



# Ackworth Parish Magazine



# Easter



*It's all about God's Love*



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Dear Friends,

It's come around again! The most important time in the Christian year; Holy Week and Easter. As I have often said before, it's a bit like letting a child loose in a sweet shop - there is so much to choose from in terms of material for a magazine article and after 15 such articles over preceding years I have got to try and avoid repeating myself!

So, rather than stating the obvious I would like to try and get at what this week is all about; what is the central message which lies at the heart of this most holy of weeks.

In a word, I would have to say 'LOVE' and its victory over all that militates against it; evil, hate, despair, rejection and so on, and this struggle between these forces is brought to a focus in this week, especially on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Good Friday was a day when the worst side of the human character rose against love. In the course of 24 hours we saw denial, betrayal, rejection, cruelty, torture, murder, lies and much, much more. On Easter Sunday we see all these traits of evil defeated when love triumphs over even death itself and Jesus is raised to new life; love conquers all!

Rather than go through every stage of this terrible day which began with Jesus' closest friends deserting him in his hour of agony in the garden of Gethsemane and ends with his body being laid in the tomb of a stranger, the difference which love makes can be seen in the figures of two of those apostles and their experiences in that day. Both men were members of the 12 whom Jesus chose to be his closest followers. Trusted confidants with whom he could share his task of bringing love and hope to a lost world. Yet both of these turned against him when he most needed them. Love brought about very different consequences for each of them, in the hours that followed their desertion of Jesus.

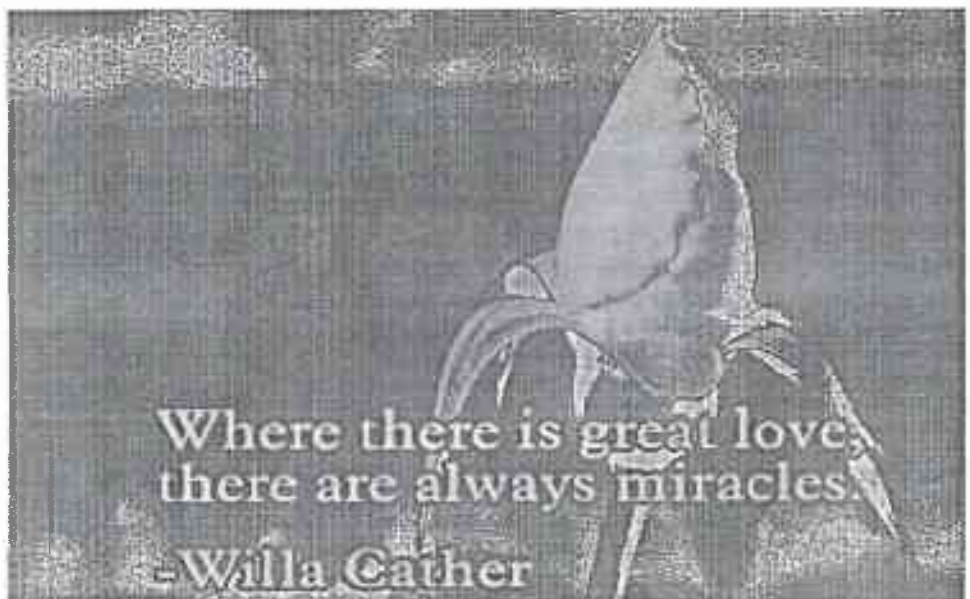
The two men I am taking about were Peter and Judas Iscariot. Judas betrayed Jesus to the authorities and handed him over for 30 pieces of silver. Whatever his motive, and there is a strong

argument that he was a pawn in God's plan, the despair that consumed him after the deed led him to commit suicide. Such was his remorse at what he had done, he gave in to evil and the only way out he could see was to end his life.

Peter on the other hand deserted and denied his allegiance and friendship with Jesus three times. However, overwhelmed with despair he must have felt afterwards, returned and begged forgiveness. Love won through and he chose life. Peter had trusted the promise that love will forgive, no matter how many times or how badly he had sinned. We see this power of forgiveness in the figure of who came later and also fought against Jesus - St Paul.

This then is the message of Easter, that love will have the final victory. No matter how wretched we feel; no matter how much we may hate ourselves or feel rejected by others, love can redeem our lives. Love, if we allow it into our lives, will have the last word, the word that says 'I forgive you'. To love passionately does not exempt us from pain or sorrow, but love's door is always open and offers us a way back.

Have a happy and holy Easter, Love Paul and Sue



## **A Stewardship Opportunity!**

For many years the majority of the members of our congregations have been helping church finances by donating a regular amount of money weekly, monthly or annually towards the work of our churches and to help towards the upkeep of our buildings. This year we would again like to thank most warmly everyone who helps in this way.

For anyone new to the village or who is unfamiliar with our Stewardship Scheme arrangements, the scheme allows anyone to contribute a regular amount in a confidential manner within their means either weekly, monthly or even annually. If you pay income tax this giving can also be Gift Aided allowing the PCC to claim back tax paid on the amount donated.

If you would like to donate a regular sum weekly, whether you are able or wish to attend church or not, you are welcome to become a member of the Envelope scheme. By this means you can place your weekly offering in the envelope on the collection plate when you do attend. Each envelope is dated so you can keep a check on your giving and if you fall behind catch up by bringing as many envelopes as you wish to church to bring you up to date.

We would this year like to offer to anyone who takes the magazine and is unable to or does not want to attend church regularly, but wishes to support the church the opportunity of joining the envelope Stewardship Scheme. If you would like to contact either the Stewardship Recorder, Magazine Distribution or one of the Churchwardens (see Page 2 for contact addresses and telephone numbers) they will arrange for you to have a welcome pack and also if desired or if you are unable to get to church services make arrangements to have your envelopes collected at approximately two

monthly intervals.

Of course if you would prefer to donate by monthly bank standing order directly to our bank account, as many do, we can easily provide the information to allow you to do so. If you prefer this means of Stewardship and are perhaps worried that others may be thinking you are not giving when the collection plate is circulated, we can provide envelopes which you can place on the collection plate to prevent such concerns or any embarrassment.

If you are not currently part of the Stewardship Scheme or already a regular giver and would like to become a regular supporter of our churches please contact us as suggested above so that we can meet your needs and enrol you in the Stewardship Scheme in the manner that suits you best. Thank you again!

**Bill Branston - Churchwarden**

### ALBERT HUDSON

The family of Albert Marston Hudson are sorry to announce the death of their dearly loved brother on February the 7<sup>th</sup>.

Albert was born in Ackworth but then moved away for a short while. He attended Hemsworth Grammar School and then went on to Leeds University and afterwards did his teacher training at Brackenhill School.

He attended St. Cuthbert's Church and became a lay preacher there and was also a member of Ackworth Dramatic Society. He moved away to different teaching appointments and finally became a headmaster in Derby. He spent his retirement in Derby and passed away in Derby City Hospital with all his family around him. He was always there for us all and we were very proud of him and he will be very much missed. May he now be reunited with his dear wife Jose.



## WHAT IS MISSING IN ACKWORTH CH—CH

### U R

The diocese has recently increased Ackworth church's parish share by over £6000 a year to more than £52000. We are justifiably proud of our record in having paid our parish share in full in all but one of the last 14 years. We are desperately trying to raise a further £500 every month in order to do the same this year. The fundraising and social committee has come up with many ideas and lots of events are planned throughout the year to try and achieve this (Further details will be published in this and future magazines). As always there are too few volunteers to do everything well and one idea seems doomed before it starts.

It has been suggested that the Church hold regular monthly table top sales from April through to October. We are seeking donations of reasonable quality saleable goods but more importantly we need people to help man the stalls.

Could you spare 2 or 3 hours on a Saturday morning once a month? We need people to collect, possibly store and bring donated goods, man stalls and serve refreshments or better still to do all of these things. Yes it does sound rather daunting but we do have two people who have done it all before to lead the way so help is at hand!

Given the right help and support we hope to raise possibly £200 to £300 each month – halfway to what we need to meet our commitment to the Parish share. Please please do think about it and if you feel able to help in any way at this or any of the other events please contact the Rector, Rev. Paul Hartley on 602751 who will be only too happy to point you in the right direction.



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## OUR WORLD OF LOVE

In our world we hold on tight,  
And it helps us through  
Sorrow and fright,  
Like a rope it holds us fast  
Love like this is meant to last.

Now we are there, we feel safe and warm  
And though at times a thread does break  
Several more are sure to form.  
And every time a thread does break  
It brings us closer and makes us strong  
Our special world where we belong

To me you mean the world and more  
Something that you cannot ignore.  
Our love is so precious  
The most wonderful thing  
Not shown by money  
Riches or a ring  
But shown by kindness  
Trust and care  
That we and our world both share.

Written by Katie Charlton (aged 12)



## MISAPPREHENSIONS OF CHILDREN

A fairy tale is something that never happened a long time ago.

She worked herself up into an inarticulate comma.

Lady Jane Grey said she was content with her books, so they beheaded her.

The word trouser is an uncommon noun because it is singular at the top and plural at the bottom.

The appendix is a part of a book for which nobody ever found a use.

When Caesar was assassinated, he is reported to have said, "Me too, Brutus".

King John ground the people down under heavy taxes.

Karl Marx's Communist Fiesta was very important.

Machiavelli who was often unemployed, wrote 'The Prince' to get a job with Richard Nixon.

Laissez-faire meant 'let the farmers pay the taxes'.

A caucus is a sort of a big parrot that has been taught to swear.

President Carter faced 'The Iran Hostess Crisis'.

The USSR and the USA became global in power, but Europe remained incontinent.

The headmaster caned me only on rear occasions.

All teachers at our school are certified.

## ACKWORTH BELLS THROUGH THREE CENTURIES

Recently clearing out a drawer I came across this cutting from a newspaper about the bells in St. Cuthbert's Church.

"The history of the bells of Ackworth Parish Church since 1662 is traced in this communication below received from an old reader of 'The Express'.-

Long ago, Ackworth Church had only three bells. There could have been only two at one time and another added in the year 1662. If there were three bells in early times then the smallest one would be recast in 1662, and this latter idea seems the most likely. Two ancient bells and the 1662 one are in the present ring of six, and form the fifth, fourth and third.

When the Rev. Timothy Lee was Rector of Ackworth he held the living of Felkirk as well. In the year 1759 he had the second of the three bells at Felkirk Church recast by Joseph Ludlam of Rotherham, and in 1876 three smaller bells were added, cast by John Warner of London and were given by John Dymond of Burntwood Hall.

In the year 1760, the three bells at Ackworth Church were increased to six, by the addition of two trebles and a tenor cast by Joseph Ludlam. As time went on the tenor became cracked, and remained so for some years. In the year 1880 when the Rev. Canon Falloon was Rector, he undertook the restoration of the bells. The cracked bell was recast. The others refitted and a new oak frame provided, by John Warner, Founder.

The inscriptions on the bells may here be of great interest-  
Treble-Timothy Lee Rector 1760

2<sup>nd</sup>-W.Wager, J.Garlick, Church Wardens 1760

3<sup>rd</sup>-Jesus be our speed -A.S.W.C. 1662 (Abraham Smith, Wm. Cuerdon, Founders, York)

4<sup>th</sup>-Laudibus allatis campana fit hec trinities.

5<sup>th</sup>-No inscription: three separate stamps

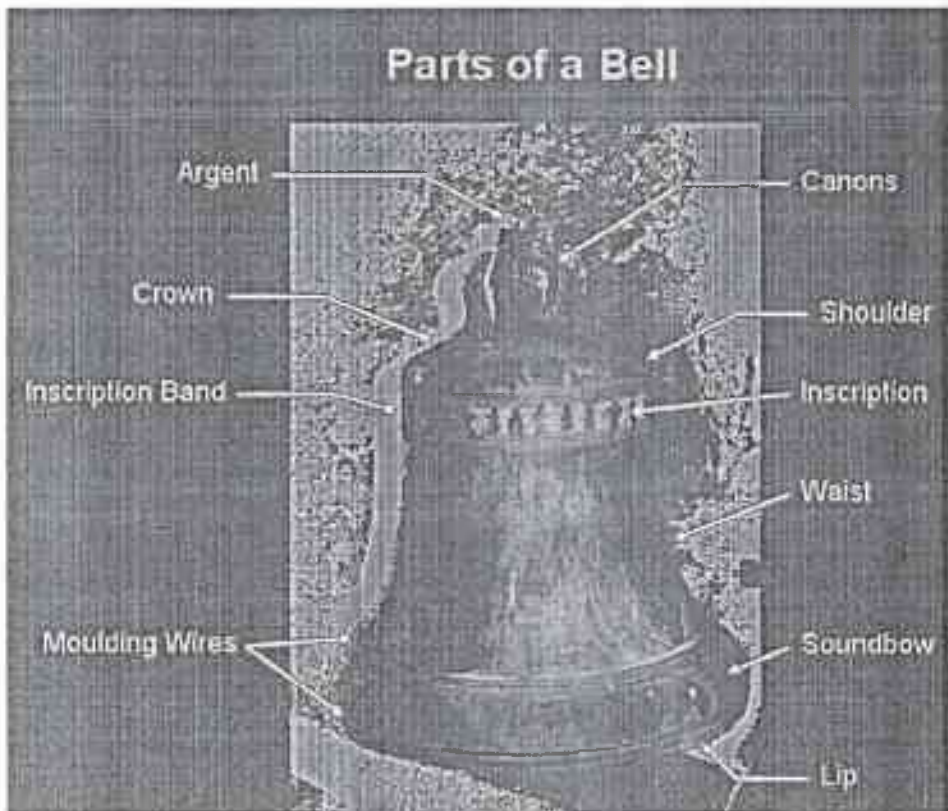
Tenor around shoulders-John Warner and Sons, London; on waist -bells recast and all the bells refitted at the cost of Catherine Alice

Peel of Ackworth Park, 1880. All men who hear my mournful sound repent before you lie in ground .W. Wager, J. Garlick, Church Wardens, J. Ludiam, Rotherham, founder, 1760

It is a nice ring and when heard from a distance is most pleasing. In the good old days the bells were rung twice every Sunday, and in the winter months on a Tuesday evening. On many occasions on Ackworth Feast Monday night, merry peals were rung by the Ackworth, Wragby and Pontefract ringers.

It would be most fitting here to mention the names of Ackworth ringers (many having passed on) who have given pleasure to the residents, and to those of surrounding district-Lapmrey-3, Linsay-6, Sykes-2, K.Macauley, T. Harrop, W. Harrison, T.Middleton, A.Gill, H.Moss, W.Beetham, G. Cartridge, Wm. Palmer and F.Atkinson.

Now alas the bells are seldom rung and so in consequence the public are robbed of one of the few remaining treasures."



## Readings Rota for April 2012, May 2012

| Date     | Liturgical Week      | Old Testament                                  | New Testament           | Gospel                      | St Cuthbert's<br>P | ser | All Saints'  |
|----------|----------------------|--|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|-----|--------------|
| 01/04/12 | Palm Sunday          | Isaiah 50:4 - 9 a                              | Philippians<br>2:5-11   | Mark 15:1-39                | Jane Gosney        | B   | Mr I Hall    |
| 08/04/12 | Easter Day           | Isaiah 25:6-9                                  | Acts 10:34-43           | John 20:1-18                | Anne Bullock       |     | Dr McWilliam |
| 15/04/12 | 2nd Sunday of Easter | Exodus 14:10-31<br>and 15:20-21                | Acts 4:32-35            | John 20:19-end              | Anne Atack         | P   | Mrs S Hall   |
| 22/04/12 | 3rd Sunday of Easter | Zephaniah<br>3:14-20                           | Acts 3:12-19            | Luke<br>24:36b - 48         | Pauline Wong       |     | Mrs M Walker |
| 29/04/12 | 4th Sunday of Easter | Genesis 7:1 - 5 &<br>11-18; 8:6-18 &<br>9:8-13 | Acts 4:5-12             | John 10:11-18               | Jane Siddall       | B   | Mr I Hall    |
| 06/05/12 | 5th Sunday of Easter | Genesis<br>22:1-18                             | Acts 8:26-end           | John 15:1-8                 | Sue Hartley        |     | Dr McWilliam |
| 13/05/12 | 6th Sunday of Easter | Isaiah<br>55:1-11                              | Acts 10:44-end          | John 15:9-17                | Keith Shaw         | P   | Mrs S Hall   |
| 20/05/12 | 7th Sunday of Easter | Ezekiel<br>36:24-28                            | Acts 1:15-17;<br>21-end | John 17:6-19                | Jane Gosney        |     | Mrs M Walker |
| 27/05/12 | Day of Pentecost     | Ezekiel<br>37:1-14                             | Acts 2:1-21             | John 15:26-27 &<br>16:4b-15 | Anne Bullock       | B   | Mr I Hall    |

## ALL SAINTS' FLOWERS

|                        |               |
|------------------------|---------------|
| APRIL 1 <sup>ST</sup>  | LENT          |
| APRIL 8 <sup>TH</sup>  | EASTER        |
| APRIL 15 <sup>TH</sup> | MARY WALKER   |
| APRIL 22 <sup>ND</sup> | FLOWER FUND   |
| APRIL 29 <sup>TH</sup> | ANN ATACK     |
| MAY 6 <sup>TH</sup>    | BETTY JOHNSON |
| MAY 13 <sup>TH</sup>   | FLOWER FUND   |
| MAY 20 <sup>TH</sup>   | JEAN HANCOCKS |
| MAY 27 <sup>TH</sup>   | FLOWER FUND   |



## ST. CUTHBERT'S FLOWERS

|                        |                |
|------------------------|----------------|
| APRIL 1 <sup>ST</sup>  | LENT           |
| APRIL 8 <sup>TH</sup>  | EASTER         |
| APRIL 15 <sup>TH</sup> | WEDDING        |
| APRIL 22 <sup>ND</sup> | WEDDING        |
| APRIL 29 <sup>TH</sup> | JEAN CLAYTON   |
| MAY 6 <sup>TH</sup>    | ANNE HILL      |
| MAY 13 <sup>TH</sup>   | JANET BATEMAN  |
| MAY 20 <sup>TH</sup>   | WEDDING        |
| MAY 29 <sup>TH</sup>   | BIDDY BRANSTON |



## SIMNEL CAKE

The Simnel Cake signifies the end of Lent which is a period of fasting and repentance culminating in a feast of seasonal and symbolic foods. The Simnel Cake recipe is rich with fruits, spices and marzipan, all forbidden during the period of Lent.

Originally it was made for Mothering Sunday by girls in service who were given the day off to visit their mothers.

The name is believed to come from a sister (Nell) and brother (Simon) who wanted to make a cake for their mother. One wanted to bake the cake, the other to boil it. They decided to do both and bring them together in one which became The Simnel Cake.

### INGREDIENTS

560g almond paste  
530g dried mixed fruit, cherries  
and mixed peel  
225g plain flour  
1 tsp each cinnamon and  
nutmeg  
175g butter  
175g caster sugar  
3 large beaten eggs  
Milk to mix  
2 tbsp apricot jam

### PREPARATION

Line a 7 inch tin

Divide almond paste into 3 and roll one portion to fit size of tin

Mix fruit with flour and spices. In bowl cream butter and sugar. Slowly add egg adding little flour if mixture tends to curdle.

Add half flour and fruit mixture mixing well and then add remainder.

Put half mixture into tin and cover with the round of almond paste. Add rest of mixture and bake in oven for an hour at 325f/170C/Gas 3.

Lower heat to 300F/150C/Gas 2 and bake for 3 hours until golden brown. Remove from oven and allow to cool in tin.

Once cold brush top of cake with jam and cover with disc of paste. Place 11 paste balls evenly round the edge. Brush the paste all over with a little jam and place under a hot grill until lightly browned.





## HOME THOUGHTS FROM ABROAD

Oh, to be in England  
Now that April's there,  
And whoever wakes in England  
Sees, some morning, unaware,  
That the lowest boughs and the brushwood sheaf  
Round the elm-tree bole are in tiny leaf,  
While the chaffinch sings on the orchard bough  
In England-now!

And after April, when May follows,  
And the whitethroat builds, and all the swallows-  
Hark! Where my blossomed pear-tree in the hedge  
Leans to the field and scatters on the clover  
Blossoms and dewdrops-at the bent spray's edge-  
That's the wise thrush; he sings each song twice over,  
Lest you should think he never could recapture  
That first fine careless rapture!  
And though the fields look rough with hoary dew,  
All will be gay when noontide wakes anew  
The buttercups, the little children's dower,  
Far brighter than this gaudy melon-flower

Robert Browning 1812-1889



The Elm Tree

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wishing that each  
new day in the year  
the good human values  
renew and improve  
in our hearts!*



## **Sunday Services for April 2012 and May 2012**

### **Sunday Services**

|         |   |               |
|---------|---|---------------|
| 8.30am  | Holy Communion<br>(2nd & 4th Sunday BCP service)        | All Saints'   |
| 10.15am | Family Communion  | St Cuthbert's |
| 3.30pm  | Evensong<br>(except 3rd Sunday in month)                | All Saints'   |
| 3.30pm  | Evensong with Healing Prayer<br>(third Sunday in month) | All Saints'   |

### **Wednesday Service**

|        |                |             |
|--------|----------------|-------------|
| 9.30am | Holy Communion | All Saints' |
|--------|----------------|-------------|

### **Other Special services and events**

- April 15    12.30pm Lunch at The Brown Cow (bookings only)
- April 22    11.15am Annual Parochial Church Meeting (SC following a shortened morning service)
- April 25    St Mark: 7.30pm Deanery Celebrations at St Thomas, Purston - Bishop John Flack preaching - All Welcome.
- May 1        Sts Philip and James 7.30pm Holy Communion SC
- May 13        Christian Aid Sunday 6.00pm Methodist Church (NB no evening service at AS)
- May 17        Ascension Day 7.30pm Holy Communion SC
- May 27        Pentecost Praise 6.30pm AS

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## From the Registers

### Baptisms

- Jan 8 Harrison Arthur Jewitt  
Feb 12 Arron Patrick McCullough & Joshua George Moore  
Feb 26 William Matthew Watkins & Jenson Mark Herbert

### Marriages

- Feb 26 John Paul Hodlin & Victoria Helen O'Brien

### Funerals

- Jan 6 Patricia Hyman (80) 8 Chapel Garth, Ackworth Moor Top  
Jan 20 Dorothy Crossley (92) 67 Townend Avenue, Low Ackworth  
Jan 23 Margery Studds (94) Roope Cottage NH Kinsley  
Feb 1 John Hay Sangster (61) 35 Hardaker Lane, Ackworth Moor Top  
Feb 9 Muriel Booth (88) 44 Doncaster Road Estate, Ackworth Moor Top  
Feb 16 Margaret Buckley (80) (formerly of) 51 Pontefract Rd, Ackworth

### 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.**

# ***Holy Week and Easter Special Services***

**Palm Sunday: April 1st**

**Eucharist and Procession of Palms at St Cuthbert's at 10.15am**

**Maundy Thursday: April 5th**

**Chrim Eucharist at Wakefield Cathedral at 10.30am**

**Institution of the Last Supper at St Cuthbert's at 7.30pm**

*Followed by the Watch until 10.00pm*

**Good Friday: April 6th**

**Family Service at All Saints at 10.30am**

**Followed by Procession of Witness**

**at 11.45 to 12pm to Co-op Car Park with Churches Together**

**Good Friday Liturgy**

**at St Cuthbert's at 2.00pm**

**Easter Eve**

**First Eucharist of Easter**

**at St Cuthbert's at 8.00pm**

*The lighting of the Easter Fire,  
blessing of the new paschal candles and  
procession into a darkened church*

*Followed by the renewal  
of baptismal vows*

**Easter Day**

**All Saints' at 8.30am**

**Family Eucharist at St Cuthbert's**

**at 10.15am**

*Followed by egg rolling  
and decorated egg competition*

**Easter Praise -**

**All Saints' at 6.30pm**

