



# Ackworth Parish Magazine



John Singleton Copley, *The Ascension* 1775, oil on canvas.

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Dear Friends,

During May we celebrate the two major festivals of Ascension and Pentecost, which in layman's terms means up goes Jesus, down comes the Holy Spirit!

Although these are doctrines we give assent to regularly as committed Christians what do they mean or how are they seen by the person on the street (metaphorically speaking) or even those fringe Christians who attend church occasionally or perhaps are thinking about it?

Only this week (2nd March) in our Lent study group we were thinking about how others 'on the outside' saw us (committed Christians) on the inside. As was commented, whenever a survey is carried out, well over 80% of people on the street profess to have some belief in God. As less than 10% attend church regularly that leaves a lot of people who would have little, if any, idea about what the festivals of Ascension or Pentecost is about, still less understand their meaning. I guess, if we were honest, do we who are regular worshippers and committed believers really understand what these major festival or events from the New Testament mean to us and our faith?

In simple terms, we have our resurrected Lord going on to a place which we can neither see, nor prove by any tangible evidence. Then, from that same place, comes an invisible being who again cannot be proved real by any of our senses or scientific tests. What are we to say. What can we tell these people hungry for faith, what such important events in our religious belief means to us and them. The answer is of course, all to do with a word I have just mentioned... Faith; trust in that which is unseen, but which will certainly make a difference to our quality of life—spiritual life.

As I write this article, we are in the midst of Lent, a period in the church's calendar inspired by the forty days and forty nights our Lord spent in the wilderness to prepare himself for his ministry preaching by word and action the good news of God's love. For Christians it is a time of self examination, a spiritual spring clean in preparation for what was the greatest good news for all believers and followers of Jesus—the resurrection. It is a period when we are very aware of our human weaknesses, as was our Lord when tempted by the devil, a season if you like when we focus on humanness, the culmination of



which is the death of our Lord's human earthly body.

But then, we have the great joy of Easter, Jesus Christ is risen; a new life; a new body; a resurrected body, what a great hope this promise offers to all who lived under the ever present shadow of death. Jesus is elevated from his human body, though not yet to heaven; a halfway house, so to speak, to give us a glimpse of what God's kingdom can mean to us in our earthly kingdom.

And so, in May, we have the fulfilment of the resurrection as our Lord ascends to spirit, to dwell with his Father in the heavenly realms. The journey from earth to heaven, manhood to Godhead is complete and you'd be forgiven for thinking, as the disciples probably did, that that was it! It was all over, it was good while it lasted, but now their Lord and master was gone, But it was not the end, to complete the cycle, to fulfil the promise one more thing was necessary, the Holy Spirit - promised advocate which Jesus said he would send to help us, so that he could be with us, each and every one of us, in spirit, for evermore.

What a change! What a transformation! From man to God. From earth to heaven. From penitence to glory. But it can only be accepted in complete trust, in a way of understanding we call faith - a spiritual understanding and acceptance. Yes, we all now that a part of us is spirit. We can't see it, but we know it's there, linking our thoughts, emotions and feelings, even though we can't measure it or prove its existence.

It is in that, where we can accept and begin, little by little, to understand what those events mean to us. By faith; and if we take the first letters of those major festivals or events; **Lent**, **Easter**, **Ascension** and **Pentecost** we have some inclination of what is asked - a great **LEAP**, to bridge the gap between and scepticism to belief!

Yours in Christ

Paul



## BROCKADALE IN SPRING

**Loveliest of trees, the cherry now  
Is hung with bloom along the bough,  
And stands about the woodland ride  
Wearing white for Eastertide.**

March, the month when Spring shakes off winter, saw the last of our winter talks. In April we will resume the monthly walks, earlier in the evening at first to give the lengthening days the opportunity to prove that the longed-for yearly miracle actually happens. The first will be led by Joyce Simmons, who will point out what is of interest botanically, and, no doubt, Dave Williamson will add notes about birds.

It is still possible, however, to find current blooms if either you cannot be present, or would prefer to walk more privately. By early April, cowslips (*Primula Veris*) will be covering the North-facing slopes, particularly that in Thompson's Meadow, and by the end of the month they will be joined by the early purple orchid (*Orchis Masculula*). This particular orchid is easily recognised by its blotched leaves and rich red-purple flowers. Thompson's Meadow is the slope accessed from the lay-by on the Wenthill road. The flowers are on the right, half-way down and to stand near them in the cool of an April evening is a heart-lifting experience.

At the bottom, turning left along the site of the old railway line and entering the wood, you will find wood anemones (*Anemone nemorosa*) or, more commonly, wind flowers. These delicate white flowers produce little pollen, but an abundant supply of nectar, valuable food for any flying insects brave enough to face the March winds. Interestingly, wood anemones are an indicator of ancient woodland (this area of Brockadale is designated as semi-natural ancient woodland). As they spread by bulbs and as they cover an area of about two hundred yards, they, therefore, must have been about on undisturbed soil for quite some time, hence the assumption of ancient woodland. One of the disturbances they may well have suffered, however, could have been from Robin Hood and men. This part of the wood leads onto Sales Plantation, which is associated with the bandits who lay in wait for travellers on the old A1 – easy pickings as their horses toiled up the steep slopes from either direction. And the outlaws had the perfect lookout point!

Violets like south-facing land and flourish on the north bank of the Went. Of the four varieties native to Brockadale, the deeply purple sweet violet (*Viola Odorata*), which opens its scent in warmth, is

the one that most people look forward to in spring. The scent of violets, for many years associated with very old ladies, is once again becoming popular in perfumery. Violets were used in floral comfits and were also sugared to make decoration for cakes.

A speciality of the Dale is the spring cinquefoil (*Potentilla Tabernaemontani*). At its best on south-facing slopes among dry calcareous rocks and grass, it can be found if you turn right below the car park, as well as in the fenced-off area of Long Meadow. This pretty, pale yellow plant creeps along the ground, its five leaves being rather narrower than the more common cinquefoils.

There is little to beat trees in spring. Ackworth's may blossom is magnificent. My spirits always lift when, after a long car journey, I turn down from the Beverley Roundabout and see the may clustered thickly over the old railway bridge. Earlier, and possibly even more welcome, is the blackthorn or sloe (*Prunus Spinosa*), bravely opening white flowers among its vicious spines. Brockadale has a wonderful stand of sloes just before approaching the Hunting Bridge from the east. If you go further down to the bridge, but climb the stile just before it, you will arrive on the north bank of the Ings. Continue west, and you will see a prunus in bloom.

Birds are very active in spring. Some, such as the blackbird originally a woodland bird but now a garden resident, have a particularly fluty call designed to carry through woods. When small birds sing their territorial songs we benefit, especially in the evenings when the extra dampness amplifies it. The great tit is very easy to identify, with its call like the hammer on a tiny anvil. Look out, also, for chaffinches and yellow hammers in the shrubs and hedgerows, and before long, with luck, the turtle doves will be back with their low, soft notes.

Anyone who enjoys working out of doors is welcome at our Working Parties, the next being on March 20<sup>th</sup> and April 17<sup>th</sup>, but it is also possible to help in other ways. In addition to manual volunteer work, we also rely on local interested walkers to keep a friendly eye on things, to be walking wardens as it were. This is especially important during spring, when we ask dog owners to keep their pets leashed in. This prevents the dogs disturbing small birds which nest low, but of particular anxiety at present are the woodcock, ground-nesting birds which are already being flushed out by dogs. Anyone walking, if they feel able, could remind dog owners of their responsibility to wildlife. Bearing in mind, also that neglect breeds contempt, we would be extremely grateful to any walkers who would be pre-



pared to go armed with a plastic bag or other receptacle in which to pop rubbish. The car park in particular is sometimes awash with trash, even though there is a bin there. Any such loving-eyed help would help to keep the Dale to retain its cared-for look.

Anyone interested in helping in any way please phone Paul or Joyce Simmons on 01977 620725 who will advise you how to get to the car park on Leys Lane where we meet for both Working Parties and Summer Walks.

*But whatever else you plan to do in these early spring months, remember A E Housman's Shropshire Lad and the swift passage of time:*

*And since to look at things in bloom  
Fifty springs are little room,  
About the woodlands I will go  
To see the cherry hung with snow.*

**Editor's Note:** We are indebted to Cynthia Day for this lovely article and hope our readers may find time to explore Brockdale and help in any way they can. We look forward to future articles with great interest.



## ALL SAINTS' FLOWERS

APRIL 3 <sup>RD</sup>	CONGREGATION
APRIL 10 <sup>TH</sup>	FLOWER FUND
APRIL 17 <sup>TH</sup>	FLOWER FUND
APRIL 24 <sup>TH</sup>	FLOWER FUND
MAY 1 <sup>ST</sup>	FLOWER FUND
MAY 8 <sup>TH</sup>	E. SMITH
MAY 15 <sup>TH</sup>	PENTECOST
MAY 22 <sup>ND</sup>	PENTECOST
MAY 29 <sup>TH</sup>	MISS M. WALKER

## ST CUTHBERT'S FLOWERS

APRIL 3 <sup>RD</sup>	VACANT
APRIL 10 <sup>TH</sup>	VACANT
APRIL 17 <sup>TH</sup>	M. GARDHAM
APRIL 24 <sup>TH</sup>	VACANT
MAY 1 <sup>ST</sup>	J. BATEMAN
MAY 8 <sup>TH</sup>	VACANT
MAY 15 <sup>TH</sup>	VACANT
MAY 22 <sup>ND</sup>	VACANT
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## THE OLD HALL

Prompted by the article written in the last issue of the magazine by Ethel Smith

I decided to look to see what else there was about the Old Hall in Saywell's "History of Ackworth." He seems mostly to have been interested in one of the people for whom it provided welcome concealment from the authorities.

"At the west end of the parish, looking across the valley of the infant Went, stands an interesting building called the "Old Hall". Tradition says it was one of the places of concealment selected by John William Nevison, the great robber and highwayman of Yorkshire, better known in history as the confederate of the celebrated "Dick Turpin". The story runs thus:- Towards the close of the year 1683, a gang of masked ruffians commenced a series of depredations in the neighbourhood of Ackworth and Pontefract, and for some time remained unmolested and unrecognised. Suspicion, however, fell upon Nevison, a native of Pontefract, who, it was known, had "taken to the road" as a profession, and who, it was supposed, was leader of the band. About Christmastide in the year 1684, their nocturnal visits became so frequent and daring, that the district was alarmed, and a number of parish constables, and watchmen, and beadles were induced to pursue, and if possible, capture the robbers. For a long time the miscreants eluded their pursuers, Nevison actually hiding himself in a small compartment over the front door of Ackworth Hall in Purston Lane, access into which he gained by a secret trap door, and there he remained undiscovered, whilst the officers who had seen him enter the house, were busily engaged in searching every corner of the building. The trapdoor and compartment, which is now known as "Nevison's room", are still shewn to the visitor. In the following year Nevison gave his persecutors a chance, and a hot pursuit resulted in his capture by Captain Hardcastle, in a public house called the "Magpie", at Sandal. A steep declivity near Sandal is pointed out and known as "Nevison's Leap". He was subsequently tried, and executed on the Tyburn gallows, outside Micklegate Bar, at York, May 4<sup>th</sup> 1685. Nevison was born in Pontefract in 1639, and educated there. "Dick Turpin's" ride from London to York in 16 hours, is ascribed by Lord Maculay to Nevison.

The Old Hall has says Thompson, the historian of Ackworth School,

long been haunted, but I have not been able to trace the existence of this superstition in the village; probably the extensive improvements which have been recently made in and around the building, have banished, for a time, all ghostly spectres, both from the scene, and the memory of the villagers"

This is the first time I have heard of the famous "Leap" being connected with Sandal. I have always understood it to have been made in Pontefract where there is a district called Nevison and a place there called Nevison's Leap. He was also referred to as I recollect, as Swift Nick.

## **SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND**



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A Beetle Drive in aid of the Save The Children Fund was held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. W. Standen on Wednesday March 9<sup>th</sup>. Having previously only attended beetle drives in village halls etc. I did wonder how logistically this could be achieved in a private house!

The solution was to have the seven tables of players in three different rooms. The hilarity and enjoyment this engendered was enormous. Confusion reigned for some time after the first game was over. The "winning gentleman" went up a table and the "winning lady" moved down a table.-easy enough if the table in question was to be seen-not so easy if one didn't even know in which room it was to be found. Also the added problem of which table was counted "up" from table seven The first twelve games before the interval, when delicious home made meat pies and peas were served, took much longer than the second set -as by then most of us had worked out what to do after hearing "beetle" called out. But how much easier it was to be the losing pair and then only the "gentleman" had to move to another chair at the same table.

The evening was a resounding success and £200 was raised for the fund. Look forward to another one!

## FIONA WOOD

### AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR 2005

It was with great interest that we saw on television that Fiona Wood was awarded the honour of Australian of the year 2005.

Fiona lived in Ackworth with her parents, Geoff and Elsie Wood and attended Ackworth Quaker School where she became Head girl.

Fiona is Australia's only female plastic surgeon and is Head of Royal Perth Hospital's Burns Service. She has become world renowned for her patented invention of spray on skin for burns victims, a treatment which is continually developing. Where previous techniques of skin culturing required 21 days to produce enough cells to cover major burns, Fiona has reduced that period to 5 days.

A graduate of St. Thomas's Hospital Medical School in London, Fiona worked at a major British hospital before marrying a western Australian surgeon Tony Keirath and moving to Perth in 1987.

In October 2002, Fiona was propelled into the media spotlight when the largest proportion of survivors from the Bali bombings arrived at Royal Perth Hospital where she led a team of 250 staff in the fight to save 28 patients suffering from between 2 and 92 per cent body burns, deadly infections and shock. Fiona's exceptional leadership and surgical skills and the fact that she had the vision to plan for a large-scale disaster 5 years before the Bali tragedy, brought world-wide praise and recognition.

She was awarded the Western Australian of the year in 2004 before this special award this year.

## HANDY HINTS

Here are two useful tips about keeping cut flowers and arranging them. To keep tulips standing erect in their vase, place a copper coin (halfpenny or penny) in the bottom of the container. Drinking straws, which are cut to size, make excellent holders for small flowers when arranged in bowls. The straws hold them erect and yet allow plenty of water to get to the stems.





## In Memoriam

### Margaret Clayton-Smith (1909—2005 )

Better known by her friends as 'Mickie', or to family as Mollie (she didn't actually like her real name of Margaret). She has lived in this village for over 70 years, initially at the 'Grove' and for the last 40 or so years at 95 Pontefract Road.

Born in the Cape Verdi Islands, Brazil, and widely travelled when younger, Mickie came to Ackworth in 1931 to take up the post of P.E. teacher at Ackworth School. In 1934 she married Guy Clayton-Smith, a solicitor, who sadly died in 1960. She then went to work at Pontefract General Infirmary as a physiotherapist.

A great character, much loved in our parish church and the village, Mickie's main passions in life were sport - particularly tennis, snooker and cricket having played herself for Yorkshire ladies. Also dogs, particularly Staffordshire Bull Terriers and latterly her little Jack Russell - Jackie - who will have been a familiar sight, being walked in all corners of the village even when she was into her 90's.

Mickie was an extraordinary lady who was held in great affection by many in this village. Kind, generous and always interesting to talk to, she will be missed dearly, but never forgotten, she will long be held dear in the affections of many in St Cuthbert's church and the village.

#### Bookcase Dedication Kirsty Morris

On the 21<sup>st</sup> November 2004, almost exactly a year after David Morris died, a mobile bookcase was dedicated in his memory. It is in the children's corner at St Cuthbert's Church. The cost for the materials and books was met from the generous donations people made in lieu of flowers at his funeral service (almost £1000 altogether was given – half of which was donated to cancer and spinal injuries charities). Derek Longhurst designed and built the beautiful and very functional bookcase to coordinate with the existing church fittings. He very kindly only charged for the materials. The bookcase has already proved very popular with children able to use the magnetic blackboard on the back, borrow books to read immediately or take home and to play with the toys in the cupboard. David would have enjoyed seeing it in use. Especially Andrew trying out the cupboards for size for hide and seek (not advisable!) and James avidly reading. It is a wonderful memorial to his name.



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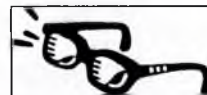
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03/04/2005	2nd Sunday of Easter	Exodus 14:10-31 & 15:20-21	Acts 2:14a & 22-32	John 20:19-31	Miss Parker	
10/04/2005	3rd Sunday of Easter	Zephaniah 3:14-20	Acts 2:14a & 36-41	Luke 24:13-35	Briony Lewis	Dr McWilliam
17/04/2005	4th Sunday of Easter	Genesis 7	Acts 2:42-47	John 10:1-10	Mrs Woofinden	Mrs S Hall
24/04/2005	5th Sunday of Easter	Genesis 8:1-19	Acts 7:55-60	John 14:1-14	George Scargill	Mrs Backhouse
01/05/2005	6th Sunday of Easter	Genesis 8:20 - 9:17	Acts 17:22-31	John 14:15-21	Jane Siddall	Mrs M Walker
08/05/2005	7th Sunday of Easter	Ezekiel 36:24-28	Acts 1:6-14	John 17:1-11	Sue Hartley	
15/05/2005	Day of Pentecost	Numbers 11:24-30	Acts 2:1-21	John 20:19-23	Mr Shaw	Dr McWilliam
22/05/2005	Trinity Sunday	Isaiah 40:12-17 & 27-31	2 Corinthians: 13:11-13	Matthew 28:16-20	Susan Clarke	Mrs S Hall
29/05/2005	Proper 4	Genesis 6:9-22, 7:24, 8:14-19	Romans 1:16-17, 3:22b-28	Matthew 7:21-29	Miss Parker	Mrs Backhouse



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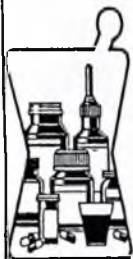
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## The Mayonnaise Jar and Coffee

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough,

Remember the mayonnaise jar...and the coffee...

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly, he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. he then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He once more asked if the jar was full. The students responded with an unanimous "Yes".

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand.

"Now", said the professor, "I want you to recognise that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things-your god, family, your children, your health, your friends, and your favourite passion-things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house, and your car. The sand is everything else- the small stuff.

If you put the sand into the jar first", he continued," there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your partner out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house or fix the dishwasher.

Take care of the golf balls first, the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.

One of the students inquired what the coffee meant. The professor smiled." I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room. for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend"



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## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK MAY 15<sup>TH</sup> to 21<sup>ST</sup> 2005

# Christian Aid

For some years, the churches in Ackworth have worked together to organise Christian Aid Week. Last year, the traditional house-to-house envelope collection was replaced by a three-day stand at the Ackworth Co-op with additional collecting boxes at participating outlets in the village. Together with a fundraising event at a local school, the grand total was £1.996.08 for the village.

We hope to top that this year! The newly-formed Churches Together Christian Aid Committee has organised extra events in the weeks leading up to Christian Aid Week, with a Hunger Lunch, a March Bring and Buy sale and a Music Marathon at All Saints' Church on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Ackworth Co-op have kindly agreed to allow us to collect over three days in their store and we would very much appreciate volunteers to "man the bucket" on a rota basis. Please contact Lynne Ward on 616384 if you can help us raise money to help some of the world's poorest people—thank you.

### DETAILS OF THE MUSIC MARATHON

#### APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup> 10.00AM TO 4.00PM

10.00 to 11.00	Paul Cooper	All Saints' Church
11.00 to 12.45	Adrian How	Community Church
12.45 to 1.30	Bill Grieff	St. Cuthbert's Church
1.30 to 2.15	Liz Pilkington Wood	Our Lady of Lourdes
2.15 to 4.00	Joyce Woofinden	Methodist Church

Come and support our musicians at any time and have a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits whilst you sit back and enjoy the lovely music.



## CLOTHES RATIONING

On the first of June 1941, the rationing of clothes began. It was Whit Sunday. The sixty-six coupon allowance had to be used for sheets, towels, tablecloths, footwear as well as clothing. This did not last long for by 1942 the number of coupons had dropped to forty-eight.

Silk, rayon and lisle stockings were two coupons a pair. They had to be darned and re-darned to last as long as possible. The alternative was to paint the legs with gravy browning or a wet oxo and a "seam" was drawn up the back of the leg with an eyebrow pencil. Bare legs painted or otherwise became chapped in winter. Living without stockings was a real hardship. Most women had corns, hard skin and sore heels, Many preferred to wear slacks for work so that they could wear ankle socks, which only "cost" one coupon a pair and would wash and wear much longer than conventional stockings.

Jumble sales were very popular. Woollen garments were snapped up no matter what the condition. The wool would be un-ravelled, washed and re-knit into clothing for the family. Vests were knitted and so were bathing costumes. The costumes were all right as long as they were dry. When wet they stretched and exposed the parts they were meant to cover!

Coupons would not stretch to buy anything new. Although elastic was difficult to come by, many ladies made their own undergarments from parachute silk, wide crepe bandages and blackout material that was first bleached to get rid of the black colour and then dyed. These inventive women also used butter muslin and flour bags! Although I never wore clothes made from flour bags I did use them for handkerchiefs. First aid for clothes and make do and mend classes were held in village halls and volunteers demonstrated how to make baby clothes out of a pillowcase. Women were taught how to turn a collar and shorten sleeves as well. A skirt could be made for a child by cutting down a man's overcoat. Ladies coats could be made from blankets. Some items of wear were never rationed such as clogs, bib and brace overalls, siren suits and hats.

Utility fashions were plain and neat. Skirts were straight and only knee length. Coats were of military style as were jackets with brass buttons and square shoulders. Only three buttons were allowed on a coat and only four on a shirt. Men's trousers did not have turn ups and they had buttoned flies. A plastic surgeon thought of the idea of a zip. He had in his care, young service men who were badly burned on their hands. The skin as it healed was dry and cracked open eas-



ily. Sometimes fingers bent permanently, and couldn't fasten and unfasten buttons, so he thought of a zip!

Margaret Canning

I was very interested to receive this article from Mrs. Canning and when the handy hints are put in the magazine from bygone editions I'm sure that she might well have used some of them herself. We would love to have other readers' memories of those austere days to include in future issues.

### **ACKWORTH HERITAGE GROUP**

Simon Thomson will be giving a talk on Medieval Gardens, to be held in the Parish Rooms, Bell Lane 28th April 2005 at 7:30pm.

For further details ring 619356,

### **A MOTORIST'S PRAYER**

At this time of year particularly there are many more vehicles on the road and driving can be a very stressful time. The following prayer is taken from a parish magazine in the year 1955 when driving was a much more leisurely and enjoyable experience. However its message is just as relevant today.

*"And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself".*

*Mark Chapter 12 verse 31*

Grant me a steady hand, a watchful eye,  
That none may suffer hurt when I pass by.  
Thou givest life, I pray no act of mine  
May take away or mar that gift of thine.  
Shield those, Dear Lord, who bear me company,  
From foolish folk and all calamity.

Teach me to use my car for others' need,  
Nor miss through lack of wit or love of speed  
The beauties of thy world, that thus I may  
With joy and courtesy go on my way.

Geraldine B. Binnall

## STEWARDSHIP and GIFT AID --- How You Too Can Help

This year the PCC has claimed back over £6000 from Income Tax to boost the collections and donations generously given by parishioners and congregations. Of this, over £4000 is from Stewardship, over £1700 is for the Restoration Fund, and over £300 from other single donations.

People give to the work and needs of the Ackworth Churches in four main ways:

1. The Stewardship Scheme (in weekly collection envelopes)
2. Direct payments to bank (annual/quarterly/monthly)
3. Single donations for general or specific purposes (eg the Restoration Fund)
4. Cash paid in weekly church collections.

Only the first three can be Gift Aid the last one cannot unless you use the Gift Aid envelopes available at the back of the Church.

We could have claimed back £1200 more if all **Stewardship** giving was Gift Aided and over £3500 more tax could be claimed if all collection was Stewardship and Gift Aided! Of course quite a lot of people (some students and pensioners) are not taxpayers, and we have many visitors to the church; so we could not claim all of this.

If you are not already involved and you are a regular or occasional giver to St Cuthbert's or All Saints' then please consider signing up for Gift Aid. if you would like a Stewardship /Gift Aid Declaration, or have any questions (you may even be unsure if you are currently 'signed-up') Please contact:

- The Gift Aid Secretary: Don Marshall, 17 Hill Drive Tel 700961,
- The Treasurer: Bryan Lewis, 36 Flounders Hill. Tel 616074
- The Stewardship Recorder: Sue Hartley, The Rectory Tel 602751

**I am sure you would like the UK Treasury to help us!**

*For anyone not aware; '...any person who is and remains a UK Taxpayer may sign a form saying that, "any single donation" (for example for the Restoration Fund), or else, ..."All donations that I make to the Parish of Ackworth until I notify otherwise", ... shall be treated as Gift Aid.' This means that the PCC can recover any Income Tax paid by the giver at Standard Rate.*

*\*Please note; pre-2000/01 Covenant Forms are no longer valid.*

Don Marshall

## From the Registers

### Baptisms

Jan . 9th Niall Roger Charles & William David Shepherd  
Jan. 30th Jack Alan Oldham  
Feb. 13th Max Keith Hazelgrove

### Funerals

Jan 4th Stephen Trevor Parry (51) 14 Poplar Grove, Pontefract  
13th Arthur Shorthouse (83) 5 Markham Way, Wragby, Nr Brigg  
14th Margaret Clayton-Smith (95) 95 Pontefract Road  
19th John Eric Turner (81) 29 Mount Pleasant, Ackworth M.T.  
25th Hepzebah Bessie Harvey (79) 5 Doncaster Road Estate  
31st Elsie Purr (87) 3 Rosslyn Court Ackworth Moor Top  
Feb. 1st Stephen Roger Sabey (60) 6 Beech Drive, High Ackworth  
10th Fred Parker (99) 4 Mill Hill Road, Pontefract  
14th Dorothy Terry (101) Snaith Hall Nursing Home, Snaith

### St Cuthberts Forthcoming Event

Antiques Road Show

Wednesday 20th October 2005

7pm to 9pm

Bring your own for a valuation by the experts.

Further details: 619356/613178



## Special Services

Apr. 23rd	<b>St George's Day:</b> Holy Communion:	10.30am: St Cuthbert's
	25th <b>St Mark:</b> Holy Communion:	7.30pm: St Cuthbert's
May 5th	<b>Ascension Day:</b> Holy Communion:	7.30pm: St Cuthbert's
15th	<b>Pentecost:</b> Pentecost Praise:	6.30pm: All Saints'

## Dates for Your Diary

Apr. 13th	Churches Together in Ackworth Meeting: 7.30pm: Quaker Meeting House	
	17th Annual Parochial Church Meeting:	11.30am: St Cuthbert's
May 2nd	'ARISE' Diocesan Pilgrimage to York: 10.30am: Bishopthorpe	
	21st Barbecue at 4 Doncaster Road	
22nd	United Service for Christian Aid Week: Our Lady of Lourdes: Mass 6.00pm: Christian Aid Service 7.00pm	

**ACKWORTH CONCERT SOCIETY SATURDAY 16th APRIL 2005**  
 LAURETTE POPE (Harp) ANNA WOLSTENHOLME (Flute)  
 Present a programme of duets and solos including works by  
 Bach, Ravel, Fauré, Glinka and Ibert 7:30pm.

### Our Lady of Lourdes Church

**Sunday 9.00am Mass**

### ACKWORTH COMMUNITY CHURCH

<b>Sunday</b>	10.30am	<b>Worship</b>
	6.30pm	<b>Prayer Meeting</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.30—11.15am	<b>Parents and Toddlers Group</b>
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**All services and meetings are held at the Ackworth Parish  
 Council Community Centre, Bell Lane.**