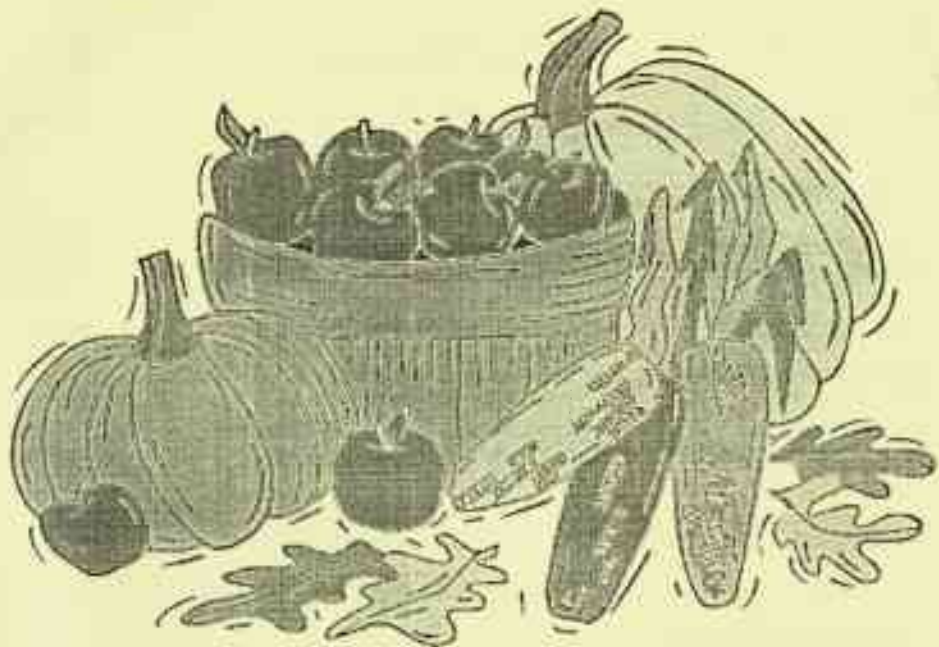




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Dear Friends

As I write, holidays are over for another year and summer is in its last throes. Not that the weather has been anything to celebrate this year; the statistics I have just heard confirm that it has been the wettest summer for 100 years. So people are right when they say it's the worst summer in living memory!

For me however, the summer has been memorable for other reasons. Whether or not you are a sports fan, it was difficult not to be inspired or feel some national pride in the Olympic Games which assailed the media in July and August. Enjoyable and exciting though these have been, it has been the games that followed them that has made a bigger impact on me - the Paralympic Games!

I have found them inspirational, not just because of the medals our athletes have won, but of what they have overcome to achieve their success. The hard work, not just to train to the level they do to win competitions, but also to overcome the stigma of not having the same physical abilities that able-bodied people do, is truly inspirational. I feel ashamed of those occasions when I gave up because of tiredness, lack of staying power or simply just couldn't be bothered.

God doesn't expect us to do anything we are not capable of, but at least use the strength and ability available to us. So, in all that he calls us to making known His saving love to others, let us strive to the best of what we can give, as St Paul writes in his first letter to the Corinthians (9:24) 'Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.'

The other great change that the Paralympics has brought about, which I hope continues after the competition has ended, is a change in attitude towards people with disabilities. The level of support has been unprecedented; virtually the level of attendance has been as great as the able bodied Olympics.

Since 1948 when it began as a small competition in the grounds of Stoke Mandeville hospital, the Paralympics can be said to have 'come of age'. The competitors have been seen and treated as people with disabilities—not as we often see people of the street - the disability first, the person second. The equality with which we treat people,

regardless of race, religion, culture or ability is an ideal rooted in our Christian belief, a belief which accepts all people as God's creations, loved by and equal to one another in God's eyes.

After a wonderful summer of personal achievements I hope the legacy, respect and quality continues well after that of national pride subsides.

Yours in Christ

Paul

Communication, Communication, Communication.

Where do you go if you want to find information? Where do you go if you want to give information?

In the world today, there are many many different ways of doing this, and we are living in a communication revolution, of much the same scale as the agricultural revolution of the 1700'a, and the industrial revolution of the 1800's.

Electronic communication is taking over the world of information, giving rise to a new specialty of information management and technology. Of course that means the computer, that sits on many people's desks or even dining room table!

Jesus didn't have a computer, or a mobile phone. In fact he didn't seem to use the written word at all, apart from the Hebrew Scriptures, and on one occasion when he wrote in the sand, John Chapter 8). Jesus instead used the spoken word, and what was even more effective, he used deed. These two things are still the most commonly used means of communication used by the church.

However, if we are to communicate with the world, then we will have to enter into the technological world, and make our presence felt.

If you ever ask a young person to find something out for you, the first thing they will do is enter the world of the internet and will probably have some answers for you within seconds. This is a very quick and effective

way of getting information out there.

This is one of the reasons that PCC have decided that a church website would be a useful tool for communicating with a large audience. Such a website has been worked on for some time and is now live on the internet. If you want to view this site, type www.ackworthcofe.co.uk into your browser and it will appear. As with most sites it has a good deal of information, and is regularly updated with new information. Of course, at present it is in its infancy, and is growing rapidly with more information being added. It has contact numbers and email addresses on its pages, including one which asks for suggestions or comments. It has links to other sites, including a Curate's Blog!

We hope that this will be a useful tool for our churches, and our congregations, but most of all, we hope that it will be a means by which we can promote our fellowship and the work of our community, and in doing so, we hope it will be a channel that will proclaim the Gospel message.

Good News on Stewardship!

The majority of the members of our congregations help our church finances by donating a regular amount of money weekly, monthly or annually towards the work of our churches, the upkeep of our buildings and to allow us to pay our contribution to the Diocese through the Common Share. The Common Share amount is calculated by a formula based on a variety of factors. This is the sum of money allocated to each Parish which has to be paid to the Diocese each year so that the Diocese can pay the clergy and provide support to the parishes throughout the year.

We are pleased to say that through our Stewardship and other giving we have always tried and generally managed to pay our Common Share allocation in full, although regrettably we did fall short in 2010.

The PCC was concerned earlier this year that our Common Share allocation had been increased dramatically by over 14%,

requesting a sum from the Ackworth congregation that was beyond our means.

The "Good News" is that recently the Diocesan Treasurer has advised all parishes that they have revised the formula for the Common Share. I am pleased to be able to let you know that our contribution has been adjusted and significantly reduced.

This means that through your generous giving the PCC are hopeful that they will again be able to meet the annual commitment to paying the Common Share and allow a little more than we had earlier anticipated for mission and outreach activities and to assist in covering our other maintenance costs.

The PCC felt that we should share news of the reduced cost of the Common Share with all who support us. We would again like to thank most warmly everyone who helps us financially but we must not forget our other commitments of the ever increasing costs of heating, lighting, insurance and essential repairs to our buildings which we still have to meet.

If you would like to donate a regular sum weekly or monthly, whether you are able or wish to attend church or not, you are welcome to become a member of the Envelope scheme; or alternatively if you would prefer, to donate by monthly bank standing order directly to our bank account, as many do, please contact Ann Tait our Treasurer (01977 615574). She will be pleased to provide the details you will need to set up your bank standing order.

So thank you again on behalf of the PCC.

Bill Branston - Churchwarden

TREASURES IN HEAVEN

Hello dear friends, you're probably wondering what I mean by treasures in Heaven, well in Matthew 6 Jesus had been teaching his disciples about prayer and fasting and verse 19 says, 'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. (Pr.23:4) (Heb. 13:5) (Jas 5:2-3)

If we think about all the material things on earth, nothing lasts forever however well we take care of them. Most people have a car and everyone has a washing machine but we all know they break down. Children grow out of their clothes, especially their shoes or mine did anyway. But what Jesus is saying is that his Kingdom will never wear out or become old because Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever; Jesus' Kingdom will reign forever.

Jesus said that the eye is like a lamp and if our eyes are full of light, then the whole body is good. He went on to say that we cannot serve two masters, either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other one. You cannot serve both God and money. (Verse 24)

So we do not have to worry about these things, Jesus knows that we need them, we need food to nourish us and to keep us warm and strong. We also need all of the other things so we can go about our daily lives.

If Jesus can take care of the birds of the air then he can and will see to it that we can have all of these things. "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you as well" (Verse 33) The first commandment is to love the Lord your God with all your heart and to love your neighbour as yourself, to help one another. When we see our neighbour in need or a brother or sister in Christ, this is, 'storing treasures in Heaven where moth and rust cannot decay'. Jesus said, "I have come to do the will of my Father. It is the Father's business that he came to do and what he has called us to do-to put God's kingdom first. So let us not worry about tomorrow, each day has enough trouble of its own, let us have faith in Christ Jesus that he will take care of us and our needs. Amen

Your friend, Pauline

ABROAD IN NORFOLK (BY POPULAR REQUEST?)

On June 29th we retraced our inward route to Norfolk by visiting Houghton Hall, which we have passed on numerous occasions but never visited. To avoid our usual main roads route we went by way of the coast road and country byways thus requiring frequent references to the map and on one occasion a helpful local lady also gave us directions. We arrived at 11.30 just as the park was opening. On the way we had passed through the village of Houghton, which had been moved, by Robert Walpole, Britain's first and longest serving Prime Minister, who was born in the Hall, as it spoilt his view! He had also rebuilt the Hall as a Palladian masterpiece, had it lavishly furnished together with a superb art collection, which was sold, in later generations to Catherine the Great of Russia to pay off massive debts. As we were unable to gain access to the Hall before 13.30 we visited the restaurant for lunch and then viewed the extensive walled gardens, the subject to major restoration, where there was a mass of flowers, fruit & vegetables mainly contained within clipped hedges. One area appeared to have been left to nature, whether by accident or design we do not know: there were also a number of renovated glass houses or cold frames, in the middle of which was a massive fruit cage which resembled an aviary. There were a number of sculptures and features; one was most unusual, by Jeppe Hein, where a flame appeared to dance on top of a column of water.

Moving on we visited the collection of model soldiers assembled by the previous Lord Cholmondeley containing 20,000 figures set out to illustrate famous battles, engagements and reviews in military history. At the stables we saw family carriages on display and tack, together with numerous awards from local equestrian shows, it is a wonder that these have not been taken as souvenirs by unscrupulous visitors.

We moved on to the house by way of a long shrub lined path and across magnificent lawns to approach the rear of the Hall, which dates from 1722, where the visitor's entrance was situated, entering the most impressive interior where the ceilings in

particular caught our eye. The current owner, the Marquis of Cholmondeley is the Lord Great Chamberlain and we noted a number of items with royal connections, including a bridesmaid's dress worn at the Queen's marriage and chairs used at two coronations.

After too brief a tour we left pausing to climb a later added stone staircase leading to a balcony where we enjoyed extensive views over the manicured lawns and tree plantings to a distant large 'Full Moon Circle' slate feature which could easily have been mistaken for a lake. Before departing we visited the front of the house where a herd of fallow deer were sunning themselves close by in the park.

On the 2nd July we visited another stately home, this time Blickling Hall which was the first property to be handed over to the National Trust. We are regular visitors to the gardens and for walks in the park. This time we retraced a walk we had discovered last year taking in part of the Weaver's Way which runs through the park and a traffic free country lane. After leaving the car park we saw few other walkers. We passed a large flock of Clun Forest sheep with mature lambs before entering woodland. We were disappointed that there was little wildlife although we were amused by a squirrel trying to hide from us in a bush which was only about 8 feet high.

We stopped for refreshments beside Blickling Water Mill which ceased production in 1914 but continued to pump water to the estate cattle troughs until 1950; it has now been converted into holiday cottages. After recent heavy rain the millrace was in full spate although the water of the River Bure was as clear as we remembered from last time. There was evidence that someone had been fishing there as a spinner was dangling from an overhead power line. We noted with disgust quite an amount of litter in this obviously popular stopping off place; someone had even dumped a bag of rubbish in a nearby empty barn! It had been a dull but mild, windy day but at least the rain held off apart from a few spots.

On the 4th of July Colin watched the Olympic Torch Relay pass through Cromer opposite the renowned Cromer Crab Company soon to be relocated! Perhaps due to overexposure elsewhere the

HARVEST PRAISE

At this time of year there will be harvest festivals in many churches and schools all over the country. I have just read in my Mother's Union Magazine ((Families First) that the tradition of celebrating harvest festivals in churches as we know it today began in 1843 when Rev. Robert Hawker invited parishioners to a special thanks-giving service in his church in Morwenstow in Cornwall. Hymns such as 'We plough the field and scatter', 'Come ye thankful people come' and 'All things bright and beautiful' made this service very popular and so began the custom of decorating churches with home grown produce.

When we were children, although we 'belonged' to the Church of England our mam sent us to Sunday School at the Salvation Army as it was nearer to us. At Harvest Festival time we were expected to take all sorts of fruit and vegetables to decorate the 'school room'. So every year we used to visit Great Aunt Margaret and Great Uncle Maitland. They had a very big garden and each year Uncle used to give us a variety of vegetables, but best of all, he always gave us an enormous vegetable marrow. It was as big as me! (Well I was only about four at the time) The marrow was really beautiful in my eyes. It was striped in many shades of green and was very shiny. He gave us carrots and always left the tops on as they looked so nice. Sorry to say but we were a bit naughty and we sat on our doorstep and between us we ate the carrots. Mam was not pleased! They tasted nothing like the carrots you can buy in the supermarket today.

All the other children took a selection of fruit and vegetables and during the afternoon adults turned up with their offerings and they always made a wonderful display, (But no-one ever had a marrow as good as ours). Considering the fact that it was wartime and food was in short supply I think they did very well. However the centre piece of the display was always a 'sheaf of corn' made out of bread. Someone made one of these every year. I don't know if it was made in a mould or if all the bits were made separately, and then put on the baking tray together and popped into the oven. It always had a little harvest mouse in one corner.

After the morning service everything was sold and the money raised was given to a charity. I always wanted our mam to buy the harvest sheaf, but she always said the bread would be stale and we'd break our teeth!

Nowadays it is more usual to take tinned goods or dried goods to the Harvest Festival as it is more practical when it is all to be given to charities in need of food, such as women's refuges. Even so I'll always remember the Harvest Festivals of my childhood. The wonderful displays of food so generously given when our parents had so little yet were quite happy to share whatever they had.

Mary Walker

PARAPROSDOKIANS

Have you ever heard of them? I hadn't but apparently they are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence is surprising or unexpected. Here are a few of them.

Where there's a will, I want to be in it.

The last thing I want to do is hurt you, but it's still on my list.

If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

War does not determine who is right-only who is left.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit-wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism, to steal from many is research.

I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.

Behind every successful man is his woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.

A clear conscience is the sign of a fuzzy memory.

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.

Readings Rota for October 2012, November 2012

Date	Liturgical Week	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel	St Cuthbert's ser	All Saints'
07/10/12	Proper 22	Job 1:1 & 2:1-10	Hebrews 1:1-4 & 2:5-12	Mark 10:2-16	Keith Shaw	Mrs M Walker
14/10/12	Harvest Thanksgiving	Joel 2:21-27	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Matthew 6:25-33	Jane Gosney P	Mr I Hall
21/10/12	Proper 24	Job 38:1-7	Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 10:35-45	Anne Bullock	Dr McWilliam
28/10/12	Ss Simon & Jude	Isaiah 28:14-16	Ephesians 1:19-end	John 15:17-end	Briony Lewis B	Mrs S Hall
04/11/12	All Saints' Day	Isaiah 25:6-9	Revelation 21:1-6a	John 11:32-44	*****	Mrs M Walker
11/11/12	3rd Before Advent	Jonah 3:1-5,10	Hebrews 9:24-28	Mark 1:14-20	Pauline Wong p	Mr I Hall
18/11/12	2nd Before Advent	Daniel 12:1-3	Hebrews 10:11-25	Mark 13:1-8	Jane Siddall	Dr McWilliam
25/11/12	Christ the King	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14	Revelation 1:4b-8	John 18:33-37	Sue Hartley B	Mrs S Hall

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OCTOBER 14 TH	HARVEST
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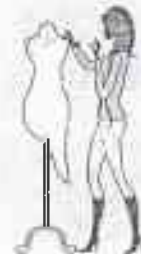
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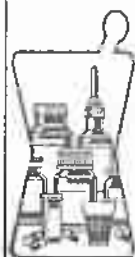
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Gemma Goes to Borneo

Let's start with a brief geography lesson. Borneo is an island situated between Singapore and Indonesia. It is the third largest island in the world and it is split into three different countries: Indonesia, Brunei and Malaysia. On the 6th October I will be flying out to the Malaysian state of Sabah. Here, I will spend 10 weeks volunteering to do charity work to help out the local communities and the environment.

So why volunteer in Borneo? The state of Sabah has the highest rate of poverty throughout the whole of Malaysia, 21% of the children in Sabah have never attended school, many of the rural communities do not have access to clean, reliable water, and the rainforests in Borneo are the oldest in the world and are home to some of the rarest and diverse ranges of species.

My expedition is run by a charity called Raleigh International. Raleigh is a youth and sustainable development charity which runs volunteering programmes abroad for people from a wide range of backgrounds, nationalities and life stages. Raleigh wants to bring young people from around the world together, to help them feel a sense of belonging to a global community. They want to inspire, challenge and develop them to work in partnership to strengthen and improve the world around them by building sustainable communities and conserving the environment. Raleigh works in partnership with local communities to help improve their standard of living. They bring in low cost technologies which enable communities to access basic services such as water, sanitation, education and energy. Raleigh also works with local governments and organisations to improve conservation efforts in protected areas. Raleigh has staff based in each country that it works in who develop relationships with the local people and listen to what they need so that relevant projects can be planned and provided successfully, for this generation and the next.

During my time in Sabah I will be working on a community project and an environmental project. One example of a community project is building a kindergarten. I could be working with the local community to construct such a building from the ground up. This will allow children to achieve a basic level of education. Another potential community project is to build gravity fed water systems. Many remote communities in Malaysia still don't have access to clean drinkable water so building one of these systems provides a simple, inexpensive and sustainable solution to getting fresh water to a community.

Environmental projects usually involve conservation work in remote

areas. The Imbak canyon is a class one protected rainforest which tourists aren't allowed in. Raleigh work together with yayasan Sabah to build infrastructure to support scientists with their research of the area. Danum Valley is another conservation area I could be working in. This is one of Sabah's last areas of undisturbed lowland rainforest attracting the international scientific community. Danum is home to 6 out of 10 totally protected animals including the Sumatran rhino, pygmy elephant, clouded leopard, orang-utan and proboscis monkey.

These are just a few examples of the type of projects I could be working on. Other examples include constructing eco-sanitation units, building community centres, building boardwalks, bridges and fences to improve capabilities of conservation areas, carrying out wildlife surveys, and conducting biodiversity research projects to survey an area of secondary rainforest.

In order to go and do all this fantastic work I need to raise £2995 and this covers the cost of travel and medical insurance, training and preparation, support before and during the expedition, food and accommodation, specialist equipment, and in-country transport. So far my fundraising efforts have brought me close to my target but I am yet to raise that last little bit!

On the 27th September, I will be walking the Yorkshire Three Peaks and I have been receiving sponsorship for this. I have also been giving sports massages at a charge of £10 per massage

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has donated so generously so far, the support has been amazing. On my return I will be sure to tell you all about my trip and how your money helped a country in need.

For more information about Raleigh International visit:
www.raleighinternational.org

To make a donation online visit:
www.justgiving.com/gemmasexpeditionfund

To contact me personally: 07809616382

Thank you once again for your kind support.

Gemma Fox

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COME AND ENJOY OUR PRE-CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Christingle service at St Cuthbert's Church on
Sunday 2nd December at 6pm and All Saints' Church
at 4pm.



TAKE A BREAK- TAKE TIME WITH GOD

During the summer most people tend to go on holiday to recharge their batteries, make time for a change, time for pleasure, time to visit new places and meet new people.

This year instead of going abroad, we holidayed in Devon and Dorset- a *change* from sunbathing to sightseeing and visiting England's Green and Pleasant Land. A time of *pleasure*. Eating beautifully cooked meals in wonderful surroundings-a change from every day routine. A time to go to *new places* -some by car, some by train ,some by the local buses and some on foot.

Time to meet new people. We met the congregation at the Church in Sidmouth We met the people who had arranged the wonderful flower displays in Exeter Cathedral and the village Church in Corfe. We enjoyed talking with the lady at Christchurch Priory too. At the hotel we shared the evenings after dinner talking with people whom we had not met before. We were pleased to be able to offer support to a gentleman confined to his wheelchair.

One thing I did realize was that one thing never changes through all this -I felt God's presence in all that I was doing. Finally back in Ackworth I know that He's still with me, in all that I do, in all that I say. I might have a change but His love never leaves me.

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Baptism

- July 8 Eden Scarlet Christina Beach
July 29 Charlotte May Butler
Aug 12 Lily Irene Hazelgrove & Harry Michael Ross
August 26 Harrison George Isaac Outhwaite, Tommy Vin Wright &
Holly Louise Mariam Outhwaite

Marriages

- July 2 John Patrick Cox & Zoe Calire Winter
July 7 Phillip Anthony Hartley & Julie Jayne Wilson
July 13 Richard Gregory John Spires & Kayleigh Anne Robinson
July 14 Mark Jackson & Yvette Odette Butler
July 21 Richard Billington & Karen Louse Brocks
Aug 2 Glynn James Pearson & Karen Patricia Byrom

Thanksgiving and Re-dedication

- Aug 26 Michael Theodoros & Lisa Fiona Theodoros

Funerals

- July 18 Hilary Lee (76) Garwick House, Meadow Bank, Ackworth
July 19 Heather M Walters (88) 63 Millgate, Ackworth Moor Top
Janet Socket (89) 37 Hillside Road, Ackworth Moor Top
July 24 Irene Wilkinson (81) 10 Rhyddings Dr, Ackworth Moor Top
July 25 William E Skidmore (88) 39 Tanhouse Lane, Low Ackworth
July 31 Renee Heaton (87) 3 Boycott Dr, Ackworth Moor Top
Aug 9 Arthur E Firth (87) 4 Hawthorne Gr, Ackworth Moor Top
Aug 15 Margaret Briggs (86) 15 Orchard Dr, Ackworth Moor Top
Aug 21 Hilda Royston (87) Millfield Court Nursing Home
Aug 28 Peter Arrowsmith (55) 8 Townend Ave, Low Ackworth

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 2012 and November 2012

Sunday Services

8.30am	Holy Communion (2nd & 4th Sunday BCP service)	All Saints'
10.15am	Family Communion	St Cuthbert's
6.30pm 3.30pm from October	Evensong (except 3rd Sunday in month)	All Saints'
6.30pm 3.30pm from October	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

October 12-14th Harvest Weekend

Friday Afternoon Ackworth School's Harvest Celebrations

Saturday Evening Ceilidh

Sunday Harvest Thanksgiving

See notice sheet and posters for further details.

Tuesday October 23rd

Bags 2 the Future—collection at All Saints'

November 4th

10.15am Parish Eucharist at All Saints'

(no 8.30am at AS or 10.15am at SC)

United Commemoration of the Faithful Departed 5pm at SC

(no 3.30pm service at AS)

**Mass Times for The Parish Of The Sacred Heart RC
Father Anthony Fenton**

Sacred Heart, Hemsworth, Sunday, 10:45am

Saturday Night Mass, 6:00pm