

Ackworth Parish Magazine



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Healing and Forgiveness

In one of more introspective moods, probably brought on by the beautiful weather and autumn's mellow fruitfulness in recent weeks, I began to reflect upon the many pastoral problems, I had encountered in my years of ministry. One thing that struck me whilst in this reflective mode (although perhaps it should have been obvious had I reflected theologically in times past) was how often the same basic problem seemed to be at the root of many anxieties and troubles; in a nutshell, a problem of forgiveness.

As a problem, it is a two-sided coin, sometimes

where one side predominates though more often a mixture of the two, these being acceptance of forgiveness of ourselves, both of others and of God and our forgiveness of others, who, however we perceive it, have wronged us.

In his great insight and knowledge of human nature; Jesus hits the nail on the head in one short but very deeply perceptive phrase in that most well known of all prayers; the Lord's prayer. We are all familiar with the line in that prayer, 'Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us'.

Easy isn't it? Or is it? I think not! If it were that easy, then I don't think there would be anywhere near the number of personal problems around that are, at heart, concerned with forgiveness on either side of the coin. Many people find it so difficult, if not impossible, to both forgive others and also to

accept forgiveness for themselves. As a result they find themselves beset with guilt, because, and particularly so for Christians, as it is a fundamental part of our belief.

Forgiveness is a vital aspect of the love we are commanded by Jesus to have for one another and for God and, when we find ourselves unable to either accept or offer it, it creates a terrible pain of guilt and resentment inside that only grows and shrivels us up inside. Instead of that love which God pours into our hearts being able to flow out to others we find ourselves blocked from both giving and receiving that life giving and life affirming stream.

OK. So now we've diagnosed the problem, what's the remedy? How do we re-enter that loving relationship with God and others? The solution is simple, but perhaps not so easy to bring about, particularly if hearts have been hardened by weeks,

months, sometimes years of pain and resentment.

In the first instance it begins with God and ourselves, and perhaps that's not all bad news; at least we do not have to face the person who we feel has sinned against us immediately. But, it will quite possibly mean a long process of soul searching and self-examination!

Repentance, for want of a better word, the process of seeking forgiveness, involves a close examination of our lives and in particular those areas that we feel uncomfortable about. We don't need a league table of sins, we instinctively know where we have fallen short whether that is indirect action or failing to act on those occasions where a bad outcome has resulted, commonly know as a sin of omission. If we bury these sins, ignoring them or pushing them into the background without reconciling them to God and seeking forgiveness, we are left with

unresolved guilt. We need to be open and honest with ourselves and with God, to ask and ACCEPT his forgiveness.

We don't have to scrutinise every symbol of the Bible to know that it is God's assurance to everyone that, as we say in our communion service, 'God forgives ALL who truly repent', Repentance derives from a Greek word 'metanoia' which literally means 'turning around'; turning our back on the sins of the past and facing the future renewed, with the resolution not to make that mistake again. I am reminded of the line from that inspirational hymn; 'Lord for the Years' (no. 300 Hymns Old and New) '...past put behind us, for the future take us ...'

Once reconciled to God we can then seek forgiveness or reach out our hand of forgiveness towards our neighbour. This may in some circumstances, particularly in our offer

of forgiveness to others, not require a direct approach to the individual concerned. The chances are they probably won't even realise they have hurt us, and their forgiveness is necessary to our own healing. To reconcile the resentment we have stored up and which has probably been magnified beyond recognition during the course of time.

So when should we start this process of healing? Straight away couldn't be too soon, though if we need something to focus on, we could do far worse than use the time offered by the forthcoming season of Advent, traditionally a period of reflection, self-examination and repentance.

Therefore let us all offer our prayers to God to 'Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.'

Yours in Christ

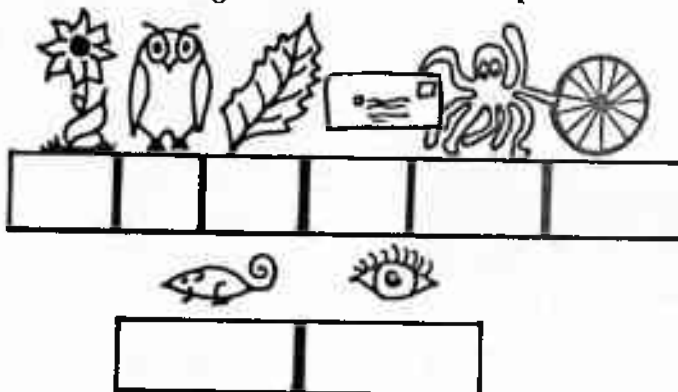
Paul.



Matthew Chapter 9 v.9
What Jesus said to Matthew the tax collector



Work out the picture code
using the first letter of each picture



Answers to last month's puzzle:
Riddle-me-ree: Deuteronomy
Mothers and Sons: Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, Hannah, Bathsheba, Elizabeth.

Announcements ...

Wanted

Social Committee Members

Following the recent retirement of two members we are now looking for two or more new members to join the social committee.

If you are interested contact:
Pauline Wright (tel 611756)

Parish Magazine

We currently need new members to collect, edit, type/layout material and photocopy the parish magazine. These positions fall vacant in the New Year; consequently we urgently need new people to take over these tasks as soon as possible (training will be given if necessary).

If you are interested contact Sue Hartley or Linda Steer for further details.

Results

Summer Fayre Balloon Race

The winner was Ann Marie Bean whose balloon got the furthest - Mansfield!

Many thanks to all those who took part and to the Howard School for sorting out the returns!

Christmas Cards

Our new design Christmas Cards are now on sale!

Four Christmas designs drawn by pupils of the Howard School are now available.

£2 per pack

(packs of 8; two of each design)

All proceeds to the Restoration Appeal.

Social Events

Bonfire Party

This year - following some serious pruning - we will be holding our annual bonfire party in the Rectory Garden. (Help for bonfire building from 2pm on Sunday 3rd November.)

Everyone Welcome

Donations of food, drink & fireworks please!

Christmas Fayre December 7th

Cafe, Stalls and Activities.

Lots of help and goods wanted for this event.

Offers of help to the Social Committee NOW please to allow for planning.

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Readers and Readings

3 All Saints' Day	<i>SC</i>	<i>AS</i>
Revelation 7:9-17	Mr Davies	Mr D Cook
Matthew 5:1-12		
10 3rd Before Advent		
Amos 5: 18:24	Jane Siddall	Mrs S Hall
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Jane Siddall	Mrs S Hall
Matthew 25:1-13		
17 2nd Before Advent		
Zephaniah 1:7 & 12-18	Sue Hartley	Mrs M Walker
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Sue Hartley	Mrs M Walker
Matthew 25:14-30		
24 Christ the King		
Ezekiel 34:11-16 & 20-24	Mr Shaw	Mrs V Cook
Ephesians 1:15-23	Mr Shaw	Mrs V Cook
Matthew 25:31-46		



A new Rota for Year B Advent 2002 to Advent 2003 will be ready shortly please make sure that you collect yours from your church in good time.

Flowers & Brasses

Please check with organisers for details

From the Registers - September

Baptisms

8 Owen Pawson & Jake Andrew Johnson

Marriages

14 David Cark Button & Leanne Hayes

Blessing/Rededication

14 Patricia Anne O'Brien & Paul Townsend

29 David Senior & Catherine Senior

Funerals

3 Florence Letitia Smith (66) Castle Syke Farmhouse, Ackworth Road

17 Roy Baggaley (80) 14, Andrews Grove

20 Annie Heptinstall (92) 61, Woodlands Crescent, Hemsworth

23 Maurice James Seaman (60) 20, Flounders Hill



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Diary



Week Commencing October 27th

30	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
31	Thursday	10.00am	Coffee Morning	
		2.00pm	Mother's Union	All Saints'

Week Commencing November 3rd

3	Sunday	All Saints Day		
		5.00pm	Service of Commemoration	St Cuthbert's
4	Monday	7.30pm	PCC Meeting	St Cuthbert's
5	Tuesday	6.00pm	Bonfire Party*	The Rectory
6	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion (said) <i>(MU Corporate Communion)</i>	All Saints'
7	Thursday	10.00am	Coffee Morning	All Saints'

Week Commencing November 10th

10	Remembrance Sunday			
		11.00am	Remembrance Day Service & Parade	St Cuthbert's
12	Tuesday	10.30am	M.U. Council Meeting	Dewsbury Town Hall
		2.00pm	Toddlers	Elm Garth 4 Doncaster Road
13	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
14	Thursday	10.00am	Coffee Morning	All Saints'

Week Commencing November 17th

20	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
21	Thursday	10.00am	Coffee Morning	All Saints'

Week Commencing November 24th

27	Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
28	Thursday	10.00am	Coffee Morning	All Saints'
		2.00pm	Mother's Union*	The Almshouses
29	Friday	2.00pm	M.U. Deanery meeting	St Giles

Forthcoming Dates

1st	December	4 & 6 pm	Christingle Services	St Cuthbert's & All Saints'
7th	December		Christmas Fayre	
8th	December	5.30pm	Gift Service	St Cuthbert's

Copy for the December/January magazine to be in by Wednesday 6th November

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Dates for November

12 th Tuesday	10.30am	Council Meeting at Dewsbury Town Hall
26 th Tuesday	6.45pm	Trustee Meeting at Church House
28 th Thursday	2.00pm	Branch Meeting at Almhouses
29 th Friday	2.00pm	Deanery Meeting at St Giles

Advance Notice

Saturday 7th December; Tombola Stall at the Christmas Fayre
(Prizes and helpers please!)

S. Gargople's



Strictly speaking, said the Archdeacon,
you should have applied for a faculty

PROVERBS

It is better to begin in the evening than not at all.
(English proverb)

Faults are thick where love is thin.
(Danish proverb)

Pray as though no work would help, and work as though no prayer would help.
(German proverb)

From saying to doing is a long stretch.
(French proverb)

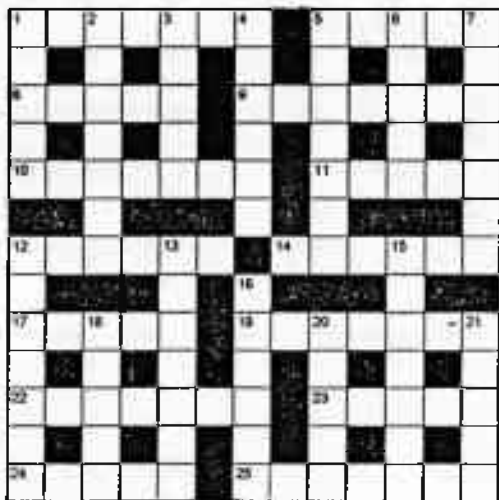
He who has no friend has God.
(Egyptian proverb)

The diamond cannot be polished without friction, nor the man perfected without trials.
(Chinese proverb)

Crossword

Clues: Across

1. One of the marvels Jesus performed (7)
5. Part of an acclamation: Christ is... (5)
8. In Our Church they are A and B (5)
9. The seventh day (7)
10. Gradual escape (7)
11. Muslim religion (5)
12. Prayer with responses (6)
14. Chesty affliction (6)
17. Theme (5)
19. Bishop (7)
22. Look up to (7)
23. Garment (5)
24. Desire (5)
25. Bridge (7)



Last month's solution

Clues: Down

1. Ethical (5)
2. Withdraw (7)
3. '.... Brava' (5)
4. Pacific island (6)
5. Talks too much (slang) (7)
6. One of a row of seats in church (5)
7. OT book (7)
12. Prescribed form of public worship (7)
13. On uncle (anagram) (7)
15. Pagan (7)
16. Hurts (6)
18. Italian food (5)
20. For the relief of constipation (5)
21. Senior (5)

Answers next month

Across:

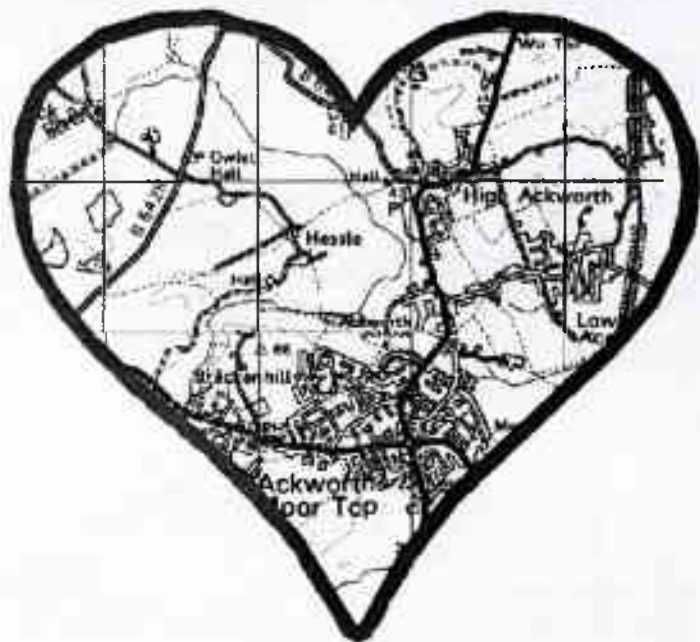
1. Pagans
4. Censer
7. Religious
9. Ever
10. Name
11. Pious
13. Theist
14. Epochs
15. Extols
17. Manual
19. Maker
20. Sins
22. Arts
23. Theocracy
24. Rector
25. System

Down:

1. Priest
2. Avar
3. Spirit
4. Clique
5. Noun
6. Ripens
7. Repentant
8. Sanctuary
11. Psalm
12. Spear
15. Easter
16. Saviour
17. Meters
18. Lissom
21. Shut
22. Acts

Heart of Ackworth Walk

Saturday 16th November 2002



*Leaving from St Cuthbert's church at 10.00 am on
Saturday 16th November, the Rector*

*- and as many others who would like to accompany him-
will walk around the parish boundaries (approximately 13 miles).*

*The Heart of Ackworth walk will, in part, be carried out in
thanks for a full recovery from his heart attack just over a year ago
and to mark the 1st anniversary of the Appeal to restore and
repair the church, the Heart of the community.*

*Sponsors will be welcomed either for the Rector
or for any who accompany him in this walk of faith.*

*Proceeds will go towards the Restoration fund to start the
2nd year of the appeal.*

Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Recent Adventures with the Mother's Union – *Mary Walker*

On September 27th I, along with many other M.U. members, attended the 'Fresher's Fair' at Bretton college. We gave out a free recipe book produced by the Mother's Union in Wakefield Diocese called 'Grub on No Grant'.

To show the 'Fresher's' what it was possible to make from the recipe book we made up lots examples from the book. I made up two pints of 'Winter Warmer Soup' and also took a tuna quiche and an apple cake.

I thought that some of the students looked far too young to have left home, and many of them were surprised when we gave them samples of the recipes and the books for free.

We had also taken along some tinned food to give out to the students – the college is grateful for any tinned or dried food we can collect for them. If anyone would like to donate food to the college for its students, it can be left at Church House, c/o the Mother's Union.

(P.S. we were told by a man selling motorbikes that he had sold one to a student who had used his dad's credit card – won't daddy be pleased!)

During October (4th – 6th) I attended a Diocesan Residential Conference at Scargill

near Kettlewell. The theme of the weekend was "You are the Strongest Link."

The first speaker we heard on the Saturday was the Bishop of Jarrow – Bishop John Prichard. I thought he was a very interesting speaker, so much so that I brought a book he had written (which he signed for me) entitled "How to Pray". We followed this with work sessions; a time for discussion.

During a free period in the afternoon a few of us walked into Kettlewell. The countryside in this part of Yorkshire is really beautiful.

After afternoon tea we had to prepare and plan the Sunday Eucharist, my offering was a prayer.

Homegrown entertainment put on by the M.U. members during the evening had us all falling about laughing.

Rev'd Sue Penfold gave a summary of the weekend after Sunday morning breakfast and then we all discussed "what we had got out of it".

Our Eucharist was at noon when we all offered our pieces which we had planned and rehearsed the previous day.

Lunch was at 1.00pm and then our weekend was over. We all had such a marvellous time we can't wait till the next one!





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THE PARISH OF ACKWORTH

St Cuthbert's and All Saints' Sunday Services

November 2002



3rd November

8.30am	Parish Communion	All Saints'
10.15am	Parish Communion	All Saints'
5.00pm	All Souls Service	St Cuthbert's

10th November

8.30am	Holy Communion (said)	All Saints'
10.00am	Said Communion	St Cuthbert's
3.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'

17th November

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

24th November

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