



Ackworth Parish Magazine



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Dear Friends

With the nights growing longer the temperature and the leaves dropping, our thoughts begin to turn towards autumn and winter. For the next two months the calendar offers us quite a lot of themes and major festivals. For once, I would like to think about one of the most popular festivals which is perhaps not as distinctly Christian as Christmas and Easter - I am speaking of course of Harvest Festival, or Harvest Thanksgiving as it is better known in church circles!

Harvest Thanksgiving is a celebration which is as popular as ever in everyday culture and is, to say the least, a bit fuzzy around the edges in terms of a clear Christian theme. It is in fact one of those prominent pagan festivals which the Christian church took over and tried to make its own. Although we find a very strong thread running through Jewish culture in terms of celebrating the first fruits of the harvest, it never quite made it in the Christian world.

There are many good Christian reasons for celebrating this aspect of our lives, not just in thanking God for his grace and protection, but also in encouraging an equitable sharing of the abundant harvest we have received and the many other 'fruits' of loving our neighbours. There is also the sometimes hidden aspect which exists in many of our major Christian

celebrations of this festival being at a point at which heaven and earth - the spiritual and material - draw close together; what the Celtic tradition calls 'thin places'. There is no better teaching of this than one of the more well-known parables that Jesus taught - the parable of the sower (Matthew 13:11-23). It would be a good idea to read this passage through to understand the point I am trying to make here.



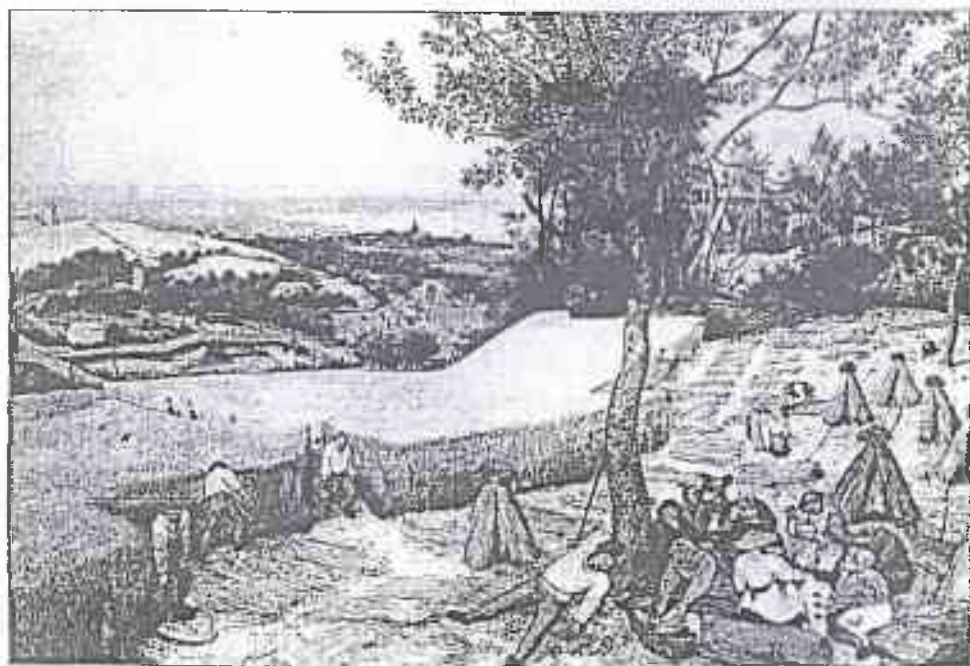
We are all familiar with the subject matter which Jesus uses here in this teaching. In fact he goes on in later verses to spell it out for his followers. Jesus speaks to the people in images of arable farming; the sowing and reaping of seed crops. By likening elements of the story to ordinary everyday things he begins to teach something about the **spiritual tasks to which God calls us; harvesting people's allegiance to God** by planting seeds of faith. Along the way he describes common problems in sowing this seed (e.g. seed sown among thistles is like the person who hears the word but worldly cares and the false glamour of wealth choke it).

By touching hearts and minds with images which are clearly understood he brings the realities of God's kingdom and his demands a little closer to our everyday lives.

May God bless you all with an abundant harvest and may you bless him by sharing some of this with those who have little or no harvest.

Yours in Christ,

Paul



ACT –we do try to!

Do you know what 'ACT' is? A clue for you- it is nothing to do with the theatre!

Ackworth Churches Together (ACT) consists of people with strong Christian values and beliefs who live in and around Ackworth, who really want to make a difference in our village community

There are representative voices from all the churches- Quaker and Methodist, Anglican, the Community Church and Roman Catholic- who may be church leaders or lay members-people who want to share their beliefs and philosophy with others to help improve lives and bring God closer to Ackworth folk, young, old and those in-between.

So, what happens in Ackworth already and, perhaps of even more interest to you, what is planned for the village soon?

There are regular, annual events such as the village Carol Service and the switching on of the Christmas lights, Christmas Carols and Good Friday music at the Co-op, the ALPHA Course and the Lent meetings and services. Churches Together ensures the delivery of the Christmas Services Cards to every home in Ackworth, quite a task and a real team effort. There are regular services at Chiltern Court for residents and guests, Open Air Songs of Praise and Christian Aid collections all organized and co-ordinated and planned by the ACT members. There is an annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and a Women's Day of Prayer service in March, all co-ordinated and planned by the Ackworth Churches working together. Of course, the Fair Trade shop and the activities of individual churches are also matters of interest to the ACT committee so that support and publicity can be given to these things.

Please note that there are already plans afoot for 2012-supporting the village celebrations of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the London Olympic Games as well as improvements to our regular events. These will be open for everyone to enjoy and share together-do watch out for more information soon!

However, before all this there are several things that are happening that you are invited to attend and you *may* find interesting and even **fun!**

A Ceilidh will be held on Saturday evening, October 1st at Oakfield Park School, Ackworth-excellent music and great fun!

Quaker Week is October 2nd-8th and there will be a Peace Lecture by a prominent speaker –look out for further information around the village.

On 29th October in St. Cuthbert's Church there will be a concert with the Castleford Male Voice Choir, all proceeds to go to the Laila Milly Fund.

Also, only recently introduced in Ackworth, is an informal Eucharist Service at St. Cuthbert's Church, held at 7.30 pm on each second Tuesday every month. Everyone is welcome to attend these informal services, where there is a relaxed structure to the service, joyful and lively music is used and we have a time of open prayer. We welcome all comers regardless of their church background-why not come along and try it?

The next dates are 11th October and 15th

November- everyone is very welcome!

Future events and ventures involving ACT will be posted in our Parish Magazine so keep an eye out for things that interest you and join in our village life and be part of the community!

Jane Gosney



Ceilidh Minogue.

AN EXTRACT FROM SAYWELL

BENJAMIN FLOUNDERS

"Benjamin Flounders, a most munificent benefactor at Yarm, in the North Riding of Yorkshire, died there about the year 1847. He also established an Institute or School at Ackworth (since called by his name), with forty thousand pounds for the training of young men to be teachers in the Society of Friends. The building was opened for students in the summer of 1848.

The instruction includes ancient and modern languages, mathematics and natural philosophy in all parts, to which have been added other subjects to meet recent requirements of education. The Institution was intended to accommodate twelve pupils. He also bequeathed five hundred pounds to the Grammar School at Yarm, and a thousand pounds to the Yarm National School, for which 50 children are taught free; and five hundred pounds for the founding and endowing of an infant school there. This munificent benefactor also left twenty pounds a year to the poor of that parish. "

JOHN GRAHAM

"Another name which deserves a place in 'Annals of Ackworth' is that of John Graham. The 'Leeds Mercury' of September 26th 1889 says-;

Yesterday the remains of this gentleman were interred in the Friends' Burial Ground, Low Ackworth. For many years prior to 1878, he was proprietor of the Temperance and School Hotel and Posting House attached to the famous Friends' School at Ackworth. He died a few days ago at the age of 76 years. He was a member of the Society of Friends, and in connection with the large educational establishment and Flounders' College at Ackworth,

was well known throughout England by members of the Society of Friends. He had resided in Ireland for about eleven years past. A few months ago he had a desire to return to his native 'village of flowers' at Ackworth to end his days, and this was granted to him, his death occurring at his sister's residence (Mrs. Knight) A number of the inhabitants of Ackworth were present at the funeral, and at the grave, after a brief silence, Mr. G. Satterthwaite offered up a prayer. After the coffin had been lowered, the sorrowing relatives and friends adjourned to the Friends' Meeting-house where words of consolation were given by several present.'

CASTLEVIEW VETS

Castleview Vets is a well established practice situated on Belle Isle Heath Park, just off Barnsley Road in Wakefield. It was founded by Mr. Freddie Marshall in 1982 and started life in a pre fabricated building at the back of his home in Belle View Road. The practice grew quickly and moved to its present purpose built building in 1997. Three years later Castleview became part of CVS UK Ltd and enjoys many of the benefits of being part of a large Corporate Company, whilst still retaining its individuality. This small animal practice has two full time vets and one part time vet and aims to provide the best care and service for its clients and pets at a reasonable cost. To this end the practice has a practice van and now offers a delivery service for prescriptions and diet foods. To compliment these services Castleview has started weekly consultation sessions at Ackworth Parish Council Community Centre on Bell Lane on Thursday mornings. The practice is looking to increase the number of sessions in the near future and welcome any enquiries.

Animal welfare has always been at the core of Castleview and for many years the staff have run their own S.O.S. (Save our strays) fund to help injured stray animals that may otherwise be 'put to sleep'. Anyone wanting any further information or to book an appointment in Ackworth or the Practice in Wakefield should telephone 01924 374111 where the team of friendly receptionists will be happy to help you.

Anne Sinar (Practice manager)

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HISTORY RE-WRITTEN BY CHILDREN

King Arthur lived in the Age of Shivery.

My favourite myth was about Jason and the Huguenots.

Socrates died from an overdose of wedlock.

In the Olympic Games the Greeks ran races, jumped, hurled the biscuits and threw the java.

The Persians outnumbered the Greeks because they had more men.

The wife of a Duke is called a Ducky.

Helen of Troy launched a thousand ships with her face.

Alexander the Great conquered Persia, Egypt and Japan. Sadly he died with no hairs.

Another Greek myth told the story of Jason and the Golden Fleas.

Joan of Arc was burnt to a steak.

Queen Elizabeth never married so she had a peaceful reign.

Magna Carta provided that no man should be hanged twice for the same offence.

Remembrance



THANK YOU

(A poem for Remembrance Day submitted by one of the magazine's readers)

Thank you for remembering even though we never met
I died many years before your time, but yet
I lost my life to see yours fulfilled in true
We may not be related but I fought a war for you.

Thank you for remembering how my mates and I went forth
To battle in the trenches or sail a convoy north
Or man a Spitfire fighter, or watch the shores at night
Or stay and make munitions and help support our fight

Thank you for remembering the ones who stayed behind
And nursed the wounded soldiers or others of their kind
Or the ones who crewed the ships to bring us food and stores
Who braved the U boat menace to help us in our cause.

Thank you for remembering, even if you were not there
To see those brave men falling, it's vital that you care
It means our lives weren't wasted, our fight for freedom grew
So you can always remember that we lost our lives for you

Thank you for remembering the ones who serve today
We hold them close within our hearts, they are so far away
In hostile lands. We thank you for everything you do
I'll thank you to remember we will never forget you.

Readings Rota for October 2011, November 2011

Date	Liturgical Week	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel	St Cuthbert's ser	All Saints'
02/10/2011	Proper 22	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20	Philippians 3:4b-14	Matthew 21:33-46	Anne Atack	Dr McWilliam
09/10/2011	Harvest Thanksgiving	Deuteronomy 8:7-18	2 Corinthians 9:6-end	Luke 12:16-30	Jane Siddall	Mrs S Hall
16/10/2011	Proper 24	Exodus 33:12-23	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-22	Sue Hartley	Mrs M Walker
23/10/2011	Proper 25	Deuteronomy 34:1-14	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	Matthew 22:34-46	Keith Shaw	Mr I Hall
30/10/2011	All Saints' Day	Revelation 7:9-17	1 John 3:1-3	Matthew 5:1-12	Dr McWilliam
06/11/2011	3rd Before Advent	Amos 5:18-24	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Matthew 25:1-13	Jane Gosney	Mrs S Hall
13/11/2011	2nd Before Advent	Zephaniah 1:7 & 12-18	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Matthew 25:14-30	Anne Bullock	Mrs M Walker
20/11/2011	Christ the King	Ezekiel 34:11-16 & 20-24	Ephesians 1:15-23	Matthew 25:31-46	Anne Atack	Mr I Hall

ALL SAINTS' FLOWERS

OCTOBER 2 ND	FLOWER FUND
OCTOBER 9 TH	HARVEST
OCTOBER 16 TH	FLOWER FUND
OCTOBER 23 RD	FLOWER FUND
OCTOBER 30 TH	FLOWER FUND
NOVEMBER 6 TH	MARY WALKER
NOVEMBER 13 TH	JOYCE MORRELL
NOVEMBER 20 TH	JEAN HANCOCK'S
NOVEMBER 27 TH	ADVENT

ST. CUTHBERT'S FLOWERS



OCTOBER 2 ND	JEAN BURT
OCTOBER 9 TH	HARVEST
OCTOBER 16 TH	STELLA LEE
OCTOBER 23 RD	VERA McWILLIAM
OCTOBER 30 TH	BIDDY BRANSTON
NOVEMBER 6 TH	ADA PRITCHARD
NOVEMBER 13 TH	JEAN CLAYTON
NOVEMBER 20 TH	WEDDING
NOVEMBER 27 TH	ADVENT

BRASSES



Our 2001 Restoration project is now complete.

We are pleased to be able to report that following the completion of the essential Repairs and Restoration work at St Cuthbert's Church between 2003 and 2008, we have now also completed our planned Re-ordering work at All Saints' Church. Here we have created a new servery kitchen, a carpeted communal area, installed a spacious toilet, moved the font and installed a new boiler to run a more efficient updated heating system. We have also tidied up the outside of All Saints' constructing a ramp for the disabled and have re-tarmaced the front of the church to improve access and to eliminate the puddles that were previously present.

The work at St Cuthbert's benefited from a generous grant from English Heritage through their Lottery Fund and we received several other much welcomed smaller grants and donations for the work at both churches. It was necessary however to provide additional funding to support these grants and through fund raising events and initiatives, the efforts and generosity of the congregation, local businesses and others we have raised over £125,000 locally since the fund was launched in 2001. It is worth mentioning that over one third of money raised locally has come from donations made at the Thursday Coffee Morning which was introduced in 2001 at All Saints'. This has proved to be a well attended weekly event and we must thank particularly those ladies who make the Coffee Morning possible.

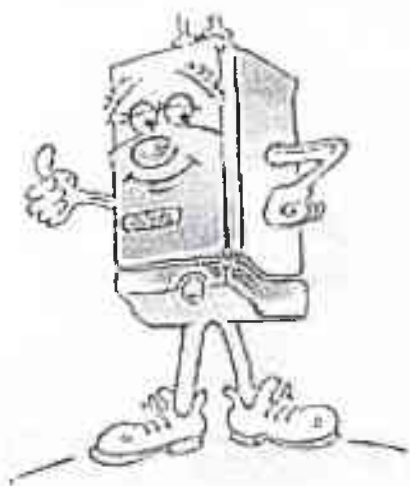
At the start of this year we needed £7,000 to complete the works and we are pleased that this amount has now been found. We have paid all the bills for the project works, so we shall be able during October 2011 to close the 2001 Repairs, Restoration and Re-ordering Appeal account.

The Boiler Fund.

Separate to the above work we have needed to replace the boiler at St Cuthbert's and we are still busily raising funds to ensure that we can meet the cost of this work. To date the Boiler Fund has reached £5,379 so we still need to find a further £5,135 to meet the installation costs for the boiler and the upgrading modifications to St Cuthbert's vestry heating. If anyone feels they can assist us further in meeting these outstanding costs either the Rector or our treasurer Ann Tait would be pleased to receive any donations.

Thank you all on behalf of the PCC

– W A Branston –
Churchwarden



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The price is still £6.99. To reserve your copy in advance contact Bill Branston tel: 610590 or Pauline Locket tel: 619356.



Other events for September and October

are as follows

Hunger Lunch in the Vestry - Sunday 25 September 2011 after the morning service. Donations/collections at the Lunch to be used to aid famine victims in Somalia (through Suzy Fund).

Saturday 29 October 2011 - Concert by Castleford Male Voice Choir in St Cuthbert's church in aid of the Laila Milly Foundation Appeal.

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- June 26 Lewis William Wilson & Daisy Elizabeth Darrock
July 12 Daisy Elizabeth Turner & Finlay Macauley Tyas
July 24 Alex Jacob Abbey & Isla Lilly Ball
Aug 7 Katie Louise Charlton
Aug 14 Lewis William Martin Hatfield, Noah Christopher Hatfield &
Leland Colin Jackson
Aug 28 Bobby Cam & Faith Elizabeth Esme Brighton

Marriages

- July 23 Lee Andrew Williams & Carole Ann Earnshaw
July 30 Thomas Andrew Byers & Natakie Sarah James
July 30 Darrel Winn & Leanne Moxon
Aug 19 John Benjamin Scott & Jade Nicola Wilson
Aug 27 Scott Phipps & Katie Lyndon Owen

Funerals

- July 4 George Michael Sharpe (69) Roop Cottage, Kinsley
July 25 Margery Ellis Duker (87) 6 Rycroft Avenue, Havercroft
Aug 15 Frank Beech Dyson (82) 24 The Avenue, Crofton
Aug 18 Robert Sadler (72) 25 Holly Bank, Ackworth Moor Top
Aug 23 Charles Joseph Rhodes (81) Brooks Farm, Walton

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 October and November

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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Dates for your Diary - our Harvest Celebrations.

We are again intending to have a collection of events and activities to celebrate Harvest in Ackworth. Below are the outline details to allow you to put these dates in your diaries. For more details see posters or enquire of one of the churchwardens.

Saturday 1 October 2011 - Ceilidh and Silent Auction.

Tuesday 4 October 2011 - Sing Along/Play Along at St Cuthbert's Church at 7.30 pm

Friday 7 October 2011 - Afternoon Harvest Concert by local schools, St Cuthbert's Church

Saturday 8 October 2011 - Harvest Fayre at All Saints' Church from 10 am to 1 pm - Various stalls and attractions

Saturday 8 October 2011 - Social Evening with Quiz

Sunday 9 October 2011 - Harvest Festival services in our churches

Sunday 16 October 2011 - Lunch at the Brown Cow.

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