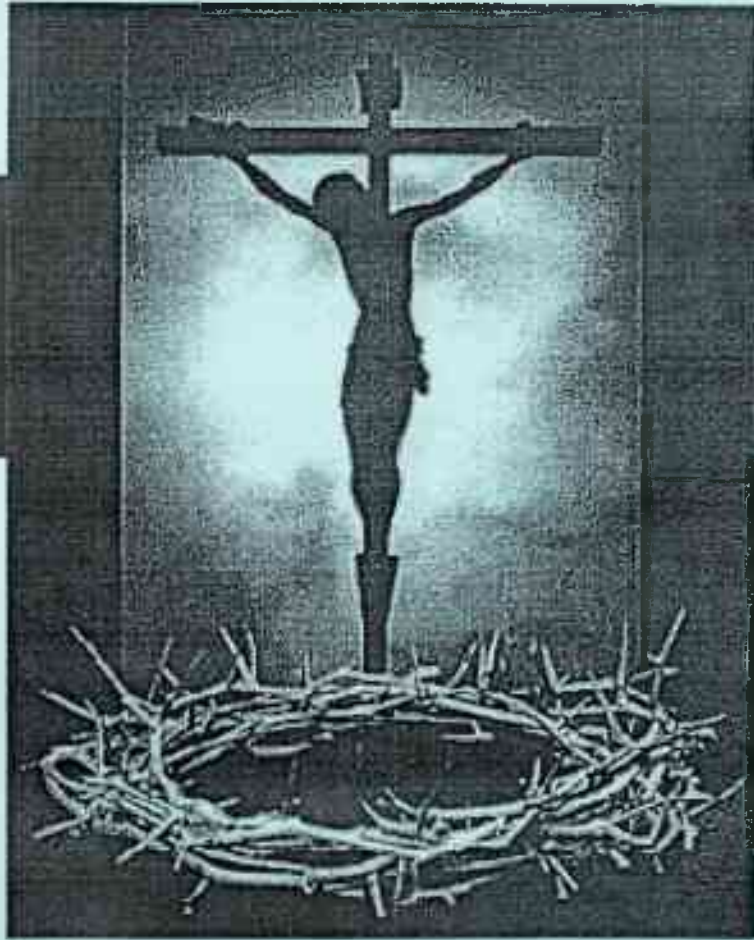




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Dear Friends,

Although it is late this year (Ash Wednesday on 9th March) this magazine issue covers the period of Lent, and as usual after writing for many years I find it difficult to come up with something new!

As with many of the churches festivals, one of the main problems is how they connect with ordinary, everyday life and in writing, not to be too heavenly minded to be of any earthly use; so what does Lent mean to us? To most people 'on the street' it means giving up of one of life's little luxuries such as chocolate or alcohol. Some take it a little bit further and the money they save from such abstinence they give to a third world charity. This I guess is a nod to the biblical practice of fasting, usually connected with prayers and is reminiscent of Jesus' time of fasting in the wilderness.

Christians often think of Lent as not just giving something up, but also, as I have tried to encourage people to do for many years now, taking something on that will deepen and enrich our spiritual lives. This usually takes the form of extra time spent in prayer or bible study, or joining with others in undertaking a lent study course - once again this year we join with other churches in Ackworth to study a course entitled 'Exploring God's Mercy' by Steven Croft which starts at St Cuthbert's on Thursday 17th March at 7.30pm. Frequently we hear of a special appeal launched by the Bishop—this year his appeal will be for the Bunda Bible College, Mara's theological college, and the Next Step Trust, a local charity based in Calderdale, providing day-care for people with severe disabilities.

Fasting, prayer, study Lenten appeals; all activities which seem to focus on the abrogation of the material aspects of life and truing our focus onto the spiritual. Fine, but how does this speak to our ordinary, everyday lives where we cannot avoid material concerns? After all, it is in ordinary lives that the church must connect. Particularly at this time in peoples' lives when the material world impinges on the well-being of many, we cannot

ignore the pressures and problems the current economic climate places upon people. To ignore the cries of our material world would indeed be to stick our heads in the sand as I said before, be too heavenly minded to be of any earthly use!

May I suggest, in fact, that spiritual and material needs cannot be separated and in particular to raise a material need that is very much pressing upon my thoughts at the moment; that of the current financial state of our church here in Ackworth and which I believe would be wrong of me not to share with you. You may not be aware of the fact that we didn't pay our share (the quota we pay to the Diocese) last year; we were actually £21,500 short which consequently puts us in arrears. The share for 2011 is £45,000 and we also desperately need a new boiler for St Cuthbert's which will cost in the region of £12,000—some of you may have noticed how cold it has been on some occasions over the last few months when the boiler has failed. All this is on top of all the other general increases too.

In short, I am asking you to make the material or financial needs of the church your spiritual focus, not just in Lent, but throughout the year. I am appealing to you to put these material needs at the centre of your payers and make what seems to be an almost impossible situation in material terms, into an issue which will be achievable with faith. I pray and appeal to you all, that we give this matter our careful and prayerful attention, that having solved our own problems we may go out and meet the problems of those we are called to serve!

Yours in Christ.

Paul

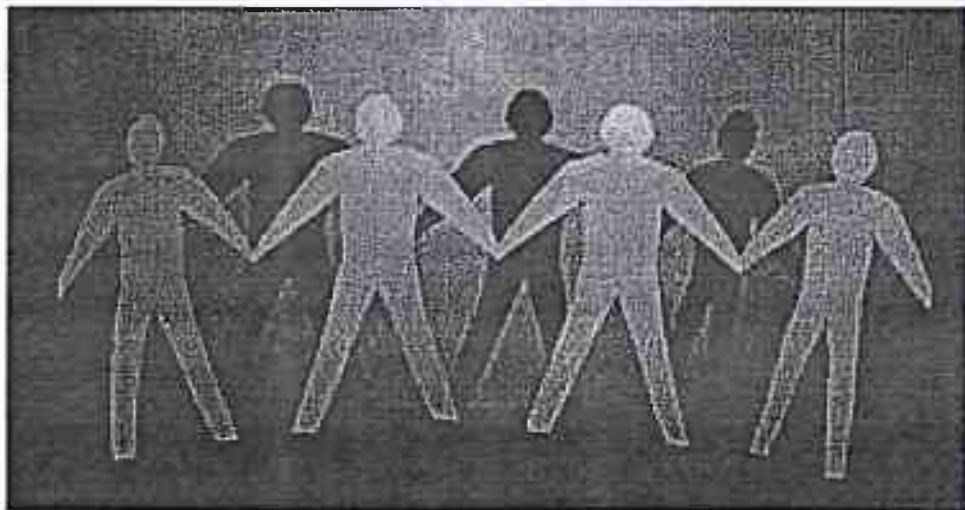


Pastoral Ministry (meeting the needs of others)

Since the very beginning of the Christian church we have been called to minister to others. This ministry is at the very heart of our faith and at the centre of what Jesus taught in his ministry. So what has changed during the last 2000 years or so? Nothing, other than the attitude of people towards people. We are still called by Jesus to minister to the needs of the people where ever they may be and what ever their circumstances. During the last 2000 years man has built walls to protect him from the undesirable effects of other men and in doing so has blocked the way to God.

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 60 or so people that make up a congregation are faced with the needs of thousands in towns and Villages 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.

Here at St Cuthbert's and All Saints churches we try to encourage every member ministry. By that I mean that everyone in church has almost by default an expectation that we will all contribute to the caring for others



in pastoral ministry. We have a small team of hardworking people who are responsible for the various areas of church ministry and I have the pleasure of being a member of the team responsible for pastoral ministry. This team of people is there to not only minister to those in need to but to act as guides to everyone else when they enter into an act of pastoral support for others. 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 will work through whatever contact that we can make. We aim to provide bereavement support, marriage guidance, family support and a good listening ear. We are not counsellors, but we have been trained 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. We are sometimes criticized for not caring enough and that might be true sometimes but often we simply don't know that someone is in need of help. People say that the church only cares about its own members and on occasions that may be the case but again, if people in our community don't inform the church that there is a need it is difficult for us to help and we end up concentrating on what we know and missing many people who are in need in the wider community.



Pastoral Ministry

If you know of anyone who might need help and support in some way then please do call us. You can call the Rector, the Curate or any member of the ministry team, all the numbers are in this magazine. Pastoral support and ministry is the responsibility of us all not just a selected few so I encourage you to listen to your heart and know that it also includes you.

Revd. David Teece – Curate

"DEAR GOD"

A few letters from children to God.

I want to come to Heaven and visit Blackie my cat who has come to be an angel with you. Can I come and visit you for a day? I can come on the train by myself. Love Peter

I can answer the telephone by myself now, so if you want to phone I can say hello. Love Mike.

Why did the father like the prodigal son better than his brother? Do you like good people better if they do something wrong first? Love, Jane
We live in the house next to Church, so we are your neighbours. Love, Katie

My teacher says you are here watching us all the time. You must get very bored sitting through all these maths lessons over and over. But I bet you are very good at sums now. Love Andrew

My name is Emma and I am eight years old. I go to the little school and some days are alright but sometimes Sarah spoils everything. Yesterday she pushed my water glass all over my painting and she nipped me hard.

I put a snail in her bag, but it's a secret. But you know everything so you already knew. I want to go to another school. Love, Emma

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LOST SCRIPTURE?

You may have heard the expression I have used for the title and equally may have heard the names Apochrypha and Pseudopigrapha for scripture that is non-canonical and not accepted as inspired. Amongst the books in the New Testament's 'Apochrypha' are books that appear at first glance to be books which might seem to belong in canonical scripture either (1) because they gain a mention in the canon or (2) because they appear to follow on a sequence in the canon. For example the Epistle of St. Paul to the Laodiceans (1) or the 3rd Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (2).

In this article I consider the validity of just one of these books: the Epistle of Paul to the Laodiceans. The book which comes down to us clearly is not the original epistle mentioned in St. Paul's Colossian epistle. It is known that a heretical Marcionite forgery had been placed in circulation as early as the 2nd century AD but that is not what we have in our possession today. The book we have shows no Marcionite leanings neither does it show Gnostic ones. It, instead, is a kind of pastiche of Pauline commonplace statements drawn from St. Paul's canonical writings: so just what does one make of it? Have we actually found a genuine case of lost scripture?

I would assert **WE HAVEN'T**: that grand and boastful statement I ground on what is actually said in the Colossian Pauline epistle itself where it refers to the one for Laodicea. Read Colossians Chapter 4 and it should eventually hit you where the Laodicean epistle is 'hiding' – verse 16 gives the clue!

'And when this letter has been read among you, have it read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you read also the letter from Laodicea.' (New Revised Standard Version Bible Anglicised Edition)

Yes! You've got it! Colossians IS ALSO 'Laodiceans'!

(and there is some debate that 'the letter FROM Laodicea' might actually be a copy of the Ephesians Pauline epistle!)

If you like, the Epistles form a sort of New Testament version of the modern 'round-robin' letter, thus, Galatians for example is aimed at Galacia but would have been read eventually throughout the churches of Asia! (You could even say a New Testament example of 'Facebook'!) That, of course, is the whole point of the argument; we read ALL of the epistles in our churches and that even though NONE are directly addressed to us. Of course, the reality is they are actually ALL relevant to us; that is the power of scripture the living word of God!

EMIL BROWN

EDWARD WYNNE

We are pleased to be able to report that Rev.Wing Commander Eddie Wynne has recently been awarded the M. B. E. for services to our armed services.

Eddie, who will be well known to many readers, was a lay reader in the parish for some time before leaving to take up a clerical post at Shelley and later transferring to the Royal Air Force.

ART DAY SALE

We will be holding an art day sale at All Saints' Church on Saturday 5 March 2011 in aid of the Church general fund.

Sadly, like most local churches we are faced with a cash deficit and we have not been able to pay our contribution (Parish Share) in full last year.

Do you have any unwanted pictures or prints , framed or unframed ,which might be appreciated by someone else?

If so we would be delighted to help you find a new home for them and these can be handed in at All Saints' Church any Thursday morning between 10.00 am and 12 noon. Alternatively please contact Ian or Stella on 612003 who will be pleased to make arrangements for collection.

A social evening is also to be held on the Saturday evening at Ackworth Howards School on Station Road, again to raise much needed cash for our general fund. A quiz and cold buffet has been arranged, times and final details will be advertised locally. Please do make a note in your diaries and try to support YOUR CHURCH at these events.

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Transforming Lives

It is just over one year since the Transforming Lives Group presented the Transforming Lives Plan for the Parish. This was given to the Bishop who accepted all that it contained. The Transforming Lives Group has met several times over the year to progress this plan as much as possible, and they have met recently to review the plan, what we have achieved so far, and what we need to achieve over the next year. So it seems right to inform you all of the discussions we had last week.

So Far

The Worship Planning Group has reformed, initially this was to plan the festival services, but has met recently to discuss how the current pattern of worship can be enhanced and developed. In the near future it is hoped this group will look particularly at the Baptism Services.

A Music Group has been formed and practises weekly on a Tuesday evening, led by Julie Davies. It has performed at some of the Christmas Services and is now planning some of the music for the 10.15 service at St Cuthbert's Church.

The Harvest Weekend was facilitated by the Transforming Lives Group, and led by the Social Committee with help from other members of the congregation. Further similar events are in the planning stage for this year.

The Pastoral Care Committee is currently organizing support for members of the congregation and outside our churches for those who request help in many different ways. In particular they are looking at providing support for those who bereaved, and those who need a little extra help in whatever way that might be.

For the next year

The group will review study and prayer groups, Ian Hall, Chris Croft and Pauline Wong will review what is happening so far and assess the need for further groups and then develop a plan to meet those needs. This is to increase the number of groups meeting which can provide a lot of support, practically, spiritually and prayerfully, as well as providing a place where discussion can be had around faith and scripture.

The group is to review the audiovisual requirements at St Cuthbert's Church, and look at what options might be available, and what options would suit the need and development of worship, now and in the future. Communication is an issue in all Churches and there is no easy solution to the many and varied issues that all churches face in this respect. However, there is a willingness to review how we communicate as a church, and to look at ways of improving this as far as is possible.

The Transforming lives Group has worked hard in all these respects,

with a heart of taking the Gospel message in word and deed to as many people as possible. We are sure that it receives the continued support and prayer of our congregations and as such will take this work well into the future.

Paul Fox

SNIPPETS FROM 'SAYWELL'

ACKWORTH SHOWS

Acworth was certainly one of the pioneers of Horticulture. It is said prior to the year 1833, horticultural shows were encouraged and held, but the oldest record in existence of such a show, is dated 1840, from which time horticultural shows were held annually for three years. From 1843 to 1863, the Ackworth Horticultural Show was in abeyance, but was revived in the latter year, and continued to be held regularly until 1867, when it ceased. And no effort was made to resuscitate it until 1880, since which time a show has taken place annually. And is much appreciated by the inhabitants and district."

A SPORTING CURATE

J.H. the Curate of Ackworth, is said to have been passionately fond of fox-hunting, which in those days was considered in society an essential accomplishment for a clergyman. The pastime, however, was eyed askance by "Hodge", because of the rough-shod manner in which huntsmen rode across country, not only taking hedges and ditches, but crops and gardens in their mad career. To the rustic daysman it is well known that in Yorkshire the "hunting parson" is an odious and despicable personage. One Sunday morning the curate in question was accosted during an impressive pause in his sermon, by T.W. loudly vociferating, "Thou's preaching today, and be fox-hunting tomorrow!" The truth of this statement did not prevent the man from being summoned for brawling, and fined 10/- and costs."

A ROYAL WEDDING

"There are none more loyal than the people of Ackworth. On the occasion of the marriage of the Prince of Wales, the 10th of March, 1863, was observed in Ackworth as a general holiday. Banners were displayed; merry peals rung on the church bells; and commemoration trees planted at Ackworth School. The following formula was pronounced on the occasion:-

 'May the earth nourish their roots;
 May the dews cherish their branches;
 And the sun ripen their fruits.
 May the union this day commemorated,
 Be blessed with the fatness of the earth,

The dew of Heaven, and the refreshing
Beams of the Sun of Righteousness."

March 10. Holiday. Marriage of Prince of Wales, Children assembled in the afternoon for buns, oranges, and medals.

March 11. Tea and cake in the afternoon."

REMEMBERED IN BRASS/SILVER

Since I took over the brass cleaning in St. Cuthbert's Church some time ago, I have often wondered about the people who are commemorated on the various church furnishings and equipment:

Churchwardens' staves-K.A. Macawley-For many years Chorister, Bell ringer, Churchwarden-Died 17th November 1947

Crucifer's cross-John Bernard Hinchcliffe-16th May 1943

Plaque right of the choir stalls-Godfrey Armitage D.L. J. P.-17th September 1908 -15 years Churchwarden

Plaque above the lectern-This pulpit was given by Women of Ackworth-Thanksgiving for Peace -June 1902

Rector's seat-Beatrice Eveline smith-13th October 1957

Sanctuary chair-Charles Edmund Smith, died 6th January 1976-Sometimes Churchwarden

Sanctuary lamp (miner's) Dorothy White-17th November 1992

Some are remembered for their service to the church whilst others have left their mark for undisclosed reasons which must have been significant for their relatives to choose these memorials. I once heard a vicar at a funeral say 'that remembrance is a form of immortality'. I would offer these names for us to remember at this time.

Colin Tanswell

THE PAPER CONGREGATION

Reading the short article in 'Saywell's History of Ackworth', about the huntsman curate of the nineteenth century in Ackworth, reminded me that not all unusual clergy men belonged to such an early age. Imagine what one would do if confronted by the Reverend Frederick Densham when attending the local Parish Church!

The Reverend Frederick Densham arrived in the tiny Cornish village of Warleggan, near Bodmin Moor, in 1931 as minister of St. Bartholomew's Church.

He soon angered his parishioners by painting the inside of the church bright red, yellow and blue and allowing dogs to roam on the moors amongst his subjects' sheep.

Tensions rose when he surrounded the Rectory with barbed wire and threatened to sell the church organ, prompting his flock to complain to

the Bishop of Truro, who surprisingly did nothing.

After the congregation boycotted his church, Densham preached to cardboard cut-out figures and he continued to do so until his death in 1953, aged 83 years.

MEMORIES

Where do the years go? It's already 2011.

In the year 2010, I have heard many comments about what people have seen and done. For example:-

The new kitchen and toilet at All Saints' Church

The shocking weather conditions we have experienced

The long waits at the airports

Illnesses, accidents and sadly the loss of several good friends

So I'm sure that I am not alone when I say how sad it is to lose someone we love, someone no longer there to share our stories, our joys as well as our sorrows.

In November we lost one of our Thursday Coffee Morning friends, Frances Dawes. Frances was born just after the end of World War One in 1918. She told us of her childhood years (so different to those of today's children). How her stamina and faith saw her through the difficulties. At one of our 'Songs of Praise', her choice of hymn, 'The Lord is my Shepherd' exemplified her strong beliefs.

Then in early December our church friend Mary Jowett died. During regular visits to Mary we found that we had quite a lot in common.

Neither of us had any children and very little family and our husbands had worked in the same industries. We also had similar interests, such as music, cats, holidays, Church and community. Mary attended both All Saints' Church and Ackworth Methodist Chapel each Sunday. She played the organ for Evensong at All Saints', delivered the Church Magazine and her love of baking enriched our Church fetes and buffets.

As you can gather from this her church life was so important to her.

It was a great joy to share time with them when visiting them, thanking them both for their stories of faith. May you both rest in peace. A friend in need is a friend indeed.

Ann Attack

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Date	Liturgical Week	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel	St Cuthbert's ser	All Saints'
06/02/2011	5th Before Lent	Isaiah 58:1-9a	1 Corinthians 2:1-12	Matthew 5:13-20	Briony Lewis	Mrs M Walker
13/02/2011	4th Before Lent	Deuteronomy 30:15-end	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Matthew 5:21-37	Keith Shaw	Mr I Hall
20/02/2011	3rd Before Lent	Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18	1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-end	Matthew 5:38-end	Jane Gosney	Dr McWilliam
27/02/2011	2nd Before Lent	Genesis 1:1-2:3	Romans 8:18-25	Matthew 6:25-end	Anne Atack	Mrs S Hall
06/03/2011	Sunday Next Before Lent	Exodus 24:12-18	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matthew 17:1-9	Anne Bullock	Mrs M Walker
13/03/2011	1st Sunday of Lent	Genesis 2:15-17 & 3:1-7	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11	Pauline Wong	Mr I Hall
20/03/2011	2nd Sunday of Lent	Genesis 12:1-4a	Romans 4:1-5 & 13-17	John 3:1-17	Jane Siddall	Dr McWilliam
27/03/2011	3rd Sunday of Lent	Exodus 17:1-7	Romans 5:1-11	John 4:5-42	Sue Hartley	Mrs S Hall

ALL SAINTS' FLOWERS

FEBRUARY 6TH
FEBRUARY 13TH
FEBRUARY 20TH
FEBRUARY 27TH
MARCH 6TH
MARCH 13TH
MARCH 20TH
MARCH 27TH

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Let us know too if you are able to offer help - an hour a month or week can make all the difference!

ST. CUTHBERT'S DAY LUNCH

Following the success of previous lunches held at the Brown Cow we plan to hold another to celebrate our patronal festival on Sunday 20th March 2011. The format will be as before, 12.15 for lunch at 12.30, with similar menus and the cost stays the same at 10 pounds per person.

Biddy Branston will be on holiday so should you wish to attend please liaise with Lynne Ward or Ann Atack. Lists and menus will be placed in both churches.





The Children's Society

making childhood better oranges.

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

A sum of £440.76 was raised for the Children's Society. Many thanks, Helen Parkinson

PONTEFRACT CHORAL SOCIETY

People have been surprised there have been no reports of the Pontefract Choral Society concerts published in the Pontefract and Castleford Express. The reason is that a new Editor has been appointed who has decided not to accept any more reports. They have been appearing in the newspaper for at least the last forty years and I have been writing them since 2001. The Society has asked that I should continue and the reports will now be published in Church magazines. To bring readers up to date I would remind them about the last two concerts of 2010. From the first note of 'Zadok, the Priest' to the last note of 'Solomon', both by Handel, the concert in November was outstanding. The choir goes from strength to strength under the baton of the conductor, Paul Dewhurst, and it was a delight to have an orchestra to accompany them. In December the annual Christmas concert took place in St. Giles Church when the choir and Knottingley Concert Brass join together to entertain and start the Christmas season with a bang. However, it is the future concerts that are the concern of the choir now. The programmes are exciting and varied, and there is something for every taste. They are working hard for the next concert on 17th April in St Giles Church; 'Requiem' by John Rutter and Chichester Psalms by Leonard Bernstein are in the programme. Look out for the 'come and sing' day still in the planning stage for the summer.

M.P.

From the Registers

Baptisms

- Nov 14th Jessica Ann Bradley; Sophie Ann Coop
Lisa Crowther; Donna Angela Crowther
Nov 28th Charlotte Kitty Clay; Finlay James Arundel; Lily Mai Churn
Dec 5th May Copley
Dec 12th Jessica Mae Ponsonby

Marriages

- Nov 27th Adam Jon Knight & Sarah-Jayne Willock

Funerals

- Nov 2nd Marie Ann Lewis (51) 36 Flounders Hill, Ackworth Moor Top
Dec 2nd Frances Louisa Dawes (93) 18 Rhyddings Drive, Ackworth Moor Top
Dec 3rd Jane Beatrice Boyes (80) 11 Chiltern Court, Ackworth Moor Top
Dec 20th Mary Lilian Jowett (89) Hemsworth Park Nursing Home, Kinsley

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 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

- February 21st A Meditation by Tony Horsfall – St Cuthbert's Church at 7.30pm
(refreshments from 7.00pm)
- March 4th Women's World Day of Prayer – St Cuthbert's 7.30pm
Speaker: Rev. Jenny Montgomery
- March 5th Arts Day – All Saints with a display and sale of art by local
Artists followed by Quiz Night at Howards School at 7.00pm
Both events include light refreshments
- March 9th Ash Wednesday service – Saint Cuthbert's 7.30pm
Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes
- March 17th Ecumenical Lent Study Course – St Cuthbert's 7.00 for 7.30pm
'Exploring God's mercy' (every Thursday for the next 5 weeks)

**We still have a number of copies of the Ackworth Calendar 2011
remaining for sale.**

If you have still not obtained your calendar you can still obtain a copy from St Cuthbert's or All Saints churches or by ringing Bill Branston on 01977 610590. A big thank you to the local shops and businesses who kindly assisted us in the sale of the Ackworth Calendar again this year. If you can assist by loaning pictures taken in the village during the 1950's for our 2012 calendar please let us know.

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