool Kids!

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[ READ GALATIANS 6 V2 ]

Unjumble the message

Answers to last month's puzzle: The chief priests and the crowds.



When I first came to Ackworth in 1990, I tried to find somewhere to go and meet other Mums. My daughter Gemma was nine months old, and I felt very lonely at home on my own. I started going to Mums and Toddlers at All Saints' church where I found a friendly welcome from the people I met there. I made good friends, we supported each other and shared our problems.

Over the years, numbers have been up and down and we have come to realise over the last twelve months that All Saints' church is no longer suitable for a Mums & Toddler group any more. We have no toilet, no kitchen facilities and lots of stone floor. People have left to find other toddler groups where facilities are better and safer. We decided that we had to move or close.

After much discussion we have now found a new place to meet. Our meetings will continue on the 2nd Tuesday of each month but as from May our venue will be at the home of **Kirsty Morris, Elm Garth, 4 Doncaster Road, Ackworth**. I do hope people will still come, and gain the support and friendship that I received when I first came to Ackworth.

I should like to thank all those people who have helped, supported and prayed for us over the years with a special big thank you to Ethel Smith who has provided us with refreshments every month for as long as I have been here, and probably long before that. Please do continue to pray for our group as we start in this new place.

*Jackie Fox*

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## Readers and Readings

<b>6 4th Sunday of Easter</b>	SC	AS
Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18 & 8:6-18	Mrs Woofinden	Miss Smith
Acts 9:36-43	Mrs Woofinden	Miss Smith
John 10:22-30		
<b>13 5th Sunday of Easter</b>		
Genesis 22:1-18		Mrs V Cook
Acts 11:1-18	Sue Hartley	Mrs V Cook
John 13:22-30		
<b>20 6th Sunday of Easter</b>		
Ezekiel 37:1-14	Mr K Shaw	Mrs Cooper
Acts 16:9-15	Mr K Shaw	Mrs Cooper
John 5:1-9		
<b>27 7th Sunday of Easter</b>		
Ezekiel 36:24-28		Dr McWilliam
Acts 16:16-34	Helen Parkinson	Dr McWilliam
John 17:20-26		



### Flowers (SC)

6 Mrs Bateman  
 13 Vacant  
 20 Vacant  
 27 Vacant

### (AS)

N/A  
 N/A  
 N/A  
 N/A

### Brasses

) Mrs Asquith  
 )  
 ) &  
 ) Mrs Lancaster

## From the Registers - March 2001

### Baptisms

11 Matthew Joseph Sinar  
 25 Niamh Alice Thorpe & Keelan Travis Booth

### Funerals

8 Leonard Cyril Steele (78) 53, Preston Lane, Allerton Bywater  
 15 Cissie Hardwick (82) 38, Chiltern Drive.  
 19 Enid Margery Shilitoe (66) 2, Chapel Close, Wragby.  
 22 Alec Heptinstall (92) 61, Woodlands Cres, Hemsworth.  
 29 Arthur West (80) Stella House, Pontefract.





# Diary



1	Tuesday	<b>Sts Philip and James, Apostles</b>	
		7.30pm Holy Communion	St Cuthbert's
2	Wednesday	9.30am Holy Communion	All Saints'
		<i>(M.U. Corporate Communion)</i>	
		7.30pm Magazine Committee	The Rectory
3	Thursday	7.30pm Fashion Show by 'Diva'	The Howard School
8	Tuesday	2.00pm Toddler Praise*	Elm Garth
9	Wednesday	9.30am Holy Communion	All Saints'
14	Monday	7.30pm PCC	Vestry St Cuthbert's
16	Wednesday	9.30am Holy Communion	All Saints'
23	Wednesday	9.30am Holy Communion	All Saints'
24	Thursday	<b>Ascension Day</b>	
		7.30pm Holy Communion	St Cuthbert's
30	Wednesday	9.30am Holy Communion	All Saints'
		2.30pm Mothers' Union*	

## *Forthcoming Events*

16	June	Saturday	Summer Fayre*	St Cuthbert's
14	July	Saturday	BBQ	Elm Garth
6	October	Saturday	Simeon Wood Concert	

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



## **Can you spare around one hour each month to do some photocopying?**

The magazine committee is urgently in need of someone to help with printing a couple of magazine pages per month.

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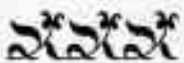
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# Flower- Power



There are a lot of bluebells coming up in odd places in my garden – reminders of when this area was wild, before it was fenced off in building lots.

A friend has built me some steps down into the dry stream-bed at the bottom of the garden – three solid, heavy slabs of concrete. The second slab down is now askew, pushed aside a good six inches by, incredibly, bluebell leaves.

It is amazing how such tender leaves can exert such strength, with such steady, inexorable persistence. I shall leave them to flower and move them in the autumn, when the leaves have died down and the bulbs have built up for the next season. They are only common bluebells but I feel they merit a special place, set-aside, where they can spread and give pleasure.

As I stand pondering about them I enjoy a surprising warmth from the pale spring sunshine. A skylark sings its heart out, high in the sky above the field beyond, but it is invisible, as invisible as the Holy Spirit singing within me. I feel His Spirit, His tender strength and steady

inexorable persistence flowering in me, along with the bluebells.

With a rush of gratitude I am aware that He has a special place for me, and for each one of us, a special place, set-aside, where we can grow, and He can radiate His love through us, even though we have done nothing ourselves to merit it.



Thanks be to God.

Homegrown

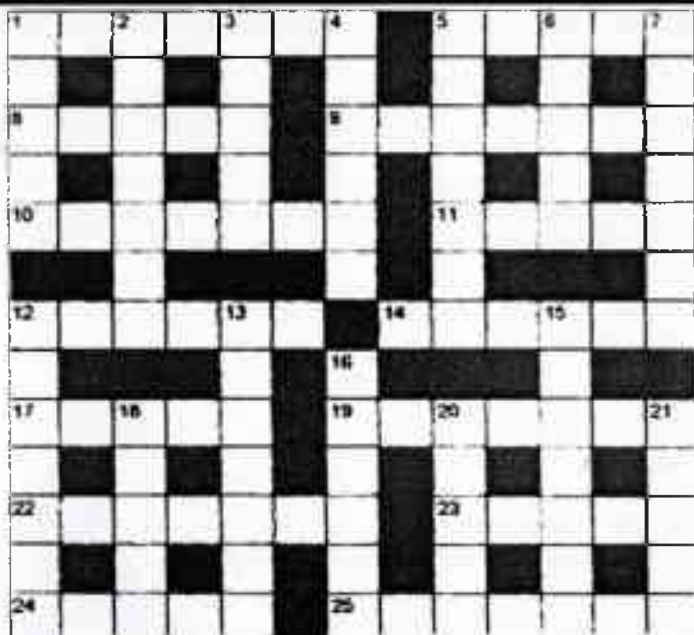
## ~ COOL KIDS EXTRA ~

### RIDDLE-ME-REE (Genesis 8:8-11)

My first is in BUILD but not in ARK.  
My second's in FLOOD and CLOUDS so dark.  
My third is in LIVING so squashed there inside.  
My fourth in in WATER and RIVER and TIDE.  
My whole brought an olive leaf that she had found.  
So Noah was sure there was now some dry ground.



# This Month's Crossword



## Across

- 1 Express great joy (7)
- 5 Sainly (5)
- 8 Synthetic material (5)
- 9 Rounded (7)
- 10 Strider (anagram) (7)
- 11 Very small amounts (5)
- 12 Happy (6)
- 14 Sacred Songs (6)
- 17 Move to music (5)
- 19 Sweet smelling smoke (7)
- 22 Turns inside out (7)
- 23 Part of horse tack (5)
- 24 Aromatic gum (5)
- 25 Passes by (7)

## Down

- 1 Telephones (5)
- 2 Amusement (7)
- 3 Happening within (5)
- 4 Make cryptic (6)
- 5 Revels (7)
- 6 Little bird (5)
- 7 Cruel persons (7)
- 12 Religion (7)
- 13 Dig up (7)
- 15 Edible seeds (7)
- 16 Paper hanky (6)
- 18 Not once (5)
- 20 Approximately (5)
- 21 Frees (5)

## Last month's answers

Across: 1 Passover, 7 Mafia, 8 Offertory, 9 Ena, 10 Grid, 11 Butter, 13 Goggle, 14 Friday  
 17 Arable, 18 Stud, 20 Inn, 22 Arimethea, 23 Every, 24 Golgotha. Down 1 Prong, 2 Sifting, 3 Oars,  
 4 Exodus, 5 Offer, 6 Capably, 7. Mystery, 12 Flyaway, 13 Galilee, 15 Datchet, 16 Albino, 17 Angel,  
 19 Drama, 21 Berg.

## Would you like your income to increase by 28%?!

Well, that would be great, but not very likely.

However, there is a way for the Church to increase its income by 28% and that is through 'Gift Aid'.

If you are a tax payer you can give a donation to your church and the church can claim back the tax you have paid on that amount.

**Q.** *I usually just put my collection straight into the plate, can I 'Gift Aid'?*

**A.** Yes. As long as you have paid the equivalent amount of tax - 28p for every £1 you give. You will also need to fill in a very simple form and put it into an envelope with your collection.

**Q.** *I already make my contribution through a stewardship envelope.*

**A.** Although you already make a regular commitment to the church you can still use 'Gift Aid' either by filling in a form each time or on a more long term basis by filling in a simple form which is available from the covenant secretary – John Gardham.

**Q.** *I already have a covenant for my giving to the church, can I use 'Gift Aid'?*

**A.** The amount you give through a covenant will continue until the end of your four year period. After which your covenant will cease and 'Gift Aid' takes its place – you will be informed

about this at the right time. However, should you wish to increase your regular giving the increased amount can be given through 'Gift Aid'.

**Q.** *I would like to make a one-off gift to the church. Is it possible to do this through 'Gift Aid'?*

**A.** Yes! This is where 'Gift Aid' becomes much more flexible than covenanting ever was. You just need to fill in the form and hand it in together with your gift.

**Q.** *Is it really that easy?*

**A.** Yes. As long as you have paid the equivalent amount of tax. Even if you only pay a small amount of tax as long as you have paid the equivalent amount you can use 'Gift Aid'.



Don't forget to keep a record of all that you give through 'Gift Aid', either to the church or any other registered charity, as the inland revenue may ask for details.

As our churches are in the process of organising funding for repairs and renovations please bear in mind that any donations you wish to make to this can also be made through 'Gift Aid' just mark your form 'Repairs Fund'.

Forms are available at the back of church or from John Gardham. If you would like further help or information ask one of churchwardens, Bryan Lewis or any PCC member.

## Etcetera...

### MOTHERS' UNION May 2001

- 2nd Corporate Communion.**  
All Saints', 9.30 am.
- 15th Inner Wheel of Hemsworth Overseas Meeting.** Methodist School Room,  
Ackworth, 7.30 pm. Speaker: John Harris  
'The Transformation of South Africa'.
- 29th Diocesan Quiet Day,** led by the Rev'd.  
George Nairn-Briggs. Gildersome  
Church, 10 am - 3.30 pm.
- 31st Service and Branch Meeting,** All Saints'  
Church, 2.30 pm. Speaker: Ruth Miles.



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### St Cuthbert's and All Saints' **Sunday Services** *May 2001*



#### **6th May**

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

#### **13th May**

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

#### **20th May**

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

#### **27th May**

8.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
10.15am	Parish Communion	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*