

# *Ackworth Parish Magazine*

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*Good Friday*  
*March 29th*

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Just glancing through the lectionary in preparation for this article, I find, much to my surprise, that there are many celebrations and feast days to focus upon this month.

Not surprising in itself, but when considered in light of the fact that virtually the whole of the month is taken up by Lent, a season of solemn abstinence, then it prompted a slightly raised eyebrow. It makes me wonder whether a little medieval manipulation went on when fixing the dates of such celebrations to give a little light relief to the rigour.

To give a brief run-down, we have two prominent Saints days of particular note to residents of the British Isles; St David, the patron saint of Wales on the 1<sup>st</sup> and St Cuthbert, our own church's patron saint on the 20<sup>th</sup>. On Sundays we have Mothering Sunday on the 10<sup>th</sup>, Passion Sunday on the 17<sup>th</sup>, and Palm Sunday on the 24<sup>th</sup> followed by the most significant week of the year; Holy Week. Last, but by no means least, the most important celebration of the year, Easter Sunday on the 31<sup>st</sup>. As feasts were very much permitted in penitential season, it hardly seems like there's room to draw breath, let alone change out of sackcloth and ashes.

Although at first glance, it may seem a mixed bag of commemorations, on closer inspection they do in fact have a common thread, the lives of the two saints were distinguished by their charity and great love for the people they served. Cuthbert in particular was devout in prayer, and teaching the gospels, expounding the love of Christ. As Bishop of Lindisfarne, he never lost his 'common touch' and was devoted to caring for his flock. His life and that of St David were notable for their love of God and their fellow men.

Mothering Sunday is day upon which we emphasise the devotion and love of mother hood and the selfless sacrifice mothers make for their children. And then we see the most supreme examples of sacrificial love in the remembrance of our Lord's love for us enshrined in the festival of Passion Sunday, Palm Sunday and Holy Week.

To crown all these, we see the triumph of love in the shape of Easter Sunday, the final victory, when love conquers even death itself. The common thread which runs right the way through this month of penitence and celebration, you will probably have realised by now, is LOVE. Not the soppy sentimental thing we misleadingly label love -



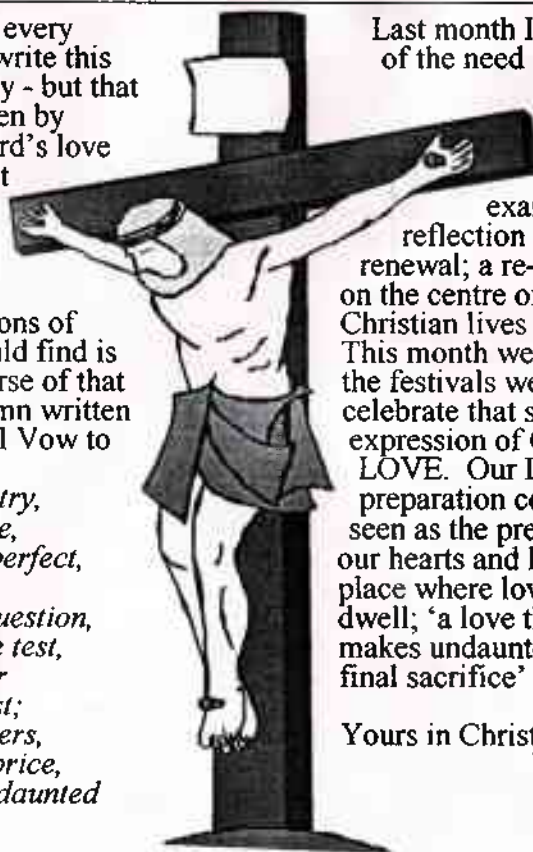
The Rector Writes ...



which is gushing out of every commercial outlet as I write this article on Valentines Day - but that deep sacrificial love given by example to us by our Lord's love for us; so committed that he even faced extreme pain (passion) and death on the cross.

One of the best expressions of that quality of love I could find is described in the final verse of that well know Victorian hymn written by Cecil Spring Rice - 'I Vow to Thee my Country'

*'I vow to thee my country,  
all earthly things above,  
entire and whole and perfect,  
the service of my love;  
the love that asks no question,  
the love that stands the test,  
that lays upon the altar  
the dearest and the best;  
the love that never falters,  
the love that pays the price,  
the love that makes undaunted  
the final sacrifice.'*



Last month I wrote of the need for self-

examination, reflection and renewal; a re-focusing on the centre of our Christian lives - God! This month we see in the festivals we celebrate that supreme expression of God ... LOVE. Our Lenten preparation could be seen as the preparing of our hearts and lives, a place where love may dwell; 'a love that makes undaunted, the final sacrifice'

Yours in Christ  
Paul

## PCC Jottings

- January -

- Summer Fayre to be held at the Howard School on July 13<sup>th</sup>. It will be a themed event, possibly with costume.
- Plans for possible alterations at All Saints' were discussed.
- Extra lighting for the path at St Cuthbert's has been proposed.
- The disabled access work at St Cuthbert's is about to begin subject to weather conditions.
- An application for a lottery licence has been submitted.
- Annual General Meeting is at St Cuthbert's church on 28<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm
- A new electoral role has to be made.
- Plans for restoration work and alterations at St Cuthbert's were discussed.
- Fundraising brochures are now being printed.
- Coffee mornings at All Saints' are proving successful.

# Cool Kids!



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## the mouths of babes

by Roy Mitchell



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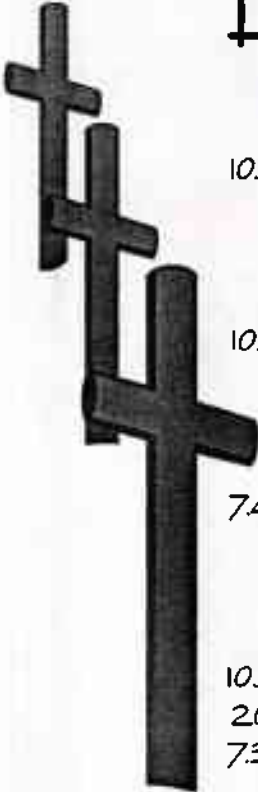
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Answer to last month's puzzle: Do not store up riches for yourselves here on earth, where moths and rust destroy, and robbers break in and steal.

# Holy Week & Easter



10.15am Palm Sunday  
Parish Eucharist St Cuthbert's  
with Procession and Distribution of Palms

10.30am Tuesday in Holy Week  
Blessing of the Oils The Cathedral  
All Welcome

7.45pm Maundy Thursday  
Institution of the Last Supper St Cuthbert's  
followed by the Watch until 10.00pm

10.30am Good Friday  
Family Service All Saints'  
2.00pm Good Friday Liturgy St Cuthbert's  
7.30pm A Meditation of words and music St Cuthbert's  
at the foot of the cross

7.30pm Easter Eve  
Service of Light St Cuthbert's  
Renewal of Baptismal Vows & Holy Communion  
(this is a very moving and symbolic service at which the Easter fire is lit, the Paschal candle is blessed and processed into a dark church to proclaim the light of Christ is risen. We then renew our baptismal vows as the recognition that Christ has come into our lives.)

10.15am Easter Day  
Parish Eucharist St Cuthbert's  
followed by egg rolling in the churchyard and judging of decorated eggs.





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## Readers and Readings

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### 3 3rd Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:1-7

Mr K Shaw

Mr D Cook

Romans 5:1-11

Mr K Shaw

Mr D Cook

John 4:5-42

### 10 Mothering Sunday

1 Samuel 1:20-28

Helen Parkinson

Mrs S Hall

Colossians 3:12-17

Helen Parkinson

Mrs S Hall

Luke 2:33-35

### 17 Passion Sunday

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Miss Parker

Mrs M Walker

Romans 8:6-11

Miss Parker

Mrs M Walker

John 11:1-45

### 24 Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Mark Cavill

Mrs V Cook

Philippians 2:5-11

Mark Cavill

Mrs V Cook

Matthew 26:14 - 27:66

### 31 Easter Day

Jeremiah 31:1-6

Mrs Riley

Miss Smith

Acts 10:34-43

Mrs Riley

Miss Smith

John 20:1-18



## From the Registers - January 2002

### Baptisms

13 Sarah Marie Harper

### Funerals

7 Shirley W M Brown, 34 Chiltem Drive, Ackworth Moor Top

10 Rosa Brett, 27 St Clements Court, Ackworth Moor Top

11 George Askew Pattison, 2 Beverley Garth, Ackworth

14 Doris Guy, 57 Rhyddings Drive, Ackworth Moor Top

15 David Marson, 20 Doncaster Road Estate, Ackworth Moor Top

31 Marjorie Thew, 5 St Clements Clourt, Ackworth Moor Top





# March

# Diary



4 Monday	7.30pm	PCC	Vestry -	St Cuthbert's
5 Tuesday	7.30pm	Lent Study - Prayer		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 Group	4 Doncaster Rd	
	7.30pm	Lent Study - Prayer		St Cuthbert's
13 Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion (said)		All Saints'
14 Thursday	10.00am	Coffee Morning		All Saints'
19 Tuesday	7.30pm	Lent Study - Prayer		St Cuthbert's
20 Wednesday	<b>St Cuthbert's Patronal Festival Day</b>			
	9.30am	Holy Communion (said)		All Saints'
	7.30pm	Holy Communion		St Cuthbert's
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'
	2.00pm	Mother's Union*		
30 Saturday	Don't forget to put your clocks forward!			

**Details of special Easter Services are printed elsewhere in the magazine**

## *Forthcoming Events*

5 July	Ackworth Junior choir concert	St Cuthbert's
13 July	Summer Event 'Jubilee Fayre'	Howard School

***Copy for the April magazine to be in no later than Wednesday 6th March***  
(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 - thankyou.



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## Urgent Repairs Must Start Soon!

Each day that passes before we can start the urgent repairs to the St Cuthbert's church roof will allow the stonework to deteriorate even further. The roof is leaking where it is supported by the walls and the valley guttering between the vestry and the chancel must be replaced as there are holes in the lead lining the gutter.

As stated in last month's magazine we have thankfully raised almost half of the money needed to start the first phase of the work some £9,500 of the £22,000 needed but we must raise the balance quickly so that this critical part of the work can be put in hand.

The Appeal launched in November for approximately £335,000 will have

entered a new phase by the time you read this magazine. By early March our appeal brochure will have been sent to everyone who is either on the current church electoral roll, have used the church for baptisms, weddings or funerals or regularly help us with our general expenditure by direct giving, to local businesses and to many others besides.

A copy of this brochure is included with this magazine, if you have not already been sent a copy with other correspondence. We ask that you take some time to read through our appeal brochure and, if you are able, respond accordingly using the special insert slip.

We really must raise this money and we pray that you can support us in achieving our aims set out in the appeal pamphlet.

*W A Branston - Churchwarden.*

*'Two Churches, One Vision ...'*



## Coffee Mornings

Thursdays at All Saints' Church  
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# Letters

*...from the Rector*

## **Bibles for School**

Our Church of England Infant and Junior School, the Ackworth Howard School, has a shortage of Study Bibles for use in R.E. lessons. As there is a lack of funds for



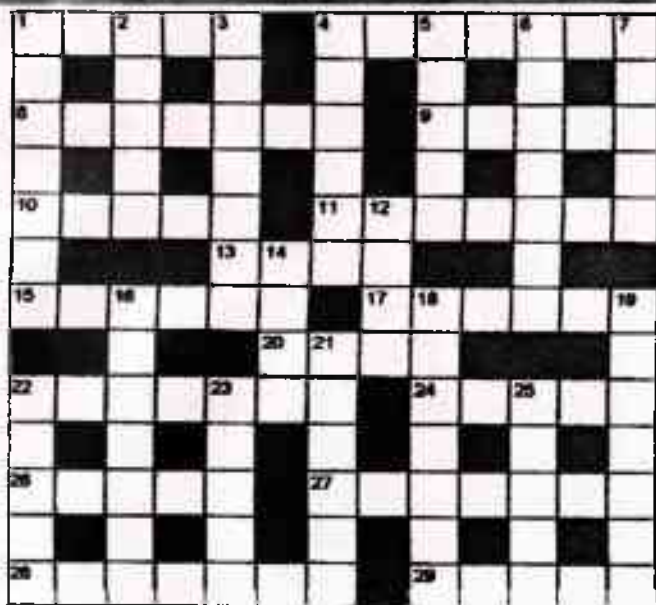
the purchase of books at present, the RE syllabus advisor, Mrs Sandra Peacock, has asked if any of our church members would be kind enough to offer donations in order that sufficient, good quality, Study Bibles can be purchased. If you are able to offer any assistance in this matter then donations should be passed on to me.

## **Parade Service**

It was with great sadness that I recently received a letter from the leader of the 1st Ackworth Brownies to say that they will not be attending Parade Services any more. Not only does this decision go against the main principle of the Movement's founder (ie. to serve **God** and the Queen), it also takes children away from an important aspect of the spiritual development. Although it seems that some may not consider this to be relevant to the Guiding Movement any more, the church does not take this view and would like to point out that regardless of leaders' policy the church still welcomes these children and their parent at Parade and all other church services.

Yours in Christ  
**Paul Hartley, Rector.**

# This Month's Crossword



## Across

- 1 He was very old when his wife bore him a son. (5)
- 4 Bounty (7)
- 8 In a neat fashion (7)
- 9 Find fault with (5)
- 10 A friend of Hamlets (5)
- 11 Letter (7)
- 13 Telephone Connection (4)
- 15 A joyful time (6)
- 17 Unexpected (6)
- 20 It can be new or full (4)
- 22 Go back (7)
- 24 Thickens (5)
- 26 Knob on a radio (5)
- 27 For ever (7)
- 28 Noises (7)
- 29 Requires (5)

## Down

- 1 Attendant (7)
- 2 Supplementary clause (5)
- 3 Unexplainable event (7)
- 4 People who are not members of the clergy (6)
- 5 Teacher (5)
- 6 Lifted hight (7)
- 7 Division of a play (5)
- 12 Monetary Unit of Argentina (4)
- 14 ---- La Douce (4)
- 16 Devilish (7)
- 18 Dirty (7)
- 19 Snuggles (7)
- 21 Those remaining (6)
- 22 Part of a helicopter (5)
- 23 Strange (5)
- 25 Weight (5)

Answers to last month's puzzle: Across 1 Prays. 4 Problem. 8 Numbers. 9 Towel. 10 Nadir. 11 Occlude. 13 Earl. 15 Eaters. 17 Aortic. 20 Lamb. 22 Ramadan. 24 Value. 26 Lathe. 27 Worrier. 28 Curtsey. 29 Emend. Down: 1 Penance. 2 Armed. 3 Swearer. 4 Pastor. 5 Optic. 6 Lawsuit. 7 Melee. 12 Clam. 14 Asia. 16 Tempter. 18 Obverse. 19 Cheered. 21 Anyway. 22 Relic. 23 Deeds. 24 Loire.

# MISCELLANY...

## Mothers' Union ~ March 2002

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

8th Deanery Meeting, St. Giles', Pontefract, 2.00 pm

28th Service and Branch Meeting. Almshouses Meeting Room, 2.00 pm.

Speaker: Mrs Ruth Miles

Mary Walker

## CALLING ALL QUIZZERS!

Following our recent quiz a number of us have been puzzled about the answer to the question:

"Who is the Patron Saint of seamen?"

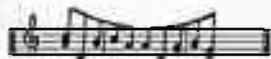
The answer, "Saint Cuthbert" ...

caused quite a few raised eyebrows for obvious reasons. Why didn't the members of St. Cuthbert's Church in Ackworth know this?

(Apologies of course to the questioner, who did!)

The committee have consulted the Internet ([www.catholic.forum.com](http://www.catholic.forum.com)) and it seems that St. Cuthbert is not only the patron saint of seamen, mariners, boatmen, sailors and watermen, he is also the patron saint of the dioceses of Hexham, Durham and Newcastle ... and is a protector against the plague and epidemics thereof.

St. Cuthbert often represented praying by the sea, tended by sea otters.



## Ackworth Concert Society

Sorry we have not had the space available to publish our 2002 programme

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# THE PARISH OF ACKWORTH



St Cuthbert's and All Saints'

## Sunday Services

*March 2002*



### 3rd March

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

### 10th March

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

### 17th March

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

### 24th March

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

### 31st March

8.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
10.15am	Parish Communion	St Cuthbert's
6.30pm	Easter Praise	All Saints'

*Please contact the Rector to arrange Baptisms and Weddings*