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Dear Friends,

Writing this whilst still in the Christmas season seems an enormous leap from the festivities of Christmas to the comparative austerity of Lent. It pulls into stark relief why we discipline ourselves by acts of self denial in this season of preparation for that other great festival of the year in the Christian calendar - Easter.

Regardless of the level of Christian commitment, I guess most people are familiar with the giving up of some little pleasure or indulgence in the observance of Lent. But I wonder whether making a few minor changes in our way of living actually pleases God or makes us any more spiritually richer? The answer largely depends upon the person who applies such changes as a part of their Lenten discipline. Although giving up a few indulgences cannot be compared to the equivalent in terms of spiritual development of fasting, mirroring our Lord's time in the desert, there is still some value to be had from giving up something.

One of the Gospel reading set for Ash Wednesday (Matthew 6:1-6 & 16-21) finishes with the phrase - "Where your treasure is there will be your heart also." It could be said that the purpose of Lent, through prayer and reflection is to discern the true treasure which lies at the heart of our lives; these things that are of greatest importance or real value in our lives! Some of life's indulgent pleasure can, in this materialistically focused world, take on a larger proportion of our outlook than is realistic. We easily become slaves to our little indulgences and they can blind us to the more important things in our lives. Therefore, by putting these aside, giving up some of these indulgences we can begin to discern those things which really matter, the treasures of our hearts.

Another major feature of Lent, particularly for those committed Christians who attend the Ash Wednesday service marking the start of Lent, is the ashing or mark of the cross made in ashes on the forehead. At the end of Lent, in our Easter Eve vigil service

we renew our baptismal vows - the end of the process we began on Ash Wednesday. This 'ashing' ceremony therefore becomes a retracing of the sign of the cross made on our foreheads at our baptism. Might I suggest therefore that the treasure of our hearts may be found in a reflection of the baptismal promises made by our godparents when we were baptised. Could it be in fact symbolic of the fact that our baptismal resolution have turned to dust and ashes?

I leave you with the words used at the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday and suggest that this time of prayer and reflection through Lent might be time to reaffirm our baptismal vows! "Remember that you are but dust and to dust you shall return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ."

Yours in Christ

Paul

## Home Communion

Over the last few years the number of people whom I take communion to in their homes and, for whatever reason, are unable to get to church, has steadily declined.

If you know of anyone who may appreciate this ministry, speak to them first then contact me with details.

The Rector



Holy Communion

# ACT - Ackworth Churches Together

*Please note these future events and ventures and look for what interests you...*

*join in our village life and be part of the Community!*

**Pancakes and Music Shrove Tuesday** is 21.2.12 and in St Cuthbert's Church from 7.30pm the Music Group will entertain and celebrate - do join us. Refreshments are provided!

**The Churches Together Lent Course** will be held in St Cuthbert's Church starting on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30pm and each following Thursday during March. The course is a series of talks and discussion called **Handing on the Torch** - a preparation for the celebration of Easter.

**The Women's World Day of Prayer** service will be held in the Methodist Church this year on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7.30pm - as written by women of Malaysia, interpreted by women in Ackworth to be enjoyed by women AND men! This same service will be used by Christian women throughout the world on this day.

**A Fair Trade Celebration** will take place at the Methodist Church on Friday, 9th March starting at 7.00pm. Do come along and see just what Fair Trade can do!

**The ALPHA course** will take place in the Methodist Church starting on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April and each Tuesday for 10 weeks. Please contact a church member before the course if you can - otherwise you can just turn up at the first meeting. A cooked supper will be provided.

Everyone is welcome to one or all of these services.

**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.

# Nearly but not quite!

In September 2009 I started my training to be ordained as a priest, which has taken me on quite a journey. I am entering the last phase of my training and will be ordained Deacon in June this year. Throughout the last three years I have been studying and writing essays which will give me a degree in Theology and Pastoral Studies from Leeds University. This is the academic part of my training, which has seen me writing essays on John's Gospel and Isaiah's servant songs. But also more oblique essays such as the meaning and relevance of Advent, a modern understanding of the Trinity, and even more obliquely looking at sixteenth and seventeenth century philosophies in relation to Christian Ethics which most recently has led me to study Just War.

But this is all academic stuff. What has been more interesting is the discussions which have been had with my peers, who come from a variety of Christian Traditions, all held against the backdrop of the Community of the Resurrection in Mirfield. I have found myself confronted with questions of faith and tradition and spirituality, and also questions about myself, which mostly made me laugh. As when I was told I was nervous around young women! My reply is that young women are scary beings!

All of these things have been achieved by weekly evening teachings, study days on some Saturdays, and several residential weekends, accompanied by an annual residential week around Easter (which this year is Holy Week), and also silent retreats (another tale to tell there!). So if you have seen a little less of me than usual, then join my family who have had to put up with me being away from home a lot of the time over the last three years.

I am looking forward to June this year, when the culmination of all my studies will (Bishop willing) lead to my ordination as Deacon. Then I should be free from the essays, and the teaching of the last three years, and able to take up some reins of ministry again (I am already

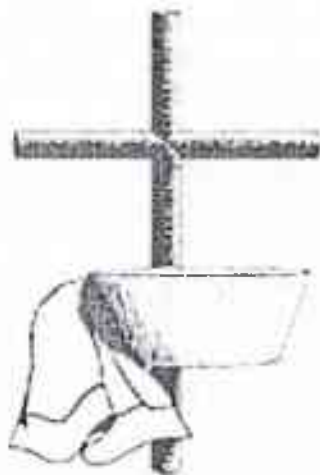


champing at the bit). However, it has to be said that, being a deacon will see me doing roughly the same things that I do now, but with a different emphasis, and in different clothes! So I will not be marrying people, nor presiding over communion. It is not until I am ordained as a Priest in 2013, that these things will occur.

But I am looking forward to taking up a fuller ministerial role in Ackworth again, and standing next to all those of you who keep Christianity alive in our Parish, for this is what we are all about ordained or not.

I am very grateful to my family, my support group, and everyone who have travelled this road with me, supporting, encouraging, advising and praying. Keep it up. I'm nearly there, but not quite.

Paul Fox



*They must first be tested,  
and then if there is nothing against them,  
let them serve as deacons.  
1 Timothy 3:10*

## AN EXTRACT FROM SAYWELL

### QUEEN'S JUBILEE 1837 TO 1887

"The initiatory steps were taken by the Rector, who called a meeting to devise the best means of celebrating the event and it was decided that all denominations should join in doing honour to the Queen, on the completion of 50 years of her most illustrious reign. A sum of over 60 pounds was soon collected in the village, and before the day arrived, all was in readiness. The money had been well expended, as will be seen in the following account. The 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of June were brilliant days and the inhabitants did their duty right loyally and well. Scarcely a house failed to hang out its symbol of affection for the Queen. Flags, banners, festoons, arches, and all kinds of decorations were visible in every direction, those of the cottages being sweetly touching tributes of loving loyalty. Early on Monday the bells of the Parish Church (from the tower of which floated a handsome Royal Ensign) rang out a merry peal of gladness, which was continued at intervals throughout the day. In the evening a hundred old people sat down together in the Public Rooms, Low Ackworth, to supper, and happiness reigned supreme. Their united ages amounted to 6,512 years, being an average of 65 years each. The oldest lady present was attired in Quaker costume, and gave her age as 92. She said she remembered the declaration of peace with France, and very much enjoyed the rejoicings on the occasion of George III's Jubilee. The oldest gentleman was 81.

After the tables were cleared a number of loyal speeches were made interspersed with glees and recitations. The cheering and singing of the old people, though feeble, was hearty. The evening was brought to a close with a resolution of congratulation to Her Majesty, the terms of which were telegraphed to the Queen as follows-'The aged people of Ackworth respectfully tender their sincere congratulations to Her Gracious Majesty on the 50<sup>th</sup> year of her glorious reign'. Shortly afterwards the following reply was received-'The queen thanks the sender of your telegram for their good wishes' PONSONBY.

Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> was a general holiday. At eleven o'clock a



special thanksgiving service was held in the Parish Church and it was a goodly sight to see Christian brethren of different denominations worshipping together. At one o'clock the children mustered at their respective schools where Jubilee medals were distributed, after which they processioned the village, headed by the Wragby Brass Band, gaily decorated wagons, containing the infants, heading their respective schools. Prizes were given for the best turn out of wagons as follows-1 British School, 2 Church School, 3 Howard's School. After a substantial tea had been enjoyed by the youngsters, a field kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. Easton was thrown open to the public and a scene of merriment ensued. Dancing, grotesque sports and other amusements were kept until dusk, by which time the field had been prettily illuminated. The bursting forth of the lurid flames of Upton Beacon was the signal for a grand display of fireworks, which lasted nearly two hours, the finale piece being a magnificent portrait of Her Majesty.

LONG MAY SHE REIGN

### TRANSFORMING LIVES ACKWORTH LECTURES

The first Ackworth Lecture will be held at All Saints' Church, Wakefield Road, on Thursday April 19<sup>th</sup> 2012 at 7.30 pm. Father Mike Croft will speak on the topic "Should we believe the Bible". The audience will be able to participate in what should prove to be an instructive, interesting and entertaining evening. It is hoped that this might be a time of learning, questions and discussions for all.

Refreshments will be served and the evening will close at 9.30 pm.

Please do make an effort to attend. You will not be disappointed.

## OLD FATHER TIME

Recently I took part in a BBC survey where one of the questions asked was what did I think of comedians on TV these days, on a scale of 1 to 10, ten being highly satisfied. I rated them 1! This got me thinking about an article I read recently concerning a survey carried out by Exchange Mutual Assurance on the physical signs of ageing.

How many boxes do you tick?

Falling asleep in front of the TV

Feeling stiff.

Groaning when you bend down

Losing your hair

Hating noisy pubs

Thinking teachers/policemen/doctors look really young

Getting more hairy-ears, nose, eyebrows/face

Struggling with new technology

Forgetting names

Not knowing any songs in the Top Ten

Choosing clothes and shoes for comfort rather than style

Driving slowly

Developing a fondness for sherry

Complaining more

Joining the Women's Institute

Misplacing glasses/bag/car keys

Thinking that work colleagues are getting younger

Listening to the Archers

Moving from Radio 1 to Radio 2

Taking a mid afternoon nap

Joining the National Trust

Becoming a Parish Councillor

Complaining about the rubbish on TV these days

Ears growing bigger

Preferring a Sunday walk to a lie-in

Being shocked by racy music videos

Going on 'no children' holidays

Taking a keen interest in the garden

Enjoying being asked for proof of age  
Knowing your alcohol limit

My personal score is twenty five, but the Women's Institute is off limits, but I know I am getting on a bit. How do you compare? I'll bet a few in their 30's and 40's will be given food for thought!  
Colin Tanswell

## MORE HISTORICAL ERRORS

Queen Elizabeth never married, she had a peaceful reign.  
Magna Carta provided that no man should be hanged twice for the same offence.

When Elizabeth exposed herself before her troops, they all shouted, 'Hurrah'. Then her navy went out and defeated the Spanish Armadillo.

During the Middle Ages the Surfs were dentured and bonded to the ground.

Two hundred years of rule by the Tarts explains why Russia became so backward.

The Turks manicured the pilgrims.

The King wore a scarlet robe trimmed with vermin.

Ivan the Terrible started life as a child, a fact that troubled his later personality.

In the middle of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, all the morons moved to Utah.

The British used mostly Aztec troops to do their fighting in Gallipoli.

Germany's William the Second had a chimp on his shoulder and therefore had to ride his horse with one hand.

Clive committed suicide three times and the third time they sent him to India.

Lois XVI was gelatined to death.

Henry VIII by his own efforts increased the population of England by 40,000.

When things didn't go as planned Stalin used the peasants as escape goats.

## Readings Rota for February 2012, March 2012

Date	Liturgical Week	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel	St Cuthbert's	ser	All Saints'
05/02/12	Proper 1	Isaiah 40:21-31	1 Corinthians 9:16-23	Mark 1:29-39	Keith Shaw		Mr I Hall
12/02/12	2nd Before Lent	Proverbs 8:1 and 22-31	Colossians 1:15-20	John 1:1-14	Jane Gosney	P	Dr McWilliam
19/02/12	Sunday Next Before Lent	2 Kings 2:1-12	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	Mark 9:2-9	Anne Bullock		Mrs S Hall
26/02/12	1st Sunday of Lent	Genesis 9:8-17	1 Peter 3: 18-22	Mark 1:9-15	Jacob Place	B	Mrs M Walker
04/03/12	2nd Sunday of Lent	Genesis 17: 1 - 7 & 15-16	Romans 4:13-25	Mark 8:31-38	Pauline Wong		Mr I Hall
11/03/12	3rd Sunday of Lent	Exodus 20:1-17	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	John 2:13-22	Jane Siddall	P	Dr McWilliam
18/03/12	Mothering Sunday	Exodus 2:1-10	2 Corinthians 1:3-7	Luke 2:33-35	Sue Hartley		Mrs S Hall
25/03/12	Passion Sunday	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Hebrews 5:5-10	John 12:20-33	Keith Shaw		Mrs M Walker

## ALL SAINTS' FLOWERS

FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>  
FEBRUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>  
FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>  
FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>  
MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>  
MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>  
MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>  
MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>

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## HOW T'FIRST YORKSHIRE PUDDING WAS MADE

Hi Waiter! Excuse me a minute.

Now listen I'm not finding fault, but dear me,

The tatties are lovely, the beef is alright,

But what sort of pudding is this?

It's what! Yorkshire Pudding? Now cum, cum, cum

It's what! Yorkshire Pudding you say?

It's pudding I'll grant you, some sort of pudding.

But not Yorkshire Pudding nay, nay.

The real Yorkshire Pudding is a poem in batter

To make one's an art, not a trade.

Listen to me for I'm going to tell thee

How t'first Yorkshire Pudding were made.

A young angel on furlough from Heaven

Came flying above Ilkley Moor,

And the angel, poor thing, got a cramp in her wing

And came down at an old woman's door.

And the old woman smiled and said: "Ee it's an angel.

Well, I am surprised to see thee.

I've not seen an angel before, but th'art welcome

I'll make thee a nice cup of tea."

And the angel said: "Ee thank you kindly, I will"

Well they had two or three cups of tea,

Three or four Sally Lunn's, and a couple of buns,

Angels eat very lightly you see.

Then the old woman looked at the clock and said:

"By gum, he's due home from t'mill is my Dan.

You get on with your tea, but you must excuse me

I must make pudding now for t'old man."

Then the angel jumped up, and said:

"Give me a bowl, flour and water and eggs, salt and all,

And I'll show you how we make puddings in Heaven

For Thomas, and Peter and Paul.

Then the old woman gave her the things,

And the angel covered her wings, and said: 'Hush'

Then she tenderly tickled the mixture with the spoon.

Like an artist would paint with a brush

She mixed up that pudding with heavenly magic.

She played with her spoon on that dough.  
Just like Paderewski would play the piano,  
Or Kreisler would twiddle his bow.  
And the old woman whispered: 'I reckon, dear angel,  
The clouds that I see, in yon sky, so fleecy and foamy,  
Is batter for t'pudding for saints feasting in Paradise.  
It's mixed with the rain, and it's stirred with the rainbow,  
And baked in the beautiful sun".  
And the angel kept stirring, and smiled as she answered;  
"And when a star drops, then it's done."  
"But joking aside", said the angel,  
"The secret of puddings made here, or above,  
Is not in the flour and the water, but mixing it,  
See that you mix it with love."  
And when it were done, she put it in t'oven and  
Said to t'old woman, "Goodbye,"  
Then she flew away, leaving the first Yorkshire Pudding  
That ever was made.  
And that's why it melts in the mouth like the snow  
In the sunshine, as light as a maiden's first kiss,  
As soft as the fluff on the breast of a dove,  
Not elephant's leather like this!

## FEBRUARY THOUGHTS

A time for looking forward  
As winter slips away,  
The crocus lifts her cheerful head  
And there's a longer day.  
The New Year lies behind us  
Our resolutions gone,  
But we will cherish hopes and dreams  
As time keeps moving on.

And soon March winds will herald spring,  
Soft green touch every tree,

The daffodils will sway and dance,  
A joy for all to see.  
But until then, though frost and fog  
Spread February gloom.  
Be optimistic in your heart  
And watch the springtime bloom.

Iris Hesselden

## MAGAZINE PAYMENT

A reminder to those of you who kindly pay for your Church Magazine for the year, that payment is due as you receive your next copy. It remains at three pounds for the year. Thank you for your continued support.

### LOADS OF MANURE

Large quantity of well-rotted manure available to anyone who has a trailer or is willing to bag it for themselves.

Access for cars is possible. Free apart from donation to Church Restoration Fund.  
Ring 01977 795450 if interested!



## From the Registers

### Baptisms

- Nov 13 Connor James Kelly  
 Nov 27 Evie Mai Whiston

### Funerals

- Nov 3 Emma Upright (97) 21 St Clements Court, Ackworth Moor Top  
 Nov 8 Ada Pritchard (92) 65 Rhyddings Drive, Ackworth Moor Top  
 Nov 10 Linda Palmer (67) 28 Barnsley Road, Ackworth Moor Top  
 Dec 5 Jayne Smith (45) 23 Rhyddings Avenue, Ackworth Moor Top  
 Dec 13 Eric L West (97) Millfield Residential Care Home, Pontefract  
 Dec 15 Glynis Sproston (85) 11 Hoilly Bank, Ackworth Moor Top  
 Dec 20 Edna Evans (93) 6 Chiltern Court, Ackworth Moor Top  
 Dec 21 Dorothy L Rush (84) Willow Park Nursing Home, Pontefract

### 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 Parents and Toddlers Group	
<b>Wednesday</b>	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 2012 and March 2012***

### **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**

Jan 29 5pm St Cuthbert's - Eucharist and Procession of  
Candlemas  
(transferred from February 2: NO 3.30pm service at All Saints')

Feb 22 7.30pm St Cuthbert's - Ash Wednesday - Eucharist and  
Imposition of Ashes  
to mark the beginning of Lent.

Details of Lent Study Course will be printed on the notice sheets  
and announced in Church as soon as details are available.



**The  
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Society**

making childhood better

Thank you to all those who helped, contributed to and attended the  
Christingle Services at St. Cuthbert's and All Saints'.

A sum in excess of £500 was raised for the Children's Society.

Many thanks, Helen Parkinson