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Dear Friends,

Christmas and New Year encompassed what has probably been the greatest natural disaster in human memory - the earthquake and subsequent Tsunami in the Indian ocean and we have looked at the daily news reports with mounting incredulity and disbelief.

Separated by many thousands of miles and a great gulf in cultural differences, we feel helpless. It is so far away and yet the sheer scale of human suffering leaves us lost for words and stunned into inactivity. Even when we regain composure we are still left wondering what we can do; there seems to be little else but to send money. The myth of superiority which has been nurtured by the rich western society suddenly shattered and we are left feeling ashamed and useless.

The mounting casualty figures that are quoted daily cannot convey the scale of such a disaster; they just become numbers. In fact, a week after the disaster struck, even the journalists admitted the number of deaths had become impossible to count. One of the better comments I heard was "...it's not 150,000 dead, but the tragedy of one person dying multiplied 150,000 times..." Each separate tragedy and the number of lives that affects repeated countless times over gives us some measure of the devastation those people have suffered. And, if death alone were not enough to cope with, they have lost home, livelihoods and lack even the basic necessities of clean water and food.

What can we do? Well, we can send money; regardless of how inadequate it may seem, it is needed. Jesus himself knew that before he could feed and heal hearts and minds—he first had to attend to bodily needs (i.e the feeding of the 5,000). We can pray; no matter how remote geographically, prayer can help us to make that vital emotional link which just sending material support lacks. Prayer can also help us to resolve, or at least begin to cope with our feelings; hopefully create a starting point for understanding. Communication with the God of love may be the only way most of us, who are unable to be there in person, can show our care and compassion to those in need.

Finally, I wonder what our thoughts and feelings will be, in say a years time, when we celebrate the arrival of 2006? How many I wonder, remember the devastating earthquake of just a year ago, centred on Bam in Iran, when 31,000 lost their lives? If any good can come out of

this latest cataclysmic disaster; it must originate in the response of people globally. My prayer is that, the way this event has touched people's lives so deeply, will make a radical change in the way we relate to our neighbours in the future.

Secondly, the overwhelming feelings of helplessness and the loss in confidence we have suffered as a culture, may turn more lives back to the one in whom we find our strength and on whom we alone can place our reliance; God the Father. Perhaps the shame and inadequacy we have felt may be translated into the Christian virtue of humility. Perhaps a little of the air of superiority will be let out of our tyres so to speak and the rich West may become a little less arrogant.



Yours in Christ

Paul



## CONFIRMATIONS

Shortly after Easter we will be starting confirmation training for young people (9/10+) and Adults. If you or your children have been regular attendee's at Church you should put your names forward to the Rector as soon as possible.



## LENT STUDY GROUPS

This year Ackworth Churches together have arranged an ecumenical lent study course to begin on Wednesday 16th February until 23rd March. They will be held in St Cuthbert's Church on those five Wednesdays in Lent from 7.30pm. If you would like to take part and have a course book ordered for you please sign up on the notices in Church (we need to order the booklets by the end of January!)

## Velodrome

This is not about cycling but the answer that won James an amazing bike and a trip to Finland. Nationwide sponsored the holiday, which was a prize on Blue Peter. They provide the reflectors, which schoolchildren are given and we went to visit the factory where they are made. James found the Hella factory in Salo, Finland amazing. Andrew took a particular liking to Trio the robot.

School lunch consisting of rice porridge or pudding went down less favourably as a main meal with the children. The tour of Helsinki was very interesting with its Russian architecture and the church blasted out of the bedrock was a sight to behold.

We travelled by plane, train, bus, coach, husky and reindeer sledges, snowmobiles, toboggan and on foot. We had a tight schedule, but what an amazing holiday. Andrew loved "snowland" and as usual preferred the playground to anything else, especially as it was icy and he travelled at warp speed down the slide. Jackie Fox who came with us and James were very adventurous going right to the top of the toboggan run and they both finished up in the car park.

The husky dogs made a scary racket but were so friendly that James was soon kneeling down petting them and avoiding the yellow patches in the white snow. Andrew made himself very comfortable in a fur lined husky sledge. Jackie narrowly missed hitting a tree whilst snowmobiling but she wasn't driving- honest! You'll have to ask Jackie and James about the Arctic Ceremony; an amazing experience.

The preconception of the Finnish being an uncommu-  
nicative race was soundly dashed. We were treated  
royally- amazing food including a pineapple and red-  
hot chilli dessert and reindeer meat at the reindeer  
farm. The accommodation was first class and even the  
thirteen hour overnight sleeper train was an adven-  
ture.

Did I mention we met the famous Santa Claus in his  
office with his boxes of letters to read? James said the  
holiday was wonderful and he loved it even with the  
temperature at a toe numbing minus 23 degrees The  
only thing that I regret is not seeing the Northern  
Lights- still that's an excellent reason to return when  
we've saved up a bit...!

\_Kirsty, James and Andrew Morris



## ACKWORTH OLD HALL

In the early autumn of 2004, in the property supplement for the Yorkshire Morning Post, was a photograph of Ackworth Old hall, which was for sale, the value was approximately £1,000,000. A significant amount, a significant property.

Ackworth Old Hall on the Purston road is a Tudor Manor House which has survived to the present day. Until recent years it was part of the Nostell Priory Estate, and, through the years it has known many tenants. It is now privately owned.

The Yorkshire Post advertisement triggered a memory of something I had read in the Centenary of Ackworth School by Thompson. Writing in 1878 he congratulates Lord St. Oswald for restoring the building when it was falling into ruin. " This once handsome Tudor building, with its lines of mullioned windows and its elegant gables, some of the latter toppling to their fall, its roof in holes, and its accessory buildings a heap of ruins" and further "In its old crumbling walls the white and the brown owl raised their broods" He concludes that, after the restoration the building should be habitable for a further 100 years! -clearly a conservative estimate in view of the situation in 2004 and the outlook for the future.

I am sure there are still many people who have memories of, or have heard stories of the Old Hall. Maybe they will contribute them.

Ethel M. Smith

### **A highwayman's hide-out**

Ackworth Old Hall is associated with the highwayman William Nevison (on whom many of the Dick Turpin legends are based) who, according to local tradition, made the famous ride from London to York in a single day. A space between the floor of a bedroom closet and the roof of the passage below is supposed to be a bolt hole where the outlaw could stay hidden from pursuit. Nevison was hanged at York in 1684.

West Yorkshire Archaeology Service and Historic Houses Association

## Suzy Fund

Here is an update on the Ackworth Branch of the Suzy Fund. The following letter was received from Brian Hazell, the founder of the Suzy Fund, but unfortunately it was received too late for his Christmas Greetings to be published in the last issue of the parish Magazine.

Dear Friends,

Almost 9 years ago, when I came to speak to your ladies' group, I remember when I said that all I asked of our supporters was just 10p a week for ever, one lady said, that only seems like a drop in the ocean, when millions of children are dying from hunger and disease. I remember telling her that Mother Teresa said that the ocean was made up of drops, well that was 9 years ago and since then, the St Cuthbert's branch of the Suzy Fund has collected almost £8,000.

The reason we started 30 years ago with a figure of 10p, was that we were told that with that amount a life could be saved, either by an injection against measles or an oral rehydration therapy to offset dysentery. That means that your contributions to date have saved 80,000 lives, with your support our total has just passed £400,000 – a lot of drops!

There is a saying that it is better to strike a match than to grumble at the dark. I well remember, some years back, being in the underground basilica in Lourdes at Easter. There were 20,000 people present and to prepare for the new fire, all the lights were turned off and there was absolute blackness. One small altar-boy lit a candle, 40,000 eyes focussed on that tiny glimmer, he then gave a light to his neighbour, who did likewise, in minutes the basilica was floodlit by 20,000 candles. Wouldn't it be wonderful if all the lights in the world were shared- to quote John Lennon, just Imagine.

Please friends don't ever be put off by the size of the problem, it will become bigger without you. We have sent £7,000 to help in The Sudan crisis, some children there will be alive today, only because you cared.

God bless you all, have a wonderful Christmas, you deserve it.  
Brian M Hazell

A very big "thank you" to all who put money in the "pot" when I stand with it outside St Cuthbert's Church each month and also to all those



who give regular donations to the Fund.  
 Remember all money given to the Fund is used where it is desperately needed. There are no administrative costs and no "overheads".  
 The Fund is a Registered Charity.  
 Anyone requiring further information about the Suzy Fund is invited to contact either Barbara Firth or Vera McWilliam.

The total to December 2004 is £7,997-14p.  
 Vera McWilliam.

### ALL SAINTS' FLOWERS

Feb.6 <sup>th</sup>	Ethel Smith
Feb.13 <sup>th</sup>	Lent
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Congregation and Margaret Camplin

Will those sponsoring a Sunday for flowers please get in touch to confirm their dates,

### ST CUTHBERT'S FLOWERS

Feb.6 <sup>th</sup>	Ada Pritchard
Feb.13 <sup>th</sup>	Lent
March27th	Easter Congregation

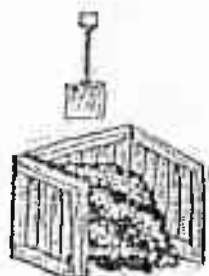


### BRASSES

February	Mrs. Kirk & Mrs Pogson
March	Vacant

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## Brockadale – An Introduction

There is a belt of magnesian limestone running from North Nottinghamshire to the Tyne. Carved into this by the River Went, and just behind the village of Little Smeaton, lies a small jewel in a landscape made anonymous by arable farming.

A Site of Special Scientific Interest, it nurtures the flowers, some rare, some not so rare, which once flourished on this particular type of geology, but, because of intensive farming are now no longer to be seen in as widespread an area. One of the joys of wild flowers is seeing them in great swathes, the ground changing colour as the year moves around. Trees stand thick on both sides of the river, nesting and nourishment for many birds, including owls, two types of woodpecker and the turtledove. Ground-cover across the open land, in the form of small bushes, gives home and shelter to many species of small bird. It is also home to an extremely rare, extremely minute, cylindrical whorled snail, discovered by the keen eyes of our then warden, an expert on the micro-moth. August is the month when the last of the marble white butterflies are seen, followed in September by the second brood of the comma feeding on the brambles.

Much of the dale has been managed by the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, with support from local farmers and tenants. A major project for the last several years has been the reclamation of the YWT meadow next to the car park. Over the years the effects of intensive farming are receding and the native magnesian lime-stone flowers and grasses are slowly re-establishing themselves. In June/July, the grasses, ochre and silver in the sunshine, shiver under the breeze-to make fine hay.

In acquiring the Dale, however, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust also took on the responsibility of returning it to what we might loosely call "Nature". Nature, however, is very powerful as we were all reminded on Boxing Day, and so there is the double task of not letting some things get out of hand (such as the ubiquitous sycamore and ash seedlings) and of trying to return the soil itself so that the native flora and fauna are given an opportunity to re-establish themselves.

Much of this work required to manage the Dale is carried out by volunteers. We mend fences, clear paths and steps, plant hedges, monitor the flora and fauna, learn more about our local area and generally have a good time in the open air. We meet on the third Sunday of the month at the car park at 9.45am

During the winter, October to March, we meet on the first Wednesday evening of the month at 7.30 at the Brown Cow for slides and a talk on a range of subjects. On the 2nd February, Sue and Dave Williamson will talk on the wildlife of the Arctic. As they are experts on birds, no doubt there will be a bias in that direction. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> March, Phyl Abbott of the Wildflower Society describes the beauty of the wild flowers of Wharfedale.

Starting in April (the 6<sup>th</sup>), we will meet for the first of our summer guided walks around the Dale, when a member, usually Joyce Simmons with her encyclopaedic knowledge of wild flowers, points out what is of current interest. These walks are monthly until September.

We hope to see some of you at either the talks or walks, but even better, if you know of, or even are, able-bodied and like being in the open air, please contact Joyce and Paul Simmons on 620725, who will tell you how to get to the meeting place and remind you to wear old clothes and thorn-proof gloves.

Cynthia Day

## PCC Jottings for December

- The hand bells have been loaned to the Cathedral staff and a concert will be given on Christmas Eve using the bells.
- June Backhouse has agreed to take on the role of Foundation Governor at the Howard School.
- The majority of the Restoration Brochures have been distributed throughout the village.
- Wakefield M D C has undertaken work on the trees at St Cuthbert's and applied weed killer at All Saints' churchyard.
- Various venues for a possible Parish Weekend were discussed.



## From the Registers

### Baptisms

- Nov. 28 Sarah Elizabeth Julie Knox  
Dec 12th Heidi May Owen,  
Patrick William & Alex Jonathan Boyes  
Dec 19th Isabelle Mia Downs

### Funerals

- Oct 25th Nellie Fish (87) 48 Chillern Drive, Ackworth Moor Top  
Nov 18th Edward E Heaton (77) 8 Rhyddings Ave. Ackworth M.T.  
Nov 30th Cyril Key (79) 'Micklin' Wakefield Road Ackworth  
Dec 1st Lillie Ann and Matilda Louise Grindrod, 11 Carr Bridge  
Ackworth.  
Dec 14th Annie Crabtree (92) Snyderdale N.H. Old Snyderdale  
William Yates (72) 9 New Street, Ackworth Moor Top.  
Dec 16th Phyliss Matthews (80) 57 Town End Ave, Low Ackworth  
Dec 23rd Joanne Murgalroyd (29) 12 The Orchards, Low Ackworth

### ACKWORTH CONCERT SOCIETY

All Concerts to be held in The Meeting House, Ackworth School at  
7.30pm.

**Saturday 19th February 2005**

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## February and March 2005 Readings and Readers

<b>Date</b>	<b>Liturgical Week</b>	<b>Old Testament</b>	<b>New Testament</b>	<b>Gospel</b>	<b>St Cuthbert's</b>	<b>All Saints'</b>
06/02/2005	Sunday Next Before Lent	Exodus 24:12-18	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matthew 17:1-9	Ann Attack	Mrs S Hall
13/02/2005	1st Sunday of Lent	Genesis 2:15-17 & 3:1-7	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11	Jacob Place	Mrs Backhouse
20/02/2005	2nd Sunday of Lent	Genesis 12:1-4a	Romans 4:1-5 & 13-17	John 3:1-17	Mrs Woofinden	Mrs M Walker
27/02/2005	3rd Sunday of Lent	Exodus 17:1-7	Romans 5:1-11	John 4:5-42	George Scargill	Miss Smith
06/03/2005	Mothering Sunday	1 Samuel 1:20-28	Colossians 3:12-17	Luke 2:33-35	Jane Siddall	Dr McWilliam
13/03/2005	Passion Sunday	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Romans 8:6-11	John 11:1-45	Sue Harley	Mrs S Hall
20/03/2005	Palm Sunday	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Philippians 2:5-11	Matthew 26:14-27:66	Mr Shaw	Mrs Backhouse
27/03/2005	Easter Day	Jeremiah 31:1-6	Acts 10:34-43	John 20:1-18	Susan Clarke	Mrs M Walker



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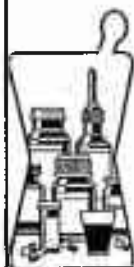
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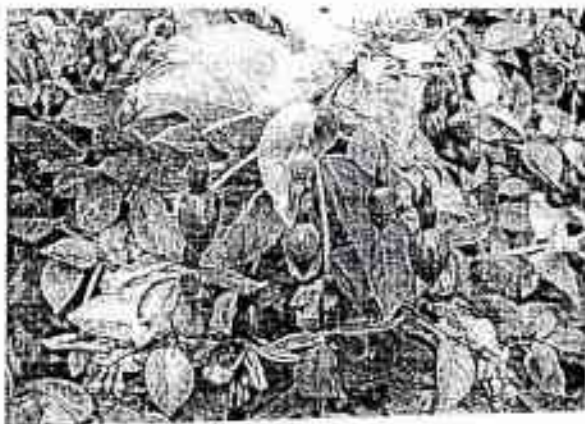
On the 21<sup>st</sup> October, at the Coffee Morning, we were delighted to be introduced to Freda Ince, who was visiting Ackworth, her message of congratulation was published in the December/January magazine.

We were taken back in time, thirty five years, when Colin was moved, to an administrative post at Hewell Grange Borstal in Worcestershire, where Freda's late husband Bert also worked. During a conversation it emerged that both were keen gardeners and through Bert's generosity an opportunity arose for Colin to transfer his vast collection of greenhouse plants up from London, a seemingly impossible exercise by removal van. After each weekend home, he would carry a car boot load of plants, mainly fuchsias, which Bert would care for, on the window ledges and shelves of his stores. One of the first tasks on moving into our new house was to build a greenhouse, to relieve Bert of his guardianship; it is doubtful that we lost any plants during this move.

It is also remarkable that the offspring of some of the varieties of fuchsias, we moved all those years ago, are still resplendent now in our garden each summer.

Unfortunately our time in Worcestershire was short, but they were happy days and memories come flooding back, perhaps providing a subject for a future article.

Sue & Colin Tanswell.



## First Christmas in 'The Vale'

The village is more than living up to the first impressions – the warmth and hospitality are increasing and we are struck by the superb presentation of all that is done.

First came the Christingle service at the beginning of Advent. The church, already adorned with its decorated tree and crib, was packed with family groups. Even the youngest children were happy and well behaved. The electrics had played up, so the organ was silent. Nothing daunted, Jessica, the lay reader, led us into each carol with 'One, two, three' and we made a good sound. When we took Imogen up to the crib after the service it was good to see her pick out the different characters and their attributes.

It will not surprise some of you that one of us – no prize for guessing which! – muddled the time of the service at East Stoke church. We had an early dinner and set off in good time for 7 o'clock. As we approached the church, well beyond the village on the lane to the Trent, we found many cars parked already – oh dear! We gained the door and opened it very gently just as the first strains of 'O come, all ye faithful' poured from the organ. Instantly I knew this was the end and the beginning must have been at 6pm! The fairly packed congregation were highly amused: 'Don't worry,' they said; 'at least you're in time for supper!' We were plied with melt-in-the-mouth mince pies and shortbread, which we were polite enough to squeeze in on top of our meal; and friendly talk. It had been a 'DIY' service, as the minister had not turned up, but someone said it was probably the churchwarden trying to save money in the Inter-regnum and not making proper arrangements!

The next afternoon saw me in the back room of Elston Methodist Chapel – a fully equipped play-school – with about 30 other people for the annual Christmas carols and poems organised and presented by Fiona and Marguerite. The theme this year

was 'Christmas through the eyes of a child'. There followed a delightful programme, which was printed with attractive Christmas scenes, including several of Gervase Phinn's recollections of various Nativity Plays in North Yorkshire schools; carols – with one humorous one – sung to us and more that we joined in, even a favourite of schoolchildren today 'Starry Night'. It seems no entertainment in this village would be complete without refreshments and we were regaled once more.

On the Saturday afternoon we participated in another Christmastide ritual in the church – an afternoon of Christmas Music with the choir, wearing their red shirts and red and gold scarves, singing carols and festive songs; the audience joining in some and children playing whatever piece, or one-handed tune they wanted to. It was a 'come and go' occasion and we arrived in time to be four of the nine ladies dancing in 'The Twelve Days of Christmas'. Our performance from the back of the church was much appreciated! One of the children was responsible for the refreshments here, passing round a tin of Quality Street at intervals. It was a lovely occasion and I am sure all the children benefited from performing in public, with the encouragement they received. The collection amounted to £40, which was later added to the Carol Singers' collection.

Elston's service of lessons and carols was at 4 o'clock on the last Sunday of Advent, with the organ performing perfectly, even if not everyone kept in time with it! As newcomers, it was useful having a programme with the names of all the readers printed. Afterwards most of the congregation were to be found enjoying mulled wine and nibbles in a house nearby.

We have also had some special bell-ringing in Advent, with a few carol tunes emerging from our ambitious ringers. This gives us an additional pleasure on Monday evenings when they practise.

The other half of the village was treated to Carol Singing on

Christmas Eve (our turn next year); the singers raising £170. £50 has been given to the Methodist Church for ongoing maintenance and £120 will be sent to Christian Aid.

Midnight Service was held here in Elston. By now the church was fully decorated with many regal arrangements of red carnations and green holly, some with plumes of dogwood twigs and others with gilded curling twigs; gilded seed pods and scalloped red bands with holly sprigs on. The pews were practically full and the 'Merry Christmas' greetings were warmly exchanged with all after.

I was able to attend Communion at 9 on Christmas morning, too, because Esther had simply had to give in to sleep before 11 the previous evening. Having a lively two-year-old is not conducive to keeping late nights! Of course, Imogen made our Christmas extra special, truly magical.

The final celebration of Christmas in this group of parishes is Epiphany Party, formerly given by the Rector, but now in our interregnum, given by the churchwardens for all who wish to go, to thank them for what they have done for the church in the year. We feel very much part of the village, having received several verbal invitations to attend. Strangely, this ended up on Epiphany Eve, but now on the day of Epiphany I can report there was an excellent cheeseboard and a range of delicious desserts, accompanied by copious wine and soft drinks. Thanks were expressed and if anyone felt they would like to make a donation, they were asked to add it to those being sent to the Tsunami Appeal, instead of to help with the cost of the party. Last Sunday several ladies had organised a sale for this and raised over £2000.

Oh well, that was Christmas: now we look forward to Plough Sunday at East Stoke and we haven't long to wait.

Valerie and David Cook

## STAINED GLASS

Spending considerable time in St. Cuthbert's Church when photocopying the magazine I often wander around the building enjoying looking at the carvings, memorials and other items there. I always enjoy the beautiful glass and so I was particularly interested in an article in an old Parish magazine of 1955

"Of course, you are bound to know lots of churches with stained glass windows. But do you?"

Not all coloured glass is stained glass, and it is interesting to know something about it.

In the case of "real stained glass" or "pot glass" as it is often called, the colour is *in* the glass, and goes all the way *through* it and could never be "scratched off". The colouring of genuine stained glass is part of the business of manufacturing it, and it is secured by the addition of metal oxides to the glass whilst it is still in a molten state in the furnace. Stained glass takes on darker or lighter colour according to the thickness of the glass, and this sometimes leads to difficulties. If, for instance, a certain lightness of colour is required, and the only way to achieve this is by making the glass very thin, the glass probably becomes so thin that it is too fragile for use. The glass-blower solves the problem by making the coloured glass form a thin film on the surface of white glass, thus securing both durability and the colour desired.

Much of what passes for "stained glass, however, is really "painted" glass, when white glass has been painted with enamels in such a way that the light shows through. Painted glass always lacks the brilliance of real stained glass, and makes a poor show in comparison.

Stained glass windows were first introduced into English churches, towards the end of the seventh century, by Bishop Wilfred in York Minster, and a few years later by Benedict Biscop in the monastery church of Wearmouth. The golden age for stained glass was the thirteenth century, when some of the most beautiful work was done. Unfortunately, much of this was destroyed by Puritans and other Reformers because in their eyes it savoured of Popery"

## THE GREAT FLOOD

Although we can expect some unpleasant weather in the winter season lets hope that we don't experience the conditions that are mentioned in Saywell's "History of Ackworth

"All the rivers of Yorkshire rising in the mountainous or hilly districts, are subject to great floods, after heavy rains. The greatest flood in the Yorkshire rivers within recollection occurred on Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 1866, after a continuous rain of nearly twenty-four hours duration. "In this great flood every stream overflowed its banks, and all the valleys were inundated. On the River Calder, near Dewsbury, a cart with three persons in it was carried off the road into the river, and all three perished. At Wakefield, property to the value of £50,000 was destroyed. The number of persons drowned at Dewsbury by the overflow of the Calder, was ascertained to have been seven.

The River Went, which flows through Ackworth, rose to an unprecedented height, and all the low-lying ground was submerged, both game and fish being drowned. Only the upper rooms of the houses at Carr Bridge were habitable, whilst all communication between Moor Top and the village was entirely cut off; even heavily built drays not venturing to stem the flood. The view of the surrounding countryside from the Church tower, presented the aspect of an extensive sea dotted with islands"

## Handy Hints

Two more handy hints from magazines of the thrifty fifties. I don't think somehow that the sewing suggestion would meet with the approval of today's fashion conscious children

As always when there are girls in a family there is the business of letting down hems and passing on outgrown clothes to younger sisters. Hems have a way of showing a mark where they have been folded before; a good way of disguising this is to add a line of braid or ric-rac over the mark, and if necessary a second to make it more interesting. Such braid will also help the eye to overlook the fact that the rest of the dress has faded a little.

Vacuum flasks need constant care if they are to remain fresh. Vinegar added to the water used for washing them will remove any musty smell. If the flask is stained with tannin, crush an egg-shell, add the fragments to the vinegar and water, swish it round for a few minutes, then leave the mixture to stand before emptying.

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## A Poem for Mothers Day

### *Here Are All Your Children in One Place*

*Here are all your children in one place,  
Enshrined behind some glass within a frame.  
A picture's like a word, a sign, a name,  
Symbolic of a much more complex grace.  
Years of memories lie behind each face,  
A wild sea no blessing can contain;  
Years and years of love, of joy, of pain,  
Of mysteries no heart can hope to trace.  
Here are all the objects of your love,  
A frozen section cut away from Time,  
A summit between dreams and memories,  
Which you need only look this way to climb;  
An icon for domestic reveries  
Through which a thousand answered prayers move.*

## EGG ROLLING COMPETITION

### HOW TO BOIL THE PERFECT EGG!

1. Place eggs in single layer in saucepan.
2. Cover with at least one inch of water over tops of shells.
3. Cover pot with lid and bring to a boil.
4. As soon as it begins to boil, remove from heat and let stand.
5. Large soft-cooked eggs: let stand in hot water 1 to 4 minutes, depending on your tastes.
6. Large hard-cooked eggs: let stand in hot water 15 to 17 minutes.
7. When cooked to desired level, drain off hot water.
8. Immediately cover with cold water and add a few ice cubes.
9. Soft-cooked eggs: let stand in cold water until cool enough to handle. Serve.
10. Hard-cooked eggs: let stand in cold water until completely cooled. Use as needed.

### **Tips:**

Never boil eggs. It makes them rubbery.  
Use older eggs. Fresh ones won't peel properly.  
To keep eggs from cracking while cooking, pierce large end with a needle, which will also make them easier to peel.

## CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

The Christingle Services held at All Saints' and St Cuthbert's on Advent Sunday raised over £264 for the Childrens Society. It was wonderful to see the childrens' faces lit by candlelight whilst raising money for children less fortunate than themselves.

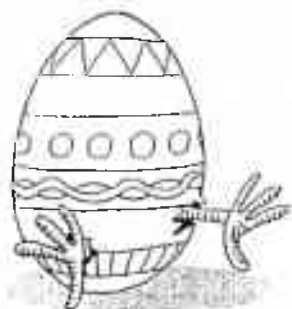
Many thanks to all those who helped in any way and particularly to Lampreys who donated the oranges.



Helen Parkinson

## *Easter Is a Time of Love*

*Easter is a time of love,  
A time of death and pain undone,  
So we may know the power of  
The love that lives in everyone.  
Each love we feel, unstained and free,  
Redeems us--as with you and me.*





St Cuthbert's and All Saints'  
***Special Services***  
***and***  
***Easter Services***

<b>2nd February - Candlemas</b>		
7.30pm	Eucharist and Procession	St Cuthbert's
<b>9th February - Ash Wednesday</b>		
7.30pm	Imposition of the Ashes	St Cuthbert's
<b>6th March - Mothering Sunday</b>		
10.15am	Family Communion	St Cuthbert's
<b>20th March - Palm Sunday</b>		
10.15am	Blessing of the Palms	St Cuthbert's
<b>21st March - Holy Week</b>		
7.30pm	Holy week Meditation	St Cuthbert's
<b>22nd March</b>		
7.30pm	Holy week Meditation	St Cuthbert's
<b>23rd March</b>		
7.30pm	Holy week Meditation	St Cuthbert's
<b>24th March - Maundy Thursday</b>		
7.45pm	Institution of the Last Supper	St Cuthbert's
<b>25th March - Good Friday</b>		
10.30am	Family Service	All Saints'
2.00pm	Good Friday Liturgy	St Cuthbert's
<b>26th March - Easter Eve</b>		
7.30pm	Easter Vigil Service	St Cuthbert's
	<i>(renewal of Baptismal vows and first Eucharist of Easter)</i>	
<b>27th March - Easter Day</b>		
8.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
10.15am	All-age Eucharist	St Cuthbert's
	<i>(followed by egg decorating and egg rolling competitions)</i>	
4.00pm	Easter Praise	All Saints'

## *Sunday Services for February and March*

### Sunday Services (usual pattern)

8.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
10.15am	Family Communion	St Cuthbert's
3.30pm	Evensong (except last Sunday in month)	All Saints'
4.00pm	Open Door Service (last Sunday in month)	All Saints'

### Wednesday Service

9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
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## *Dates for Your Diary*

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<del>Feb</del> 16	Mon.	7.30pm	PCC Meeting	St Cuthbert's
Feb 16	Wed.	7.30pm	Lent Study Course	St Cuthbert's
23	Wed	7.30pm	Lent Study Course	St Cuthbert's
Mar 2	Wed	7.30pm	Lent Study Course	St Cuthbert's
9	Wed	7.30pm	Lent Study Course	St Cuthbert's
16	Wed	7.30pm	Lent Study Course	St Cuthbert's

### 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.