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Dear Friends

Writing this ahead of time I find myself trying to project forward several weeks and trying to imagine myself in the Christmas spirit. Goodness knows, it shouldn't be a problem, shops and television advertising has already been doing it since the beginning of October!

It's no wonder that we are often fed up of hearing about Christmas by Christmas Day or the day after. This seems to be a great shame, because certainly in the Christian calendar, and in bygone days, this is actually when Christmas began - not sometime in October. Not only that, but depending on how far back you go in tradition, Christmas lasted at least 12 if not 40 days (until Candlemas—2nd February) after Christmas Day. As one of the two most significant dates in the Christian calendar it's as good a reason as any to celebrate at least for the traditional 12 days, when God came down amongst us to be 'Emmanuel' - 'God with us'; that is - God as one of us!

As we enjoy our celebrations from Christmas Day onwards, here are a few thoughts to ponder upon. Firstly, isn't it odd that Christmas has become a time when we spend enormously more money than on other days or even for other celebrations; when the whole ethos of the Christmas story is of God showing solidarity with the poor of this world? The way of his coming suggests a connection with the poor, the weak and the vulnerable people of this world. He comes to us not as a mighty warrior king to overturn and conquer the current world order, but as a weak, helpless human baby born into the poverty of a stable. Henri Nouwen, in his book 'Sabbatical Journey' writes; *'If the church has a future, it is a future with the poor in whatever form'* In this light, we must ask ourselves the question as to whether our lavish celebrations of Christmas help or hinder our understanding of the divine mystery of this incredible event?

A second thought to ponder is that, at this time of year - this season - is very much a time of journeys; in the Christmas story

itself, there are several journeys being played out. We have the main journey of Mary and Joseph on a donkey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, a distance of some 70-80 miles over rough terrain with Mary heavily pregnant. The shepherds' journey down from the mountains after a glorious vision of angels. The three wise men/the magi have a very long journey from the Orient. Even in our modern world, many people make journeys at Christmas time either to be with their families - or to get away from them.

Still within the Christmas season, our curate, Jenny and her husband Mike, journey to their new home and parish in the north of the Manchester diocese. Though with sadness, we wish them well on this new phase in their journey of faith.

However, there is one journey that surpasses all of these - the longest journey of all time - God come down from heaven, from being the divine creator of the universe to become a weak and helpless child. What a journey! If that doesn't speak powerfully of how much God loves us, then I don't know what does!!

May the love of God and the peace of the Christ child be yours this Christmastime.

From Paul, Sue and the family.

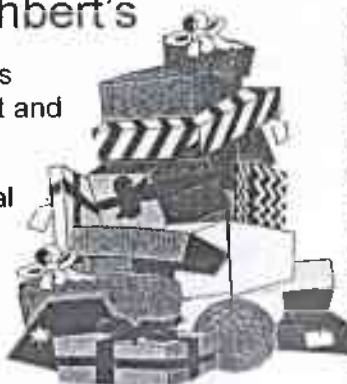
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Sunday 6th December  
5.30pm at St Cuthbert's

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

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## Time to say goodbye

This morning after morning prayer I was chatting to a couple of people and wondering aloud how I could sum up four and a half years here in Ackworth. I said that I felt like just writing 'I love you' in big letters and filling a page with it. It seems like a good start so:

# I love you!



When I reflect on my time in Ackworth, love is the word that springs to mind - the love I have for all of you and the love that has been shown to me. Having come to Ackworth kicking and screaming I have had a wonderful time and have made friends that will never leave me. There are so many good memories, not just of the immediate church family but so many people in and around the village whom I have been privileged to serve - at weddings, baptisms, funerals.

Clearly there are high points which stand out. Some are obvious such as the wonderful parish weekend at Scargill in 2006. There was my ordination to the priesthood and the incredible joy of celebrating communion for the first time for all of you that same evening. There were the confirmations (even if the first was just a week after the Boss had the bad grace to develop heart trouble!). There was June (Backhouse) 's wedding. There were memorable funerals - Tom Brearley, Lily Parker, Margaret Camplin, Ethel Smith, Phyllis Asquith; all times of joy as well as sorrow.

However, maybe when the dust settles I'll remember most the small things. I'll remember the huge encouragement it gave me when people came to say the office with me at All Saints' on Fridays. I'll remember the Wednesday prayer and fellowship group, changing and evolving but still carrying on after four years. I delight in the Pastoral Group. I gave it a nudge and now it runs without me. I'll remember our healing services and the incredible way in which God has worked through them.

One of the calls for every Christian is to make disciples. Being involved in Alpha has been incredible. I've had the joy of being with others as they came to know Jesus as Lord and Saviour for the first time. I've watched them grow and begin to develop their own ministries. Seeing people grow up as Christians is amazing. There are some incredible people in Ackworth, doing incredible things. There is huge potential for all of you to bring transformation to friends, neighbours and the whole community.

It was a bit of a shock when, less than a year after I was ordained priest, Paul became so ill. Suddenly I was paddling in the deep end. I couldn't have managed without each one of you. Thank you so much. Likewise, at the beginning of this year the Boss was off again, fortunately this time on sabbatical. I loved being in charge but it's hard work only possible when we pull together. Again, I couldn't have managed without each one of you.

You're a very tolerant bunch. What must you have thought when this mad Irishwoman came among you, waving her arms about, singing out of tune and with the sense of rhythm of an elephant with three left feet? I've had a wonderful time exploring and developing different forms of worship but its only been possible because of Paul's grace and your tolerance. We've done a lot together.

Here in Ackworth, we're very privileged to have such a strong Churches Together. Do you remember our first Good Friday service in the car park. As I finished speaking a cloud appeared in the sky in the shape of a cross. Talk about heavenly affirmation! I'm so proud that I can call myself a Methodist minister as well as an Anglican priest. Together we can change the world, starting with our own community. Together we are the body of Christ.

Its incredibly hard to sum up my time with you in a few words. There has been such a rich tapestry of people and events. It has been a joy to serve you and to have you as friends. I cannot thank all of you by name but some special thanks are due. Firstly to Paul (a.k.a THE BOSS) for his love and tolerance and patience. He coped with my initial unhappiness, he gave me space to grow. He encouraged me to explore new ideas and supported them even when they might not have been his style. Thanks to Paul (Foxy) and Marie for being what you are. Thanks to Bill and Lynne - a churchwarden's lot is not always a happy one with a curate like me! Above all, thanks be to our amazing wonderful God with whom all things are possible.

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

I end as I began

# I love you!

May God bless each one of you richly, now and forevermore .

Jenny



## TERRY WAITE

On Monday October 12<sup>th</sup> at 4.15pm we were privileged to go to the Quaker School to hear Terry Waite speak to the students of the Sixth Form. I'm sure that like us the whole audience was spellbound as he spoke for just over an hour, without notes about his experiences.

He began by telling us of his earlier life with his wife and children in Uganda during the coup of Ildi Amin. He recalled his meetings with Desmond Tutu and Nelson Mandela, but his main theme was of his captivity in Beirut when he was captured by the Hezbollah Militia.

He had a commanding appearance, being such a large man helps of course, but it was his personality and humility that shone through.

Here was a man who had suffered both severe physical and mental pain, which we could only begin to appreciate, from systematic beatings on the soles of his feet, from interrogations, cramped inhumane conditions and being shackled and blindfolded. How many others could have survived that hell and come through as the wonderful man he is without a trace of bitterness and with his faith intact and even strengthened?

I had read his book when it was first published and found it a painful but inspiring read, but how much more was it brought to life meeting the man face to face and hearing him speak so sincerely and eloquently!

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## St. Benets Abbey

We had often seen the unusual ruins of St Benets Abbey, one of the more recognisable landmarks in the Norfolk landscape, on previous trips along the River Bure, so noting that the Broad's Authority were arranging a visit by boat, the 'Helen of Ranworth' a replica of a traditional reed collecting lighter, we decided to go along. We have been on other similar guided trips and have never been disappointed, by weather, scenery or the informative talks given by the guides, this time by the manager of the moorings at Ranworth Staithe.

After communing with nature, and numerous cabin cruisers, on our journey down river we disembarked at the landing next to the Abbey, disturbing fishermen who were taking part in a competition, to discover that upon closer inspection, that the ruins visible from the river were actually two buildings in one, a windmill having been built on the front of the old gatehouse, something of an architectural monstrosity which would not be allowed in this day and age.

The Abbey of St. Benets lies on a sand and gravel mound, called Cow Holm, surrounded by grazing marshes. In the Middle Ages it was only accessible by land along a causeway, probably only useable in summer, or by the river. The place has an overriding sense of isolation and tranquility, no doubt before the marshes were drained, in the eighteenth century; it was actually on an island. This isolation proved to its advantage as the site was left undisturbed after the Dissolution of the Monasteries.

The windmill, which powered a drainage pump, was erected onto the front of the gatehouse in the late eighteenth century, the upper floor having been removed to provide room for the sails to turn. The sails blew off in 1863 and were presumably never replaced.

From the gatehouse we walked up the hill, quite a distance indicating the size of the monastery, to the site of the medieval high altar where an oak cross, brought from the Sandringham Estate now stands. Each year an open-air service is held here in August, conducted by the Bishop of Norwich who arrives by wherry, we hope to join the congregation, which usually numbers more than a hundred, who arrive on foot, by car or boat, we will join the walk from the village of Ludham about two miles away across the marshes.



P.S. We met the Bishop of Norwich when we attended Sung Eucharist at West Runton on 11<sup>th</sup> October, the congregation was augmented by the choir and a large number of students from the nearby Beeston Hall Independent School, the theme for his sermon was 'Jokes from the Bible'!

### TO ALL ST. CUTHBERT'S CHURCH SITTERS

We have come to the end of this year's (2009) official church visitor opening and I am taking this opportunity to thank all of the team of church-sitters for their contribution to this ministry. It's been quite an amazing and exciting year for me since becoming co-ordinator and together we have been able to welcome a steady stream of visitors to St. Cuthbert's, everyone from the simply curious to those on a very definite spiritual journey, those who enjoy the beauty and history etc. of a church to those who come for personal and private prayer with our beloved Lord and Saviour. But without you, the church-sitters, none of this would have been possible. Thank you and God bless you all,

Emil Brown

### THANK YOU

A big thank you to everybody who organised, helped and contributed to the Prince of Wales Hospice Coffee Morning on Saturday November the 7<sup>th</sup>.

We raised the marvellous sum of £820 for their extremely worthwhile cause.

The next event will be held in spring 2010 and we hope that you will be able to join us once again.

**PARISH MAGAZINE, STEWARDSHIP and GIFT AID**  
**2008/09/10**

This year the PCC has claimed back over £7,300 from Income Tax to boost the collections and donations generously given by parishioners and congregations. Of this, over £6,000 is from Stewardship, for which we are very thankful.

We have recently been advised by the Diocese that HM Customs and Revenue have agreed that all Parish Magazine subscriptions can be Gift Aided. Even though the subscription remains at £3 a year, with a circulation of over 400 copies, this represents a substantial and worthwhile additional sum that we can retrieve PROVIDED that subscribers complete a Gift Aid declaration.

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Don Marshall November 2009

## HOPE IN CHRIST

Hello, dear friends.

I have been reading a book by Max Lucado on John 3:16 (for God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have ETERNAL LIFE).

Almost at the end of the book Max 'gives an invitation to spend forty days with the Son'. On day 19 he names this chapter 'the waves are listing'. Jesus and his disciples are in a boat on the Sea of Galilee when a violent storm breaks out, and the disciples are terrified. Jesus is asleep at the bottom of the boat and the disciples cry out, 'Lord, do something or we will all drown'. Jesus gets up and rebukes the waves and immediately the sea becomes calm.

'Jesus sleeps through the storm'. Do you have a storm going on in your life right now? If so be assured that you can sleep through it just like Jesus did! Jesus did not panic as He was in control of the storm, and He is in control of your storm.

I have just had my storm as a few weeks ago we had to have our beloved dog Hollie put to sleep. There are also other things going on, which I do not need to go into here! I can sleep knowing that Jesus is in control of my life. I do not let my heart be troubled. When we cannot do things in our own strength we most certainly can in Jesus' strength. Jesus said in Matthew 6:34 'Do not worry about tomorrow as tomorrow has enough worries of its own'. When we make Jesus our Lord and Saviour we can rest in Him knowing that He is in control of our lives and there is nothing too difficult for Him.

In Isaiah chapter 40 we are told that those who hope in the Lord will have their strength renewed and they will not stumble. They will run and not be weary and they will walk and not faint. What a fantastic promise. There are lots of promises in the Bible that God has made to those who are faithful and obedient to Him. God loves us and wants the very best for us and that is why he sent His Son into the world to give us a hope and a future in Him and the hope of everlasting life. So we do not have to fear death any more, as death has lost its sting.

I love God's promises for me and my family because I know He has them in the palm of His hand and he will never let them go.

God bless you,  
Pauline Wong

# Readings Rota for December 2009, January 2010

The Parish of Ackworth  
 Readings Rota for St Cuthbert's and All Saints' Churches  
 Advent 2009 to Advent 2010

Date	Liturgical Week	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel	St. Cuthbert's	All Saints'
29/11/2009	1st Sunday of Advent	Jeremiah 33:14-16	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13	Luke 21:25-36	Keith Shaw	Mr I Hall
06/12/2009	2nd Sunday of Advent	Malachi 3:1-4	Philippians 1:3-11	Luke 3:1-6	Jane Gosney	Dr McWilliam
13/12/2009	3rd Sunday of Advent	Zephaniah 3:14-20	Philippians 4:4-7	Luke 3:7-18	Anne Bullock	Mrs S Hall
20/12/2009	4th Sunday of Advent	Micah 5:2-5a	Hebrews 10:5-10	Luke 1:39-55	Anne Atack	Mrs M Walker
27/12/2009	St. John	Exodus 33:7-11a	1 John 1	John 21:19b - end	Pauline Wong	Mr I Hall
03/01/2010	2nd Sunday of Christmas	Jeremiah 31:7-14	Ephesians 1:3-14	John 1:10-18	Jane Siddall	Dr McWilliam
10/01/2010	Baptism of Christ	Isaiah 43:1-7	Acts 8:14-17	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	Sue Hartley	Mrs S Hall
17/01/2010	Epiphany 2	Isaiah 62:1-5	1 Corinthians 12:1-11	John 2:1-11	Keith Shaw	Mrs M Walker
24/01/2010	Epiphany 3	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a	Luke 4:14-21	Jane Gosney	Mr I Hall
31/01/2010	Epiphany 4	Ezekiel 43:27 - 44:4	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	Luke 2:22-40	Anne Bullock	Dr McWilliam

sinner so Jesus sends us into the world to be witnesses too. So let us be a light, taking the Gospel message to everyone, to a generation that does not know Jesus as Saviour. When we stand before the Lord on that day I want him to say to me, 'Well done thou good and faithful servant.

*May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you His favour and give you His peace. Numbers 6:24*

*(All scripture is taken from the Life Application Study Bible)*

*Your Friend Pauline Wong*

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DECEMBER 27 <sup>TH</sup>	FLOWER FUND
JANUARY 3 <sup>RD</sup>	BETTY JOHNSON
JANUARY 10 <sup>TH</sup>	FLOWER FUND
JANUARY 17 <sup>TH</sup>	JEAN HANCOCKS
JANUARY 24 <sup>TH</sup>	JEAN HANCOCKS
JANUARY 31 <sup>ST</sup>	ADA PRITCHARD

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## BRASSES



Jesus said, I am the way, the truth and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. John 14:6

Have you come to the Father through the Son? Or are you still sitting on the fence, not able to make up your mind? Jesus said, 'Today is the day of salvation'. Don't wait for tomorrow as we do not know what tomorrow brings. Because of this Jesus came into the world as a man to take on the sins of the world, yet He is God without sin. His sole purpose in dying on the cross was so that we could be reconciled with the Father.

*For if you confess with your mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.*

*Romans 10:9*

You may think that you are a good person and have never done anything unkind, and may have done charity work, but it is not by works that we are saved but it is our confession that 'Christ is Lord'.

Questions from the 10 commandments:

Have you ever told a lie?

Have you committed adultery?

Have you ever stolen?

We have all been challenged at some time. It is impossible to keep all of God's law. This is what separates us from God and makes us sinners. God is merciful and He will forgive us our sins if we confess them to Jesus. We must forgive others as Jesus forgives us. When we forgive from the heart then we are truly free. When someone hurts us it is natural to feel angry, that's ok. But the bible tells us not to let the sun go down on our anger. Ephesians 4:26-27. Settle with your adversary quickly. When we forgive others it sets us free. The Bible tells us-Do your part and live in peace with everyone, as much as possible. Dear friends, never avenge yourselves. Leave that to God. For it is written, 'I will take vengeance; I will repay those who deserve it' Do what the scriptures say, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty give them something to drink and they will be ashamed of what they have done to you. Romans 12:18-20

In John 17 Jesus prays for his disciples asking the Father to care for them as he did whilst he was in the world. He said that He was praying for the disciples and for all who will ever believe in Him. He said that His prayer was that they would be one, just as He and the Father are one.

What an awesome statement. God the Father loves us as much as He loves His Son! As the Father sent His Son into the world to save



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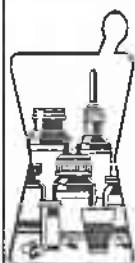
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### Fred Walter's Quiz

St. Cuthbert's church was built about 700 years ago but recently there have been three occasions when, for the first time ever, something happened that probably did not occur to those who were attending the three services.

The three dates are as follows:

3rd July 2006

25th May 2008

4th Sept 2009

Put your thinking caps on and try and recall what happened on those three occasions.

Maybe you did not attend all of them so, if you would like to know what happened you will find the answers elsewhere in this magazine (page 26).

The first time in 700 years - that really is unusual!!

### 1<sup>ST</sup> ACKWORTH SCOUT GROUP

The boys of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ackworth Group invite others to join them as they approach their 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2010. There are vacancies in all sections—Beavers 5 ¾ --8 years old meet on Tuesdays at 5.15 p.m.: Cubs—7 ¾--11 years meet on Tuesdays at 6.30 p.m. both at the Howard's School, Station Road, Ackworth: and Scouts 10 ¾--14 years 6.45 p.m. at the Community Hall, Station Road, Ackworth.

Some of the activities enjoyed by our boys this last year have included-camps and sleepovers; sailing and canoeing; cycling; archery and shooting; campfires and cooking; trails and treasure hunts; crafts, and sports and games of all types.

There is a recognised badge scheme which covers a whole range of interests from astronomer through to wildlife conservation.

Scouting is recognised as the largest Youth movement in the world, and is still famous for its service to the community.

Our new 'Chef scout' is the famous 'Bear Grylls'- ex-scout himself and a practising Christian.

All our leaders are CRB checked.

For more details about membership contact 01977 611225.

## EXTRACT FROM SAYWELL

### DAME SCHOOL 1826

'Our attention has been very much occupied with the subject of Dame Schools, and the means of improving them. The Moor Top School is my favourite object of attention. The Mistress I found in great repute, surrounded by nearly forty children: and seeing that she had some talent, I thought it best to direct my views to that school, on account of the number. When I first looked in upon them, last year, it was quite a problem to me to discover *how they learnt* anything;- scarcely any books to be seen, except a few spelling books. Which had lost their first pages- some loose leaves of what seemed to have been a Geography, and some Children's Tales: but I afterwards found out that the Tracts from the Lending Library were in great request. Still, I pitied the Mistress, condemned to sit for three hours incessantly engaged in hearing lessons, and obliged, at the same time, to attend to sewing, marking, and writing: it was almost enough to distract her. And then the poor children are obliged to sit still most of the day, doing nothing; unless they invent some amusement, by pulling their clothes to pieces, or tying and twisting a few coloured threads: and so packed they could hardly sit down altogether- in fact, learning to be dunces! Well, I immediately thought, what an advantage the Lancastrian system would be here! The Mistress fell in with the proposal.

The system was ultimately introduced, and the school carried on for many years, until superseded by a school more in accordance with the requirements of the times.'

## FROM AN OLD PARISH MAGAZINE

### TAKING THINGS FOR GRANTED

'The greatest enemy I have is the habit of taking things for granted'. The man who said this was a hardheaded businessman, and a fairly regular churchgoer. Until he discovered his 'enemy' it had never occurred to him to apply his business knowledge and experience to anything except his Monday to Saturday's work.

On Sunday he took things for granted- that the bells would be rung to call him to church, and that the church would be clean and warm, that the old beams would be free of death-watch beetle, that the roof would not leak, that the organ would keep itself in repair, that insurance would cover any risk of fire.

Most of all, that the parson would be in his place, ready to do his duty- that is, to carry one of the biggest burdens of responsibility ever

laid on a man's shoulders.

If you doubt it, try writing a sermon- two sermons and an address within a week: try a round of visits in which you have to be sympathetic to sufferers, a wise counsellor to those in trouble, a peace maker in a quarrelsome world, a lover of souls: try being a servant of all for Christ's sake, day after day, often night after night.

If you could have such an experience would you not admit that the greatest enemy is 'taking it for granted' that your Church needs but little support, that the clergy live for most part on air, that the rectories and vicarages are self repairing?

## **Ackworth Calendar 2010**

The Ackworth Calendar for 2010 is now on general sale. The Calendar shows scenes of old Ackworth including some buildings that have been demolished. These include old photographs of Ackworth Hall (one time residence of John Gully) and Flounders Hospital (where part of Holly Bank now stands) as it was used during the Great War.

We believe the Ackworth Calendar for 2010 will be valued and sought after by residents and make a splendid Christmas present for friends and relatives that have moved away from the village and carry fond memories of Ackworth.

Make sure you get your copy (and a quality envelope for posting, if needed). Do not miss out! For more information or late orders, after 16 December, call 01977 610590.

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

## RECIPES

Recently I have been asked by one of our readers (male) if there could be a recipe page in the magazine. So, if you have any favourite recipes and you would like to share them with us, would you pass them on to me for inclusion in future issues please? S.H.

A firm favourite at the Thursday coffee morning is Date & Walnut Cake, which is very simple to make.

### INGREDIENTS

4 oz. chopped dates  
¾ cup of boiling water  
1 tsp. bicarbonate of soda  
8 oz. S.R. Flour  
2 oz. margarine  
4 oz. caster sugar  
2 oz. chopped walnuts  
One egg (beaten)  
5/6 whole walnuts for decoration.

### METHOD

1. Place dates & bicarb. in a bowl & pour on boiling water. Leave to cool.
2. Rub margarine into flour.
3. Add walnuts & sugar and mix.
4. Add egg & dates & water. Mix well.
5. Put in lined loaf tin.
6. Put whole walnuts along the top of the cake.
7. Bake for about ¾ hour at 160 C.
8. The cake is better for keeping 3 days before eating.

## THE TOOLS OF GOD

Great Carpenter, who earned thy bread

By plying saw and plane,  
By chisel and stout hammer-head,  
And never worked in vain.

We are thy tools that ready stand,  
Each to his natural bent,  
To build for thee at thy command,  
Wherever we be sent.

Thou art the master builder, Lord,  
We but the humble tool,  
But in thy hands in skilled accord  
Thy patience does us school,  
Until that service that we yield  
As done what thou dost ask  
And yoke and share in harvest field  
Complete their honest task.

Today O Carpenter divine,  
Rebuild the church of God  
With saw and plane and measuring line  
Wherever man has trod:  
We are thy working tools by day.  
Thy resting tools by night:  
In thy blest hands we humbly pray,  
That we be true and bright.

## MAGAZINE PAYMENT

Thank you to all our subscribers over the last year. If you pay for your magazine annually payment is due when you receive your magazine in January. The price continues to be £3.00 per year or 50p each issue.



## St Cuthbert's and All Saints' Christmas Services

<b>13th December</b>		
3.00pm	Village Carol Service	St Cuthbert's
<b>20th December</b>		
3.30pm	Carol Service	All Saints'
<b>24th December - Christmas Eve</b>		
5.30pm	Carols round the Crib	St Cuthbert's
11.30pm	Midnight Mass	St Cuthbert's
<b>25th December - Christmas Day</b>		
8.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
10.15am	All-Age Eucharist	St Cuthbert's

Answers from page 21

On 3rd July 2006, rev'd Jenny Montgomery officiated at the holy communion service - the first time by a lady.

On 25th May 2008 a nonagenarian, Fred Walters, administered the chalice during the holy communion service - the first in that age group.

On 4th September 2009 an octogenarian, the rev'd canon Roland Taylor officiated at a wedding ceremony - the first in that age group.

Three firsts which took a long time coming!

Small parts of the history of St. Cuthert's church.

A nonagenarian is between 90 and 99 years old.

An octogenarian is between 80 and 89 years old.

Fred Walters



## From the Registers

### Baptisms

- 13 Sept Milly Anne Sikara & Erin Grace Leach  
27 Sept Emilli Grace Reid & Myla Eve Coulter  
11 Oct Nina Blackburn, Laura Louise Farrar &  
Matthew Ely Habberjam  
18 Oct Jaden James Lawton  
25 Oct Isabella Florence Jones Ruby Lyla Binks

### Marriages

- 4 Sept Philip David Muirhead & Louise Woodroffe

### Funerals

- 10 Sept Norman Morrell (92) 18 Charlestown, Ackworth  
Moor Top  
20 Oct Ernest Jenkins (71) 102 Pontefract Road,  
High Ackworth  
29 Oct William Dutton (84) 39 Mount Pleasant,  
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

<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 December and January

### 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 Services

29 Nov	Christingle Services: 4.00pm All Saints' & 6.00pm St Cuthbert's
6 Dec	Gift Service: 5.30pm at St Cuthbert's
13 Dec	Village Carol Service: 3.00pm at St Cuthbert's
19 Dec	Carol Singing: 11.30am at Co-op Car Park
20 Dec	Carol Service: 3.30pm at All Saints'
24 Dec	Christmas Eve - Crib Service: 5.30pm at St Cuthbert's
24 Dec	Christmas Eve - Midnight Mass: 11.30pm at St Cuthbert's
25 Dec	Christmas Day - Holy Communion: 8.30am at All Saints'
25 Dec	Christmas Day - Family Communion: 10.15am at St Cuthbert's
25 Jan	Conversion of St Paul - Holy Communion: 7.30pm at St Cuthbert's