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PENTECOST

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Dear Friends

As I write the temperature is below zero and I can see flakes of snow drifting down past my window. However, I am cheered by the prospect of spring in April and May. Similarly in the Church's life we are four weeks into Lent and the prospect of Easter and Pentecost is beginning to beckon me on. Having looked at the new beginning and inspiration of Easter in the last magazine I would like to turn to the promises of new life in the Spirit offered by Pentecost.

Most of us are familiar with the story of Pentecost when those first disciples were stirred out of their fear and confusion of losing their Lord and Master and his subsequent return in his resurrected form. Though they had seen or heard about our Lord's resurrection they couldn't understand what it was all about and it needed this further 'kick-start' by the Holy Spirit to stir them into action; to begin living and sharing with others that offer of new life brought by Easter. And what a start! A mighty rushing wind blew through the room where they were gathered and tongues of fire rested on each one of them!

From the Gospel of St John, when Jesus appears to those disciples, following his showing of his crucifixion wounds he breathed on them, saying "Receive the Holy Spirit". I am reminded of that well known Pentecost hymn 'Breathe on me breath of God' as he breathes new life into those frightened, confused and desolate disciples. He breathes new life into them so that they can begin the mission of preaching the gospel, renewed in insight and energy.

This idea of new-life and energy being initiated by breath is not a new concept. From the earliest writing of the Old Testament, after God had created Adam, he breathes into him 'the breath of life' (Genesis2:7). Probably the first and the oldest test to see if someone is alive is to hold a mirror in front of their lips and check for condensation on its shiny surface. One of the essentials of resuscitation of someone who has stopped breathing is mouth to mouth - breathing new life into someone's lifeless form. The energy which brings thoughts into action, to bring new life into a seemingly dead of hopeless situation is said to be inspiration - in spirit = to breathe in and bring life and energy.

So it is to Pentecost, which we celebrate on the 19th May, when we

look to inspire the church with new life and energy to kick-start its mission of preaching the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. God's power and energy is all around us in nature and in the cosmos. Imagine the energy it takes to move planets around in their orbit, the energy which fuels the sun and gives us heat from 93 million miles away. Or here on earth, look at the power and energy in the wind and the waves!

God's energy is all around us, let us inspire ourselves with some of that energy on Pentecost. Come to church and be fired up with that energy, that we might continue God's mission to this community with renewed effort and insight, Come and be inspired. Why not wear red as a mark of your resolve to seek anew God's inspiration upon your life.



Yours in His name

Paul.

CHANGE

Over the last hundred and twenty years many things have happened and many things have changed. To name but a few- we all take for granted , central heating, electrical appliances, foreign holidays, good education for our children, the National Health Service and of course computers and mobile phones!

I take for granted being able to go to evening prayer at All Saints' Church and saying the Magnificat and speaking two verses with a clear voice:

1. For behold from henceforth, all generations shall call me blessed.

2. And his mercy is on them from generation to generation

A hymn we often sing is "All people that on earth do dwell":

For why our God is good

His mercy is forever sure.

His truth at all times firmly stood

And shall from age to age endure.

A few weeks earlier speaking to our eldest lady who regularly attends our Thursday Coffee Mornings she told me how five generations of her family have got married at St. Cuthbert's Church. (This lady herself is now ninety five years old). The family members who had married there included her grandparents,

parents, herself, daughters and granddaughter. It will have been five different rectors who carried out the wedding services but they were all sharing in God's presence, something that will never change

A quote for our readers:

For there is one God, same yesterday, same today and the same for tomorrow. One mediator between God and man, that is in the name of Christ Jesus.

Ann Atack.

REDUNDANT PEWS FROM ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

The Church is now able to offer the pews recently removed from All Saints' Church to interested parties. All monies raised will go directly to the general fund and a minimum donation of one hundred pounds per pew, as seen, is envisaged.

We have six of these available, nominal dimensions being 8 feet long, 3 feet high and 1 foot 10 inches wide. Construction is of Victorian pine these being the original pews fitted in 1888 when the Church was built. (See photograph)

Ideally these would make lovely Hall benches or similar and if desired we have the services of an excellent carpenter who would be only too pleased to advise and



modify these to suit individual

requirements at a reasonable cost.

Anyone interested should call Ian Hall on 01977 612003

or the Rector, Paul Hartley on 01977 602751

TABLE TOP SALES - ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

As promised in an earlier article we will be able to accept donations for the forthcoming sales with effect from Thursday April 25th. We particularly require items of good quality clothing as well as CDs and DVDs. We would also welcome any items of bric a brac but we are unable to deal with any electrical items.

Donations can be dropped off at All Saints' any Thursday morning between 9.30 am and 12 noon or please contact Ian Hall, Bill Branston or the Rector to arrange for goods to be collected.

Our sales are planned for the third Saturday of each month commencing 18th May and continuing June, July, August, September with the final one planned for October. As well as us a support stall for the Prince Of Wales Hospice will be open so do make a mental note of the dates and please try to support our efforts.



Ackworth's Women's World Day of Prayer 2013!

'there are no strangers; there are only women and men who have not yet met' (Talmud)

Women's World Day of Prayer is a unique organisation; truly interdenominational and truly international, it speaks with the voices of women from all corners of the globe. Involvement in WWDP creates a network of Christian women on a worldwide scale which also reaches into our local community. In churches all over the world on March 1st women and men gathered to celebrate using a programme of worship prepared, this year, by women in France. When the women of the French Committee met to work on the material for 2013, the theme chosen for them became close to their hearts:

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me"

and the service they wrote for us had a strong French feel and flavour.

France, like other European countries, receives many asylum requests. In 2011, 51,900 people applied for asylum in France. The presence of these people in the country both enriches the culture and can cause social difficulties. Behind each request is the story of a life. Some of those stories were shared in the service.

The aim is that a great wave of prayer, rising with the sun over the island of Samoa, sweeps across Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas continues until it comes to rest in American Samoa some 36 hours later. By then, services have taken place in over 170 countries - with over 5,000 services held in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The Women's World Day of Prayer is always held on the first Friday in March so it fell on 1st March this year. Ackworth has had an involvement with the Women's World Day of Prayer for over 40 years - and this year the service was hosted by All Saints' Anglican Church with the direct involvement of members from all the

churches in Ackworth and the locality - truly a 'Churches Together' event for our community.

Rev Jenny Montgomery was invited to give her Reflection on the theme - an old friend that we were all pleased was able to be with us for the evening - and whose talk about her feelings of being a stranger and of being welcomed, as well her knowledge of the experiences of vulnerable people escaping oppression - gave a moving and important message for everyone to consider. Joyce Woofindin sang a song written especially for the service by P.Theozed and the service concluded with an invitation to share 'a cup of friendship with someone here whom you have not met before'...

£197.72p was raised to further the work of the WWDP Movement, at home and throughout the world.

The Ackworth WWDP committee would like to thank everyone who helped to make this service such an enjoyable and happy event.

SAVIOUR TRUST

Your response to the request made for help with this charity a few months ago has been extremely good. Joanne, on behalf of Saviour Trust has asked me to say a very big 'thank you' to members of the congregations at St. Cuthbert's and All Saints' for their very generous donations.

As I said in my last article, whilst this charity, which is based in All Saints' Hall, Pontefract, do not wish to be regarded as "The Saviour Supermarket" they welcome donations of all kinds. Particularly needed is bedding, especially single size, cleaning materials, household items and food which can be easily prepared and cooked in a microwave oven. Also any items of furniture you wish to donate can be collected by the Trust as they have a van. Any chairs, sofas or beds would need to have a B.S. fire safety label to allow them to accept them in accordance with Government Health and Safety Regulations.

Their telephone contact number is -01977 600335

Otherwise items can be left at St. Cuthbert's or All Saints' to be collected by me.

These people, mainly single men but also some families who are supported by Saviour Trust have, for a variety of reasons fallen on hard times. It is wonderful that you have responded to their needs so generously.

Thank you
Jackie Dawson



LITTLE FRIENDS

The first meeting of Little Friends took place on the 7th of February. We left feeling positive and even though we had more adults than children we felt that it was a good start.

We had three little ones, two boys aged two and a girl aged five months. We can only build on this and learn how to improve on what we are trying to do, which is to make God's house somewhere that's always welcoming to those who come in with children.

For the second meeting on the 7th of March we had three new little girls aged one plus one of the boys from last time and he made himself at home straight away. The girls were more inclined to interact with each other, perhaps a girl/woman thing for later life?

Paul Fox arrived sheepishly with a potty under his arm which was soon put to good use and I am sure that it will be well used as time goes by.

My lovely helper Christine, who used to be a Primary School teacher, made play dough and one of the little girls was fascinated by the feel of it as she had never come across it before and just loved to squeeze it in her hands.

We are most grateful to all those who have donated books, toys etc. and given their support and encouragement to get this little group on its way.

We are already looking forward to the next month's meeting.
Sue Tanswell

Readings Rota for April 2013, May 2013

Date	Liturgical Week	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel	St Cuthbert's	All Saints'
07/04/2013	2nd Sunday of Easter	Exodus 14:10-31 & 15:20-21	Acts 5:27-32	John 20:19-31	Sue Hartley	Dr McWilliam
14/04/2013	3rd Sunday of Easter	Zephaniah 3:14-20	Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)	John 21:1-19		P Mrs S Hall
21/04/2013	4th Sunday of Easter	Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18 & 8:6-18 & 9:8-13	Acts 9:36-43	John 10:22-30	Keith Shaw	Mrs M Walker
28/04/2013	5th Sunday of Easter	Genesis 22:1-18	Acts 11:1-18	John 13:31-35	Jane Gosney	B Mr I Hall
05/05/2013	6th Sunday of Easter	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Acts 16:9-15	John 14:23-29	Anne Bullock	Dr McWilliam
12/05/2013	7th Sunday of Easter	Ezekiel 36:24-28	Acts 16:16-34	John 17:20-26		P Mrs S Hall
19/05/2013	Day of Pentecost	Genesis 11:1-9	Acts 2:1-21	John 14:8-17 & 25-27	Pauline Wong	Mrs M Walker
26/05/2013	Trinity Sunday	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	Romans 5:1-5	John 16:12-15	Anne Atack	B Mr I Hall

ALL SAINTS' FLOWERS

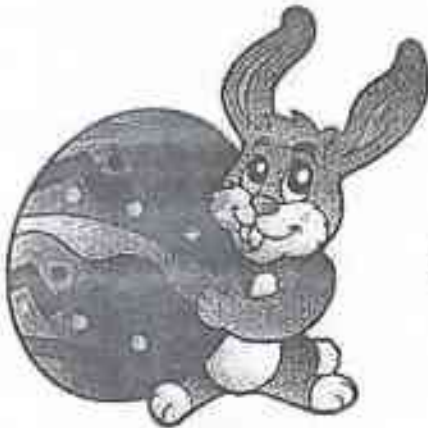
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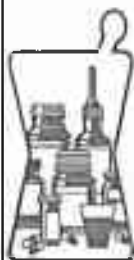


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4. Turn the mixture into the prepared tin and bake for 15min. Remove from the oven and push in the Crème Egg halves. Put back in the oven for another 10mn until the mixture is set, but still a bit sticky.

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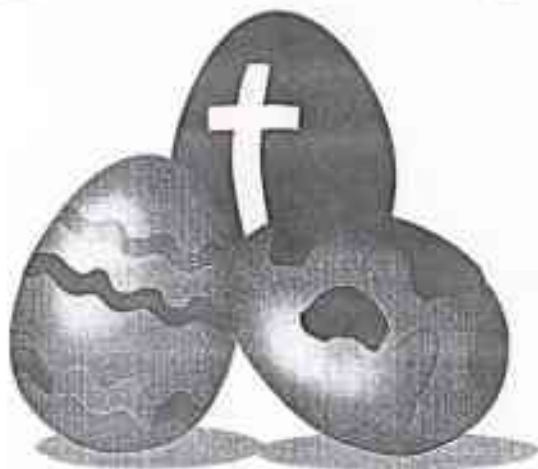


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From the Registers

Baptism

- Jan 13 Hollie Linda Bagley
Feb 10 Finlay James Brennan and Benjamin Beau Wall

Funerals

- Jan 16 Andrew Hamilton (86) 36 Rhyddings Drive, Ackworth Moor Top
Jan 31 Irene Parker (67) 1 Langdale Drive, Low Ackworth
Feb 4 Arthur Isaac Barrow (82) 48 Pontefract Road, High Ackworth
Feb 25 Muriel Anne Gedney (71) 51 Queens Road Cudworth
Feb 28 John Cadden MacIntosh (80) 15 Cock Lane, Crofton

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

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Saturday Night Mass, 6:00pm

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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 April 2013 and May 2013

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 Events and Services

- Apr 21 Easter Lunch at Brown Cow
- Apr 21 Annual Parochial Church Meeting SC 3pm
- May 9 Ascension Day Service SC 7.30pm
- May 19 Pentecost Praise AS 3.30pm

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