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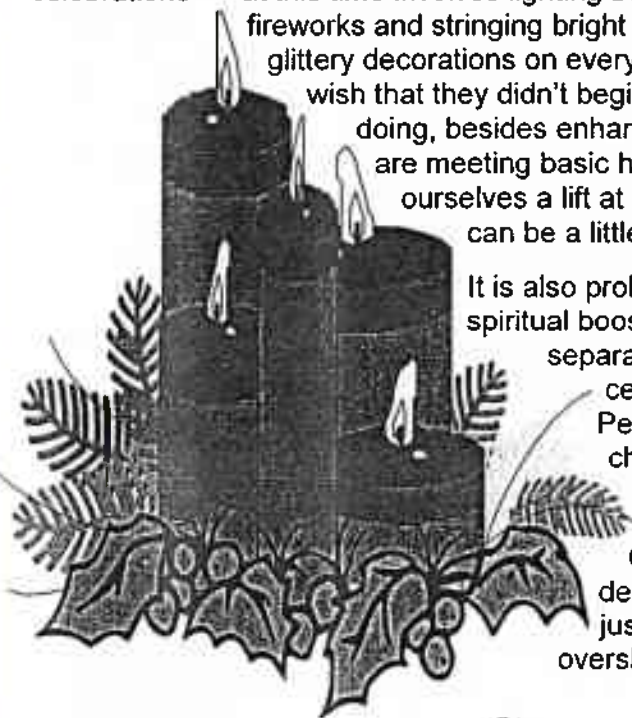
When I began to write this article in early November it was a cold, damp and gloomy day. Although it came late this year, the ravages of Autumn are well under way as a biting wind strips the leaves off the trees and the hours of daylight are rapidly diminishing.

It is hardly surprising that the early church chose this time of year to celebrate the festival of our Lord's birth - Christmas. Even our pagan ancestors realised that flagging spirits needed to be raised during the long, barren months of Autumn and Winter when life seemed to have deserted their communities. There were several pagan celebrations at this time of year of which a major feature of those feasts was the lighting of large fires to give warmth and light - a remembrance of long hot summer days.

Light satisfies our most basic of needs and, because they are not capable of producing their own artificial light, many wild animals shut down, hibernate, at this time of year. We need light so that we don't have to sleep for 16 or 17 hours a day at this time of year, but are able to continue to live creatively and productively all year round. It's probably no coincidence therefore that a major feature of our celebrations at this time involves lighting bonfires, setting off

fireworks and stringing bright coloured lights and shiny glittery decorations on every available surface (I just wish that they didn't begin in early October!) In so doing, besides enhancing our celebrations we are meeting basic human needs. Giving ourselves a lift at a time when mentally we can be a little depressed.

It is also probably a good time for a spiritual boost with such a gap, separating from those joyful celebrations of Easter and Pentecost. Whether the early church already had the date of Easter and Pentecost fixed at the time the Christmas festival was decided or whether it was just and expedient to overshadow the Winter pagan



festival, I don't know. Whatever the case, it certainly chose the right time of year. Almost on the shortest day, when some spiritual uplift was needed. It may be no coincidence either that a prominent feature of the nativity stories is that of light. The birth of our Lord was announced in a great burst of light as a multitude of angels announced to the shepherds; *'good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a saviour who is Christ the Lord'* (Luke 2:10-11) *'The glory of the Lord shone around them'* (Luke 2:9) a great light heralded the birth of Jesus. It was due to another light that his revelation; his epiphany to the world began as the Magi were led to the birth place of our Lord by a bright shining star. So by the light of a star, our Lord was made manifest to the Gentiles; to become a light to lighten the Gentiles as was predicted at the annunciation.

Finally, although there is none of the wonder and awe inspiring spectacle of Matthew and Luke it is in John's version of the incarnation, that offers us the most potent symbolism of light. Our Lord and Saviour - the Word or logos as he is described in John comes to us as light to a dark world; *'...In him was life and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it'* (John 1:4 & 5). Light came into the world and that did not just lift our primeval instincts but lifted the spirit within us that separates us from our former primeval ancestors, that spirit which seeks a relationship with God; *'The true light that enlightens everyone was coming into the world'* (John 1:9).

We need a time of celebration amidst the darkness of winter. Our spirits need a lift at more than one level. What better way to celebrate than to use that great symbol of celebration both religious and secular, the light. After all, rewinding all the way back to the very first chapter of the bible, in verse three of Genesis chapter one we read 'And God said ' "Let there be light" and there was light; and God saw that the light was good...! To finish with a phrase from one of our post-communion prayers;

"May we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world"

Have a happy and holy Christmas and a blessed New Year from Paul and Sue at the Rectory.



Living Word

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. *Psalm 119.105*



This time, I had considerable problems thinking about what to write about but as I was praying last night, this line of scripture came into my head.

Many of you know that I'm at the evangelical end of the Anglican church and that God's word as revealed to us through scripture is very important to me. I believe it ought to be important to all of us as Christians.

The bible is the main way in which God speaks to us, as individuals and as a church. There are moments of direct revelation but generally God uses scripture. The bible is an amazing book containing within it law, teaching, story, prophecy, poetry and song. It is the story of real people, grappling with what it means to be in a relationship with God. It is the story of how God sent his Son for the salvation of humanity. As I read the bible I am struck by the sheer 'realness' of it all. The characters in the bible are just like ourselves, with our doubts and fears as well as our strengths.

Several years ago, these question were asked during a worship service which I attended:

- Who has a bible at home? - nearly 100%
- Who has read it in the last month? - about 50%
- Who has read it in the last week? - about 10%
- Who has read it in the today? - only about 5%

I found these figures fairly shocking, but not unusual. I've realised that few churchgoers read the bible on a regular basis. Indeed, the only scripture they encounter may be during the worship service. Surely this isn't right? If we're serious about our relationship with God, why aren't we reading his Word? How can we expect him to light our path?

I come from an evangelical background and have a good grounding in bible study going back to my involvement with the Scripture Union movement in my teens. When I came back to living faith about ten years ago, the first thing I did was to buy a bible and start reading. I use study notes. I spend time. Additionally, when Paul and I read the Daily Office

we read scripture together. I'm telling you this not to make me sound holy, but to give you a sense of the importance of the bible. The bible is the greatest book ever and has the power to totally transform lives.

I love going to visit one parishioner. Her bible is always on the couch beside her, usually open. We talk about what God has been saying to us. When we share communion, we reflect on the scripture we've read. She is steeped in God's word. It shapes her whole life. She's a great example to all of us.

Reading the bible is easy. Here are my simple tips.

Get a bible you can see

Find a translation you like (I'm happy to let you see my collection!)

Don't spend too much on it so that you're scared to damage it.

Set aside about fifteen minutes every day

Think about using study notes (available from the Christian bookshop in Pontefract or to order)

Leave your bible out beside your favourite chair or beside your bed

GET READING!

Be prepared to be challenged. The writer of Hebrews says this:

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword. Hebrews 4.12

Two seasonal thoughts to finish:

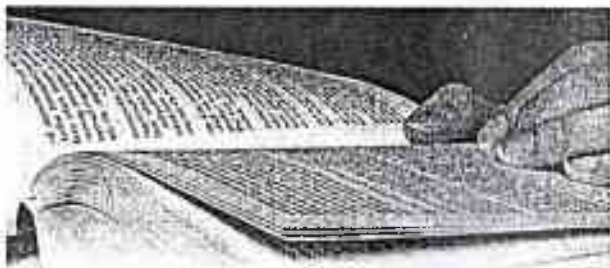
Ask for or give a bible as a Christmas present

Make a New Year's resolution to read God's word daily

Have a happy and holy Christmas and every blessing for 2007

With love in Christ

Jenny



THE SUZY FUND

In the summer of 1975 a photograph of a little girl abandoned on a rubbish dump in Ethiopia was shown in a national newspaper.

A group of businessmen in Sandal, Wakefield demonstrated their abhorrence of this obscenity by pledging to raise £100 a week forever and inaugurated a fund to help similar children. They called the little girl in the photograph on the rubbish dump "Suzy" hence-"The Suzy Fund". Now a Registered Charity, No, 283229.

Since that day over £460,000 has been raised and spent on life-saving projects in the Third World. Every penny subscribed to the Suzy Fund goes where it is most needed. There are no overheads or other administrative costs

For example, 10 pence provides a life-saving vaccine against measles or oral re-hydration therapy for children suffering from diarrhoea and vomiting. Diseases like these, and many others kill 30,000 children worldwide every day. Even sixpence will provide a hot meal for a child in Addis Ababa

A branch of the Suzy fund was established here in Ackworth in 1996, since when £10,011-70 has been raised

A big "thank-you" to all those people who have put money in the "pot" when it appears each month outside St. Cuthbert's or All Saints' Church on some Sunday mornings and to all those who regularly make a donation to the Fund.

To make a donation or for further information about the Suzy Fund, please contact either Barbara Firth or myself.

Vera McWilliam

ODDS AND ENDS

The Bishop's visit

A bishop was visiting a small church in his diocese and he wanted the young people there to understand what he had to say about the Good Shepherd in his talk to them, so he dressed up in his bishop's long, flowing robes and carried his crook.

"Now," beamed the bishop at his young flock, "do you know who I am?" After a moment or two's silence one young child ventured, "Little Bo-Peep?"

Great Expectations

At a baptism the young vicar was full of enthusiasm as he performed the ceremony. He held the baby gently in his arms and speculated aloud as to the child's possible future. "He may become a captain of industry, a great scientist, or a gifted teacher-someone on

whom hundreds of young boys may model themselves". Then turning to the parents in a rather grand manner, he asked, "And so what name do you give to this child?"

Rather timidly came the reply from them: "Amanda Jane".

Five pounds a year

The living of Quafford in Shropshire was held by the Reverend John Higgs from 1694 until 1763, which was a period of 69 years, and which must be one of the oldest incumbencies on record. He is described as a faithful minister and a wise counsellor, but his stipend was only £5 a year. In spite of this, he brought up a large family, and was also something of a farmer.

(There is no indication of his age when, and if he did, retire.)

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THE EXPERIENCE OF BEING A GODMOTHER

Being a godmother is the next most rewarding experience to being a parent. Being asked is an honour not to be taken lightly it is a lifetime commitment. If you get it right hopefully the relationship you build with your Godchild (children) will bring you a bond that will never be broken.

As with my own children, it was easy to encourage them to attend church when they were small, the Christmas Toy Service was their favourite, Mother and Toddler group at All Saints' Church also went down well, no Sunday School in those days.

Then came the next phase, Brownies and Cubs parade was not so popular, it was an effort to get them to go, I expect these days they would have more freedom of choice as to whether they attend or not, but I always tried to remind them about commitment, you can't always choose the good bits and miss out on the ones you don't like.

Then they became teenagers, no more Sunday parades so they have grown away from church, but this does not mean that the groundwork has been lost, their Christian beliefs, nurtured when they were younger, are still very much alive today. A few weeks ago my two Goddaughters could not attend their grandmother's funeral, due to circumstances beyond their control, but at the time of the funeral they spent time together, as sisters, comforting one another in the University chapel. They had also contributed to the service by writing down their thoughts, which were read out at the service by their father.

So I feel I have been blessed to have, as well as two wonderful sons, two beautiful Goddaughters inside and out, and a bond, which I know will never be broken.



THE STORY OF THE SPIRE

The word spire comes from an old English word, "to spring up" and means that the spire springs from the roof of the tower. The other name it has, steeple, simply means steep.

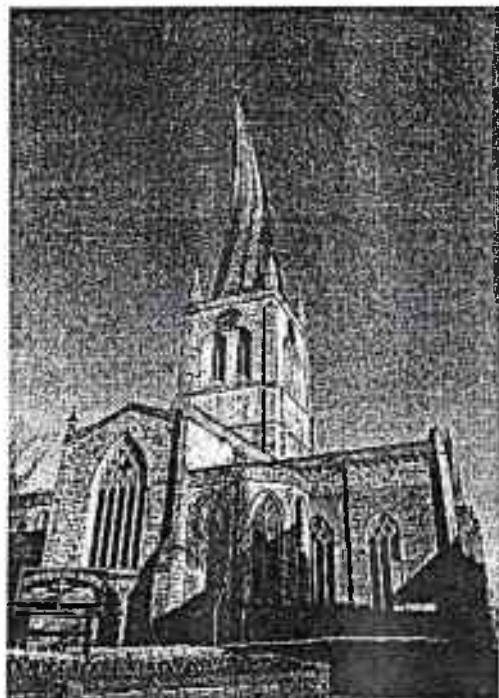
The spire became popular in the 14th and 15th centuries when Church builders, realising that the tower was the most important external feature of the Church, centred their efforts on making it as beautiful as possible, one Church vying with another in regard to this. Builders, including Sir Christopher Wren, felt that they must put their best work into the spire, which could be seen by those far away as by those near.

Oxford, indeed, is often called the "City of spires" and travellers especially in the evening light get an unforgettable impression of the city.

Stone spires are scattered very unevenly across the English countryside, the important factor being the presence of good building stone easily worked. They are most plentiful in the counties of Rutland, Northamptonshire, Leicestershire, Warwickshire, Staffordshire, Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire, Oxfordshire and Wiltshire. On the other hand Cumbria, Kent, Middlesex and Surrey have none, except for entirely modern churches.

Spires can be made of wood covered with lead, copper or tiles, but they are not very durable. Lincoln and Southwell Cathedrals once had such spires but they were destroyed; and Chesterfield has a crooked spire produced by the effect of the sun's heat on the material of which it was made.

Not all spires are upright and there is a certain village where there is a leaning spire. According to local legend the spire one day saw a bride coming up the Church path, and knowing that she was both beautiful and good- a combination hitherto uncommon in that village among its female population, bowed its head in reverence and since then it has



never been able to straighten itself again.

There are some churches like Westminster Abbey, which were intended to have a spire but it was never begun, some like St. Mary Redcliffe, where it was not finished for centuries after it was begun, some, as at St. Nicholas, Gloucester, where it was never finished and some which have had one but it has been destroyed.

THE HOLY NIGHT

The cattle knelt in homage
Before the Holy Child.
Without, the shepherds watched their sheep.
Above, the clear stars smiled.

The Virgin prayed beside Him,
Saint Joseph bent above
The Babe who slept so peacefully
And tended Him with love.

And the then heavens opened
Whilst all the heavenly throng
Sang praises of the Heavenly Child
In bursts of joyful song.

The breezes hushed their moaning,
And birds forgot to cheep,
Afraid to wake the sleeping Babe
From out his Holy sleep.

O blessed Holy Jesus
We bless Thy manger throne
Because that night, Thou cam'st to earth
To make this world thine own.

Herbert Stoneley



REVEREND THOMAS BRADLEY, D.D.

This is an extract from Saywell's "History of Ackworth". During 1991 and 1992 £5,000 had to be raised by the congregation for the restoration of the Bradley memorials, which can be seen on the wall near the book of remembrance. The following piece tells a little about the man for whom the memorial stones were made..

"Dr. Bradley was presented to the livings of Castleford and Ackworth, on the 5th March 1631, and was at that time also Prebendary of North Newbald, in York Minster. He was driven there by the troubles of the Civil Wars, and so remained until 1660, when, with the return of the King (Charles the Second), whose Chaplain he subsequently became, he returned to the living again.

He was first Chaplain to the Duke of Buckingham, and went with him to the Isle of Rhea, and the siege of Rochelle. After his return he was made Chaplain to King Charles the First, and had the livings of Castleford and Ackworth given him (both in the King's gift), and was made Prebendary of York. On the 5th March 1631 he married Frances the youngest daughter of the Right Hon. John Savile, Baron of Pontefract, by whom he had several children. He was a person of most incomparable parts and leaning, an excellent preacher, a ready and acute wit, and of a generous and genteel temper. He was sequestered of his living of Ackworth, and thrust out by one Mr. Burbeck, a stiff-rumped Presbyterian. He was sequestered of Castleford also, which living was usurped by Mr. H. Moorhouse, an army chaplain. Dr. Bradley was a very great sufferer. Twice sequestered, and plundered of all that he had, his lady and all his children turned out of doors, to seek their bread in desolate places; and that which most of all he complained of, was the perfidiousness of one John Lake, of Castleford, with whom he trusted his library, who betrayed it into the hands of his enemies. I heard a gentleman say, he was once so poor that he was forced to eat puddings made of boar's blood, and he found him with this diet.

It is generally supposed that Dr. Bradley attended Charles the first to the scaffold. In one of the Parish registers the Doctor records that on the following Candlemas Day, Lady Frances, his wife, who had died on the 30th of January, at the very same hour (as near as can be conjectured) wherein his late majesty suffered, was honourably interred. In all probability, therefore, the Dr. would not accompany Charles Stuart on the scaffold, but, as it is more natural to suppose, was at his proper place by the deathbed of his wife. He remained faithful to the House of Stuart until his death, and was a man of mark in his time. He published some sermons, in the dedication of which, is to be found more of his sufferings."

At the time that this was written there was an oil portrait of Dr. Bradley, in good condition, preserved in Ackworth Rectory. I have no idea what happened to this painting in the ensuing years.

HEATING THE CHURCH

We may sometimes grumble when we are feeling cold in church or the heating is not working too well, but spare a thought for the people mentioned in an old magazine of 1947 and referring back to earlier years. Imagine the difficulties they faced just getting the stove to church.

Within the living memory people brought portable stoves to Church when no central heating existed. "They were queer inventions", writes a correspondent, consisting of tin boxes about six inches wide, six inches high, and ten inches in length. They had lids and were set on short legs to prevent scorching the floor. The lid and sides were punctured with small holes. Before the owner set out for Church, live coals were placed on a pan at the bottom of the box, and the lid was closed; this kept hot for several hours, and prevented the owner from freezing, but did little to raise the temperature in the Church".

Obviously this is a common problem in old churches for one incumbent wrote a notice parodying the well-known phrase, "Many are called but few are chosen" saying, "Many are cold but few are frozen". There is no record of the congregation's response.!



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CHRISTMAS	CONGREGATION
DECEMBER 31 ST	CONGREGATION
JANUARY 7 TH	FLOWER FUND
JANUARY 14 TH	ETHEL SMITH
JANUARY 21 ST	ADA PRITCHARD
JANUARY 28 TH	FLOWER FUND

ST CUTHBERT'S FLOWERS

DECEMBER 3 RD	ADVENT
DECEMBER 10 TH	ADVENT
DECEMBER 17 TH	ADVENT
DECEMBER 24 TH	ADVENT
CHRISTMAS	CONGREGATION
DECEMBER 31 ST	CONGREGATION
JANUARY 7 TH	VERA McWILLIAM
JANUARY 14 TH	VERA McWILLIAM
JANUARY 21 ST	CONGREGATION
JANUARY 28 TH	CONGREGATION

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Readings Rota for December 2006, January 2007

Date	Liturgical Week	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel	St Cuthbert's	All Saints'
03/12/2006	1st Sunday of Advent	Jeremiah 33:14-16	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13	Luke 21:25-36	George Scargill	Dr McWilliam
10/12/2006	2nd Sunday of Advent	Malachi 3:1-4	Philippians 1:3-11	Luke 3:1-6	Jane Siddall	P Mrs S Hall
17/12/2006	3rd Sunday of Advent	Zephaniah 3:14-20	Philippians 4:4-7	Luke 3:7-18	Keith Shaw	Mrs Backhouse
24/12/2006	4th Sunday of Advent	Micah 5:2-5a	Hebrews 10:5-10	Luke 1:39-55	Sue Hartley	Mrs M Walker
31/12/2006	1st Sunday of Christmas	1 Samuel 1:18-20, 26	Colossians 3:1-12, 17	Luke 2:41 - end	Pauline Wong	B Dr McWilliam
07/01/2007	Epiphany	Isaiah 60:1-6	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12	Anne Atack	Mrs S Hall
14/01/2007	2nd Sunday of Epiphany	Isaiah 62:1-5	1 Corinthians 12:1-11	John 2:1-11	Jacob Place	P Mrs Backhouse
21/01/2007	3rd Sunday of Epiphany	Nehemiah 8, 1-3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a	Luke 4:14-21	Emil Brown	Mrs M Walker
28/01/2007	4th Sunday of Epiphany	Ezekiel 43:27 - 44:4	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	Luke 2:22-40	Miss Parker	B Dr McWilliam

NORFOLK DIARY

A number of people have indicated interest in our alternative way of life in Norfolk so, with the editor's forbearance, we offer a few more of our experiences this summer.

Now as we are spending more time away we have the opportunity to visit places of interest we have not been to before; the first this year was the Pensthorpe bird sanctuary, during the nesting season. We usually take advantage during such visits of a tractor bus tour, which gives access to places not usually open to the public. On this one we were intrigued to note high platforms built on top of poles, which we were told were an attempt to attract ospreys, on their migration route.

In early May we went on a walk, starting from the tiny hamlet of Glandford, near Holt, over the permissive paths on the Bayfield Estate. We set off along a cart track and saw no one during the whole three-mile walk, ideal for observing nature. Our first sighting was of a group of four or five hares grazing amongst the winter corn (enquiries later revealed that such a group is called a thusk or a down, although we were unable to confirm this from a dictionary.) As we stood watching we became aware that we were being followed, as another hare boldly trotted up the track behind us. During the walk we had a number of such sightings. The first half of the walk was through woodland, where bluebells and primroses proliferated, but the advertised birds were few and far between, but later it ran beside a lake and the River Glaven, where waterfowl were in abundance. Towards the end of the walk, after passing a wild flower centre, we crossed a ford at the head of a mill pool, and came across St. Martin's Church, distinctive for a number of reasons. Although it appeared much older we discovered that it was only built between 1899 and 1906, on behalf of Sir Alfred Jodrell as a memorial to his mother. The building was a restoration of an earlier one, which had stood on the same site, but which had been in ruins since at least 1730. We noted by chance that the clock bell strikes hymn tunes every three hours and we were treated, ten minutes later, to "Once in Royal David's City"! It could have been "Jerusalem on high", "On the Resurrection morning", "The saints of God", "On the happy Easter morn", "Every morning the red sun", or "There is a fountain filled with blood" not perhaps the most familiar of hymns. We were intrigued how small the church was and returned some weeks later, for a service, which happened to coincide with a celebration of the fiftieth Anniversary of the Ordination of one of their Group priests and it was packed with at least seventy people. Canon Telfer, the priest being honoured,

preached a most uplifting sermon on the theme of "Ministry from the Early Church to the Modern Day" illustrated by the example set by Martha and Mary. We were also treated to a soloist singing Pie Jesu most beautifully.

But we digress. The walk began and finished at Cley Spey, reputed to be one of the largest binocular and telescope retailers in the country. Next door was a photographic exhibition, sponsored by a Canadian wildlife organisation, portraying scenes from the Iraq marshes reclamation scheme, the original marshes having been 90% destroyed, on the instruction of Saddam Hussein. Also in Glandford is a shell museum, which we have yet to visit, altogether a hive of activities in such a small hamlet.

Sue & Colin Tanswell

(To be completed in the next magazine.)

FROM CHILDREN'S WORK

The following are taken from the work of children in Scripture lessons and have not been corrected

In the first book of the Bible, Guinesses, God got tired of creating the world, so he took the Sabbath off.

Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree.

Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark.

Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day, but a ball of fire by night.

Samson was a strong man who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah.

Samson slew the Philistines with the Axe of the Apostles.

Afterwards Moses went to Mount Cyanide to find the 10 amendments.

The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.

The seventh commandment is "Thou shalt not admit adultery".



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SIMEON IN CONCERT

Those who were fortunate enough to attend Simeon Wood's performance in concert on the 7th October won't need to be told what a thoroughly entertaining and enjoyable evening it was. Those who unfortunately missed the concert should make a special note to come next time that this talented entertainer is at St. Cuthberts.

The programme was a flow of popular classical and folk music happily punctuated by amusing reminiscences, anecdotes and jokes.

Simeon demonstrated his virtuosity by playing a great variety of flutes including a monster bass flute as well as panpipes and the tin whistle! His skill on the flute (shades of James Galway) was matched by his gift as a raconteur; and an appreciative audience showed their approval by virtually clearing the stock of CDs on sale. They left with a feeling of an evening very well spent.

EPITAPHS

How many of you enjoy wandering around an old churchyard looking at the old gravestones there and learning something about the families who once lived there? Always when visiting somewhere new, I find myself looking for interesting inscriptions. These are some that others have found.

On a woman named Young;
"Underneath this sod
Lies Arabella Young,
Who on the 5th of May
Began to hold her tongue."
Presumably she must have been the local gossip!

"Against his will
Here lies George Hill
Who from a cliff
Fell down quite stiff".

In a churchyard near Canterbury;
"Of children in all
She bore twenty-four:
Thank the Lord
There will be no more".

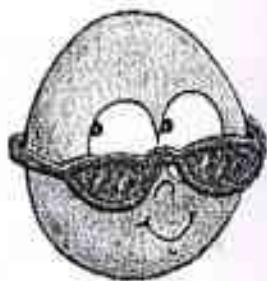
This extract was taken from Saywell and refers to a grave in St. Cuthbert's Churchyard (Hannah died on August 18th 1839 aged 27.) "Hannah Camplin must have been a most estimable young person, if the following epitaph upon her gravestone accurately describes her qualities;

Her manners mild, her temper such,
Her language good, and not too much".

Another reference about women not talking too much! Has anyone seen this particular epitaph?

HANDY HINTS FROM OLD MAGAZINES

PRIVACY. If the white of an egg is brushed on the flap of an envelope before closing it, then it cannot be steamed open, should it fall into the hands of evil-disposed persons! The more the envelope is steamed, the more closely the egg-white adheres. (Not much use these days of the mobile phone and the E-Mail)



SAVING PAPER. If two friends are travelling in the trolley bus, and one takes the fare for two, instead of throwing away the length of paper, which one gets out of the machine, keep it. Then fold it into four: they make excellent tapers and so save matches. (Makes one realise how scarce everyday objects were in the post-war days).

OLD HANDBAGS. If you have an old soft leather handbag, take out the lining and unpick the stitches, remove the thumb strap, or handle, and it will make a young baby a lovely pair of soft shoes. (One can see the look of delight on a new mother's face when given this gift for her baby!).



CLEANING BRASSES. First clean with your usual metal polish, then rub a little furniture cream over them, and then polish again. This will keep them bright much longer.

IT IS NEVER TOO LATE

Thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Richmond for this poem, which was discovered on the body of an American soldier, killed in action in North Africa in 1944. A friend of the writer who survived the battle said that the soldier was a wild character, but that there were tears running down his face as he wrote these last lines.

Look, God, I have never spoken to You,
And now I want to say, "How do you do?"
You see, God, they told me You did not exist,
And I, like a fool, believed all this.
Last night, from a shell hole, I saw Your sky; I figured they had told me a
lie.

Had I taken the time before to see things you had made,
I'd sure have known they weren't calling a spade a spade.

I wonder, god, if You would shake my poor hand?
Somehow I feel You would understand.
Strange I had to come to this hellish place
Before I had time to see Your face.
Well I guess, there isn't much more to say,
But I'm glad, God, that I met You today.
The zero hour will soon be here,
But I'm not afraid to know that you're near.

The signal has come-I shall soon have to go,
I like you lots-this I want You to know.
I am sure this will be a horrible fight;
Who knows? I may come to Your House tonight.
Though I wasn't friendly to You before,
I wonder, god, if You'd wait at Your door?
Look, I'm shedding tears-*me shedding tears!*
Oh! I wish I'd known You these long, long years.
Well, I have to go now, dear God. Goodbye,
But now that I've met You, I'm not scared to die.

*Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no
evil.*

Psalm 23.

MAGAZINE PAYMENT

A reminder to those of you who pay annually for your parish magazine that payment is due in January 2007. This is still £3.00 per year. Would you please pay your magazine deliverer when you receive your copy. Thank you.

COFFEE MORNINGS

On Thursday October 26th 2006 we reached the sum of £25,000 in just under five years. Thank you to all of you who regularly attend on Thursday mornings for all your support and generosity. Many thanks to all who contribute cakes, cups, plates etc. to help with this work.

We were very saddened to lose our oldest friend when Edna Grimes died on September 28th this year aged 96. Edna lived in Rhyddings Drive and came every week with her friend Lesley and they sat in their favourite place near the door in summer and in a pew with a radiator when the colder weather arrived. Unfailingly cheerful and talking non-stop they brightened up our Thursday mornings.

WATER BUTT AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

We are pleased to announce that a water butt has been installed at the rear of All Saints' Church. Anybody requiring water for flowers is welcome to use it.

COFFEE MORNING

A reminder from Ethel Smith that there will be a coffee morning after the morning service at All Saints' Church on Wednesday December 6th at Solentia, Wakefield Road starting at 10.30 a.m.

From the Registers

Baptisms

- Sept 10 Jack Matthew Walker; Rhianon Niamh Walker;
Charlie Thomas Ramskill.
Sept 24 Benjamin Lee Beachill; Jacob Robert Varley.
Oct 8 Amy Rose Leeson.
Oct 29 Billy Jake Rogerson, Joseph Jay Bickerson.

Marriages

- Sept 3 Simon Matthew Coates & Helen Elizabeth Morgan
Sept 9 Guy Marshal & Sarah Louise Bragan

Funerals

- Sept 5 George Goodwin (79) 2 Rigg Lane, Low Ackworth
7 Leonard Sockett (86) 37 Hillside Road Ackworth Moor Top
12 Sheila Taylor (54) 4 Woodlands Grove, High Ackworth
19 Dorothy Graham (59) 18 Woodleigh Cres, Ackworth Moor Top
Oct 6 David J B Appleyard (65) 2 York Place Low Ackworth
9 Madeleine Langtree (80) Hallsteads N.H., Grimethorpe.
12 Gertrude Edna Grimes (96) 63 Rhyddings Ave. Ackworth M.T.
20 William Askew (81) 15 Church Balk Lane, Pontefract

Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sunday 6.00pm Mass

ACKWORTH COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday	10.30am	Worship
	6.30pm	Prayer Meeting
Tuesday	9.30—11.15am	Parents and Toddlers Group
Wednesday	9.30—11.15am	Parents and Toddlers Group

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

Gift Service

Sunday 10th December
5.30pm at St Cuthbert's

This is your opportunity to make child's Christmas special. Please wrap your gift and mark 'boy' or 'girl' and suitable age.

All gifts will then be collected by the local Social Services to be distributed in time for Christmas.

Please note that any gifts brought to church after the time will have to be stored until next year!



St Cuthbert's and All Saints' **Special Advent & Christmas Services**

3rd December

4.00pm

Christingle

All Saints'

6.00pm

Christingle

St Cuthbert's

10th December

5.30pm

Gift Service

St Cuthbert's

17th December

3.00pm

Village Carol Service

St Cuthbert's

24th December

5.30pm

Christmas Eve

Crib Service

St Cuthbert's

11.30pm

Midnight Mass

St Cuthbert's

25th December

8.30am

Christmas Day

Holy Communion

All Saints'

10.15am

All-age Eucharist

St Cuthbert's

Sunday Services for December and January

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'
3.30pm	Evensong with Healing Prayer (on 3rd Sunday of 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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Please note: No evensongs at All Saints' during December except as listed under Special Christmas Services. Other services and times may also be affected by our seasonal services please see elsewhere in the magazine.

Special Services

January 8th	Baptism of Christ	
7.30pm	Holy Communion	St Cuthbert's
January 25th	Conversion of Paul	
7.30pm	Holy Communion	St Cuthbert's

Events

Dec 16	10.00am—12.00pm	Santa Day	Parish Rooms
Dec 22	1.30pm	Howard School Carol Concert	All Saints'