



# Ackworth Parish Magazine



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Dear Friends

I discovered this profound piece of writing recently (to tell the truth Jenny discovered it and passed it on to me!). It was written by a very recent Christian martyr, Oscar Romero, who was Archbishop of San Salvador and died for the faith in 1980.

**A Future Not Our Own** by Oscar Romero.

It helps now and then to step back and take the long view.

The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts;  
it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction  
of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.

Nothing we do is complete;  
which is another way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that can be said.

No prayer fully expresses our faith.

No confession brings perfection,

No pastoral visit brings wholeness.

No programme accomplishes the Church's mission.

No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted

knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything

and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.

This enables us to do something

and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a  
beginning, a step along the way,  
an opportunity for the Lord's grace to  
enter and to do the rest.

We may never see the end results,  
but it is the difference between the  
master and the worker.

We are the workers, not master builders,  
ministers, not messiahs.

In our busy, important "I want it and I  
want it now!" it says a great deal about  
trusting in and waiting upon God. It also  
has an important message for the many



in our society and our church who, despite our Lord's teaching, expect instant reward and gratification for the work we do, even for that which we do for God and his Church. How often do we end up being disappointed because some venture whether it be for the mission of the church or raising money, does not yield expected results, Then how often have you uttered or heard said the phrase; "That was a waste of time and effort, we won't do that again!"

This writing reminds us that anything we do to further the establishment of God's kingdom here on earth will at best be a drop in the ocean and more often than not we are unlikely to see its results within our own generation, let alone in our own lifetime.

As Oscar Romero writes in that third paragraph; *'This is what we are about, We plant seeds that one day will grow.'* To some, such a thought may be despairing, to others it may bring comfort to know that any work of mission, any task completed for the advancing of God's kingdom, is not work done in vain. For those who like to see instant results, they become downhearted because they do not see their seeds planted, grow and bear fruits, Oscar Romero reminds us; *'We cannot do everything and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it very well'*. Although for all of us who try to do too much and spread ourselves too thinly to be eventually the least bit effective. In my previous diocese of Bradford, we were once addressed by the then Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey. The one thing I remember out of what seemed an interminably long address was his closing remark. He exhorted us all to do less .. but - do it well!

In the autumn (date still to be fixed) we will be repeating the 'Back to Church Sunday' which we had last year. This year we will be asking each one of our church members to take an invitation to one person only who doesn't come to church at present or who comes only very rarely and in the lead up to giving them that invitation and encouragement to come; to pray for the simple one-to-one evangelism; 'one beggar telling another beggar where to find bread'. Each one of us can be workers in helping to build the kingdom.

We are not as Oscar Romero says *'masterbuilders, ministers not messiahs but we are 'prophets of a future not our own.'* All we ask is that you plant a seed!

Yours in Christ

Paul



## Wow!

There could only be one topic for me to write about this time; namely my ordination to the priesthood on the 18<sup>th</sup> June together with all that we as a parish and a village celebrated on that day. Some two weeks later I have come down off the ceiling but still feel as if I'm floating

gently a couple of inches above the ground. For me, the whole experience was awesome and the culmination of a lot of soul searching, hard work and angst. However, much more importantly, I now feel that this is what God wants from me for now and I feel complete and whole in a way I've never felt before.

The journey was amazing. At times I wondered whether I'd heard God right, I knew I wasn't worthy and I struggled. Tonight in church Paul Fox preached about God saying to him 'Hold my hand' and this is exactly what God did for me. He never let go. Our God is awesome in his tender love. I have so many memories, some going back a long way but especially thoughts about the few days leading up to ordination.

The weekend before was our parish weekend, a lovely time of fun and fellowship but with two very special memories. The first was a card from 'The Boss', a.k.a Revd Hartley. The text was Psalm 46.10:

Be still, and know that I am God!

Inside Paul wrote:

Read, mark, learn and inwardly digest!

These words stayed with me throughout our retreat. The second memory was of our Eucharist on the Sunday. We sang 'I, the Lord of sea and sky' with that amazing refrain:

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

As we sang, I looked at the people there and realised how much I loved all of them (and equally those not actually present for the weekend) and knew that God had indeed laid them on my heart and

that I was holding them there as his charge to me.

The retreat was a time to rest, to share fellowship, our fears and inadequacies but above all to 'Be still, and know that I am God!' I was very aware of being surrounded by prayer and especially all your prayers.

Ordination itself was such a joy. There was such love in the cathedral. Its hard to pick out special moments but kneeling before the bishop, surrounded by people I love and treasure, filled by God's Holy Spirit was an incredible place to be. I felt so safe. For me, the moment when Stephen anointed my hands was very important. It felt like an affirmation of both my ministries and a bringing together of all that God has called me to be.

Having so many people from Ackworth, not just from our church but from the other churches was wonderful. Having friends and family there made it so special. To my great joy a friend of ours from Tanzania was home on leave and came and celebrated with us. people were so generous. The gift which has to stand out for me was the priests stole given to me by Roman Catholic friends. They truly know what it means to be one body in Christ! Everyone worked so hard to make the day special.

If the service in the cathedral was awesome, our worship that evening as I presided at communion for the first time topped it. There was a true sense that we were all celebrating together. I was intensely aware of God's presence throughout. There was a great mix of nationalities and denominations. There were old friends and new. There was the delight of Paul and Gemma's gift of their music before the service, the laughter in the vestry as I reassured Vic and he said 'That's my line!'. There was the delight in Dad's playing during the service, drowned out by the singing. There were the moments of tenderness as I looked at faces, especially my own father as he came for a blessing. God is so good.

Our singing was incredible. Much later that night I was talking to Mike and our friend from Tanzania. Mike said:

'There were more people singing than there were in

the church'.

He was right. It really was a case of:

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and singing

I have such memories of friends, of faces, gifts cards, devoted hard work, all that made the whole day special. Thank you from the bottom of my heart to every one of you. Above all 'Thanks be to God' without whom none of this would have happened.

The story cannot stop there. For myself, ordination to the priesthood has confirmed and strengthened me in God's service. It has made me whole. For our church and village, it has given us a focus for celebration and a height to aspire to. I pray that all our worship might be as filled by the Holy Spirit as it was on 18<sup>th</sup> June. The Eucharistic prayer I used that night sums it up and is my prayer for all of us:

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of St Cuthbert and all the  
saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

Ordinations are a challenge to each of us to look again at our ministry and where God is leading us. By far the commonest verse on the cards I received was:

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the  
Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give  
you a future with hope. (Jeremiah 29.11)

God has plans for each one of us and I pray that he will direct you by his Holy Spirit to find wholeness in his service. Thanks be to God.

Amen

To my beloved brothers and sisters in Christ. Jenny.

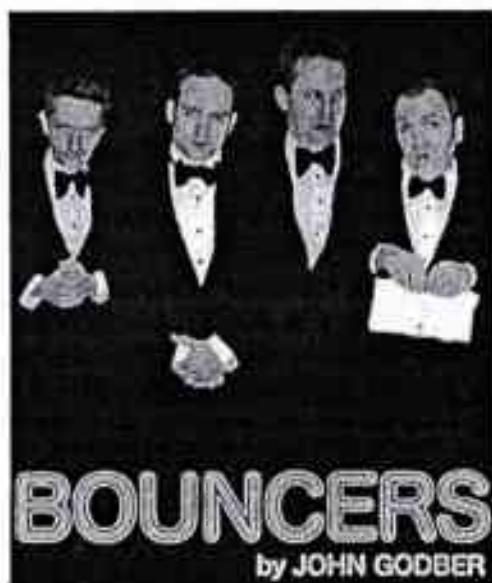
## Theatre Visit to see the Bouncers

A Saturday evening in late March saw a group of 11 visit Wakefield Theatre Royal for a very enjoyable evening of entertainment organised by the Social Committee. Spacious seats in the upper circle provided an excellent view of the stage.

The trip was to see the classic comedy "Bouncers" by John Godber. Bouncers has been nominated for an Oliver award and was recently voted into the Royal National Theatres top 100 plays of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. It is a very funny play complete with witty one liners and a well chosen sound track.

The action took place in a typical northern nightclub. Four talented actors played all the parts from boozy girls dancing around their handbags to the bouncers themselves. Although the language and content was at times strong, the play was well acted and delivered an uncompromising message of the realities of nightlife in a typical city centre.

The Theatre offers a wide range of excellent shows suitable for all ages and tastes at reasonable prices. There is a nearby car park, a comfortable bar area providing a range of refreshments both before the show and during the interval. The Social Committee intends to organise future trips so do join us with friends on the next visit for an enjoyable evening.





### Traditionalism

During recent years it has been felt that the Church lacked appeal, especially to the younger generation. According to some, the result of this has been a decline in congregations. Churches have been re-ordered, the Prayer Book has been made more 'user' friendly' in that simpler versions have been produced to encourage greater understanding and bigger congregations.

The attitude of the Church seems to have become more tolerant to the extent that what was seen as sinful is now accepted as the norm.

Co-habitation and babies born out of wedlock, to mention but two. Does this not destroy the sanctity of Holy Matrimony?

Much of the modern outlook seems to dismiss traditionalism as old fashioned and out of date; and decidedly for those of a certain age, who some people may class as narrow minded.

Traditionalists value the framework and beautiful language of The Prayer Book – unchanging; and because of this worshippers find comfort in knowing and remembering the words. A sense of continuity is also felt. Comfort in the peace and quiet which gives time for thought, uninterrupted by a sudden surge of people exchanging the peace – which disturbs the peace.

Joy in worship can be found in quietness and stillness, happiness in humility and satisfaction in feeling that God has been given an opportunity to speak to us within this dignified and hallowed atmosphere.

May I quote the following words?

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,  
Bow down before Him, His glory proclaim,  
With gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,  
Kneel and adore Him: the Lord is His name.

May the Traditionalists be allowed to uphold what they have felt has given a sure foundation to their lives.

Mollie Gardham





### ADVANCE NOTICE

Four speed cameras are to be installed between the Beverly Arms roundabout and Brackenhill.



### PROVERB

The lip of truth shall be established for ever: but a lying tongue is but for a moment.

Proverbs 12:19 / KJV

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## ST. CUTHBERT'S STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

The following extract about the windows of the Parish Church is taken from Saywell's History of Ackworth.

"Ackworth Church is rich in memorial windows, all of them, except two, being filled with stained glass of elegant tints and appropriate designs. The east window is a fine specimen of decorative art. Five figures are depicted therein; three are designed to represent ecclesiastical saints, and two regal; emblematic of the union and cooperation which should exist between the Church and the Throne. St. Cuthbert, Augustine of Canterbury, and Paulinus, were Bishops and Edmund and Oswald were kings.

St. Edmund is represented in the first light as holding in his hand the instrument of his martyrdom. The second light contains a figure of St. Augustine of Canterbury, vested in Episcopal habits, and holding in his left hand a banner, upon which is inscribed an emblem, or picture, of the Crucifixion of Our Lord. The centre figure is a representation of St. Cuthbert (to whom the Parish Church of Ackworth is dedicated), with the head of St. Oswald in his hand. Above is St. Cuthbert's cross.

In the cinque-foil on the north side is depicted the incident of the young Cuthbert keeping watch over his flock by the River Leder. On the other side is portrayed St. Cuthbert administering the Holy Communion to the dying Boisil, monk of Melrose. In the next light is the figure of St. Paulinus, and the figure in the fifth light represents St. Oswald, King and Martyr, crowned, and holding in one hand a sceptre, and in the other a cross. Along the bottom of the window appears the following inscription: - "In memory of Elizabeth Harriet Kenworthy, the wife of the Rector of this parish, who departed this life March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1853, aged 32 years."

There are four other windows in the Chancel, all filled with stained glass. The first on the south side is a two light, containing full-length figures of St Hilda and St. Ebba; and the other is a single light representation of St. Alban. The first of these saints was the virgin founder of Whitby Abbey; the second was the daughter of Ethelfrid, King of Northumberland, sister of St. Oswald, and abbess of Coldingham, in Scotland.

On the north side of the Chancel are two-light memorial windows. In the first window are representations of Christ bearing his Cross, and the legendary incident in the life of St. Veronica. The other window depicts Monica's visit to St. Augustine, and St. Paulinus baptizing in the Swale.

In the south aisle is a three light window representing the

Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension of Christ. A two double light windows represent Christ in Gethsemane, and on the road to Calvary. The other shows Christ being crowned with thorns and scourged.

In a window in the west end of the south aisle is a window showing Christ being baptized, and also blessing the little children.

In the north aisle is a depiction of the annunciation to the Shepherds, and the other the Presentation of Christ in the Temple.

It will easily be imagined that so much stained glass creates a "dim religious light", which is both depressing and undesirable, making the use of artificial light frequently necessary in the winter months, during the greater part of the day. In this instance convenience must give way to art, for it would be difficult to obtain a faculty for their removal, and the only way to obtain more light would be either to restore the clerestorie, or insert Dormer windows in the roof".



## OLD FRIENDS MEET AGAIN

The heart-warming effect of Christian outreach was demonstrated at a recent coffee morning at All Saints', when two former colleagues met for the first time for over fifty years.

Those long intervening years quickly receded as memories and reminiscences were recounted and news of families and friends were exchanged.

What a joy it was for them to discern in each other the delightful and enduring remnants of long-lost youth, and to realize that in spite of neglect, feelings of affection and esteem live on.

Mrs. Hazel Perry (nee Powell) of Fitzwilliam and Mrs. Ruth Dunwell (nee Blanchard) of Aldridge, West Midlands who studied in the 1940's for their NNEB certificate, were grateful to Mrs. Ivy Hollingsworth for her good offices in bringing together, and wish to thank the indefatigable ladies, whose commitment to Outreach and the work of God at All Saints', gave them the opportunity to enjoy such a very pleasant morning of joyful reunion.

Ruth Dunwell

P.S. An update on the money raised at coffee mornings to the end of June is £22,350. Thanks to all those who attend, bake and give generously.



## August and September Readings and Readers

Date	Liturgical Week	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel	St Cuthbert's	All Saints'
06/08/06	Transfiguration of our Lord	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14	2 Peter 1:16-19	Luke 9:28-36	Jane Siddall	Mrs M Walker
13/08/06	Proper 14	2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	John 6:35, 41-51	Sue Hartley	Dr McWilliam
20/08/06	Proper 15	1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14	Ephesians 5:15-20	John 6:51-58	Mr Shaw	Mrs S Hall
27/08/06	Proper 16	1 Kings 8: 22-30, 41-43	Ephesians 6:10-20	John 6:56-69	Susan Clarke	Mrs Backhouse
03/09/06	Proper 17	Song of Solomon 2:8-13	James 1:17-27	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Miss Parker	Mrs M Walker
10/09/06	Proper 18	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23	James 2:1-17	Mark 7:24-37	Briony Lewis	Dr McWilliam
17/09/06	Proper 19	Proverbs 1:20-33	James 3:1-12	Mark 8:27-38	Emil Brown	Mrs S Hall
24/09/06	Proper 20	Proverbs 31:10-31	James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a	Mark 9:30-37	George Scargill	Mrs Backhouse

## ALL SAINTS' FLOWERS

AUGUST 6 <sup>TH</sup>	MOLLIE GARDHAM
AUGUST 13 <sup>TH</sup>	FLOWER FUND
AUGUST 20 <sup>TH</sup>	JEAN HANCOCKS
AUGUST 27 <sup>TH</sup>	JUNE BACKHOUSE
SEPTEMBER 3 <sup>RD</sup>	FLOWER FUND
SEPTEMBER 10 <sup>TH</sup>	MARGARET CAMPLIN
SEPTEMBER 17 <sup>TH</sup>	WENDY LAYBOURN
SEPTEMBER 24 <sup>TH</sup>	PHYLLIS & RUTH HARRISON

## ST CUTHBERT'S FLOWERS

AUGUST 6 <sup>TH</sup>	MARGARET LLOYD
AUGUST 13 <sup>TH</sup>	HEATHER WALTERS
AUGUST 20 <sup>TH</sup>	BIDDY BRANSTON
AUGUST 27 <sup>TH</sup>	MRS. BARNARD
SEPTEMBER 3 <sup>RD</sup>	JOYCE DODD
SEPTEMBER 10 <sup>TH</sup>	STELLA LEE
SEPTEMBER 17 <sup>TH</sup>	MOLLIE GARDHAM
SEPTEMBER 24 <sup>TH</sup>	VACANT

## BRASSES

AUGUST	PHYLLIS ASQUITH
SEPTEMBER	PHYLLIS ASQUITH



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As Rector of St Cuthbert's and All Saints' churches I would like to make it clear to readers that the article 'Traditionalism' included in this issue of the Parish Magazine represents an individual viewpoint and not the collective opinion of the church here in Ackworth.

It has long been my aim in the Church's worship to cater for as wide a spectrum of traditions as possible. 'Book of Common Prayer' services, both Holy Communion and Evensong, as well as the new 'Common Worship' services are offered for people of all ages to express their thanks to God in worship. It is also my desire that no-one should feel excluded from being able to worship in our churches whether traditionalist or modernist in outlook and I feel that God speaks through many channels despite institutional strictures and liturgies of any age.



To quote a few lines from my favourite hymn '*..let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind and fire, O still small voice of calm...*'

I pray that the church doors may be open to all worshippers, that '*...Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the name of the Lord*' (Psalms 148 verse 12 - see also Psalm 150).

Yours in Christ,

Paul Hartley  
(The Rector)

## HANDY HINTS

**Uses for a lemon:** - A slice of lemon rubbed over the temples is a frequent cure for headaches

Half a teaspoonful of lemon juice makes an ideal tooth wash, and nothing can ease chilblains like a lemon cut in two, sprinkled with salt and rubbed over the affliction.

If the pulp of the lemon be rubbed over the scalp it arrests the falling out of hair, and in the bathwater the juice has a delightfully cooling effect on the skin.

### **Sparkling Windows**

Tired of buying window-cleaning sprays? What to do when the window cleaner doesn't come? Here are three handy hints from the fifties.

- A dash of vinegar in warm water is a good window brightener. It dries quickly and no polishing is required.
  - The quickest and most effective way to clean windows is to have a little methylated spirit on a small piece of rag, and rub this quickly over the glass, finishing immediately with a dry cloth. Mirrors too, cleaned this way, look beautiful in half the time taken with wash-leathers.
- Have you tried washing windows with anything other than water and a wash-leather? I noticed a neighbour recently cleaning windows with "Silvo" and an ordinary polishing cloth. This gives the panes a perfect shine and leaves no smears. I have tried it with great success.

## EASTER IN NORFOLK

In our last contribution we recorded that the cross, carried in procession on Good Friday, had been secured high above Sheringham in readiness for the dawn service on Easter Day. Unfortunately, as reported to us by the Yorkshire exiles we had met, overnight some mindless individual(s) hacked it to pieces and threw it over the cliff onto the beach below. No doubt some misguided individual will find an excuse for such yobbish behaviour or, in the ridiculous politically correct climate we live in, justify the action as the symbol offended someone!

Sue & Colin Tanswell

## HOLIDAYING IN WALES

Whilst enjoying a recent holiday in Mid-Wales we had a very interesting day out in two venues. First we went to Presteigne in Powys. We looked around the town and saw that as in Llanwrtyd Wells there was an "Honesty" bookshop where one had to cross the road to the baker's shop to pay for any books. We then went to the Judge's Lodging where we were greeted by a large very friendly battle scarred white cat whose name we learned later was Arthur. He made us very welcome and followed us around the lower rooms. It appears that he just turned up one day from off the street—and stayed. He's now the resident mouse catcher and has been on the television and in the newspapers. In the tourist information centre, which is part of the same building, there is a large old milk churn where one is invited to give a donation for his vet bills and of course we couldn't resist!

Touring the house is a wonderful experience. Everywhere is "Hands on" so different from most houses, where it is definitely "hands off"! Here one is encouraged to sit on the judge's chair, study his books, pump water in the kitchen, examine the hand written recipe books, handle the old uniforms etc. There is an excellent audio tour where one meets Mary the maid, The Rev. Richard Lister, Venables the policeman, the judge and the local villain, William Morgan, the duck thief. There is a courtroom where one listens to the trial of Morgan and a visit to the cells where he was held. It was a fascinating visit and one which it would be enjoyable to repeat.

The second visit was to a small breeds farm and owl centre near Kington. It is set in beautiful surroundings and again it was a "hands on" visit.

We entered the centre and saw a large replica owl, which had on it a notice saying, "Adults only, stroke us gently—we enjoy it". So I did, expecting that it would make the sound of that particular species, but it didn't. I moved on to the next one to see if that one was working- it certainly was as it turned its head and blinked at

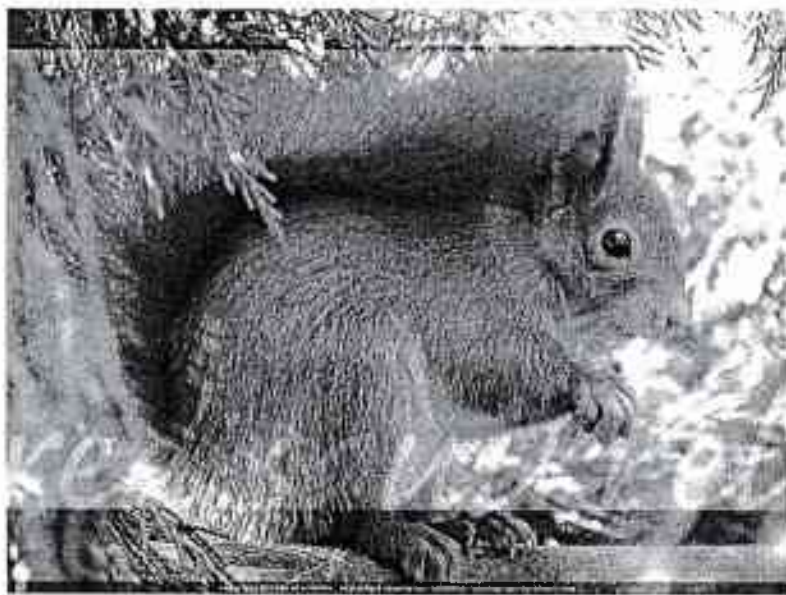
me-the other six owls were real owls of various kinds. It was a pleasant experience and the owls really did seem to enjoy this attention. Moving on we saw all the British owls and many spectacular owls from all over the world as well as the usual Snowy and Eagle owls. Almost all of them were sitting on eggs and seemed very happy in their well-designed



areas.

The small animals were a delight and so friendly. Again one could enter into their compounds. There were miniature donkeys and the world's rarest sheep the Ouessant, which were particularly fond of being stroked. There was a landscaped waterfowl enclosure with a raised boardwalk so one could get as close as one liked to the birds. One particular goose apparently had a special liking for "gentlemen of the more mature age" and remembering a close encounter with an amorous penguin when in Devon, Ian kept a wary eye on it!

There were many other areas of interest including a breeding programme of red squirrels. All the "inmates" looked relaxed and happy to inspect their visitors. An afternoon well spent and again one which would be well worth a return visit.



## ORIGINS OF PHRASES

**WHITE ELEPHANT.** We use this term to mean something that turns out to have no value or to be an expensive mistake on our part. It comes from Thailand where elephants are sacred animals and are expensive to keep. The King used to give one to any courtier who displeased him so that he had the bother and expense of looking after the animal.



**BETWEEN THE DEVIL AND THE DEEP BLUE SEA.** This expression is used when one has two courses of action open to one, both of which are equally dangerous. It is thought that probably the "devil" refers to the seam of a wooden ship's hull or a plank fastened to the side of a ship as a support for the guns. Either of these places was difficult to get to, but better than the deep blue sea.



**TO TAKE SOMEONE DOWN A PEG OR TWO.** Usually meaning to put someone in his or her place. This may have come from the days when ale was served to fellows and students at the older universities. It used to be served in tankards with eight indentations at regular intervals horizontally. In the student's first term, the tankard would be filled with ale to the first mark (known as a peg) and then topped up with water to the eighth mark. As he progressed through each term, he was put up a peg. Fellows were given neat ale up to the eighth peg. Hence, when anyone was drunk he was said to be one over the eight. As one of the punishments for breaking any of the college rules was a dilution of the ale ration, this accounts for the phrase "to take down a peg".





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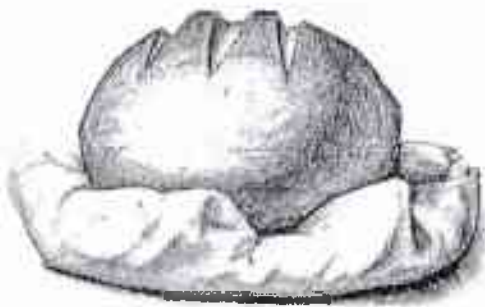


## LAMMASTIDE

Lammas is an old country festival, which is rarely heard of these days but was once a real part of farming life. The following is from an old article about this event.

"Townspople may think of August as a holiday month, but in the country it is a peak period for hard work and harvesting. A few years ago my holiday took me to a lonely part of Sussex, and as August the first was a Sunday we were present at a Lammas service. We walked to the tiny Norman Church through fields so thick with corn that, like those in the psalm, they almost seemed to laugh and sing. The first sheaf of corn, which had been cut that week in the parish, was leaning against the altar, and with the offertory the two churchwardens, who were both farmers, carried up a loaf of bread made from local wheat. This was the offering of the "first fruits", the *loaf mass*. At the beginning of the harvest we asked for God's blessing on the work begun, and we prayed for seasonal weather. The vicar had adapted the prayer which Oliver Cromwell is reputed to have used before a battle, "O Lord, we will be very busy during this harvest season: if we appear to forget Thee, do not Thou forget us, we beseech Thee".

Lammas is an odd word, but it has links, which throw some light on the real meaning of the word lady. The word comes from Anglo-Saxon words, which means the *kneader of the loaf*. Even more significant, the word lord means the *guardian of the loaf*. Our daily bread was a matter of real significance to our Anglo-Saxon ancestors who built the first churches in this land. A lady was important because she was the centre of the household, and did the most fundamental work of all – she made the bread. I was reminded of this respect for the bread-maker when I went to Durham as a young bride. It is the friendliest of counties, but I soon realised that I was below standard as a wife, because it was said of me, "She buys her bread". I had to remedy this defect as quickly as possible, and became the maker of the loaf. It is a pity that commercial baking and war time flour has almost finished home baking in this country".



## Back To Church Sunday – 1<sup>st</sup> October 2006

### A date to put in your diary

Last year, our Parish "did" Back to Church Sunday. It was a bit rushed as it was a last minute decision by PCC to engage in this national initiative, aimed at opening churches to people who had all but forgotten that the church was still there.

This year, we have decided to "do" it again. However, this time we are devoting more time, and there are a greater number of people getting involved.

Essentially the Sunday is devoted to welcoming people back to church. Usually that means people who have drifted away from the church over a number of years, for a variety of different reasons. It can of course mean inviting people into church who have had little or no contact.

In order to do this, it will take everyone one of us to make an effort in one way or another. It has been proved time and time again that the best invitation to church is a personal one. When Jesus started His ministry he did not put a poster out inviting people to apply for the post of disciple! He went to see people and invited them to follow Him. It is the same with us.

Do you know someone who may have drifted from church and is seeking a way back? Do you know someone who has had little or no contact with church, but seeking spiritual support? If so, invite them to one of the services on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October.

These services will not be any different to what would normally happen. The only difference is that there will be extra explanation as to what is happening. It is the duty of every member of our congregations to give a warm welcome, not just on this Sunday, but every Sunday, to those people who enter our churches seeking the peace of Christ. Jesus welcomes all into His loving arms, and so should we.

*"Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptise them in the name of Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit."*

*Matthew 28:19*

Let's start in Ackworth!

## SCARGILL HOUSE

Leaving behind in Ackworth many excited football fans twenty-three of our church congregation headed off for our weekend away. This was our plan- to have time to share fellowship, time to worship and time to look more closely at God's beautiful creation.

Set in the heart of the Yorkshire Dales at Kettlewell, all this took place. It was a weekend where temperatures ranged from twenty five to thirty degrees. We shared meals together and there was television if you HAD to watch the football. It was a wonderful time and place to praise God.

Two things in particular remain in my mind. First psalm 121 which was read by Jenny beginning with

"I look to the mountains, does my strength come from the hills?

No, my strength comes from God" and ending with

"He guards your very life when you leave and return".

The second was that beautiful hymn

"I the Lord of sea and sky

Here I am lord,

I have heard you calling in the night

I will hold your people in my heart".

Thanks be to God for this wonderful experience.

Ann Attack

## ACKWORTH CONCERT SOCIETY SEASON 2006 – 2007

Last season we made a number of changes of venue for our concerts. They were held in the Castleford Civic Centre, The Meeting House at Ackworth School, the Featherstone Library and Community Centre and also at the Ackworth Methodist Church. This new arrangement seemed to be well accepted and the series of concerts proved to be a success. The 2006 – 2007 Season of concerts is to be held in the same venues. We hope that now our audiences are familiar with them, they will continue to support us (without them there would be no concerts!) and bring along their friends. We have a reputation for being a friendly Society so we feel sure that they would receive a warm welcome. There are facilities for the disabled (with the exception of the Ackworth Venues). A carer accompanying a disabled person comes free of charge.

Members of the Committee are happy to help when needed.

A loop system is provided at most venues and large print programmes are available.

### **SEASON 2006 – 2007**

30<sup>th</sup> September 2006. 7.30pm Castleford Civic Centre

John Suchet – The Last Waltz.

4<sup>th</sup> November 2006. 7.30pm Castleford Civic Centre

Jacqueline Dankworth, Dominic Seldis double bass, James Pearson piano.

An Evening of Jazz

9<sup>th</sup> December 2006. 7.30pm The Meeting House Ackworth School

Marianne Olyver Ensemble – Music for Christmas.

13<sup>th</sup> January 2007. 7.30pm Featherstone Library and Community Centre

Kenwood Herriott Duo – Oboe & Piano.

10<sup>th</sup> February 2007. 7.30pm Ackworth Methodist Church

Mandolin and Harp.

10<sup>th</sup> March 2007. 7.30pm Ackworth Methodist Church

'The Englishman Abroad', Gerald Place—tenor, Dorothy Livell-lute, recorders & viols.

14<sup>th</sup> April 2007. 7.30pm Featherstone Library & Community Centre

Marc Corbett Weaver – Piano.

As usual, we have tried to provide a varied and appealing season of concerts which we hope will prove to be popular and enjoyable. The committee members enjoy hearing what the concert goers have to say about the various concerts and venues. It is helpful to us when arranging the season. We look forward to seeing the 'regulars' and welcoming the 'newcomers'!

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# From the Registers

## Baptisms

May 14 Maxwell George Grindrod

May 28 Ruby Darley

June 25 Alexandra Rose Turner-Beach and Molly Hill

## Marriages

April 10 Matthew Richard Jones and Emma Jane Tune

May 27 Matthew Robert Salmon and Gemma Louise Rowley

## Funerals

May 22 Maurice Hirst (81) 40 Rhyddings Ave, Ackworth Moor Top

May 25 Catherine Cooper (87) Ranoth House Nursing Home, Stainforth

June 7 John Malcolm Mills (66) 16 Station Road, Low Ackworth

### A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A friend is one who comes in,  
when the whole world has gone out.

If you see someone without a smile,  
give him one of yours.

Luck is where opportunity meets preparation.

A smile always adds to your face value.

Experience is what you get,  
when you didn't get what you wanted.

You don't attract what you want,  
you attract what you are.

You are only as valuable to God  
as you are available to God.

Did it ever occur to you,  
that nothing ever occurred to God?

## ***Sunday Services for August and September***

### **Sunday Services**

8.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
10.15am	Family Communion	St Cuthbert's
6.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'
	(except last Sunday in month)	
6.30pm	Evensong with Healing Prayer	All Saints'
	(third Sunday in month)	
4.00pm	Open Door Service	All Saints'
	(last Sunday in month)	

### **Wednesday Service**

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

Aug 15	7.30pm	Holy Communion - Blessed Virgin Mary	St Cuthbert's
Sep 21	7.30pm	Holy Communion - St Matthew	St Cuthbert's
Sep 24-27		Wakefield Diocesan Clergy Conference	
		<i>The Rector and Curate will be away from the parish from mid-afternoon on Sunday 24th until Mid-afternoon of Wednesday 27th.</i>	
Sep 30	7.30pm	Sharlston Male Voice Choir	St Cuthbert's

### **Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sunday 6.00pm 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>
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30—11.15am	<b>Parents and Toddlers Group</b>

**All services and meetings are held at the Ackworth Parish Council Community Centre, Bell Lane.**