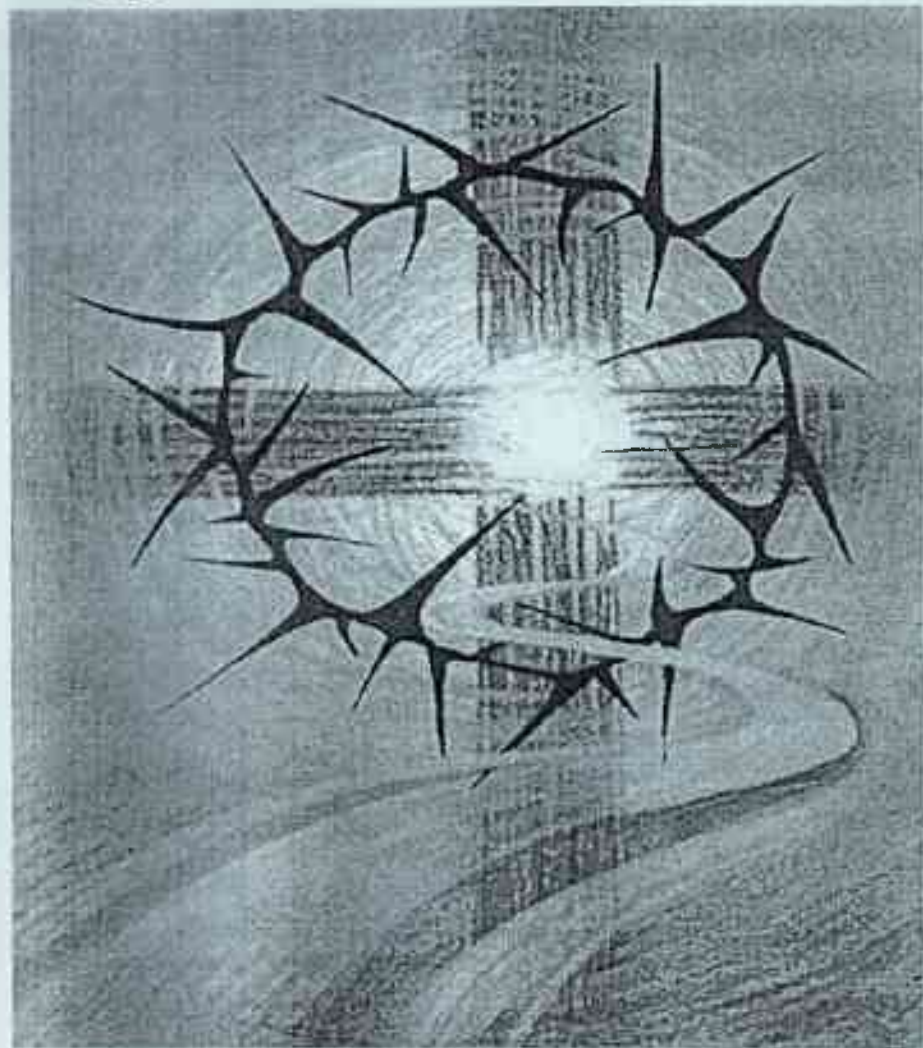




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Dear Friends,

With Christmas barely over, we hardly have time to breathe this year as Lent follows hard on the heels of Epiphany with Ash Wednesday being on the 6th February!

Lent seems an unwelcome guest so soon after the festive season; quite an about face from the celebrations of our Lord's birth to the introspective season of repentance; though perhaps appropriate in some ways. Lent is a time for returning to God particularly after a time when even the most disciplined Christians can drift a little amidst the welter of material temptations offered by the excesses of Christmas. A time when we can become more self-centred and less centred on God. It seems appropriate therefore that Lent follows so closely to pull us back to God.

There are many aspects of Lent that I could write about, though largely it is concerned with preparing ourselves for the great celebrations of Easter, when we declare that eternal truth, central to our Christian faith that 'Christ is risen'. This preparation involves a reflection upon our lives, particularly our relationship with God; a time to draw closer and deepen that relationship. We do this for the most part by turning aside from or clearing away those material temptations I wrote of earlier, being honest with God about our shortfalls and asking his forgiveness. As Lent means spring-time, it is if you like a spiritual spring clean. This is probably a major theme of Lenten preparation; repentance asking God to forgive our sins by our confession to him.

When we confess our sins whether in the general confession of our church services or one to one with a confessor, we tend to focus on making sure we recall and ask God to forgive our many sins. What is not often spoken of and what we are not as good at is accepting that forgiveness and our forgiving others who have sinned against us. Henri Nouwen said this about accepting forgiveness or as he describes 'forgiving yourself'

'Maybe someone will say to you "You have to forgive yourself" But that isn't possible. What is possible is to open your hands without fear, so that the one who loves you can blow your sins away!'

Sunday Services for February and March

Sunday Services

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 (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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Special Services and Events

Feb 3	Procession and Eucharist of Candlemas at 3.30pm at St Cuthbert's (no afternoon service at All Saints')
Feb 6	Ash Wednesday 7.30pm Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes at St Cuthbert's
Mar 16	10.15am All Age Eucharist with blessing of Palms at St Cuthbert's and procession from the cross on the green.

Lent Study Groups

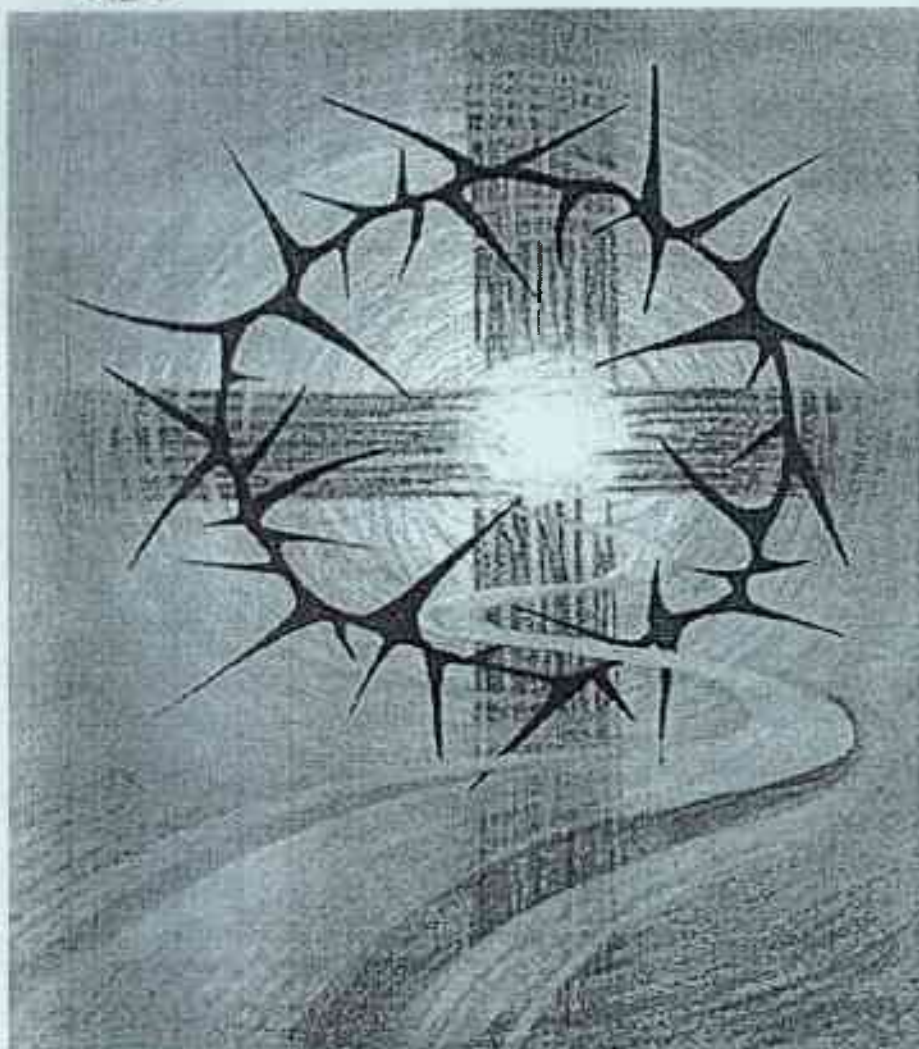
Commencing on Wednesday 13th February at St Cuthbert's at 7.30pm with refreshments at 7pm; we will once again be sharing our Lent studies with our Christian brothers and sisters from the other churches in Ackworth. Please do join us.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (advance notice)

Our annual meeting will be taking place on Sunday 20th April at 11.00am at St Cuthbert's following a said service of Holy Communion at 10.15am and a short break for refreshments.



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When he says 'open your hands' I feel that he is saying something about the way we sometimes cling to our guilt, that we punish ourselves by not accepting God's forgiveness. If we are truly repentant, then as well as confessing our sins we must fully accept God's free gift of forgiveness.

On our forgiveness of others, we recall Jesus' words on this; 'When your brother wrongs you seven times and seven times comes back to you and says "I am sorry" you must forgive him.' It's not easy at times to forgive people who have hurt us, but if we expect God's forgiveness, then we must adopt his nature and forgive others, It's usually pride that stands in the way. Henri Nouwen had this to say about forgiving others,

'I have often said "I forgive you" but even as I said those words my heart remained angry and resentful. I still wanted to hear the story that tells me that I was right after all. I still wanted to hear apologies and excuses; I still wanted the satisfaction of receiving some praise in return - if only the praise for being so forgiving.'

Wishing you a quiet and reflective Lent and I hope that through repentance you may find wholeness.

Happy Easter from Paul and Sue.

ACKWORTH CHRISTINGLE SERVICE 2007

The Christingles held at All Saints' and St Cuthbert's on the 2nd of December were extremely well attended this year.

In total we raised over £458 for the Children's Society.

It was a delight to see so many children and as always it was very moving to see the churches lit by candlelight whilst we sang. Many thanks to all who helped in whatever capacity and a very special thanks to Mr Lamprey for donating the oranges and the Co-op for making a contribution. It is wonderful that we are able to help children so less fortunate than our own in such an uplifting service.

Helen Parkinson



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In Memoriam

Lily Parker 3/4/1920 - 18/12/2007

The end of December was to some extent the sad end of an era with the death of our dear friend and sister in Christ, Lily.

Born locally in Purston and schooled at Pontefract Girls High School, Lily began her teaching career after graduating from Bishop Grosseteste C of E training college in Lincoln. There then followed a string of teaching posts starting in her home town at South Featherstone Secondary Modern and culminating with a headship at Dumbleton primary C of E school in Gloucestershire, a county where she spent the majority of her working life and which she loved dearly.

After retirement she lived for a time with her good friends Marjorie and Myrtle Wilkins before finally moving back here some 17—18 years ago, firstly to Purston with her sister and finally to Chiltern Drive.

Each one of us will have different memories of Lily as she certainly left an impression upon all the lives she touched. Mine were of a lovely lady; a devoted Christian; a woman of great faith and love. Kind and caring, she would help out anyone in anyway she could, if by no means least, offering an attentive listening ear - a model of faith in action! I never thought of Lily as being an old person. Even though it was a great sadness to see her body grow old rapidly over the last two years, her mind and her spirit was as young and energetic as any of us. Progressive in her thinking, she always kept an open mind on all subjects and that sharpness of mind and determination never left her.

Both in her life and the courageous way she approached death, Lily left us all an example to follow, may we be worthy of that example.

'For all the saints who from their labours rest'

God bless you Lily!

The Rector - Paul Hartley

Renewal



Lent begins in less than a month! This is traditionally a time for reflection, for reappraisal and for renewal. It sometimes is regarded as a time to give things up but maybe this is an easy way out. Giving up chocolate or alcohol may demand some sacrifice but doesn't necessarily encourage us to grow spiritually or to deepen flagging faith. Lent is a time for confessing our sins to God, either formally or in the privacy of our own hearts. Each one of us will have personal issues to reflect on before God, but, as I thought about this for us as a church, I realised that there are things we

should collectively address.

By now most of you will realise that at heart I'm an evangelist. My main aim in life is that the whole world might come to know Jesus as Lord and Saviour and come to know the fullness that only he can bring. I have said repeatedly before that mission and evangelism isn't an optional extra for Christians nor can it be confined to clergy. The commission is for all of us.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. *Matthew 28.19-20*

What has this to do with repentance and renewal? Simply this, that I feel we should be ashamed of our poor record in terms of mission and evangelism. What have we done to spread the gospel? Of course, I'm encouraged by the fact that our numbers are increasing. Of course, the response we had at harvest is wonderful. However this compares sadly with what we read about in Acts:

And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. *Acts 2.47*

In fact, I can only be sure of one actual conversion as opposed to a return to faith since I've been in Ackworth - rather a sorry record.

I was talking to a member of our congregation the other day about the Jehovah's Witnesses and how irritating they can be. In fact I got a call from them today but the sight of my dog collar rapidly put them off! However, irritating or not, they put a lot of effort into spreading their message. When did you last see anyone from our church knocking on doors? When did you personally last tell anyone about Jesus?

This Lent we should repent of our lack of enthusiasm for sharing the best news in the world. We should repent of the lack of love demonstrated by the fact that we keep the good news of salvation to ourselves. We should repent of our disobedience to what our Lord commanded us to do. The picture accompanying this article is a reminder of what Jesus suffered so that we might know him and so that the whole world might be saved. When we neglect to pass on the gospel, we are throwing Jesus' sacrifice back in his face.

My prayer this Lent is that as a church we might be restored and renewed - in worship, in prayer, in study but above all in outreach to the lost.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as some thing to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. *Philippians 2:5-8*

Have a holy and blessed Lent. With love in Christ
Jenny

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Lily

When I thought about writing some form of tribute to our beloved Lily for the magazine I felt the most appropriate words were those I used at her funeral service. She picked her own hymns and the reading from Colossians 3.12-17.

And whatever you do, in
word or deed, do everything
in the name of the Lord
Jesus, giving thanks to God
the Father through him.

It has been my joy and privilege to know Lily for two and a half years. Many of you have known her much longer and each one has their own special memories. Lily was my friend and beloved sister and I loved her to bits. I am so pleased that just a few days before she died we were able to tell one another that we loved each other. Lily was special.

I first really noticed her when I heard her reading in church. She read with feeling, understanding and real delight. It was obvious that she had taken to heart the words:

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

Lily really knew her bible. When I was preaching at All Saints' and quoting scripture it was a delight to watch Lily - she would be quoting it along with me. Even when Lily became breathless and struggled she carried on delighting in the word of God.

Despite her age and increasing frailty Lily was young and was always looking forward and looking for new ways to serve her Lord. She delighted in our young people and was a great support to them. On a

number of occasions I prayed with her at our healing services and she always asked for the strength for what God still had for her to do. She had a sense of unfinished business. I'm sure that that business was finished in her death - with peace, calm acceptance and indeed happiness. Her death was a shining witness. She died happy, at peace looking to the glory to come. I talked a little about Lily at our Christmas midnight mass when our gospel was John 1:

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Lily shone as a light in the world and the darkness of death couldn't overcome that light. She had the living Word dwelling in her.

Just this autumn, Lily took on a new thing for her Lord. She hosted a house group for her friends and neighbours round Chiltern Ave and Court. When I saw her on the Friday before she died we were talking about house groups and making plans for the future. Lily never stopped serving. She truly:

ran with perseverance the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus.

In the midst of her illness she was still seeking ways to bring Jesus to others. What an example!

I last saw Lily about 36 hours before she died. Two days before she was out of bed, bright and cheerful. When I revisited she was unconscious, struggling to breathe and I was sure death was imminent. I sat holding her hand and praying. I was reluctant to leave her but knew she would have expected me to go and do my job at our village carol service. Before I left I anointed her with oil as at times before and prayed in the words we use at our healing service. Without opening her eyes Lily prayed:

Thank you God. I'm happy now.

I told her I loved her and that we would meet merrily in heaven. I will always treasure my memories of Lily and especially those last precious minutes. Lily was indeed one of:

God's chosen ones, holy and beloved.

We can all learn from Lily that death need not be feared but, in the light of Christ is the gateway to glory. **Amen**

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ACKWORTH FOUNDLING HOSPITAL

This article comes as a result of a previous extract from Saywell's 'History of Ackworth' in an earlier issue of the magazine.

I am very grateful that the Assistant Archivist at Ackworth School, John Bunney, has sent further information about the Hospital taken from the book 'The History of the Foundling Hospital' by R. H. Nichols and F. A Wray. He also reports that a speaker from the Coram Foundation recently gave a talk on the subject and said that the mortality rate at the London Hospital at that time was between 70% and 80%.

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	London Hospital	Ackworth Hospital
Beer	4d gallon	4d gallon
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Coal	36 bushels 31/9	48 bushels 6/2

According to a report to the Committee in October 1772, there were then 147 children at Ackworth, and it was ordered that as many as could not be apprenticed there should be sent to London.

Mr Hargreaves, the Ackworth Secretary, was also asked about the children incapable of being placed out. He replied offering to take these unfit children at £8 per annum and provide for them personally.

In May 1773 it was resolved that all children remaining at Ackworth were to be sent to London, and the Ackworth Hospital was to be closed and the land disposed of. Dr. Lee was asked if an offer to purchase had been received, and it was suggested that he should advertise the sale. He was also asked for 'an inventory of Live and dead stock and the best method to dispose of the Ackworth property'.

The Ackworth Committee in 1773, were directed to discharge all officers and servants except one to take care of the House. He was to be paid £20 per annum for salary and board. All livestock was ordered to be sold, and all linen and woollen clothing, shoes, stockings, and drugs were to be sent by water conveyance to London. The furniture and bedding to be sold at Ackworth. Dr. Lee, in December 1773, reported an offer from Mr. Taylor, an Alderman of Pontefract, of 40 guineas per acre for the land and 1,000 guineas for the building. But the Committee gave orders that the house and land, 35 acres arable and 91 acres of pasture, were to be advertised for sale. The sale was advertised at various times, particularly in May 1775, when the 'Master

of the York Waggon' was asked to distribute 'Bills of the above in Yorkshire Towns'.

There is an interesting Minute of the Managing Committee when the Hospital was ordered to be closed. It reads thus:

ACKWORTH HOSPITAL

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In all, 2,664 children had passes through Ackworth, in just under fifteen years, and off these only 6 per cent died, which, in view of the general mortality of the country at that time, was a magnificent record.

Another step taken in November 1776, when the Governors decided that Ackworth was to be offered for sale at £8,000 and Shrewsbury at £6,000. No acceptable offers, however, appear to have been received.

The Hospital remained closed for nearly five years, until, in December 1777, the 'Society of Quakers' offered the Governors £7,000 for the house and land. This offer was approved by the Court of Governors in April 1778. The Society of Friends took possession on Lady Day, 1778, at a rental of £280 per annum pending the completion of the purchase. Some question of title thereupon arose, and for nearly a year it seemed that the purchase might fall through. Finally, however. A lease was granted for six years, with the option of purchase for £7,000 within that period. The difficulty regarding title was overcome at last, and the purchase was completed on March 19, 1786, the Society paying to the Hospital £7,000 5 per cent Bank Annuities. The actual cost of Ackworth, in land, building, and furniture, was £20,807.

WHAT IS A GRANDMOTHER?

This is an eight-year-old boy's definition of a grandmother.

A grandmother is a woman who has no children of her own and therefore loves the boys and girls of other people.

Grandmothers have nothing to do, they only have to be there.

If they take us for a walk, they go slowly past all the beautiful leaves and caterpillars. They never say 'come along quickly' or 'hurry up for goodness sake'.

They are usually fat, but not too fat to tie up our shoelaces.

They can answer every question, such as 'why dogs hate cats' and 'why God is not married'.

When they read to us they do not leave anything out, and they do not mind if it is always the same story.

Everyone should have a grandmother, especially those who have not got television.

Grandmothers are the only grown ups who always have plenty of time.



Holy Week and Easter Special Services

Palm Sunday

Eucharist and Procession of Palms at St Cuthbert's at 10.15am

Maundy Thursday

Chrism Eucharist at Wakefield Cathedral at 10.30am

Institution of the Last Supper at St Cuthbert's at 7.30pm

Followed by the Watch until 10.00pm

Good Friday

Family Service at All Saints at 10.30am

Friday Liturgy at St Cuthbert's at 2.00pm

'Stations of the Cross' at St Cuthbert's at

7.30pm

Meditation in words and music

Easter Eve

First Eucharist of Easter

at St Cuthbert's at 8.00pm

The lighting of the Easter Fire,
blessing of the new paschal candles and
procession into a darkened church

Followed by the renewal
of baptismal vows

Easter Day

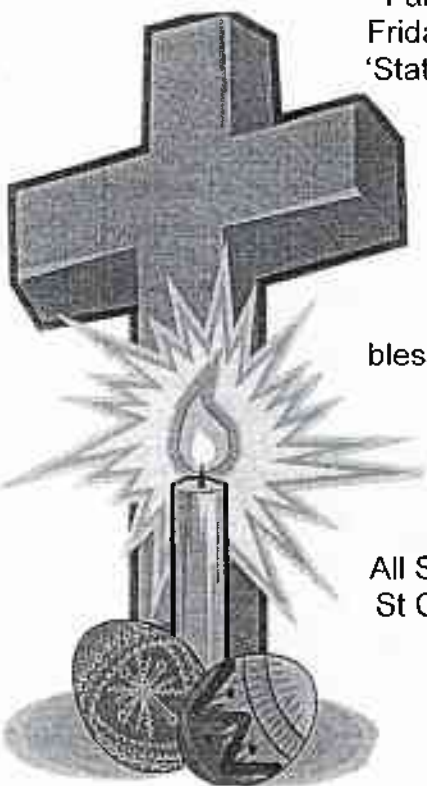
All Saints' at 8.30am Family Eucharist at

St Cuthbert's at 10.15am *Followed by egg*

rolling and decorated egg competition

Easter Praise

All Saints' at 6.30pm



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Readings Rota for February 2008, March 2008

Date	Liturgical Week	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel	St Cuthbert's	All Saints'
03/02/2008	Sunday Next Before Lent	Exodus 24:12-18	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matthew 17:1-9	Jane Siddall	Dr McWilliam
10/02/2008	1st Sunday of Lent	Genesis 2:15-17 & 3:1-7	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11	Sue Hartley	Mrs S Hall
17/02/2008	2nd Sunday of Lent	Genesis 12:1-4a	Romans 4:1-5 & 13-17	John 3:1-17	Keith Shaw	Mrs M Walker
24/02/2008	3rd Sunday of Lent	Exodus 17:1-7	Romans 5:1-11	John 4:5-42	Emil Brown	Dr McWilliam
02/03/2008	Mothering Sunday	1 Samuel 1:20-28	Colossians 3:12-17	Luke 2:33-35	Briony Lewis	Mrs S Hall
09/03/2008	Passion Sunday	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Romans 8:6-11	John 11:1-45	Pauline Wong	Mrs M Walker
16/03/2008	Palm Sunday	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Philippians 2:5-11	Matthew 26:14-27:66	Anne Atack	Dr McWilliam
23/03/2008	Easter Day	Isaiah 65:7-25	Acts 10:36-43	John 20:1-18	George Scargill	Mrs S Hall
30/03/2008	2nd Sunday of Easter	Exodus 14:10-31 & 15:20-21	Acts 2:14a & 22-36	John 20:19-31	Jane Siddall	Mrs M Walker



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Ackworth Concert Society

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So it was on the evening of Saturday, December 8th 2007, when a choir with soloists, a chamber orchestra, an audience, a conductor and even the place - the historic Quaker meeting house at Ackworth School were powerfully unified by J.S. Bach. The CHOIR St Peter's Singers occupied the elders' benches in the meeting house with their unique sounding board curving over them to carry the sound and soloists gliding silently forward to the orchestra for their parts. The PLAYERS, St Peter's Chamber Orchestra were flutes, oboes, bassoon,



strings and a small organ. The trumpet section included the not often seen Bach trumpets - so long, slim and shining.

The AUDIENCE were in lusty form bravely holding the melody line whilst the choir projected the beautiful descants of the three carols which were sung. They too had their musician, Paul Taylor, a member of the Ackworth Concert Society whose fine carol 'Nativity' was performed. Above all (he is tall!) was the CONDUCTOR Dr Simon Lindley whose

benign, friendly, encouraging style brought much warmth to the occasion. His work began even before the concert as he wrote a detailed, scholarly account of the night's music to be printed in the programme. The Bach was his Magnificat with Christmas Verses and the Cantata 30.

A truly memorable moment was when only a solo soprano voice and a solo flute were able to fill the whole meeting house with dazzling sound as they chased one another through vivid variations on the basic harmony. At other times too, it was remarkable how Bach produced such a full and engaging sound with only one singer and one orchestral instrument.

In all an outstanding concert for which we must thank the Ackworth Concert Society (in its 23rd year) for its enterprise in bringing such music to the village.

Dennis H. Mitchell

RICHARD OF CHICHESTER (circa 1197-1253)

Have you ever wondered where the prayer 'May I see Thee more clearly, Love thee more dearly, and follow Thee more nearly, Day by day' comes from? Richard of Chichester, who was a bishop in the 13th century, is responsible for its creation.

He began life as Richard de Wych, of Droitwich and was the son of a yeoman farmer. He was a very studious boy, and after helping his father on the farm for several years, he refused an advantageous offer of marriage, and instead made his way to Oxford, and later on to Paris and then Bologna to study canon law.

In 1235 he returned to Oxford, and was soon appointed Chancellor, where he supported Edmund, Archbishop of Canterbury, in his struggles against King Henry the Third's misuse of Church funds. After further study to become a priest, Richard was in due course made a Bishop himself.

He was greatly loved for he was charitable and accessible. He was merciful to sinners and extraordinarily generous to those stricken by famine, and a brilliant legislator in his diocese. He decreed that the sacraments were to be administered without payment, Mass to be celebrated in dignified conditions, the clergy to be chaste, and to practice residence, and to wear clerical dress. The laity were obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy days, and to know by heart the Hail Mary as well as the Lord's Prayer and the Creed.

Richard was also prominent in preaching the Crusade, which he saw as a call to reopen the Holy Land to pilgrims, not as a political expedition. He died at Dover on the 3rd of April 1253. In art, Richard of Chichester is represented with a chalice at his feet, in memory of his having once dropped the chalice at Mass! One ancient English Church is dedicated to him. And of course he is the author of that now famous prayer, now



set to popular music, which runs in full:

'Thanks be to Thee,
My Lord Jesus Christ,
For all the benefits
Thou hast given me,
For all the pains and insults
Which Thou hast borne for me.
O most merciful Redeemer
Friend and brother,
May I know Thee more clearly,
Love Thee more dearly,
And follow Thee more nearly,
Day by day.



I Love You Mom!

Mom's smiles can brighten any moment, Mom's hugs put joy in all our days, Mom's love will stay with us forever and touch our lives in precious ways...

The values you've taught, the care you've given, and the wonderful love you've shown, have enriched my life in more ways than I can count.



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FROM THE OLD MAGAZINES

The following short extracts are taken from the magazines of 1946.

Shortage of clergy

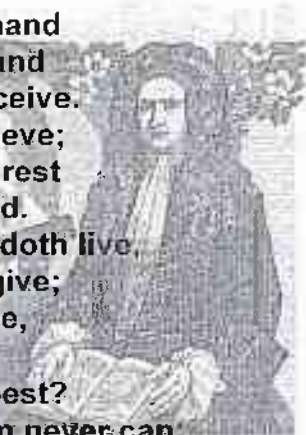


'J.H.R. Moorman, in his recently published book, gives evidence to show that out of a total population of about three million people in England in the 13th century, there were at least forty thousand secular clergy as well as nearly seventeen thousand monks and friars. Since there were at that time about 9,500 parishes that would allow four or five to each parish. It is astonishing to learn that in those days every fiftieth man was in holy orders of some kind. There were, of course, far too many clerics then, but there are far too few now and most large parishes are understaffed.'
Over sixty years on nothing appears to have changed!

On a pound note

The following lines were found written on an old pound note.

**'This piece of paper in your hand
Declares to you that on demand
You twenty shillings shall receive.
That simple promise you believe;
It sets your mind as much at rest
As if the silver you possessed.
So Christ who died, but now doth live,
Doth unto you this promise give;
That if on Him you will believe,
You shall eternal life receive.
Which is the surest, safest, best?
The bank may break—Heaven never can.
It's better trusting God than man.'**



The two lizards

In St. Stephen's Church, Careby in Lincolnshire, there is a very rare sanctuary knocker that dates back to the 14th century. In the centre of the knocker there is a crude head of St. Stephen showing him asleep while two lizards can be seen whispering in his ear. They are telling him that Satan is about to attack him. The moral of the this is a warning that the devil is always waiting to harm a sleeping saint or a sleepy church.



ST. DAVID'S DAY

St David's Day is celebrated on the first of March. He is the Patron saint of Wales although little is really known about his life. It is thought that he was the son of a prince or chieftain and that he was instrumental in founding several Welsh monasteries. The date of his death has been given as far apart as 544 or 589 or even as late as 601.

There are of course customs associated with celebrating St David's Day such as wearing one of the national emblems of Wales. A leek should be worn in the hatband or the daffodil in a buttonhole. The daffodil, traditionally said to be in bloom on March 1st now seems the more popular choice for fairly obvious reasons!

The choice of a leek as a national emblem is unclear. Some favour the idea the St. David thought it a good plan for his men to wear a leek when going into battle so that they might be easily distinguished from their enemy. (In the play Henry the fifth by William Shakespeare, a Welsh soldier refers to this story.) Probably a more prosaic explanation is that both leeks and daffodils are easily obtainable at that time of the year.

It once was the custom for villagers to help out any neighbour who had not finished ploughing by March 1st and at the end of the day each would bring a contribution to a communal meal. Welsh people all over the world celebrate St David's Day. The traditional Male voice choirs are much in demand and traditional Welsh dishes such as cawl (broth and meat) and bara brith (speckled bread) are eaten as Welsh song, dance and poetry are enjoyed.

A MISCELLANY

To err is human, but to really foul things up requires a computer.
Paul Ehrlich

In a London tube station there was an advertisement that said: "75% of all top clergy take The Times". Underneath it someone had scrawled, "The other 25% buy it".

"The subject of my sermon today," said the vicar to his congregation, "is the milk of human kindness". A voice replied, "Condensed I hope".



A mother who scolded her young daughter for being cross and bad-tempered was surprised to get this retort-"All I can say mummy, is that it's bad-temper when it's me and migraine when it's you".

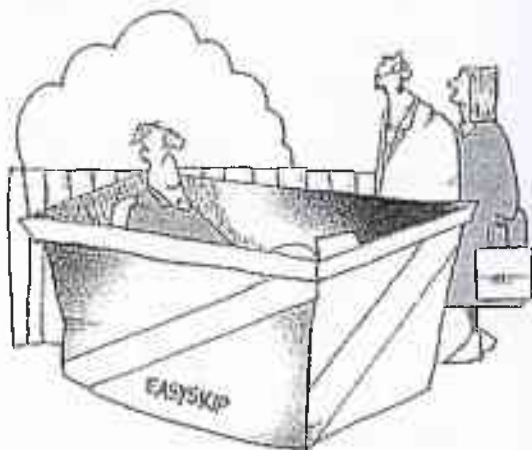
When the cannibals saw a missionary approaching on his bicycle they said with delight, "Ah, meals on wheels".

A thought-- If you were on trial for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?

The fact that people are born with two eyes and two ears, but only one tongue, suggests that they ought to look and listen twice as much as they speak.

A good sermon leaves you wondering how the vicar knew all about you.

A Northamptonshire W.I. ran a competition once to find out the most useless gadget in the kitchen. It was won by the member who sent in a photograph of her husband!



I SEE DORIS HAS BEEN HAVING A CLEAROUT

FEBRUARY 29TH 2008

The year 2008 is a leap year, which only occurs once every four years, when the year is divisible by four. The exception to this is when the year ends in 00. However there is also an exception to the '00' rule when the year may be divided by 400. This notably happened in the year 2000. This complicated rule is to keep the calendar year in line with the solar year which is made up of 365.2422 days.

The extra day is now always February the twenty ninth but this was not always so. Julius Caesar's calendar made the extra day after February 24th, making the year have two February 24ths.

People who are born on February 29th have a choice of when to celebrate their birthdays when it is not a leap year, either choosing the day before, February 29th or the following day, March 1st. February 28th is the date when such people legally come of age. It was said that Job was born on February 29th because of the text in the Bible 'Let the day perish wherein I was born', which has led the 29th to be known sometimes as Job's birthday.

There are of course superstitions that have grown up around this date. On the day itself it is said that women tired of waiting to be asked to marry may take the initiative and propose marriage themselves. It was said that if a man refused the offer then he had in order to compensate for his refusal to give a gift such as a silk gown or gloves. The idea of women being able to propose marriage is said to go as far back as the fifth-century Ireland where St. Bridget complained to St. Patrick that women never had the chance to propose. St Patrick suggested that they might be given the option every seven years but that did not satisfy St Bridget who said it should be more often and so the compromise of each Leap year was agreed upon.



*See! I was born on February 29th,
so I'm still a juvenile!

From the Registers

Baptisms

- Dec 9 Eden Brian Clayburn
Dec 30 Lewis George Arundel & Isaac Neville Sheard

Funerals

- Nov 1 June Mary Shorthouse(77) 84 Mount Pleasant, Ackworth
Nov 8 Terence David Robinson (64) 163 Lingwell Gate Lane,
Lofthouse
Nov 15 Millicent Cox (93) 40 Alfred Court, Furlong Rd, Bourne End
Nov 16 Betty Hughes
Nov 20 June Sykes (62) 36 Brackenhill, Ackworth Moor Top
Nov 26 Gerald Henry Brown (81) Manor Farm, Cross Hill, Ackworth
Dec 5 Irene Robinson (83) 90 Station Rd, Low Ackworth
Dec 27 Sarah Anne Baker (84) 115 Millgate, Ackworth Moor Top
Dec 28 Lily Parker (87) 44 Chiltern Drive, Ackworth Moor Top

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

ACKWORTH COMMUNITY CHURCH

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| 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 February and March

Sunday Services

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 (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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Special Services and Events

- Feb 3 Procession and Eucharist of Candlemas at 3.30pm at St Cuthbert's (no afternoon service at All Saints')
- Feb 6 Ash Wednesday
7.30pm Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes at St Cuthbert's
- Mar 16 10.15am All Age Eucharist with blessing of Palms at St Cuthbert's and procession from the cross on the green.

Lent Study Groups

Commencing on Wednesday 13th February at St Cuthbert's at 7.30pm with refreshments at 7pm; we will once again be sharing our Lent studies with our Christian brothers and sisters from the other churches in Ackworth. Please do join us.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (advance notice)

Our annual meeting will be taking place on Sunday 20th April at 11.00am at St Cuthbert's following a said service of Holy Communion at 10.15am and a short break for refreshments.