



# Ackworth Parish Magazine



# Epiphany

*Feast of the Three Kings*



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"We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year." So goes the words of the song which will probably be churned out by numerous carol singers over the next few weeks.

Originally these were the words of an old traditional west country carol they have, due to popular overuse become hackneyed, trite platitudes with little meaning and little, if any, true sentiment, a bit like the American "have a nice day". They do however, highlight two of the biggest celebrations of the year in both the sacred and secular calendars.

Two celebrations, which although streets apart in terms of their significance, have to committed Christians and non-churchgoers alike, a great deal in common. Both celebrations have common links which hold something for both the religious and non-religious.

Whether your celebrations are secular or sacred or some measure of both they are, for both 'camps', celebrations which



embody similar values. Christmas and New year are often seems as opportunities to make a fresh start; time to reflect upon the past (in particular the previous twelve months) and make resolution for change in the future. New hope for Christians in the figure of Jesus Christ - 'God with us' - come down among us at Christmas and new hope for all in a new year with its strong associations of making a new start. To use the words of that Christmas hit by 'Slade' - 'Look to the future now, it's only just begun;' an opportunity to start afresh.

However, it's not quite as simple as that, to start afresh, to gain new hope for the future, the past cannot simply be forgotten; put away as though it never happened. We must reconcile ourselves to what has happened in the past; come to terms with those times when we have been hurt or we have hurt someone else; to make our peace with God and our fellow (wo)men.

The church understands this, but the concept tends not to be popular with non-religious people - repentance (or confession) and forgiveness (or absolution). There is even confusion in church circles about what constitutes confession and forgiveness. Many make the same mistake as those in the secular world when they 'put the past behind them' and make a fresh start. They think that penitence can



THE RECTOR WRITES

wipe out all that has gone past, or as is said in that other popular song we sing around this time '...may old acquaintance be forgot ...'

We can link the two ideas, when we use the phrase 'forgive and forget'. Forgiveness does not mean forgetting; as I said at the recent All Souls service – you can't erase the past – all we can do is change the way we feel about past events; make coping easier in terms of losing loved one. Nevertheless we can't wipe out, expunge our from our lives what has gone past; we must reconcile our lives to it!

In time, I'm sure that some of the many thousands who lost loved ones in the New York tragedy of September 11<sup>th</sup> will be able to forgive, this will be essential for them if they are to be able to continue their lives again, but I would be very surprised if they were ever able to forget.

Reconciliation is central to the process of repentance and absolution and it is a prominent part of these two months of December and January with its season of penitence through Advent to

Christmas when Jesus came to teach everyone of God's love and forgiveness. As St Paul puts it through Jesus Christ '...God was reconciling the world to himself...' (2 Cor 5:19).

We continue with the New Year when traditionally most people review the year gone by and reconcile things past, resolving to change in the future (New Years resolution). The following season of Epiphany being a time when God's purposes in Christ were revealed to the world.

Penitence, confession and absolution and the reconciliation that many seek at this time of year offer more than enough reason for celebration; a time to join with others giving thanks for the new hope that this season heralds; the hope of peace in heart and mind as well as in the world. May you all find peace this Christmas time and the promise of new hope for the year ahead.

A happy and holy Christmas and a New Year of peace and hope to you all from Sue, Chris, Phillip, Sarah and Paul, your Rector

## Thank-you!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported us through the past weeks. We have been overwhelmed by the thoughtfulness and kindness shown to us by so many people. As Chris Swift, the head of Chaplaincy services for the Leeds Hospital Trust, (who has been a tower of strength to us), pointed out, visitors may not always have been allowed into the ward with us, but nobody could keep out all the prayers and good wished sent by those who kept us in their thoughts. We were very much aware of those prayers and thoughts and they were a great strength to us.

Now we are home the cards which festoon our walls are a colourful reminder of how much good-will has been with us throughout Michael's 'ordeal'. Although we have been warned that progress will be slow, he is doing really well – and it is wonderful to be home!

*Michael and Barbara Firth.*

# Christingle Services



Sunday 2nd December at  
All Saints' - 4.00pm  
and  
St Cuthbert's - 6.00pm

A Seasonal Service for all the family.  
Make sure you pick up your Children's Society  
collecting box either from school or church!



## Gift Service

Sunday 9th December  
5.30pm at St Cuthbert's

This is your opportunity to make  
a child's Christmas special.  
Please wrap your gift and mark  
'boy' or 'girl' and suitable age.

All gifts will then be collected by the  
local Social Services to be  
distributed in time for Christmas.

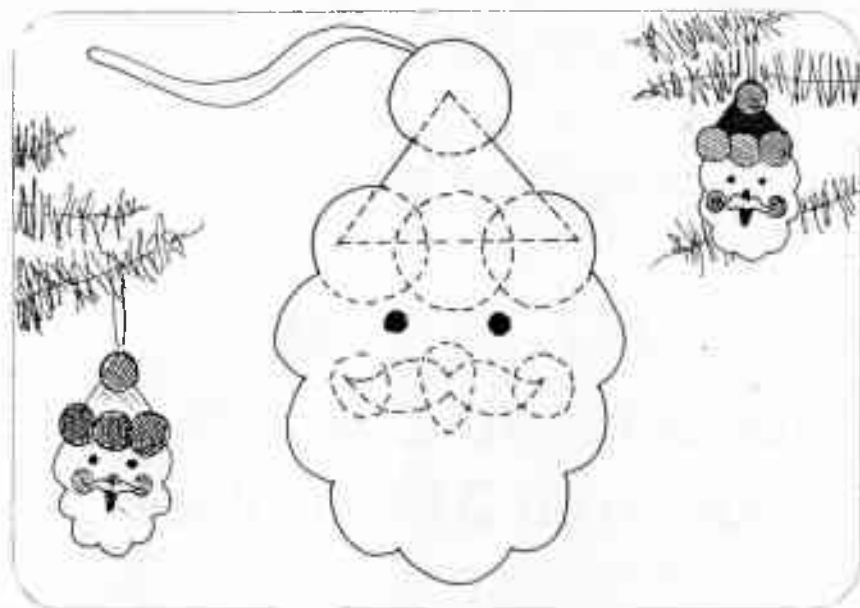
Please note that any gifts brought to  
church after this time will have to be  
stored until next year!





Easy-to-make Christmas Tree Decorations

## Santa Faces



1. These jolly Santa faces will add Christmas cheer to your tree. Cut out all the pieces in felt using the template printed here.
2. Glue the main face piece to a piece of cardboard. When it is dry cut round it.
3. All you have to do now is glue on all the other pieces. The nose and cheeks are fixed before the moustache, which goes on top.
4. Place a loop of thread under the circle on top to hang up the face.
5. Glue on two dark sequins to represent the eyes.

# Aromatic Oranges!

Hang aromatic dried oranges studded with cloves in the wardrobe for a natural perfume. Pomanders are traditional presents, particularly at Christmas, and their spicy scent makes them a household favourite.

## **Materials**

Tape, 3/4 inch (18mm) wide

Thin skinned oranges

Whole cloves

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

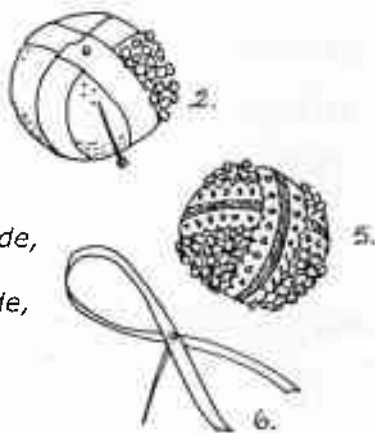
1 teaspoon ground allspice

2 oz orris root powder

Double edged lace, 3/4 inch (18mm) wide,  
50 cm long

Embroidered ribbon 3/8 inch (9mm) wide,  
56 cm long

Pearlised glass-headed pins



## **Preparation**

1. Cut and pin tape to go round the orange and a second strip, at right angles to the first, to quarter it.

2. Pierce holes in the orange 1/4 inch (6mm) apart. Push cloves into the holes until each section is filled up. Remove tapes.

3. Mix orris root powder, allspice and cinnamon together in a plastic bag. Toss the orange in the mixture in the bag. Remove and shake off excess powder.

4. Wrap the orange in tissue paper and leave in a dry, warm place for about 2-3 weeks to dry out.

## **Making the pomander**

5. Cut the lace in half. Wrap each piece round the orange in the channels left by the tape. Overlap the lace ends and pin or glue to secure.

6. Beginning at the top, wrap the ribbon round the pomander placing it centrally over the lace. Pin or glue at the top and at the cross-over point at the base. If the pomander is to be hung, form a loop at the top with ribbon and hold in place with glass-headed pins.

# Houghton Main Male Voice Choir

Saturday,  
December 15th  
7.30pm at  
St Cuthbert's

Tickets £3 - available now!  
*refreshments available.*



## Fellowship Quiz Night



Saturday 26th January  
7.00pm for 7.30pm prompt  
at Low Ackworth Community Centre

**Tickets £4** to include Supper  
usual format - teams to be chosen at random.



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# December

## *Readers and Readings*

		<i>SC</i>	<i>AS</i>
<b>2 1st Sunday of Advent</b>			
<i>Isaiah 2:1-5</i>	<i>Romans 13:11-14</i>	<i>Mr F Davies</i>	<i>Mrs S Hall</i>
<b>9 2nd Sunday of Advent</b>			
<i>Isaiah 11:1-10</i>	<i>Romans 15:4-13</i>	<i>Jane Siddall</i>	<i>Mrs M Walker</i>
<b>16 3rd Sunday of Advent</b>			
<i>Isaiah 35:1-10</i>	<i>James 5:7-10</i>	<i>Sue Hartley</i>	<i>Mrs V Cook</i>
<b>23 4th Sunday of Advent</b>			
<i>Isaiah 7:10-16</i>	<i>Romans 1:1-7</i>	<i>Mr K Shaw</i>	<i>Miss Smith</i>
<b>30 1st Sunday of Christmas</b>			
<i>Isaiah 63:7-9</i>	<i>Hebrews 2:10-18</i>	<i>Helen Parkinson</i>	<i>Mrs Cooper</i>
<b>6 Epiphany</b>			
<i>Isaiah 60:1-6</i>	<i>Ephesians 3:1-12</i>	<i>Miss Parker</i>	<i>Dr McWilliam</i>
<b>13 Baptism of Christ</b>			
<i>Isaiah 42:1-9</i>	<i>Acts 10:34-43</i>	<i>Mark Cavill</i>	<i>Mr D Cook</i>
<b>20 2nd Sunday of Epiphany</b>			
<i>Isaiah 49:1-7</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 1:1-9</i>	<i>Mrs Riley</i>	<i>Mrs S Hall</i>
<b>27 3rd Sunday of Epiphany</b>			
<i>Isaiah 9:1-4</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 1:10-18</i>	<i>Mrs Woofinden</i>	<i>Mrs M Walker</i>

## *Brasses & Flowers at St Cuthbert's*

2nd - 16th	Mrs Barnard	23rd & 30th	Congregation
23rd - 30th	Mrs Asquith & Mrs Lancaster	6th & 13th	Vacant
January	Dr & Mrs McWilliam	20th & 27th	Dr & Mr McWilliam

## *From the Registers - October 2001*

### *Funerals*

- 9 Alan Scholey (59) 8, Hillside Road, Ackworth
- 10 David George Woodcock (52) 9, Woodhall Drive, Ackworth





# & January Diary

3	Monday	7.30pm	PCC	Vestry -	St Cuthbert's
5	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion (said)		All Saints'
			<i>(M U Corporate Communion)</i>		
		7.30pm	Womens' Group (and others)	Christmas Dinner	
11	Tuesday	2.00pm	Toddler Praise		4 Doncaster Rd
12	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion (said)		All Saints'
15	Saturday	7.30pm	Houghton Main Male Voice Choir*		St Cuthbert's
16	Sunday	3.00pm	Village Carol Service		Our Lady of Lourdes
19	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion (said)		All Saints'
26	<b>St Stephens Day</b>				
	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion (said)		All Saints'
			<b>January 2002</b>		
2	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion (said)		All Saints'
			<i>(M U Corporate Communion)</i>		
		7.30pm	Magazine Committee		
7	Monday	7.30pm	PCC	Vestry -	St Cuthbert's
8	Tuesday	2.00pm	Toddler Praise		4 Doncaster Rd
9	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion (said)		All Saints'
16	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion (said)		All Saints'
23	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion (said)		All Saints'
26	Saturday	7.30pm	Quiz Night*		Low Ackworth Village Hall
30	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion (said)		All Saints'
31	Thursday	2.30pm	Mothers' Union*		

## *Forthcoming Events*

1-3 March 2002 Parish Weekend 'Green Gables' Scarborough

*Copy for the February magazine to be in no later than Wednesday 2nd January.*

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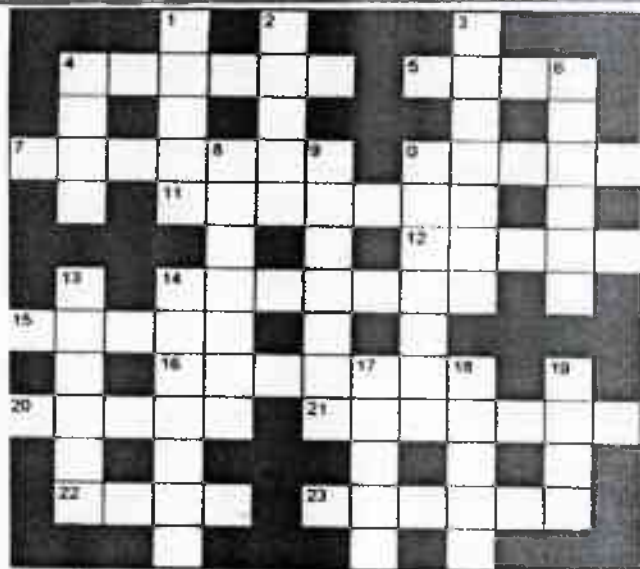
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# This Month's Crossword



## Across

- 4 Song of loyalty (6)
- 5 Sister (4)
- 7 Applaud and praise (7)
- 10 Statement of principles (5)
- 11 Short poem on a rural theme (7)
- 12 Runner (5)
- 14 Ceremony of burying (7)
- 15 Asian country (5)
- 16 Singular opposite of 5 across (7)
- 20 Splendour (5)
- 21 Racial protection (7)
- 22 Exploit (4)
- 23 Pilot (6)

## Down

- 1 Long scarf or shawl (5)
- 2 Lucifer (5)
- 3 As in a dream (7)
- 4 Curve (4)
- 6 Coin (6)
- 8 One who calculates insurance risks (7)
- 9 Shyness (7)
- 10 Assistant clergyman (7)
- 13 Follower of Islam (6)
- 14 Feverish (7)
- 17 Riding dress (5)
- 18 Sameness of the sounds of words (5)
- 19 Inca (anagram) (4)

## Last month's answers

*Across: 1 Sunday school, 4 Ephod, 8 Hades, 9 Epistle, 10 Oblige, 11 Idol, 12 Sun, 14 Ash,*

*15 Amen, 18 son, 21 Ewer, 23 Inmate, 25 Messiah, 26 Blind, 27 Needy, 28 Hymnal,*

*Down: 1 Abbot, 2 Lester, 3 Luke, 4 Images, 5 Aloof, 6 Challice, 7 Assist, 12 Worship, 13 Bigamy,*

*15 Tornado, 16 Voices, 17 Banner, 19 Piety, 21 Oval.*

# Our Christmas Traditions

**Father Christmas** is as old as Europe. Once he was Woden, lashing his reindeer through the darkness of northern midwinter. Then he encountered the Church, and She transformed him into a saint, the much-loved Nicholas, Bishop of Myra (in south-west Turkey) in the fourth century. St Nicholas became the patron saint of children, and was given 6 December as his day.

Since the 6th century St Nicholas has been venerated in both East and West, though virtually nothing is known of his life. Some believe he may have been one of the fathers at the Council of Nicea (325), imprisoned during the Emperor Diocletian's persecution.

According to legend, Nicholas was an extremely generous man. He revived three schoolboys murdered by an innkeeper in a tub of pickles. He rescued three young women from prostitution by giving their poverty-stricken father three bags of gold. (Hence the use of three gold balls as the pawnbroker's signs.)

Over the centuries many, including children, sailors, unmarried girls, pawnbrokers and moneylenders have claimed him as their patron. (Moneylenders? Still true today - just think what will be on your Visa card by Christmas!)

Perhaps it was on account of St Nicholas' generosity that that in recent centuries children began to write little notes sometime before 6 December, to tell him about the toys they specially wanted. These notes were then left on the windowsill

at night - or else on a ledge in the chimney.

But St Nicholas Day chanced to lie in the magnetic field of a much more potent festival.... and after awhile his activities were moved towards Christmas. Then in Bavaria the children still left their notes on the window sill, but they addressed them to Liebes Christkind - Krishkinkle as they knew him - and the saint's part in the matter was simply to deliver the letters in heaven.

The most popular results of the cult of St Nicholas have been the institution of Santa Claus. He is based on Nicholas' patronage of children and the custom in the Low Countries of giving presents on his feast. Santa Claus has reached his zenith in America, where the Dutch Protestants of New Amsterdam (New York) united to it Nordic folklore legends of a magician who both punished naughty children and rewarded good ones with presents.

A wag once described a modern northern European/North American man's life as having three stages: He does believe in Santa Claus, he doesn't believe in Santa Claus, he is Santa Claus.

**Christmas stockings** were not found in England earlier than 1854. The practise also came from Germany, but not exclusively; for in certain French and Italian convents, the nuns had long been hanging stockings on the abbess' door, with notes inside asking for St Nicholas' protection; and next morning they would be found to be full of sweets and trinkets.



# READ ALL ABOUT IT!

The Magazine Committee have been tossing around the idea of a new name for the Ackworth Parish Magazine.

Here are a few ideas for your consideration. Let us know what you think.

We apologise for the ones that make you cringe!



**THE BELLS, THE BELLS!**

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ALL SAINTS**

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**THE GRAPEVINE!**

# MISCELLANY...

## Mothers' Union ~ December/January 2001

### December

5th Corporate Communion, All Saints', 9.30 am.

15th Deanery Carol Service at Holy Cross Church,  
Airedale, 2 pm. Everybody Welcome!

### January

2nd Corporate Communion, All Saints', 9.30 am.

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St Cuthbert's and All Saints'

## Sunday Services

*December 2001*

*(Normal Services)*



### 2nd December

8.30am	Parish Communion & Junior Church	All Saints'
10.15am	Parish Communion	All Saints'

### 9th December

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

### 16th December

8.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
10.15am	Parish Communion & Junior Church	St Cuthbert's

### 23rd December

8.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
10.15am	Family Communion	St Cuthbert's

### 30th December

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

Details of all midweek services may be found on the centre pages.

*All other seasonal services are on the back cover*

# THE PARISH OF ACKWORTH



St Cuthbert's and All Saints'

## Sunday Services

*January 2002*

*(Normal Services)*



### 6th January

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

### 13th January

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

### 20th January

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

### 27th January

8.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
10.15am	Parish Communion & Junior Church	St Cuthbert's
4.00pm	Open Door Service	All Saints'

*Please contact the Rector to arrange Baptisms and Weddings*



## Parish of Ackworth

St Cuthbert's and All Saints'

# Christmas and Seasonal Services

### 2nd December

4.00pm	Christingle Service*	All Saints'
6.00pm	Christingle Service*	St Cuthbert's

### 9th December

5.30pm	Gift Service*	St Cuthbert's
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### 23rd December

5.30pm	Christmas Carol Service	St Cuthbert's
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### 24th December - Christmas Eve

5.30pm	Carols around the Crib	St Cuthbert's
11.30pm	Midnight Mass	St Cuthbert's

### 25th December - Christmas Day

8.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
10.15am	Family Communion	St Cuthbert's

### 26th December - St Stephen's Day

10.30am	Holy Communion	St Cuthbert's
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