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Dear Friends

Christmas seems to have gone by in a flash and yet again as I write this article I am beginning to plan for Lent, Holy Week and Easter - Ash Wednesday being less than four weeks away! I have also recently heard the news confirming David's departure, his last Sunday with us being the 3rd February.

Although we will be sad to see him go (David having established himself firmly as a part of the ministry team here) we also wish him well as he enters a new phase in his calling to serve Christ. As the old saying goes "one door closes, another door opens!" This saying ironically describes the values of the season we are in, in the church's life. At the beginning of this month (Sunday 3rd February - Candelmas) we close the door on Christmas and turn to open the door to Lent, Passiontide and Easter. Holy Week and Easter themselves being the most dramatic turnaround of any season as we close the door on our Lord's earthly life on Good Friday to open the door to new, abundant and resurrected life on Easter Sunday.

This is the rhythm of life itself; birth-death, endings followed by new beginnings. It is undeniable, and yet we always find difficulty in coping with the endings. We seem to cling on to the old 'dead' part of the past, reluctant to let go and allow the new beginning to enter. It is this picture that lies at the centre of the greatest beginning of all; a beginning which marked the start of the Christian faith itself - the Resurrection. This desire to hold onto the past whilst fearing the future is beautifully encapsulated in the scene in the garden of Gethsemane on Easter morning. That powerfully moving encounter between Mary Magdalene and her newly resurrected Lord and Master which still makes the hairs on the back of my neck stand up, when I hear it read. As Mary suddenly realises that she is talking to her beloved Lord and not the gardener, she grasps hold of him in a desperate act of not wanting to let him go again. Jesus says to her... "Do not hold on to me because I have not yet ascended to the Father".

This was a new beginning that she did not understand, but by saying this and the words that followed about telling the disciples about his new life and what it would mean for them, he was making it clear that it was time to move on, this is the clear message of Easter; we cannot cling to the past, we must move on into the new life which lies ahead

for us. It is also the message not just for Easter but for life with all its endings and new beginnings; for us as the body of Christ here in Ackworth and for David as he moves to his new post in Stanley. As one of the sentences at the end of our services says: Go in the peace of Christ, David, to love and serve the Lord!

A Happy and Holy Easter to you all

Paul

NB Lent Study Groups will begin on Tuesday 19th February at St Cuthbert's for 5 weeks starting at 7pm (for refreshments)

To Borneo and Back Again

A Venturer's Tale

By Gemma Fox

Several months ago I wrote about an exciting expedition that I was looking forward to going on. I'm back now and here is the story of what happened....

On 6th October 2012 I set off on a journey that would take me 7000 miles across the globe to the island of Borneo. After 16 hours of travelling we arrived in Borneo and were met by the very enthusiastic volunteer managers. We were taken to base camp which is where our training took place. On our arrival we were welcomed by the host country venturers, volunteers from Malaysia, who performed a traditional dance for us. Here at base camp we spent several days learning how to live, work and survive out on project. This included things like learning how to set up a basha (a jungle bed made up of a tarpaulin, mosquito net and a hammock, usually hung between two trees), how to set up and use a radio to call in to field base, how to use the tools and when to use them, camp craft, how to assess and cross a river safely and how to pack our rucksacks logically. After learning all these new skills we were sent off on our first phase which, for me, was an environmental phase. My environmental phase took me to Danum Valley, one of the oldest rainforests in the world. It is home to 6 out of 10 totally protected animals including the Sumatran rhino, pygmy elephant, clouded leopard, orang-utan and proboscis monkey, as well as 124 mammals, 330 birds, 72 reptiles and 37 species of fish. It is this abundance of wildlife that attracts scientists from all over the world so they can increase the body of research of the plants and animals in this area. These scientist stay in accommodation within Danum Valley and this accommodation needs to be supplied with running water. That's where we came in. We were

there to build a water tank which supplies the scientist's accommodation with running water. Without this they would be unable to reside in Danum Valley itself, and their research could not continue. As we were the first group on this project, a lot of the work consisted of carrying materials to the project site, mainly gravel for use in cement for the water tank. Towards the end of the phase, we did get to begin work on the site as we prepared metal for the frame of the tank and built scaffolding to reach the top of the tank.

The wildlife in Danum Valley is fantastic and we were lucky enough to see a lot of it. On our first morning we encountered Boris the bearded pig who came to visit our camp everyday and often tucked into our leftover food as well as our not yet eaten food and even some people's medical kits! On our 3rd day we came across the amazing sight of an orang-utan and its baby. I was delighted to see these in the wild after hearing and watching so much about them. They are very inquisitive creatures, one morning we woke to find one strolling across our camp who then took a liking to the photographer's camera and proceeded to reach into his basha. Needless to say the photographer was both shocked and exhilarated. We saw plenty of other creatures including spiders, lizards, ants, hornbills, a western tarsier and plenty of leeches. I was sad to leave Danum Valley but excited for the next phase, the adventure phase.

The adventure phase started with trekking. We spent 12 days out in the jungle living out of a rucksack. A typical day would go something like this: wake up at 5:30, begin to pack away personal kit, breakfast at 6:30/7:00, continue to pack away personal and group kit, be ready to start trekking at 8:00. We would usually spend around 3-5 hours trekking up and down through the dense jungle carrying everything we had on our backs. We climbed hills and crossed rivers and we would eventually arrive at camp in time for lunch. But before we could eat we had to set up our hammocks, make a fire and dig the long drop AKA the toilet! The rest of the day would be spent resting, washing in rivers or learning from our guides who were fantastic and knew everything there was to know about the jungle we were in. After a tiring 12 days we came to rest in the small village of Long Pasia where we were looked after by the villagers. I spent a night in one of the villager's homes and experienced some of the Malaysian culture and food, of which there was plenty! From here we travelled by coach and boat to Mamutik island. Here we spent 5 days in what felt like paradise, learning how to scuba dive. After achieving our PADI diving certificate we put it to some good use and planted some coral to repopulate that which had been destroyed. It was then time to say goodbye to adventure and hello to the community phase.

After a long journey along a dodgy dirt road and crossing 3 rivers in a 4x4, we arrived in the village of Terian, the site of my community project which was to build a kindergarten. For the duration of our stay we lived in the village's church hall and slept on the floor. It didn't look much but it was cosy enough. When we arrived at the worksite we found that the previous two groups had left us with a floor and a roof. It looked like a big job to get it finished in time but everyone was keen to get started. We began by building the exterior walls, we built the interior walls, built the steps to get into the building and painted the entire building several times over. I learnt some new skills and refreshed some old ones and thoroughly enjoyed every minute. Between working, eating and sleeping we also found time to spend with the children of the village who loved our company and the games we played with them. We also got the opportunity to teach some English lessons which was a great experience although we discovered that they could already speak pretty good English, but the kids enjoyed themselves all the same. At the end of the phase when the kindergarten was finished there was an opening ceremony and celebration. The whole village came together to see the opening of the building and the children came dressed in their traditional Malaysian clothes. Everyone had a really good time and celebrations continued throughout the afternoon. We then made the long journey back along the dirt road for the final part of the expedition.

Raleigh International has been working in Borneo for 10 years now and to celebrate the 10 year anniversary we were given the opportunity to climb Mount Kinabalu. This mountain is 4095m high, the highest in South East Asia. We began our ascent on 12th December, up many, many steps and steep climbs. Halfway up the mountain at around 11000ft we stayed in a hostel and we were already above the clouds looking out over amazing views. The next morning we woke at 2:00am to continue our ascent to the summit. We climbed the rest of the way in the dark of the early hours so that when we got to the top we could watch the sun rise over Borneo. The view from the peak was magnificent and definitely worth the agonising climb to the top. A brilliant way to end the expedition.

Once again I would just like to say a massive thank you to everyone who donated money so that I was able to go on this fantastic trip. Not only have I gained this incredible experience that will stay with me for life, but we have provided remote villages with water, built a kindergarten so children can be educated and conducted biodiversity surveys of a protected area. None of this would have been possible without your contributions and support. Thank you!

Christingle Service

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

Approximately £500 was raised for the Children's Society. Many thanks, Helen Parkinson



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TABLE TOP SALES ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Following the success of last year's sales and Christmas Fair we shall be running a similar programme of events this year. It is only fitting at this point to say a special thank you to the team who, through their hard work, made it all possible, namely, Caroline and Derek Longhurst, Tash, Pauline Richardson, Jackie Dawson, Wendy Laybourn, Janet Taberner, Bill Branston and especially Stella not just for lots of cakes but for all her support in keeping me focused. My thanks go also to everybody who helped by way of donations, in sorting and pricing and also everyone who baked cakes. Thank you all so much.

Once again we will be asking for donations of good quality clothes, books, bags and bric a brac and already a few people have offered these. We only have very limited storage space and our first sale will not be until May so please be patient with us. We will let everybody know via the Church newsletter and the Parish magazine when we are able to accept donations.

Should anybody have any ideas or wish to help in any way with these events please contact me on 612003. Once again my sincerest thanks to you all.

Ian Hall



LENT

Shrove Tuesday this year will fall on February 12th. Its name relates to times when Christians went and confessed their sins before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Lent was considered to be the time for cleansing before the great celebration of Easter. The first step was to be cleansed of one's sins and next the home too had to be thoroughly cleaned-leading to the tradition of Spring Cleaning.

Very little is made of Shrove Tuesday in this country compared with central Europe where there are great festivals called Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday). Here it is more often known as Pancake Day or as some children, when asked what day it was, replied 'Jif Lemon Day'-the power of advertising!

Pancakes were originally made then to use up milk and eggs before the austere days of Lent. The recipe included eggs to signify creation, flour was to remind one of 'the staff of life', salt was for wholesomeness and milk was for purity. It was widely believed that if you ate pancakes on Shrove Tuesday then you would not go hungry throughout the year.

During the reign of the first Elizabeth figures called Jack O' Lantern were created and placed in prominent public places so that people had someone to blame for the hard weeks ahead. The figure would then be ceremoniously carried through towns and villages before being burned on a pyre. The name Jack O' Lantern was adopted by some of the inns at that time and some still remain in the West Country.

In the late seventeenth century young girls who worked away from home as maids took home a rich fruit cake on the fourth Sunday in Lent. This was known as a Simnel Cake and was decorated with 11 marzipan balls to represent the 12 Apostles, minus Judas Iscariot the betrayer of Jesus. Eventually this day became better known as Mothering Sunday and children would give their mothers simple gifts of wild flowers.

Purple is used during Lent because of its association with mourning - reminding us of the death of Jesus and secondly because it is also the colour of royalty and celebrates Christ the King.



MAGAZINE PAYMENT

Payment is due this month if you pay annually for your copies. The cost remains the same at three pounds for the year. Thank you for your continued support.



C.T. (CHRISTMAS TIME) POST TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS

It seemed a good idea at the time, but I began to have my doubts as I carried out a survey of the street/road names in Ackworth to find that there are 120 of them. The sale of stickers and collection of the envelopes went better than I expected, thanks to Bill for his help at St. Cuthbert's, with 250 placed in the boxes and although not planned I even delivered a parcel!

I began delivery on Sunday December 16th within easy walking distance of our home, although I had not yet collected the last St. Cuthbert's box, it was a risk worth taking as I only had to retrace my steps to a couple of addresses.

Very early in my rounds I encountered my first problem, a house number shown on the envelope did not exist but fortunately a neighbour was able to point me to the correct address. I was able to find numerous occasions where house numbers were incorrect, for people I knew; I hope there were not too many for those I did not know.

One lady I know had envelopes addressed to three different house numbers! It is surprising how many houses, even on new estates, do not have house numbers displayed and where it is necessary to check next door or even up the street to see that it is the right address. Even where the numbers were shown it is not always easy to locate addresses down back alleys and ginnels and added assistance was provided by a postman, a police woman and a number of passersby. House names only were shown on quite a few envelopes, quite a task to locate,

especially along the length of Pontefract Road and Mill Lane. One delivery down a track to a farmhouse brought my only contact with a dog, fortunately a friendly one.

I was almost finished, priding myself that I had completed all deliveries, when I was confronted by a house with security that would not have been out of place at Fort Knox and it had no letter box. In desperation I left the envelope where I hoped it would be found!

I carried out the task in five sessions over a period of about eight hours; visiting 128 addresses, situated in 50% of Ackworth thoroughfares, covering a distance of 26 miles. My target was to finish by December 21st, in the event I completed it by the 19th, a poor weather forecast spurred me on to an early completion. I had anticipated someone would not meet the time scale; fortunately there were only two outstanding deliveries in the next street.

Although not so at the time, there was an amusing incident between rounds when I could not find the nitrate spray I need to counteract my angina. We searched high and low before finding it somewhere we had already checked, at one point in desperation Sue even considered taking a casserole out of the oven to check that it had not been mistaken for a carrot (it is orange in colour!)

This initiative raised 50 pounds 60 pence (including 13 pounds in donations) and I am grateful to all who supported it. I was little disappointed with the amount raised but as Sue reminds me it was also a pastoral service.

Will I do it again next year? I might but I am reminded by the rain lashing against the window as I write that the time scale is highly weather/

health
dependent.

Postman

Colin



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!

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY (18th-25th January)

Please note the times and venues and try to come to the one that interests you!

Friday 18 Jan	Anglicans, All Saints' Church	12 noon
Monday 21 Jan	Methodist Church	12 noon
Tuesday 22 Jan	Community Church (at All Saints' Church)	12 noon
Wednesday 23 Jan	Catholics (at All Saints Church)	12 noon
Thursday 24 Jan	Quakers, Meeting House Ackworth School	7.30pm
Friday 25 January	Agape, St. Cuthbert's Church	7.00pm

ALPHA COURSE

The Course will begin on Monday 8th April in the Methodist Church - watch out for invitations and posters!

Perhaps, this year is the time for you to find out what this is all about?

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.

This will take place on **FRIDAY 1st March 2013**, 7.30pm at All Saints' Church.

The speaker will be **Revd. Jenny Montgomery** (ex Ackworth curate) and the country in the spotlight this year is France. Everyone is welcome to this inter-denominational service... both women and men!

Just to add...

A **Toddler Group** is starting on 7th February 2013 at All Saints' Church 2pm to 3.30pm and will be held on the first Thursday of each month.

If you have a young toddler at home, why not come along and meet others? It may be fun!

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.

Readings Rota for February 2013, March 2013

Date	Liturgical Week	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel	St Cuthbert's	All Saints'
03/02/2013	Candlemas	Malachi 3:1-5	Hebrews 2:14-end	Luke 2:22-40	Sue Hartley	Mr I Hall
10/02/2013	Transfiguration Sunday	Exodus 34:29-35	2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2	Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)		P Dr McWilliam
17/02/2013	1st Sunday of Lent	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Romans 10:8b-13	Luke 4:1-13	Keith Shaw	Mrs S Hall
24/02/2013	2nd Sunday of Lent	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18	Philippians 3:17-4:1	Luke 13:31-35	Jane Gosney	B Mrs M Walker
03/03/2013	3rd Sunday of Lent	Isaiah 55:1-9	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9	Anne Bullock	Mr I Hall
10/03/2013	Mothering Sunday	Exodus 2:1-10	Colossians 3:12-17	Luke 2:33-35		P Dr McWilliam
17/03/2013	Passion Sunday	Isaiah 43:16-21	Philippians 3:4b-14	John 12:1-8	Pauline Wong	Mrs S Hall
24/03/2013	Palm Sunday	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 23:1-49	Anne Atack	Mrs M Walker
31/03/2013	Easter Day	Isaiah 65:17-end	Acts 10:34-43	John 20:1-18	Jane Siddall	B Mr I Hall

ALL SAINTS' FLOWERS

FEBRUARY 3RD
FEBRUARY 10TH
FEBRUARY 17TH
FEBRUARY 24TH
MARCH 3RD
MARCH 10TH
MARCH 17TH
MARCH 24TH
MARCH 31ST



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MARCH 24TH
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JEAN CLAYTON
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St Cuthbert's & All Saints' Christmas Raffle 2012

I wish to extend grateful thanks to all those who made the Christmas raffle such a success. Especially those who donated prizes, those who sold tickets, and those who bought them. In particular I wish to thank Mr & Mrs Lockett and Bill Branston who helped so much.

The grand total raised was £670 which will go towards the upkeep of our churches.

Thank you and a Happy New Year to one and all.

Erica Davies

The lucky prize winners were:-

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Ann Walker 0534
Claire Davies 0057
J Davies (Organist) 1959
J Davies (Organist) 1954
Carole 0590
J Dawson 0217
J Dawson 0228
Kirsty Morris 1542



X-MAS RAFFLE

GIFTS

Christmas is over, a New Year has begun. Did you get all you wanted or are you still looking? December 2012 was a very busy time for the clergy and the congregations. There were lots of extra services, some with opportunities to offer gifts to the less fortunate. There were toys for the children and toiletries and Christmas goodies for another charity supported by the Churches. The Christingle Services raised money for the Church of England Children's Society and money too was given to UNICEF and Children in Need.

There was a wonderful Concert in St. Cuthbert's Church by the Ackworth Community Choir which raised money for The Prince of Wales Hospice. All this happened in two small village Churches where children were involved and the elderly entertained and where people of every age were made welcome. None of this would have happened without the gift of life which is freely given to all of us. We all have our special gifts to offer. Maybe it is singing or playing an instrument, baking cakes, flower arranging or just a listening ear or offering support or friendship to someone or joining in weekly worship.

Come along and see which piece of life's jigsaw you fit. We may have the edges but there is still room for many more pieces to fit in. Look in the magazine for service times and forthcoming events. I'll keep an eye out for you.

"Seek and ye shall find."

Ann Atack

**"While we have the gift
of life, it seems to me
the only tragedy is to
allow part of us to die,
whether it is our spirit,
our creativity or our
glorious uniqueness."**

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From the Registers

Baptism

- Nov 11 Lily Joy Fretwell, Bella Grace Fretwell,
William James Wright-Steadman
Nov 25 Grace Lily Hanby
Dec 9 Ava Jean Anne Bainbridge, Freya Haley Johnson

Funerals

- Nov 9 Joyce Yates (81) 5 Hawthorn Grove, Ackworth Moor Top
Nov 14 John Richard Scoggins (43) 26 South Avenue, South Elmsall
Nov 23 Caroline Woodcock (81) 9 Thornbridge Cres, Chesterfield
Nov 28 Vida Webster (87) Linwood Cres, Fitzwilliam
Dec 3 Myra Richardson (84) Ward Aldham N.H. South Elmsall

Special Services

- Feb 3 Eucharist and Procession of Candlemas
@ St Cuthbert's 3.30pm
*(revisit the recent festival of Christmas and Epiphany
before turning our focus upon the cross of Lent,
Passiontide and Easter).*
Feb 13 Ash Wednesday Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes
7.30pm St Cuthbert's
Mar 10 Mothering Sunday services at usual times

Holy Week and Easter services as per back page.

LITTLE FRIENDS

Little Friends Mother, Baby & Toddler Group is starting at All Saints' Church on Thursday February 7th 2013 between 2.00pm and 3.30pm.

We are hoping that it will eventually become as popular as the weekly Coffee Mornings.

It will be a chance for Mums (&Dads) to meet informally, have a coffee etc. whilst the little ones play and make new friends.

We will be meeting on the first Thursday in each month initially. It will be lovely to have children in Church, we do get a few at the Coffee Morning, but this will be a chance to see them more regularly.

Further information is available from Sue Tanswell on 01977

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Sunday Services for February 2013 and March 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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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

Sunday	10.30am 6.30pm	Worship 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.

Holy Week and Easter Special Services

Palm Sunday: March 24th

Eucharist and Procession of Palms at St Cuthbert's at 10.15am

Maundy Thursday: March 28th

Christmas Eucharist at Wakefield Cathedral at 10.30am

Institution of the Last Supper at St Cuthbert's at 7.30pm

Followed by the Watch until 10.00pm

Good Friday: March 29th

Family Service at All Saints at 10.30am

Followed by Procession of Witness at 11.45 to 12pm to

Co-op Car Park with Churches Together

Good Friday Liturgy at St Cuthbert's at 2.00pm

Easter Eve

First Eucharist of Easter at St Cuthbert's

at 7.30pm *The lighting of the Easter Fire,*

blessing of the new paschal candles and

procession into a darkened church

Followed by the renewal of baptismal

vows

Easter Day

All Saints' at 8.30am Family Eucharist at St

Cuthbert's at 10.15am *Followed by egg*

rolling and decorated egg competition

Easter Praise - All Saints' at 3.30pm

