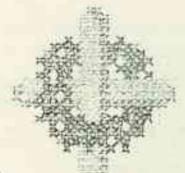


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Dear Friends

Christmas, which began in October – the television and the shops tell us so – can often be a disappointment with 99% build up and preparation and 1% real experience. It happens every year that we try so hard to live up to all the expectations which surround this special time, yet miss out on its true meaning for our lives and for our faith. It says something, that what is the biggest God event of the Christian year, because we try to turn it into a human celebration, we miss the point.

It's not easy, we can't help who and what we are. We are, no matter how much we try to deny it, human beings and that is the whole point! That is why Christmas was 'created' by God, because we could not grasp what it meant to get closer to God and begin to reach heavenward. So, he took the risk and came to us; came down to a level where we could begin to understand. And then what did we do? When God came to share with us in the ordinary, we blew up the celebration in an extraordinary way. He must be thinking "I can't win with that lot!" So, while we are enjoying the extraordinary celebrations this Christmas. let's just pause for a moment and step back in the ordinary and look to the reasons why we are celebrating. God took a risk, so why can't we? He became one of us; so for a short time over this Christmas period let us pause for a moment and get alongside and become one with Him. As we proclaim "joy to the world" - and after all the world needs a little joy let us also stop and experience the joy of meeting God - he did after all come down to our level.

I would like to leave you with 2 brief reflections; the first from a Manx poet T. E. Brown who wrote in the middle to late 19th century and the second is from an anonymous 7th century source:

Expecting him, my door was open wide: Then I looked round If any lack of service might be found And saw him at my side: How entered, by what secret stair, I know not, knowing only he was there.

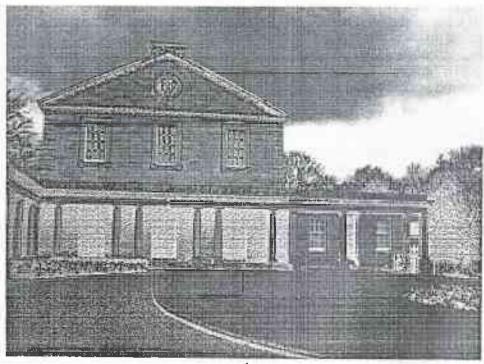
Wishing you a Happy and Holy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year from Paul and Sue Pilgrim remember For all your pain The master you seek abroad You will find at home Or walk in vain

Flower Festival

Following the successful Jubilee Flower Festival in St Cuthbert's Church, an album of photographs (taken by Mike Fox) was sent to the Queen at Buckingham Palace, with an expression of loyalty. It was very pleasing to realise that it was sent on to the Queen at Balmoral and a letter of thanks was received on behalf of the Queen by a Lady in Waiting. (Copy on opposite page.)

ACKWORTH CONCERT SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CONCERT:

The Choristers and Layclerks of Wakefield Cathedral, directed by Thomas Moore, are performing a selection of carols and festive music for Christmas at The Meeting House, Ackworth School, on Saturday 8th December at 7.30 pm. Adults £12, Concessions £10, Under-18s free if accompanied by an adult. Tickets are available on the door or can be purchased in advance from Wakefield Tourist Information Centre (0845 6018353) or Harris Bros., Printers, Featherstone (01977 792252).





BALMORAL CASTLE

12th September, 2012

June Mus Chayton

The Queen wishes me to write and thank you for your letter in which you tell Her Majesty about the Flower Festival held by the Churches of St Cuthbert and All Saints, Ackworth to commemorate The Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Her Majesty was very touched by your kind thought in sending her the Festival brochure and a splendid photograph album of the beautiful displays, marking Significant Events of The Queen's Reign, which she was pleased to receive.

Her Majesty sends her best wishes to everyone involved with the Flower Festival and I am to thank you again both for your present and your message of good wishes to The Queen in this, her Diamond Jubilee year.

Your sinewely Approvided Whiteliers

Lady-in-Waiting

SAVIOUR TRUST

The Saviour Trust is based in All Saints' Church Hall in Pontefract and was founded in 2005 to challenge the issues of homelessness. They aim to resolve housing problems for the homeless in Pontefract and surrounding area.

They provide care, mentoring, drop-in and rehabilitation of the homeless including ex-offenders, with the aim of supporting family cohesion and improving employment prospects. They offer a quick response to need which may be a hot meal, a food parcel, toiletries or clothing. They also support 24 houses with 55 beds. The sustained care and unconditional acceptance of everyone offers the people they help a good chance of getting their lives back on track. They also work with other agencies including Turning Point, Probation Services and the N.H.S. My contact at Saviour Trust stressed that they do not want to be known as 'Savior Supermarket' and in some areas of the district have set up schemes to feed young people directly.

If you feel able to support their very good and essential work and are willing to donate any household items, cleaning materials or food which can be easily prepared or cooked these will be gratefully received. There are boxes at the back of both St. Cuthbert's Church and All Saints' Church for this purpose or you can ring me and I will collect them from you.

Thank you,

Jackie Dawson



Ackworth Calendar 2013 is now on sale

Then and Now

This year the Ackworth Calendar for 2013 is a comparison of 12 interesting views in the village showing the same view both as it was in the past and how it looks today.

We feel that this calendar will be valued and sought after by residents and visitors and again it will make a splendid Christmas present for friends and relatives who have moved away from the village, carrying fond memories of Ackworth to them at Christmas.

Make sure you get your copy, as the calendar will again be a soughtafter collector's item. The calendars, sold in aid of the Church's Repairs and Restoration Fund, are now on general sale. Anyone who has preordered or paid for a calendar will have them delivered by 8 December.

Make sure you get your copy (and a quality envelope for posting, if needed).

The calendars,
are available for £6.99 each
(with quality envelopes at 40p each) at
All Saints Church's (Thursday Coffee morning)
St Cuthbert's Church
Bell Lane Stores, Bell Lane
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The Ackworth Heritage Group
Brown Cow, High Ackworth
and other outlets.

Or you can telephone Bill Branston on 01977 610590 and he will deliver one to your door.

DON'T MISS OUT!

"They saw it in the tea leaves

When the summer is over and the leaves start to turn golden brown, Ackworth villagers are always invited to attend a variety of 'Harvest Celebrations' which every year seem to be more varied and inclusive. During October there are services involving our local school children, a scarecrow display and a ceilidh with live music, as well as village Harvest Festival Services where gifts are received and given to support a local women's refuge house.

This year there has been an additional service, held at All Saints' Church during the afternoon of Sunday October 14th, a very special Harvest Thanksgiving, celebrating a particular milestone for the All Saints' congregation and local residents. The service was planned and organised by a group of hard working and determined church members with the full support of the clergy – the church was packed with people for this service and refreshments provided afterwards meant that everyone could socialise and talk about the amazing things that have been happening every Thursday morning in their church.

It all began 11 years ago, with a small group of folk with a kettle, paper cups and a vision to provide community service as well as raise some funds to improve the facilities at the church; since then, weekly coffee mornings have attracted many local visitors, have been supported by many church members providing tea, coffee and sugar as well as baking cakes, buns and biscuits and giving freely of their time. All of this has raised an amazing amount of money £50,000 – as well as providing fellowship and fun for the customers! The money has been used to provide repairs to St Cuthbert's Church roof, installing a kitchen and toilet facilities in All Saints' and improving the church environment for the benefit of all. So it continues every week, the Thursday coffee mornings are now a vital part of the life of the All Saints' community.

The harvest thanksgiving service was a way to thank the folk who have contributed to the remarkable amount of money raised and to thank the volunteers who have made all this possible. The church was full and the congregation all enjoyed this very special service of celebration in the church where it all began 11 years ago and the £200 in the collection plate was given to the Prince of Wales Hospice.

The coffee mornings have provided a valuable meeting place for local people to share friendship and companionship – and long may it continue! Jane Gosney

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!

Service of Lights

Friday 30th November at 6.00pm on the All Saints' Church,

Wakefield Road, Ackworth

The Howard School Choir will be there - do join us.

Boys Brigade Christingle Service

Wednesday 5th December at 6.15pm in Ackworth Methodist Church

Methodist Church Christmas Fair

Saturday 8th December, 12 noon to 3pm

LOTS OF STALLS, FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP AND EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Village Carol Service

Sunday 9th December at 3pm in St. Cuthbert's Church - a wonderful family event to put us all in the mood for the celebrations to come 74 Club Candlelight Service

Tuesday 11th December at Methodist Church at 7.30pm - a lovely service of Carols and Christmas readings

Carol Singing at the Co-op

Saturday 22nd December at 12.00 noon - something to cheer you as you do your shopping chores!

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18th to 25th January 2013

Services will be held at various local churches - further details will be published shortly

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.

CHOCOLATE MARBLE CAKE

INGREDIENTS

100g bar of dark chocolate (70%) broken into even pieces
175g sieved self raising flour
1tsp. sieved baking powder
175g softened butter
175g caster sugar
3 eggs
1 tsp vanilla extract
1-2 tbsp milk

METHOD

1Preheat oven gas mark 4/180C (160C fan oven)

2 Add chocolate to a heatproof bowl and sit it over a shallow pan of simmering water.

3 Heat until melted, stir and remove and put to one side to cool.

4Add flour, baking powder, butter, sugar, eggs and vanilla extract to the bowl of a food mixer and using beaters, beat for a couple of minutes until well combined.

5 Add milk and beat again- the mixture should drop off the beaters easily.

6 Spoon half of mixture into a bowl and stir in melted chocolate until combined.

7Add both mixtures to a 450g/ 1lb loaf tin (lightly greased and lined) and gently swirl with a skewer.

8Bake for about 50 mins to 1 ¼ hrs until risen and firm. Leave to cool in tin for 10 mins and then remove and leave to cool on a wire rack.

MILESTONES

In our life we experience many journeys and sometimes life can seem very hard. Big changes such as starting or changing schools can be frightening, having to make new friends and have different teachers and lessons getting harder. Being made unexpectedly redundant after having had a good job is not easy. Moving into a new area can be stressful and especially losing a loved one, parent or close friend

Sometimes things hold us back in what we can do, breaking an arm (three times for me). Then all is overcome when you let God into your life. I was christened at three weeks (though obviously I can't remember this). There were happy days at Sunday School and there was our Wedding Day in 1970. Then I have been a godparent on four occasions-Shaun, Louise, Eleanor and Andrew. Then I sponsored Phil, Heather, Nick, Shelley and Eleanor on their Confirmations. In 1993 Wilf and I were confirmed in Wakefield Cathedral.

In recent years I have become a server in Communion and read the lessons for services and have done some of the intercessions too. I have enjoyed taking part in outreach to the community with prayer and the regular Thursday Coffee Mornings at All Saints' Church.

Going to Church on Sundays and Wednesday is part of my weekly routine and I have been asked to read at funerals for close friends, Brenda and Lily.

If anyone out there is looking for something different you will be made very welcome at All Saints' and St. Cuthbert's.

Hope to see you soon, maybe at one of our Christmas services. Why not come along, seeing is believing.

Ann Atack



Readings Rota for December 2012, January 2013

Date	Liturgical Week	Old Testament	New Testament Gospel	Gospel	St Cuthbert's ser All Saints'	seT	All Saints'
02/12/12	02/12/12 1st Sunday of Advent	Jeremiah 33:14-16	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13	Luke 21:25-36	Sue Hartley		Mrs M Walker
09/12/12 2nd Sunda	2nd Sunday of Advent	Malachi 3:1-4	Philippians 1:3-11	Luke 3:1-6		۵	Mr I Hall
16/12/12	16/12/12 3rd Sunday of Advent	Zephaniah 3:14-20	Philippians 4:4-7	Luke 3:7-18	Keith Shaw		Dr McWilliam
23/12/12	23/12/12 4th Sunday of Advent	Micah 5:2-5a	Hebrews 10:5-10	Luke 1:39-55	Jane Gosney		Mrs S Hall
30/12/12	30/12/12 Ist Sunday after Christmas	1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26	Colossians 3:12-17	Luke 2:41-52	Anne Bullock	83	Mrs M Walker
06/01/13 Epiphany	Epiphany	Isaiah 60:1-6	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12	Pauline Wong		Mr I Hall
13/01/13 Baptism of	Baptism of Christ	Isaiah 43:1-7	Acts 8:14-17	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22		۵	Dr McWilliam
20/01/13 Epiphany	Epiphany 3	Isaiah 62:1-5	1 Corinthians	John 2:1-111	Anne Atack		Mrs S Hall
27/01/13	27/01/13 Epiphany 4	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5, 6, 8-10 12:12-31a	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a	Luke 4:14-21	Jane Siddall	മ	Mrs M Walker

ALL SAINTS' FLOWERS

DECEMBER 2ND
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St Cuthbert's and All Saint's Churches GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW 1st Prize – Luxury Christmas Hamper Plus at least 5 other prizes.

Tickets for the Grand Christmas draw are now on sale from PCC members and the Churchwardens and at the Thursday Coffee morning (10 am to 12 noon) at All Saints' Church, Wakefield Road. The draw will take place around 11am on Thursday December 13th at the Coffee Morning at All Saints' Church.

Please support this effort and come along to the Coffee Mornings to join in with the activities planned for 13th and 20th December.

If you would like tickets and cannot get to church or the coffee morning ring Bill or Biddy Branston on 01977 610590 and one of us will bring some to you at your home.

Christmas Card Deliveries

Have your Christmas Cards Delivered by Colin by 21st December

Colin Tanswell will provide a delivery service of Christmas cards within the village of Ackworth in December at a cost of 15p per item in aid of church funds. Stickers to put on the cards will be on sale weekly in the churches and at the Thursday Coffee Morning until 13th December. Cards can be left in special post boxes in our churches up to 16th

December for delivery by 21st December.

Thank you Colin!

Punctuation is important

An English professor wrote the following words on the board and asked all his students to punctuate it correctly.

"A woman without her man is nothing" ...

All the males in the class wrote:-

"A woman, without her man, is nothing."

But all the females in the class wrote:-

"A woman: without her, man is nothing."

Good advice

Seen outside a Methodist Church in Norfolk: 'Don't wait for six strong men to bring you to church, come in and join us while you can.'

PRINCE OF WALES HOSPICE

The Prince of Wales coffee morning held on Saturday November 3rd at Low Ackworth Community Centre made well over a thousand pounds. Many thanks to all who helped to support this event.

The Prince of Wales Hospice is holding a special service at St. Cuthbert's Church on Saturday December 1st at 6.00pm where they invite you to 'Light up a Life.'

All Saints' Coffee Mornings

Thursday 13th December Bell Lane School visit and the Christmas Raffle drawn at about 11.00 am.. Thursday December 20th Community Choir visit



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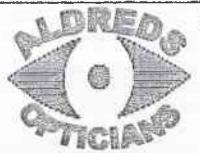


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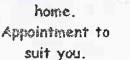
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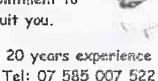




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Worship

6.30pm

Prayer Meeting

Tuesday Wednesday 9.30—11.15am Parents and Toddlers Group

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All services and meetings are held at the Ackworth Parish Council Community Centre, Bell Lane.

From the Registers

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Baptisms	
July 8	Eden Scarlet Christina Beech
July 29	Charlotte May Butler
Aug 12	Lily Irene Hazelgrave & Harry Michael Ross
Aug 26	Harrison George Isaac Outhwaite, Tommy Vin Wright
	& Holly Louise Mariam Outhwaite
September 9th	Noah George McAuley - Weston
September 9th	Lee McAuley
September 30 th	Finlay Oscar Laycock-Brown
October 14 th	Lincoln John Jackson
October 14 th	Nicole Walshaw
October 28 th	Thomas Harry Stephen Beaumont
October 28 th	Elizabeth Mae Smith
Marriages	
	Patrick Cox & Zoe Claire Winter
	p Anthony Hartley & Julie Jayne Wilson
	ard Gregory John Spires & Kayleigh Anne Robinson
	Jackson & Yvette Odette Butler
	ard Billington & Karen Louise Brooks
Aug 2 Glyni	n James Pearson & Karen Patricia Byrom
September 1st	James Earl Whitfield & Kimberley Blake
September 8 th	Howard Lindsay & Elaine Thomas
Funerals	
September 3 rd	Brian Harry Wild (79) 154, Station Road, Low
	Ackworth
September 13th	Audrey Eileen Nichols (86) Eagle Head, 12 Long Lane,
	Ackworth
September 17 th	Marie Crookes (86) Priory Gardens N.H., Pontefract
September 19th	Lillian Elsie Everson (99) Manor Park N.H., Pontefract
September 19 th	Betty McDermott (81) 46, Rhyddings Ave., Ackworth
	Moor Top
October 8 th	Patricia Viola Metlugh (71) 158, Station Rd, Low
	Ackworth
October 18 th	Douglas Bolton (78) 26, Banks Ave., Ackworth Moor
	Top
October 18 th	Kenneth William Rafton, Oddfellows Clubhouses,
	Dielas Calcae Lone

Dicky Sykes Lane

Sunday Services for December 2012 and January 2013

Sunday Service	es		
8.30am	Holy Communion		All Saints'
	(2nd & 4th		
10.15am	Family Communion		St Cuthbert's
3.30pm	Evensong		All Saints'
	(except 3rd Sunday in month)		
3.30pm	Evensong with Healing Prayer		All Saints'
	(third Sunday in month)		
Wednesday Sei			
9.30am	Holy Com	munion	All Saints'
	Specia	al Services and Events	
December 1 st	6.00pm	St Cuthbert's 'Light up	a Life' service for
		the Prince of Wales Ho	spice
December 2 nd	4.00pm	All Saints	
		Christingle Service	
	6.00pm	St Cuthbert's	
1b		Christingle Service	
December 9 th	3.00pm	Village Carol Service a	
	6.00pm	Pantomime Mother God	•
D 4 oth		Players) at St Cuthbert	
December 13 th	11.00am	All Saints Grand Christ	
December 16 th	4.00pm	Gift Service at St Cuthb	pert's with Howard
December 21st	4 * 00 · · ·	School Choir	
December 21"	1.30pm	Howard School Christm	nas Concert at St
December 22 nd	11.30am	Cuthbert's Carols at the Co-Op wit	th Churches
December 22	11.SUalii	Together	in Churches
	7.30 pm	Ackworth Community C	hoir at St
	7.30 pm	Cuthbert's (Proceeds to	
December 23 rd	3.30pm	All Saints' Carol Service	
December 24 th	5.30pm	Carols round the Crib S	
2000III201 2T	11.30pm	Midnight Mass in St Cu	
December 25 th	8.30am	All Saints Xmas Day Co	
	10.15am	St Cuthbert's Family Eu	

NB There will be no 9.30am midweek service at All Saints'

January 18th- 25th Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – watch the Notice Sheets for further details