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Dear Friends

It's that time of year when schools are closed and a large number of the population starts to wind down and take a well earned break from those everyday routines and work. As I write this article, temperatures have been in the 80's for over a fortnight and we have even been given health warnings on TV regarding the hot weather (this is the UK isn't it?).

As I am sure I have commented before in past articles around this time, the word 'holiday' comes from the two words 'Holy Day'; days for whom those in bygone times was a day off to celebrate some religious festival or another. This ties in nicely with the other holiday activity of travelling to another location, in their own country or abroad. This custom also had connections with religious celebrations that journeys were undertaken to visit a particular spot associated with a holy person or event. Thus such journeys -pilgrimages - were synonymous with Holy Days!

I also write for a number of readings in the churches lectionary which had the common theme of religious journeys for the purpose of spreading the Christian gospel (i.e. 7th July: Luke 10:1-11... The sending out of the 70 disciples and 10th July—Matthew:10:1-7...the sending out of the 12 Apostles). Not unusually my thought turned to mission and the notion of not just what we gained from visiting foreign climes, but also what we took with us and left there. In both of these passages when Jesus sends out his disciples to preach the good news by word and deed he is quite definite about what not to take for the journey (no purse, no pack, money, no tunic, no gold, silver or copper, no staff, or sandals; eat only what people offer you).

Regardless of the detail, what it all boils down to is that mainly you are taking just yourself without any baggage; leaving aside baggage money and other possessions we just can't do without on holiday, we take a lot of mental and emotional baggage with us (i.e prejudices, opinions, hang-ups, anxieties, insecurities and so on!) It is this sort of 'baggage' the Jesus was referring to, metaphorically, when he spoke of what to take with us on the journey. It's the sort of baggage that we leave behind us in places we visit. It's this baggage that will leave an impression upon those people and communities which we visit. Not the things we buy, or the lost property we leave in our hotel room or

apartments. Sadly one picture or impression which people in foreign resorts seem to have of the British is that of the mindless 'lager louts'.

So remember, wherever you visit on your holi-(holy)-day this year don't forget that more importantly it's what you leave than what you take away, and it's not what you take in your suitcase or pockets that people will remember you for, but what you carry in your heart and mind, baggage can often be a burden rather than the things we need.

Have a good rest, see you in September,

Paul

The Making of a Priest

Wednesday, June 26th, 7:30pm, St Cuthbert's Church. There is an air of anticipation, and air of excitement, and air of expectation. I was about to be ordained as Priest. It was a strange feeling before the first hymn was announced and everyone started singing. I had had some input into the service, and was anxious that it should go well. I had spent many an evening practising with the singing group. But now I was on my own, with a group of clergy from around the Deanery and the Diocese, including an Archdeacon and a Bishop.

The service went well, of course. It was a warm evening, and dressing in cassock and surplice some people said I was glowing. I'm not sure how much of that was a holy glow, or just feeling very hot! There were several moving moments in the service. The entrance of the priests to the singing of "Men of Faith", even if one of the priests was a woman (and a feminist at that!). The moment of the ordination when Bishop Stephen placed his heavy hands on my head, and the priests placed their hands on my shoulders as the words rung out "Send down the Holy Spirit on your servant Paul for the office and work of a priest in your church". The fact that the Bishop came and gave me communion before anyone else, was a bit of surprise. The receiving of yet another Bible, but a version I did not already possess, one we were told to purchase for our training (but I never got round to it). And of course, all the good wishes of everyone around me.

So now, I have been made a priest. Many people congratulated me on making it. Meaning making it as a priest! So this was the culmination of

many years of discernment, including interviews around the Diocese and of course the national selection panel. Of three years of essay writing and discussions and study. Of a year as a Deacon here in Ackworth, grappling with some of the practical aspects of Church Ministry. So now I have made it. What next?

As I preached at my first celebration of Communion the following Sunday I reflected, that we never actually make it. We are always moving on, God is always challenging us with new things, and changes. Yes I have made it as a priest. I have reached this stepping stone, but it is not the end of the journey. It is the beginning of a new one, and who knows where it might lead.

Being a priest is not about roles or tasks or jobs, although inevitably being a priest brings tasks and job. Being a priest is simply that. Being. Being a priest is about who he/she is, not about what he/she does.

So how do you make a priest? In essence, you don't. It is God's work. God and His Spirit is at work in each one of us, changing and moulding us daily by our interactions with him and the world around us which he created. We are who we are because God has made us that way. As Individuals we are defined by our relationship with those around us. But the most important relationship we have, is that which we have with God. And it is that relationship which defines who we are most. God has chosen to mould me into a priest, to work in His Church. Even if I still ask why, I know this is God's work, and part of my being.

I would like to thank everyone for your kind wishes, and cards, and gifts, and especially your support and prayers, and my family for tolerating me whilst I was twittering in the background whilst studying. But I thank God, for putting me in this place, and making me who I am.

"I cannot bear the weight of this calling on my own, but only by the grace and power of God"
And I need more prayer still!

Paul Fox



Strawberry Teas and the Grand Summer Draw

Sunday afternoon 7th July 2013 was glorious. The sun shone and there was no wind. Over 60 persons came to St Cuthbert's church and sat in the churchyard enjoying a strawberry tea to the music of Mellow, a local live band. Yes, this was also the day that Andy Murray made history at Wimbledon, but thanks to those who attended, the Strawberry Tea event was a success and enjoyed by all our friends who spent the 2 hrs with us. There was also a chance to see the workings of the clock in the tower.

The Grand Summer Draw was drawn at 4.35 pm and the winners were as follows.

We would like to thank everyone who entered the draw and extend our congratulations to the winners.

We would also like to thank the Kyte Hotel for kindly offering us as first prize a discounted meal in their restaurant and the band members of Mellow for giving their time free to entertain us. Also thanks to everyone who gave prizes for the Draw and gave their time in baking and

Prize	Description	Winner
1st	Meal for 2 at the Kyte Hotel	Miss Hayley Siddall
2nd	Luxury Summer Hamper	Mrs Ann Talt
3rd	Southern Comfort	Mr & Mrs Stanley Clayton
4th	Bottle of wine	Mrs Woodall
5th	Bottle of wine	Mrs Jean Charlton
6th	Cat doorstep	Mrs C Longhurst
7th	Non Stick Frying Pan	Mrs Julie Davls
8th	Lady's Scarf	Mrs C Longhurst
9th	Boxed CD's	Mrs Margaret Lloyd
10th	Body Lotion	Miss Ann Bullock
11th	Planter of Flowers	Mrs V Barrett
12th	Cat Memo Pad	Miss Alicia Durrow
Special	£10 voucher	Dr Amy Tobin

preparing for and serving the delicious strawberry teas.

We are pleased to report that the Teas made £250 and the Prize Draw £630. Thank again to all who participated.



GETTING TO KNOW YOU

How well do you know your neighbours? Do you know who lives in the same street as you do?

As a child it seemed that everyone knew each other in their neighbourhood. People used to share what they had with one another. People were willing to give a helping hand when needed.

Children played out in the street together making up their own games and having fun. There were no such things as computers or mobile phones. Quite a few did not even have televisions. We were one of the lucky ones and had a television so we invited all our neighbours to watch the Coronation in 1953. Everyone provided food and we all shared a 'homemade tea'. This was known as 'Having a good old time'. When we moved to Ackworth in 1970 I knew one other person, someone with whom I had worked with in Castleford (my own town). It took me a while to settle down but I joined various groups such as Ackworth Ladies, Rainbows and Brownies where I could meet other Ackworth residents and children.

Finally in 1989 I changed my job and went to work at G.T. Smiths and began meeting the customers, lots of who became friends. But the biggest change came when in 1992 I began going to Church and found my faith. Finding God made all the difference. I was able to find fellowship and found new family members in my wonderful Goddaughter and Godson, Ellie and Andrew.

Why not come along to our Thursday coffee mornings or Church Services and find friendship. The doors are open wide.

See you soon I pray.

Let us be Com-un-ity sharing together what we have.

Ann Attack

EXAM TIME AGAIN

HISTORICAL FACTS YOU DIDN'T KNOW!

The death of Julius Caesar was foretold by a shower of metaphors. Julius Caesar was known for his great strength. He threw a bridge across the Rhine.

Alexander the Great was born in the absence of his parents.

William the Conqueror landed in 1066 A.D. and A.D. means after dark. Henry the First's son was drowned in the White Ship and never smiled again

Edward the Second would have been King of France if his mother had been a man

Martin Luther was on a diet of worms.

The Great Wall of China was built to keep out the mongrels.

Monks were assigned to Monkeries where they were supposed to live as nuns. Many however simply preyed by day and played at night.

Richard the Second was murdered in Pontefract Castle but his fate is unknown.

Napoleon wanted an heir to inherit his power but as Josephine was a Baroness she couldn't have any children.

Abraham Lincoln's mother died in infancy. He was born in a log cabin which he built with his own hands.

The fate of Bonnie Prince Charlie was sealed at Culloden and he flew to France via Sky.

Abraham Lincoln wrote the Gettysburg address while travelling from Washington to Gettysburg on the back of an envelope.

Napoleon dispersed the rioters with a whiff of grapefruit

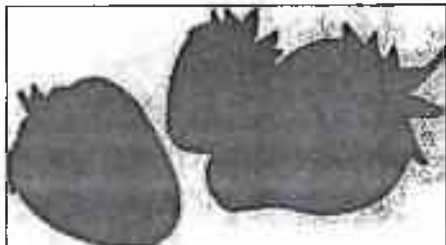
Sydney was founded by people who had been executed.

USE UP THOSE STRAWBERRIES!

NO COOK STRAWBERRY CHEESECAKE

INGREDIENTS

- 150 g digestive biscuits
- 75g butter/margarine
- 225g softened cream cheese
- 5 tablespoons caster sugar
- 200ml double cream (whipped)
- Sliced fresh strawberries



PREPARATION

1. Melt butter/margarine gently in a pan.
2. Finely crush the digestive biscuits and add to melted butter.
3. Line a loose bottomed cake tin and press mixture firmly down.
4. Refrigerate until firm.
5. Beat together the cream cheese and sugar.
6. Gently fold in the whipped cream and spoon the mixture over prepared base.
7. Refrigerate for a minimum of 2 hours.
8. Garnish with the sliced strawberries.

ALL SAINTS' TABLE TOP SALE UPDATE

As we go to print we have held two sales and are busy planning the third on Saturday July 20th. My sincere and heartfelt thanks go to everybody who has helped or donated goods and more so to those who have supported us on the day and bought things.

Without your valuable help and support nothing could have happened.

Please do continue to support us, so far with your backing we have raised **£1334** and if we can carry on at this rate then **£4000** is a realistic target from the six sales we have planned.

Future sales are booked for the third Saturday of August, September and October as well as our Christmas Fair scheduled for the afternoon of Saturday 9th November and we hope to see you all there.

If anybody wishes to help at, or donate goods, for the sales please contact me on 01977 612003.

Please remember that it costs us over **£1100 each week to keep our churches open** so there is still a long way to go !.

Ian Hall

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the earth; where the rust and moth doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven; where neither rust nor moth doth corrupt and where thieves do not break through and steal. Your treasure will always be where your heart is.

ST MATTHEW Chapter 6 verses 19,20&21

Readings Rota for August 2013, September 2013

Date	Liturgical Week	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel	St Cuthbert's	All Saints'
04/08/2013	Proper 13	Hosea 11:1-11	Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 12:13-21	Anne Atack	Mrs S Hall
11/08/2013	Proper 14	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Luke 12:32-40		P Mrs M Walker
18/08/2013	Proper 15	Isaiah 5:1-7	Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Luke 12:49-56	Keith Shaw	Mr I Hall
25/08/2013	Proper 16	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Hebrews 12:18-29	Luke 13:10-17	Jane Gosney	B Dr McWilliam
01/09/2013	Proper 17	Jeremiah 2:4-13	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Luke 14:1, 7-14	Sue Hartley	Mrs S Hall
08/09/2013	Proper 18	Jeremiah 18:1-11	Philemon 1-21	Luke 14:25-33		P Mrs M Walker
15/09/2013	Proper 19	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Luke 15:1-10	Anne Bullock	Mr I Hall
22/09/2013	Proper 20	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Luke 16:1-13	Jacob Place	Dr McWilliam
29/09/2013	St Michael and All Angels	Genesis 28:10-17	Revelation 12:7-12	John 1:47-end	Pauline Wong	B Mrs S Hall

ALL SAINTS' FLOWERS

AUGUST 4TH
AUGUST 11TH
AUGUST 18TH
AUGUST 25TH
SEPTEMBER 1ST
SEPTEMBER 8TH
SEPTEMBER 15TH
SEPTEMBER 22ND
SEPTEMBER 29TH

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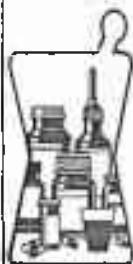


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CS Lewis



By Baron Williams of Oystermouth

Christian life is lived in relationship with God through Jesus Christ and, in common with other Christians, seeking to deepen that relationship and to follow the way that Jesus taught.

Central to that relationship is knowing we can trust God. Saint Paul says at the end of the eighth chapter of his letter to the Church in Rome, 'if God is for us, who can be against us?' And this is the heart of faith.

How do we know that 'God is for us'? Because Jesus Christ, the one human being who is completely in tune with God - with what God wants and what God is doing - has carried the burden of our human betrayals of God and running away from goodness. He has let himself be betrayed and rejected, executed in a humiliating and agonising way, and yet has not turned his back on us. Death did not succeed in silencing him or removing him from the world. He is alive; and that means that his love is alive, having survived the worst we can do.

Nothing - says St Paul in the same passage - can separate us from this love. But this isn't an excuse for doing what we like, knowing we can get away with it. Once we know that God is 'for us', we open up to the gift that God wants to give us - which is a share in his own love and freedom and mercy. We breathe with his breath - that's part of what it means to say that we receive God's 'Spirit', which makes us live like Jesus 'in tune' with God. If we have really taken the message in, we shall live lives of selfless generosity, always asking how the gifts given us - material or imaginative or spiritual or whatever - can be shared in a way that brings other people more fully

alive. And we shall be able to trust the generosity of others and be free to receive what they have to give us.

Generosity, gratitude, confidence that when we fail we are still loved - all of this focused on Jesus' life and death and resurrection. That's where we start in the lifelong job of being a Christian.

Baron Williams of Oystermouth.



Prayer

is the breath, the watchword,
the comfort, the strength,
the honor of a Christian.

—Spurgeon

From the Registers

Baptisms

- May 12** Holly Rachel Hurst & Sylvia Marlene Troupes
May 26 Jasmine Burton
June 9 Alannah Rose Ball & Dalton Roger Stainthorpe
June 30 Alexander Jack Jones & Kevin Chombo Kiwinda

Marriages

- May 25** David Price & Tracy Ann Bardon
May 31 Jake Henry Bruce Harrison & Elizabeth Amy Malyan
May 31 Craig Wilkinson & Sarah Louise Wicks
June 29 William Andrew Jordan & Kelly Louise Thompson

Funeral

- May 1** Monica Long (87) One Ash, Doncaster Road, Ackworth Moor Top
May 2 Geoffrey Wood (84) 44 Barnsley Road, Ackworth
May 8 Helen Anne Skidmore (72) 39 Tan House Lane, Low Ackworth
May 9 Vera Seal (97) Roop Cottage, Fitzwilliam
May 13 Irene Smith (91) 29 Wakefield Road, Ackworth MoorTop
June 4 Richard Fulcher (37) Braden Manor, Old Great North Road, Darrington

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

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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 August 2013 and September 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 Services

Aug 11	Songs of Praise at All Saints' 3.30pm
Aug 17	Table Top Sale at All Saints' 9am -12pm
Sep 21	Table Top Sale at All Saints' 9am -12pm



Little Friends Mother and Toddler Group

1st Thursday of each month

2pm to 3.30pm

All Saints Church - Sue Tanswell 612913 for information.

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