

Ackworth Parish Magazine



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Let's Celebrate

What a month we've had!

Whether you are an avid royalist or not, few people could have not gained at least a modicum of pleasure from the celebrations spanning the first four days of June (if you're a television addict, I doubt whether there was any way you could have avoided it!) It was four days of glorious celebration in which there was something for everybody.

For music lovers there were the concerts in the grounds of Buckingham Palace, both pop and classical where the 'cream' of musical performers gathered to offer a feast of music to suit most tastes. For lovers of pageantry Monday and Tuesday has rarely been matched in living memory, except perhaps the actual coronation itself fifty years ago.

If you like carnivals, you would have to go some way to better the scenes in the Mall on Monday and Tuesday, for sheer spectacle, I felt the firework display rivaled that of the millennium celebrations. Even the church got a look in with special services in our cathedrals and some of the larger civic churches up and down the country and the special commemoration service in St Paul's cathedral on Tuesday morning. All in all a celebration which will be remembered for many years to come and a great boost to sagging national pride.



Now then, have I left anyone out when I said there was something for everyone? What about the poor old sports fans? Well, no! It cannot have escaped anyone's attention that the world cup finals started at the beginning of June also (another difficult to avoid event for TV fans). In some ways the Golden Jubilee celebrations have been merely a brief distraction, or respite, depending upon your feelings about football. At the time of writing England

have just qualified for the next rounds, so perhaps some excuse for national pride also!

Although not a fanatical supporter of the 'beautiful' game as it is often called nowadays, I do enjoy the occasional top-level game and take a passing interest in the results. I have to say however, that I was concerned at the impact the national appetite for the game has had upon the church and the commitment of individuals - even amongst my fellow clergy. I quite understand the attraction for the younger members of our congregations, where once in four years is a long time to wait for such a tournament, particularly if they are of junior school age, it will have been only the second world cup final they will have been aware of. I would be the last to criticize young fans for wanting to watch a vital game of their country instead of coming to church.

When I hear of some churches changing service times to fit in with scheduled games or even installing large screen televisions in the place of worship then I begin to ask myself certain questions. An article in the 'Church Times' particularly caught my attention. It began my claiming the

Archbishop of Canterbury gave such moves his blessing. It quotes him as saying; "Worship comes first of course; but this comes round only every four years and we can be flexible." Clearly if worship is allowed to be pushed onto the side lines then it is not being kept as a first priority. The vicar of Eccleshill, Bradford (one of my old home parishes - Rev'd John Hartley - no relation!) switched his main

service of the day
from 10.30am
to
3.00pm
and



advocated that people 'Make Jesus the centre forward if you like'. The article cited many other churches that had made similar moves and closed by asking people to vote on the internet in reply to the question "Should church services be moved to accommodate football?"

OK it's probably fine to try and get people into church by approaching them via that which is most important to their lives, but it does worry me as to what this says about commitment to our Lord. There is always the danger that in popularizing the faith we compromise and dilute our gospel message.

The message it sends to non-Christians is even more worrying; what comes first

in our lives, both as individual Christians - God or leisure pursuits? No matter how much is hyped and built up by the media pundits, football is only a recreational game. Has football usurped Christianity to become the established faith of a nation in which we take such great national pride. I wonder how the Queen would feel if she thought in anyway that commitment to Christ had been ousted by royalist fervour?

These and many other questions as to what place God takes in our own lives and the life of the Church, I leave you to ponder!

Yours in Christ,
Paul

PCC JOTTINGS FOR MAY

- Security systems are being installed in both churches shortly
- Lynne Ward is prepared to stand as Churchwarden. An additional General Meeting will be needed to confirm this
- Low-level lighting between the lych-gate and porch at St Cuthbert's church has been donated this is portable and will be removed after each use.
- It is hoped that work can start shortly on the roof and gutters at St Cuthbert's church
- There are five social events scheduled (details elsewhere in the magazine). More volunteers are still needed.
- Churches Together in Ackworth. Representatives from our churches are Phyllis Asquith, Biddy Branston, Ian and Stella Hall
- July 21st at 2.30pm Outdoor service at Our Lady of Lourdes with the Salvation Army Band.
- £560 was raised last month at the All Saints' coffee morning.
- The PCC post of secretary will be vacant when Lynne Ward becomes Churchwarden.



Cool Kids!

ALPHABET: PEOPLE OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

Complete the alphabet by finding the names of people whom you read about in the Old Testament. You are given the first letter of each name, a short clue and a Bible reference to help you.

A.....	Father of Isaac	(Genesis 21:3)
B.....	Joseph's brother	(Genesis 35:24)
C.....	Murdered his brother	(Genesis 4:8)
D.....	Son of Jesse	(Ruth 4:22)
E.....	Cured leprosy	(2 Kings 5:20)
G.....	Fought Midian	(Judges 17:14)
H.....	Mother of Samuel	(1 Samuel 11:20)
I.....	Father of Esau	(Genesis 25:26)
J.....	Brother of Esau	(Genesis 25:26)
K.....	Father of Saul	(1 Samuel 9:1-2)
L.....	Son of Haran	(Genesis 11:31)
M.....	Brother of Aaron	(Exodus 4:14)
N.....	Father of Shem	(Genesis 6:10)
O.....	A King of Israel	(1 Kings 16:16)
P.....	A King of Israel	(2 Kings 15:25)
R.....	Son of Jacob	(Genesis 35:23)
S.....	A very strong man	(Judges 16:30)
T.....	An Ammonite	(Nehemiah 4:3)
U.....	Bathsheba's husband	(2 Samuel 11:3)
Z.....	A priest	(2 Samuel 8:17)

Answers next month.

J U L Y F A Y R E

**July 13th at the Howard School
from 11.00am**

**EVEN MORE Stallholders plus help to
set-up needed!**

(New volunteers desperately needed – see a member of
the Social Committee)

Goods for sale wanted.

(either pass onto stallholder, put into box at back of
church, or see a member of the Social Committee)

Summer Prize Draw

(ticket sellers needed before the day– see a member of
the Social Committee)

Programme

(There will be a programme on sale which will act as your
ticket into the Fayre, also included will be the children's
colouring competition – don't forget to buy yours in good
time!)

Join us for this great event.

Stalls & Events

Summer Prize Draw
Balloon Race
Bottle Tombola
Cakes & Home Produce
Toiletries
Plants
'Gold' Stall
Wine & Water
Nearly New Bric-a-Brac
Children's Tombola
Red, White & Blue Stall
Face Painting
Fake Tattoos
Dress a Teddy
Guess how many Sweets
Where Will the Train Stop?
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Quiz
Colouring Competition
Refreshments

Ackworth's Youth Choir

A Concert

at

St Cuthbert's Church

Friday, July 5th at 7.30pm

Tickets:

Adult £4 Concessions £2

Accompanied Children £1

Refreshments available



**Proceeds to the
Repairs, Restoration,
Re-ordering Appeal**

Thank you!

The Social
Committee
would like
to thank all
those people who
have already helped and who have
volunteered their help during this
very busy period.

These events can only happen
when a great number of people
unstintingly offer their time. Just
an hour helps as it allows someone
a break in an otherwise busy day.
If you have not already offered to
help at our forthcoming events it's
not too late!

(Don't forget your generous
donations of prizes, cakes,
produce, plants etc are still needed
for the Fayre!)

Once again, thank you.

The Social Committee.

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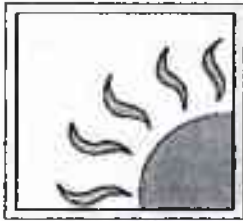
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JULY ROTAS



Readers and Readings

7	Proper 9	SC	AS
	Gen 24:34-38, 42-29, 58-67	Sue Hartley	Mrs M Walker
	Romans 7:15-25a	Sue Hartley	Mrs M Walker
	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30		
14	Proper 10		
	Genesis 25:19-34	Mr Shaw	
	Romans 8:1-11	Mr Shaw	
	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23		
21	Proper 11		
	Genesis 28:10-19a	Helen Parkinson	Dr McWilliam
	Romans 8:12-25	Helen Parkinson	Dr McWilliam
	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43		
28	Proper 12		
	Genesis 29:15-28	Miss Parker	Mr D Cook
	Romans 8:26-end	Miss Parker	Mr D Cook
	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52		



Flowers & Brasses

Please check with organisers for details

From the Registers - May

Baptisms

- 12 Elizabeth Grace Cuffling & Charlotte Elizabeth Morris
- 26 Christian Lloyd Slater & Lauren Grace Firth

Marriages

- 4 Philip Baxter & Alison J M Fletcher

Funerals

- 9 Irene Mary Hazelgrove (48) 23 Town End Avenue
- 13 Peter Coney (60) 17 Fothergill Avenue
- 20 Frederick Wathen (77) 33 Rhyddings Avenue
- 23 Annie Hirst (75) 43 Rhyddings Drive
- 28 Ethel Sayles (76) 98 Wakefield Road





July Diary



1	Monday	7.30pm	PCC Meeting	St Cuthbert's
3	Wednesday		St Thomas the Apostle	
		9.30am	Holy Communion (said) <i>(MU Corporate Communion)</i>	All Saints'
4	Thursday	10.00am	Coffee Morning	All Saints'
		7.30pm	Magazine Committee	
5	Friday	7.30pm	Ackworth Youth Choir Concert*	St Cuthbert's
9	Tuesday	2.00pm	Toddler Group	4 Doncaster Rd
10	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
11	Thursday	10.00am	Coffee Morning	All Saints'
13	Saturday	11.00am	Jubilee Fayre*	Howard School
14	Sunday	1.00pm	Open Garden*	Ridgeway, Mill Lane
17	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
18	Thursday	10.00am	Coffee Morning	All Saints'
20 & 21	Sat & Sun		Ackworth Show	
21	Sunday	2.30pm	Outdoor Service	Our Lady of Lourdes
22	Monday		St Mary Magdelene	
		7.30pm	Holy Communion	St Cuthbert's
23	Tuesday	2.00pm	Toddler Group	4 Doncaster Rd
24	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
25	Thursday		St James the Apostle	
		10.00am	Coffee Morning	All Saints'
		2.00pm	Mother's Union*	All Saints'
		7.30pm	Holy Communion	St Cuthbert's

Don't Forget!

Various members of the church have prize draw tickets on sale - don't forget to buy yours in good time!

Jubilee Fayre programmes - including the colouring competition entry forms - are now on sale - ask a member of the social committee for yours and get your children colouring!

Copy for the Aug/Sept magazine to be in no later than Wednesday 3rd July

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Vincent Hollinworth

The collection in memory of Vincent Hollinworth (22/4/02) raised £388.45 in aid of the Repairs, Restoration, Re-ordering Appeal. Many thanks to all family and friends who made donations.

Christian Aid Week ...

Thank you to all those who collected – both to those who have given their valuable time year after year and to those who stepped in to help at the last minute. The response was tremendous, particularly as we are hearing of a worsening famine in southern Africa.

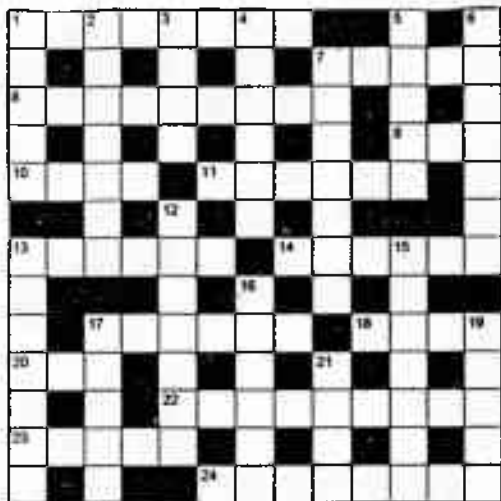
Any further donations can be made at church or sent directly to: Christian Aid, PO Box 100, London SE1 7RT.

Lynne Ward

Crossword

Clues: Across

1. Where Jesus came from (8)
7. Girls name that is sung (5)
8. Weed (9)
9. See 18 across
10. Complain bitterly (4)
11. Minus (6)
13. Installer of Machinery (6)
14. Jesus' cot (6)
17. See 18 across
18. (and 9, 17) Parents from I across (4,3,6)
20. A Needle's One is in the Bible (3)
22. It's on its way (9)
23. Hen's Speak? (5)
24. Puts off (8)



Clues: Down

1. Foreign River (5)
2. Member of a Religious Sect (7)
3. Called (4)
4. Part of a Fringe (6)
5. Pleasure (5)
6. Happier (7)
7. Pertaining to part of a sentence (7)
12. Feel ill on water (7)
13. Having ease in a language (7)
15. Use of Words (7)
16. Spread (anagram) (6)
17. Son of 18 (5)
19. Ayes (5)
21. Capital City (4)

Answers next month

Answers to last month's Crossword

Across:

1. Annual
4. Calls
8. Tommy
9. Lapwing
10. Monthly
11. Idea
12. Sir
14. Clan
15. Oath
18. Gas
21. Inch
23. Plateau
25. Termini
26. Crepe
27. Resat
28. Gerunds

Down:

1. Autumn
2. Nominal
3. Anything
4. Caps
5. Laird
6. Signal
7. Cloys
13. Romancer
16. Therein
17. Winter
19. Spring
20. Augers
22. Cards
24. Pint



Etcetera



Mothers' Union ~ June 2002

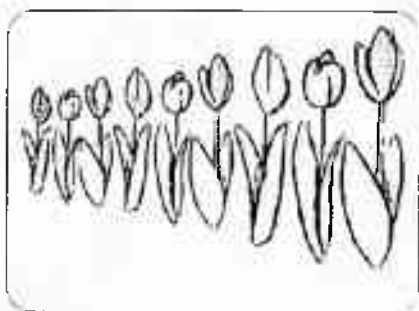
(This group is now run by a committee - for contact details see Diary)

12th July Deanery Meeting, St. Giles', Pontefract, 2.00 pm.

13th July Summer Fayre at Howard School. Mothers' Union are running the Bottle Stall. Bottles needed from everyone!

25th July Branch Meeting, 2.00 pm at All Saints'.
A Fellowship Afternoon.

***** THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN AUGUST *****



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Mrs J Billcliffe will very kindly open her garden to the public from
1.00 pm to 5.00 pm on Sunday, 14 July, 2002.
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Reflections from the Chancel

'Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.'

1 Corinthians 13:12

Paul talks to the Corinthians about reflections. What he is saying is that we shall only see things dimly, imperfectly. But at some point in the future we shall see more clearly, and perfectly. His use of the phrase 'face to face' surely refers to our Lord God. At present we only see Him dimly through His revelation in scripture. Later we shall see Him face to face. The implication being that we shall know God clearly, and then we will know Him as He knows us, perfectly.

It occurs to me that life is very much like that most of the time. There are times when I barely seem to understand or appreciate what is happening around me, and then at some point it all becomes clear and makes sense. Sometimes I can be blissfully unaware of the things around me, and then it all makes sense and becomes clear, and I am aware of what has been there all the time.

As I sit in the Chancel on Sunday mornings, trying to make sure that I perform the right tasks in the right order, or even performing them at all (like announcing the last

hymn!), I occasionally get the opportunity to reflect on what is happening around me. The blank faces staring at the pulpit, the flowers trumpeting the glory of God, the cobwebs swinging in the Chancel breeze. And very occasionally I get a flash of inspiration.

During recent months there have been several articles about Celtic Christianity. This has been triggered by some excellent teaching from Betty Pedley at the Parish Weekend. Celtic Christianity has much to teach us, provided we can search for the trust it contains and stay this side of heresy. Worshipping God through creation is a wonderful thing to do. But worshipping creation is not (see the Ten Commandments).



As I wrote last month, some elements of Celtic Christianity rests on the lives and wisdom of the saints of the early centuries, saints like St. Cuthbert. However, we must not fall into the trap of worshipping these saints. We are not called to follow the ways of saintly people, but to follow in the ways and teachings of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. When



we read about the lives of these saints we should not be asking "What can I learn and imitate?" but rather "What can I learn about God in the life of this person?" The life of a saint is not the life of a great man, but the life of God lived out in an ordinary person. Similarly, saints' days are not a celebration of the life of a particular person, but a celebration of Christ.

On many occasions I have basked in the light shining through the Chancel windows. The coloured lights reflecting off my hymn book and service sheet. However, it was only recently that I actually really looked at these windows and what they portray. In each of these windows is a saint. This is something I have known for a long time. What I saw this time was that many of these saints are Celtic Saints.

What I now see clearly is the reflected glory of God in the lives of these saints each Sunday morning. Even if I have to put my neck into a painful position to see them.

I wonder do you know which saints are portrayed in these windows?

Paul Fox



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THE PARISH OF ACKWORTH



St Cuthbert's and All Saints'

Sunday Services

July 2002



7th July

8.30am	Parish Communion & Junior Church	All Saints'
10.15am	Parish Communion	St Cuthbert's
6.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'

14th July

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

21st July

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

28th July

8.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
10.15am	Family Communion	St Cuthbert's
4.00pm	Open Door Service	All Saints'

Please contact the Rector to arrange Baptisms and Weddings