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Candlemas, 2nd February

"Early on Bride's morn

The serpent shall come from the hole,

I will not molest the serpent,

Nor will the serpent molest me."

(Carmina Gadelica, Alexander Carmichael, Lindisfarne Press pg 583)

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Dear Friends

Although Lent is in our sights, I would like to look at the less well known, but no less important, festival of Candlemas—also known as ‘the presentation of Christ in the temple’. This festival is often overlooked, sandwiched as it is between Christmas/Epiphany and Lent/Easter and I feel it doesn’t get the recognition it is due.

It is in fact its position in the calendar that affords it its importance, marking, as it does, the end of Epiphany and the lead up to Lent. Although I have probably used the quote before, I think it ably describes the function of Candlemas and its importance as a major festival. Taken from the seasonal liturgical book ‘The Promise of His Glory’ Candlemas is described as “One last look back to Christmas, and now, turn towards the cross.”

As an end to Epiphany, Christ’s manifestations or ‘showing’ to the world is a revelation in itself, superbly expressed in Simeon’s words when the baby is handed to him by Joseph and Mary. With the wisdom of age and experience, he praises God for the Messiah which he recognises. The words he uses are familiar to most Christians. Sometimes known as the Song of Simeon, more commonly called the Nunc Dimitis:

‘Lord, now let your servant go in peace,
Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation,
Which you have prepared in the sight of all people
A light to reveal you to the Gentiles
And the glory of your people Israel.’

In short Simeon and Anna recognise Jesus as the Christ, the Messiah, whose significance he goes on to describe as... “this child is set for the rise and fall of many in Israel and for a sign that is spoken against (as sword will pierce your own soul too) that the thoughts of many will be laid bare”.

What a mixture of joy and sorrow; the promised Messiah had

come and yet will be rejected by many of his own people and will bring great grief to his parents. One can only imagine how Mary felt, amidst the joy of bringing her son to be dedicated to God (probably the present day equivalent to baptism) she is told that he will suffer opposition and death by his own kind. A bitter/sweet experience!

This was not the first time that incredible things were said of her child. When the shepherds told her what had been said of Jesus by the angels Mary 'kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.' Then when Jesus gets lost after their journey to Jerusalem, when she finds him in the temple we hear; 'and his mother kept all this things in her heart'.

Candlemas is a poignant and pivotal moment in our Lord's life. An epiphany, as we are revealed more of the purpose of his life. Take a little time for prayer on this important day and ponder with Mary what Jesus means to our own lives and what place he owns in our hearts. Maybe then, like Simeon, we may be able to proclaim Jesus as a light to lighten the gentiles (non-Jews!) and the glory of our people.

Yours in Christ

Paul



Parish Magazine, Stewardship and Gift Aid 2008 to 2010

In the December/January edition there was an article about Gift Aid, and the recent advice from the Diocese that Gift Aid can be declared and claimed on Parish Magazine Subscriptions. We are also now advised that this can be reclaimed for a period back SIX years.

Enclosed in this issue is a Gift Aid form. We would be grateful if as many subscribers as possible would please complete these and return either to your collector/deliverer or to the Treasurer or Parish Giving Officer.

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Don Marshall

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Au Revoir

It was during the course of January that Jenny left the gentle climes of Ackworth, moved to the wilds of Lancashire and was inducted as the parish priest of Goodshaw and Crawshawbooth.

Words cannot even begin to express thanks for all that Jenny had done for me and for this parish. She went far more than the proverbial extra mile in anything she set her mind to do. She more than surpassed my expectation of a non-stipendiary curate who, for the most time, had a very demanding job also. I've often used the expression that Jenny worked part-time in the medical profession and full-time in the church. She served God and this parish with utter dedication, boundless enthusiasm and endless energy.

Through Jenny's efforts many facets of this churches ministry have grown and we also now enjoy the strongest relationship we have ever had (certainly in my time in Ackworth) with our ecumenical partners. I don't need to tell you how much work Jenny put in to this parish and that now she has gone it will be impossible for myself alone to be able to continue all that she has begun.

It would be a great shame and insult to her if all that good work comes to nothing in the weeks, months and years ahead. I will need your support to ensure that what Jenny planted continues to grow. In return I will do all that I can to train and facilitate the growth of lay leadership, but it is up to YOU to tell me what your needs, and those of the parish, are.

Let's honour Jenny's friendship and unstinting effort by continuing the work she started!

God bless you Jen.

Paul.

A NEW TOILET AND KITCHEN AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH.

We have now reached the stage where we have the go ahead for the long awaited re-ordering work at All Saints, the Diocesan Advisory Committee finally giving the go ahead on December 11th 2009.

We have received tenders for the moving of the font, the installation of a toilet for the disabled, a new kitchen and a small store at the rear of the church and the PCC have approved the tender of D Hare (Construction) Limited, a company that the architect has used recently at Nostell Priory. It is possible that by the time you read this article, a start date for the work will have been fixed as it is likely that work will be carried out over an 8 week period during February, March and April 2010.

Although all services (except possibly some funerals) will continue to be held as normal, access to the church during the work will at certain times have to be through the vestry door and not through the main door. The Thursday Coffee mornings will continue to be held every Thursday and assistance will be given to disabled persons to allow them to continue to attend.

We are looking forward to the completion of the work and the chance to use the kitchen and the larger common area at the west end for other events and meetings. We pray that this will allow us to improve and increase our mission to the Moor Top and Brackenhill end of the village.

The tender accepted was the lowest price received, but it was slightly more expensive than anticipated, leaving us some £15,000 to £18,000 short of available funds in the Repairs, Re-ordering Restoration Appeal Fund, having used funds to meet the cost of the new boiler that was needed in 2008 and the ramp for the disabled completed recently.

We do have funds to cover the majority of the re-ordering work forming the tender but we do need to obtain more funding to fully pay for the works. We are actively seeking further grants, but would appreciate any assistance through gifts or donations, (with or without Gift Aid), to the Restoration Appeal Fund to allow us in securing the balance of the monies we need to fully meet the cost of the work at All Saints directly from the Repairs, Re-ordering Restoration Appeal Fund.

We appreciate that many of our congregation have contributed and are

continuing to contribute and we thank them for their support. If you feel you can help by contributing further to allow us to meet this deficit target within the next 3 months please contact the Rector, the Churchwardens, or the Treasurer. The contact details are given inside the front cover of the magazine.

BILL BRANSTON (Churchwarden).

12 January 2010

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ANGELS (part one)

Advent and Christmas are church seasons in which we are drawn to think of angels: Gabriel's visit to the Blessed Virgin Mary and, of course, the heavenly host of the well-known Nativity. All very grand and wondrous events they may be, but who or what are angels? Ask people, ordinary people, like you and I, and you might get some surprising answers! These are just a few I got in reply in mid-October (apart from the usual rude and crude ones!)-

'They're rather pretty things, gold in colour, like children with wings, sturdier than fairies'.

'Something to do with churches and Christmas cards'.

'I think they're a type of saint'.

Or a little better- 'One of them came to 'our' Mary.' But, oh dear, a bit fuzzy as to what angels are!

We can learn a lot about angels from reading about them in the Bible and I decided to have a go and see what I could discover:

There appear to be two types of angels mentioned in scripture, (seraphim and cherubim are their Hebrew names). They are mentioned quite a lot in the Old Testament but the best descriptions are in Exodus Ch. 25 v. 18-20, Ezekiel Ch. 1 v. 5-13 and Ezekiel Ch. 10 v. 1-21. The descriptions in Ezekiel which are of 'winged living creatures' tell us they are more robust than is commonly assumed and have 'asbestos fingers' so to speak as hot coals are no problem to handle and their wings beating sound like a huge army! The description in Ezekiel also tells us angels are magnificent creatures- eyes all over them, wheels capable of moving in any direction under them, lots of wings and hands and ablaze with light! Wow, awesome.

Some angels appear to be more 'important' than others, i.e.

archangels. Seven are named: Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel,

Remiel, Sariel and Raguel. But a word of caution. Only Michael and Gabriel are mentioned in the Old and New Testaments as acknowledged by all the Christian Church and Raphael is in the apocrypha of Roman Catholic and High Anglican recognition. The rest appear in scripture and 'scriptural sources' which lie outside the fully canonical scripture.

Michael-NT Revelation Ch. 12 v. 7-9, OT Daniel Ch. 12 v. 1-3

Gabriel- NT Luke Ch.1 v. 11-23 and v. 26-38.

Raphael-Ap Tobit Ch.3 v. 17 (and elsewhere in the book of Tobit Raphael is mentioned as well!)

Michael is the captain of the angels and guardian angel of Israel-his name means 'shield or protection of God'.

Gabriel is the 'messenger' angel- his name means 'knowledge or revelation of God'.

Raphael is the healer angel-his name means 'love and care of God'.

EMIL BROWN



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Thank you to all those who helped, contributed to and attended the Christingle Services at St. Cuthbert's and All Saints'. In particular Mr James Lamprey who donated the oranges.

A sum of £346.20 was raised for the Children's Society.

Many thanks

Helen Parkinson

Rutting Deer & Migrating Birds

We have fallen into the practice of using our free bus passes (thank you Mr. Brown!) to undertake linear walks along the Norfolk Coastal Path, but upon the last occasion this year we did a circular one around the village Holkham. On the way, in good Norfolk tradition, our bus was held up for twenty minutes by a lorry, which was being unloaded of sand/bricks, in the middle of the coastal road!

Following a route suggested in the Eastern Daily Press, we set off up the main driveway to Holkham Hall, the seat of the Earl of Leicester, on turning into the deer park we became aware of stags roaring and the rattle of clashing antlers, it being the rutting season. During the hour or so we were passing through the park we saw numerous groups, many hundreds of deer. On one occasion we disturbed some, as they ran away kicking their back legs and jumping over tree branches; it was like an aerial ballet.

After following a Nature Trail around the lake we came across the church of St. Withburga, named after the daughter of Anna, who was King of the Angles, although the notice outside informed that the church was open, we were unable to gain access. The ancient graveyard was still, in use, a burial had just taken place.

Out of the park and into a Nature Reserve, noise of deer was replaced by the honking of thousands of geese, resting during their migration. Up to this point the weather had been overcast but now the sun came out as we passed onto the beach, through an area reserved for naturists, but we resisted the urge to strip off! Holkham beach is one of our favourite spots in Norfolk, it featured in the introduction to the television series 'Kingdom', a vast expanse of golden sand, combined with sea and sky it is a place of outstanding natural beauty, it is so vast that no matter how many people are on the beach it always seems deserted. The Household Cavalry bring their horses there each year for a summer break, it must be a wondrous sight to see them thundering through the surf, you can exercise your own horse if you pay the £10 fee for horse boxes. On leaving the beach I noted thirty-one cars in the car park although we had seen hardly anyone.

We lunched at the Victoria Hotel, almost empty out of season, just as we entered hundreds of geese flew over, their usual precise V

formations a little ragged, Sue went for the venison it must have come from a very local source just over the fence?

Sue & Colin Tanswell.



AN EXTRACT FROM SAYWELL

Spiritual Condition

'From a small faded memorandum book which has come into the compiler's possession, some idea may be formed of the spiritual condition of Ackworth in the year 1813.

The contents of the book purport to be the result of a house-to-house canvass of two members of the Ackworth Branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society. The record is a most interesting one. Out of 112 poor families visited in the parish, 65 were destitute of Bibles, and 75 of New Testaments. Out of an aggregate of 430 individuals, 200 were reported as unable to read.

Some of the entries are worth re-producing. One family possessed a piece of a Bible, and another a piece of the New Testament. One Bible was in parts, seven of which, however, were wanting; another was destitute of beginning and end; and the inhabitants of one cottage stated that when they wanted a Bible, which was not very often, they borrowed one! A sixth family produced 'a small tattered piece of a Bible'; and two doors further on it was said that there was a small piece of a Testament in the house, which they were unable to find.

A lady who has resided for many years in Ackworth says she has a distinct recollection of her father saying that when he, in company with the reverend George Maddison, made a canvass on behalf of the Bible Society in the hamlet of Brackenhill, they found the inhabitants in a very uncivilized state, and that the canvassers were really alarmed when they were met at the door of a cottage by a woman holding a carving knife menacingly in her hand.'

Readings Rota for February 2010, March 2010

Advent 2009 to Advent 2010

Date	Liturgical Week	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel	St Cuthbert's	All Saints'
07/02/2010	2nd Before Lent	Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-25	Revelation 4	Luke 8:22-25	Anne Attack	Mrs S Hall
14/02/2010	Sunday Next Before Lent	Exodus 34:29-35	2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2	Luke 9:28-36	Pauline Wong	Mrs M Walker
21/02/2010	1st Sunday of Lent	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Romans 10:8b-13	Luke 4:1-13	Jacob Place	Mr I Hall
28/02/2010	2nd Sunday of Lent	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18	Philippians 3:17-4:1	Luke 13:31-35	Jane Siddall	Dr McWilliam
07/03/2010	3rd Sunday of Lent	Isaiah 55:1-9	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9	Sue Hartley	Mrs S Hall
14/03/2010	Mothering Sunday	Exodus 2:1-10	Colossians 3:12-17	Luke 2:33-35	Briony Lewis	Mrs M Walker
21/03/2010	Passion Sunday	Isaiah 43:16-21	Philippians 3:4b-14	John 12:1-8	Keith Shaw	Mr I Hall
28/03/2010	Palm Sunday	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 23:1-49	Jane Gosney	Dr McWilliam

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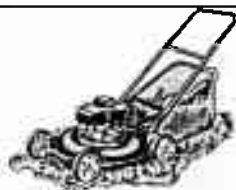
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RETIREMENT

Where does time go, I ask myself, already February 2010. I cannot believe that it's over a year since I started my countdown to retirement.

I thought, 'What will I do and will I be bored?'

After working for nearly forty-five years, the last twenty years of which were spent at what is now the Co-op, what seemed to be a dream finally became reality and my working days were over.

My thanks to all of you for the wonderful send off and for all the cards, gifts, and all the good wishes. Some of the remarks made by many of you were, 'You will really miss it, and you will never fill in all your spare time.'

Well I have to say that I do not have enough hours a day to do all I would like to do.

Such as- Going on some wonderful holidays.

Eating out most days.

Enjoying my pastoral care work, especially visiting the elderly and listening to many interesting stories.

Attending Church meetings, Coffee Mornings and attending school concerts.

Loving the arrival of our new family member, Daniel, the first baby for nearly 35 years, a real joy for all the family.

Doing the occasional crossword, a little reading, and visiting friends leaves little time for anything else.

How did I ever find the time to go to work? Take my advice and enjoy each day doing the things you like most. Keep yourself busy. It's a time to share, care and live life to the full.

Ann Atack



A Missionary to Lancashire...

It was a dark and gloomy night in Ackworth as a dubious looking group gathered under the trees near the green – but there was definitely a buzz of excitement as a luxury coach (and a mini-bus) arrived to take us over the border into Lancashire. We were setting off to attend the ‘Celebration of a New Ministry’ and the licensing of the Rev. Dr Jenny Montgomery as Priest in Charge of St Mary and All Saints’ Goodshaw & St John the Evangelist, Crawshawbooth. In Lancashire!

Fifty-four parishioners and friends of St Cuthbert’s and All Saints Ackworth battled through football traffic and the gloom of Saddleworth Moor to arrive at the church, set on the top of what must have been the windiest hill overlooking the Rossendale valley – although it was very, very cold outside, the warmth within the church was unmistakable, both in the greeting from the smiling folk ready to welcome us and the choir of children from Crawshawbooth Primary School singing -not to mention the many hot double-radiators! The church soon was full of people; we estimated that over 200 were there to witness Jenny’s Induction by the Bishop of Bolton, The Rt. Rev’d Chris Edmondson and the Venerable David Bailey, Archdeacon of Bolton.

Following the processional hymn, the service started with the Bishop introducing himself and inviting the congregation to greet their new minister – with readings, hymns and a sermon delivered by the Bishop – who is also a missionary from the Wakefield Diocese – forming the main part of the service. The Bishop spoke of the Reading from Isaiah 6.1-8 and reminded us to be ready to listen to God’s call and to respond: “God is not so much interested in ability, but availability”

Jenny was then shown to her priest’s stall and invited to sit in her appointed seat by the Archdeacon.

Then it was the turn of the parishioners’ representatives to welcome their new priest – with water at the font as a sign of her ministry baptising new Christians, a bible at the lectern as a sign of her preaching and teaching God’s Word, a book of Common Worship as a sign of ministry of spiritual encouragement and bread and wine as a sign of presiding at Holy Communion and finally the Church Wardens presented Jenny with the keys to both churches.

With the formal part of the service over, representatives of the Local

Community came to introduce themselves to Jenny and welcome her. This was a genuinely friendly and warm welcome from everyone - the Mayor, representatives from Scouts and Guides, the Mothers Union, the community and local schools, as well as the Deanery – everyone spoke of their welcome to Jenny in Crawshawbooth and how they hoped that she will be happy and settled here - the Ecumenical strength and the sense of community in that place came over to us 'Ackworthians' very strongly.

What a greeting Jenny received in the church rooms afterwards when old friends and new could chat and share memories as well as the splendid finger buffet, tea coffee and gorgeous cakes. But, it was getting late and it was time to get back on the coach and head home for Yorkshire, saying a goodbye to Jenny and leaving her there and in true 'school trip' style a register was taken so Lynne knew that no-one else was staying there with Jenny!

It was a very special evening; to visit another church in another area, to meet new Christians whose hopes and anxieties about change are just the same as ours and to take part in a very important milestone in Jenny's Ministry - I felt lucky to have had the opportunity to go there and be a part of the service and to hear the Bishop of Bolton speak.

As we left the service I overheard someone pass a comment to a friend:

" I think Jenny is going to be fine here!" I think so too!

Jane Gosney



St John the Evangelist, Crawshawbooth

In 1888 Thomas Brooks who owned Sunnyside Print works and also a number of quarries in the Rossendale area donated the land and £3,000 towards the building of St John the Evangelist (total cost approx. £12,000), the exterior of which is built of local stone with 'York'

stone dressing and the interior is red Rainhill sandstone.

The Church which was consecrated on the 25th October 1892 is often referred to as "The Cathedral of Rossendale".

ANOTHER COFFEE MORNING RECIPE

CHOCOLATE & CHERRY CAKE

INGREDIENTS

- 6oz. (175g) margarine or butter
- 6oz. (175g) caster sugar
- 3 (size 3) eggs
- 7oz. (200g) self raising flour
- 2oz. (50g) ground almonds
- 2oz. (50g) glace cherries (chopped)
- 3oz. 75g milk chocolate



METHOD

1. Set oven 325F/170C/Gas mark3
 2. Line & grease a 2lb. (900g) loaf tin
 3. Cream margarine & sugar well.
 4. Gradually beat in eggs.
 5. Fold in sifted flour & almonds.
 6. Stir in cherries.
 7. Chop chocolate into small pieces & stir in.
- Put mixture into tin & bake in oven for 1 ¼ hours until a skewer inserted into centre comes out clean.

W.L.

COCKTAILS

Usually produced by professional bartenders in contemporary cocktail bars, these are easy to prepare and great fun to experiment with at home. We are indebted to our friend, Martin Parsons who will introduce us to some from his extremely wide repertoire, most of which are not *the classics*, but ones he has designed himself both here and abroad.

Some basic kit is needed and essentials are, a cocktail shaker, the double lid type incorporating a perforated strainer is perfect along with a jigger (small measuring cup) which is often double ended, imperial ones are 1 fluid ounce and 1.5 fluid ounces representing 1 or 1.5 measures respectively. Various glasses are always suggested but small wine glasses will do very nicely.

Martin's first offering is printed below and was originally created in the Bahamas being entitled Caribbean Cruiser. We sampled this recently and it was terrific, when we persuaded Martin to alter the name to 'Parson's Pleasure', perhaps more fitting for a Church Magazine.

RECIPE

3 measure of Malibu
1 measure of Grapefruit juice
1 measure of Dubonnet

To make this take a cocktail shaker, add ice, and pour in ingredients. Shake vigorously for 20 to 30 seconds until the outside of the shaker becomes frosted. Remove the lid and pour, through the strainer, into appropriate glass. Then enjoy!

It is best not to mix more than 2 servings at any one time.

We look forward to any comments and should you have any special cocktail requests please let us know.

L.H.



From the Registers

Baptisms

- 8 Nov Summer Wood, Harry Steven Winder, Kiah Elizabeth Henderson
- 13 Dec Charlie Stuart Brennan, Olivia Joan McCullough,
- 27 Dec Finlay James Fisher, Ethan Conner Housely, Mia Jane Housely
- 30 Dec Alice Taylor Thistlewood, Daniel James Thistlewood

Marriages

- 30 Dec Stuart Thistlewood and Amy Rebecca Dobson

Funerals

- 10 Nov Keziah Beatrice Flowers (83) Priory Gardens Nursing Home, Pontefract
- 21 Dec David Barry Alderson (67) Robin Hoods Bay, North Yorkshire
- 21 Dec Harry Burton (79) 12 Brookfield Drive, Low Ackworth
- 23 Dec George Scargill (76) 5 Meadowfields Close, Crofton

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

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| 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 (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 and Events

31 Jan	5.00pm SC: Eucharist and Procession of Candlemas NB: No 3.30pm Evensong at All Saints')
17 Feb	7.30pm SC: Ash Wednesday Communion with Imposition of Ashes
28 Mar	10.15am SC: Palm Sunday service begins with blessing of palms and procession from the monument NB: clocks go forward 1 hour Evensong at AS @ 6.30pm)

Holy Week Services

1 April	Maundy Thursday Wakefield Cathedral (time to be confirmed) 7.30pm SC: Institution of the Last Supper - followed by the Watch until 10pm
2 April	Good Friday 10.30am AS: Family Service 12pm Co-op Car Park: Churches Together Service 2pm SC Good Friday Liturgy
3 April	Easter Eve 7.30pm SC: Easter Vigil and 1st Communion of

Easter

4 April	Easter Day Services at normal times with judging of decorated eggs and egg rolling following SC service 6.30pm AS: Easter Praise.
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