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Dear Friends

This time of year is not the easiest in terms of subject matter for the writing of a magazine article. There are very few major festivals and most people have holidays on their minds rather than Church events or activities.

There is however one major festival which often tends to get overlooked because of holiday (you might say a 'holy day' overshadowed by 'holi-days'!) The event I am referring to is the 'Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord' on the 6th August. In terms of importance I would argue that it ranks way up there alongside Christmas, Easter, Ascensiontide and Pentecost. It was a major turning point in the life and ministry of our Lord and his Apostles. Henri Nouwen describes it as '*... An encounter with the sacred which confirms our calling but changes us forever*'. Clearly a major experience which can change the way we respond to God's call as Christians and deepens our faith.

How then are we to fully appreciate the potential and power of this event, if as many of us have 'wound down' body and mind to a more relaxed level of functioning? Well, dare I suggest that such a state would be most conducive to an encounter with the sacred. Added to the fact that on holiday we often visit places of outstanding beauty; places where the scenery can take our breath away as we contemplate the wonder of God's creation.

I visited one such place when I holidayed in Tenerife last year and went on a trip up Mount Tiede, the highest mountains in the Spanish territories (don't worry I visited via coach!) I was blown away by the views from its height and the ruggedness of its terrain—a vast empty plateau with little vegetation, dotted with majestic and strange volcanic rock formations. Though not very isolated in terms of visitor it was nevertheless a sight to behold.

Although mountains are not the only places where we encounter such beauty in terms of God's creation, there are numerous passages in the bible where a godly encounter is experienced. Moses meets God several times on his trips up mountains—on Horeb, Sinai and Pisgali; Elijah contests with the Baals and encounters God on a mountain—not in the hurricane, with quake or fire but in the still small voice of calm, Jesus often went up mountains to pray and for the ultimate prayer

experience takes Peter, James and John with him where he is transfigured and appears with Moses and Elijah.

Mountains, whether because of their vantage points in overlooking vast areas or because they tend to be less populated places where we can be alone with our thoughts are places where we can feel closer to God. As Peter discovered however, the mountain-top experience is not something we can hold on to forever. We must as Martin Luther Kings said '*come back down the mountain*'.

Though such experiences may be brief chance encounters, their profundity makes them life changing in their nature. We are - as Nouwen says - changed forever—transfigured. Such transfiguring experiences are few and far between; I can recall but two such experiences in my lifetime. When we come to such moments time is suspended; *let sense be dumb, let flesh retire*'; and for a few seconds everything seems to make sense.

Such true moments of grace were what those Apostles experienced on that mount of transfiguration. In the new testament encounter (Luke 9:28-36) Jesus' appearance became as bright as a flash of lightning. A transfiguring encounter with God can be likened to God's light illuminating our lives. Like the SUN shining through a stained glass window only its full splendour can be seen when this happens. We (our lives, our bodies, the works we do) can only shine with splendour when we allow God (the SON) to shine through us.

Have a happy, restful and peaceful holiday - and to quote Isaiah (55:6) '*Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him whilst he is near*'.

Yours in Christ

Paul.

## **Love, Faith and those damn neighbours.**

"Love your neighbour as yourself" is one of the most famous quotations from the Bible, and it was spoken by Jesus himself. Matthew 22 relates the story of the Pharisees' asking Jesus about the most important commandment, and He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself."

In this verse, God has given us a clear path as to how we should live our earthly lives. It is one of unselfishness in which we put the needs of others on the same level with our own needs. If we truly love God, or even if we have no faith at all, we should still have a genuine concern for the plight of our neighbours'. Of course, when Jesus said Neighbour he was referring to everyone who we come in contact with during our lives.

Today, it is hard to love ourselves, let alone our neighbours. Most of us don't even know our neighbours' (in this case I mean those living next door). But the verse "Love your neighbour as yourself," is not just a suggestion, it is a commandment. It is a requirement for Christians and should have meaning to all. A requirement that is often ignored when we put up barriers of anger, fear, or scorn for a neighbour. How can love and the resulting tolerance become a bigger part of our lives today?

As we strike out in the face of today's hard economic times, see job losses all around causing money problems and see political battles in health reform heating up, more than ever loving your neighbour as yourself becomes important. Remember, this commandment is not an option; it is a requirement and one that we should not only welcome but also embrace with enthusiasm. We should look beyond the hard times and the prejudices to what we can do with the resources we have and see that love of our neighbours is an opportunity.

The Bible gives us a superb example of life today in the parable of the Good Samaritan. The man was lying prostrate beaten and hurting on the road side. The first person to come by was a preacher. He saw the man lying in the ditch, but he would have to undergo seven days of ritual cleansing if he touched what might have been a dead body so he crossed to the other side of the road, as if the man didn't exist. What do we do when we see someone stranded on the side of the road, or someone struggling to make ends meet, or a distant family member getting through health problems? This example shows that everyone,

whatever their position in life can choose to ignore those in need. Do you ignore them as if they don't exist? Do you hope someone else will help them?

In the parable, the second person to come by was a Levite serving in the temple, again a man bound by ritual. He also crossed to the other side and averted his eyes. If the man was ignored, he didn't exist. The parable certainly rings true in today's society. If we ignore the crisis faced today, the people affected by it, then they become invisible, nonexistent.

The third person to pass by was a Samaritan. Samaritans in those days were foreigners scorned by the Jews for unorthodox customs. The Preacher and Levites ignored the man lying in the ditch because they were preoccupied with silly rules and rituals. The Samaritan looked beyond the rules and rituals and saw the person in the road as someone who needed him. If you were the man lying in the road, how would you wish to be treated?

Love is a powerful word in the Bible. The New Testament emphasizes God's love for all people. Paul wrote to the church at Corinth reminding them that God's love was the greatest of his gifts. Without love and faith, good deeds are meaningless. Belief starts in keeping commandments. Neighbourly love enriches the world.

It is no wonder getting into heaven will be as difficult as going through the eye of a needle, when "love your neighbour as yourself," is so hard to do in the face of economic crisis, personal gain and intolerance. Keeping an eye out for those in need and extending a hand should be central to all our lives. As Christians we know that this commandment leads us to a better life in Jesus but whether you believe in God or not, making this an important issue in the world today will bring a better life for everyone every day.

Revd. David Teece  
Assistant Curate.

## Prayer – it's something for everyone!

### (You may even be praying more than you think ...)

What comes into your mind when you think about pastoral work? Helping? Listening? Visiting? Prayer? What actually is the role of prayer and what do we mean by it?

The pastoral committee has been set up to oversee the pastoral work of the parish. There is a lot going on in our community and our churches, in which we can see God at work, as well as a need for more to be done. We are all called to this work in some way. Mark tells us that when Jesus was asked which is the first commandment, Jesus replies that we should 'love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength' and immediately goes on to add 'the second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself' (Mark 12 v. 30-31, NIV). This might seem a strange verse to take as a starting point for prayer, but this is what I believe that prayer is all about and why it underpins everything under the pastoral umbrella – prayer is about responding to God's love and seeing ourselves and others in the light of this.

You may be a person who is comfortable with words. It is a major way in which we communicate and God CERTAINLY uses this – but it can sometimes be a struggle to find the right thing to say. The good news on this is that there is no need; Christ assures us that 'your Father knows what you need before you ask him.' (Matthew 6 v.8, NIV). This is not to say that there is no point in prayer – far from it – but it points to the **relationship** behind the prayer as of the greatest importance.

Prayer is about being open to God – putting ourselves in a situation, environment or personal state that helps us to listen to God, explore our own relationship with God, and become gradually more in tune with God. If we take a small step towards God as a response to His great love for us, we can guarantee that He will already have taken a giant one towards us!

From my own experience I would say that as well as being an opportunity to take time with God (which, I must be honest, often seems very hard), so often I find that through prayer it is ME who changes – I may feel calmer or have a greater sense of urgency to act, or I may find that I suddenly see or feel a different angle on a situation or a person and have a glimpse of understanding things in a new way. It's just one more step on the journey!

In 'Pray Your Way', by Bruce Duncan, he talks of finding God. As an eleven year old child he suddenly felt an unexpected impulse to go to a local (not particularly attractive) church, and found himself content just to sit there, several hours before a Christmas service was due to start.

Reflecting on that in later life, he says this:

'I can see that it was a tailor-made gift of love from God ... All I had to do was respond, accept, say 'Yes' – and there I was, in a relationship which I now know was prayer. From that moment on, emotionally and experientially... I knew that *real prayer is our response to God's love.*' (My italics). He goes on to explore in the book different ways of responding to God with the whole of our individuality, personality, experience and self (our weaknesses and vulnerabilities as well as our strengths and the parts we have 'practised') – that is, praying. These include drawing, painting and music; using symbols such as candles or the cross; confronting God with pain, anger and injustice; and allowing ourselves to be moved to action through compassion.

Just as we all have our own preferences in worship, music and surroundings, so we all have a natural 'preference' in prayer. It is good to try different ways and see how they speak to you. What might God be saying to you through your senses, actions, feelings and thoughts if you relax and allow yourself to respond to his love? Don't be put off prayer if the words don't seem to be there – prayer is simply the way in which YOU respond to God's love for you in whatever way YOU find meaningful and which deepens your relationship with the one who gave the whole of himself for you.

Some months ago the pastoral team had a training morning which finished with some informal prayer activities. Our last act of the morning together was to write in colour on a white cloth just a word or sentence about things that were important for us. This cloth was brought to the altar on Sunday morning and then to the cross – you may have seen it afterwards in St. Cuthbert's Church. It was just one way of showing together that we were both bringing God into the centre of things that mattered to us and also taking our concerns to the cross – and we have been promised that 'if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us' (1 John 5 v. 16, NIV).

One thing that I have been struck by since we started up the prayer chain is how meaningful it can be to someone who has requested prayer, whether or not they profess an outward faith themselves. When people are at the time of their greatest need, to know that they are supported by the prayerful concern of the church can be a real boost. Prayer draws people to each other as well as to God, because it is an expression of love, and this love transcends our differences, including those of age, origin, personality and denomination. We may not know how healing may take place, or what twists and turns a situation may take. We can, however, have the assurance that God is alongside us through the journey, or, as I recently saw outside a church in Sheffield –



'we may not know what the future holds, but we can know the One who holds the future!'

Finally, I want to recommend the prayer chain to you as a way of being involved in the response of the church to the needs of the community - whatever your circumstances. Everyone is welcome to join. This is how it works; when someone contacts Jean Charlton (either directly or through someone they know who attends our churches) to ask for prayer, Jean will pass the message on in one of two ways. Some people like to be contacted by telephone and will ring the next person on the chain to pass on the message. Others prefer to receive the information by email. We simply ask that you remember that person or situation in your own individual, private prayers for one week (and pass the message on if you are in the 'phone chain'). For you, that may mean a silent commendation to God; a wordless picture in your mind in God's presence; an outpouring of verbal concern; a prayer in the car; following a set devotion or daily office; lighting a candle and naming that person before God; or in whatever way you have found it helpful to meet with God. We are all different but can all bring God into a situation in our own way. If you would appreciate the prayers of the church, do contact Jean on the number below and be assured that this is completely confidential within the chain.

As well as bringing God closer into our lives and concerns, being involved in the prayer chain also gives me an opportunity to speak to my friends either side of me in the chain (and what are caring relationships all about?) If you are interested please ring Jean (793837) or Lynne (616384) to find out more - you don't have to commit yourself.

Lynne Ward

## LOADS OF MANURE

Large quantity of well-rotted manure available to anyone who has a trailer or is willing to bag it for themselves. Access for cars is possible. Free apart from donation to Church Restoration Fund.  
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## Plant Sale Update

My very grateful thanks go to everyone who has supported the plant sales which have been ongoing for the last few weeks. As of today, Thursday 8th July the magnificent total of 1005 pounds has been raised. This should be enough to adequately equip the new kitchen and toilet facility which is now complete (subject to the architect's approval which hopefully will happen tomorrow.)

Special thanks go to Dorothy Short who arranged a sales session at St Giles 'church Pontefract which by itself raised over 120 pounds. For those of you who have not yet had the opportunity to view the new facilities at All Saints, please do come and have a look. Should you have any ideas or suggestions as to how these may best be used I am sure the Rector would be delighted to hear them.

I Hall

## DIOCESAN EVENT AT NOSTELL PRIORY

Having experienced some beautiful summer weather recently, we are quick to forget the downpours we had early in June! However, there is a group of people who remember them well!

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June one very rainy Sunday afternoon, over 1300 Christians from around the diocese descended upon Nostell Priory. This was an event called 'onward', which was part of our Transforming Lives Programme. It was a time to reflect on where God is leading His Church and to be given encouragement, in the form of an address by the Archbishop of Wales.

St Cuthbert's and All Saints' have been involved in Transforming Lives for over a year now. We have been listening to God and each other, forming a plan and working on putting the plan into action. So far we are starting to work in a number of areas including changes in the pastoral work, forming a worship group to encourage worship to be more contemporary and planning a big autumn event.

So if all the Christians at Nostell on that rainy afternoon were representing their churches involvement with transforming lives we should expect to see great changes throughout the diocese!

Chris Croft



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Date	Liturgical Week	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel	St Cuthbert's	All Saints'
01/08/2010	Proper 13	Hosea 11:1-11	Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 12:13-21	Pauline Wong	Mrs M Walker
08/08/2010	Proper 14	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Luke 12:32-40	Jane Siddall	Mr J Hall
15/08/2010	Blessed Virgin Mary	Isaiah 61:10-end	Galatians 4:4-7	Luke 1:46-55	Sue Hartley	Dr McWilliam
22/08/2010	Proper 16	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Hebrews 12:18-29	Luke 13:10-17	Keith Shaw	Mrs S Hall
29/08/2010	Proper 17	Jeremiah 2:4-13	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Luke 14:1, 7-14	Jane Gosney	Mrs M Walker
05/09/2010	Proper 18	Jeremiah 18:1-11	Philemon 1-21	Luke 14:25-33	Anne Buitock	Mr J Hall
12/09/2010	Proper 19	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Luke 15:1-10	Briony Lewis	Dr McWilliam
19/09/2010	Proper 20	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Luke 16:1-13	Anne Atack	Mrs S Hall
26/09/2010	Proper 21	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15	1 Timothy 6:6-19	Luke 16:19-31	Pauline Wong	Mrs M Walker

## ALL SAINTS' FLOWERS

AUGUST 1 <sup>ST</sup>	FLOWER FUND
AUGUST 8 <sup>TH</sup>	MOLLIE GARDHAM
AUGUST 15 <sup>TH</sup>	ALAN CAMPLIN
AUGUST 22 <sup>ND</sup>	JEAN HANCOCKS
AUGUST 29 <sup>TH</sup>	FLOWER FUND
SEPTEMBER 5 <sup>TH</sup>	WENDY LAYBOURN
SEPTEMBER 12 <sup>TH</sup>	RUTH HARRISON
SEPTEMBER 19 <sup>TH</sup>	EDITH SKIDMORE
SEPTEMBER 26 <sup>TH</sup>	FLOWER FUND



## ST. CUTHBERT'S FLOWERS

AUGUST 1 <sup>ST</sup>	ANNE HILL
AUGUST 8 <sup>TH</sup>	VERA McWILLIAM
AUGUST 15 <sup>TH</sup>	WEDDING
AUGUST 22 <sup>ND</sup>	WEDDING
AUGUST 29 <sup>TH</sup>	WEDDING
SEPTEMBER 5 <sup>TH</sup>	JEAN CLAYTON
SEPTEMBER 12 <sup>TH</sup>	ANNE HILL
SEPTEMBER 26 <sup>TH</sup>	JANET BATEMAN

## BRASSES



## A MOTHER'S UNION ADVENTURE

A small group of us usually go to the Mother's Union Annual General Meeting. Over the years we've been to some interesting places and always enjoyed ourselves. We are lucky in that Judith always organizes everything and collects our money- we just pay up and leave all the arrangements to her.

This year the A.G.M. was in Preston on June 24<sup>th</sup> with a celebration of Eucharist in Blackburn Cathedral, the evening before (Wednesday June 23<sup>rd</sup>).

It was decided that I should book a taxi for myself (from Ackworth), picking up Ann in Sharleston and Doreen in Walton, then on to Judith's house for 6.30 am at Belle Isle. My taxi came at 5.30am and I gave the driver the addresses of my friends with their postcodes and phone numbers. He had a SAT NAV, so no problems there! We quickly picked up Ann who was waiting outside and then on to Doreen's. I soon realized we were going the wrong way, we were almost in Wakefield, so I said, 'I don't think this is the right way to Walton'. He said, 'Mountbatten Avenue is in Otley'. No! we are going to Walton.' So he turned around the taxi and went to Walton as requested and we found Doreen. Next on to Judith we were quite early. Then Yvonne turned up in her taxi to go to Leeds Coach Station, picking up Shirley on the way. Yvonne noticed that he was going the wrong way; he was only taking us to the airport! He did not know the way to the coach station but luckily Yvonne did and was able to direct him there. Nothing else could go wrong, could it? While we were waiting for our coach I sat down with my bag on my knee, my case on wheels by my side and my waterproof jacket on the seat beside me, (under my elbow). Our coach had arrived, so I gathered up my case and bag, but my jacket had disappeared! Perhaps someone thought they had more right to it than me? I'm still annoyed about the loss of my jacket, but it's no use 'crying over spilt milk' or stolen jackets. We got on the coach and the driver informed us that he was gay. Did he imagine that half a dozen O.A.P.S. fancied him? In your dreams boy! There seemed to be a lot of road works in Leeds so the driver had to take a diversion and he got lost! He stopped the coach and phoned his office for advice and we were on our way again. Could anything else go wrong?

On arriving in Preston we caught a service bus as Judith had arranged which bus we had to take. Arriving at our destination they seemed surprised to see us. They had let our rooms to someone else! As the rooms had been booked in February and the deposit paid, we were

quite surprised. The landlady made us tea and sandwiches and phoned around for alternative accommodation for us. She booked us into the Premier Inn which cost more than the hotel but as they'd made the mistake they agreed to pay the excess. Then Shirley said, 'But we've paid for breakfast'. So they decided to pick us up next morning and give us breakfast. After unpacking we all went out for something to eat. As England had won a match there was a lot of celebrating going on. Next we had to get a taxi to Blackburn Cathedral. This proved difficult as all the taxis had only room for 5 passengers and there were 6 of us. One cabbie got a friend to take us and when the taxi turned up it was the most lurid shade of PINK! The driver, a Pakistani was really friendly and told us he loved us all and started to sing to us. 'I love you ladies, I love you', all the way there nonstop. However he did not know the way around Blackburn and had no idea where the cathedral was. After going round in circles I managed to persuade him to stop and ask for directions. We finally arrived 15 minutes late and just got in before all the dignitaries-Mayor, Consort, Bishops etc.

It was a very enjoyable service but our day was not over yet. We caught a bus to Preston but were put off on the middle of nowhere and told that our bus would be along on 10 minutes. Eventually we got back to our hotel, had a cup of tea and a shower and were glad to fall into bed, it had been a very long day.

Next day we went to the Guild Hall for the M.U. Meeting, the theme of which was 'Relationships-not Rules'. There was a talk by the World wide President and various other speakers. Money is always needed for projects. One lady had climbed Kilimanjaro and one lady is going to bake 1.000 cakes in a day. In the afternoon the speaker was the Archbishop of York's wife.

After the meeting we caught a bus into Blackpool and had fish and chips and an ice cream and then back to bed.

The following day we returned home and it was uneventful! The following day was the wedding of my granddaughter Stephannie Marie, it was wonderful- but that's another story!

Mary Walker

## EXTRACT FROM SAYWELL

### ARCHBISHOP HOLGATE'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL HEMSWORTH

'Archbishop Holgate's Grammar School, at Hemsworth, was founded by Robert Holgate, 59<sup>th</sup> Archbishop of York. On October 24<sup>th</sup>, 1546, Letters Patent were granted to him by Henry VIII, authorizing him to found three Grammar Schools, in York, Hemsworth, and Old Malton. Hemsworth is supposed to have been the Archbishop's native place. On May 24<sup>th</sup>, 1548, the Archbishop by deed poll prescribed rules and ordinances for the school at Hemsworth. He endowed it with the property value of twenty-four pounds a year (which amount he afterwards increased), appointed John Thurleston to be first master, and reserved the patronage to himself and his successors in the see of York; providing that if the Archbishop failed to appoint within 20 days of a vacancy, the appointment should lapse to the Dean and Chapter of York, and if they failed to appoint within another 20 days, to the householders of Hemsworth with the curate.

The master was ordered to pay ten pounds a year to each of six poor scholars between the ages of 8 and 18; but a scholar born in the parish of Hemsworth might, if he were then fatherless, retain the same annuity until he was 22 years of age. These scholars were to be chosen of poor men's children being husbandmen or men of occupations inhabiting in the parishes of Hemsworth, Felkirk, South Kirkby, Ackworth, Royston and Wragby.

Provision was made for the removal of these scholars, after two public admonitions in church, 'if any be not studious to learn, or not apt to take learning, or do not keep the school and learning there, but absent themselves by the space of one fortnight in a quarter of a year without license of the Schoolmaster, or be a common drunkard, or a common player at unlawful games, or exercise any notable offences or crimes.' In 1861, a new scheme was made by order of the Court of chancery. The Trustees of Archbishop Holgate's Hospital in Hemsworth were constituted Trustees of the Grammar School. A grant of 300 pounds a year was made to the School from the Hospital, for a period of 36 years, from 1857; if, at the end of that period the school was not, in the opinion of the Trustees, in an efficient state, they might apply to the Court of Chancery for leave to discontinue the grant. The School was to be divided into an Upper and Lower School. New buildings were erected for both, and the Lower School, or Parish School, is now a Boys' Public



Elementary School under Government Inspection.

In January, 1868, the New Grammar School was occupied by the Headmaster (Rev. C. Andrew), and his boarders. Accommodation was provided for 20 boarders and 20 day scholars. The highest number of boys in that year was 36. In 1875, the numbers fell considerably and in 1877 there were 10 boys in the School, including the free scholars. In 1879 a Commission suggested to the Trustees that the School should be removed, but they did not fall in with the suggestion. In 1883, the Commissioners published a scheme for removing the School to Barnsley. The Trustees resolved to oppose the scheme for removal. In 1885, there were 36 boys in the School. In 1886, the Trustees appealed to Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, but the decision of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council was unfavorable to the appeal. Within two calendar months, unless her Majesty withheld consent the school would be moved to Barnsley as soon as practicable.

The scheme for removal has now been carried out.'

## TRANSFORMING LIVES UPDATE

By now most of you will be familiar with Transforming Lives and what we hope to achieve. I offer below a slightly more personal insight.

When I first heard about the missive from Bishop Stephen my first thought was, 'Typical, his job but let everybody else do it', and even said as much to Stella. Upon reflection and after reading it again I was struck by the sheer simplicity of it all.

Transforming lives starting with oneself.

Transforming congregations.

Transforming communities.

What a marvelous ideal and something that as committed Christians we should all be prepared to engage with fully. Not only though for Christians it is there for anybody who cares about themselves, about society in general and about community in particular. So this is something then that is down to all of us to make it work. Where do we start then in what is now largely a 'dog eat dog' or 'I'm alright Jack' world.

I started by looking in the mirror, looking inward and asking myself, 'What can I do?' Obviously the first thing was to join the Steering Group which happened 18 months ago and after much hard work and planning by a few dedicated folk we are 'up and running'.

We are changing one or two things in Church life and services but more importantly we are hopeful of changing the life of the community. To this

end we have established a Pastoral Group which will outreach to anybody in the local community who needs help (see separate article in the magazine). We have been running All Saints' Coffee Mornings for several years now which has raised much needed funds for a kitchen and toilet facility as well as provided a much needed amenity for lots of people, both local and those just passing through. This new facility leaves us much better placed to serve the village and particularly the Moortop and Brackenhill areas.

Many plans are being made as I write and although not finalised areas such as youth groups, breakfast clubs, mums and tots as well as maintaining the Coffee Mornings, have been mentioned. All excellent community stuff!

My personal concern is for the Church to engage with and be there for the young people in the village. We have embarked on a 'Sunflower Project' with the help of the local Primary Schools and have delivered over 600 plants which the children will be growing around the village. See how many you can spot Check on their progress because in mid September 4 children from each school will receive a special prize for either the tallest or largest sunflower. From tiny seeds we hope to get several sunflowers at least ten feet tall. What a super visible sign of community spirit at work ,starting with the very youngest people in the village! Hopefully this will become an annual event and the whole community, not just the children will get involved.

Moreover, we have major plans for a grand 'Harvest Extravaganza' to include local businesses, schools and individuals in Church displays and events throughout the Harvest Weekend. Keep a lookout for posters giving more information about this in future.

We will need everybody's help to make this initiative a success, and if I could just leave you with this thought, 'Look in the mirror, look inwards and ask, what can I do to help make it happen'

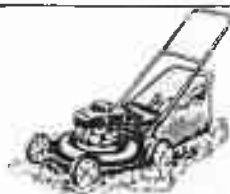


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### APRICOT FLAPJACKS

#### METHOD

Heat oven. Line and grease a 9 inch square tin with baking parchment.

Melt butter, sugar and syrup in saucepan over low heat.

Chop apricots and add to pan along with the oats and flour and mix well.

Pour mixture into prepared tin

Place in oven and cook for 30 to 35 minutes or until golden brown. The mixture should still have a little movement in it when removed from oven.

Cut into 24 pieces.

It must be stored in an airtight container and can be stored for two weeks.

Cranberries or raisins can be used instead of apricots

Not suitable for freezing.

J.H.

#### INGREDIENTS

9 ozs. Butter

3 ½ ozs. Demerara sugar

7 ozs. Golden Syrup

3 ½ ozs dried apricots

9 ozs. Rolled oats

1 oz. plain flour

Fan oven 150

## ODDS AND ENDS

### ANY OFFERS

Notice in a Welsh fishing village: Wanted- a good woman who can clean, dig worms, sew and who owns a good fishing boat and motor. Please enclose photo of boat and motor!

### SUPREME OPTOMIST

Cannibal, to captured missionary- 'Have you any particular wish before you are dished up?'

Missionary- 'I should like to deliver one more lecture on the advantages of a vegetarian diet'.

### FROM CHILDREN

Gravity was discovered by Isaac Newton. It is chiefly noticed in autumn, when the apples fall off the trees.

Lumbago is a mineral used for making pencils.

A Father is a person that is forced to endure childbirth without an anesthetic.

Teacher- 'The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee from the city, but his wife was turned to salt.'

Small boy- 'But what happened to the flea?'

### WASTED WORDS

A lady went into a pet shop to buy a drinking bowl for her dog. The shopkeeper asked her if she would like one with an inscription 'For the dog'. 'No', she replied genially. 'It is hardly necessary. My husband never drinks water and the dog can't read.'



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### Baptisms

- May 9 Emily Grace and Olivia Rose Millar  
May 30 Imogen Ella Wrightson and Dexter Smith  
June 13 Isabella Lily Walker, Shannon Audrey Fletcher and Lacey Leigh Fletcher

### Marriages

- June 5 Jason David Beaumont and Amy Jane Wright

### Funerals

- 8 April Edward Stephen Williams (55) 19 Woodhall Drive, Ackworth Moor Top  
May 12 Betty Davies 62) 32 Hillside Road, Ackworth Moor Top  
May 27 Ian Paul Grayson (42) 12 Ashleigh Avenue, Wakefield  
June 4 Margaret Hardwick (91) 27 Woodleigh Crescent, Ackworth Moor Top  
June 7 June Lily Backtrout (77) Hemsworth Park Nursing Home, Hemsworth  
June 14 Nicholas William Glancy (44) 17 West Winds, Purston Lane, Ackworth  
June 21 Graham Buckley (78) 51 Pontefract Road, Ackworth  
June 25 Maxwell Heller (86) 35 Went Hill Close, High Ackworth

### 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

<b>Sunday</b>	10.30am	<b>Worship</b>
	6.30pm	<b>Prayer Meeting</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.30—11.15am	<b>Parents and Toddlers Group</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30—11.15am	<b>Parents and Toddlers Group</b>

All services and meetings are held at the Ackworth Parish Council Community Centre, Bell Lane.

# ***Sunday Services for August and September***

## **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 and Services**

Sept 21 St Matthews Day 7.30pm Holy Communion SC

