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Dear Friends,

As we settle in for a long, possibly hot (if the temperatures we have been having in May is anything to go by!) Summer, which, following the 'glut' of the first few months of the year, are rather void of high festivals. I hope you will permit me the luxury of a little nostalgia. I would like to go back to Pentecost Sunday (11th May) and just reflect a little on that glorious day - both weather wise and celebration wise - when we gave thanks for all the hard work and dedication that has gone into the restoration of St Cuthbert's and saw its rededication by the Bishop of Wakefield, the Right Reverend Stephen Platten. A day made even more memorable by the fact that in common with all other Christians throughout the world we also celebrated the birth of the Christian Church - kick started by descending and empowering of the Holy Spirit at that first Pentecost.

This Sunday marked the culmination of the efforts begun in October 2001 when the appeal for the restoration and reordering our two Anglican churches here in Ackworth. After many years of fundraising, countless grant applications and over two years of building works. Pentecost Sunday marked the end of the first phase, if you like of our project, or vision for our churches in the village; now turning our attention to All Saints' church, badly in need of repairs and renewal to meet the needs of our growing community in the 21st century. As many of you who attended the rededication will have realised it was not just about building and although I mistakenly wrote about that it was the end of the first phase - it was not a service to mark the end of something, but as the Bishop was most emphatic about in his sermon, it was a new beginning and a continuation of the Christian mission begun when Saint Cuthbert's body first rested here in the 7th century.

It was as the title of the service a Re-dedication; a renewal of the work ongoing since that first mission by those monks from Lindisfarne over 1200 years ago. In that respect it was a renewal of the resolve of our church; that is the people who

share in its worship and mission; to continue and strive to increase our efforts to serve and evangelise this community. In that respect it wasn't just the blessing and rededication of a building, but also the rededication of the people of this church. As the Bishop sprinkled the building with holy water, he also walked round the church sprinkling the people attendant at the service - a symbol of the renewal of our baptism. In the intercessions we gave thanks '...for the gift of the Holy Spirit and new life in baptism...'

It was all very moving and particularly poignant on the celebration of Pentecost, the day remembered as the beginning of the new church and its mission. I was particularly stirred by the symbolism of this celebration and felt a strong sense that in a very real way the Holy Spirit was blowing through our church that day renewing resolve and deepening commitment to the faith; a faith which calls us out of ourselves and out of the building in which we worshipped to take God's world and his love to all who may be open to receive it. This sense of renewal and revival came across powerfully for me in the final prayer of his rededication after we had all been sprinkled, some liberally soaked with holy water. I leave you with that prayer and the reply of all who attended as a reminder of the commitment they made that day and words for those who were unable to attend can take to their hearts too.

*(Bishop)* 'Generous God, of your great goodness you renew your people in the daily living. Bless this congregation. Empower us on this day of rededication, for fresh ventures in faith, greater commitment to worship and new act of service'.

*(People)* 'In the name of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit we rededicate ourselves in service and praise. Amen.'

In the hope that, that day and the words of the service, particularly this prayer, may continue in our hearts and minds for a long time into the future and that I may be our resolve, not

just for that one day, but for every day of our lives until our contribution to Christ's mission is complete at least on this earth.

Yours in Christ,

Paul.

### **QUEEN'S ENGLISH**

We'll begin with box, the plural is boxes.  
But the plural of ox is oxen not oxes.  
One fowl is a goose, but two are called geese,  
Yet the plural of mouse is never meese.  
You may find a lone mouse, or a whole nest of mice,  
But the plural of house is houses, not hices;  
If the plural of man is always men,  
Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?  
If I speak of a foot and you show me two feet,  
And I give you a boot, should a pair be called beet?  
If one is a tooth and a whole set is teeth,  
Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth?  
If the singular's this and the plural these  
Should the plural of kiss ever be keese?  
We speak of a brother and also of brethren,  
But though we say mother, we never say methren.  
Then the masculine pronouns are he, his and him,  
But imagine the feminine, she, shis and shim.  
So, what?



## A Passionate Life



I am part of a cell group ie four Anglican curates who trained together who meet about four times a year to share fellowship, to reflect on our lives together and to have fun and drink a bit of wine! We always try to read a book in advance of our meetings and this time someone suggested 'A Passionate Life' by Mike Breen and Walt Kallestad. The title makes it sound like a steamy romance but in fact it's about walking with Jesus in the fullness of life which he promised his disciples.

I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. (*John 10.10*)

In places this book is a bit American in flavour despite the fact that one of the authors was formerly the incumbent of a large Anglican church in Sheffield but there is some good stuff in it. It talks about 'Lifeshapes' and uses symbols to remind us of some aspects of our discipleship. If this idea seems interesting I suggest that you read the book but there are a couple of ideas from it which seem worth sharing.

Right at the beginning it says this:

The world is full of the walking weary. Yet that is not the life that Jesus called us to live.

The sad truth is that too many Christians do seem like the walking weary. They don't appear different to the rest of the world. They keep shouldering their own burdens rather than letting Jesus carry them as he promised.

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke - --and learn from me:----- For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. (*Matthew 11.28-30*)

It doesn't have to be like this. As Christians we ought to be enthusiastic about life, in fact brimming over with the Holy Spirit. We've just celebrated Pentecost and as I looked round church on

Sunday there were indeed some happy, shiny faces but also an awful lot of glum ones. What message does this give to the world? The book I was reading says this:

Doesn't everyone long for a passionate life? We love passionate and enthusiastic people; they carry something of the nature of God with them. In fact the word enthusiasm derives from a Greek word *enthousiasmos* that comes from *entheos*, 'having the God within'.

I find this a really exciting idea and incidently a good justification for my tendency to get fired-up by things and go 'Wow' a lot when I see what God is doing. If we really have God within us by the power of the Holy Spirit we ought to be enthusiastic.

The book discusses\ various aspects of discipleship but one very valuable idea was that of 'walking with God'. The prophet Micah says:

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice,  
and to love kindness, and to **walk humbly with your  
God?** (*Micah 6.8*)

Walking with God is a lovely concept and a way to deepen our relationship with him on a day by day basis. While I'm sure its right to set aside special times to talk to God and to read his word we also can invite him to be a part of our everyday life. 'A Passionate Life' suggests coffee with Jesus, going for a walk with him, taking him shopping. Since reading this I've tried to apply this principle and I've had a lovely time simply by allowing myself to be open to God in my day by day business.

This certainly is an interesting book and I've only dipped into it for this article. You might love it, you might hate it, but it certainly will make you think and may indeed deepen your relationship with God and your discipleship. I'm happy to loan my copy but the details if anyone wants to buy it are:

A Passionate Life by Mike Breen and Walt Kallestad published by NexGen®: ISBN 0-78144-269-9

Happy reading

Love in Christ

Jenny

### In Memoriam

Pray for me as I shall for thee that merrily we may meet in heaven.

*St Thomas More*



During April we said 'Goodbye' to two beloved sisters, Ethel Smith on 1<sup>st</sup> April and Margaret Camplin just a fortnight later on 15<sup>th</sup> April. Of course, as Christians, goodbye is not for ever but only till that day when we will meet again in God's nearer presence. However we will miss both of them. Both of their funerals were held at All Saints' church and were times for rejoicing and celebration as much as for mourning. Each of these two very determined ladies had left clear instructions for their funeral services and they were a real joy to help conduct and to be part of. Paul and I were privileged to do them together which was a real delight.

Ethel died peacefully on 1<sup>st</sup> April, in her own bed after a very short illness. She was up and around at the weekend, by Tuesday she was dead. Ethel was born in Ackworth and lived most of her life here. She was a highly intelligent woman who trained as a teacher. Working in various posts before her final job as head mistress of a school in Sherburn-in-Elmet. Ethel retired from teaching 35 years ago but this wasn't the end of her active life. She lived next door to All Saints' church and worked hard for the church she loved and above all for the God she had known and loved all her days. She was a wonderful flower arranger and, even after she was too frail to do the flowers herself, she co-ordinated the rota and the flower fund which regularly made a profit.

Ethel was great fun. She loved people, conversations, entertaining and dining out. She was an avid rugby and cricket supporter. I remember one Wednesday morning when she was late for communion because she'd been listening to the cricket! I didn't know Ethel for very long but she was a delight. I'd like to share with you some words from the card she gave me when I was ordained priest. The card showed a doorway and she said that this was for me the doorway into the next stage of my life in God's service. This seems a fitting epitaph for Ethel who has now stepped through the doorway into God's presence. One of the hymns at her funeral was 'Guide me, O thou great Redeemer which ends:

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's destruction  
Land me safe on Canaan's side:



Songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee;  
I will ever give to thee.

She is now safe on Canaan's side..

Just two weeks after losing Ethel we lost another great stalwart of the church in Margaret. Of recent years Margaret was nearly housebound so we saw less of her although she loved to receive visitors and it was always a great delight for Paul or myself to take communion to her. She remained vital and interested in all that went on.

Margaret was a comparative newcomer to Ackworth! She only moved here after the war following her husband's near fatal wounding during the Normandy landings. Margaret always worked hard to support her family and was often seen cycling round the village. She was a busy and happy lady who cared for others all her days, actively while she could and through her prayers after she became housebound.

Margaret was a proud Scot all her days. She never lost the accent. The importance of her Scottish heritage was revealed in her funeral service when she asked for psalm 121 in the Scottish metrical version causing me to do some hasty internet searching. Her faith was a quiet, determined one. The expression on her face when she received communion was a joy to behold. She delighted in telling me how much Alan's faith meant to her.

Sadly her last few weeks were difficult. She was in hospital for weeks, subsequently moving to Monument House and then to Priory Gardens for the last few days of her life. Margaret didn't fuss but it was hard for her. However, even in those last days there were happy times. I last saw her about six days before her death when I anointed her and prayed with her. She was at peace. Just days before her death she tried to sing 'If you were the only girl in the world', the love song Alf used to sing to her.

Margaret was a delight. We are richer for her friendship and poorer for her passing. Perhaps her epitaph might be the unfamiliar last verse of 'Lead, kindly light' which we sang at her funeral:

Meantime, along the narrow rugged path, thyself hast trod,  
lead, Saviour, lead me home in childlike faith, home to my God.  
To rest forever after earthly strife  
in the calm light of everlasting life.

Margaret is now home with her God.  
Thanks be to God for Ethel and for Margaret.

Jenny

## MOTHERING SUNDAY

Unfortunately this article was too late for the last issue of the magazine.

We may all know the origin of this day, going back in time, when young people at work or in service, away from home from a very young age, were allowed a day off each year to visit their mothers.

What does it mean to us modern day mums? Cards, chocolates, flowers, breakfast in bed if you are lucky (it's never happened in my house) mums being made to feel special. For some of us becoming a mum has not been easy, for some women it never happens at all, it may have been a conscious decision or one by chance, but there are many other ways through having God Children, or being a favourite auntie when you can become a sort of surrogate mum, who can still be loved and appreciated on this special day.

On that day I was lucky enough to be with both my grown up children for a family meal and it brought home to me all those mums who were not so lucky, who have lost children, through illness or accident, or whose children are away at war, and of course those who could not be with their children for whatever reason.

But there is another side to this day to remember that having children is a blessing and a privilege to be treasured at all times, for as mothers we have already been given the greatest gift of all, our children, and to be called mum is enough. S.T.

Thank You Mother...



for helping me grow

## FLOWERS FOR ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Unfortunately, Ethel Smith, who for many years has organised and helped with the flower rota, died last month. She was responsible for helping to raise money for the flowers, finding helpers with the arranging and finding people who, if not able to arrange the flowers themselves, wished to have flowers in Church for some anniversary of loved ones. Each week she had a coffee 'morning' after the Wednesday Communion Service to raise money and always had a Christmas Coffee Morning for the same purpose.

Fortunately Jean Hancocks has stepped into the arranging rota and if you wish to continue sponsoring a Sunday for flowers or would like to be put on the list would you please contact her as soon as possible as our list of sponsors is not entirely complete or indeed accurate. Telephone number 01977 610887

## GOOD ADVICE FROM OUR FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS

If a dog were a teacher you would learn things like this: -  
When loved ones come home, always run and greet them.

Never pass up an opportunity to go for a joyride.

Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind on your face to be pure  
ecstasy.

When it's in your best interest, practise obedience.

Let others know when they have invaded your territory.

Take naps.

Stretch before rising.

Run, romp and play daily.

Thrive on attention and let people touch you.

Avoid biting people when a simple growl will suffice.

On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass.

On hot days, drink lots of water and rest under a shady tree.

When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.

No matter how often you are scolded, don't sulk but run back and make  
friends again.

Delight in the simple joy of a really long walk.

Eat with enthusiasm and appreciation, but stop when you've had  
enough.

Be loyal. Never pretend to be something you are not.

If you want what lies buried, dig until you find it.

When someone is having a bad day, be silent and sit close by and  
nuzzle him or her gently.

## ALL SAINTS' FLOWERS

JUNE 1 <sup>ST</sup>	FLOWER FUND
JUNE 8 <sup>TH</sup>	FLOWER FUND
JUNE 15 <sup>TH</sup>	FLOWER FUND
JUNE 22 <sup>ND</sup>	FLOWER FUND
JUNE 29 <sup>TH</sup>	MARGARET BLANCHARD
JULY 6 <sup>TH</sup>	FLOWER FUND
JULY 13 <sup>TH</sup>	JEAN HANCOCKS
JULY 20 <sup>TH</sup>	FLOWER FUND
JULY 27 <sup>TH</sup>	SUE TANSWELL

## ST. CUTHBERT'S FLOWERS

JUNE 1 <sup>ST</sup>	ELAINE ROBERTS
JUNE 8 <sup>TH</sup>	PHYLLIS ASQUITH
JUNE 15 <sup>TH</sup>	MRS. BARNARD
JUNE 22 <sup>ND</sup>	HEATHER WALTERS
JUNE 29 <sup>TH</sup>	VACANT
JULY 6 <sup>TH</sup>	MARGARET BARROW
JULY 13 <sup>TH</sup>	BETTY FELL
JULY 20 <sup>TH</sup>	JANET BATEMAN
JULY 27 <sup>TH</sup>	ANNE HURST



## BRASSES

JUNE	VACANT
JULY	VACANT



## Readings Rota for June 2008, July 2008

Date	Liturgical Week	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel	St Cuthbert's	Ser	All Saints'
01/06/2008	Proper 4	Genesis 6:9-22, 7:24, 8:14-19	Romans 1:16-17, 3:22b-28	Matthew 7:21-29	Jane Siddall		Mrs M Walker
08/06/2008	Proper 5	Genesis 12:1-9	Romans 4:13-25	Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26	Briony Lewis	P	Dr McWilliam
15/06/2008	Proper 6	Genesis 18:1-15	Romans 5:1-8	Matthew 9:35 - 10:8[9-23]	Sue Hartley		Mrs S Hall
22/06/2008	Proper 7	Genesis 21:8-21	Romans 6:1b-11	Matthew 10:24-39	Keith Shaw		Mrs M Walker
29/06/2008	Proper 8	Genesis 22:1-14	Romans 6:12-23	Matthew 10:-40-42	Pauline Wong	B	Dr McWilliam
06/07/2008	Proper 9	Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67	Romans 7:15-25a	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30	Emil Brown		Mrs S Hall
13/07/2008	Proper 10	Genesis 25:19-34	Romans 8:1-11	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	Anne Atack	P	Mrs M Walker
20/07/2008	Proper 11	Genesis 28:10-19a	Romans 8:12-25	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	George Scargill		Dr McWilliam
27/07/2008	Proper 12	Genesis 29:15-28	Romans 8:26-39	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	Jane Siddall		Mrs S Hall



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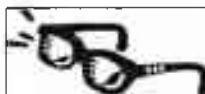
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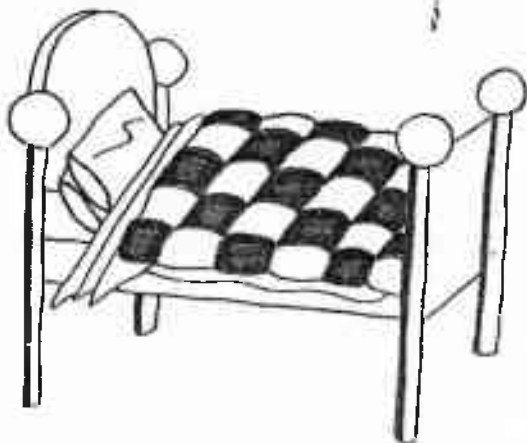
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## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Even though I clutch my blanket and moan when the alarm clock goes off, thank you Lord, that I can hear. There are many who are deaf and cannot hear.

Even though I keep my eyes closed against the morning light as long as possible, thank you Lord, that I can see. Many are blind and cannot see.



Even though I huddle in bed and put off getting up as long as possible, thank you Lord, that I have the strength to get out of bed. There are many who are not as fortunate because they are bedridden.

Even though the first hour of the day is hectic, when the socks are lost and the toast is burned and tempers grow short, and the children are noisy, thank you Lord, for my family. There are many out there who are on their own and lonely.

Even though our breakfast table never looks like those in the glossy magazines and the menu is at times unbalanced, thank you lord for the food we have every day. There are many in your world who are hungry every day.

Even though the every day routine of my job is often monotonous, thank you Lord for the opportunity to work. There are many who cannot find any work.

Even though I grumble and moan about my fate sometimes and wish that my circumstances were less modest, thank you Lord, for my life and for my freedom.

## CHURCH MAGAZINE AND NOTICES ERRORS

We all wondered why the Ladies circle meeting was packed, until someone pointed out an item in the church magazine had announced that Miss Roberts would give a talk on glove making, but had missed out the 'g'.

Don't let worry kill you-let the church help.

Thursday night-Potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.

Smile at someone who is hard to love, and say "hell" to someone who doesn't care about you.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be, "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.

The curate unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday.

It is- "I upped My Pledge—Up Yours!"

The senior choir urges any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir.

The vicar will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing, "Break Forth Into Joy".

The Reverend Merriwether spoke briefly, much to the delight of the congregation.

Next Sunday Mrs. Vinson will be soloist for the morning service. The vicar will then speak on "It's a terrible experience".

## EXTRACT FROM SAYWELL

This extract from Saywell's 'History of Ackworth' concerns the Almshouses that are to be found in High Ackworth just before the bend near to The Brown Cow and which are still occupied and the meeting room there used on a regular basis.

### LOWTHER'S CHARITY

"In 1741, Mrs. Mary Lowther endowed an Hospital for six poor women of the Parishes of Ackworth, Badsworth and Featherstone; and a school for twenty children of the parish of Ackworth. The income of this charity, which is variable, in 1885, was £81.11s 5d, arising from money invested in the Funds, in the names of the Charity Commissioners, and from £700 invested on mortgage of the Tolls of the Doncaster and Tadcaster Turnpike Road. The master receives from the Trust £16 per annum, and each of the poor women about £7 15s. The funds of Mrs. Lowther's Charity have twice sustained pecuniary loss to the extent of £700, once, by the failure of its bankers in 1809, and again, in 1843, to the amount of £50, through the mismanagement of its accountant.

The following inscription appears above the doorway of the Lowther School: -

1741  
MARY LOWTHER  
ERECTED AND ENDOWED THIS HOSPITAL FOR A  
SCHOOLMASTER  
AND SIX POOR WOMEN

The governors of the Hospital are the Rectors of Ackworth, Badsworth, and the Vicar of Featherstone for the time being. The Master receives his £16 per year, on the understanding that twenty poor children are taught by him free of expense; but for some cause or other, although the money is still received, the children are not now taught in accordance with the conditions of the Trust. The same remark applies to East Hardwick School, the master of which, for the time being, receives a specified sum, according to the terms of the trust deed for the free education of ten boys of the parish of Ackworth. The ten boys, however, are neither received nor educated."

(The total annual income from the five principal charities of Ackworth, in 1885, was £83 7s 10d.)

## HANDY GARDENING HINTS

- A good gardener plants three seeds—one for the grubs, one for the birds and one just for himself.
- Ladies- to get real enjoyment out of your garden, put on a straw hat, dress in your oldest clothes, hold your trowel in one hand, and a cool drink in the other and then tell the man where to dig.
- If one mixes one teaspoonful of Epsom Salts in about a pint of lukewarm water you will find that it is an excellent tonic for your plants, especially the roses.
- Save your banana skins and crush your eggshells and bury them near the roots of your rose trees and this will supply them with extra vitamins and minerals.
- Also you will find that crushed eggshell may be used not only as a fertiliser but also as a slug deterrent as they hate the rough texture of the shells.
- If you have a nettle patch, don't throw them away when you have removed them. When they have rotted down put them into a container, cover them with water and leave for two to three weeks. The resulting strongly smelling liquid obtained is an unrivalled natural free fertiliser, especially good for tomatoes.
- After sowing the seeds, pop the empty packet into a glass jar and place it upside-down at the end of the row where it won't fade or get blown away.

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## NATURAL WEATHER BAROMETERS

Barometers are very useful in predicting the weather and natural ones are particularly helpful. The two most common ones are seaweed and cones from fir trees. Once, seaweed was always brought home from the seaside to be used as a weather predictor. I remember as a child collecting bunches of seaweed from Scarborough beach and taking it home where it was hung up and watched carefully (at least for a few days until the novelty wore off) to see what was in store for us with the weather. During fine weather seaweed shrivels and feels dry to the touch, but when rain is imminent it expands and feels damp. Similarly fir cones can give an indication of the weather; they close tightly when it is wet and open fully when it is fine. The Norwegian spruce is a particularly good indicator of forthcoming weather.

For those without access to seaweed or fir cones it is still possible to use other natural means of forecasting the weather. The scarlet pimpernel, or 'the poor man's weather glass', is thought to be the most accurate weather-predicting flower. When sunny weather is promised the tiny bright red flowers open wide but close tightly as rain approaches. Other flowers such as dandelions and daisies also tend to shut whenever rain threatens. When a hard winter is promised onions growing in the garden will grow extra thick skins.

Most people will have heard some version of the oak and ash prediction:



*If the oak is out before the ash,  
Then you'll only get a splash.  
But if the ash beats the oak,  
Then you can expect a soak.*



When trees show the underside of their leaves, giving a much lighter appearance than usual, it is a sure sign of wet weather. The phenomenon is caused by the increasing moisture in the atmosphere which softens the stalks of the leaves, causing them to turn over. Trees particularly susceptible to this are poplar, lime, sycamore and lilac.

Do any of our readers have their own special ways of predicting the weather?

## CHURCH OFFICES OF OLD

Having had the annual parochial Church meeting in April where every year there are elections for the various church offices such as Church Wardens, PCC members and side persons it is good to know that some of the old offices have become defunct. Imagine trying to find someone to fill these positions.

Dog whippers and sluggard wakers were offices held in connection with the Church many years ago. The same person usually performed these positions. In those days many people felt that it was their duty to give money for the purpose of keeping the congregation awake during the sermon, and driving out stray dogs from the church during the service.

The Churchwardens' accounts in Wakefield give the following items: -

1616 Paid to Gorly Stork for whipping dogs                      two shillings and sixpence

1624 Paid to the dog whipper                      two shillings.

1625 Paid to Lyght Owler for whipping dogs                      one shilling and fourpence.

1703 For hats, shoes, and hoses for sexton and dog whipper eighteen shillings and sixpence.

These official were clothed right until 1820.

In Baslow Church in Derbyshire there is still preserved the implement of the dog whipper. The thong of the whip is about three feet long, and is fastened to a long ash stick, round the handle of which is a band of twisted leather.

In the Churchwardens' accounts of Barton-on Humber there is an entry that reads—

1740 Paid Brocklebank for waking sleepers—two shillings.

Some of the wands for waking up sleepers were fitted up with a kind of fork at one end, which just fitted the neck, which the sleep awakener, having dexterously adjusted to his victim's neck shook him up.

There is also evidence of a beadle at another Church going round the building during divine service carrying a long staff, at one end of which was a fox's brush and at the other end a knob. With the former he gently tickled the faces of the female sleepers, while on the heads of the male sleepers he hit them with the knob briskly.

## ***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'
6.30pm	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 Events and Services**

- 08/06/08 3.30pm St Cuthbert's Confirmation with Holy Communion-  
Bishop of Pontefract Rt Rev'd Tony Robinson officiating  
(no Evensong at All Saints)
- 22/06/08 3.00 - 5.00pm - Celebration of Baptism - St Cuthbert's  
Teddy Bears' picnic in Rectory Garden followed by short act  
of worship. All welcome.
- 03/07/08 7.30pm St Thomas - Holy Communion- St Cuthbert's
- 22/07/08 7.30pm Mary Magdelene - Holy Communion- St Cuthbert's

### **LOADS OF MANURE**

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## From the Registers

### Baptisms

- 9/3/08 Alex James Fairhurst & Gabriella Blackburn  
30/3/08 Charlotte Ruby Hartley  
27/4/08 Amelia Jaye Linsley

### Marriages

- 1/3/08 Daniel Adam Blackwell & Samantha Clayworth  
15/3/08 Steven Paul Guy Briggs & Laura Elizabeth Susanthi  
Backhouse

### Anniversary/Renewal of Vows

- 15/3/08 Kenneth Markey & Bridget Markey (50th - Golden Wedding)

### Funerals

- 5/3/08 Phylis Guest (84) Manor Park Nursing Home, Castleford  
6/3/08 Alan Reeve (75) 42 Rhyddings Avenue Ackworth Moor Top  
10/4/08 Violet Smith (88) Attlee Court Nursing Home, Normanton  
14/4/08 Ethel Mary Smith (95) 'Solentia' Wakefield Road, Ackworth  
Moor Top  
15/4/08 Michael Lamprey (74) 30 Holgate Road, Pontefract  
16/4/08 Brian Pagdin (70) Old Snyderdale Nursing Home, Old Snyderdale  
23/4/08 Margaret Darling Camplin (92) 58 Orchard Drive Ackworth  
Moor Top  
28/4/08 Violet Mabel Burton (86) Layden Court Care Home, Maltby

### 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

<b>Sunday</b>	10.30am	<b>Worship</b>
	6.30pm	<b>Prayer Meeting</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.30—11.15am	<b>Parents and Toddlers Group</b>
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All services and meetings are held at the Ackworth Parish  
Council Community Centre, Bell Lane.