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*Seasons Greetings*

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Dear Friends,

We come around yet again to what is undoubtedly the biggest celebration of the year for all Christians or even nominally Christian nations. It has a big build up which seems to get increasingly longer as each year goes by (long before I wrote this article many retail outlets have had a Christmas display) and people seem to extend themselves ever further (many going into debt) to make sure it will be the biggest and best yet. Yes it's Christmas!

Have you ever reflected upon the fact that although both the church and secular society alike try to build Christmas up as the biggest, most spectacular and brightest event of the year, when what actually lies at the core of it is a very small insignificant almost hidden occurrence; hardly noticeable in the grand scheme of things? God the creator of the universe come to us in the smallness, weakness and hiddenness of a human birth; a little helpless child, utterly dependent upon his human mother and father for mere survival. The great almighty God, who we would expect to come down to earth in a loud, spectacular, impressive and unrivalled way, almost sneaks in by the back door whilst no-one was looking. But then, could that be because we were looking for the wrong thing?

Huge, loud and impressive events are the way of the world (look at the Olympics' opening and closing ceremonies; the recent USA elections!), God comes; offers us salvation; in something small, tender and vulnerable; however, they do say that the best gifts come in small packages! It brings to mind some of the words of the popular carol 'O Little Town of Bethlehem' "Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in". God comes in the quiet, still unobtrusive moments of weakness.

Perhaps this then is why we often miss the most important fact of Christmas, the offer of salvation to any who will meekly receive Christ into their hearts and lives. We miss the true meaning of Christmas for us as individuals because we are looking in the wrong place! Our attention is focused on the spectacular celebrations we expect Christmas to be; the loudness, the glitz and the glitter; so much so that we are blinded to what really happened and is still happening-- God with us. The church is just as much to blame in 'bigging it up'! I've lost count of the number of times I've collapsed in my chair at lunchtime on Christmas day, exhausted by the sheer size and number

of services I have conducted; so tired that yet again I miss the real point!

The main problem, both about Christmas and the way we approach God at any time of year is the way we comprehend or attempt to understand him. It seems somehow easier to comprehend God as an immense and almighty being and ourselves a weak, feeble, quivering insect. This also gives us the excuse to blame God when something tragic happens; we say "How could such a powerful and loving God have allowed such a thing to happen". To think of God in this way is however, down to our thinking of him in human terms, Christmas is proof, if any, that God cannot be conceived of in this way. God and his son Jesus turned our expectations and understanding on their heads when he came to us in weakness and helplessness, dependent upon human love and care. He comes to us in poverty and vulnerability, and that is where we will find him, see him and take him to ourselves, this and any Christmas, amongst the poor, the lonely, the hungry, the handicapped, the sick and mentally ill, the elderly and the powerless.

It is hardly surprising that the real point or meaning of Christmas passes us by when our focus is on the opposite of these. We surround ourselves at Christmas with the trappings of wealth, with vast quantities of food and drink; our homes become a blaze of light, colour and noise and we make our home look richer and grander with decorations and we make a sometimes vulgar show of wealth by trying to outdo one another in giving bigger and more expensive presents.

God does not come in the thunder, the earthquake, the roaring wind, but in the still small voice of calm that speaks peace to us in our times of quiet and stillness. Take time out this Christmas to listen for that voice in your own heart.

A blessed and peaceful Christmas to you all,

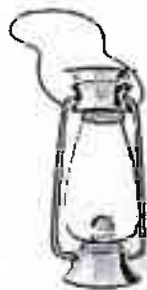
from Paul, Sue and all at the Rectory.



## Light our path

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

The 26<sup>th</sup> of October can be celebrated as Bible Sunday. We don't often celebrate this day in the Anglican church which I think is rather a pity. The fact that we each can have God's word available to us is amazing. The bible is an incredible book. Even if we don't regard it as the living, breathing Word of God it contains so much wisdom. For instance, the Ten Commandments are an excellent blueprint for life. Even some of the 'boring' rules in the Old Testament are actually very sensible – rules about camp hygiene, allowing newly married soldiers a honeymoon and so on. However, it's probably no great surprise to you that I regard the bible as very much more than a rule book.



Right at the beginning of John's gospel we're told that the Word became flesh:

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.*

*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.*

*John 1.1-2; 14*

Jesus was and is the living Word. In him, all the promises of the Old Testament were fulfilled. He lived the word so when we say:

*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path*

in effect we're saying that Jesus himself will light our path. I find this an absolutely incredible idea to contemplate, God himself in his Son lighting our way.

Jesus is indeed the living Word but the written word as revealed to us through scripture matters as well. It's sad that so few Christians read the bible seriously. It's quite instructive to, for instance, ask any congregation how many read the bible daily or even weekly. The numbers are shockingly low. For many Christians their only exposure to scripture is in church on Sundays. Since the bible is one of the main ways in which God speaks to us so many of us aren't giving God much of a chance.

There are many approaches to reading the bible. We can keep re-reading favourite passages. We can dip into it more or less at random when we're in need of a word of comfort. There is nothing wrong with these approaches but of themselves they're not enough. If we really

believe that the bible is the living, breathing Word of God then we should be engaging with scripture on a regular basis, preferably in a systematic manner. There are various ways to set about this.

- We might decide to read our way through the whole bible in a year from Genesis to revelation. A word of caution – the Old Testament may not be the easiest place to start.
- We might study the gospels or Paul's epistles.
- We might look for a theme such as 'God as Shepherd' and follow this through the bible.

I would commend to you reading approaches which use some set pattern of study. There are lots available. The Common Worship lectionary provides a scheme for morning and evening readings. There are lots of different study notes available. I like those produced by the Scripture Union and currently use 'Encounter with God'.

Whichever way we set about things, I certainly would encourage you not to be daunted but to get started. Using set readings sounds boring but it is in following this disciplined path that God speaks to us. For instance, the last few weeks haven't been easy for me. God however gave me a verse in my regular daily readings. I think the first version was:

I am continually with you; you hold my right hand.

from psalm 73 but the same thought that God had me firmly by the hand has occurred in at least one of my **regular set** readings every day since. God has faithfully rewarded my discipline.

I would also encourage you to memorize scripture. The easiest way to do this may be some form of 'flash cards', each with a scripture verse. Take one daily, read it, maybe put it in your pocket for the day, gradually let it become familiar.

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom;*

May God bless you richly through his word.

Love and prayers

*Jenny*



# Evening Concert

## Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup> 2008

On Saturday 6th December we have arranged an evening of entertainment at St Cuthbert's Church at 7.30 pm where we shall be able to hear both:

**The Ackworth Handbell Ringers and the Houghton Main Male Voice Choir** who will be in concert with a seasonal theme. It will be a great opportunity to experience the St Cuthbert's Hand-bells ringing in harmony for the first time for over 10 years and to enjoy hearing the choir fresh from its 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations.

**Tickets are £5 each**, available in advance from Social Committee members or by ringing 01977 610590. Tickets will also be available at the door on the night.

## St Cuthbert's Church opening for the public during 2008

Following the completion of the restoration and repair work at St Cuthbert's church we have an on-going obligation to open the church for visitors outside of the service times for a minimum of 28 days each year for ten years.

We thought you would perhaps wish to know how we succeeded in 2008 in meeting this obligation. To 29<sup>th</sup> October 2008 we had opened the church for 192 hours and received visits from 149 persons. For our volunteers a visit on their "church sitting" period was normally a very rewarding experience as most visitors had a genuine interest in the church and its history.

We shall continue to open on the last Saturday of the month throughout the winter before resuming Thursday afternoon and Saturday opening from Easter 2009.

## GIFTS OF GOD

Watching television or reading the newspapers can become quite depressing. There are stories of poverty, illnesses, bereavement, and natural disasters such as earthquakes to name but a few.

However for one family living in Ackworth a rare event happened to gladden and cheer many people. One young couple, Joanne and Rob were blessed with a special gift, the birth of triplets! They already had one little girl under three-called Jessica when suddenly Annabelle Jane, Millie Jo and Faith Olivia arrived. After a stay of three weeks in hospital they finally came home. A couple of days later when I was busy serving in the Co-op who should appear but the happy new family. Speaking to the proud parents they asked eagerly about having them christened. I gave them Paul's telephone number when they went off home. A few weeks later they came to our annual Teddy Bears' Picnic and started making plans for their special day.

Attending a service for the thanksgiving of a child I was given an invitation to share their joy and celebrations on the day of their christenings on September the fourteenth.

This was a unique experience for Paul. The children brought along eight godparents, many family members and friends. Getting prepared in the vestry was quite noisy but during the actual service we were all treated to three beaming happy faces. There was a big party afterwards and in all it was a very enjoyable day.

So by the grace of God, these children were welcomed into our Church Family, to start their Christian journey. So I pray that these children will grow up knowing God's love having the faith they received through baptism.



Mind giving him his bath now-he'll be asleep when we get home!

Ann Atack.



## FROM THE OLD MAGAZINES

### CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS

The carols we sing and hear at Christmas leave us in no doubt as to the reason for our keeping this festival. But during the dark days of December we keep as well traces of many old feasts, some of them with roots in pagan festivals though they have been grouped around the birth of Christ. Other nations make different days the chief festivals of the season, from December 5<sup>th</sup> to January 6<sup>th</sup> when the Twelve Days of Christmas end.

#### December 5<sup>th</sup>, St. Nicholas Eve

For many centuries St. Nicholas Eve has been the special festival for Dutch children. Until the outbreak of the First World War in 1914 Christmas was exclusively a feast just for the Church, and though today, through international customs having spread, most Dutch families celebrate Christmas in some way, and perhaps have Christmas trees, it is a much quieter affair than St. Nicholas, which is a time for present giving and family reunions. Dutch children contend that St. Nicholas comes from Spain on a grey horse with Black Peter, who is there to beat any naughty children. Shoes are left beside the stove and good children find them filled with sweets and presents. Some children leave carrots and oats out to feed the horse.

#### December 13<sup>th</sup>, St. Lucy

In Sweden this is the festival of light. Girls wearing crowns of lighted candles get up early and waken their parents with trays of coffee and cakes, singing as they do so a special song called Santa Lucia. Their little brothers dress up as Star Boys and carry tapers. The winters in the far north are so dark and long that lights have always been of great significance. In girls' schools there are often Lucia Feasts too, which are made the occasion for talks to pupils on how they ought to be lights in their homes rather on the theme of the children's hymn 'Jesus bids us shine'.

### Pastoral Care Day in Ackworth

On September 27th 2008, a bright and sunny Saturday morning, there was a real buzz around St Cuthbert's Church. A Pastoral Day was taking place and church members were arriving from all over West Yorkshire to share thoughts and experiences about Pastoral Work in their Parishes as well as to listen to two speakers with particular expertise in 'Bereavement' and 'Older People' matters.

Rev. Joyce Jones opened the morning session with a sensitive and yet realistic description of what loss really means and how bereavement can affect individuals and family members in different ways. A comprehensive pack of notes was available for us all to take away with suggested further reading, academic research findings as well as helpful ideas to support people suffering bereavement. Case Studies were discussed and ideas shared in small groups which we then took back to everyone for their comments and opinions, so by lunchtime we felt that we were beginning to know each other very well as well as hearing some quite touching stories and experiences that people were happy to tell.

After a buffet lunch, Rev. Albert Jewell led the session that was concerned with 'needs of the elderly'. Mixing humour and pathos, challenge and practical resources, he gave us a talk that was so positive and uplifting. "The questions remains whether churches take their older people seriously or for granted" created some discussion at the end of the afternoon and there were some excellent resources available to buy.

Over 30 Members from different churches in West Yorkshire really enjoyed the day in Ackworth and a special thanks to Lynne and the Pastoral Team for organising the day and providing the lunch. It was truly a day of friendship, fellowship and understanding that will in turn, help to spread comfort and support to those in need.  
Jane Gosney

## AN EXTRACT FROM SAYWELL'S HISTORY OF ACKWORTH

### THE FONT IN ST. CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

'The font is well worth the notice of the archaeologist and antiquarian. It is octagonal in shape, and running around it is the following inscription (translated from the Latin): "Thomas Bradley, Doctor in Divinity, being Rector, H.A. and T.C. Churchwardens. This font thrown down in the war of the Fanatics, was set up again in the year 1663."

It is probable that Ackworth church suffered greatly during the civil wars, not only from its proximity to Pontefract, but also from the circumstance of one of the King's chaplains being its rector. We know for certain that the ancient font was broken down. The first baptism, in the font newly set up, was the 24<sup>th</sup> of November 1663. When the Church was restored in 1852, the basin of an ancient Norman font was discovered under one of the north aisle pillars, of which, indeed, it formed the foundation. The erection of this aisle having been subsequent to the civil wars, it is exceedingly probable that this was the bowl of the ancient church font, which had been placed there, on the erection of the aisle in question, to prevent its being desecrated.

During the progress of the works, and whilst the Rector was absent from home, it disappeared, and was supposed by the workmen to have been broken up, and used in the building of the new chancel wall. In the course of a year or two, however, this ancient relic reappeared as a flower-vase in a garden, which was then the property of one of the sub-contractors. Unfortunately, by the builder's contract, it was provided that all refuse materials which could not be used in the re-erection of the church were to be the property of the contractor. But, surely, the removal of so sacred an object as the bowl of the ancient church font was never contemplated by that clause, and its present sacrilegious exhibition in the centre of the village can be regarded by no right-minded person in any other light than an offence against public decorum.

Dr. Bradley (during whose incumbency the present font was set up) had been Chaplain to Charles 1., and Prebendary of York, and had married Lady Frances, daughter of John Baron Saville, of Pontefract, and he seems to have been proud of his relationships and antecedents. His grand-child, Charles, son of Mr. Danyell Godfrey, was the first to be baptized in the new font. This is recorded at full length in the parish register, as having occurred on the 24<sup>th</sup> of November, 1663.'

## THERE IS NO INDISPENSABLE MAN (OR WOMAN)

Some time when you're feeling important,  
Some time when your ego's in bloom,  
Some time when you take it for granted,  
You're the best-qualified man in the room;  
Some time when you feel that your going,  
Would leave an unfillable hole,  
Just follow this simple instruction,  
And see how it humbles your soul.  
Take a bucket and fill it with water,  
Put your hands in it up to your wrists,  
Pull them out-and the hole that remains,  
Is a measure of how much you'll be missed.  
You may splash all you please when you enter,  
You may stir up the water galore,  
But stop, and you'll find in a minute,  
That it looks just the same as before.  
The moral of this is quite simple;  
Do just the best that you can,  
Be proud of yourself, but remember,  
There is no Indispensable Man.

## DEFINITIONS YOU WON'T FIND IN A DICTIONARY

**Amen:** The only part of any prayer everyone knows.

**And in conclusion:** A statement usually coming midway through he sermon.

**Baptism water:** A liquid whose chemical formula is H2OLY.

**Bulletin sheet:** Parish information, read only during the sermon.

**Choir:** A group of people whose singing allows the rest of the congregation to mime.

**Hymn:** A song of praise usually sung in a key three octaves higher than that of the congregation's range.

**Justice:** When our children have children of their own.

**Manger:** The Bible's way of showing us that holiday travel has always been rough.

**Magi:** The only time three men willingly visit a new baby.

**Pew:** A mediaeval torture device still found in Protestant Churches.

**Procession:** The ceremonial formation at the beginning of the service, consisting of the clergy, the choir, and late parishioners looking for seats.

**Freda Walton**

# Ackworth Concert Society Christmas Invitation

Saturday 13th December at 7:30pm

In

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Really hope to see you there.

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£12 adults, £10 concessions, £5 children

Enquiries 07946 594099

## Readings Rota for December 2008, January 2009

Date	Liturgical Week	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel	St Cuthbert's	ser	All Saints'
10/11/08	1st Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 64:1-9	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Mark 13:24-37	Sue Hartley		Mrs S Hall
07/12/08	2nd Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 40: 1-11	2 Peter 3:8 - 15a	Mark 1:1-8	Keith Shaw	P	Mrs M Walker
14/12/08	3rd Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 61:1-4 and 8-end	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24	John 1:6-8, 19-28	Pauline Wong		Dr McWilliam
21/12/08	4th Sunday of Advent	2 Samuel 7:1 - 11 and 16	Romans 16:25-27	Luke 1:26-38	Jacob Place		Mrs S Hall
28/12/08	Holy Innocents	Jeremiah 31:15-17	1 Corinthians 1:25-29	John 1:1-18	Anne Atack	B	Mrs M Walker
04/01/09	2nd Sunday of Christmas	Jeremiah 31:7-14	Ephesians 1:3-14	John 1: 1-18	Briony Lewis		Dr McWilliam
11/01/09	Baptism of Christ	Genesis 1:1-5	Acts 19:1-7	Mark 1:4-11	George Scargill	P	Mrs S Hall
18/01/09	Conversion of St Paul	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Acts 9:1-22	Matthew 19:27 - end	Jane Siddall		Mrs M Walker
25/01/09	3rd Sunday of Epiphany	Genesis 14:17-20	Revelation 19:6-10	John 2:1-11	Sue Hartley	B	Dr McWilliam
01/02/09	4th Sunday of Epiphany	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	Revelation 12:1-5a	Mark 9:21-28	Keith Shaw		Mrs S Hall

The response should be said after both the Old and New Testament. It would be helpful if readers would organise their own cover (swops) for arranged absences - please also let Lynne Ward know if possible. At St Cuthbert's please check for baptism or parade services if both readings are required: remember during Lent and Advent the OT reading is usually read if only one reading is used. Generally speaking the response is used after each reading.



## ALL SAINTS' FLOWERS

DECEMBER 7 <sup>TH</sup>	ADVENT
DECEMBER 14 <sup>TH</sup>	ADVENT
DECEMBER 21 <sup>ST</sup>	ADVENT
DECEMBER 28 <sup>TH</sup>	JEAN HANCOCKS
JANUARY 4 <sup>TH</sup>	EDITH SKIDMORE
JANUARY 11 <sup>TH</sup>	FLOWER FUND
JANUARY 18 <sup>TH</sup>	FLOWER FUND
JANUARY 25 <sup>TH</sup>	FLOWER FUND

## ST CUTHBERT'S FLOWERS

DECEMBER 7 <sup>TH</sup>	ADVENT
DECEMBER 14 <sup>TH</sup>	ADVENT
DECEMBER 21 <sup>ST</sup>	ADVENT
DECEMBER 28 <sup>TH</sup>	CHRISTMAS FLOWERS
JANUARY 4 <sup>TH</sup>	Dr. & MRS. McWILLIAM
JANUARY 11 <sup>TH</sup>	VACANT
JANUARY 18 <sup>TH</sup>	VACANT
JANUARY 25 <sup>TH</sup>	VACANT



## BRASSES

DECEMBER	COLIN TANSWELL
JANUARY	COLIN TANSWELL



# Ackworth Calendar 2009 is now on sale

Following the success of our previous Ackworth Calendars the Fund Raising Committee has again created an Ackworth Calendar for 2009 that will be valued and sought after by residents and make a splendid Christmas present for friends and relatives that have moved away from the village and carry fond memories of Ackworth.

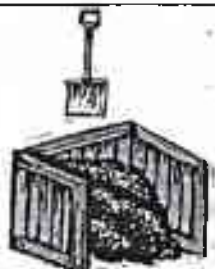
The 2009 Ackworth Calendar has been created using pictures and scenes of bygone Ackworth including shops on Bell Lane and Barnsley Road previously owned by Mr North and Mr Parker respectively. These together with other old scenes such as the Mill Lane level crossing, in use, make this calendar a collector's item.

The calendars, again sold in aid of the Repairs, Restoration, Re-ordering Appeal, are now on general sale and half of the calendars produced had either been sold or ordered at the time of writing. Previews have been very well received. Make sure you get your copy (and a quality envelope for posting, if needed). Do not miss out!

The calendars,  
are available for £6.99 each  
(with quality envelopes at 40p each) at  
**All Saints Church's (Thursday Coffee morning)**  
**St Cuthbert's Church**  
**Bell Lane Stores, Bell Lane**  
**James Lamprey & Son, Pontefract Road**  
**Brown Cow, High Ackworth**  
and other outlets.

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## OUT OF THE NEST

Upon returning from our caravan in July we noticed bird droppings on the dining room window ledge and realised, unbeknown to us, that blackbirds had built a nest in the wisteria above.

A day or two later I was working in the front garden when I heard a commotion in the wisteria and watched as a fledgling dropped like a stone onto the concrete path below. Unscathed it scuttled off to a nearby border; the same occurred on two more occasions before the last fledgling decided to scuttle off in the opposite direction, no doubt scared by Sue's presence near by, going straight into the garage. Now our garage is not the tidiest of places and we were unable to locate the bird, despite its frantic chirping among the clutter. Deciding that it would find its own way out we left well alone. Some time later I became aware of a parent blackbird seeking the whereabouts of its chirping offspring. It flew around the outside of the garage at least twice before realising that it was inside. Showing extreme caution it eventually flew inside and perched on a bicycle handlebar for some time; it then flew from there to the bench and then a shelf but was still unable to locate the youngster and eventually it gave up and flew away.

Again much later I observed, out of the kitchen window, a baby blackbird I assumed to be the missing one. I rushed out but it was too quick for me and it scuttled back from where it had come. Fortunately I was one step ahead this time and noted where it was hidden and by careful movement of boxes and baskets I was able to usher it out to freedom.

My good deed for the day was not yet over as during the evening we became aware of a commotion on the drive and on looking out we saw a cat, being dive bombed by squawking parent birds as it approached a traumatised chick. We rushed out scaring off the cat and ushered the fledgling into a good hiding place amongst the flowers.

I would like to think that these fledglings were the offspring of a blackbird I saved from the clutches of a sparrow hawk earlier in the year.

Colin Tanswell

## MORE EPITAPHS

### On William Rich

Beneath this stone in sound repose,  
Lies William Rich of Lydiard Close.  
Eight wives he had, yet none survive,  
And likewise children eight times five!

From whom an issue vast did pour  
Of great grandchildren five times four.  
Rich born, rich bred, yet fate adverse  
His wealth and fortune did reverse.  
He lived and died immensely poor,  
July the 10<sup>th</sup>,  
Aged ninety-four.

To be found in a Woolwich  
Churchyard

As I am now, so you must be:  
Therefore prepare to follow me.

Added by his wife and executrix:

To follow you I'm not content,  
Unless I know which way you went.

In a churchyard in a  
Worcestershire

Here lies a poor woman  
Who always was tired,  
For she lived in a house  
Where help was not hired.

Her last words on earth were:  
'Dear friends I am going  
Where washing ain't done,  
Nor sweeping, nor sewing.

And everything there  
Is exact to my wishes:  
For where they don't eat,  
There's no washing of dishes.

I'll be where loud anthems  
Will always be ringing,  
But, having no voice,  
I'll get clear of the singing.

Don't mourn for me now-  
Don't mourn for me ever-  
I'm going to do nothing  
For ever and ever!







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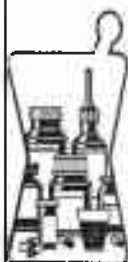
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## DUST IF YOU MUST

Dust if you must, but wouldn't it be better  
To paint a picture or write a letter,  
Bake a cake or plant a seed,  
Ponder the difference between want and need?

Dust if you must, but there's not much time,  
With rivers to swim and mountains to climb,  
Music to hear, and books to read,  
Friends to cherish, and life to lead.

Dust if you must, but the world's out there  
With the sun in your eyes, the wind in your hair,  
A flutter of snow, a shower of rain,  
This day will not come around again.

Dust if you must, but bear in  
mind,  
Old age will come, and it's  
sometimes not kind.  
And when you go, and go you  
must,  
You, yourself, will make more  
dust.

Remember, a house becomes  
a home when you can write, 'I  
love you' on the furniture.



## FAVOURITE HYMNS?



We sing, 'Take my silver and my gold' but put our small change in the offering.



We sing, 'Tell me the old, old story' but we are seldom there to hear it.

We sing, 'I'm not ashamed to own my Lord' but wouldn't dream of mentioning it outside the Church.



We all have our favourite hymns, but do we always listen to what we are actually singing?



We sing, 'What a friend we have in Jesus' but turn to Him only when we're in a jam.



We sing, 'I need Thee every hour' but grumble about spending more than an hour in Church.



We sing, 'Rise up men of God' and lie in bed on Sunday mornings.



We sing, 'O, for a thousand tongues' but fail to use the one we have.



We sing, 'Onward Christian Soldiers' but have to be press-ganged into service.



## From the Registers

### Baptisms

- 14/9/08 Annabel Jane Wortley, Faith Olivia Wortley & Mille Jo Wortley  
 28/9/08 Lydia Mae Eastwood & Theo Gabriel Watson  
 12/10/08 Macey Ella Askew & Summer Elise Batton

### Marriages

- 23/9/08 Donald Edward Burt & Jean Margaret Reast

### Funerals

- 14/10/08 Mary Carlile (72) 68 Wakefield Rd, Bracken Hill  
 20/10/08 Amy Doran Car (born sleeping) 3 The Orchards, Low Ackworth  
 21/10/08 Olive Camplin (87) Oak Foss Nursing Home, Pontefract

## *Sunday Services for Dec 08 and Jan 09*

### Sunday Services

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

### Wednesday Service

- |        |                |             |
|--------|----------------|-------------|
| 9.30am | Holy Communion | All Saints' |
|--------|----------------|-------------|

## ACKWORTH COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

# Gift Service

## Sunday 7th December

### 5.30pm at St Cuthbert's

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

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

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



St Cuthbert's and All Saints'

# Advent & Christmas Services

<b>30th November</b>		
4pm & 6pm	Christingle Services	A.S. & S.C.
<b>7th December</b>		
5.30pm	Gift Service	St Cuthbert's
<b>14th December</b>		
3.00pm	Village Carol Service	St Cuthbert's
<b>21st December</b>		
3.30pm	Carol Service	All Saints'
<b>24th December - Christmas Eve</b>		
5.30pm	Crib Service	St Cuthbert's
11.30pm	Midnight Mass	St Cuthbert's
<b>25th December - Christmas Day</b>		
8.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
10.15am	Family Communion	St Cuthbert's