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Dear Friends

These Spring months encompass two of the biggest festivals in the Church's calendar - Easter and Pentecost - together they mark a dramatic change in the nature of our Christian faith.

There is tremendous movement from our reliance on the earthly life of our Lord with his preaching, teaching and miraculous acts, that gave us a foretaste of the kingdom, to the responsibility being passed on to us via the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. Almost, "I've shown you what to do—now go and do it."

Pentecost very much shifts the onus for the Church's mission on to us and gives us the boost to get on with it. Jesus rose again to bring the promise of new life to all he had given us in his earthly ministry and then returns to the Father, leaving us the power/ the energy to love that life and pass it on to others. To put in another way, at Easter the disciples finally got the message, at Pentecost they acted upon it! Easter then is the birth or re-birth of the life of Jesus with all the promise that this offered, Pentecost instils this new birth with the impetus for growth.

Pentecost or Whitsuntide is the springboard for mission; a firing up or energising of the Church. My memories of Whitsuntide as a child was that of putting on new clothes for the first time and going for a walk the 'Whit walks', I am sure many others remember similar events. This year our Churches here in Ackworth have got opportunities to wear 'new clothes' and set off on a walk or missionary journey which will hopefully see new growth in our churches. With this in mind there are three events I would like to highlight which offer potential for growth in our churches over the next two months.

Firstly, our annual parochial church meeting (APCM) on the 18th of April. Despite the statutory elements of the agenda which can seem to drag on somewhat, this is an opportunity to ask questions as well as offering ourselves to serve the church and to make a difference. Secondly, on the 2nd May, the Reverend David Teece will be joining us for about two years as a non-stipendiary curate to complete his training. Please give him a

warm welcome and support David during his stay with us. Finally, around the beginning of June the re-ordering will be completed at All Saints', providing us with an opportunity to promote activities which will welcome more people, young and old into our Churches.

Please support your Church through this period of great potential for growth, through your prayers, your time and your financial support. For our plans to come to fruition we need an abundant supply of all three!

Yours in Christ

Paul.

CHANGES AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Hopefully by the time this issue of the Parish magazine is published the work on re-ordering All Saints' Church will have begun. Looking back at a special magazine published in 1989 to celebrate one hundred years of worship in this church I came across this article written by the then Rector of Ackworth, Peter Moorhouse, who was speculating about what the next century might have in store for this church. The following is what he envisaged.

"As any Yorkshireman knows to score a century is a major achievement. It is right therefore that we should give thanks to God for one hundred years of worship at All Saints' Church and for the part that the building has played in the life of the parish of Ackworth, and for all those who established and maintained the life of All Saints'.

At a centenary it is natural for us to look backwards at what has been. But what about the future? How should All Saints' Church be developed as part of the parish mission in the next hundred years as we enter the twenty-first century?

I am sure that All Saints' has a vital part to play in the life of



the parish. It is well located at Moor Top, where most Ackworth people live. Nowadays, however, a daughter church like All Saints' would be designed for both worship and community use. So, my vision for All Saints' is that it could be developed into a dual-purpose building. This would mean adding toilets and providing simple kitchen facilities. The church would continue to be used as a place of worship, but it could be used more often for other activities, e.g. for meetings and by church organisations. Already it is used for meetings by the Mothers' Union, and for our Mother and Toddler Service. With imagination and flair All Saints' Church could become a real focus for outreach and evangelism in the parish.

Time does not stand still, and the church must adapt too. The needs of the parish of Ackworth in 1989 are very different to those of 1889, and our church buildings should reflect those changing needs. It is my hope that we shall seriously consider how All Saints; may most effectively serve the parish in the years to come."

Twenty-one years later at last we begin to see something of that vision of Peter's beginning to come true

PASTORAL WORK IN THE PARISH

Ackworth Parish Church has a Pastoral Committee that oversees the pastoral work of the church-much of which springs from our 'Transforming Lives 'agenda. Do you know who we are? Let us introduce ourselves-contact details can be found elsewhere in the magazine or in either church.

Paul Hartley everyone will know! **Lynne Ward** is one of our churchwardens, **Marie Lewis** is one of our lay readers, and **Jackie Fox** has been involved with our youth work for many years. **Jane Gosney** and **Ann Tait** have recently retired from the teaching profession-Ann is also our treasurer and is the person to contact if you need a lift to church. Do speak to Jane if you require or know of anyone who needs a visit or some other help such as shopping. **Ian** and **Stella Hall** will be familiar to you if you have

ever dropped in to our Thursday coffee mornings at All saints', as will **Ann Atask**, whom you may know from shopping at the Co-op! Ann has now retired from the Co-op but **Pauline Wong** can still be found there. **Belinda Godfrey** is mother to Esme and is one of our sidespeople at St. Cuthbert's, and **Jean Charlton** coordinates our prayer chain. She can be contacted if you have any items for prayer. Can't put a face to a name? We will soon have a photo board with news and updates at both churches.

What's new

It may be that you need some short-term help, a lift or a visit, or know someone who would welcome this. The pastoral committee can put you in touch with someone who has offered this help-just contact Jane Gosney for more details or ask anyone listed above.

In line with the law for all volunteers, everyone offering to help to **someone they may not have met before** needs to be CRB checked, if you would like to be involved with help to someone in our community that needs it, please do not be put off by this- it's free, straightforward and painless! You simply need to fill in a form and show three items of identification e.g. driving licence, passport, utility bill and a computer check shows that you have no convictions of the kind that would cause worry (eg.abuse). This isn't because we don't trust the people we know well in our church - it is so that the wider community can trust the church to protect them when we provide a visitor.

TRANSFORMING LIVES
TRANSFORMING CONGREGATIONS
TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES

What is Transforming Lives?- It simply a model of thinking and praying and planning which enables us the church to consider how we fulfil our call to express our faith and call to share the 'good news' that Jesus asks of us, in our lives, our congregations and our communities. The team have been working together, praying and planning and considering how we engage and work with each other and how we can serve our community in all aspects of Church Life, in our Worship, in our Fellowship, in our Prayer and Study, in our Service to our Community.

Who are the Team? -Paul Hartley, Paul Fox, Jackie Fox, Ian Hall, Pauline Wong, Ann Attack, Mike Croft, Chris Croft and Marie Lewis.

Interested?-If you wish to support us in this exciting expression of Mission and Outreach then please consider how you may offer help.....we aim to inform you of any opportunities for support as our plans begin to come to fruition.....more information on Diocesan website:www.wakefield.anglican.org/investing in our faith

Transforming Lives Prayer:

God our Hope you commit us to each other to serve one world. Renew us to be a sign of your Kingdom. God our creator you are always before us with the vision of your kingdom encourage us to journey with you. God our Future you lavish your grace on us to make us whole. Transform us into a people of unity, trust and peace. Amen

ADVANCE NOTICE

Diocesan Transforming Lives Celebration - 13 June 2010
Transforming Lives - Transforming Congregations - Transforming Communities

Sunday 13 June 2010 at Nostell Priory from 12.00 noon onwards.
Picnic, children's events, displays, Celebration Eucharist.

COMMUNICATION MATTERS

Next deadline for magazine articles: by first week in May

Contact: Editor Mrs Stella Hall 32 Station Road Tel: 612003

Weekly notices for Church: to be given by Thursdays 7.30pm

Contact: Mrs Maureen Richardson 45 Woodleigh Crescent Tel: 612859

Posters for display at Church:

Contact: Mrs Jackie Fox 5 Andrews Grove Tel: 613834

ALPHA BEGINS.....

ever wondered what life is all about?....invitations and posters will appear soon to advertise our next 'Churches Together in Ackworth'

Alpha Course....it begins Thursday April 15th 7pm Ackworth
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Following Emil's article in the last magazine we publish part 2.

ANGELS (2)

Now for the others:-

Uriel, who appears frequently in 2 Esdras is the 'artisan' – angel – his name means 'power of God' or 'creation by God' and is the fourth of the 'earth' angels being associated with industry, 'fruits of the soil' i.e. farming, tools and machinery, and most importantly, fire e.g. metal-working and smiths. In that vein Uriel is considered to be the holder of the keys to the gates of the Abyss.

Remiel, who is also called Jeremiel, is considered to be the angel who watches over souls at rest awaiting resurrection telling them in Revelation Ch. 6 v. 9-11 'to rest a little while longer and giving them each a white robe' (a symbolic reference to them being righteous i.e. good). His name, as Remiel, means 'mercy of God' or 'compassion of God' and the name Jeremiel also means 'thunder of God'. The non-canonical 1st Book of Enoch describes Remiel in this way.

Finally, the last two, Sariel and Raguel lie completely outside the canonical scripture of the 'Western' Church, although both are recognised by various Eastern Orthodox Churches. Sariel is considered to be a 'fallen angel' by some scriptural sources but other say Sariel taught men about the course of the moon and that his name means 'light of God'. He appears in the former guise in the 1st Book of Enoch, as 'lusting after mortals'! Raguel, whose name is considered to mean 'friend of God', is considered to be the angel of the church in Philadelphia (Revelation Ch. 3 v. 7). He is referred to as the archangel of justice, harmony and fairness – the 'lawyer' archangel.

To sum up, each 'archangel' seems to be linked to an aspect or quality of God, a sort of epiphany, but not God himself! A lot to take in, I know, but better to our understanding than the rather quaint and inaccurate images I got in answer to my question that I quoted at the beginning of these articles!

Emil Brown



EXTRACT FROM SAYWELL

OFFICIAL WAND 1849

'In Cathedrals and Collegiate churches the vergers's wand is a very imposing one of ebony and silver. In some churches it used to be carried, not only before the Bishop when he visited the church, but also before the Rector or Vicar, in his passage from the vestry to the reading desk, Communion table, or pulpit. Where this custom prevails, as at the Parish Church of Stockton-on-Tees, the duty falls to one of the vergers. But with the introduction of surpliced choirs, and the disappearance of 'three deckers', the vergers's wand has also disappeared, and are now looked upon as relics of antiquity.

There can be no doubt that the long 'tip-staff' of the gaily caparisoned beadle, was the earliest form of these wands, and where, as at Ackworth, this important functionary's dignity was at one time further enhanced by the combined offices of village constable, and night watch-man, the 'tip-staff', was supplemented or superseded by the short, but more widely mace-like wand, which served the double purpose of truncheon and wand.

The ancient wand, a short staff painted green and white, still exists at Ackworth, but is not used. In 1849 it was superseded by a longer one, painted black, with a gilt knob, below which is inscribed in gilt letters, the following words: - 'V.R. 1ST (time used) 1849, (crown), J.JONES, W. BEECROFT, CHURCHWARDENS.'

Although erected in the Churchwardens' pew, it is never used, two plain white wands being carried on special occasions, by the Churchwardens. Sometimes these wands are respectively surmounted by a crown and mitre, symbolising State and Church, as at Thornaby Church, York.'

The black wand mentioned in this extract is still to be seen at St. Cuthbert's Church but of the white ones to replace it there is no sign.

ALL SAINTS' FLOWERS

APRIL 4TH
APRIL 11TH
APRIL 18TH
APRIL 25TH
MAY 2ND
MAY 9TH
MAY 16TH
MAY 23RD
MAY 30TH

EASTER FLOWER FUND
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ST. CUTHBERT'S FLOWERS

APRIL 4TH
APRIL 11TH
APRIL 18TH
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MAY 9TH
MAY 16TH
MAY 23RD
MAY 30TH

EASTER
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WEDDING
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BRASSES



TRANSFORMING LIVES

FANCY A COFFEE.....

I recently had the privilege of interviewing some of the ladies who serve at our weekly coffee morning at All saints Church on Wakefield Road and some of the loyal supporters who come regularly for tea coffee cake and chat.....

In December 2002 four ladies from All Saints came up with an idea to raise funds for our Restoration project for our Churches, Stella Hall, Sue Tanswell , Wendy Laybuorn and Ann Atack were the original members of the group and are now joined by Janet Taberner and Jean Hancocks.....Sue Tanswell told me that even on the first day 'I realised that 'coffee morning' was so much more than a fund raising venue'....and as I chatted to Stella, Jean, Ann, Janet and Wendy I realised that this was also true for them.

We worked out between us that they had served up on average 45 hot drinks per week.....the ladies only have two weeks break in the year...so that averages 2250 drinks per year...and since December 2002 we estimated they had served just over 16000 cups of tea or coffee...an amazing feat...and just imagine how many cakes and scones have been served with them!

What is even more amazing is the Grand Total in funds which the ladies and ALL the supporters of 'coffee morning' have raised between them...£40000.....and it is good to know that soon All Saints Church will have a kitchen and toilet fittedand the dedication of the supporters and the dedication of the ladies who serve will be seen in a visible way which will further serve our community by providing facilities for others to use.....

I spoke to several of the coffee morning supporters who had been coming since the very beginning...Shirley Naylor, Sadie Lovell and Edith Cosgrove....they really appreciated the effort and care the ladies always gave to the coffee morning...they told me they 'enjoyed meeting for a weekly catch up and chat' and felt they were in a safe environment, but they also pointed out 'that it was important to them that they supported the church'.

I spoke to Mrs Frances Davies a lady of 93 who comes to coffee morning with her friend Mrs Muriel Gates. They told me they 'enjoyed the company' and this was the only time during the week

that Frances wanted to venture out.

Phil Richardson told me that it was Ann who had invited him along in the first place, and from starting as a supporter of coffee morning Phil is now an active member of our church and serves on the Church Council. He told me he had always found the coffee morning a comfortable friendly place and the cakes were wonderful.

In fact everyone commented on how wonderful the cakes were and the friendliness of the ladies who serve and bake week in week out. I can vouch for that they are wonderful the ladies and the cake!

Amongst all of that if your need is for a quiet moment of prayer there is a prayer table and candles may be lit and some of the supporters and visitors to 'coffee morning' occasionally take comfort from a quiet moment with God.

And it's not just our more senior members of the community that 'coffee morning' has engaged with. Ann and Stella told me that Bell Lane and Mill Dam schoolchildren have been to coffee morning to sing for everyone and it is sincerely hoped that these relationships formed within our community will continue to be built upon.

If you haven't been then come along there is coffee and cake and friendship shared on a Thursday morning between 10 and 12..we really value your support....and when we have the new facilities....let us all pray that together we will be able to offer more care and support for those in need in our community.

Marie Lewis



Plant Pots Needed

Do you have any 3-inch or 4-inch plant pots that are surplus to requirements? If so please do not throw them away but bring them to All Saints' Church, St. Cuthbert's Church or 32 Station Road .I am looking for about 1500 of these for plant sales at All Saints during spring and early summer this year. Many thanks in anticipation of your help with this

Ian Hall.




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TRIMMED LAMPS (MATTHEW 25 V-13)

You will all be familiar with the parable of the five wise and five foolish virgins. The five wise virgins replenished their lamps as they awaited the bridegroom's appearance but the foolish ones did not. At midnight the foolish ones asked the wise ones to give them some oil but as they refused they had to go and try to buy more.

Unfortunately whilst they were away the bridegroom arrived and on their return the foolish ones were locked out and despite their pleadings they were not admitted.

Jesus summarised the teaching of this parable by saying, 'Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the hour'.

Are you ready to meet the bridegroom when he returns? Have you bought extra oil?

Jesus said in John 3:3 'I tell you the truth; no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again' We are to be born of the Spirit and repent of our sins and make Jesus the Lord of our life for the Father wishes that no one should perish.

Do not be like the foolish virgins who had to go off and buy more oil and so missed the bridegroom's arrival.

Be washed clean by the blood of Jesus. Be covered in his righteousness, then God will not see your sins. We are all sinners who need a saviour, Jesus Christ. Easter is a time to remember what Jesus has done on the cross. He gave His life for you and me and took upon himself our sins so that we might be forgiven.

Have a Happy Easter and may God bless you.

Your friend, Pauline Wong

OUT OF THE MOUTHS

LOT'S WIFE

The Sunday school teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, 'My mummy looked back once while she was driving' he announced triumphantly, 'and she turned into a telegraph pole'.

THE GOOD SAMARITAN

In Sunday school the class was hearing the story of the Good Samaritan. After they had heard it the children were asked what they thought they might do if they found a person lying on the roadside, badly wounded and bleeding heavily. A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence and said, 'I think I'd throw up.'

NOAH'S ARK

During a discussion about life on Noah's ark and about how they might spend their time, the teacher said. 'Do you think that Noah and his sons might do a lot of fishing?' Back came the reply promptly from one of the boys, 'Of course not, how could they with only two worms!'

GRACE

A little girl, having committed some minor offence was made to eat her dinner alone, at a small table in the corner of the room.

The rest of the family was paying her no attention until she began to pray in a very loud voice, 'I thank you, Lord, for preparing this table for me in the presence of mine enemies, Amen.'

NAMES OF THE WEEK

Everybody, I think, has heard of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, but did you know EVERY day in Holy Week has a name? Do you know when Fig Monday is, or Temple Tuesday, or Spy Wednesday?

Here is the full names list: -

PALM SUNDAY

FIG MONDAY

TEMPLE TUESDAY

SPY WEDNESDAY

MAUNDY THURSDAY

GOOD FRIDAY

EASTER SATURDAY OR EASTER EVE

Palm Sunday is named to commemorate Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey with the crowds laying palm branches on the road. Good Friday is a 'play on words' –the 'good' is actually 'God' and refers to Jesus' sacrifice of himself for our 'salvation'.

But what about Fig Monday, Temple Tuesday, Spy Wednesday or Maundy Thursday? Where do these names come from? I'm leaving the answer to you, but here are some clues: -

Fig Monday-read Matthew Ch. 21 v. 18-22

Mark Ch. 11 v. 12-14 & 20-24

Temple Tuesday read Matthew Ch.21 v. 12-17

Mark Ch.11 v.15-19

Luke Ch. 19 v. 448

John Ch.13 v. 13-22

Spy Wednesday read-Matthew Ch. 26 v. 14-25

Mark Ch. 14 v. 10-21

Luke Ch. 22 v. 1-6 & 21-22

John Ch. 13 v. 21-32

Maundy Thursday –to whom does Her Majesty the Queen give the purses of Maundy money on this day? (Read Mark Ch. 12 v. 41-44 & Luke Ch. 21 v. 1-4)

Emil Brown

From the Registers

Baptisms

- 10 Jan Jack Ostyn Plues & Ashley Luke Banks
14 Feb Harison James Cook & Dylan Jack Ashton
28 Feb Joshua Michael Whitfield, Max Richard Whitfield & Alfie Jacob Sand-Hartley

Funerals

- 11 Jan Violetta Marlene Rhodes (76) Walton Manor Nursing Home, Walton
20 Jan Mary Elizabeth Booth (94) 17 Moor Top Ave. Ackworth Moor Top
3 Feb Ethel Storey (95) 77 Townend Avenue, Low Ackworth
9 Feb Harold Pease (83) 1 Woodleigh Drive, Ackworth Moor Top.

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

Sacred Heart, Hemsworth, Sunday, 10:45am
Saturday Night Mass, 6:00pm

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 April and May

Sunday Services

8.30am	Holy Communion (2nd & 4th Sunday BCP service)	All Saints'
10.15am	Family Communion	St Cuthbert's
3.30pm	Evensong (except 3rd Sunday in month)	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/Services

- 1 April - Maundy Thursday -
10.30am Wakefield Cathedral - Chrism Eucharist
7.30pm St Cuthbert's - Institution of the Last Supper and the Watch
- 2 April - Good Friday -
10.30am All Saints' - Family Service
12.00pm Co-op Car Park - Churches Together
2.00pm St Cuthbert's - Good Friday Liturgy
- 3 April - Easter Eve -
7.30pm St Cuthbert's - Easter Vigil with Holy Communion
- 4 April - Easter Sunday -
Usual Morning Services
3.30pm All Saints' - Easter Praise
- 18 April - APCM -
11.15am St Cuthbert's following the morning service
- 26 April - St Mark
7.30pm St Cuthbert's - Holy Communion
- 1 May - Ss Philip & James -
10.30am St Cuthbert's - Holy Communion
- 13 May - Ascension Day -
7.30pm St Cuthbert's - Holy Communion.