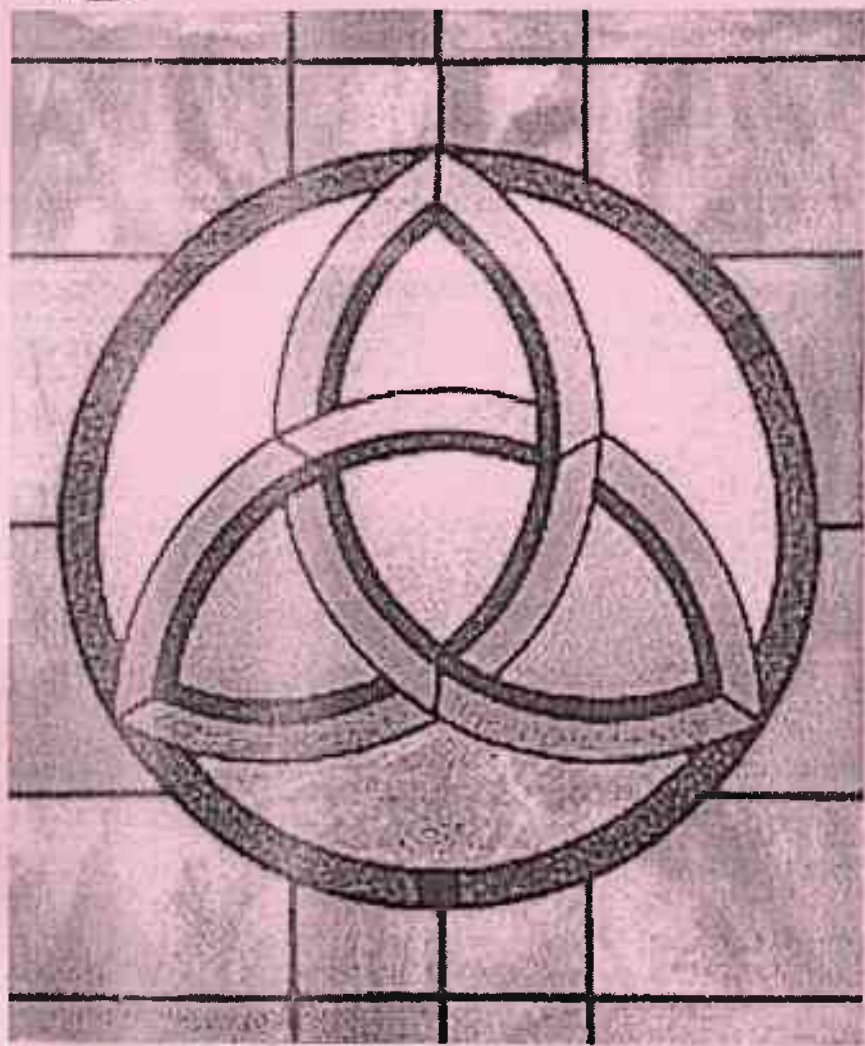




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Letter from the Curate! Eastertide

Eastertide is a glorious time in the Christian year, starting with the wonder of Easter Day when we can exclaim with joy 'He is Risen!' and ending with Pentecost when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the first disciples. This year, we have had a glorious Eastertide and already, as I write this, we have had a foretaste of Pentecost in



our Confirmation service on 6th May when eleven people, Julie, Carol, Janet, Philip, Natasha, Siobhan, Edward, Michael, James, Georgia and Ella declared publicly their faith in Jesus and were confirmed in that faith.

We had such a wonderful weekend. Even the church clean-up operation on the Saturday was joyful. Everyone worked so hard and there was fun amidst the dust and mess. Sunday itself was amazing. It was sad that Paul wasn't with us for the day but nothing was going to muzzle the Holy Spirit. The candidates glowed and, after all the anxieties and hard work it was so clear that God was among us. I was in the privileged position of being able to see their faces and they reflected God's glory. Bishop Tony did us proud. The singing was wonderful as was the organ playing.

I had the immense privilege of working with the adults as they prepared for confirmation and I'm so proud of them. They worked so hard and it has been a joy to watch them grow in faith and knowledge of Jesus. The same can be said of the children. None of them took this step lightly. My prayer is that this step will be the start of amazing journeys in faith and in service of our Lord.

We were all sad that Paul wasn't with us in person for the day but he certainly was in spirit. He'd baptised most of the children and watched them grow up in the church family. He'd nurtured the adults. He prepared the service. He chose the hymns. Thank you, Paul. I got the chance to rest on your laurels!

In fact, in Paul's absence everyone pulled out the stops to be helpful and supportive. This was another real work of the Holy Spirit as people discovered gifts and skills when they were needed. We were forced to rely on God and he sustained us by his strength. Thank you so much to everyone who helped in any way, and especial thanks for the love and support shown to me.

Our church family is on the edge of exciting times. Paul and I have been reflecting over recent weeks as to the way forward. We've seen the blossoming of strengths. God is giving us ideas for the future. However, these can only come to fruition as we work together. Elsewhere in the magazine, I've written about gifts and jobs. The Holy Spirit is alive and well and working in Ackworth. We now need to build on what God has begun in us.

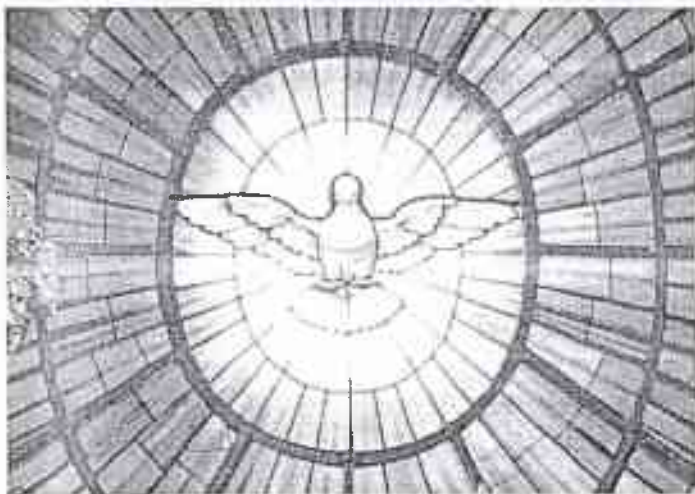
Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All

these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. *1 Corinthians 12.4-11*

Let us all pray for the gifts given by the Holy Spirit. Thanks be to God.

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Sunrise at Easter

A small group of us from Ackworth went to Spring Harvest this year. We arrived at Butlins in Skegness on Maunday Thursday. We were expecting a good few days of Bible Readings, Bible Study, Seminars and Workshops of different themes, and good worship. It was Easter Weekend and therefore we expected that it would be a special event.

Spring Harvest is an annual Christian event run by Evangelical Alliance. It is open to Christians of all denominations across the world. It is a chance to stop and reflect. It is a chance to mix with thousands of other Christians of all ages. It is a chance to hear what is happening in the Christian world, in all areas of the world. It is a chance to learn and to grow, and offer new commitment to God, and to take up new challenges. For some it is just a good time to get away from the ordinary and spend some time by the sea, and enjoy the facilities that Butlins Skegness offers.

After spending a few days of learning and worship, and meditating on Good Friday, Saturday came, and we prayed for everyone back in Ackworth who would be celebrating at the Easter Eve Service at St Cuthberts. The weather so far had been glorious. All blue skies and sunshine, which is a miracle all of its own at Spring Harvest where we are used to grey skies and rain. Over tea we discussed what the celebrations might be like the next day. I then had one of those moments where an idea pops into my mind and my mouth opens before I fully realise the consequences of what I am about to say.

“Let's get up early tomorrow and watch the sunrise on the beach.”

Fantastic. Watching the sun rise on Easter morning would be a truly fantastic spectacle.



"And let's share bread and wine" was the next comment.

And so six of us did just that. At 6:00 AM we dragged ourselves out of bed, wrapped ourselves in big coats and blankets and made our way to the beach. The gate to the beach was locked, but we could see the beach and see and the horizon quite clearly. We watched the minutes tick by, and our eyes were focused on the horizon. There were a lot of clouds on the horizon, but we watched expectantly as the colours of the sky changed. And then the outline of the sun appeared through the clouds. The red turned to orange and the orange turned to yellow and the light got brighter and brighter until the sun was fully in view above the horizon.

"Christ is risen!" "He is Risen indeed".

We had noticed a small group further along the fence praying in candlelight. There was another couple huddled together in a sleeping bag. We were not the only ones celebrating the glorious beauty of the truth of the resurrection, by watching the sun rise.

If you get the chance to do something similar, grasp it with both hands. It is a truly spiritual experience, and it will put you at the heart, and the meaning of Easter.



Gifts and Jobs

God sometimes seems to have a somewhat unusual sense of humour! The topic of today's article had been on my heart for some time, but suddenly it became much more relevant this week as a consequence of Paul's illness. In that light, let me start by thanking everyone for their immense support and hard work. So many of you have rung offering help, others have just got on and done things. To quote St Paul (no, not the rector!):



I thank my God every time I remember you,
constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers
for all of you, *Philippians 1.3-4*

However, this week has been a real eye-opener for me. I know I'm busy. I know that I do lots of jobs which could be done by someone else. Believe me, Paul does much, much more. I thought I knew what he did but have been staggered by the range of tasks. Of course, things have been more intense because of the forthcoming confirmation but that isn't the whole story.

As I thought about the lessons this might teach us, I remembered some words from Acts:

And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. (*or keep accounts!* - as another translation puts it) Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves

seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word." What they said pleased the whole community, *Acts 6.2-5a*

This passage refers to the appointing of the first deacons. In today's church the role of a deacon is seen essentially as similar to that of a priest or indeed as a temporary ministry on the way to 'higher' things. However, the early deacons were essentially administrators, responsible for the distribution of resources, keeping accounts and generally keeping things ticking over. While we have some excellent help, especially in the area of finance, there are many 'diaconal' roles needing filled. I do not feel that this is the best time or place to produce a list of jobs but I would ask everyone to think about their strengths and gifts and whether God might be calling them to offer for some form of service.

Many of the lists of 'gifts' in the New Testament sound quite 'spiritual'. For instance in Ephesians:

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, *Ephesians 4.11*

However, buried in the texts are clear references to administrators, carers, distributors of food and all the seemingly less glamorous aspects of living out what it means to be the Body of Christ. There is a reasons for all of this. St Paul goes on to explain to the Ephesians:

to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the



Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ----- But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love. *Ephesians 4.12-13, 15-16*

Together, we are Christ's Body in Ackworth. As Christ's Body we are called to work together in unity for the increase of God's Kingdom. For this to happen, each one of us has a vital role to play. If even one of us does not fulfil the role God has called us to, the whole Body is weakened and our ministry is less effective. The issue is not one of pride nor of Paul or myself being above photocopying service sheets (for instance) but rather that there are jobs which can only be done by particular people. Those people need to be free to do those jobs for the sake of the whole Body.

Please make this an issue for serious prayer. There are so many gifted people out there. I say again:

I thank my God every time I remember you,
constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers
for all of you, *Philippians 1.3-4*

With love in Christ

Jenny

CHURCH VESTMENTS

Church vestments are quite complicated and each piece should be put on in a special order and each garment has a special meaning.

The Amice. This is a linen cloth with tapes. It is said to be a symbol of the cloth with which Jesus was blindfolded. When put on it forms a collar.



The Alb. This is a white garment made of linen, falling to the feet. It differs from the surplice in having tight fitting sleeves. It is said to represent the sinlessness of Christ.

The Girdle. This is used to gird up the alb. It is said to mean the rope with which Jesus was bound to the pillar for scourging.

The Stole. This is a strip of silk or other material, which is placed round the neck and falls down in front at either side. Usually interpreted as symbolising the yoke of Christ and so may be connected with his bearing of the cross.



The Maniple. This is a short strip of silk, which hangs from the left arm. Its origin is uncertain but probably it was originally a linen cloth or towel. It has come to signify the rope with which Christ's hands were bound.

The Chasuble. This is an oval shaped garment with an opening for the head in the middle of it so that it falls down back and front. It has been interpreted as the seamless cloak made for her son by Mary.



At St Cuthbert's Church these vestments can be seen on the figures of the saints painted in the east window. See if you can recognise the various pieces.

SPRINGTIME BIRDS

The garden is much busier nowadays than in the previous months because winter was so relatively mild this year and most of the birds were able to forage for their food in the fields and hedgerows. The sight of all the berries remaining on trees, bushes and hedges told its own story of a plentiful larder for the birds. We particularly noticed that fewer birds were visiting this time when we took part in the R.S.P.B.'s annual Bird Watch in January and noted that the pheasants, jays and goldcrests had not been in the garden.

However it is a different scene now that nesting time has arrived. The greenfinches and long tailed tits have returned in number and two crows are regular visitors, but they are very timid and soon fly away if they notice that they are being observed. Although there are many rooks in the field none of them have ventured onto the feeding stations. Crows and rooks are both classed as songbirds but anyone listening to them at four o'clock in the morning would surely question that!

The blackbirds seem to spend most of the time when they are not singing their beautiful song, in aerobatic fights and some of them in consequence look very ragged as they lose their feathers in these aerial combats.

The wood pigeons with their beautiful colours strut about on the lawn like a poor man's peacocks, and like the smaller collared doves, are very tame. The poor male wren is very busy once more trying to build a nest which will suit his very demanding mate, and one of the rejected offerings has been found in a bowl of muscari plants – and it seems such a waste –all that effort in vain!

Meanwhile the robin appears to becoming ever more acrobatic in his efforts to find food. He manages to get into the coconut for the fat cake, which is inside and has several strategies for getting nuts from the containers. The mealworms put out for him appear to appeal to a large audience of birds and there are little skirmishes when a new supply is put out.

Obviously the birds have nests in various parts of the garden and we look forward to seeing the young birds as they

leave their nests. Henry continues to watch all this with swishing tail and gnashing teeth, whilst the birds in their turn observe him with their usual disdain seeing him as no threat to their existence.

HANDY HINTS FROM THE 1940'S

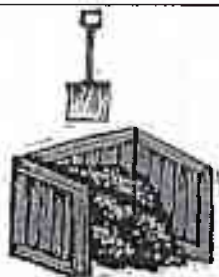
BAKING In these days of shortage you may find this tip useful. If dark treacle is unavailable and you wish to bake a ginger cake, try substituting a little gravy browning for the ginger. I don't think that I shall be trying this one!

INK STAINS If fresh tomato juice is rubbed onto ink stains before the soiled article is washed, even old ink stains will vanish when they are washed, leaving no mark behind.

POTATO CAKES Boil a pound of potatoes, then mash them, and then make a pudding batter in the usual way. Next beat the potato and the batter together, making the mixture so that it will drop off the spoon. Then drop in spoonfuls of the mixture into hot fat and fry both sides till brown. They need just enough fat to keep them from burning. This is also a useful recipe for using left over potatoes; they are delicious for tea or supper.

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Date	Liturgical Week	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel	St Cuthbert's	All Saints'
03/06/2007	Trinity Sunday	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	Romans 5:1-5	John 16:12-15	Jane Siddall	
10/06/2007	Proper 5	1 Kings 17:8-16	Galatians 1:11-end	Luke 7:11-17	Jacob Place	Mrs M Walker
17/06/2007	Proper 6	1 Kings 21:1-10 (11-14) 15-21a	Galatians 2:15-21	Luke 7:36-8:3	Sue Hartley	Dr McWilliam
24/06/2007	Birth of John the Baptist	Isaiah 40:1-11	Acts 13:14b-26	Luke 57-66,80	Keith Shaw	Mrs S Hall
01/07/2007	Proper 8	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14	Galatians 5:1, 13-25	Luke 9:51-62	Pauline Wong	
08/07/2007	Proper 9	2 Kings 5:1-14	Galatians 6:(1-6) 7-16	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Briony Lewis	Mrs M Walker
15/07/2007	Proper 10	Amos 7:7-17	Colossians 1:1-14	Luke 10:25-37	Emil Brown	Dr McWilliam
22/07/2007	Proper 11	Amos 8:1-12	Colossians 1:15-28	Luke 10:38-end	Miss Parker	Mrs S Hall
29/07/2007	Proper 12	Hosea 1:2-10	Colossians 2:6-15	Luke 11:1-13	George Scargill	



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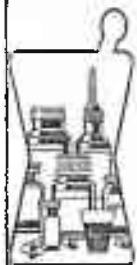
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NATURAL BAROMETERS

Birds are often used to predict the weather we shall have. Some can indicate that the weather will be fine. If robins and blackbirds sing on the rooftop or high in the trees it is a good sign, but if they are lower down it is supposed to mean rain is on its way. If a blackbird should sing with its tail straight down, beware for this is a warning that the tail is waiting for the rain to shoot off it. Pheasants are meant to promise a fine day if they go to roost late, and then rise early.

A skylark should be watched carefully for if it hovers and glides during its descent to earth, then the weather will remain fine, but if its descent is sudden, rain is on its way.

The missel thrush is thought to promise rain when it sings from the top of a tree into the wind. This habit has given the bird two nicknames, 'storm cock' or 'storm thrush'. Its song is said to be "More wet, more wet". Similarly the green woodpecker or yaffle has a similar reputation for its laughing call is often heard before rain and in some regions it is known as the 'rain bird'.

Near the sea the sight of a storm petrel means bad weather is approaching. It is a bird, which usually lives on the open seas, so when it is driven inland it is because it is escaping the bad weather that is following it.

Very cold, hard winters are predicted when winter migrants, such as fieldfare, redwing and waxwing arrive particularly early in this country from Scandinavia. Rooks' nests are a pointer to future weather patterns; high nests mean a good summer, whilst low nests suggest the destruction of old ones in the winter storms, so building on lower, more secure branches may mean bad weather to follow.



EXTRACT FROM SAYWELL'S "HISTORY OF ACKWORTH"

Ackworth Church plate is kept for safe keeping in York Minster and some years ago there was an outing from the village to view these treasures, which can only be seen on special request. Unfortunately I was unable to go this occasion so this extract from Saywell affords the only description I can offer.

"There can be no doubt that the original Church plate of Ackworth was confiscated by the Duke of Northumberland, in common with nearly all the plate of the Yorkshire Churches, to the personal use of the 'Royal Harry', in May 1533. How long the Holy Communion was consecrated and administered at Ackworth in 'vessels of pewter' we do not know, but the oldest silver chalice is dated 1631, and bears the following inscription: "*This cup belongeth to Ackwith prih*". It is plainly chased, and the cover, which is tightly fitting, is inscribed: Ao: Dni: 1631. The hallmarks are the same, both on cup and lid.

The second chalice is more elaborately chased, and is, perhaps, older than the first, the chasing being less distinct, and the inscription indicative of an earlier existence than the date which appears on it. "*This old cup was given by the Rector to Ackworth parish, A.D. 1829*". The cover evidently dates from the period of the gift, and seems to have been made to and fitted to the old chalice to supply the place of the original lid, which had been probably lost. This conjecture is strengthened by the dissimilarity of the hallmarks, which appear on the lid and cup, and the freshness of the chasing on the lid compared with that upon the chalice.

The two flagons are alike in every particular, and are therefore contemporary. On the breast of each there is a circle, in the centre of which are six lozenges arranged in the form of a triangle. The larger platen is also very plain and the hallmarks are nearly obliterated. The pedestal, which is probably older than the paten, looks as if it had been fixed on at a comparatively recent period. The smaller paten is much more ancient, the chasing being nearly invisible, and the coat of arms much defaced. It is, quite certain that the Ackworth Church plate was not manufactured in London, nor assayed at Goldsmith's Hall, but that it is of provincial manufacture, and assayed at one of the provincial assay offices."

ORIGINS OF PHRASES

SIX OF ONE AND HALF A DOZEN OF ANOTHER

This is used to indicate that there is no difference, especially where the blame is to be laid. It is supposed to refer to the very public quarrel between King George the fourth and his wife Queen Caroline. It was said that there was about six for one and half a dozen for the other.

TO BE AT SIXES AND SEVENS

This means to be confused. One explanation for the phrase coming into use is that in the days when the mediaeval guilds of London took particular pride in their order of precedence, the Merchant Taylors and the Skinners could not agree who should be sixth, and who seventh in the procession. After the Lord Mayor intervened they agreed to take it in turns –as they do to this day.

THE QUEEN OF SPAIN'S LEGS

This strange phrase is used to indicate that something is too delicate or sensitive to mention. This saying is believed to date back to the 16th century. On her way to be married to King Philip the third of Spain, Margaret of Austria passed through a town where silk stockings were made. The townsfolk wanted to present her with one of their finest pairs but this was considered to be an inappropriate suggestion by the prudish courtiers travelling with her and one of them is said to have declared, "The Queen of Spain has no legs!"

COLUMBUS AND THE EGG

Someone jealous of his fame and success pointed out to him that if he had not discovered the New World then someone else would have done so. Columbus did not reply directly but asked the other people present if they could make an egg stand on its end. When they all failed to do so, he broke the end off the egg and stood it that way. The moral was plain: once he had shown the way, anyone could do it. The secret was simple, but Columbus thought of it first.



ODDS AND ENDS

LOOK IT UP

During Sunday school in Bristol the children there were told that when a President of the United States of America was being sworn into office he had to kiss the Bible opened at a particular book, chapter and verse. The children were asked to see if they could find out where this particular reading came from in the Bible. One boy decided to write to a newspaper but without having any success. Not giving up he then tried writing to the American Ambassador, and when that failed he wrote direct to the President himself at the White House. The information came back to him through the American Consul in Bristol that the verse in question was from the First Epistle to the Corinthians, thirteenth chapter and the first verse. Now look it up and see what it is.

THE PROTECTING MIST

From an old magazine of 1946 comes this short article of an amazing event during World War Two.

A remarkable story is told of the night a German raid was made on Durham. A large formation of bombers was reported as approaching the city. The river shone like a silver ribbon and above it the Cathedral and Castle stood clearly defined. Then suddenly a warden burst into the post and cried, "The Cathedral—look!" A white blanket of mist was quickly enveloping the whole of the city. Where, a moment before, all had been almost as clear as day, there was now a fog-shroud over everything. The bombers looked in vain for their target. The bombs were not shed on Durham that night.

BEFRIEND THIS CHURCH

This little verse comes from a country church in South Devon. Obviously written some time ago and in pre-decimal times.

"If ought thou hast to give or lend
This simple village church befriend.
If poor, but still in spirit willing
Out with your purse and give a shilling;
But if its depths should be profound
Think of God and give a pound.
Look for no record to be given
But trust to thy receipt in Heaven!

The Masters

If Bernhard Langer has a favourite golf course it is probably the Augusta National, venue of the U S Masters. The Masters is unique among golf's majors in that it is always played at the same course, while the other majors use a different course each year.

He won the Masters tournament twice-in 1985 and 1993. He made a reference to God after both wins but in rather a different way.

When the Masters is over, the winner has to do a live TV interview in the Butler cabin. The green jacket- the traditional winner's prize- is presented and then the winner is asked a few questions. Bernhard was asked if he had looked at the leader board and if he had known what was going on in the tournament.

He replied, "I was trying not to look but I saw it for the first time at the ninth and I thought, 'Jesus Christ, I am playing well and I am four shots behind!'

When he got home he was amazed at the reaction and the letters he received from a lot of people saying that he had offended them, and that he should think twice before using the name of God so casually.

The 1993 Masters finished on Easter Day. As usual Bernhard was taken into the Butler cabin for the live T V interview. The first question he was asked was how the first Masters win compared with the second. He answered, "It's a great honour to win the greatest tournament in the world, especially on Easter Sunday, the day my Lord was resurrected".

He later said, "In saying those words, which went round the world on live television, I hope I was able to make up for my shortcomings in 1985 by saying something positive. Having the opportunity of sharing with the world my faith in Jesus Christ was, for me, a unique situation. In 1985 when I said 'Jesus Christ', I



didn't mean anything by it. I wasn't a Christian at the time and I just said 'Jesus Christ' without thinking-it was just an expression of surprise that everyone used. Don't forget too that English isn't my first language and in those days my English was a lot worse than it is now. Now, as a Christian, I would see it as being disrespectful to the name of God, but at that time without thinking I just said it on national television."

The contrast between the two is striking. The difference came ironically a week after the first Masters win when Bernhard went to a Bible Study on the golf tour. As he recalls it was a life-changing day. "I was amazed to realise that the only way to have eternal life was through Jesus Christ-that He died for our sins. And that it was not through worthy deeds or good behaviour that one received eternal life, because we can never live up to God's standard. We will always fall short.

Jesus Christ stopped me in my tracks with his words 'you must be reborn to enter the kingdom of God'. Since that day in 1985, my faith has played a big part in my life. It puts my priorities in a different order. Before I became a Christian my priorities were all about me and doing well on the golf course. Now my first priority is pleasing God, second is my family and golf only third".



FROM ELIZABETH 1st to ELIZABETH 2nd

The following article is taken from an old Church magazine of 1952, where the writer was considering our tangible links to the past.

"When you come to think of it, the only living links we have with things that happened centuries ago are trees. There is still, I am told, a mulberry tree growing in Chelsea whose fruit Sir Thomas More, the great and saintly Chancellor of King Henry the eighth, used to pick in his garden four hundred years ago, before the king had him imprisoned in the Tower of London and beheaded.

Another tree that spans the centuries is the yew, and there are many yew trees in old churchyards that were alive when the beacons burned and crackled, warning England that the Spanish Armada was on its way to threaten the security of the kingdom in 1588.

We often wondered about the age of the old yew tree growing in the churchyard at Wateringbury, in Kent. The first photograph was taken early this year (1952), with the tree reaching half way up the spire. The other is from an old drawing made in 1832, when the tree was a good deal smaller.

Nobody knew when the tree had been planted-it could have been 1700, 1600, 1500; we could only hazard a guess. By a strange chance we have found out the answer; and this is how. About 1900 an old inhabitant of the village of Wateringbury,

Richard Newman, died in the workhouse after a long and hard life. He was born in 1820, before there was a village school, and at nine years of age he had to go out to work., minding sheep and cows for the princely sum of four pence a day! He learned to read and write at the Sunday School, and practised writing by copying out verses and inscriptions on the tombstones in the churchyard. When he was old and failing, he copied them all into a book and one stone which has since disappeared, told the story of the old yew tree:



FRIENDS, ALL AS YOU LOOK
AT THIS YEW TREE
WAS PLANTED HERE BY ME
ON THE 2ND JANUARY
ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED
AND NINETY-SEVEN
BY THOMAS HOOD

Quite recently, this little book with the verses came to light, and thanks to poor old Richard Newman, we now know the age of the yew tree. It is 355 years old (It being now 2007, and if the tree is still there it will be 410 years old) and has lived in eighteen reigns-----from Elizabeth the First to Elizabeth the Second."

FLOWER ARRANGING CLASS

WHERE: PARISH ROOMS, BELL LANE
WHEN: TUESDAY MORNING (SUBJECT TO SUFFICIENT INTEREST)
ANYONE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CLASS OR WOULD LIKE
MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:
CAROL OR SUE (01977 624246) AT THE ADULT & COMMUNITY
EDUCATION TEAM, HEMSWORTH ARTS & COMMUNITY COLLEGE



FLOWERS THAT SAY TOO MUCH.

From the Registers

Baptisms

- 11 March Nash James Charles
8 April Elena May Duncan
29 April Joseph Warrener & Elliot Evans

Confirmations

6 May by the Bishop of Pontefract in St Cuthbert's Church

Georgia Grace Turner-Beach, Natasha Brooke Longhurst, Janet Taverner, Philip James Richardson, Julie Elaine Davis, Carol Denise Higgins, Michael Vijay Aylesbury Ellis, Edward Kiran Aylesbury Ellis, Siobhan Marie Wright, James David Morris, Ella Maria Marsh

Marriages

- 24 March Simon Gooney & Samantha Underhill
31 March Adrian Coulter & Kelly Roberts
1 April Michael Habberjam & Joanne Dorothy Bednall
11 April John Edwards & June Backhouse
7 May Justin Spencer Green & Inez Hambleton Tucker

Funerals

- 12 March Bernard Copley (80) 71 Rhyddings Drive, Ackworth
14 March Hilda Moxon (89) 30 Hillside Road, Ackworth
21 March Amelia Ruddy (82) The Maypole, Bell Lane, Ackworth
27 March Dorothy Beadnall (64) 19 Wenthill Close, Ackworth
29 March Anthony John Kenney (49) 4 The Elms, Ackworth
4 April Greta Maud Booth (86) 4 Fern View, Ackworth
19 April Clarence Hardwick (90) 63 Townend Ave, Ackworth
23 April Elaine Hyde (63) 1 Sapwood Court, Ackworth
28 April Gilbert Chapman (75) 16 Chiltern Court, Ackworth
2 May Hilda Mary Brooke Burntwood Nursing Home, Brierley

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.

Sunday Services for June and July

Sunday Services

8.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
10.15am	Family Communion	St Cuthbert's
6.30pm	Evensong (except last Sunday in month)	All Saints'
3.30pm	Evensong with Healing Prayer (third Sunday in month)	All Saints'
4.00pm	Open Door Service (last Sunday in month)	All Saints'

Wednesday Service

9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
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Dates for your Diary

11 June	St Barnabas - Holy Communion at 7.30 pm at St Cuthbert's
23 June	Ackworth Gala with Churches Together Stand
29 June	St Peter and St Paul - Holy Communion at 9.30 am at All Saints'
3 July	St Thomas - Holy Communion at 7.30 pm at St Cuthbert's
25 July	St James - Holy Communion at 7.30 pm at St Cuthbert's

ACK WORTH VILAGE FAYRE

Village Green High Ackworth

3rd June 2007, 1.00pm – 4.00 pm

Plant Stall	Book Stall (New Children)	Craft Stall
Memorabilia Stall	Coconut Shy	Raffles
Cake Stall	Roll a Penny	Scent Stall
Tombola Stall	Face Painting	By-Pass Stall
Bric a Brac Stall	Lions	Card Stall

Art Mart

Talks—Local Interest held in Alms Houses

Tour of John Gully's Grave

Refreshments in the Church during the afternoon

Lunch served in The Brown Cow

Mass Times for The Parish Of The Sacred Heart RC Father Anthony Fenton

Our Lady of Lourdes, Ackworth, Sunday, 8:45am

Our Lady of Graces, Kinsley, Saturday, 6:00pm

Sacred Heart, Hemsworth, Sunday, 10:30am