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## Dear Friends

I write as the heat of summer makes a desperate last stand and the cold and damp begins to creep in with autumn. The months of October and November usher in a new season for the church also. Following the long seemingly endless season of Trinity we approach the first big festivals part way though the months covered by this magazine.

On the first of November and the Sunday following we celebrate the festival of All Saints. The second of November we remember All Souls Day and on the 12th November this year we have Remembrance Sunday. Three festival days with similar themes; a time of remembrance and reflections upon things and in particular people who have touched and left an impression upon our lives in the past; Saints, close friends and family, those lost in conflicts past.

All Saints is the major Christian festival amongst these three and it actually combines elements of the other two in that all of them have the hope of heaven at their centre. In the remembrance of people past; whether those inspirational followers of Christ who were steadfast in their discipleship; of those who fought heroically and died for what they felt was a just cause; or whether just ordinary people who lived unspectacular lives but were loved dearly by their family and friends; the main thrust of that remembrance is that they are still present with us in some way, in another place, a spiritual realm—heaven! Whether saints or sinners, we reflect upon their lives and draw inspiration from the way they lived.

When we listen to the news; the gloom and doom which seems to be regularly peddled these days, we certainly need some inspiration. We seem to be pre-occupied with dark fears, terrorism, war, global warming, insecurity in our homes and on our streets. We need now, more than at any other time, some inspiration, hope to keep us going. Perhaps the feast of All Saints can offer us exactly that in the glimpse of glory it can give to us. All Saints is a festival infused with glory. It oozes hope and inspiration as we contemplate the selfless, God centred lives of those people who lived lives devoted to the service of God and their fellows. If more people began to follow such lives; lives like the saints, then many of the dark fears which seem to fill our lives would melt away in the glorious light of heaven, being brought down to earth—God's kingdom.

So where do we start? Well, probably the best manual for 'training' for

the sainthood is in the Gospel set for All Saints Day—Matthew 5:1-12; the beatitudes. It is almost a job description for those working towards sainthood. Jesus captures it in a nutshell—"become like a child". Not become childish, but take upon yourself by conscious choice, the innocent qualities of a child. As the beatitudes put it; How blessed are ... the poor ... the gentle ... those who mourn... those who thirst for righteousness ... the merciful ... the pure in heart ... the peacemakers ... those who are persecuted for the cause of right.

We need the glimpse of glory that the All Saints season offers us; a light to shine though dark days and an inspiration to draw us down the road. To sainthood; hope in a seemingly hopeless world. We need a little glory in our dull and fearful lives; glory to renew and re-energize us to forge ahead with God's kingdom work here and now. We need to raise our eyes heavenward occasionally, but never let us become too heavenly minded to be of any earthly good!

Yours in Christ

Paul



*All Souls' Day, 1988,*  
mixed media on panel, 96 x 108



All Saints in Poland



## Resurrection

I nearly titled this piece 'Death' but decided that 'Resurrection' was much closer to the sentiment I wished to convey, that of the glorious hope we can have as Christians. This is the season when we remember the departed in our services for All Saints' and All Soul's, our Commemoration service and then on Remembrance Sunday when we honour those who gave their lives in the armed forces.



It is absolutely right and proper to remember with love those who have died. Indeed, it is absolutely right and proper to mourn. However, there is a tendency today to handle death in a very inappropriate way, a tendency the church is not immune to. Death appears to be something we must cheat at all costs, the ultimate end to be dreaded. Of course, we miss loved ones who have died. Of course we would like them alongside us to talk to. The danger is when mourning takes over, when sentiment gets in the way of reality. For those who are Christians and who believe in resurrection hope, there is something disturbing about forgetting that glorious hope when our own loved ones die.

As I reflected on this topic of death and resurrection, I remembered a poem written by John Donne which I learnt at school many years ago. John Donne is remembered as a poet and as a priest in the Anglican church, serving as dean of St Paul's for the last ten years of his life. He was ordained late in life at the age of 43. He was born in 1572 and died in 1631 aged 59. He wrote many poems, some sacred, some secular. This one entitled 'Death' made a particular impact on me.

Death, be not proud, though some have called thee  
Mighty and dreadful, for thou art not so ;  
For those, whom thou think'st thou dost overthrow,

Die not, poor Death, nor yet canst thou kill me.  
From rest and sleep, which but thy pictures be,  
Much pleasure, then from thee much more must flow,  
And soonest our best men with thee do go,  
Rest of their bones, and soul's delivery.  
Thou'rt slave to Fate, chance, kings, and desperate men,  
And dost with poison, war, and sickness dwell,  
And poppy, or charms can make us sleep as well,  
And better than thy stroke ; why swell'st thou then ?  
One short sleep past, we wake eternally,  
And Death shall be no more ; Death, thou shalt die.

Donne had confidence - Death shall be no more ; Death, thou shalt die. Donne has resurrection hope, founded on his Christian faith. He had a troubled life and at times was assailed by doubts. Yet he could say with confidence:

Death, thou shalt die.

Despite his doubts and troubles John Donne was able to cling to the resurrection message. At funerals we normally walk the coffin in to these great words from John's gospel:

'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord.  
'Those who believe in me, even though they die, will  
live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will  
never die.' (*John 11.25,26*)

This is the resurrection hope. There is a way to rejoice in the face of death. One of the most frequently used funeral readings is again from John's gospel, that great promise:

In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.  
If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to  
prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a  
place for you, I will come again and will take you to  
myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

This is the source of hope, but remember that Jesus goes on to say these words:

'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one

comes to the Father except through me.'

Thanks be to God, there is hope for each one of us so that we may say with John Donne:

One short sleep past, we wake eternally,  
And Death shall be no more ; Death, thou shalt die.

One last thought, from St Thomas More, martyred for his faith:

"Pray for me as I will for thee; that we shall all meet  
merrily in heaven." - *Saint Thomas More*

With love in Christ

Jenny

### Children's Society

The Christingle Services will be held on Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup>,  
4pm at All Saints and 6pm at St Cuthberts.

They were hugely enjoyable and successful last year and they do help support children in desperate need to have love and care at Christmas time as well as through the year. You do not need children to come! Please encourage friends and neighbours to attend what is the first of our beautiful Christmas services – to help give a hand to the lonely and needy, which is part of the Christmas message.

Helen Parkinson



## TOUR OF BRITAIN CYCLE RACE COMES THROUGH ACKWORTH 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2006

When we returned from our latest sojourn in Norfolk I noticed with interest, as an active cyclist, the yellow signs indicating that the Tour was to pass through Ackworth. On the day in question I noted from my daily newspaper that it was estimated that the riders would reach East Hardwick at 12.25. This being a Thursday I hoped to be home from collecting Sue from the Coffee Morning in time to watch the spectacle. It was with some surprise that on leaving home at 11.45 I noted that many spectators had already assembled in good numbers, in fact you could almost say they were three deep at the Moor Top roundabout, obviously they had taken note of the warning signs that there would be disruption from 11.15- 12.45 and were in for a long wait, some had anticipated this by bringing chairs.

I positioned myself, along with many neighbours and friends at the junction of Rigg Lane and Station Road at 12.15 just in time to see the first of what must have been fifty motorcycle policemen, marshals, officials etc. pass by me before the first riders appeared.

The route marshals played a game of tag; each stopping at succeeding junctions before moving on, upon receiving a signal from a following one, at least twenty must have marshalled the junction where we were standing over a period of fifteen minutes. Then came the cars of the medics, officials, press at breakneck speed, often on the wrong side of the road, they must have great faith that the road ahead was closed to traffic. Most alarming though were two support vehicles, which came around the sharp corner leading from the Rustics direction apparently on two wheels with screeching tyres, as the drivers had misjudged the sharpness of the bend. The first car to pass had been a public address vehicle, which announced that there was a break away group of eleven riders and sure enough, they flashed by at 12.30, right on cue, we waited perhaps five minutes for the second group and a further five for the rest, there were apparently no stragglers unless they arrived after I left.

One of these groups was overtaken by two support vehicles, as they passed us, they tried to squeeze through on the off side, but as the cyclists were also on the wrong side of the road it was a miracle that there was no coming together.

The winner of this Bradford to Sheffield stage of the race posted a time of four hours twenty eight minutes for 180 kilometres (about 120 miles in old money) I marvel at how they can achieve such speeds over

such a long distance, it puts my pedestrian pace to shame.

It was good but albeit brief experience, two things stick in the memory, the interest and support given by local people and the impatience of drivers who were frustrated by a brief delay in their journeys.



Colin Tanswell

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

After the annual busy time for weddings and the frantic struggle to find enough bell ringers for these occasions (we are still desperate for volunteers to learn this fascinating old tradition so do contact us if you even think you might be interested –

see inside cover for names and phone number) here are some of the objects connected with the anniversaries that follow the weddings. Of course there are variations on these although some are really accepted by all such as silver and golden and it was lovely to see a golden wedding being celebrated in St. Cuthbert's Church on June the 30<sup>th</sup> this year.



The 1<sup>st</sup> is paper. The 2<sup>nd</sup> is cotton. The 3<sup>rd</sup> is leather. The 4<sup>th</sup> is books. The 5<sup>th</sup> is wood. The 6<sup>th</sup> is iron. The 7<sup>th</sup> is wool. The 8<sup>th</sup> is bronze. The 9<sup>th</sup> is copper. The 10<sup>th</sup> is tin. The 11<sup>th</sup> is steel. The 12<sup>th</sup> is silk. The 13<sup>th</sup> is lace. The 14<sup>th</sup> is ivory. The 15<sup>th</sup> is crystal. The 20<sup>th</sup> is china. The 25<sup>th</sup> is silver. The 30<sup>th</sup> is pearl. The 35<sup>th</sup> is coral. The 40<sup>th</sup> is ruby. The 45<sup>th</sup> is sapphire. The 50<sup>th</sup> is golden. The 55<sup>th</sup> is emerald.

The 60<sup>th</sup> is diamond and earns acknowledgement from the Queen! And lastly comes the 70<sup>th</sup> which is deemed to be platinum.

## COUNTING

Count your blessings instead of your crosses,  
Count your gains instead of your losses,  
Count your joys instead of your woes,  
Count your friends instead of your foes.  
Count your courage instead of your fears,  
Count your laughs instead of your tears.  
Count your full years instead of your lean,  
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.  
Count your health instead of your wealth,  
Count on God instead of yourself.

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## CHURCH TOWERS

Clearly at the moment it is hard to mistake St. Cuthbert's tower, veiled as it is during restoration work being done there. Certainly the towers are costly to maintain these days but what was the original purpose of them?

The motto of the ancient borough of Plymouth is "God is a strong tower". The main purpose of a church tower is to contain the bells, which are rung to call people to church, and the object of the large windows in the belfry is to allow the sound of the bells to escape. Usually the church tower is the last part of the church to be built, for it was not until the middle of the 14<sup>th</sup> century that parish churches began to have peals of bells, but once the fashion was started it soon became the rage. In very early times the tower was built distinct from the church, and there are examples of this in Chichester Cathedral, and Salisbury once had a detached tower; in Herefordshire and Cornwall there are many examples and most counties have one or two. (We have noticed one of these in Middleton -in-Teesdale, where the bell tower is some distance from the church.)

When the Normans arrived they preferred to put the tower in the centre of the church and so most of our great cathedrals, which are of Norman design, have a central tower. Exeter with its two side towers is a striking exception. Otherwise in England, for all our parish churches, the tower is almost invariably placed at the west end. Beneath it is the great door only used on State occasions-the south door being the one in common use. Westminster Abbey has two towers at the West, but there a central tower was planned but never carried out.

Besides being a receptacle for the bells, towers came to have many other uses. The first one as suggested by the motto of Plymouth is that towers of many churches were actually used as fortresses. This was especially true of the churches that lay on the borders of Scotland and Wales. The villagers would use the church as the last line of defence.

Another use to which church towers were put was as a landmark, which probably accounts for the presence of so many churches on some cliff or headland, often remote from any habitation. The towers were a guide to sailors and the bells tolling would be a warning to the local fishermen when a thick fog suddenly descended.

They also served to guide travellers on land when roads were few and signposts non-existent. In some churches after nightfall lanterns were lit to help the traveller on his way.

The bells housed in the belfry played an important part in mediaeval life: not only summoning the congregation to church, but also at baptisms, festivals and funerals. They were the best way of informing the public of an emergency. From them developed the art of campanology unique to England. A Cambridge printer, Fabian Stedman, whose name has been immortalised in the "Stedman peal", invented change ringing in 1668. A full peal of eight bells involves over 40,000 changes, a mistake in even one putting the whole sequence out. St Peter Mancroft in Norwich claims that the first recorded true peal took place there in 1715.

## **Ackworth Calendar 2007 is now on sale**

Following the success of the Ackworth Calendar 2006 the Fund Raising Committee has created an Ackworth Calendar for 2007 that will be sought after by residents and will make a splendid Christmas present for friends and relatives that have moved away from the village but carry fond memories of their stay in Ackworth.

The 2007 Ackworth Calendar contains some splendid old pictures of the village and provides a nostalgic return to Ackworth in days gone-by. The calendars have been on sale since 1st September and have been very well received. Make sure you get your copy (and a quality envelope for posting if needed). Do not miss out!

The calendars, sold in aid of the Repairs, Restoration, Re-ordering  
Appeal

are available for £6.99 each at

**All Saints Church's (Thursday Coffee morning)**

**St Cuthbert's Church**

**Bell Lane Stores**

**High Ackworth Post Office**

**Rooms 42, Wakefield Road (Hair Salon)**

**James Lamprey & Son, Pontefract Road**

**and other outlets.**

## ORIGINS OF PHRASES

### TO LET THE CAT OUT OF THE BAG.

Meaning to reveal a secret. This comes from the trick played on unsuspecting purchasers of sucking pigs at old English fairs. The pig would be shown to the buyer, then put into a sack whilst the deal was finalised. A quick change was made of a less valuable cat, and this is what the buyer would take away. When he got home and opened the sack, he would let the cat out of the bag and the trick would be revealed.

### HERE WE GO ROUND THE MULBERRY BUSH.

This is a phrase from a children's game in which the participants hold hands and dance in a circle. One theory is that it came from a mulberry bush that stood in the middle of the exercise yard in Wakefield Prison. The prisoners would have to go round it on a "cold and frosty morning" for their exercise.

### GRASS WIDOW.

This term is applied to a woman apart from her husband because of his occupation or hobby. It was first used in British India when the women were sent up to the cool hill country (where grass grows) during the hottest season the year.

### THE LITTLE GENTLEMAN IN BLACK VELVET.

This was a Jacobite toast to the mole whose molehill caused King William the Third's horse to stumble. William died shortly afterwards, partly from the injuries he sustained from the fall.

### THE LION'S SHARE.

This has come to mean the largest part of anything. Probably this originated from Aesop's Fable of the lion, the fox and the ass. They went hunting and killed a stag. The ass divided it into equal parts, but the lion took this to be an insult to his dignity and killed the ass. The fox, craftily nibbled a bit and left the "lion's share" to the bigger beast. In fact, the lion does get the largest share of the food obtained for him by the lionesses in his pride.

## ALL SAINTS' FLOWERS

OCTOBER 1 <sup>ST</sup>	FLOWER FUND
OCTOBER 8 <sup>TH</sup>	HARVEST-CONGREGATION
OCTOBER 15 <sup>TH</sup>	CONGREGATION
OCTOBER 22 <sup>ND</sup>	FLOWER FUND
OCTOBER 29 <sup>TH</sup>	FLOWER FUND
NOVEMBER 5 <sup>TH</sup>	ALL SAINTS'-CONGREGATION
NOVEMBER 12 <sup>TH</sup>	CONGREGATION
NOVEMBER 19 <sup>TH</sup>	ADA PRITCHARD
NOVEMBER 26 <sup>TH</sup>	FLOWER FUND

## ST CUTHBERT'S FLOWERS

OCTOBER 1 <sup>ST</sup>	JEAN REAST
OCTOBER 8 <sup>TH</sup>	BETTY FELL
OCTOBER 15 <sup>TH</sup>	VACANT
OCTOBER 22 <sup>ND</sup>	VACANT
OCTOBER 29 <sup>TH</sup>	VACANT
NOVEMBER 5 <sup>TH</sup>	ADA PRITCHARD
NOVEMBER 12 <sup>TH</sup>	JANET BATEMAN
NOVEMBER 19 <sup>TH</sup>	VACANT
NOVEMBER 26 <sup>TH</sup>	VACANT

## BRASSES

OCTOBER	VACANT
NOVEMBER	VACANT



## LOADS OF MANURE

Large quantity of well-rotted manure available to anyone who has a trailer or is willing to bag it for themselves. Access for cars is possible. Free apart from donation to Church Restoration Fund. Ring 01977 795450 if interested!



## October and November 2006 Readings and Readers

Date	Liturgical Week	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel	St Cuthbert's	Service	All Saints'
01/10	Proper 21	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10 & 9:20-22	James 5:13-20	Mark 9:38-50	Jane Siddall		Mrs M Walker
08/10	Proper 22	Job 1:1 & 2:1-10	Hebrews 1:1-4 & 2:5-12	Mark 10:2-16	Jacob Place	P	Dr McWilliam
15/10	Proper 23	Job 23:1-9, 16-17	Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 10:17-31	Sue Hartley		Mrs S Hall
22/10	Proper 24	Job 38:1-7	Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 10:35-45	Susan Clarke		Mrs Backhouse
29/10	Proper 25	Job 42:1-6, 10-17	Hebrews 7:23-28	Mark 10:46-52	Mr Shaw	B	Mrs M Walker
05/11	All Saints' Day	Isaiah 25:6-9	Revelation 21:1-6a	John 11:32-44			Dr McWilliam
12/11	3rd Before Advent	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	Hebrews 9:24-28	Mark 1:14-20	Miss Parker	P	Mrs S Hall
19/11	2nd Before Advent	Daniel 12:1-3	Hebrews 10:11-25	Mark 13:1-8	Emil Brown		Mrs Backhouse
26/11	Christ the King	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14	Revelation 1:4b-8	John 18:33-37	Ann Atack		Mrs M Walker

## DR. JOHN FOTHERGILL

This is an extract from Saywell's "History of Ackworth" relating to the life of Dr. Fothergill and his connection with the Quaker School here. His name, of course is commemorated in the large meeting hall there named after him.

"John Fothergill the founder of Ackworth School was born at Carr End, Semerwater, being between Askrigg and Hawes, in Wensleydale, on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March 1712. He was educated at Sedbergh School and apprenticed to Benjamin Bartlett, an eminent apothecary at Bradford, and afterwards studied at Edinburgh and London. Here, during the succeeding forty years (from 1740), he laboured unremittingly. Attaining to the highest rank in his profession, and numbering among his patients some of the most worth and distinguished characters of the century. But in estimating his character, it would be a great mistake to regard him simply as a great physician; it was in its highest and widest meaning, as a friend to man, that he has a claim upon our regard and admiration. There is scarcely a point, which affects the physical, moral, and religious interest of the race which did not attract his attention, and receive benefit from his judicious and untiring labours.

Notwithstanding the intense pressure of his varied engagements, we find that he was an Elder, and became a member of the Yearly Meeting's Committee, appointed to visit the Meetings of Friends in the various counties of England. He was thus engaged for many weeks, chiefly in Yorkshire, Lancashire and Westmoreland, and it was whilst thus engaged that he paid his last visit to Carr End in 1777. It may have been that these visits, and the ignorance he found in many quarters, gave additional force to his long-cherished desire to see a sound and Christian education more generally valued, and made accessible to all classes in the Society of Friends. It was in this year that he succeeded in giving a practical shape to his wish; and now over the last three years of his life comes the establishment of Ackworth School. Luke Howard called it "The Era of a Reformation in our Religious Society". Nor does it render him less entitled to have his name handed down to the latest posterity, as the founder of Ackworth School, that he did not, as has often been stated, purchase it wholly, and present it to the Society. In the summer of 1780 (the last of his life), Dr. Fothergill paid his second, and subsequently a third visit to Ackworth School.

His great nephew gave this description of his uncle. He was pious, generous, and benevolent, rather above middle size; very delicate and slender, of a sanguine temperament; his forehead finely proportioned; his eyes light coloured, brilliant, acute, and deeply penetrating; his nose

rather aquiline; his mouth betokened delicacy of feeling, his whole countenance expressed liability to initiation, great sensibility, clear understanding, and exalted virtue.

Two months after his return from his last visit to Ackworth, he was seized with illness, which terminated his useful, busy life in about a fortnight. His death took place on the 26<sup>th</sup> of December 1780, at the age of 68. Thus died the distinguished Yorkshireman, who in life had so thoroughly exemplified his own saying, "that the great business of man as a member of Society is to be as useful to it as possible, in whatsoever department he may be stationed."

## THE ALL SAINTS' FLOWER FUND

I am able to report that the flower fund remains healthy and will cover to the Advent period, and allow donations to be made to the Restoration Appeal to mark the festivals of Harvest and All Saints.

I hope to hold my annual coffee morning for the fund on December 6<sup>th</sup>, after the Wednesday morning service at All Saints from 10.30 am till 12.30 pm at Solentia, on Wakefield Road.

There will be coffee or tea and seasonal refreshments. There will be a Bring and Buy of small inexpensive items relevant to Christmas, and a raffle. I will put a notice in church nearer the time.

May I thank all who have contributed by sponsoring a Sunday and through contributing through my Wednesday coffee mornings. Thanks to Mary, Jean, Mollie and Val for their lovely arrangements and to Jenny for her welcome flower contributions.

I will have holly and ivy cut for collection from my greenhouse as usual prior to Christmas.

E. M. Smith



## GARDEN BIRDS

It was a hectic time in the garden during the summer months when the birds were busy rearing their young. Everywhere there were the young fledglings being fed by their harassed parents. They opened their beaks as wide as possible and made their piteous cries for feeding and then when the parent bird was missing for a short while they happily fed themselves on the various kinds of food that was readily available.

There were baby wrens in plenty as they had nested in the nest box in the neighbouring garden but then brought the brood into our garden where they declared a no-go zone and kicked up such a fuss if one dared to venture onto their territory. The goldfinches had a successful time and although the collective word for them is a charm of goldfinches they belied that description as they squabbled noisily and fiercely over the (plentiful) niger seed. We were pleased to see on occasions a siskin and our smallest bird the goldcrest.

In the garden itself a miniature forest of oak trees has appeared and as there is no nearby oak tree they have obviously grown from forgotten acorns hidden by our visiting jay or squirrel. Meanwhile the teasels having attracted many bees, butterflies and moths have begun to produce their abundant seeds and we look forward again to seeing the acrobatic feats of the birds, particularly the goldfinches, as they savour the alternative food.

During the very hot spell in July the garden was almost deserted at times but as soon as it became a little cooler back they came and a feeding frenzy occurred. At last the adult birds are beginning to regain their sleek plumage after sometimes presenting a bedraggled sight because of their constant care of their young.

The blackbirds have enjoyed the strawberry crop, even going into the greenhouse to make sure that they missed none! Also it didn't take them long to discover the outdoor grapes and eat them before us. We have tried to protect our caterpillars and hope that we have had some success. Henry continues to be frustrated by all the birds and still makes his unsuccessful attempts to catch them from inside. The mole intrigues him when he pops up in the garden and is sometimes startled by the frogs but he has yet to come across our nocturnal guest, the hedgehog and we are not sure what his approach would be. It is an enormous hedgehog and was first spotted eating some cat food and seems to prefer the dried variety to the softer meat kind. By the time it is ready for hibernation it should be well-equipped to withstand the winter period. The bats are still very active every night and are frequently seen dive-bombing by the windows. We do not know where

they roost but were very sorry to find one dead pipistrelle in one of the bedrooms one morning.



## HANDY HINTS FROM OLD MAGAZINES

### WHIPPED CREAM.

Try turning a banana into whipped cream. Slice the banana very thinly, cover with the white of an egg and beat rapidly. The banana will entirely disappear and a delicious substitute for whipped cream is the result. A little added sugar is an improvement!

### WASHDAY TIP.

This is for ironing. To keep fresh and cool when doing the ironing always place a thick newspaper on the table before spreading over the ironing cloth. This absorbs any moisture, preventing any steam rising from damp clothes.

### BROKEN GLASS.

We all know how dangerous it is to leave splinters of a broken glass or jar on the floor, and how difficult it is to pick up the bits without cutting oneself. If you moisten a piece of cotton wool, it will be found that the smallest piece of glass will adhere to it, enabling it to be picked up easily and safely.

### WASHING UP.

A spoonful of mustard in the washing up bowl will remove the smell of fish or onions from all cooking utensils and the hands.





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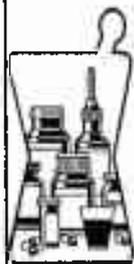
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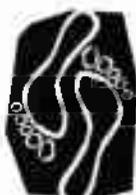
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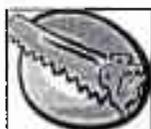
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One gallon of faith in God and one another  
Two cups of praise  
One small pinch of in-laws  
One reasonable budget  
One generous dash of co-operation  
Two tablespoons of pure extract of "I am sorry"  
One large or several small hobbies  
One cup of blindness to the other's faults  
Optional:  
Two or more children

"Flavour with generous portions of recreation and a sprinkling of happy memories. Stir well and remove any specks of jealousy or bad temper. Sweeten with generous amounts of love and keep warm with a steady flame of devotion. Never serve with cold shoulder or hot tongue".

## Christmas gifts/cards

On the notice board is the Children's Society Christmas Collection 2006 – cards, advent calendar etc. You can either order individually or write down your order before November 12<sup>th</sup> so we have the goods in time for December. Please try and order something to help the Children's Society to continue to provide safe havens for vulnerable children.  
Helen Parkinson



## Dr Thomas Brearley

Dr. Tom Brearley was an only child, born in Elland in May 1923 and destined to succeed his father in managing the family blanket weaving mill in the same town. However, when the mill burnt down Tom chose medicine as a career, qualifying from Leeds University Medical School in 1948. This was before the Act of 1951, requiring all newly qualified doctors to complete two jobs, each of six months, in approved hospitals before going on the Permanent Medical Register.

Nevertheless, to gain experience, Tom chose to work in hospitals, one of which was Pontefract General infirmary, before being required to do Military Service in the R.A.M.C., serving in the Far East. It was here in 1951, that he was Mentioned in Despatches for Distinguished Service. Although we had worked together for 35 years and very occasionally discussed our respective army days, I knew nothing of this until his son, Richard, showed me the framed Citation on the day before the funeral. A brave man and a modest one!

On demobilisation, in 1952, he met Dr John McRobert (whilst both of them were visiting Pontefract Infirmary) who invited him to come and work in Ackworth. John retired in 1974 due to ill health and Tom retired in 1988--after 32 and 36 years respectively, thus making a total of sixty-eight years of continuous service in General Practice in Ackworth and surrounding villages. Believe me, there wasn't much they hadn't seen or didn't know. (I was invited to join them in 1963, after nine years in Hospital Paediatrics, so I "clocked-up" only a mere 29 years!)

Tom had a great fund of common-sense, a finely developed sense of humour and he would say that something not worth doing was "a waste of puff!" His laugh was explosive and he was something of a raconteur, for, under certain circumstances he would produce humorous anecdotes from his G.P. experience, like, for example, how before dealing with a "stropky" patient he first removed a loaded revolver from underneath his pillow!

However, it was as a rural G.P. that Tom found his true niche and he was the epitome of a caring, conscientious family doctor. He was also a committed Christian and this, together with his long service to others, led to his being selected to receive a disbursement of Maundy Money from Her Majesty The Queen in Wakefield Cathedral in 2005.

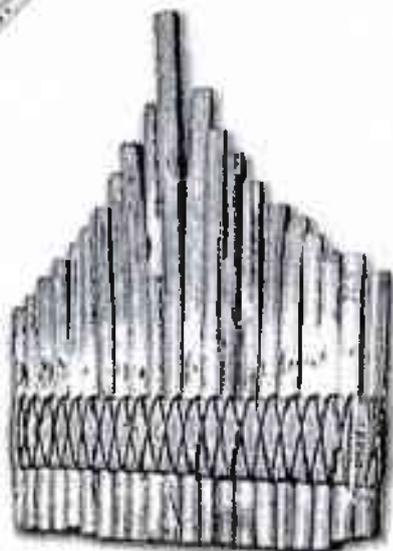
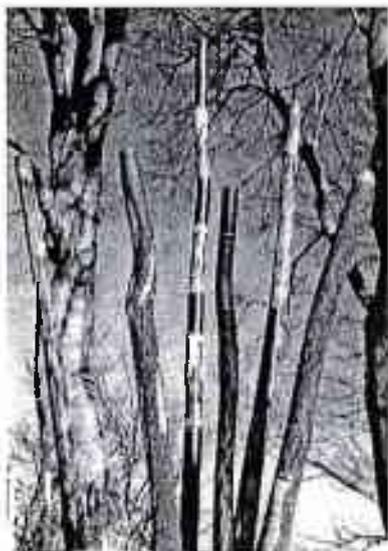
Sadly, however, by now, Tom was already an ill-man, fully aware of his own illness, which he accepted with stoicism and fortitude. Nine months ago, he went to live in comfortable sheltered accommodation near

Richard and family in Norfolk. His Christmas card to us had the information: "Settling down into the Norfolk way of life!" He died peacefully after an unexpectedly rapid deterioration in his condition, on 14th August last. At his request, his funeral service was held in St. Cuthbert's Church, next door to his family home for many years. I very much doubt that we shall see his like again.  
Peter McWilliam

## Simeon Returns to Ackworth on Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup> 2006

If you have heard Simeon perform before you will certainly want to join us at St Cuthbert's Church on Saturday 7th October at 7.30 pm where he plans to delight us with his selection of instruments and musical pieces. We are expecting another memorable evening performance so book this date in your diary.

Tickets £5.00 from Biddy Branston 610590 or Lyn Place 614125 or there may just be room on the night! **See you there!**



## SALVATION ARMY

During August it was a great joy to welcome to the Thursday Coffee morning at All Saints' Church a group of young people from the Salvation Army. They had been spending a week of friendship and fellowship at the Ackworth Quaker School. As part of their visit they came along to chat and share coffee with our regulars. They told us how they had thoroughly enjoyed all aspects of their visit, which included sharing music and drama. Some of them spoke to the group about how God was a real part of their lives and told us a little about their own experiences.

Before they left they extended a warm invitation to everyone to the concert on the Friday evening which they had been preparing and producing all the week. Brian and Jenny on behalf of Churches together in Ackworth had kindly arranged the morning visit.

Ann Attack

### A CALL FOR SALVATION

My son, why do you run from me; don't you know that my arms are open wide for you. Oh, how I love you. I long to hear your voice, I miss you so much.

Repent, my son, and I will give you the desires of your heart. I know the plans and purposes I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you.

Come, let us walk together and you will know peace, a peace that will pass all understanding. Knock and the door shall be opened, seek and you shall find. I will wait for you, my son, because I LOVE YOU.

Your loving Saviour  
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Are you far away from the Saviour, then open the door of your heart and see the banquet he has prepared for you.

Pauline Wong

## From the Registers

### Baptisms

- Jul 9 Charlie Michael Scoggins, Sarah Louise Bragan, Cole Guy  
Marshall and Connor Guy Marshall.  
Jul 30 Isabelle Grace Amery and Joanne Louise Baker.  
Aug 13 Natasha Alex Mitchell and Harvey Lee Walker.  
Aug 27 Taylor David Shipley and Grace Hope Lindsay

### Marriages

- Jul 8 Daniel Ryan Townend and Angela Burkitt  
July 29 Peter Robert Richardson and Joanne Louise Richardson  
Aug 4 John Mellor Hodgkiss and Stacey Allyson Palmer  
Aug 19 Darren Edward Leach and Sharon Chapman  
Aug 26 Mark Andrew Lill and Victoria Jane Greenway

### Funerals

- Aug 8 Una Elizabeth Barraclough (72) 1 Longfield Dr, Low Ackworth  
8 James Burton (87)  
Aug 14 Thomas Brearley (83) 2 Lloyd Court, High Kelling, Norfolk  
Ernest Hogg, 11 Chiltern Court, Ackworth Moor Top.

## *Dates for Your Diary*

- Oct 1 'Back to Church Sunday' - normal service times.  
Oct 7 Concert - Simeon Wood Entertains St Cuthbert's  
Oct 8 Harvest Thanksgiving normal service times with Harvest  
Praise evening service.  
Nov 4 9.30am PCC 'Awayday' Kinsley Church

### Free - Chocolate biscuits and Companionship!

Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup> - 2pm

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Helen Parkinson

## *Sunday Services*

### 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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## Special Services for November

### Nov 5th All Saints Sunday

10.15am	Parish Eucharist	All Saints'
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5.00pm	Commemoration of the Faithful Departed	St Cuthbert's
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*(Note: NO services at 8.30am or 3.30pm at All Saints or 10.15am at St Cuthbert's)*

### Nov 12th Remembrance Sunday Services

8.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
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10.00am	Holy Communion (said)	St Cuthbert's
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11.00am	Service of Remembrance	St Cuthbert's
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3.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'
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### Nov 30th St Andrew the Apostle

7.30pm	Holy Communion	St Cuthbert's
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<b>Our Lady of Lourdes Church</b> <b>Sunday 6.00pm Mass</b>
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<b>ACKWORTH COMMUNITY CHURCH</b>
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<b>Sunday</b>	10.30am	Worship
	6.30pm	Prayer Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.30—11.15am	Parents and Toddlers Group
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30—11.15am	Parents and Toddlers Group

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