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Mothering Sunday

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Dear Friends,

As Easter is so late this year this issue of our parish magazine covers the end of lent which includes Mothering Sunday, Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter! All very well known by Christians and so much that I could write about I feel a bit like a kid in a sweet shop; so much to choose from I don't know where to start—or which parts to focus on!

Well, I'm going to chose the obvious; probably the greatest week in our Lord's life, certainly the greatest week in the lives of all Christians; the week—or to be more precise the eight days - from Palm Sunday to Easter Day.

The events of this week are so well known by even those on the fringes of the Christian faith, there is little I could add that you won't already know. I have written before about the marked contrasts of the is week—the highs and lows, from the elation of Palm Sunday, through the depths of despair we sink into on Good Friday and back to the great celebration of Easter Sunday. I am sure I have touched upon the depths of emotion—the Passion suffered by our Lord as he journeys through this week; so what is left?

Difficult though it is, with so much going on, so much to interact with, I am going to look at this week as a whole and ask what questions or challenges does it hold for us as Christians as we journey from Palm Sunday to Easter Day. What difference does this week make to our faith and in what way does it challenge what we believe? Which, of course, such a crucial week should do!

We begin the week as did that crowd on Jerusalem, as our Lord rides in on a donkey. Like that crowd we stand alongside non-believers, as well as those who have an inkling but are not quite sure. The way Jesus makes that journey into Jerusalem (on a donkey) would have been recognised by many faithful Jews that Jesus was declaring himself the Messiah by re-enacting the Old Testament prophecies concerning the Messiah. Others in the crowd would have been Jesus' followers to whom he had already

told what would happen in Jerusalem, but did they (or we) understand? Even they, his followers were caught up in the excitement. And then there were just the onlookers—who just enjoyed a good party for whatever reason.

As the week goes by, he teaches in the temple and I've no doubt, on street corners—as some will have been converted others grew in opposition. Maundy Thursday, he gathers those who are closest to him, the inner core of disciples and performs an act of self giving (washing their feet and sharing his body and blood). On this night, the question is asked “are you with me or against me, are you my disciple or my executioner?” We know of one who answered decisively... Judas.



And then Good Friday and how the majority of that original crowd on Palm Sunday had changed! As Jesus dies on that cross the same question is shouted even louder—are you my disciple—can you trust my teaching and stay with me until Easter Day?

Very briefly, almost flying through Holy Week the challenge for all of us is made... “Are you my disciple or my executioner... Will you keep my memory alive or will you stifle it?” We make the choice on Good Friday—do we stay weeping at the cross or do we gather at the empty tomb on Easter Sunday?

Holy Week is a journey we must all travel as Christians, but it is not just a journey which we can experience, it also challenges and questions the very faith which we embrace on our journey.

May I wish you a fruitful journey this Holy Week
and a Happy and Joyful Easter,
Paul.

Lone Working



There are many different forms of Christian ministry – some involve working closely with others as a part of a team but very often we can find ourselves in a situation where we are alone. If you are one of our church-sitters, cleaners, flower arrangers or if you ever visit or give lifts you will know exactly what I mean!

Most of the time, thankfully, everything goes well but the unexpected can occasionally happen – would you know what to do, for instance, if the person you were visiting collapsed or if you were in church alone and tripped and hurt your leg? Should you be in that situation in the first place? What is right for you may not be the same as for another person. The Pastoral Committee has been looking at the situations that our church members may find themselves in and putting together some ideas on keeping safe and managing risks. If you have ideas or comments, would like to contribute or have a copy of our policy, or if you would like to find out more about joining our team, do speak to one of the committee or ring Lynne Ward (616384).

Ackworth Parish Church Pastoral Group

Jars of Grace



At the time of writing, the Harvest-Christmas 2010 Jars of Grace appeal has raised £260.00 for UNICEF. Sometimes the simplest ideas are the most effective ... just by dropping a coin in a jar each mealtime over a short period and thanking God for what we have, our churches have raised enough so far to provide more than 60 mosquito nets, helping protect children from malaria; or 24 cold-box vaccine carriers to enable 24 health workers to reach children, wherever they live, with the vaccines that they need.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this appeal.

ONE MAN AND HIS DOG

"Mea culpa (not only can this dog write, he can also understand Latin). However for those of you without the benefit of a classical education, I shall repeat 'mea culpa'. I have sinned. In what way, you may ask, have I sinned?

According to my owner, and he is wise beyond the understanding of dogs, all crime is a sin but not all sin is a crime. If he is correct I prefer the second half of it; in other words I have sinned but I prefer not to think of it as a crime.

I was only following my instincts which then led me into the sin of murder or more accurately, dogslaughter. (Without giving away too much that should read as duckslaughter.)

My owner, who is far wiser, says instincts are neither good nor bad. A great deal depends on whether we control them or they use us. Once they take control, we are in trouble: which of course was why I was in trouble: instincts took over.

The matter is now dealt with and, the matter is closed. Lesson learned (I hope.)

I suppose in your way, you are no different deep down to us dogs. You can be at the mercy of your instincts which lead you into wrong doing, as much as we are. What happens then? A price has to be paid which is why my man's Man's Son dies on the cross; forgiveness has to be offered-and received; the life can go on without the darkness of wrong doing hanging over you.

So, now, I am off to enjoy my walk as far away from temptation as possible.

Good hunting (perhaps that's tempting fate.)

Your canine friend, Toby



Women's World Day of Prayer
In England, Wales & Northern Ireland

Ackworth's Interdenominational Women's World Day of Prayer!

Ackworth has had an involvement with the Women's World Day of Prayer for over 40 years – in fact one of the Ackworth Committee members, Betty Broughton was asked by Kitty Cooper (who many of you may remember) about starting the services in Ackworth and they have been going ever since, with Betty on the committee all that time!

This year the service was hosted by St Cuthbert's Anglican Church with the direct involvement of members from all the churches in Ackworth and the locality – truly a 'Churches Together' event for our community.

The Women's World Day of Prayer, held on the first Friday in March each year, has evolved over almost 200 years from a group of American women wanting to show support and encouragement for the US "Mission at home and abroad" to a well planned and organized service of Christian Prayer, written by women from a chosen country to celebrate National culture and values in an International way.

'How many loaves have you?' was the theme of the service, written by the WDP women of Chile, so appropriate for them as bread is eaten at every meal and is very much part of every day life.

This is always a special day as a great wave of prayer sweeps the world, beginning when the first service is held in Tonga and continuing around the world until the final service has taken place, some 35 hours later, in neighbouring Western Samoa. By then the day had been celebrated in over 170 countries and over 5,000 services had been held in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Stretching from Peru to Antarctica, the Republic of Chile occupies a long, narrow strip of land 2,640 miles long and 110 miles wide. It is a land of incredible contrasts, it also has the highest incidence of domestic violence in Latin America and most women suffer from discrimination in some form or other. Equal opportunities are being pursued.

Although organised and led by women, this is essentially a day of

prayer for everybody as a demonstration of solidarity with Christians in other countries and all are welcome to attend.

Some 110 people, women and men, attended the service, including singers from Ackworth Howard Primary school who sang a 'Song from Chile' and Rev Jenny Montgomery who came to give her Reflection on the theme - an old friend that we were very pleased was able to be with us for the evening. The church was decorated with bright and exotic flower and fruit arrangements and Chilean flags made by the children.

£290.57 was raised to further the work of the WWDofP Movement, at home and throughout the world. Next year the event will be held on 2nd March at the Ackworth Methodist Church – the country is Malaysia and the theme will be "Let Justice Prevail"

The Ackworth WWDofP committee would like to thank those who helped to make this service such an enjoyable and happy event.

EXTRACT FROM SAYWELL'S HISTORY OF ACKWORTH

PURITAN INTOLERANCE

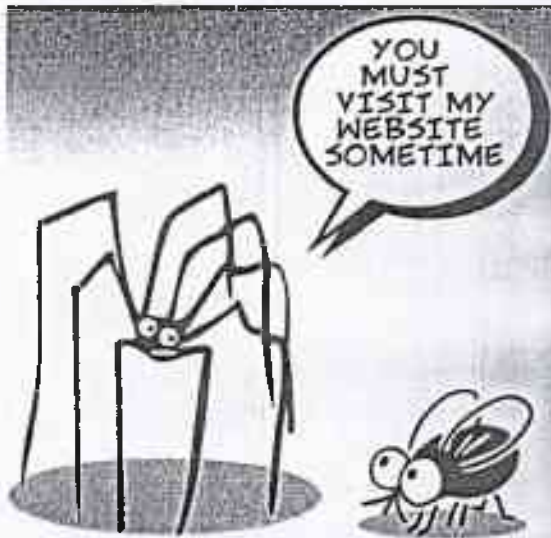
"On St. Bartholomew's Day, August 24th, 1645, the Rump remaining of the Parliament passed an ordinance, subjecting to a year's imprisonment those who should dare to use the Book of Common Prayer, even in a private house, or at family prayers. They had just martyred the Archbishop of Canterbury on a public scaffold, and proceeded to turn eight thousand Church of England Clergy out of their homes, consigning them to beggary and ruin. Those treated most leniently were told to get a pension from their Puritan successors, if they could. Dr. Bradley, Rector of Ackworth, was one of those eight thousand unfortunates."

ODDS AND ENDS

- A little boy was sent to his room for misbehaving. After a while he came downstairs and told his mother that he had said a prayer whilst he was there. His mother was very pleased with him and told him that if he had asked God to help him behave better then God would be sure to help him. But his reply was not what she expected for he told her that in fact he had asked God to help his mother put up with him instead.

- Definition of an optimist; A woman who slips her feet back into her shoes when the minister says, "and finally..."

- Two spiders met in church. The first one said, 'I can't find anywhere quiet to live in this church. It's too noisy in the organ loft, it's not very peaceful in the choir stalls and if I settle in a nice dark corner under a pew it isn't long before someone comes along with a brush and sweeps me out.' The other spider replied, 'You'd better join me in the offertory box. I haven't been disturbed for months.'



- It was Christmas and the vicar asked the children what difference they thought it would have made if Jesus had not been born. There were the expected answers: no presents, no tree etc. But after the service a young boy sidled up to him and said, 'If Jesus hadn't been born you'd be out of a job.'

Readings Rota for April 2011, May 2011

Date	Liturgical Week	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel	St Cuthbert's	ser	All Saints'
03/04/2011	Mothering Sunday	1 Samuel 1:20-28	Colossians 3:12-17	Luke 2:33-35	Keith Shaw		Mrs M Walker
10/04/2011	Passion Sunday	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Romans 8:6-11	John 11:1-45	Jane Gosney	P	Mr I Hall
17/04/2011	Palm Sunday	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Philippians 2:5-11	Matthew 26:14 - 27:66	Anne Bullock		Dr McWilliam
24/04/2011	Easter Day	Jeremiah 31:1-6	Acts 10:24-43	John 20:1-18	Anne Atack	B	Mrs S Hall
01/05/2011	2nd Sunday of Easter	Exodus 14:10-31 & 15:20-21	Acts 2:14a & 22-32	John 20:19-31	Pauline Wong		Mrs M Walker
08/05/2011	3rd Sunday of Easter	Zephaniah 3:14-20	Acts 2:14a & 36-41	Luke 24:13-35	Jane Siddall	P	Mr I Hall
15/05/2011	4th Sunday of Easter	Genesis 7	Acts 2:42-47	John 10:1-10	Sue Hartley		Dr McWilliam
22/05/2011	5th Sunday of Easter	Genesis 8:1-19	Acts 7:55-60	John 14:1-14	Keith Shaw		Mrs S Hall
29/05/2011	6th Sunday of Easter	Genesis 8:20 - 9:17	Acts 17:22-31	John 14:15-21	Jacob Place	B	Mrs M Walker

ALL SAINTS' FLOWERS

APRIL 3 RD	LENT
APRIL 10 TH	LENT
APRIL 17 TH	LENT
APRIL 24 TH	EASTER
MAY 1 ST	BETTY JOHNSON
MAY 8 TH	FLOWER FUND
MAY 15 TH	EDITH SKIDMORE
MAY 22 ND	JEAN HANCOCKS
MAY 29 TH	FLOWER FUND

ST. CUTHBERT'S FLOWERS



APRIL 3 RD	LENT
APRIL 10 TH	LENT
APRIL 17 TH	LENT
APRIL 24 TH	EASTER
MAY 1 ST	ANNE HILL
MAY 8 TH	JANET BATEMAN
MAY 15 TH	JANET BATEMAN
MAY 22 ND	CLAIRE BRANSTON
MAY 29 TH	ANNE HILL



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1 PRE HEAT OVEN TO GAS MARK 5/190 C/375F

2 SIFT FLOUR AND NUTMEG INTO BOWL AND RUB IN BUTTER UNTIL MIXTURE RESEMBLES BREADCRUMBS

3 STIR IN ZEST AND ICING SUGAR. MIXTURE SHOULD NOW BE CRUMBLY.

4 PRESS MIXTURE INTO BUTTERED 20*30 CM BAKING TIN.

5 SPRINKLE ON THE DEMERARA SUGAR.

6 BAKE FOR 20 TO 30 MINUTES UNTIL GOLDEN.

7 MARK INTO SQUARES OR FINGERS WHILE HOT AND COOL IN THE TIN AND CUT WHEN COLD.

J. H.

ART DAY SALE

St. Cuthbert's Church is in need of a replacement boiler and to make a start in fund raising for this it as decided to hold an Art Day Sale at All Saints' Church on Saturday March 5th from 10am until 4pm.

We had a very good response from people in Church in answer to our request for donations of pictures and it really was wonderful to have such magnificent support from the community who proved to be most generous in their gifts of paintings and other art work.

There was a great variety of subjects and mediums and it took an afternoon followed by a morning to set up all the work for sale.

Although the weather was pretty cold and miserable we had a very good attendance and visitors were able to have a cup of tea or coffee and enjoy a chat with fellow browsers before deciding what if anything to buy. There were also home made cakes on sale as well as a large display of cards to purchase.

In the evening the Social Committee had organized a Quiz Night at the Howard School, which was well attended and proved to be great fun.

The final total has not yet been reached but over £800 was raised at the Art Sale. The event proved to be very popular both with the 'customers' and the organizers and it is planned to hold another similar event in the autumn around our Harvest Festival Celebrations at the beginning of October. Details of this will be announced nearer the events of course.

We would like to thank everyone who helped to make it such a success. Special thanks to all who donated items for sale, those who baked the cakes and everyone who helped to organize it and who worked so hard on the day itself at All Saints' church and at the Howard School.

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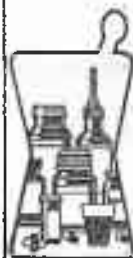
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 Jan 30 George Purcel & Florence Ava Hardman
 Feb 13 Martha Danielle Bland & Oliver James Walton

Marriages

Feb 19 Russell Mark Simpson & Sarah Rose Negaty

Funerals

Jan 4 Lorna Dodd (76) 15 Orchard Drive, Ackworth Moor Top
 Jan 12 Alfred (Staffy) Evans (85) 63 Townend Avenue, Low Ackworth
 Jan 13 Herbert (Darby) Hirst (83) 43 Rhyddings Drive,
 Ackworth Moor Top
 Jan 18 Rebecca Amelia (Millie) Atkinson (97)
 Carleton Court Nursing Home
 Jan 27 Edith Westwood (94) 53 Townend Avenue, Low Ackworth
 Jan 31 Winifred Brown (85) 5 Rosstyn Close, Ackworth Moor Top
 Feb 1 Barbara Joan Brook (83) Hillside Road, Ackworth Moor Top
 Feb 17 Alan (Dusty) Rhodes (53) 29 Hillside Road, Ackworth Moor Top
 Feb 18 Frederick Ernest Walters (93) 4 Andrews Grove,
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 Feb 23 Doris Bramwell (91) 111 Wakefield Road, Ackworth Moor Top
 Feb 24 Colin Everson (73) 49 Orchard Drive, Ackworth Moor Top

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

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

ACKWORTH COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

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

Sunday Services for April and May 2011

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) 4th Sunday B.C.P. Service	All Saints'

Wednesday Service

9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
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Special Services/Events

- 10 April: 4pm at All Saints': Annual Parochial Church Meeting
- 17 April: Palm Sunday: 10.15am St Cuthbert's: service begins at the monument with the blessing of palms
- 21 April: Maundy Thursday: 10.30am Wakefield Cathedral: Chrism Eucharist & Affirmation of Ordination Vows
7.30pm St Cuthbert's: Institution of the Last Supper followed by the Watch until 10pm
- 22 April: Good Friday: 10.30 All Saints' Family Service
12.00 Co-op car park: Churches Together Witness
2.00pm St Cuthbert's: Good Friday Liturgy
- 23 April: Easter Eve: 8.00pm St Cuthbert's Easter Vigil in Lighting of Easter Fire, Blessing of Paschal Candles and Candlelit procession
- 24 April: Easter Day: Normal Service Times plus judging of decorated eggs, and egg rolling after St Cuthbert's service
3.30pm All Saints': Easter praise a series of seasonal readings and favourite Easter Carols.
- 3 May: St Mark: 7.30pm St Cuthbert's: Holy Communion
- 14 May: St Matthew: 10.30am St Cuthbert's:

