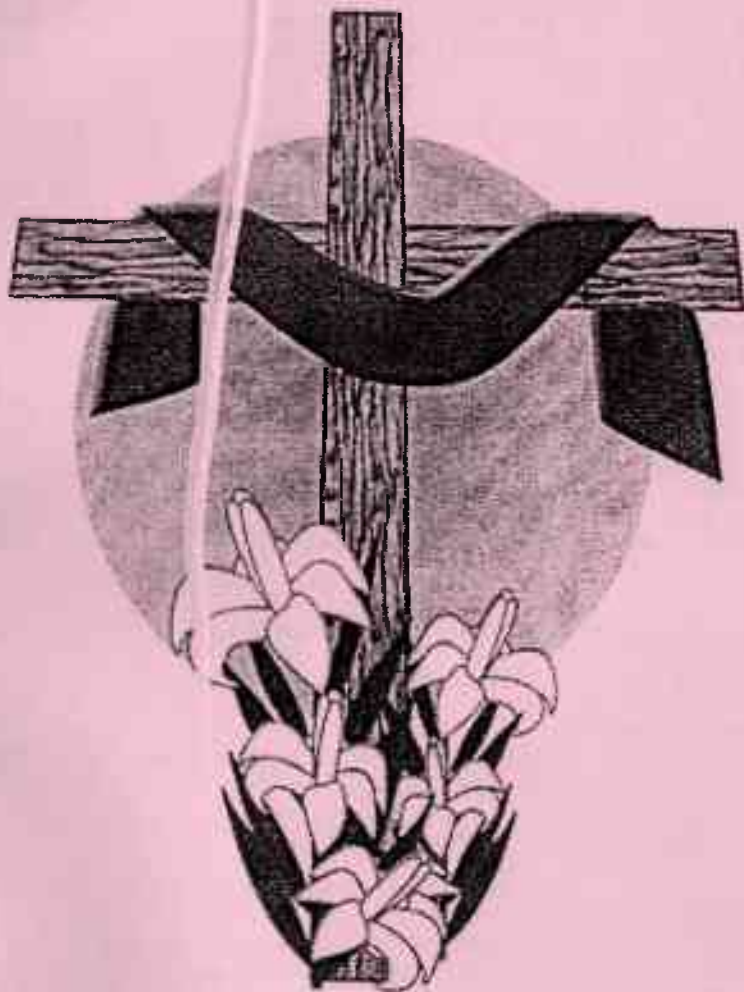


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Dear Friends

As you read this, many of you will already know that I started a sabbatical at the beginning of January and do not return to parish work until the end of March—rather appropriately just before Easter. With this in mind I hope it will be something of a resurrection following my many health problems in 2008.

Following this time of rest, reflection and some study I hope I shall return refreshed, renewed and with a new perspective in my ministry. So, what is a sabbatical - many of you have already asked, “what do you do?” Some have wished me well, hoping I have a good holiday! Well let me set that one straight; it is not a three months holiday!

As is often the case with such questions, I turned to the dictionary and found its definition and origins quite interesting. Let me quote *“Sabbatical - of appropriate to the Sabbath; 7th year in which the Israelites were to cease tilling and release debtors and Israelite slaves; year of absence from duty for purposes of study and travel; granted to teachers in universities etc at certain intervals”* The churches ‘take’ is somewhat moderated, they encourage clergy to take three months sabbatical every 10 years. As I will celebrate 20 years of ordination in the Church of England this year and not had a sabbatical before, it’s long overdue! As regards the study and travel aspect, I shall be visiting and staying for short periods at various retreat houses and religious communities up and down the country and catching up on my reading with a specific bias towards spiritual direction healing and meditation.



Through taking time out for inner reflection amidst a busy and stressful world I hope that I shall be able to return with the skill and knowledge to be able to offer some of what I gain for those who are unable to take such time out of their busy lives. To offer, if you like, an oasis of calm, renewal and healing for all who have been hurt and damaged by the tension and pressures of modern living. We all need such an oasis, some already take short retreats to find refreshment and renewal, some get pushed so far that medical care is necessary. If we, as a church, can offer people rest and refreshment before that stage, then we will avert possible future suffering and

offer to people that great promise that our Lord himself made to all who would come to him "*Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest*" I pray that my time of rest will enable me to offer some relief to others.

God bless you all - and see you at Easter!

Paul

Letter from the edge!



The edge of what? Sanity, perhaps. I'm writing this about three weeks into Paul's sabbatical and it's certainly been an interesting and stretching time. When Paul told me he was going on sabbatical I thought 'Easy, peasy. I coped when he was off sick'. It's strangely different in a planned situation. Things which could be ignored because Paul would be back soon have to be faced and decisions have to be made. The thing which has delighted and heartened me has been the level of support down to the nameless saint who brought me a sandwich so that I got something to eat between two funerals. 'Thank you' to each one of you who is praying for me and the parish, taking on new jobs, generally doing your part to enable us to worship God and serve our community.

The experience of the last few weeks has caused me to reflect on service and what it might mean. By the time you read this, it will be very close to Lent, a time for reflection and reappraisal. I find it sad that Lent is often seen only as a time for giving something up rather than a time to get spiritually fit and to deepen our relationship with God. During Lent we follow Jesus on his last journey to Jerusalem and to the cross. If we take seriously this walking with our Lord it should change us. Part of this change often will be a desire to serve him in a new way. My prayer is that during the coming season each of you will reflect on what God wants from you and what you might offer to him.

It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many. *Matthew 20.26-28*

I've already said that people are taking on new things and I believe that we have a lot to celebrate as a parish. One of the greatest causes for celebration must be the selection of Paul Fox for training for ordained

ministry. In Paul's case this is the culmination of a long journey and a considerable process of discernment. As well as being something to delight in for Paul, it is a huge sign of the health of our church. Vocations to ministry arise out of healthy Christian communities, walking in step with God. Already this year I have been approached by several adults seeking confirmation as a new stage on their journey. There are new faces in church. Our pastoral group is moving on, taking the step from planning to action.

These are examples of some of the more obvious and specific ministries but there are so many people taking on new things. They may not see them as very significant but they matter so much. For time to time I've thought it might be interesting to publish a list of all the jobs around church and see who came forward. Maybe I will sometime but for now my suggestion is simple. This Lent take time to be with God, to meet him in prayer and praise, and then to reflect in humility on your skills. Ask God to show you what he wants from you. Remember, vocation isn't confined to wearing a dog collar. Be aware, it takes courage to lay oneself open before God like this.

I end with a cautionary tale. Eight years ago I had a conversation with our curate, an extremely dangerous thing to do. During our chat, along with various other challenges, Vic asked me whether I was asking God about his purposes for my life. We can always ignore challenges like this but I didn't. I started to think and above all to pray about my future. I had no especial desire for change and frankly wasn't expecting any clear answers - but I was wrong! Over quite a short time - a few weeks - I became sure that God was asking something of me. Like Paul Fox I then went through a time of discernment. You know the end of the story. When we ask God and mean it, he will make it plain.

This Lent, spend time with God. Jesus walked his journey from birth in Bethlehem, life in Nazareth, ministry in Galilee to Jerusalem and crucifixion. God has a journey for each of us. Have you set out yet.

Have a happy, holy and blessed Lent

Love in Christ

Jenny

ACKWORTH'S HAND-BELL GROUP

A group of ladies gathered outside All Saints' church one Wednesday evening in May 2008 waiting for Bill Branston, who was bringing along Dave, a neighbour of his and the key of the church. Because of two or three chance remarks made a few weeks earlier, a small group of us who showed interest in hand-bell ringing, though with absolutely no previous experience bar one, wanted to find out what 'ringing bells' was all about.

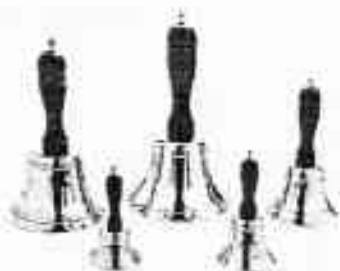
Dave had previously used the bells a few years ago and he told us that the Ackworth hand-bells are almost a hundred years old and had been given to the church by the Lamprey family who had originally bought the bells to play as a family for fun. Of course, children grow up and other interests take over so the beautiful bells became redundant and were gifted to St. Cuthbert's to be rung by a group of interested parishioners. The hand-bell ringers in the 1990's raised a large amount of money from subscriptions and by playing for groups locally and with these funds paid for a complete overhaul and servicing of the bells, 37 in all. The group worked hard to provide for the storage of the bells and other resources needed. The group took part in competitions and gave concerts around Yorkshire. Then, again, as things happen, some people moved away and other things in life took over, so the newly restored and tuned bells fell silent again. Not now however!

The history of hand-bell ringing itself is quite interesting, everyone knows that bell ringing has been part of church services since time immemorial, but of course the amateur ringers needed to practice the 'changes' and to turn out in the winter to stand in bitterly cold churches was not at all that popular. Someone thought it would be more sociable for groups to meet in the warmth, perhaps in a hostelry, to practice the different patterns of bell ringing with a pint close by. Needless to say, this proved popular with the bell-ringers and eventually hand-bell ringing took on a life of its own! At this point, I must say that we are not yet confident enough to play AND drink ale but of course that may happen in due course!

We already have a varied repertoire of music to perform and we aim to extend this now that we have more confidence in our ringing technique. Of course, Christmas music really lends itself to hand-bells and we are now well into preparations for the festive season. We have recently played to several audiences locally and we are hoping to share the pleasure and fun of our endeavours with others soon. We have weekly meetings in All Saints' where we leave all the cares of the world

outside and concentrate on counting and listening, with laughter and fun added.

If you are interested in joining the group yourself or know of anyone who may like to hear us ring please talk to Bill Branston, Jane Gosney or Margaret Lloyd who can give you more details.



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MORE PUT DOWNS

Politicians are wedded to the truth, but like many other married couples they sometimes live apart. H.H.Munro

James, why don't you write books that people can read? Nora Joyce

I would like to live in Manchester, England. The transition between Manchester and death would be unnoticeable. Mark Twain

The high standards of Australians are due to the fact that their ancestors were all hand picked by the best English judges. Douglas Copland

The English winter- ending in July, to recommence in August. George Gordon

The Irish climate is wonderful, but the weather ruins it. Tony Butler

What do I think of Western civilisation? I think it would be a very good idea. Mahatma Gandhi

When the missionaries came to Africa they had the Bible and we had the land. They said, 'let us pray.' We closed our eyes. When we opened them we had the Bible and they had the land. Desmond Tutu

Keith Joseph is a mixture of Rasputin and Tommy Cooper. Denis Healey

Harold Wilson is going round the country stirring up apathy. William Whitelaw

One of the things that being in politics has taught me is that men are not a reasoned or a reasonable sex. Margaret Thatcher

Stanley Baldwin occasionally stumbled across the truth, but hastily picked himself up and hurried off as if nothing had happened. Winston Churchill

The League of Nations is like sheep passing resolutions in favour of vegetarianism. Dean Inge

An Ambassador is a person who having failed to secure office from the people is given one by the Administration on condition that he leaves the country. Ambrose Bierce

Sir Robert Peel's smile is like the silver fittings on a coffin. He is reminiscent of a poker. The only difference is that a poker gives off occasional warmth. Benjamin Disraeli

FROM THE OLD MAGAZINES

BACK TO THE DRUIDS

Where would you find the oldest churches in Britain? Very few English churches are earlier than 1066, when the Normans came. One reason is that the Normans were such fine builders themselves that they did not think much of the little Anglo-Saxon churches they found in England, and so they often pulled them down, as they did at the Saxon Cathedral at Rochester, to make room for something much finer. Also, Saxon churches were often built of wood, which does not last for ages like stone. But there are some fine Celtic churches in Wales, which go back many centuries. There is one on the coast near Nevin in Carnarvonshire

Eglwys Pistyll is one of the oldest churches in Britain. It was on the trade route from the continent to Ireland. Pilgrims used to stay at the Hospice on their way to Bardsey Island Monastery. The first church was built of stones and wattle/ A screen hid the altar, so the congregation sat in darkness because there were no windows, but it did not matter because the people could not read.

Then along came the Normans who took away the screen and put in windows so that they could see the altar. There is a leper's window so they could see the chalice when it was raised by the priest. Under the altar is buried an early saint and on the walls are the remains of a painting of the Crucifixion. The plaster was made with beef fat. The church has a collection plate of Archbishop Baldwin who lived about 1300, during the Crusades.

The font may be as old as AD 500, and has symbolic writing on it that means, 'I believe in life without beginning and without ending'. The roof used to be thatched, and the windows had no glass, but just holes with shutters. The wooden arches have been replaced with stone/ Over the altar is written in Welsh, 'Praise the Lord, for He is good'.

Druids lived near the church, and some became Christians. The belfry was given by two Churchwardens in 1735 and the bells ring wildly when a gale blows in from the sea.



A BROAD IN NORFOLK

Part one

This year we decided to spend more time afloat and our first excursion, on Whit Monday, was aboard a sailing wherry.

Norfolk wherries, with their distinctive gaff rig and forward positioned mast, were mainly trading vessels, vital until the development of the rail and road networks, but some were later adapted for tourism. In the early 20th century there were over one hundred such craft, now there are only eight remaining.

The 'Hathor' was built for two daughters of Jeremiah James Coleman, who established the famous Norwich mustard firm. Launched in 1905 it is the last remaining pleasure wherry that can still be chartered on the Broads. After a busy working life she had lain abandoned for ten years until 1985 when she was bought by new owners, in a terrible condition, for restoration, which was not completed until 1989. In 2006 she was purchased by the Wherry Yacht Charter Charitable Trust to be utilised for public access and environmental education. Our trip was to publicise their aims.

Our trip along the River Bure, between Horning and Wroxham, would have taken half an hour by pleasure cruiser; under sail it took two and a half hours. Occasionally we proceeded at walking pace, at other times our forward motion was almost imperceptible. Crewed by a skipper and four volunteers it was often necessary for changes of direction or to hasten our speed for the volunteers to push long poles (quants) into the riverbed moving alongside the boat, a hard physical exercise.

On the Broads and rivers sailing craft have right of way and do not have to obey the 'Keeping Right' rule. It was interesting to observe the near panic of some inexperienced holiday cruise skipper on being confronted by a twenty-three ton sailing boat in their path. A split second decision might be necessary on rounding a bend whether to go right or left (port or starboard) of the wherry. Some took the wrong decision crashing through the branches of riverside trees. One almost certain collision was only prevented by the quick thinking of a lady volunteer.

Along our route we observed plenty of wildlife and waterside properties, ranging from run down to palatial.

On the 17th of June we visited Barton Broad, the second largest broad and owned by the Norfolk Wildlife Trust. We sailed in the solar powered boat 'Ra' named after the Egyptian Sun God. Ancient Egyptians believed that a boat drew the sun across the heavens each day. Owned

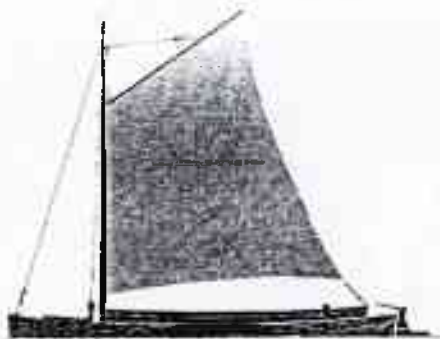
by the Broads Authority it was an ideal vehicle for observing wildlife. It was built in Germany in 2000 at a cost of £50,000, made of stainless steel and mahogany and it was mounted on two large seaplane like floats, with room for twelve passengers, although there were only seven on our trip.

Vegetation in the water of the broads was nearly all killed off in the 1950's due to nitrates seeping off farmland and washing powder residue arising from sewage works. Clear Water Project 2000 saw this trend reversed as thousands of tons of contaminated sediment were removed, from this broad in particular, with vegetation and under-water life now returning. Water lilies it appears are a good barometer of water quality, particularly the white ones, which are now returning, showing that uncontaminated water is now returning.

We had a fascinating hour and a quarter trip, from an old wherry landing stage at Gay's Saith, near Neatishead, with abundant wildlife. We have never seen so many Great Crested Grebe, some with young whilst others were still performing their mating rituals. We were told that this species was hunted almost to extinction to satisfy the Victorian hat trade. We also saw herons, a marsh harrier, a kingfisher and a multitude of various types of ducks and geese. The skipper became quite excited on seeing what he thought was a crane and he had seen an otter earlier in the day. He pointed out that what most people think of as bulrushes are actually Reed Mace, a common mistake arising from the familiar pictures we remember of Moses from Sunday School.

We travelled along Ice House Reach where wherries collected ice in years gone by to service the Great Yarmouth herring industry; we saw a sailing school where they use specially adapted Canadian Canoes for the disabled. After the trip and an excellent lunch at the nearby Old Saddlery, we visited the boardwalk at Heron Carr, an area of wetland and woodland undisturbed for half a century, with a viewing platform over the broad.

Sue & Colin Tanswell



EXTRACTS FROM SAYWEL'S HISTORY

CASTLE SYKE

"The name 'Castle Syke' certainly indicates the existence of a Castle at Ackworth at some remote period, and the natural position and surroundings of Castle Syke Farm, would seem to favour the supposition. The farm itself stands high, the ground undulating towards the west, and culminating in what has evidently been a dyke or moat of considerable dimensions. This dyke is now a lane, and might probably be worth excavating. The name and moat however, are all that remain of bygone times. The Castle would most likely be the residence of the first Saxon lords of Ackworth, as indicated by the Saxon word *Syke* or fountain; and it is not improbable that the building was levelled to the ground when William, the Norman Conqueror, laid waste these parts of Yorkshire."

LADY-WELL

"This very ancient well is one of several public wells, which has in recent years somehow become enclosed. From what it derived its name is not known, but from the fact of its being the oldest, it is not unlikely that it was originally set apart for some religious service, and dedicated to 'Our Lady' for the use of the inhabitants of the village. In pre-reformation times this custom was common, some wells having miraculous powers ascribed to their waters by the superstitious, like the well at St. Keyne, and in modern times, the 'Holy Wells' in Ireland; but nothing of that sort attaches to the well of 'Our Lady' at Ackworth. As the population increased it was found necessary to sink other wells. One on the centre of the village, near the 'Brown Cow Inn', was constructed in 1791, but the approach was so dangerous, that, after a child had been drowned in it, it was altered to a pump. There is an old well at Brackenhill."

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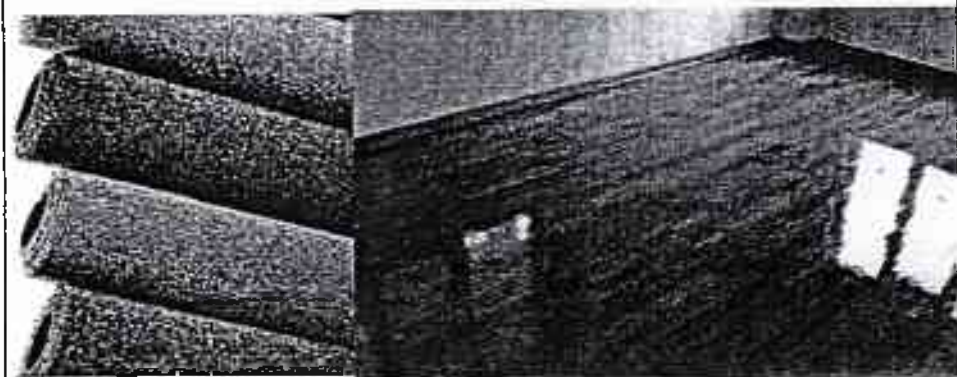
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01/02/09	4th Sunday of Epiphany	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	Revelation 12:1-5a	Mark 9:21-28	Keith Shaw		Mrs S Hall
08/02/09	Proper 1	Isaiah 40:21-31	1 Corinthians 7:16-23	Mark 1:29-39	Pauline Wong	P	Mrs M Walker
15/02/09	2nd Before Lent	Proverbs 8:1 and 22-31	Colossians 1:15-20	John 1:1-14	Anne Attack		Dr McWilliam
22/02/09	Sunday Next Before Lent	2 Kings 2:1-12	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	Mark 9:2-9	Jane Gosney	B	Mrs S Hall
01/03/09	1st Sunday of Lent	Genesis 9:8-17	1 Peter 3: 18-22	Mark 1:9-15	Anne Bullock		Mrs M Walker
08/03/09	2nd Sunday of Lent	Genesis 17: 1 - 7 & 15-16	Romans 4:13-25	Mark 8:31-38	George Scargill	P	Dr McWilliam
15/03/09	3rd Sunday of Lent	Exodus 20:1-17	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	John 2:13-22	Jane Siddall		Mrs S Hall
22/03/09	Mothering Sunday	Exodus 2:1-10	2 Corinthians 1:3-7	Luke 2:33-35	Sue Hartley		Mrs M Walker
29/03/09	Passion Sunday	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Hebrews 5:5-10	John 12:20-33	Keith Shaw	B	Dr McWilliam

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1930's, 40's, 50's, 60's, 70's & early 80's

First, we survived being born to mothers who smoked and/or drank while they carried us and we lived in houses containing asbestos.

Then after that trauma, our baby cots were covered with bright lead-based paints.

There were no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets. When we rode our bikes there were no helmets.

As children we rode in cars with no seat belts or air bags

We would drink water from the hosepipe and not from a bottle.

Take away food meant fish and chips and there were no pizza shops, McDonalds etc.

Even though shops closed at 6.00pm and didn't open on Sundays, somehow we didn't starve to death.

We ate sweets, white bread and real butter and drank soft drinks with sugar in them but we weren't overweight because-----we were always outside playing!

We spent hours building go-carts out of old prams and then rode them downhill, only to find that we had forgotten the brakes. We built houses in trees and played in riverbeds and there were no mobile phones to keep in touch with us.

We didn't have Playstations, Nintendo, Wii, video games, no personal computers, no Internet but-----we had friends and we went out to find them.

Only girls had pierced ears.

We could only buy Easter eggs and Hot Cross Buns at Easter time.

Rugby and cricket had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment. Imagine that!! Getting into a team was based on merit.

We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned HOW TO DEAL WITH IT ALL, AND YOU ARE ONE OF THEM. CONGRATULATIONS.

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“The Winds of Time” Woodwind Ensemble

**will perform an inaugural concert at
St. Cuthbert's Church Ackworth**

on

Saturday February 7th 2009 at 7.30 pm.

This is an exciting opportunity to hear a recently formed group play a wide range of musical items in their first public performance.

Make this evening a must!!

Tickets are £4 each (including refreshments). They are available in advance from Jane Gosney (01977 793579) or Bidy Branston (01977 610590) or at the door on the night.

Worship for Lent, Holy Week and Easter

Wednesday 25th February 7.30 pm @ St Cuthbert's Church – Eucharist for Ash Wednesday with imposition of Ashes

Wednesday 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th March & 1st April 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm @ St Cuthbert's Church – Churches Together Lent study groups looking at 'Fresh Expressions'

Friday 3rd April 6.00 pm @ All Saints' Church – Stations of the Cross

Monday 6th, Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th April 7.30 pm @ St Cuthbert's Church – Meditations for Holy Week

Maundy Thursday 9th April – Chrism Eucharist @ Wakefield Cathedral (time to be advised later)

Eucharist for Maundy Thursday with Foot-Washing followed by watch in the church until midnight, starts 7.30 pm @ St Cuthbert's Church

Good Friday 10th April – Family Service 10.30 am @ All Saints' Church
Churches Together Service of Witness 12 midday in the CO-OP car park
Service of the Word 2.00 pm @ St Cuthbert's Church
Stations of the Cross 7.30 pm @ St Cuthbert's Church

Easter Eve, Saturday 11th April – Easter Vigil Service (first Holy Communion of Easter) provisionally 8.00pm at St Cuthbert's Church

Easter Day, Sunday 12th April – Eucharist 8.30 am @ All Saints' Church
Parish Eucharist 10.15 am @ St Cuthbert's Church followed by judging of decorated eggs and egg-rolling competition
Easter Praise 6.30 pm @ All Saints' Church

Please see weekly newsheet to confirm times.

Transforming Lives

Hallo Friends. I hope you have had a good Christmas, eaten all you can eat and had a God blessed time with your family. It all goes by so quickly and before we know it January is well on its way. And now we begin to prepare for Easter and the celebration of our "Risen Lord" We as a Church at the minute are busy planning a project called

Transforming lives within our community. Our purpose is to see God transform us; Transform our congregations, and the lives of others. This consists of prayer, planning and thinking; to do good works in faith through our "Lord Jesus Christ". God the Holy trinity calls us to partake in his mission of Love to our village and our world. It is through Gods Grace and our Humility that we can bring God's purpose to his world. Through our worship we encounter God and we care for one another through fellowship, praying for our Spiritual needs, encouraging one another and building up the body of Christ.

Jesus is our peace and he has appointed us his Church, "to preach the good news to the poor. He has sent us to proclaim release to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, and to proclaim the year of the Lords favour" Luke 4v18 this was Jesus Mission" and he has called each and every born again believer to do the same. I Pray that you will be filled with the holy spirit and search your own Heart, and let God have his way in your life.

God Bless. Pauline Wong.

There will be a fuller article about the Wakefield Diocesan 'Transforming Lives' project in our next magazine.

Jenny

TAKE CARE WITH OFFICIALS



As many of you will know, I have had to make a lot of changes in recent times to how I live my life as a result of dyslexia and dyscalculia.

One of those changes has been to learn to accept help from other people when dealing with filling in forms from amongst others, social security and various welfare organisations. However, I must warn you to be careful if you let

officials do the form-filling for you, and to check what they have written about you before you sign any form as otherwise you will be held responsible for any errors of fact they record on your behalf and will have to repay, return etc. anything you receive as a result of such errors.

I know this will be upsetting but whoever signs the form is responsible for ensuring the accuracy of the content and that irrespective of whether they are able to do so! Errors can be made and do remain undetected for long periods of time and can run into thousands of pounds

Also, changes in the rules and regulations to in effect end limitations of time on claim (both ways) mean even 'official' errors will be recoverable in full from claimants- this is in return for allowing claims to be made 'late!

The best advice I can give you is to approach one of the local advice services for help with filling in the forms or, if officials do come and visit, get a neighbour or friend to be with you and get them (the neighbour or friend) to read what has been written and check its accuracy.

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Emil Brown

THE IMPORTANCE OF PROOF READING BEFORE PUBLISHING

The following announcements have all been seen in various church notices and newsletters.

On Wednesday the ladies liturgy group will meet. Mrs. Johnson will sing, "Put me in my little bed accompanied by the vicar".

Barbara remains in hospital and needs more blood transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of the vicar's sermons.

The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on Water"

The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus"

Miss Charlene Mason sang, "I will not pass this way Again", giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

This evening at 7pm there will be a hymn sing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Today's sermon: HOW MUCH CAN A MAN DRINK? With hymns from a full choir,

Hymn 43: "Great God, what do I see here"?

Preacher: The Rev. Horace Blodgett

Hymn47: "Hark! An awful voice is sounding".

(During the vicar's illness) GOD IS GOOD

Dr. Hargreaves is better.

Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa will be speaking tonight at Calvary Church in Racine. Come tonight and hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.

Twenty-two members were present at the church meeting held at the home of Mrs. Martha Crutchfield last evening. Mrs. Crutchfield and Mrs Rankin sang a duet, The Lord Knows Why.

ACKWORTH CHRISTINGLE SERVICE 2008

The Christingles were held at All Saints' and St Cuthbert's on the 30th of November. In total we raised £260.50 for the Children's Society. It was a delight to see so many children and as always it was very moving to see the churches lit by candlelight whilst we sang. Many thanks to all who helped in whatever capacity and a very special thanks to Mr Lamprey for donating the oranges. It is wonderful that we are able to help children so less fortunate than our own in such an uplifting service.

Helen Parkinson



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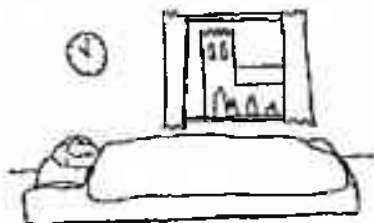
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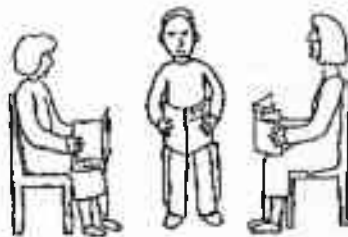
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REFLECTION AND CONTEMPLATION



IT IS A SEASON OF ABSTINENCE
AND FASTING



SOME CHRISTIANS GIVE
SOMETHING UP DURING LENT



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OUT ACTS OF PENANCE

From the Registers

Baptisms

- 09/11/08 Cameron Thomas Longstaff & Kailan Nicola Cann
30/11/08 Noah George Laycock-Brown & Ruby Sue Owen
14/12/08 Isabelle Grace McIlvoy
28/12/08 George Stuart Brunton-Douglas & William Peter Baddiley

Marriages

- 01/11/08 Geoffrey Peter Short & Lorraine Collins
20/12/08 Jason Richard Turner & Maria Elaine Shaw

Funerals

- 03/11/08 Kenneth Lloyd (76) 52 Chapel Garth, Ackworth Moor Top
10/11/08 Rene Reynolds (76) 53 Chapel Garth, Ackworth Moor Top
10/11/08 Margaret Mighel Lincoln (86) Old Vicarage N.H Featherstone
14/11/08 Arthur Hollingsworth (83) 32 Orchard Drive, Ackworth Moor Top
24/11/08 Barry Thomas Spencer (68) 13 Ryburn Street, Sowerby Bridge
03/12/08 Frederick Scranage (96) 19 Katerina Grove, Purston
08/12/08 Leslie Crossley (90) 67 Town End Avenue, Low Ackworth
12/12/08 Marjorie Waites (96)
15/12/08 Hilda Nora Wood (74) 31 Tan House Lane, Low Ackworth
15/12/08 Douglas Booth(81) 17 Moor Top Avenue, Ackworth Moor Top
19/12/08 Douglas Brown (79) 9 Kings Close, Ackworth Moor Top
22/12/08 Paul Andrew Smith (38) 68 Mill Gate, Ackworth Moor Top

MAGAZINE PAYMENT

The payment for the next year's magazine is due this January. If you have your magazine delivered please give your distributor your money then. The price remains the same at £3.00 for the year or 50p a copy. Thank you for your support.

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 February and March

Sunday Services

8.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
10.15am	Family Communion	St Cuthbert's
3.30pm	Evensong	All Saints'
3.30pm	Evensong with Healing Prayer (third Sunday in month)	All Saints'

Wednesday Service

9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
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Special Events and Services

25 th February	Ash Wednesday 7.30pm: Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes - St Cuthbert's
16 th March	6.45pm: Child Protection Training Evening - St Cuthbert's

**We have about 30 copies of the Ackworth Calendar
2009 remaining for sale.**

If you have still not obtained your calendar you can still obtain a copy from St Cuthbert's or All Saints churches or by ringing Bill Branston on 01977 610590.

£6.99 per calendar

Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday 6th March 7.30 pm @ Ackworth Methodist Church, Barnsley Road, hosted by Ackworth Community Church
Speaker: Mrs Sybil Ridgeway