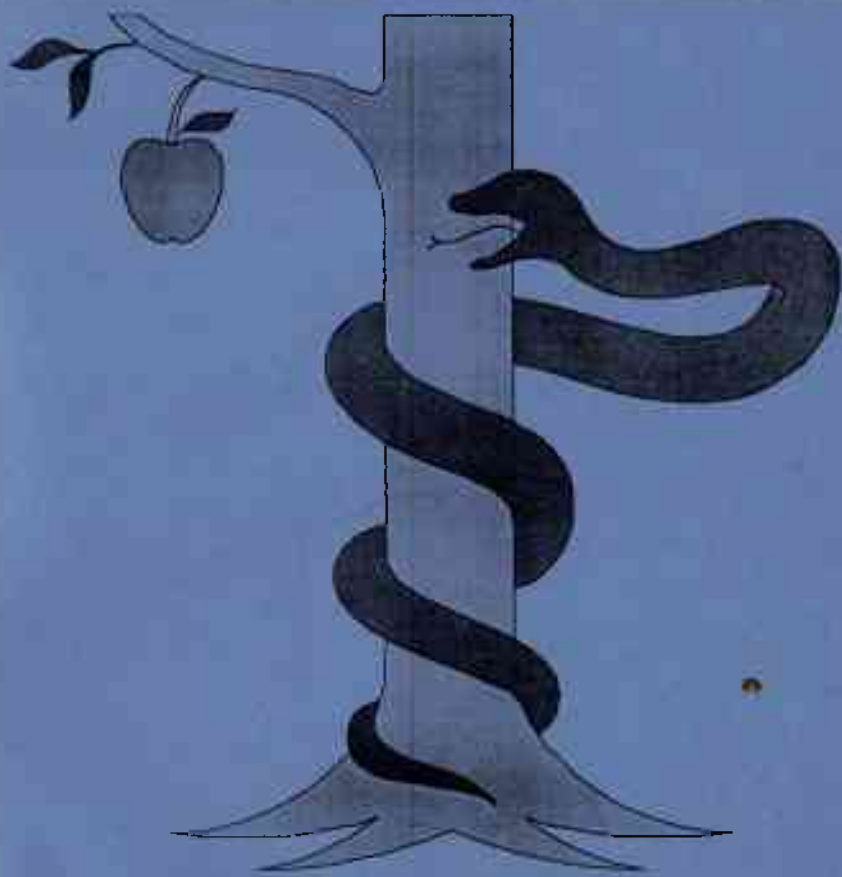


Ackworth Parish Magazine

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LENT

Ash Wednesday - February 13th

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As I write my first letter for the magazine for 2002 let me begin by wishing you all every blessing for the New Year. After the terrible events globally in 2001 and the devastation to our farming communities, (not to mention my own health) I hope and pray for a better 2002.

Turning then to the month of February, we look at what possibilities lie ahead to enlighten our Christian faith and strengthen the church as we seek to fulfil Jesus Christ's will for us.

The thing which immediately struck me about February this year is the very early start to Lent (Ash Wednesday on the 13th!) and its close proximity to the other major festival of the month - Candlemas or the Presentation of Christ in the Temple - on the 2nd. With less than a fortnight between the two, it underlines even more strongly the significance of this much neglected but very important celebration of Jesus' young life.

Briefly – although I have

written on the subject in previous years - Candlemas is the day when we celebrate the occasion on which, in accordance with Jewish tradition, Joseph and Mary bring the baby Jesus into the temple to present him to the Lord (Luke 2:22-23) *'When the time of the purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, 'Every first born male is to be consecrated to the Lord)'*. A time when the required ritual was complete and our Lord having been presented to God could now be presented to a waiting world as the light come into the world. In accordance with an old tradition it is the last day of Christmastide. A time when, to use the words of introduction in 'The Promise of His Glory' we take 'one last look back to Christmas, and now, turn towards the cross'.

This presents a unique opportunity to examine afresh our Christian lives and avail ourselves of the



The Rector Writes ...



potential offered by Lent to give ourselves a spiritual 'spring clean'. A time of reflection and renewal. To put behind ourselves the temptations and distractions of the last few months and put ourselves right with God again.

Certainly this one last look back to Christmas aspect of Candlemas reminds us of the excesses and the emphasis on materialism we have all wallowed in over the last few weeks. A time, which, whether we like it or not, being human as we are, our thoughts are subtly turned away from spiritual things.

Add to that the focus on financial matters in church (ie launch of the restoration appeal; re-structuring of Diocesan share scheme due the diocese now receiving less from central funds) and the pressures and temptations of January sales and we find, almost without thinking our 'heavenly' priorities have been pushed aside by earthly concerns. In short we need to re-focus and re-establish God as the main priority in our Christian lives.

To put God back in the centre of all our concerns having allowed him to be subtly edged out by money and materialism. We mustn't forget that, even in raising money for the church; money it so badly needs.

The main reason why that money is needed is to do **God's work**. Sell out to the 'god of Mammon' and we sell out God. Such ventures, if not done in the name of God will not be successful and will be totally for the wrong reasons.

Let us use Lent then and the change in direction offered by Candlemas as a time of renewal, a time to refocus our hearts and minds on the real reason why we work for the church and what is the most important thing in our lives – GOD.

This year I would like to encourage a 'return to roots'; to go back to the basic of reading the Bible, the written source of our faith foundations, and communication by prayer, God's ongoing revelation to us.

In the three weeks leading up to Lent. Paul Fox will be offering three bible study sessions, and through Lent I, along with Paul and Marie, will be holding an evening of prayer once a week. A few words and either some music or a visual image to help us focus our minds during a time of silent reflection. An opportunity to clear our minds of worldly concerns and listen to God.

Yours in Christ,
Paul.



Cool Kids!

JESUS SAID:



Matthew 6:19. Reshuffle the words and write them in the spaces.

Do here not up for on moths
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 earth, robbers in destroy
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Answers : ... next month !

Update on the Repairs, Restoration, Re-ordering Appeal

It's early days, but the appeal is well underway. We have got off to a good start with a grant of £6,000 being promised by the Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust/Landfill Tax Grant. The Fund-raising committee is well on with plans to seek further funds from grant making bodies and the local community.

Although no work has started we have already needed to spend nearly £1,500 towards architects plans and publicity for the scheme.

Following the appeal launch in November we received twenty donations and eight commitments to regular monthly donations. The Gift Aid option was not taken by many donors, if you can, please consider using Gift Aid as it generates extra money for the church at no extra cost to yourselves. Details of the response from the launch are:

Donations	£2,856
Future regular donation	£ 78 per month
Promise of future donations	£1,150
Offer to underwrite future expenditure	£1,000

We are grateful to everyone who over the past year made donations prior to the official launch. Special thanks to Ann Atack for losing a few pounds to raise nearly £900, Margaret Seaman helping to put on pounds by selling cakes and pies and raising £108 and Ada Pritchard for raising £770 from the sale of the splendid Christmas cards. If you have any similar bright ideas please let us know.

The PCC and Fund-raising committee thank everybody who has responded to the appeal, but please remember there is still a long way to go. If you have not already done so, can we urge you to consider making a contribution to help us achieve our aim.

Finally make sure you keep your eyes peeled for future announcements on fund-raising events planned for later in the year.

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Readers and Readings

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3 2nd Before Lent

Genesis 1:1 - 2:3

Mr F Davies

Mrs V Cook

Romans 8:18-25

Mr F Davies

Mrs V Cook

Matthew 6:25-34

10 Sunday Next Before Lent

Exodus 24:12-18

Jane Siddall

Miss Smith

2 Peter 1:16-21

Jane Siddall

Miss Smith

Matthew 17:1-9

17 1st Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2:15-17 & 3:1-7

Sue Hartley

Mrs Cooper

Romans 5:12-19

Sue Hartley

Mrs Cooper

Matthew 4:1-11

24 2nd Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a

Ann Atack*

Dr McWilliam

Romans 4:1-5 & 13-17

Ann Atack

Dr McWilliam

John 3:1-17



Flowers & Brasses at St Cathbert's

3	Mrs Reast
10	Vacant
17	Vacant
24	Mrs Forster



Mrs Kirk
&
Mrs Rogerson

From the Registers - November/December 2001

Funerals

- 10 Oct (correction) David George Hancock (52) 9, Woodhall Drive Ackworth.
- 13 Nov Doris Irene Townend (88) 3, Highfield Road, Pontefract
- 13 Nov Jim Fuller (70) 7, Hardaker Lane, Ackworth Moor Top
- 11 Dec Edith Bent (84) 30, St Clements Court, Ackworth Moor Top
- 24 Dec Peter Shaw (74) 10, Rhyddings Avenue, Ackworth Moor Top



UARY DIARY

2	Saturday	Candlemas			
		7.30pm	Eucharist and Procession		St Cuthbert's
4	Monday	7.30pm	PCC	Vestry -	St Cuthbert's
6	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion (said) <i>(M U Corporate Communion)</i>		All Saints'
		7.45pm	Magazine Committee		
7	Thursday	10.00am	Coffee Morning		All Saints'
12	Tuesday	2.00pm	Toddler Praise		4 Doncaster Rd
13	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday			
		9.30am	Holy Communion (said)		All Saints'
		7.30pm	Eucharist & Imposition of the Ashes		St Cuthbert's
14	Thursday	10.00am	Coffee Morning		All Saints'
20	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion (said)		All Saints'
21	Thursday	10.00am	Coffee Morning		All Saints'
27	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion (said)		All Saints'
28	Thursday	10.00am	Coffee Morning		All Saints'

March

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

Copy for the March magazine to be in no later than Wednesday 6th February
(copy arriving after this date may not be able to be inserted in next month's magazine)

Would all committees and sub-committees please pass details of time and venue of their meetings onto the magazine committee for inclusion in the monthly diary - thank you.

Jars of Grace

Collecting Jars for UNICEF's 'Jar of Grace' appeal are now due in.

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As always, many thanks for all those who have taken part to make this a success.

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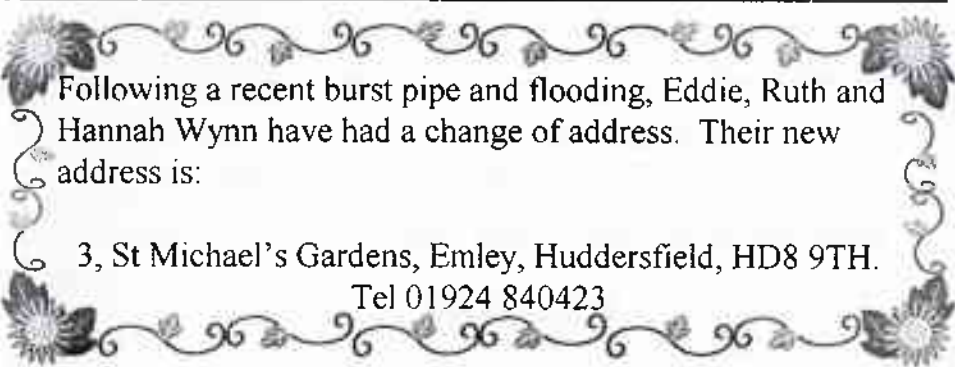
NEW ELECTORAL ROLL

The 'Church Representation Rules' (CRR) requires every church to prepare a new electoral roll every six years – completely discarding the old roll and starting afresh. As the old roll was begun in 1996, then this means that this year, 2002, we have to repeat the process again.

In accordance with the CRR we will be beginning this process at the end of February, notices to this effect will be posted in both churches. On the two following Sundays notices will also be read out at all our church services notifying people of the formation of the new roll.

The new electoral roll will then be formed from all the new application forms submitted before the April 1st. The new roll will be compiled and then posted in both churches from the 14th April until the Annual Parochial Church Meeting which takes place at 7.30pm on the 28th April at St Cuthbert's. During the period from the 1st to 28th any errors and omissions in the roll may be corrected but no names may be added or removed from that roll.

Everyone must complete a form – which will be available from either of our churches - if they wish to be included on the new roll; the rules and conditions of eligibility are printed on the form itself. You will need to be a member if you wish to serve on PCC or Deanery Synod in any capacity and/or if you intend to vote at the APCM.



Following a recent burst pipe and flooding, Eddie, Ruth and Hannah Wynn have had a change of address. Their new address is:

3, St Michael's Gardens, Emley, Huddersfield, HD8 9TH.

Tel 01924 840423

A Prayer for the New Year

God, Father of our Lord Jesus
Open our eyes, that we may see
that blessed hope to which
we are called;

that we may altogether
glorify the only true
God and Jesus Christ,
whom he has sent down
from heaven.

We give all glory,
honour and praise
from now to eternity.
Amen.



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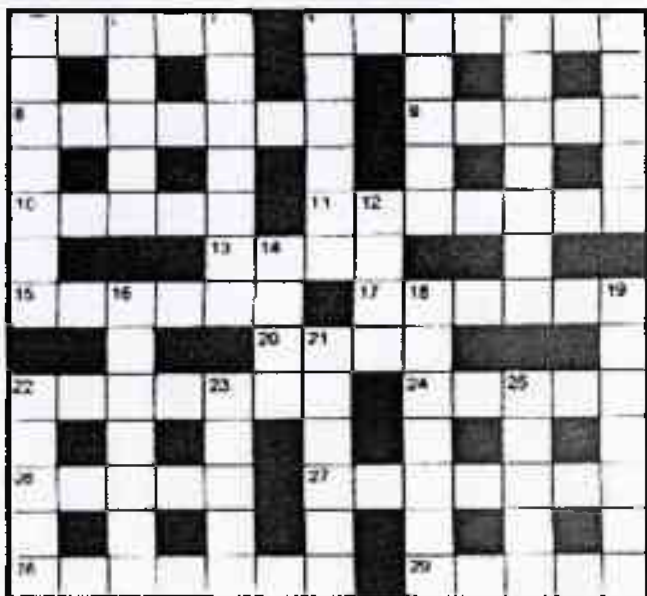
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This Month's Crossword



Across

- 1 Pleads (5)
- 8 Difficulty (7)
- 8 Or Book (7)
- 9 Thrown into the Ring? (5)
- 10 Drain (anagram) (5)
- 11 Obstruct (7)
- 13 Gentry (4)
- 15 Diners (6)
- 17 Of the main artery (6)
- 20 Poetic metre of a word (4)
- 22 Moslem Festival (7)
- 24 Worth (5)
- 26 Used for woodworking (5)
- 27 Anxious person (7)
- 28 A woman's gesture of respect (7)
- 29 To improve a text (5)

Down

- 1 A punishment for sin (7)
- 2 Given weapons (5)
- 3 One giving an oath (7)
- 4 Religious leader (6)
- 5 Of the eye (5)
- 6 Something brought to court (7)
- 7 An affray (5)
- 12 Shellfish (4)
- 14 Continent (4)
- 16 The devil (7)
- 18 Opposite (7)
- 19 Encouraged (7)
- 21 Indefinite route (6)
- 22 Religious remain (5)
- 23 Acts (5)
- 25 French River (5)

*Answers to last month's crossword: Across 4 Anthem. 5 Nuns. 7 Acclaim. 10 Creed. 11 Edogue
12 Racer. 14 Funeral. 15 Korea. 16 Brother. 20 Glory. 21 Yashmak. 22 Milk. 23 Airman. Down: 1 Sale
2 Devil. 3 Surreal. 4 Arch. 6 Shekel. 8 Actuary. 9 Modesty. 10 Curates. 13 Moslem. 14 Febrile.
17 Habit. 18 Rhyme. 19 Cain.*

MISCELLANY...

Mothers' Union ~ February 2002

6th Corporate Communion, All Saints', 9.30 am.

9th Affirming Marriage. A service to be held in Wakefield Cathedral at 2.00 pm. Everybody is welcome, no tickets necessary.

**10 - 17th
National Marriage Week.**

28th Service and Branch Meeting. Almshouses Meeting Room, 2.00 pm.
Speaker: Mrs Kitty Cooper.

Barbara Firth

Days Off



"Your Dad likes February," said my mother knowledgeably. "Why? What's so special about it?" I remember saying. I had always thought it was a nasty month, with rain, hail, blow and snow.

"It's number of days," she beamed. "Your Dad gets paid monthly. So in February, he only works for 28 days - he gets paid three days for nothing!" The logic of this baffled my schoolboy mathematics. But from it, Dad treated us to a day at the zoo.

People enjoy getting something for nothing. The National Lottery, Football Pools or stocks and shares. All these amount to rewards for doing nothing at all. On the other hand, participants do have to offer first, their own money, knowing that they might lose it.

If you invest in Jesus Christ, he doesn't ask for your money - and there is no chance of your losing it either.

He tells of a householder who was hiring some workmen. (Matt 20). It made no difference at what time they came to work for him - for he gave them all the same pay. Unfair? It certainly looks so. In fact, it can be more difficult to understand than my Dad's liking for February - in one sense - until we look behind this story.

What Jesus was asking is that we invest in him. He needs our complete life. It doesn't matter whether we offer it to him first thing in the morning, or last thing at night. Our Lord will give the same payment - Himself. We receive something for no effort - a free entry into his Heavenly Vineyard.

Unlike my trip to the zoo, a trip with Jesus lasts - not for three days at the end of February but - for eternity!

Eric Green (Church News Service)

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St Cuthbert's and All Saints' Sunday Services *February 2002*



3rd February

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

10th February

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

17th February

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

24th February

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