



# Ackworth Parish Magazine



August 6, The feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord

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Dear Friends

Apart from the 'Transfiguration of Our Lord' which is commemorated on the 6th August and which I have covered several times in previous issues, these holiday months have few high spots, liturgically speaking. They seem to blend into the marathon of the Trinity or 'Ordinary' season, stretching from mid-June through to the end of October. There are however, a few high spots, opportunities to raise our game spiritually speaking in the smattering of major saints which are commemorated in August and September. On the 15th August we remember the Blessed Virgin Mary; 24th - St Bartholomew; 21st September - St Matthew and 29th - St Michael and All Angels.

So what is the point, you might ask? Why bother to commemorate people from the past? Shouldn't we be looking to the future as a church? Isn't there a danger that in gazing nostalgically at the past, the present and the future just pass us by leaving us, the church, behind? And what is the point of remembering saints, those spiritual giants of Christianity that we haven't a hope of ever emulating? Whilst I agree that we can, on occasions, go a bit overboard on this theme (there is a least one saint for everyday of the year), the saints are valuable examples or models to follow on our Christian journey. Most saints were ordinary people in their own context, like you and me, who through great courage and perseverance became extraordinary examples of Christian virtue and champions of their cause.

So what of the ones I mention above - Mary the mother of Jesus - I hardly have need to mention such is her fame and popularity in many Christian Churches. She does however, display certain virtues which are sadly declining in today's society. Obedience to God's will is the first. So many people question the need to obey certain secular authorities that they also neglect obedience towards God. Secondly, humility, which there seems to be a total absence of in today's world. Not the cringing self abasing and self-hating humility of Uriah Heap, but a humility which is based in trust. Thirdly, the complete devotion, to God and her family which if we could only learn a little of, would deepen our faith considerably. Finally, we see in Mary, one who stands alongside the minorities; the poor and the outcasts of this world. Mary had lived through times of oppression under the Roman authorities and the Pharisaic hierarchy of their own faith, She has lived in poverty - her baby being born in a stable; lived as a refugee after fleeing to

Egypt; felt the pains of widowhood and has wept with the women who saw their sons slaughtered by Herod as she saw her own son executed. Mary has been there and knows what it feels like to be lonely, homeless, persecuted, poor and bereaved.

Bartholomew, formerly known as Nathaniel, in the Gospels was an example of unquestioning faith. The first of the Apostles, along with Andrew, to be called by Jesus. His day of commemoration marks the first day of autumn. From the words Jesus used when he welcomed Bartholomew ("...you believed because I said I saw you under the fig tree." John 1:49-51) reminds us that faith doesn't depend purely on knowing and understanding. Faith is based on love and trust. Matthew of course we know as the writer of the Gospel who was called from being a tax-collector to follow Jesus. A reminder perhaps that regardless of who we are or what we do, we are all open to God's call. Matthew was one of the most hated and despised of his society. No one is beyond redemption.

Finally, we have Michael and the other archangels - God's messengers. Perhaps an inspiration for us when faith is tested and when times get difficult we can draw strength from the knowledge that God is with us via the strength and support of his holy angels.

Enjoy your holidays, I hope you find them a time of rest and refreshment, physically as well as mentally. Hopefully these few high spots in the next two months may be a help spiritually too.

Yours in Christ,  
Paul

## **“Love one-another as I have loved you.”**

I was watching a news report the other day about the treatment that some elderly people get in care homes in this country. The lady being interviewed was speaking as the managing director of an organisation (which she formed) which exists to help people who are in some form of care situation, both professionally and otherwise. She was speaking from a point of view of experience, having worked in care for many years and then being excluded by way of being a whistle blower on a number of occasions. Her sin it seems was to be concerned about the welfare of the elderly people that were in the charge of the people running the care homes for which she worked. She was ashamed and offended by what she saw as examples of compassionate treatment of the elderly in care. Being moved to speak out and get things changed she was rewarded by being sacked and blacklisted from ever working as a carer in a care home in the future. It seems that compassion for our fellow men (and women) has a price that society sometimes isn't willing to pay.

Meeting the needs of others is something we understand as Christians but often fail to achieve in all but the smallest way. That's not to say that we don't care, but when 50 or so people that make up a congregation are faced with the needs of thousands in a village like Ackworth, it is quite easy to become overwhelmed by it all. If we can't make an impression what's the point in trying? Jesus tried, and he made an impression. He was one man (human just like us) with an undiminished faith in God that allowed him to achieve both the ordinary and the extra ordinary. We have the power and authority to do the same.

St Cuthbert's and All Saints churches operate a pastoral care service in the church and village. We don't have all of the answers but we are willing to listen and try to meet the needs of as many people as God sees fit to bring to us. We work through individuals, and groups. We aim to provide bereavement support, marriage guidance, family support and a good listening ear. We are not counsellors, but we are experienced in the ability to listen to the needs of people in church and in our community. Pastoral care in the community can be anything from dropping in on a person who lives alone to providing support for single mums to helping someone through a bad patch in their lives. We can all do something to

help others and nothing is too little or a waste of time.

Compassion for our brothers and sisters should be a given. By that I mean we should expect to give and receive love and generous support when we are in need. Taking care of someone can be tiring and difficult but we should all take our share in that role with genuine commitment and compassion.

To close where I began; thankfully most carers in care homes are genuinely committed to the job they perform. Our society is rightly shocked when it hears tales of abuse in care home which is thankfully rare. However, we often neglect those around us each day that are in need of our compassion and love. Not because we are deliberately being negligent but mostly because life has enough troubles of its own and we get deeply involved in our own problems.

It is never too late to start caring for someone who has a need. It needn't cost a lot in time or money. Just showing someone that you care about them is worth a great deal to those who are in need. Most of us will one day need the help and support of others just to make it through life. Isn't it right that when we are young and able enough that we should consider helping others to be a NORMAL part of life rather than an expectation?

Revd. David Teece.

## MOTHERS' UNION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2011 EDINBURGH

Every year a group of us decide to go to the AGM. Every year we say we are getting to be too old and this is the last time, then we all say, "Book it Judith", so she does! Judith does all the 'sorting out', booking the train or coach tickets and finding somewhere to stay through the internet. We just have to pay her, for which we are grateful, as otherwise we would not go.

This year we went to Edinburgh. I had to get to Wakefield, so I caught my bus in Ackworth. I was in luck as the bus driver had no ticket, so everyone got a free bus ride (it was too early to use a bus pass). Next I caught the free bus to the railway station. As the steps are rather steep, we had to ask to be escorted across the track by a member of staff (I did not previously know you could do this!). We just had one train all the way there, so that was easy. We met more Mothers Union members travelling on the same train. Next we had a taxi. We stayed in a guesthouse called 'Emmaus House'. It was very good, as it is a Christian centre. Our 'En-suite' rooms were comfortable and spotlessly clean.

After tea and biscuits we went for a walk, but did not stay out for long as it was pouring with rain. We went back for dinner, which we had ordered earlier. It was very good, but the sweet was 'to die for Yummy!! Then we went to the Cathedral. We went by taxi as it was cheaper for five of us than each paying bus fares (not being in England we couldn't use our bus passes). There being a lot of us, some people went to the same service in a nearby church. Then back 'home', more tea and biscuits! and so to bed.

Next morning we attended morning prayers, which is a good way to start the day. The private chapel is a huge garden shed which had been blessed by the Bishop. Then on to the AGM. This was held in Usher Hall. The morning session was from 10.30 to 12.15. WE had good seats and there was a lift.

The key speaker was Professor Tanya Byron, who is an expert in children with mental health problems. 'Boring', I thought. I could not have been more wrong. This lady was a wonderful speaker, and had us all falling about with laughter. She has to meet members of parliament, as part of her job, to do with children's

rights. It seems that a lot of MPs will insist on kissing her, and she named names, describing the variations of kissers. For example there is one who kisses 'like a sucker fish', as she demonstrated by pulling a funny face and pulling out her cheeks with her fingers!. It had to be seen to be understood. Another gives 'pecks' and so on. However the best kisses of all were from President Obama of America. It seems his wife was having a problem of her own with her eyelashes and Tanya was asked if she had any eyelash glue. She ended up having to do a repair job on the first lady of the USA. (She said she was shaking)

She had two children and described how naughty they could be when they were younger. She also writes serious books about children, does a newspaper column and is apparently quite famous, although I had never heard of her before. She also co-writes sit-coms with Jennifer Saunders.

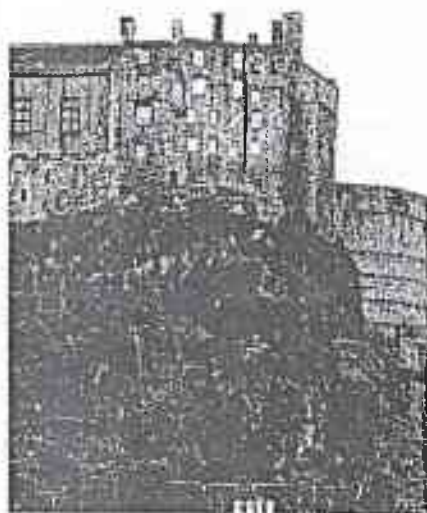
After this we had midday prayers and then lunch. I would add that when we left our lodgings, Andrew, our host, came through the kitchen with a big basket containing two sandwiches each, all individually wrapped, Jaffa cakes and a bottle of water each. How kind was that?

In the afternoon there was a presentation by Nicola Lawrence, talking about the Congo. She told us the horrible story of people being taken from their homes at gun point. The men had to carry all their food and possession for the use of the bandits/rebels or whatever they called them. Then all the men were shot dead. The women were all used for the men's own needs. One woman who escaped was recaptured and they burnt the soles of her feet so that she could not escape again. They were rescued six months later. The youngest woman was six months pregnant, she was only thirteen years old (and we think we're hard up). After the closing worship we found out that next year the AGM will be in Llandudno, Wales, so of course we all want to go.

Later we had a ride on an open top bus. It was interesting but it was still raining a bit. It was pointed out to us where the Royal Wedding will take place in July as Princess Anne's daughter Zara will be getting married. I did not know about this as I had not received my invitation-- as if!! Later we all went for a Chinese meal. It was good that Judith met her God-daughter who lives in



Edinburgh. The rest of us went 'home' in time for evening prayers. Judith and Shirley returned and as we all sat drinking tea and eating biscuits (us, the staff and even the dog Guinness) Anne showed us a teddy bear she had bought, as she collects them. Then Andrew asked Janet to bring out the teddy bears from the cupboard under the stairs. They were all the same. As there were ten of them he gave us two each and said that we might be able to make money for the M.U. Andrew, a priest, is a M.U. member himself and hosts M.U. quiet days in Emmaus House. He then told us the story of----cannot tell you the name as we are going to use it to raise some funds. The original one had been a child's toy and when the boy grew up he became a fighter pilot in the Battle of Britain. Every time he flew he took his teddy bear with him as a mascot. Eventually they were shot down and taken to a POW camp. Poor teddy lost a chunk out of his ear and has a tartan patch on his shoulder—but they survived. Someone heard the story of the teddy and a number of replicas were made. I would add that it says, 'Made in China' on the label-how Scottish is that? I thought I would take mine to council and raffle it but Judith wants to 'Guess the name of the teddy', so we can't both take one. I may see if I can raffle one at St. Giles in Pontefract. Next morning after breakfast we went to morning prayers and then said goodbye to those lovely people. We did a bit of shopping but most of the shops were exactly the same as those at home. We were all tired by the time we caught our train home. Despite the slight rain we had enjoyed ourselves. If you ever go to Edinburgh try to book a place at Emmaus House. You'll get a warm welcome. Only problem is you won't want to leave! The address is Emmaus House, 14 Gilmore Place, Edinburgh, EH9NQ Telephone 0131 2281066 Web: [www.emmaushouse-edinburgh.co.uk](http://www.emmaushouse-edinburgh.co.uk)  
Mary Walker



## SPONSORED BIKE RIDE

Colin Tanswell will again be riding in the Norfolk Churches Trust sponsored bike ride on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2011. Half of any proceeds raised will be paid into the boiler fund. Last year he visited 28 churches (35 miles), this year he hopes to make it to 38 (40+miles). Sponsor forms may be found at the back of each church.



## BBQ FUND RAISER

BBQ Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>  
August @ 7:30pm  
27 Springhill Avenue  
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## COFFEE MORNING RECIPE

### SURPRISE CAKE

#### INGREDIENTS

6 OZ. (150G) BUTTER/MARGARINE  
7OZ. (175G) CASTER SUGAR  
3 EGGS  
8OZ (200G) SELF RAISING FLOUR  
1 PACKET CHOCOLATE CHIPS (PLAIN)  
1 TABLESPOON MILK

#### METHOD

CREAM BUTTER & SUGAR UNTIL SOFT.  
GRADUALLY ADD BEATEN EGGS, STIR IN LITTLE FLOUR IF  
MIXTURE SHOWS SIGNS OF CURDLING.  
FOLD IN SIEVED FLOUR & CHOCOLATE CHIPS.  
ADD THE MILK  
PUT INTO LINED OR GREASED TIN AND BAKE FOR AN HOUR  
UNTIL CAKE IS FIRM AT 350F/ 170C/170 GAS 3-4  
WHEN COOL SLICE IN HALF AND ADD CHOCOLATE BUTTER  
CREAM TO CENTRE AND TOP OF CAKE.



## Readings Rota for August 2011, September 2011

Date	Liturgical Week	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel	St. Cuthbert's ser	All Saints'
07/08/2011	Proper 14	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28	Romans 10:5-15	Matthew 14:22-33	Briony Lewis	Dr McWilliam
14/08/2011	Proper 15	Genesis 45:1-15	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28	Pauline Wong P	Mrs S Hall
21/08/2011	Proper 16	Exodus 1:8 - 2:10	Romans 12:1-8	Matthew 16:13-20	Jane Siddall	Mrs M Walker
28/08/2011	Proper 17	Exodus 3:1-15	Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28	Sue Hartley B	Mr I Hall
04/09/2011	Proper 18	Exodus 12:1-14	Romans 13:8-14	Matthew 18:15-20	Keith Shaw	Dr McWilliam
11/09/2011	Proper 19	Exodus 14:19-31	Romans 14:1-12	Matthew 18:21-35	Jane Gosney P	Mrs S Hall
18/09/2011	Proper 20	Exodus 16:2-15	Philippians 1:21-end	Matthew 20:1-16	Anne Bullock	Mrs M Walker
25/09/2011	Proper 21	Exodus 17:1-7	Philippians 2:1-13	Matthew 21:23-32	Pauline Wong B	Mr I Hall

## ALL SAINTS' FLOWERS

AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup>  
AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup>  
AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup>  
AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup>  
SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>  
SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>  
SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>  
SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>

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WEDDING  
WEDDING  
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JEAN CLAYTON  
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## BRASSES



## EASY ORCHIDS

### YES THEY ARE!

**PHALAENOPSIS** or more commonly called the moth orchid as the flowers are borne on arching stems and supposedly resemble moths in mid flight. Personally I have not particularly noticed the resemblance! However they are probably the easiest orchid to keep and if you are lucky to propagate too.

As with all things some simple basics need to be followed:-

These are warm growing orchids and need minimum winter temperatures of 15C but they will tolerate temperatures close to 30C in summer.

They make excellent house plants and will thrive in a centrally heated environment given the correct basic care, misting with warm clean water(I use tap water left overnight to rise to room temperature for misting and watering) 2or3 times weekly. Avoid using cold water like most of us they do not appreciate cold showers! Spraying is best done early to mid morning to ensure the plants are dry before nightfall as is watering.

**DO NOT ALLOW WATER TO REST IN THE CENTRE OF THE PLANT OR ROT MAY OCCUR VERY SPEEDILY. THIS CAN HAPPEN OVERNIGHT IF TEMPERATURES ARE COLD.**

I water my plants weekly taking them from their planters but still in their pots(special orchid planters with raised centres are available and I place about 1cm of fine grit in the bottom to provide a humid atmosphere around the plants) and putting them on the draining board. Give the air roots and the compost a good soaking and leave them to drain for 30 minutes or so before returning them to their planters. I feed every other week during summer and every 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> week in winter using special orchid fertilizer.

These plants need to be in good light but avoid direct sun-

light as this will scorch the leaves turning them yellow not green! A bathroom or kitchen windowsill makes an ideal spot due the higher humidity levels.

Treated like this these plants will reflower quite easily at roughly 6 to 8 monthly intervals. Once flowering is over (flowers can last for up to 4 months or even longer, we have one which has been in flower for almost 2 years!) cut back the old spike or stem right to the bottom. In about 6 months time the plant should then be strong enough to throw out another spike.

Eventually the plants will require repotting and this is best done in the spring using the same pot. I find they like to be pot bound and firmly stuck into the bark based compost. I use Lorbex or Orchid Focus bark based composts and find these give first class results.

Believe me if you follow the above then orchids are indeed easy and very pleasurable plants to grow and also offer excellent value for money. They are available in garden centres locally, priced between 5 and 14 pounds and looked after properly they will give lasting satisfaction for years. Hopefully we will have some more "home produced" plants for sale in the Spring.

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## GEOGRAPHY (AS SEEN BY CHILDREN)

A consonant is a large piece of land surrounded y water.

The population of Sydney is a bit too thick.

Britain has a temporary climate.

In some rocks are to be found the fossil footprints of fish.

The Andes are a race of people living in North America.

The Dutch people use water power to drive their windmills.

Coal is decayed vegetarians.

A Native American calls his wife a squaw and his children squawkers

A glazier is a man who runs down mountains.

The general direction of the Alps is straight up.

The principal export of Sweden is hired girls.

The climate of the island is wet but embracing.

The Wholey Roman Empire amazed many when it was found in Germany.

## A SHORT EXTRACT FROM 'SAYWELL'

### THOMAS TURTON

"Whatever links the present with the past is worthy of reverence, especially in the case of one who, having served his generation well and faithfully, has been gathered to his fathers in a good old age. Thomas Turton, commonly known as "Old Dr. Turton", died on Sunday evening , March 20<sup>th</sup> 1887, at the ripe old age of 93. With the exception of a little deafness, he enjoyed the full possession of his faculties up to the last, and, in many other respects, he was a wonderful old man. His memory was unimpaired, but, unfortunately, his disposition was reserved and taciturn.

He was one of the very few remaining who practised the profession of Medicine before the year 1815, and was therefore a duly registered medical practitioner, although he had never gone through any regular course of training, or passed any qualifying examination. For many years he enjoyed considerable reputation in the "bleeding" and "tapping" line, being known by many as the "Water Doctor!" He was supposed to possess the secret of many wonderful cures.

## **Mothers Union**

At a recent Wakefield Mothers Union quiet day which was held at St Cuthbert's their president, Mrs Marion Dodds suggested that a womens group could ge together in this parish and meet on a regular basis for fellowship and prayer without adhering the formal structure of Mothers Union in terms of leadership and programmes of speakers and events.

If there is sufficient interest, she would be willing to come and talk to a group about the work of the Mothers Union and how we might be associated with this.

If you are interested in joining such a group please contact the Rector tel (602751) so a meeting may be arranged!

## **Foundation Governor**

We have vacancy for a foundation governor at the Ackworth Howards Junior and Infant Voluntary Controlled Church of England School. Meetings are usually about twice a term at the school where we discuss and make decisions on just about every aspect of the children's education and the running of the school. If you would like your name to be considered for this vacancy please contact the Rector (tel 602751). No previous experience is necessary - full training can be offered. However, the applicant would need to be a committed Christian and a regular worshipper, preferably at a C of E church.

## From the Registers

### Baptisms

- May 8 Alexander James Bullimore & Louis Harvey Johnson  
May 29 Zachariah Tadeusz Rawlings & Holly Elizabeth Roberts  
June 12 Alfie Mason-Swales & Oliver Jon Rieck'

### Marriages

- June 16 Joseph McMullan & Phillipa Margaret Brook  
June 25 Paul Franklin James & Georgina Louise Hopkinson

### Funerals

- May 4 Margaret Elizabeth Blanchard (86)  
Hemsworth Park NH, Hemsworth  
May 26 Kathleen Barbara Scholey (85) 5 York Place,  
Low Ackworth  
May 31 Hazel Gott (85) 'Shevington' Bell Lane,  
Ackworth Moor Top  
June 1 Paul Fairey (36) 26 Bell lane, 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>
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**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 or Services**

Sept 29 St Michael & All Angels

7.30pm Holy Communion at St Cuthbert's

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