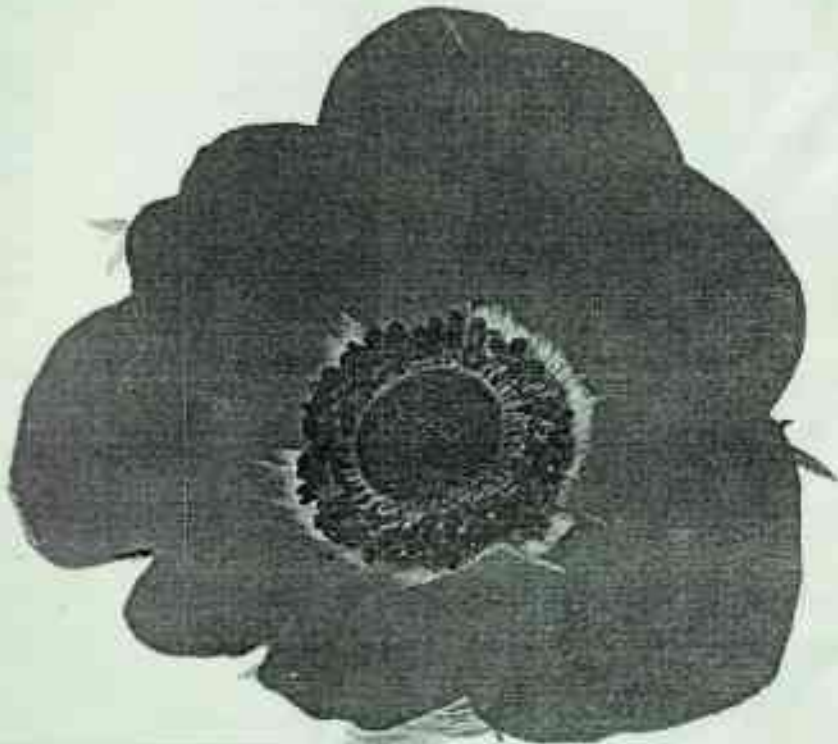




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Dear Friends

With summer over and not too many regrets about that I suspect, autumn is starting to draw in. Even as we write at the beginning of September the temperature has already dropped several degrees, the days are getting shorter and some of the leaves on the trees are changing colour. By the time this magazine is published most of the harvest will be gathered in and leaves will be falling - marking the season of what the Americans poetically call 'the fall'. It is a season when growth slows down almost to stop and some trees and plants appear to be dead.

For the church too, November in particular is a time when we focus on the end of earthly life and beyond. Three major festivals at the beginning of this month reflect this sense; All Saints Day (1st), All Souls (2nd) and Remembrance Sunday (9th). These dates are occasions to remember those dear to us whose life on earth has finished and they have moved on to new life in heaven. It is a time when perhaps the old enemy - death - seems closer to us than usual. To many, this is a time of gloom and despondency; of sadness and lack of hope, they see death as the end; the ultimate separation and thoughts seem to centre on the darker side of life; we have Hallowe'en at the end of October and Advent at the end of November when we contemplate the forces of darkness and the judgment at the end of time respectively. Hardly surprising that our pagan ancestors used to light great bonfires to try and ward off darkness and evil spirits.

So now I've depressed you all, where is the good news? Well actually it is all around us at this time. Though all seems gloom and melancholy, as always, the Christian message turns all such perceptions on their heads. Our enduring belief, underlined by our Lord's own death, is that death is not the end. New life lies beyond that seemingly impenetrable barrier and the Spirit of the saints and our loved ones continues in a way that it never could in earthly life. Spirit, as with the Holy Spirit of Jesus is no longer tied to the limitations of physical presence and geographical location as was bodily life. When Jesus died he conquered the last and

final act of evil when he triumphed over death itself. All Saints is an occasion to look up - to avert our gaze on the everyday routine of life with those many negative elements which bring us down - to gaze instead upon God's glory as we join with the Saints in heaven united in prayer and praise.

I guess what I am trying to say in plain words is that though this season is heavily punctuated with reflection on death and sadness, this is not the feelings that the Church and Christianity preaches. Though we may remember loved ones we have lost at this time, it is only their bodily presence we have lost; they still remain with us in spirit, in the love we share and as we are reminded in 1 Corinthians 13, love never comes to an end: *'There is nothing love cannot face; there is no limit to its faith, its hope and its endurance.'* Just as Jesus rose again, so will all those visible signs in nature, which currently seem dead, burst back into life at springtime. May your remembrances be filled with love and may the Church bring you joy at this poignant and dark time of year.

Yours in Christ

Paul

(We celebrate All Saints on Sunday 2nd November 10.15am at All Saints' Church - do join us and celebrate this glorious festival!)



Fellowship in Christ

When Stella said to me a couple of days ago 'Its time for the next magazine article' I thought 'Never. I've just written the last one!' it can be hard to think of something fresh to say each time. I tend to leave Paul to concentrate on a topic related to the liturgical season or specific events in our church life while my thoughts tend to be more free-ranging. I thought 'What have I been doing? What has specially struck me recently?'



On Friday Mike and I are off on holiday, to Thailand and then on to Cambodia. When we're on holiday I try to attend church if possible, not to seem holy but because I love worshipping God with other people and enjoy seeing different styles of worship. I also love the sense of fellowship that attending a Christian church in some remote part of the world brings. Finding a church in Bangkok was relatively easy. It's a big city and there are a lot of Christians there. A quick look at the world-wide Anglican site yielded the information so on Sunday 7th September we're off to worship at Christ Church, Bangkok.

Cambodia proved a bit more difficult. Via 'Google' I found a reference to 'The Church of the Lord Jesus Christ our Peace' but struggled to find any more details. I eventually e-mailed the dioceses of Singapore and got a delightful reply:

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Hope this information helps.
In Christ
Kareng

Can't do much better than that! Guess where we'll be on 14th September?

What on earth is the relevance of this? On Wednesday night at the Post-Alpha study group we were looking at Philippians 2.19-30 which models Christian friendship in Paul's relationships with Timothy and with Epaphroditus. We came to the conclusion that we felt closer to one another than to many people whom we'd known for years, that we

trusted one another absolutely and were prepared to share some very confidential issues. Christian friendship and fellowship goes beyond mere liking. In fact there may well be fellow Christians whom we struggle to like but whom we still love and feel a bond with because we are part of the same body, the body of Christ. This bond should transcend race, gender, denomination.

There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. (*Galatians 3.28*)

As we reflected together on this unity and fellowship in Christ we decided that this was most perfectly expressed in the eucharist where we come together to share in one body. We say the words:

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The celebration of communion is not just a priestly role. We all share together and together we re-member what God has done for us in Christ. This sharing should take us beyond our worldly differences and be a clear sign of what we share in relationship with one another and in relationship with God himself. When I'm presiding at communion I always find the expressions on people's faces and their joy quite awesome. There is an intimacy about communion which goes beyond virtually anything else I know. Sharing this together is an enormous privilege.

One of my favourite pieces of scripture is 1 John 4 which sums up Christian love and fellowship:

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. (*1 John 4.7-12*)

What an amazing concept!

In the passage from Philipians which I mentioned Paul talks about Timothy and Epaphroditus not just as friends but as fellowworkers and as fellow-soldiers. It is as we work and struggle and possibly suffer together for the increase of God's kingdom that we forge the strongest bonds between one another. As well as looking inwards to one another in fellowship we also need to look outwards to the world we are called to serve.

Over the next two weeks I will be sharing fellowship in some interesting places. I'm reminded of the hymn 'The day thou gavest, Lord':

The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
The darkness falls at Thy behest;
To Thee our morning hymns ascended,
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank Thee that Thy church, unsleeping,
While earth rolls onward into light,
Through all the world her watch is keeping,
And rests not now by day or night.

As o'er each continent and island
The dawn leads on another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent,
Nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking
Our brethren 'neath the western sky,
And hour by hour fresh lips are making
Thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord; Thy throne shall never,
Like earth's proud empires, pass away:
Thy kingdom stands, and grows forever, Till all Thy
creatures own Thy sway.

To all my beloved friends in Christ
Jenny

ST. PETER & ST. PAUL'S SUZY FUND

Dear Friends at St. Cuthbert's and All Saints',

Since I first came to speak at St Cuthbert's in late 1995 and you started a branch in February 1996, your support has been amazing. I believe your contribution must be around £12,000 and a great help towards our total of over £500k since we started in September 1975.

It would be impossible to estimate the benefit of our large 'drop in the ocean' of misery and despair in two thirds of the world, but there is absolutely no doubt that many children are alive, and many more living better lives because you cared. People doing much less than you often tell me, that what we are able to do is such a small amount that it makes no difference, but just occasionally I get word from the front line that really lifts my spirits.

In March I sent £500 to an eighty year old nun working in Mozambique who told me that she is able to feed 100 orphans; she said when the cheque arrived she did not have a penny and would have had to turn away the small children, away to face a certain death as there was no where else to go.

During the massacre in Rwanda a few years ago, we contacted a girl from Manchester who had gone to Rwanda to help. She had collected orphaned babies after their parents had been killed in the massacre, and by begging for coppers she was able to keep them alive; we sent a cheque for £200 every month and she was able to buy milk and basics to feed them. After a few months her sister, still in Manchester, rang me to tell me that the previous month the cheque had been delayed for clearance by the banks in Rwanda and she had been unable to pay the farmer for the milk. I asked her what had happened to the babies and she said, 'they died'. I think she had between 20-30 little ones, it certainly reinforced, in my mind, that Suzy is not just organising village fetes.

Over the 33 years there have been so many similar stories of incredible people in the Third World doing wondrous things with the little amounts organisations like ours are able to send. When people tell me that 10p can save a life, I realise that for £1 I can save 10 children or buy my Sunday newspaper, I know that a group of people like yours would probably forgo your weekend news sheet if it came to a choice,



and that gives me the strength to do as much as I can.

I used to say when I started Suzy that reading of the horrors in Ethiopia that I was an angry young man at 42, now approaching 75, I am still angry (an angry middle aged man) .I couldn't do it without you and as long as Barbara Firth sends me your contributions, I will know that I have your blessing to continue, our overheads this year are one third of a penny per pound-£129 to collect £39,000.

We are now reaching £510,0000; I don't really expect to reach £1m but with God's blessing it won't be for lack of trying. With my gratitude and prayers,

Yours,

Brian Hazell



A SUZY FUND UPDATE

Twelve and a half years ago after Brian spoke to the Women's' Group in St. Cuthbert's Church, a total of £12,646-07 has been collected, due to the generosity of members of the congregations of both churches putting money 'in the pot' after services and to friends making regular donations, either monthly or annually.

Briefly, the Suzy Fund was started in the summer of 1975 after the photograph appeared in a national daily newspaper of a little girl having been abandoned on a rubbish tip in Ethiopia. A group of Sandal residents demonstrated their concern for such an obscenity by taking the practical step of raising £100 per week indefinitely. The little girl on the tip was given the name 'Suzy' -Hence: The Suzy Fund'.

A very big 'thank you' to all the kind people who have supported (and continue to support) this very worth-while charity.

Should anyone wish to inspect the accounts or to know more about the fund, then please contact either Barbara Firth or myself.

Vera McWilliam.

DOING BY BEING

The strange title of this article is quite deliberate.

A frequent comment I hear from some of our older church members is that they feel that they do not do enough for Jesus and a few feel that their prayers are unanswered! They say, 'I don't do much at all! I don't seem to hear God speak back much but I know I still must be sinning!' Well, I can understand how they feel, but it does not mean they are necessarily failing Jesus!

Yes, it may be true that they are not as active or 'busy' in church: in their younger days perhaps in a church choir, reading the scriptures during the service, acting as sidesperson (greeting) or leading intercessions (prayers).

It does not mean however that they are now idle, lazy or worthless. In fact, the opposite is more likely! My reason for saying this is simple: Jesus/God/Holy Spirit will only give you work to do that you are able to do, and will ensure that you are empowered as well! Read Matthew's Gospel Chapter 12 especially verses 29 and 30 and you will see what I mean.

On the question of the second comment about God speaking, the Holy Spirit will point out your sins but will not browbeat or badger you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week like some dictator: he will gently tell you, lovingly, quietly and calmly—a still small voice.

Those of you who have faith and pray to Jesus with grace and sincerity are DOING the most important task of all—by BEING a witness for Christ.

Keep up the good work and let us bring the Kingdom of Christ in!

Emil Brown

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Date	Liturgical Week	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel	St Cuthbert's	ser All Saints'
05/10/2008	Proper 22	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20	Philippians 3:4b-14	Matthew 21:33-46	Briony Lewis	Mrs M Walker
12/10/2008	Harvest Thanksgiving	Deuteronomy 8:1-8	2 Corinthians 9:6-end	Luke 12:16-36	Pauline Wong	Dr McWilliam
19/10/2008	Proper 24	Exodus 33:12-23	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-20	Anne Attack	Mrs S Hall
26/10/2008	Proper 25	Deuteronomy 34:1-14	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	Matthew 22:34-46	Emil Brown	Mrs M Walker
02/11/2008	All Saints' Day	Revelation 7:9-17	1 John 3:1-3	Matthew 5:1-12		Dr McWilliam
09/11/2008	3rd Before Advent	Amos 5:18-24	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Matthew 25:1-13	Anne Attack	Mrs S Hall
16/11/2008	2nd Before Advent	Zephaniah 1:7 & 12-18	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Matthew 25:14-30	George Scargill	Mrs M Walker
23/11/2008	Christ the King	Ezekiel 34:11-16 & 20-24	Ephesians 1:15-23	Matthew 25:31-46	Jane Siddall	Dr McWilliam

Please remember to say the response after each reading. If you cannot fulfil your date please arrange a swap and let Lynne Ward know. Thank you.

ALL SAINTS' FLOWERS

OCTOBER 5 TH	FLOWER FUND
OCTOBER 12 TH	HARVEST FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 19 TH	FLOWER FUND
OCTOBER 26 TH	FLOWER FUND
NOVEMBER 2 ND	FLOWER FUND
NOVEMBER 9 TH	MISS MARY WALKER
NOVEMBER 16 TH	FLOWER FUND
NOVEMBER 23 RD	JEAN HANCOCKS
NOVEMBER 30 TH	ADVENT

ST. CUTHBERT'S FLOWERS

OCTOBER 5 TH	JEAN REAST
OCTOBER 12 TH	HARVEST FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 19 TH	VACANT
OCTOBER 26 TH	VACANT
NOVEMBER 2 ND	ADA PRITCHARD
NOVEMBER 9 TH	VACANT
NOVEMBER 16 TH	VACANT
NOVEMBER 23 RD	VACANT
NOVEMBER 30 TH	ADVENT



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NOVEMBER	COLIN TANSWELL



'Meet and Greet' in St Cuthbert's!

Have you done it yet? Have you put out the board one Saturday or Thursday afternoon and waited for visitors? If not, read on because it can be fun!

It was the second time I had put my name down to sit in the church on Thursday afternoon, so I did know what was expected. I knew that Paul (or Bidy in this case) would be there to open up at 2.00pm, I set up the board outside to advertise the opening and the visitors' 'welcome pack' was attractively set out in the doorway. There were two of us down for the session but my 'partner' said she would be leaving early so I had brought a book to read to pass the time. I was pretty sure no-one would come, as we had been on our own all afternoon the first time, it was raining and anyway I was quite looking forward to having an hour or so to myself!

As we predicted, it was very quiet. We settled ourselves on chairs and chatted about our families' activities and generally put the world to rights, as you do. Just as my friend was putting on her coat to leave and I was getting my book out of my bag, she told me that there were two ladies coming up the path - typical, I thought, just when I need support I'll be doing this on my own! I really hadn't expected that I might be giving a guided tour of St Cuthbert's that afternoon!

The ladies arrived in the doorway just as my friend was leaving, so after greeting each other the last thing my 'other half' flashed an apologetic smile and left.

It turned out that the visitors were sisters, one an Ackworth resident of many years whose sister from Australia was staying with her and they had seen the sign as they were walking in the village. What better to do than visit the church on a rainy afternoon? They were a delightful pair, so pleased that I could give them a written guide to the points of interest and so admiring of our lovely church.

They told me that they were very happy to use the guide and look around at their own pace, so I returned to my chair and looked again for my book.

However, the conversation between the two sisters fascinated me and very soon one of them came over to ask me about the mouse on the Rector's chair. When Bill Branston had taken her round the church she remembered something about a mouse. Did I know where it was? Luckily I have been to Kilburn and the 'mouse-man' workshop, so I did think I may be able to find Paul's mouse, and I did. Then the tables turned around and I was given real a treat as I went round the church with the visitors and was told about the 'green man' and his dog and several other fascinating features that, I am sorry to say, I was completely unaware of. Just before they left, the ladies bought some tea towels and pens as well as leaving a contribution so I really felt my afternoon had be worthwhile and a pleasure.

The least I could do, to thank my 'guests', was to offer to take a photograph of them together in the church doorway and this offer was accepted. The Australian visitor had a wonderful digital camera and while she was showing me which button to press and so on, we heard a piercing cry from outside the church. We looked at each other then quickly went outside to find out what was happening - and heard another shriek, which seemed to be coming from above. "Oh, that will be the Kestrel that nests here every year" the Ackworth sister told us.

Just then, as we were looking up to the bell tower, a juvenile kestrel emerged and sat on the edge of the building. What a treat for us to see! After a few minutes of watching it, just sitting on the ledge, we returned to the task of catching the moment of the sisters' visit to St Cuthbert's digitally. That job completed to the sisters' satisfaction, they turned for the last time to look up at the young hawk.

It was definitely nearer to the edge of the parapet by now, and

seemed to be preparing itself to fly - we wondered if it was the first time this bird had come out of the bell tower and was ready for a maiden flight. The time it was taking to get ready, we decided it probably was so the three of us were there, in the rain looking up and hoping the bird would gather its courage and fly. Then, to our delight, it did!

Wow, what a treat we all had. Not many people can be fortunate to witness the first experience of the big world for such an amazing and beautiful creature. It went over the roof of the church, towards the trees and then turned, presumably wanting to get back to safety - but failed to negotiate the roof properly and hit the cross full on. Then what pandemonium erupted! The adults had, obviously, been watching their child take its first steps and they shrieked as other, smaller birds fled in all directions in panic. What a sight and sound!

We were not sure what happened to the young kestrel, but it must have had rather a bad headache for a while!

The ladies went home for a cup of tea and cake, I returned to my post and looked again for my book. I didn't read it; though. I decided to take an information guide sheet and take myself around the church so that I would be prepared for the next visitors and I was very pleased that I did.

St Cuthbert's church in Ackworth is a very special place and I am looking forward to my next 'Meet and Greet' afternoon.

Don't forget, if you want to help to keep our church open to visitors all you need to do is sign up on the sheet - you never know what will happen!

EDITORIAL

As always I am indebted to everyone for copy provided for the magazine and thank all for their contributions. I would be most grateful if you could provide me with a paper copy or disc of any articles to ensure that the content and size of the magazine can be monitored.

Stella Hall.



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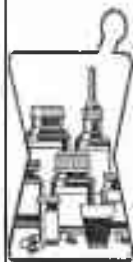
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HELLO FRIENDS

I hope that you have had a good summer and that God has refreshed you. Autumn will soon be upon us, a time to reflect upon our Saviour. Autumn is a beautiful time of year with all the different coloured leaves, the reds and browns; what a creative God we have. In Genesis God brought everything into being-Genesis iv27 'So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him, male and female'.

God knew what he was doing when he created mankind. He had a plan right from the very beginning. Jesus has always been a part of that plan, to give us a Saviour to save mankind. John 5v24 'I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me, has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life'.

Jesus came to save mankind, to give us hope and a future in Him. 1 Peter 1v21 'Through Him you believe in God who raised Him from the dead and glorified Him', and so your faith and hope are in God. Jesus' death on the Cross gives us life everlasting, when we repent of our sins and make Jesus lord of our life.

Repent which means to change one's mind and assumes a consequent change in one's behaviour and the word believe means to trust or rely upon. We know that we can trust Jesus and rely upon Him. Jesus' blood was poured out on the cross for you and me so that we can have a relationship with the Father. God will give you a new heart and he will give you the Holy Spirit. Jesus told the disciples, 'I will not leave you as orphans, I will come to you. The Holy Spirit will help you in a time of need'.

As we prepare for Christmas, the birth of Christ, do you know Jesus? Have you made Him your Saviour? Jesus will return, He will come again to judge the living and the dead. No one knows the day or the hour. He will come like a thief in the night, and every eye will see Him and every knee will bow both in heaven and on earth, and every tongue confess Jesus Christ is Lord. Without making Jesus your Saviour means eternity separated from God.

I hope that you have a wonderful Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

God Bless,
Your Friend,
Pauline Wong

MUDLARKS

With our last article on Village Signs the Editor published a photograph of Blakeney harbour in Norfolk.

By chance we again visited Blakeney on Friday 1st. August to find the annual Regatta in progress, not the sailing type but a village fete that has been held since 1863.

Amongst the activities we witnessed were men's and junior's Tug of War, across the muddy tidal inlet, no ladies teams were entered!, swimming races over fifty or one hundred yards along the quay side and walking the greasy pole, reaching out 20 feet and six feet above the murky water. A large crowd watched as numerous entrants fell after only one or two steps, although last year, judging from the photograph on the front of the programme, a youth made it to half way.

It was most surprising and reassuring in these days of Health & Safety and blame culture that such events can still be held and that British eccentricities can still be displayed to the delight of so many.
Sue & Colin Tanswell



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SONGS OF PRAISE

'All Things Bright and Beautiful' and 'O Lord my God, in awesome Wonder' were two of the hymns recently sung at the outdoor Songs of Praise service at All Saints' Church. This was a new service introduced for the first time on the last Sunday in July.

After rain, rain and more rain we were not at all optimistic that we would be able to hold the service outside. We could hardly believe that it turned out to be the hottest, sunniest day of the month!

Our worship was led by the Rev. Paul Hartley having to use his rainbow coloured umbrella as a parasol and the Rev. Jenny Montgomery having to wear her largest straw hat, which she had used when in Africa. The worshippers sat as close to the sheltering walls of All Saints' Church as they could to escape the blistering heat.

We had a very good service, praising God, sharing love and fellowship and it was enjoyed by about forty to fifty people some of whom wanted to explain why they had chosen their particular favourite hymn. After writing this I shall be putting up posters around the village giving the details about the next Songs of Praise at the end of August. I pray that God in his awesome wonder will provide another good day and that even more people will join with us.

Ann Atack

ST. CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

As mentioned in our last magazine, St Cuthbert's Church is now open on Thursday and Saturdays for guided tours or for you to just pop in and quietly browse round our recently restored Church.

It was good to be there, 'church sitting' to welcome two visitors who had travelled from Welwyn Garden City on a special mission. They were related to the former prizefighter and owner of Ackworth Park, John Gully who was buried in his own grounds against the church wall, and who erected a tablet in church to mark the murder of a son by Chinese pirates. They spent two hours together showing great interest in the building and taking photographs.

There are many interesting things to see and things to learn about the history of our Parish Church. Why not come along and have a look for yourself?

We look forward to seeing you there but please check our opening times so that you will not be disappointed to find it not open.

We desperately need volunteers to help man the church on Thursday afternoons along with Saturday mornings and afternoons. Should anyone feel able to help please contact the Rector, Paul Hartley on 01977 602751 or the Churchwarden, Bill Branston on 01977 610590

Ann Atack

EXTRACTS FROM 'SAYWELL'

THE VILLAGE CROSS

Tradition says that this cross was erected to commemorate a plague which carried off great numbers of the inhabitants. (Thompson says three or four hundred.) The date of the sickness has not been preserved, but that it occurred before the Reformation is certain from the cause of it, which has also been handed down from the same channel.

Previous to the Reformation, there was in the Chapel of St. Mary, in the Church of Ackworth, a Chantry, of our Lady, founded by Isabel de Castleford. There is no reason to suppose that this Chantry was supplied from the Priory of Nostell, as some have thought, but we may naturally conclude that the existence of the Chantry would cause frequent communication between the two places: nor is it unlikely that some of the Brethren of Nostell might occasionally minister at Ackworth during the absence of the Chantry Priest. Assuming this to have been so, the tradition as to the origin of the plague in question is much strengthened. It is said that a Monk of Nostell, who, probably from the cause just suggested, was held in affectionate remembrance by the people of Ackworth, dying abroad, his body was brought back to be interred at Nostell. As it passed through Ackworth, the people wished the procession to halt, and the corpse to be uncovered. This being done, the infectious complaint, which was the cause of death, a kind of putrid fever, was communicated to the bystanders. The Cross is said to have been erected on the exact spot where the body rested, to commemorate at once that event, and also the dire consequences which were permitted by God to flow from it.

The date of its mutilation, the removal of the Cross, and the substitution of a ball, (the emblem of the world) is generally ascribed to the time of the Great Rebellion.'

THE PLAGUE STONE

'Thompson, in his 'History of Ackworth School', makes this interesting relic contemporary with the Village Cross, but it is more probable that it dates from a second and more recent epidemic of the Plague, which occurred in 1645. He is correct, however, in saying that it was 'for many months the only point of contact between the people of Ackworth and the outer world'; and that upon it 'the Ackworth purchaser dropped his money into a vessel of water, for which, a few hours after, he found his return in merchandise.' A careful observer will still perceive a trough-like construction upon the inside of the stone. It is desirable that the stone, or what little remains of it, should be removed to a place of security ere it disappears, for it is certainly worth of preservation as a relic of antiquity.'

From the Registers

Baptisms

13 July Isabella Rose Shelton & Charlotte Anne Hardwick
27 July William Thomas Ernest Turner & Maxwell Mikey Clay
10 Aug Cain Gary Lawrence & Jessica Louise Abbey
31 Aug Jack Elliott Hodgson & Benjamin Matthew Preston

Marriages

20 July Nicholas Michael Lawton & Shelley Anne Winter
2 Aug Steven Robert McCormack and Maya Pendry Mouat
9 Aug Steven Paul Charles & Kerri Anne Wright

Funerals

16 July Shirley Clelland (71) 13 Mount Pleasant, Ackworth Moor Top
1 Aug Angela Bentley (49) Hemsworth Park Nursing Home, Hemsworth
5 Aug Margaret Rose Wood (74) 29 Halfpenny Lane, Featherstone
Aug Walter Edwrds (93) 14 DeLacy Gardens, Pontefract
28 Aug John Fearnley (60) 37 Woodleigh Crescent, Ackworth Moor Top

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

Our Lady of Graces, Kinsley, Saturday, 6:00pm
Sacred Heart, Hemsworth, Sunday, 10:30am

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 October and November

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

- 18 Oct 10.30am St Luke; Holy Communion at St Cuthbert's
- 26 Oct British Summer time ends
All Saints' afternoon services will be at 3.30pm except for 'Open Door' at 4.00pm
- 28 Oct 7.30pm St Simon & St Jude: Holy Communion at St Cuthbert's
- 2nd Nov All Saints Sunday: 10.15am Parish Eucharist at All Saints' church
NOTE: No 8.30am service at All Saints and no 10.15am service at St Cuthbert's
5.00pm Commemoration of the Faithful Departed at St Cuthberts.
NOTE: No evening service at All Saints'
- 30 Nov Advent Sunday: morning services as normal
4.00pm Christingle Service at All Saints'
6.00pm Christingle Service at St Cuthbert's

