

Ackworth Parish Magazine



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Looking Back

My article this month is a precis of the report I gave to the APCM at the end of April.

On this my sixth annual meeting I began, as usual, by thanking all who in any way have assisted me in the ministry of this church to the people of Ackworth, especially those who worked even harder to ensure worship and ministry continued uninterrupted during my illness last year.

Looking back we have lost many people in the past year who have had connections with our churches, but in particular we have seen the passing of two committed and regular members of our congregations, Margery Kidson and Kitty Cooper will both be sadly missed and will be remembered for their contributions to the life of this parish.

During this last year, our 'Core Group' completed the three years of the Wakefield

Ministry Scheme and all continue to play an important part in the ministry and worship of our churches.

Later in the year our Repair, Restoration, Re-ordering Appeal was launched following the formation of the Fundraising Committee. Their work is now well established and the appeal is gaining pace.

Partly connected with the fundraising, though fulfilling others important needs as well, the now very successful coffee morning at All Saints' church on Thursdays began and continue to go from strength to strength.

Just after Christmas, work began on the much needed disabled ramp and work should be completed shortly.

More recently we had our bi-annual Parish weekend at Scarborough. Though very successfully led by Rev. Betty Pedley our Diocesan Children's Advisor, it was a struggle to make up numbers and fulfil our commitment as regards our booking.

Finally, last autumn, the church as a whole was dealt a major blow as the Church Commissioners cut its financial support to the Diocese by some £¼ million

and announced that their contribution towards clergy pensions was also being devolved to Dioceses. (Please note - the church does not receive any financial support from the government which seems to be a popular misconception!). The immediate result was a cutback in the number of paid positions within the diocese (11 of which are clergy) and more proposed cutbacks possible in the near future.

Even with staffing cutbacks there has still been an increase in share - although the new formula for calculating it has meant no increase for us, many other parishes in our deanery have been seriously affected with a total rise of £42,000 altogether - reverberations will be felt for some time to come. Consequently we are bound to see major changes in the life and structure of the church as we have known it, many of which may be painful and will affect everyone. I will try to keep you informed as the process continues.

So what of the coming year? Hopefully we should be able to start work on St Cuthbert's roof fairly soon and then (as was decided at a recent PCC meeting) we can turn our attention to our

next priority – the improvements at All Saints'. Make sure you check the notice boards at both of the churches to see the plans of the alterations.

Although a great deal of finance is needed, we must be vigilant as regards the sources of donations. Most Christians are aware of the term 'ethical investment' as regards where we place our own savings. We, as a Church, must be careful about what we might call 'ethical donations' i.e. we cannot afford to accept donations where the source is morally questionable! We must not forget also, as we get wrapped up in the drive to raise funds, of the reason why we are doing it! The



whole effort **must** have God and prayer at its heart.

This October Marie Lewis will be licensed as a Lay Reader and I am sure that all of us look forward to being inspired by her future ministry as we have been in the past. Also Charles Vickers, who is spending a few weeks with us at the moment as part of his final year of Reader training, will be licensed at the same service.

With ever escalating financial demands and fewer stipendiary clergy likely to be around, we are going to have to consider new ways of ministry. Certainly a greater lay involvement will

be part of that 'new' ministry; probably clergy 'sharing' and larger parishes, or joining of parishes may be inevitable. We must listen to what might just be the Holy Spirit stirring up the church and look at new ways of ministering and extending mission to the world.

Unfortunately we have already got off to a bad start as regards lay involvement and sharing in the church's ministry to this village, as we were unable to elect a churchwarden to replace Fred Davies who retired at the APCM – a task we now need to think and pray about! Whatever happens we are all in this together.

Yours in Christ, *Paul*

Thank you!

Following our recent appeal in the magazine and a retiring collection in church the new Headteacher from the Howard School writes...

I am writing to thank the readers of the parish magazine who so kindly sent donations of money for the purchase of bibles at the Howard School! As you know our budget is limited and the purchase of the new bibles will enhance our religious education.

Perhaps people may be interested in knowing that we have just undergone a collective worship inspection and the denominational inspector who carried this out was extremely impressed by the children and the school.

Please pass on our thanks to everyone concerned.

Yours

Sue Jackson (Headteacher)



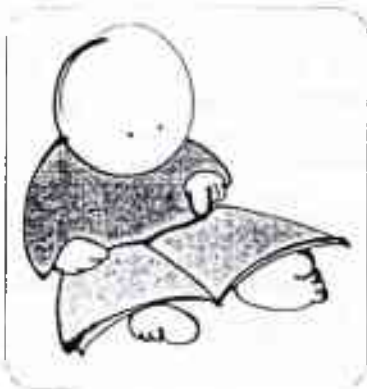
Bible Names

Even if you stuck to names from the Bible there are some very strange ones there too! Out of this alphabet of names can you tell which ones aren't in the Bible? Answers at the bottom of the page.

- A is for ABEL
- B is for BALSHAZZAR
- C is for CLEMENT
- D is for DRUSILLA
- E is for EBED-MELECH
- F is for FELIX
- G is for GAD, H is for HAM
- I is for ITTAI, J is for JERUBBAAL
- K is for KISH, L is for LEAH
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- O is for OBED, P is for PEKAH
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- T is for THEOPHILUS
- U is for UZZAH, V is for VASHTI
- W is for WHET, X for XERXES
- Y is for YOKE
- Z is for ZIPPORAH

1st 5 year old: What's your name?

2nd 5 year old: Um let me see. (Singing quietly...) Happy Birthday to you, happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you, happy birthday, dear Molly. Oh yes! It's Molly.



Cool Kids!

What's Your Name?

I wonder if your parents would have been allowed to choose your particular name in the past. In Puritan times, in the 17th century, it was thought wrong to call children with the names of saint or even an angel and names like Angela and Michael were banned

They solved the problem of what names to use by multiple names - how do you fancy being called Zeal of the Lord Busy or Tribulation Wholesome? The longest name I've found was when a leather worker called Praise the Lord Barebones called his son If Christ Had Not Died For Thee Thou Wouldst Have Been Damned Barebones. I wonder what they called him at home? Do you think they might have said 'Time for school. If or 'Eat your porridge before it's cold, Damned'?

ANSWERS: all are there, except for WHET and YOKE which are words in the Bible but not names!



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July 13th at the Howard School from 11.00am

Stallholders and help to set-up needed.

(New volunteers desperately needed – see a member of the Social Committee – ask the Rector for an introduction!)

Goods for sale wanted.

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

Grand Prize Draw

(ticket sellers needed before the day - also at GT Smiths on the 6th July – see a member of the Social Committee and sign up for an hours stint!)

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!)

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Children's Tombola
Red, White & Blue Stall
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Dress a Teddy
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Quiz
Colouring Competition
Refreshments

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Genesis 6:9-22, 7:24, 8:14-19 Mark Cavill
 Romans 1:16-17, 3:22b-28 Mark Cavill

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Dr McWilliam
 Dr McWilliam

9 Proper 5

Genesis 12:1-9
 Romans 4:13-25

Mrs Riley
 Mrs Riley

Mr D Cook
 Mr D Cook

16 Proper 6

Genesis 18:1-15
 Romans 5:1-8

Mrs Woofinden
 Mrs Woofinden

Mrs S Hall
 Mrs S Hall

23 Proper 7

Genesis 21:8-21
 Romans 6:1b-11

Mr Davies
 Mr Davies

Mrs M Walker
 Mrs M Walker

30 Proper 8

Genesis 22:1-14
 Romans 6:12-23

Jane Siddall
 Jane Siddall

Mrs V Cook
 Mrs V Cook



Flowers

&

Brasses

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Mrs Sutcliffe

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Mrs Roberts

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Mrs Barnard

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Mrs Asquith

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Mrs Walters

From the Registers

Baptisms

- 14 Apr Isabelle Lucy Parkinson & Alfie Stephen Littlewood
 28 Apr Samuel John Brandon Butter & Rebecca June Lilian Dean

Funerals

- 15 Mar Evelyn May Bishop (86) Old Snyderdale Nursing Home
 27 Mar Ada Hill (78) Queens Crescent, Charlston
 8 Apr Kitty Cooper (75) 27, Orchard Drive
 22 Apr Vincent Hollinworth (78) 31, Orchard Crive
 23 Apr Rose Field (74) 10, Garden Street, Brackenhill
 24 Apr Vilma Valeta Liddle (73) 34, Mount Pleasant
 26 Apr William Guest (94) 27, Chiltern Drive





June Diary



5	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion (said) <i>(MU Corporate Communion)</i>		All Saints'
6	Thursday	10.00am	Coffee Morning		All Saints'
10	Monday	7.30pm	PCC Meeting	vestry -	St Cuthbert's
11	Tuesday		Deanery Chapter Quiet Day		
		2.00pm	Toddler Group		4 Doncaster Rd
		7.45pm	Social Committee		8 Andrews Grove
12	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion (said)		All Saints'
		7.30pm	Fundraising Committee		St Cuthbert's
13	Thursday	10.00am	Coffee Morning		All Saints'
19	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion (said)		All Saints'
20	Thursday	10.00am	Coffee Morning		All Saints'
24	Monday		The Birth of John the Baptist		
		7.30pm	Holy Communion		St Cuthbert's
25	Tuesday	2.00pm	Toddler Group		4 Doncaster Rd
26	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion (said)		All Saints'
27	Thursday	10.00am	Coffee Morning		All Saints'
		2.00pm	Mother's Union*		All Saints'

Forthcoming Events

29	June		Ackworth Gala - Book Stall*		
5	July		Ackworth Junior Choir concert*		St Cuthbert's
13	July		Summer Event 'Jubilee Fayre'*		Howard School
20	July		Stall at the Ackworth Show		

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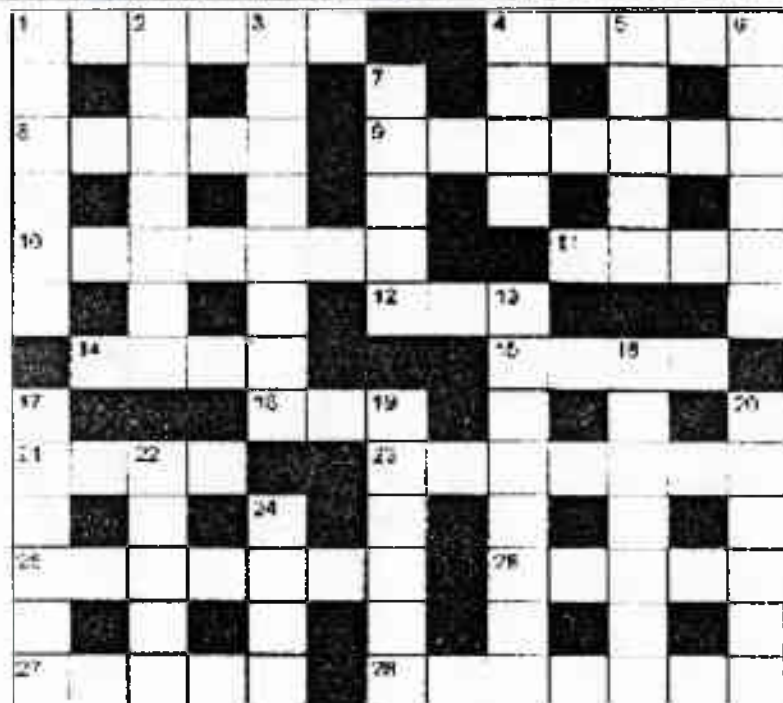
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This Month's Crossword



Across

- 1 Yearly (6)
- 4 Visits (5)
- 8 Private (5)
- 9 Bird (7)
- 10 Periodically (7)
- 11 Thought (4)
- 12 Title (3)
- 14 Tribe (4)
- 15 Vow (4)
- 18 Domestic fuel (3)
- 21 Measurement (4)
- 23 Flat area (7)
- 25 Boundaries
- 26 Material (5)
- 27 Took again (5)
- 28 Verbal noun (7)

Down

- 1 Season (6)
- 2 Namely (7)
- 3 Indefinite item (8)
- 4 Hats (4)
- 5 Scots land owner (5)
- 6 Sign (6)
- 7 Gluts (5)
- 13 Story teller (8)
- 16 In that place (7)
- 17 Another season... (6)
- 19 ... and a third (6)
- 20 Drills (6)
- 22 Sent at Christmas (5)
- 24 Liquid measure (4)

Answers to last month's crossword

Across: 1 Wafer. 4 Collect. 8 Torture. 9 There. 10 Real. 11 Arc. 12 Snap. 15 Good. 16 Paul. 18 Oban. 19 Ten. 20 Omit. 24 Idiot. 25 Obadiah. 26 Emerald. 27 Mater. **Down:** 1 Water into wine. 2 Firma. 3 Rout. 4 Cheers. 5 Late. 6 Eternal. 7 The spycatchers. 13 Job. 14 Ran. 15 Granite. 17 Behold. 21 Moist. 22 Stoa. 23 Farm.

Mountains

Mount of Olives; Acts 1:1-12

It's easy to dismiss Jesus' Ascension into heaven as crude literalism! We know that the risen body of Jesus was not bound by time and space. As we stand with the disciples on the Mount of Olives, one chapter of the gospel story ends, as another one begins.

Ascending the mountain

This mountain was not the only one that the disciples had to climb, for they still misunderstood the nature of God's kingdom (6)! Jesus hadn't come as a political Messiah to overthrow the Romans; rather he came to establish God's rule in people's hearts and lives. He promises the gift of the Holy Spirit, as the power to live and witness for God.

- What are our expectations of God's Kingdom?

Ascent from the mountain

Before their eyes, Jesus was taken up into heaven in a cloud (9). The ascension, when he returned to his Father, marks the end of the 40 days in which the risen Christ appeared to his disciples. Although Jesus is seated at the right hand of God, we cannot think in spatial terms. As Luther said, the right hand of the Father is everywhere!



- What does it mean for us that Jesus is exalted in heaven?

Descending in Glory

As Jesus departed the disciples were given the promise of his return (11). Their mission; which we share, is to announce and live the life of the kingdom in the power of the Holy Spirit until Jesus comes.

- What is the significance of Jesus' return for us?
- 'And he departed from our sight that we might return to our heart, and there find Him. For He departed and behold He is here' ~ Augustine

Paul Hardingham
(Courtesy of Church News Service)

Celtic Christianity

"Christ as a light, illumine and guide me"

Previously Sue Hartley wrote about her experience of the Parish Weekend in Scarborough, where we considered several aspects of Celtic Christianity. In that article she stated that we have much to learn from the Celtic Christianity. This is a sentiment with which I would fully agree.

I have come to know and experience this form of spirituality over the last few years, and have experienced a huge spiritual renewal. I have been very fortunate to meet with members of the Northumbrian Community, and to join in their worship. This is a form of spirituality based on the lives of the Celtic saints of old. Saints like Patrick, Aidan, Hilda, and of course, our very own Cuthbert. We would therefore do well to reflect on the lives of these saintly people.

Celtic Christianity is based on several basic and sound principles, with which each and every Christian should be able to learn more about, themselves, Christianity as a whole, the church, and most of all God.

Prayer is at the heart, its a way of life, rooted in the monastic tradition forming part of the rhythm of the day. The day begins with prayer, finishes with prayer and has prayer through the day. These set times are "offices" when prayers are said and

scripture is read.

However, prayer is not just confined to these times of day, it is integral to this way of life. There is no divide between the secular and the spiritual. God is present in both, in all things. Ninian who lived this life in the fourth century said "Perceive the eternal word of God reflected in every plant and insect, every bird and animal, and every man and women." God is in all, and plain to see, we just need to look for it. Therefore prayers can be said at all times, and in all activities.

God is never seen in isolation. The Celtic Saints only ever saw God as The Trinity, as community. They saw this as a model for us here on earth. Community is all important to Celtic life. The church should be a community, a community worshipping God. That is why it is so important to join in the worship in church regularly. This is God's intention, that we should be a worshipping community, even if we don't always like the worship!

Journeying is also important. This means that we can never stand still, either as individuals or as a community. Life is a journey which we travel with God, forever deepening and strengthening the relationship with God. There is no end point to that journey except when we leave this life and enter into God's glory.

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever he may send you.
May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.
May he bring you home rejoicing, at the wonders he has shown you.
May he bring you home rejoicing, once again into our doors.

AMEN



This is a life dependant on scripture which are read several times a day, reflected upon, and meditated upon. Doing this was part of the discipline of Celtic Saints.

Inspiration in Celtic Christianity is drawn from the wisdom of Celtic Saints of old. This wisdom is entrenched in the scriptures, and gives the wisdom to present day Christians to help them live to scriptural ideals.

Celtic Christianity is possibly known best for it's blessing. Whole books of Celtic blessing can be found. Blessing for all occasions. From weddings and baptisms, for births and deaths, and yes, even a blessing for your computer, if you don't already bless your computer, especially when it crashes in the middle of that important document you are writing.

Celtic Christianity has much to teach the church and society today. It is a way of life which incorporates scripture and prayer into the everyday. A

way of bringing God into everything that you think and do. It is called practising the presence of God. Something which many of us have forgotten how to do.

Paul Fox



Etcetera



PCC Jottings for April

- The draft copy of the new Electoral Roll has been completed and contains 125 names.
- Quotes have been received regarding the installation of alarms at St. Cuthbert's and All Saints' Churches and work is to go ahead on this.
- The plan for the re-ordering of All Saints' Church was further discussed and unanimously accepted. Copies of the plan are to be posted in both churches.
- £425 has been raised so far by the sale of recipe books. In March the sum raised at the All Saints' Coffee Mornings was £486.

Mothers' Union ~ June 2002

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

20th June Council Meeting, 6.45 pm at Dewsbury Town Hall.

**26th June Pontefract Deanery Festival, 7.15 pm at St. Giles',
Pontefract.**

Preacher: Father Mark Davies, Rural Dean.

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27th June Branch Meeting, 2.00 pm at All Saints'.

Speaker: Mrs Elizabeth Sheard from AFIA

(Away From It All)





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St Cuthbert's and All Saints'

June 2002

Sunday Services

2nd June

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

9th June

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

16th June

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

23rd June

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

30th June

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

Please contact the Rector to make arrangements for Baptisms and Weddings