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As we move through the season of Easter empowered and revitalised by the resurrection, we find, as is often the case in Christian life, that we must 'come down the mountain' so to speak.

Metaphorically speaking we have had our heads in heaven, full of the joy of Easter, we must no plant our feet firmly on the ground and look towards our annual parochial meeting at the end of the month (28th April).

At first glance it may seem like a dry business meeting with fixed agendas and procedures. however it does have an important spiritual agenda to address. Like many large organisations the established church has its share of set rules and procedures which have developed over the years through necessity. What we must not forget is, that unlike many of the larger secular institutions, we are first and foremost a church; a part of the body of Christ; a community of faith which exists purely to advance the life and teaching Jesus. This is our REAL agenda!

This meeting offers us a rare opportunity for us all to meet together as a parish, not purely in the context of worship (though I hope this is never absent in anything we do as Christians!). Through the reports given at the meeting we are provided with an opportunity to look back and review what we have done as a

body over the last 12 months. Some of this will be positive and affirming; hopefully we will be able to say to ourselves "Yes, we are moving in the right direction".

Some of the action we took inevitably will not have been right and perhaps a waste of time and energy or even a backward step in our ministry and mission. Together we seek forgiveness and learn form our mistakes. Whatever the picture our review of last year will bring; if set in the context of faith it will be of infinite value in moving forward in the future. That is the other side of the coin. There is little pint in looking back over the past if we don't plan ahead for the future even to the extent of a little 'crystal ball gazing' or wishing.

That all sound fine, you might say, and I hope I have begun to whet your appetite to attend the meeting, but what about the boring bits – the elections. Nobody like politics, the continued downward trend in secular election turn-outs proves that, so why should this be any different in the church?

Mention the letters P.C.C. and if you don't quickly find yourself alone – then you see a glazed look come into people eyes. this is sad really, because the PCC should be seen as a blessing, not a curse. It is not an opportunity to assume authority or to cove oneself with glory, but a chance to



follow in our Lord's footsteps and serve.

Yes, PCC meeting can be tedious at times, but then we are not there to be entertained, but to serve the church members who have elected us. Our Lord's life was a life of service given perfect expression in that very mundane task we commemorate in Holy Week – the washing of his disciples feet. So as we approach these elections, in the words of that modern hymn 'the Servant King' – '...let us learn how to serve ... for it is Christ we're serving'.

This year we will have nine vacancies, as current members stand down after three years service; though they can be re-elected if willing – three Deanery Synod representatives (Paul Fox, Lynne Ward, Sue Hartley) four PCC members (David Cook, Bryan Lewis, Sarah Hartley, Mary Walker) and two churchwardens who have to be elected

every year - Fred Davies announced at last years APCM that after 17 years of service he would not be standing again this year. Nomination forms and lists will be available in our churches from the beginning of the month.

So, at the mention of PCC elections whether you are approached to be nominated or whether you are thinking who you might nominate, don't make excuses and get away as quickly as possible, but go away and pray about it and consider the opportunities it offers us as Christians. In fact I ask you to pray for the whole church leading up to and after this important time in its life. Pray for those currently serving on the PCC and for newly elected members; for sidespeople and for all who contribute to the life of our church here in Ackworth.

Yours in Christ Paul.

### PCC Jottings - February

- Estimates are being sought for repairs to vestry door and for a new notice board for All Saints'.
- Brochures are now ready for the fundraising appeal and the committee is preparing grant applications.
- The photocopier is deteriorating and will need re-conditioning or replacing.
- Stallholders for the Jubilee Fayre may be dressed in any costume form the last 50 years. There will be a Grand Draw and large prizes are needed.
- The Toddler group meets at Kirsty Morris's home on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays each month.
- The Youth Committee wishes to buy a TV/Video.
- Churches Together Ian Harris is to set up a website to which each Church may contribute information.
- Marie Lewis will be licensed as Lay Reader on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at Almondbury.



Here is a picture for you to colour.

Do you know which story in the Bible the picture illustrates?



### Thoughts of a Weekend

I always enjoy Parish Weekends or Retreats as they are sometimes called. I find that they are a time of relaxation, a chance to change the usual weekend routine as well as an opportunity for some spiritual reflection. Each weekend develops its own character regardless of the venue, the weather and the food.

Our weekend at Greengables at the beginning of March had all the usual makings of a typical Parish Weekend/Retreat, the timetable looked very similar to previous weekends, even the venue was the same. But what made this one different?

We were fortunate to have Canon Betty Pedley lead our study sessions. Betty is very familiar to many in our congregation, a veritable tower of strength to the leaders of our Young Peoples groups, however, Betty also has a great insight into the Celtic faith. We got a taste of how deeply spiritual the Celtic faith is when she led us in our two Saturday sessions and in the preparation for worship on Sunday morning.

Many of us have difficulty in putting our prayers into words, yet Betty led us in such a way that even the greatest novice amongst us was able to take part and find a spiritual insight into the most mundane of objects, a sieve, a whisk, a clotheshanger, a washing machine etc. The Celtic faith sees our entire lives, and afterlife, as one continual whole, with God, the Son and the Holy Spirit being alive within us all the time.

I took part in two different groups, the first one looked at something within our normal everyday routine, shared it with God, and made it into a blessing. Our choice was that which we do every day - waking up and opening our eyes.

I awake in the name of the Father, I awake in the name of the Son, I awake in the name of the Spirit

I look up in the name of the Father, I look down in the name of the Son, I look all around in the name of the Spirit.

Father, I look up to see your glory, Son, protect me as I look down, Spirit help me see my path.

Wherever I gaze, In all my days, Lord, bless my sight Let me walk in your light.

Our Sunday morning session divided up the format of the service, each group looking at a separate aspect, reworded and given a Celtic flavour. Our group looked at the different 'boxes' we divide our life up into - Work, Home, Family, Friends, Leisure, Church, Environment, World. We prayed about how we ignored God, Son and Holy Spirit in each of these areas and asked forgiveness.

The simplicity of these prayers, the lack of pressure to be academic, knowledgeable or clever and the ease with which our words flowed made this weekend special for me and for many others.

I think that the Celtic faith has a lot to offer us as Christians in the 21st century, I certainly hope that we have the opportunity to discover more of what that is.

Sue Hartley

### The Global Village

If we could shrink the earth's population to a village of precisely 100 people, () with all the existing human ratios remaining the same, it would look something | 2 like the following;

#### There would be:

- 57 Asians.
- 21 Europeans.
- 14 from the Americas, both north and south.
  - 8 Africans.
- 52 would be female.
- 48 would be male.
- 70 would be non-white.
- 30 would be white.
- 70 would be non-Christian.
- 30 would be Christian.

6 people would possess 59% of the entire world's wealth and all 6 would be from the United States.



- 80 would live in substandard housing.
- 70 would be unable to read.
- 50 would suffer from malnutrition.
- would be near death; I would be near birth.
- 1 (yes only 1) would have a college education.
- 1 would own a computer.

When one considers our world from such a compressed perspective, the need for acceptance, understanding and education becomes glaringly apparent.

# **ACTION STATIONS!**

The Social Committee is busy organising a very active summer for us all! During the summer months we have no less than four events planned - so far;

- Ackworth Gala June 29th
  - Youth Choir July 5th
    - Jubilee Fayre July 13th
      - Ackworth Show July 20th

For each of these events we will need help in preparation beforehand, at the event, and clearing up afterwards. If you can offer a little or a lot of time then speak to a member of the Social Committee.

Start saving for the Jubilee Fayre stalls:

Cakes, Golden Items; Red, White and Blue; Toiletries; Tombola; White Elephant; Grand Prize Draw; Face Painting; Balloon Race; Guess Where the Train Will Stop; Refreshments; etc.

As you can see a very busy schedule. There is no way that these events can hope to succeed or even go ahead without your full support. Please think carefully and prayerfully about what YOU can do to help.

Social Committee

### Letter from the 1st Ackworth Brownies

The leaders of the 1st Ackworth Brownies would like to respond to the letter from the Rector which appeared in last month's issue. They write:

"...that our decision to stop attending church parade was one not taken lightly. It was based entirely on the lack of attendance of our pack at Parade Services.

We found after 15 years that we were offering a service that the majority of Brownies in our pack and their parents did not want.

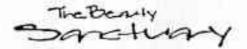
Please be aware that we do, in fact, constantly and consistently promote the spiritual aspect of our promise in our weekly meetings. That we are members of a multi-faith organisation and that we are a village pack.'

Yours in Guiding

Sue Malyan, Maureen Richardson, Kerry Lambourne.



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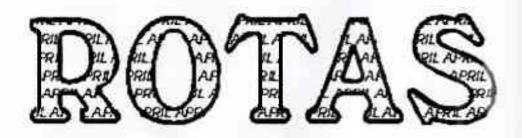
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### Readers and Readings

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#### 7 2nd Sunday of Easter

Exodus 14:10-31 & 15:20-21 Mrs Woofinden Mrs Cooper Acts 2:14a & 22-32 Mrs Woofinden Mrs Cooper John 20:19-31

#### 14 3rd Sunday of Easter

Zephaniah 3:14-20 Mr Davies Dr McWilliam Acts 2:14a & 36-41 Mr Davies Dr McWilliam Luke 24:13-35

#### 21 4th Sunday of Easter

Genesis 7 Jane Siddall Mr D Cook
Acts 2:42-47 Jane Siddall Mr D Cook
John 10:1-10

#### 28 5th Sunday of Easter

Genesis 8:1-19 Sue Hartley Mrs S Hall
Acts 7:55-60 Sue Hartley Mrs S Hall
John 14:1-14



21 Mrs Clayton-Smith (SC)
(all other dates Vacant)

Mrs Sutcliffe

Thom the Registers - February 2002

**Baptisms** 

24 Jessica Rowley

Funerals

Granville Mitchell, (87) Laurel Nursing Home, Norton



He who cheats with an oath acknowledges that he is afraid of his enemy, but also that he thinks little of God.



	Wednesday	7.45pm	Magazine Committee	14
Ŧ	Thursday	10.00am	Coffee Morning	All Saints'
8	Monday	7.30pm	PCC Meeting vestry -	St Cuthbert's
9	Tuesday	2.00pm	Toddler Group	4 Doncaster Rd
0	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
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<i>{·</i>	Tuesday	7.30pm	Fundraising Committee vestry -	St Cuthbert's
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		2.00pm	Mother's Union	
×	Sunday	7.30pm	APCM	St Cuthbert's

### Fonthcoming Events

June	Ackworth Gala - Book Stall	
July	Ackworth Junior choir concert	St Cuthbert's
July	Summer Event 'Jubilee Fayre'	Howard School
July	Stall at the Ackworth Show	

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# Resting ....

Let me paint a picture for you.

You are standing on a deserted sandy beach. The sun has just set, and the sky is turning from blue to shades of yellow, orange and vermilion. The waves are small and gently lapping at your feet, quietly surrounding your ankles.

This is a beautiful picture and one, no doubt we have all contemplated at some time in our lives. This was my experience on a recent holiday. However, it was not a Caribbean beach, but a beach in North Wales in February.

But for all the world I could have been in the Caribbean. The actual geographical location was immaterial to me at that time. The reason being that I was in the presence of God. God was in nature, God was in me, and everything was perfectly balanced, and harmonious. God was in the brightness of the sun I had just seen set. God was in the colours of the sky. God was in the sea, in the light reflecting off the sea. God was in the waves gently caressing my feet. But most of all, God was in me and I knew it for certain. At that moment, both I and nature, were as one, it was God that united us.

It seems to me that we often neglect this fact and for that reason we actually lose out. Sometimes we can lose our balance and we all know what happens we lose our balance. We fall. In the business of the lives which all of us lead, we can all too easily forget to look at what is around us. It is a bit like driving a car. We spend all our time looking forward,

at where we are going and how to get there, without actually looking at where we are. However, we cannot look out of the side windows of a car whilst we are driving, that we would be disastrous. So what we need to do is stop. In order to look sideways and see where we are, we have to stop.

It is no different when we consider our journey through life, and in particular our spiritual journeys. If we try too hard to keep moving, then we will lose sight of where we are, and quite possibly end up going the wrong way!

We can be certain that God will be with us wherever we are and in whatever we are doing. But we can sometimes be just too busy to notice that he is there. When that happens, we are in great danger of moving away from him.

harmonious. God was in the brightness of the I believe it's good to stop regularly and rest in sun I had just seen set. God was in the colours of the sky. God was in the sea, in the light reflecting off the sea. God was in the just as edifying.

Stop travelling, stop doing and rest. This is a scriptural principle as well. Even God on the seventh day, rested. He stopped to look and see what he had created and he saw that it was good. We too should stop and rest, in God's presence. In God's loving arms. Soaking up his love, his word and his power.

When we have done that, we will be prepared for the next part of our journey, wherever that journey may lead us. And remember, to rest regularly on that journey.

Paul Fox



### You are Blessed

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness ...

you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week.

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture or the pangs of starvation ...

(2) you are ahead of 500 million people in the world.

If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture of death ...

you are more blessed than three billion people in the world.

If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and splace to sleep ...

you are richer than 75% of this world.

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet and spare change in a dish someplace ...

you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

If your parents are still alive and still married ... you are very rare, even in the United States and Canada.

If you can read this message, you just received a double blessing that someone was thinking of you and furthermore, you are more blessed that over two billion people in the world that cannot read at all.

Someone once said: "What goes around comes around.."

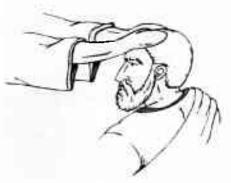
Work like you don't need the money.

Love like you've never been hurt.

Dance like nobody's watching.

Sing like nobody's listening.

Live like it's Heaven on Earth.



# Who Cares?

In 1980 the United Nations made a dramatic declaration that ' within the next 10 years, no child in the world will go to bed hungry.' They were wrong. Now, twenty years later, between 30,000 and 40,000 children every day don't wake up: they die because they are hungry or suffering from some easily preventable disease. In many cases it is said that a death could have been saved for as little as 10p.

Knowing that a life could be saved for 10p, who amongst us could say that we could not, or even worse, would not give 10p? I have been to Ethiopia to satisfy myself that the 10 p's, that I send on your behalf are used only with that aim, to improve life or to save it. On one occasion, I was offered a baby only a few months old, thrust into my arms when the mother knew that she could not keep it alive and that we (you and me) were its only chance. As she disappeared down the road the enormity of our responsibility struck me as never before. I looked at the tiny skeleton gasping for life in my arms and asked myself why I had been so privileged: what gave me the right to decide whether or not that baby should be allowed a chance denied to the rest of its family.

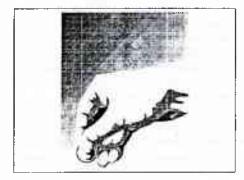
The mother of that baby was lucky: she did not know that I was a member of the Suzy Fund, and that I could come

home and ask the good people of Ackworth to support my decision. Five years ago, I came to tell your Ladies' Group about my impossible dream that no child should go to bed hungry. They listened and since that fateful meeting they have sent me £5,240, enough to provide a life-saving injection for over 52,000 children or a hot meal for 150 children for a whole year.

My support for these children will go on as long as God spares me. I pray that you will continue to share my self-inflicted burden. If you decide that you have done enough, please accept my heartfelt thanks for the last five years. I have been able to do many things that I could not have done without you.

## God bless you all. Brian Hazell

A very big 'thank-you' to all who give to the fund regularly. Barbara Firth and Vera McWilliam.



# Patricia Routledge Eat Your Heart Out!

On reaching my 50th birthday I decided that at the celebrations (any excuse for a party!) I would perform a monologue about my childhood. Loosely based on my mothers character, I decided my best plan of action would be to perform this 'one woman act' in front of my nearest and dearest, However, after mentioning my plans to my friend and fellow writer, Kath Clark, she made the suggestion it might be more interesting if she portrayed me in my teens and made it a double act.

After weeks of preparations the scene was set, the top floor of the Boot and Shoe Inn Ackworth. I had thought that the room would be amply big enough, unfortunately given the number of guests invited, I realised there wasn't that 'much room at the inn'. I thought it best do our sketch smack in the middle of the room, so as to make an effect.

Family and close friends arrived bearing gifts, some friends even bore the atrocious weather and travelled all the way 'doon fra bonny Scotland', all waited patiently wondering what on earth they were about to encounter.

I'm just about ready to enter when we experience the first hiccup. My son, John, who was in charge of the background music, suddenly realised he'd mislaid a CD. As it wasn't needed until halfway through the act - the whole thing was only expected to last about fifteen minutes anyway and, given the time element - we decided not to nip home for it (John hadn't the faintest idea where he'd put it). Panic stations!

Someone suggested that everyone could hum the tune when prompted to do so. 'Brilliant' I announced - well it would have been - the snag was not everyone could remember the lyrics or the tune to the Trogs

1960's hit 'Wild Thing'. Kath came to the rescue singing it solo as she made her entry. The second hiccup came when my husband, Stephen, persistantly bugged our son for forgetting the CD. Unfortunately they were sat only feet away from where I was performing and everyone could hear what they were saying. Unbeknownst to us we were being filmed and Stephen was caught in the background looking rather stressed, rising from his chair, bending repeatedly to speak to a somewhat frustrated John.

My father, who hadn't realised I was doing a sketch, decided to switch his hearing aid off whilst he ate (apparently it buzzes when he chews) and, as he was also deep in conversation with his son, between mouthfuls kept switching it back on again. On top of all that someone had forgotten to switch their mobile phone off.

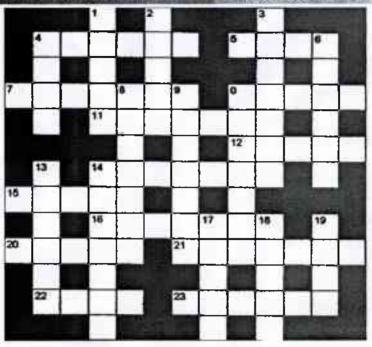
Regardless of all the interruptions we managed to carry our performance off without one wrong word and, to our amazement, our audience showed their appreciation. The evening of entertainment was rounded off with my husband's niece, Jessica, performing for us. She writes her own songs, although she does do covers too.

The highlight of the evening for me was seeing those guests who had come along in fancy dress. I was particularly pleased to see my Dad dressed as 'Billy Cotton' (the 1950/60's bandleader) with my mum as the bandleader's wife. Not to mention Stephen as Maverick, Rebecca as Mortisha, John, doing a version of his Dad in the 1970's (denim jeans and jacket) and our youngest - Zoe - dressed as Tinkerbell, whilst I dressed as a 1950's starlet.

All this and the wonderful gifts and greetings I received made it a most memorable occasion indeed.

Susan Mary Gardham

# This Month's Crossword



#### Across

- 4 Recourse (6)
- 5 Grating (4)
- 7 Vacation (7)
- 10 Little person (5)
- 11 Spanish dialect (7)
- 12 Dug for (5)
- 14 Writhe with pain over (7)
- 15 Sphere (5)
- 16 Pressing (7)
- 20 Clovs (5)
- 21 Bird of prey (7)
- 22 Loathe (4)
- 23 Ex Prime Minister (6)

#### Down

- 1 Jelly (5)
- 2 Large (5)
- 3 Junior Girl Guide (7)
- 4 Origin (4)
- 6 Blacker (6)
- 8 Weapons (7)
- 9 Sign of fatigue (7)
- 10 Small plums (7)
- 13 Whiten (6)
- 14 Talent (7)
- 17 Order of Architecture (5)
- 18 Spirit (5)
- 19 Bird (4)

Answers to last months puzzle; Across-1 Abram, 4 Largess. 8 Orderly. 9 Blame. 10 Yoric. 11 Epistle. 13 Line. 15 Easter. 17 Sudden. 20 Moon. 22 Retreat. 24 Clots. 26 Tuner. 27 Eternal. 28 Rackets. 29 Needs. Down - 1 Acolyte. 2 Rider. Miracle. 4 Laymen. 5 Rabbi. 6 Exalted. 7 Scene. 12 Peso. 14 Irma. 16 Satanic. 18 Unclean. 19 Nestles. 21 Others. 22 Rotor. 23 Eerie. 25 Ounce.

Many thanks to all those who have already bought a copy!

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### 7th April

8.30am	Parish Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
10.15am	Parish Communion	St Cuthbert's
6.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'
	14th April	
8.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
10.15am	Family Comunion and Parade	St Cuthbert's
6.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'
	21st April	
8.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
10.15am	Parish Communion & Junior Church	St Cuthbert's
6.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'
	28th April	
8.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
10.15am	Parish Communion & Junior Church	St Cuthbert's
6.30pm	Evensong	St Cuthbert's

Please contact the Rector to arrange Baptisms and Weddings