

Ackworth Parish Magazine

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Dear Friends

After a glorious summer, we move into the autumn time of reflections as the nights draw in, harvests are gathered and the labour associated with late summer stills to a gentler pace.

Not so for the Church however! Even as I write, in a pastoral sense, there seem to be much more to do as people return from holidays and decide to get those things which they put off or put to one side back into action; to get things sorted before winter sets in. After a relatively quiet period through the summer we go up a gear in the next two months as we 'clock up' several big festivals and celebrations - see elsewhere in the magazine for details of these. All in all the church and its members awake from slumber and this brings with it new imperatives and a greater sense of urgency as we move towards the closing of another year.

There is much to think about, but I would like to turn my attention to Harvest celebrations and the two major Saints which we commemorate over this period. The one thing that links all three are those dreaded 'M' words Mission and Money. Dreaded, because as soon as they are mentioned people draw back in fear "the vicar is going to be asking for something again!". Well, I'm afraid I can't still your fears, because I am going to ask for something - quite simply as the demands that both of those words make upon us (including Paul - our curate -churchwardens and PCC) they cannot be met on my/our own.

Firstly then, the most contentious issue - money! Regular readers may remember I made an appeal on behalf of the PCC in the June/July magazine. Happily, we are able to say thank you to all who responded to our pleas for help; things have improved. Unfortunately, we are still struggling in comparison with last years figures and costs have risen. Leaving aside fees (ie weddings and funerals) of which we are already £2,500 down on last year, our regular giving including sundry receipts and donations is also down over £2,300 on the same period last year (a total of nearly £5000 compared to the same period last year).

There are many ways in which we can redeem this shortfall eg by direct giving, fundraising events, selling goods etc but none of which we can achieve singlehandedly. Another way, in the longer term is to do with that other 'M' word - mission! Spreading the gospel and increasing our attendances. Here we take our prompt from Harvest and St Luke. Instruction can be found in the Bible; specifically it's

worth reading Luke chapter 10 or Matthew 9:37-10:23. A few key phrases from those passages

"go out..." (they are not going to come into us)
"take no gold, no silver... no purse, no pack ..."
(quite simply just take ourselves - just go as we are)
"...pray therefore to the Lord of the Harvest to send labourers to gather in the harvest..."

The conclusion or answer to our prayers might simply be...
"I AM SENDING YOU!"

It's not an easy task to contemplate, but all we can do is to offer that invitation <u>and</u> to people we know. As Matthew writes "go to the lost sheep of Israel" - in other words their own kind, neighbours, people they know—fellow Jews. And, our duty is merely to offer that invitation to come and listen. If people don't want to listen then as St Luke writes "if they do not receive you, go into the streets and wipe off the dust of that town that clings to your feet" (shake it off and move on!)

Mission is not easy, but it is the responsibility of every Christian, as Jesus commanded us to 'make disciples of all nations' all we are asking is to go no further than friends, family and neighbours with an invitation to join us!

Yours in Christ

Paul

A note from the PCC:

Sadly, due to dwindling attendance we are cancelling the 3.30pm services at All Saints' on Sundays from the end of October. We will continue, possibly once every two months, with the Healing Prayer services and seasonal 'Songs of Praise'. This does however, offer opportunities to do other activities in church and we welcome any suggestions eg 'Messy Church' 'Beer and Hymns' 'Cafe Church' etc. As worship does not to seem to attract people to this Sunday slot, we now need look at other ways to communicate the Gospel.

Quiz Evening with Pie and Peas supper

We shall holding a Quiz Evening at the Howard School, Station Road on Saturday 19th October 2013 starting at 7.30 pm in aid of Church Funds.

Come along to join a team of 4 persons, or come as a team, for a pleasant and enjoyable social evening. There will be a pie and peas supper prepared by staff at the Brown Cow and a raffle.

To assist with catering and room arrangements could you please sign the notice at the back of the churches to confirm you will be coming along. Alternatively you can telephone Biddy Branston on 01977 610590. See you on the night.

The Valuation Evening had to be cancelled.

It was necessary to postpone the Valuation Evening that had been planned for Friday 20th September 2013 due to lack of indicated support. We apologise if this caused any inconvenience to those wishing to attend.

For those who wanted to obtain a valuation on a specific item – this can still be arranged directly with the Auctioneers and Valuers.

Mr Walsh who was going to be at the valuation evening has confirmed that his company holds an open Friday morning most week where persons can bring items for a valuation.

If you wish to visit one of these open Friday mornings please ring John Walsh & Co, Auctioneers and Valuers in advance to confirm that a valuation morning is being held on a particular Friday and then take along your item on the day.

The Friday valuations take place at Ashfield House, Illingworth Street, Ossett, WF5 8AL. The contact telephone no is 01924 264030. If you have items you wish to have valued and cannot get to Ossett on a Friday, have a word with Bill Branston who will try and help you. It is believed that there will be no charge for such valuations but please check when you telephone.

"For I am fearfully and wonderfully made." Psaim 139:14

I wonder if you have ever thought of yourself as fearfully and wonderfully made! And what does it mean anyway. This verse from psalm 139 forms part of a few verses describing how we are formed.

Psalm 139 is a favourite of many people, because it is a reassuring psalm, telling us of God's presence in our lives all the time. It tells of how we were formed in our mothers womb (intricately woven). It also tells of how we cannot escape from God even if we wanted to, and the psalmist acknowledges that he is a sinful man, and asks God to remove any wicked ways, and lead him into his ways.

The quote written above is from verses 13-18. A wonderful description of how God is involved in our own creation. He formed our inward parts, he knit us together, even when no-one knew we were growing in our mothers tummy, God knew we were there, he knows the days allotted to us. God thoughts are too many for us to count or even really consider. This is a wonderful passage. If you know it well, read it again. If you know it a little, read it carefully. If you've never read before, read it through slowly and take in its meaning. Read it through and let the words and the phrases and the meaning wash over you. It is a truly powerful psalm to be encountered.

At our Bible study this week, we did just that. We read and contemplated all that this psalm can teach us, and tell us about our relationship with God. The thing that stood out, was just how much care, and time and effort, God takes in our creation and formation. Psalm 139:13-18, describes an all powerful God, who takes time to watch us grow, and carefully nurture each one of as we grow, first in secret, and then for all to see.

What we need to grasp though, is that God does not give up on once we are born. God is with us all the time (Psalm 139:1-6), and there is no escape (Psalm 139:7-12). What we see here is that God is constantly with us, moulding us, changing us, transforming us, into his likeness. As the hymn puts it "changed from glory into glory".

This happens when we open ourselves to God. When we turn towards him (Psalm 139:23-24), "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me, and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." This is a constant prayer of the Celtic Community in Northumbria. If you want any one prayer to say each day, this is a good one to start with.

It we all do this, then what a community of faithful people we will be.

Christmas Cards now on sale!

Why not be an early bird and get organised now for Christmas? This year we have a selection of six quality Christmas cards on sale featuring photographs from both our churches. These are available in mixed packs of six or in packs of an individual design and are available in two sizes.

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Please support your church and help us to raise funds by using our cards to send to your friends and family this Christmas.

Ackworth Calendar 2014 - coming soon

Watch out for the Ackworth Calendar for 2014 which will be on sale by the end of September. This year we have tried a new look for the calendar, which is on the theme of 'Secret Corners of Ackworth'. We are very grateful to Michael Fox for taking the photographs for the calendar and we are confident that they will provide you with year round enjoyment. We have also changed the calendar so that it is smaller than in previous years and we have tried to give it a more contemporary look. We hope that you will like it!

As an optional extra, we are running a competition in which you are invited to try to identify all the 'Secret Corners' featured in the photographs throughout the calendar. This would be a fun activity to do on your own or as a couple, with a friend, or with your children or grandchildren! So put on your walking shoes and rise to the challenge in 2014.

Calendars, priced at £5.00 will be on sale in several outlets in Ackworth and the surrounding area, as well as in both churches. Envelopes for posting will also be available, priced separately. The calendars, as always, will make excellent gifts for friends and family, so watch out for the calendar and don't miss out – buy yours early!

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do unto them; for this is the Law and the Prophets. MATTHEW 7 verse 12

A TIME OF SHARING

Sunday is a special day when groups of people in village and towns in every country meet together to share in God's presence. It is a time to share friendship, to pray together and share our many gifts and talents. Jane and I were sharing our weekly thoughts when she mentioned a band she had joined named U.3.A. Having a great interest in our weekly coffee morning at All Saints' Church I thought it would be good to put the two things together so along came the band on the 18th of July.....

What exactly is 'U3A'?

On July 18th, the gentle hum and buzz of conversation of the coffee morning in All Saints' Church was given a blast from The Wakefield U3A Wind-band...

An eclectic range of music was played to the throng of locals drinking and eating cake - ranging from 'Finlandia' by Sibelius and the Floral Dance, 'La Mer' (or Beyond the Sea from Disney's Finding Nemo) and Jesus Christ Super Star along with a couple of hymns and March Militaire as well as other well-known tunes.

So, what or who is this group?

U3A - commonly known as University of the Third Age - is a group of Wakefield District over 50's who can play any wind instrument and have a passion for making music. We meet together in Horbury at St Mary's Church Centre on Friday afternoons to play. Jenny is our co-ordinator

and Martin our resident conductor and for 2 hours each week we work hard but have great fun.

Currently the group is made up of one flute, several Clarinets and Alto Saxophones, Soprano Saxophone, Tenor Saxophones, a Trombone, a Euphonium, a Flugal horn, a Cornet and Jenny's husband on the electric drums.

Yes, I know the drums are not a wind instrument but it's good to have Lionel there to keep us all together and he makes a super cup of tea for us all at half time!

Since September, this group has grown from 8 to 18 playing members and we have played to groups in residential homes and churches as far afield as Thornhill, Normanton and Castleford. And, now in Ackworth! We have decided that our name needs changing, that 'U3A' does not have a very musical ring to it! So we have all been asked to come up with suggestions and in September when we meet again we will vote on which we think is the most suitable. So, if you can think of a name nothing rude of course! - do let the coffee morning organisers know and I can put it 'into the hat' in September.

One of the hymns we played was 'Onward Christian Soldiers' - did you know that the music to this hymn was composed by Sir Arthur Sullivan (of Gilbert and Sullivan fame) and the words written by Rev. Sabine Baring-Gould in Horbury?

If you play a wind instrument, at whatever ability level and you think you would like to join the group, contact Jenny on 01924 262664 and look on the website for other activities - there are lots of things available! You will be surprised! It is:

www.wakefieldu3a.org.uk

......A wonderful morning was enjoyed by an almost full church. As you can guess we are now planning a second visit with Christmas music and mince pies. Watch out for the date and time. You'll receive a warm welcome.

Ann Atack and Jane Gosney

LITTLE FRIENDS-UP DATE

We cannot believe that it is seven months, in August, since we started our venture of bringing little ones into church. In April we were joined by Janet Bateman as a regular helper.

August was special for a number of reasons, the first being the giving out of our first children's bible on the occasion of Lily's second birthday. We have been extremely lucky that a number of these bibles have been donated by lan. It was a lovely surprise when he rolled up on my doorstep to deliver them; thank you lan.

Secondly two ladies with their children came in after seeing the sign outside church; they could not believe that they did not have to pay anything! Thirdly my son's girlfriend, who is over from Winnipeg, Canada, came with me to help; it gave me the chance for some bonding time, the expression they use these days, with me on my own.

Lastly we had the play dough in four colours out, which they love, unfortunately in Christine's absence, on holiday, to supervise, they mixed up all the colours; how do we break the news to her?

We look forward to meeting our regulars each month and hopefully some new faces.

Sue, Christine and Janet

NOT LEARNED IN SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Commandments.

The greatest miracle was when Joseph told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.

Little of Elijah is known except that he went on a cruise with a widow

Before a man could become a monk he had to have his tonsils cut.

A parable is a heavenly story with no earthly meaning.

Sarah was Abraham's half-wife, otherwise mid-wife, sometimes called columbine.

Esau was a man who wrote fable and sold his copyright for a mess of potash.

Martin Luther did not die a natural death; he was excommunicated by a bull.

The Great Flood was sent because of the large number of dirty people.

If someone slaps you, turn and let him have another knock and the door shall be opened.

Who was sorry when the prodigal son returned? The fatted calf.

The first and greatest Commandment is hang all the law and the prophets

John the Baptist was beheaded by the Axe of the Apostles.

Jacob stole his brother's birthmark.

A BRIEF VISIT TO NORFOLK

A brief visit to Norfolk

Unfortunately our visits to Norfolk have been curtailed this year for a number of reasons, but we did manage ten days in July.

We have noted in past years that an organ recital takes place at Holy Trinity Church, West Runton each Wednesday lunch time in summer and thought it would be nice to go along.

On the 10th of July, by chance the organist was to be from St. Chad's Church Shrewsbury, where Colin used to worship and be a server in his youth. He gives 45 weekly Friday lunch hour concerts there each year.

We arrived to find the church quite full, with many eating their lunch. The organist, Richard Walker was preparing for his recital and I took the opportunity of introducing myself and my association with St. Chad's.

In his introduction he advised that he was accompanied by friends from Church Stretton where he lives, who were celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary in Norfolk. After the recital I also introduced myself to his friends finding out that their son and I went to the same school in Shrewsbury.

The hour long recital included music by Karg-Elet, J.S.Bach, Boyce, Mendelssohn, Franck, Gigout, Jeffrey Fraser and Widor, some of it was new to us and all was very enjoyable and we will go again. Colin Tanswell

Readings Rota for October 2013, November 2013

Date	Liturgical Week	Old Testament	Old Testament New Testament	Goenel	St Cuthbert's	All Saints'
06/10/2013 Prop	Proper 22	Lamentations 1:1-6	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Luke 17:5-10	Anne Atack	Mrs M Walker
13/10/2013 Harv	est Thanksgiving	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7	2 Timothy 2:8-15	Luke 17:11-19		P Mr I Hall
20/10/2013 Proper 24		Jeremiah 31:27-34	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	Luke 18:1-8	Jane Siddall	Dr McWilliam
27/10/2013 Prol	Proper 25	Joel 2:23-32	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	Luke 18:9-14		B Mrs S Hall
03/11/2013 All	All Saints' Day	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18	Ephesians 1:11-23	Luke 6:20-31		Mrs M Walker
10/11/2013 3rd	3rd Before Advent	Job 19:23-27a	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17	Luke 20:27-38		p Mr I Hall
t7/11/2013 2nd	2nd Before Advent	Malachi 4:1-2a	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Luke 21:5-19	Sue Hartley	Dr McWilliam
24/11/2013	24/11/2013 Christ the King	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Colossians 1:11-20	Luke 23:33-43	Keith Shaw	B Mrs S Hall

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Dear Friends at St Cuthbert's and All Saints'

I think that it is 5 years since I was asked to contribute to your magazine, well at least my letter of June 2008 is the most recent copy that I can find. In that letter I thank you for helping Suzy over twelve years and the £13,000 you have collected to help me feed the starving children of the world.

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I have reached the late middle-age of 80 and can really and truly say that I have met and begged from some wonderful people in the 38 years since I started the Suzy fund. In 1975 I decided that if 10p could save a child's life, buy a measles injection, oral rehydration therapy, or a basic meal and access to clean water, then if I didn't collect a lot of 10p's I was a part of the problem rather than a part of the solution.

People told me that however sad it was, there was nothing that small people like me could do, it was only possible for governments or multinational companies to make a change in the world's injustices.

They were wrong, so many people like the good folks of St Cuthbert's and All Saints', have helped me, that in 38 years we have collected over £740,000. Every month I receive checks from churches in Durham and Glasgow and many individuals who like what we do, and especially the fact that every penny of the pound they send us gets to the poor. We started in 1975 with a target of £100 a week, now we average

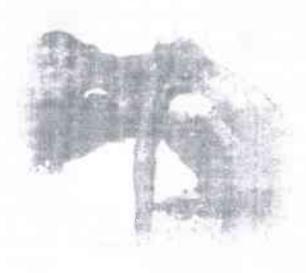
£1000 a week and every month end I send cheques to projects all over the world. This week I have sent £2000 to Medicins sans Frontieres for help in Syria, £2000 to our feeding station in Ethiopia, £1000 to Hope and Homes for children, and cheques for £500 to Kenya, Sudan, Somalia, Romania and India.

We have financed the Feeding Station in Ethiopia for 20 years, feeding up to 800 street children every day, 'the meal' costs just 6p, £1 feeds 16 children with what may be their only meal. We are still helping the Fistula Hospital in Addis Ababa to salvage the lives of young girls, wrecked by early and uncared for pregnancy, and to prevent genital mutilation for young girls.

I am aware that for all we do, there is still much to do, but with your help and support, if God spares me for a few more years it would be wonderful for Suzy to reach £1,000,000 and to prove that little people's dreams can come true.

God bless and keep you Brian M Hazell MBE 78a Oakenshaw Lane, Walton, Wakefield, WF2 6NH Tel: 01924 252434

Editor's Note: In the year ending September 2012, £55,000 was donated to needy and worthwhile causes throughout the world.



Across

- 1. Curve
- 5. "Les Miserables", e.g.
- 10. Just _ (be right with you)
- 14. Baseball's Moises
- 15. Normal
- 16. Dickens' "little" girl
- 17. A __ of __
- 20. Avis competitor
- 21. Chamber ___
- 22. __ balls
- 23. Its in french
- 25. Cape ___, Portugal
- 27. Moroccan imperial city

- 30. He's a doll
- 32. Plateau boundary
- 37. List enders
- 39. Consume
- 41. Hugh ___ (Dr. House)
- 42. Time to enjoy 17 & 67
- Across
- 45. Not unless
- 46. Driver's grp.
- 47. Trig function
- 48. Corrals
- 50. Sqt.'s superiors
- 52. Aurora's counterpart
- 53. Chevy's compact pickup
- 55. She, in Brazil

- 57. Radio countdown host
- Casey
- 61. Sailor's 911
- 63. Bring together
- 67. with all the ___
- 70. Little suffix
- Rodeo rope
- 72. Jump __ (hurry up)
- 73. Fill holds
- 74. Impertinent
- 75. Barks

Down

- 1. Big party
- 2. Fashion magazine
- 3. Bete
- 4. Tubes for tears
- 5. British ram
- 6. Goes to bat
- 7. It could be benign
- 8. Bird of prey
- 9. Wapati kin
- 10. Beatles song (written by Arthur Alexander)
- 11. No. 9 in a grp.
- 12. 1558-1603 queen, abbr.
- 13. Antony's lover, briefly
- 18. O.T. book
- 19. Bo Diddly hit (copied by Muddy Waters)

- 24. Is inclined to
- 26. Having lashes
- 27. Stench
- 28. Prefix meaning 'race'
- 29. Resell tickets
- 31. Go on at
- 33. Wigs, slangily
- 34. Live free __ (NH motto)
- 35. Galeazzo __ (Fascist founder and Mussolini's son
- -in-law)
- 36. Novelist Frances
- Parkinson ___
- 38. A backwater or sidechannel
- 40. Aunt in Acaputco
- 43. __ l'm lrish! 44. __ Kilmer

- 49. Lipton rival
- 51. Poor part of town
- 54. Jones and Charles
- 56. Santa ___: California racetrack
- 57. TV music vendor
- 58. Setting on a camera, perhaps
- 59. Mlle in Mazatlan
- 60. Coped (with 'out')
- 62. Poses
- 64. __ out? (dealer's query) 65. End-of-the-week
- exclamation
- 66. Appraisal amts.
- 68. Many mos.
- 69. __ Day



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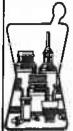
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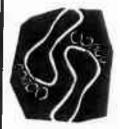
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Baptisms

Jul 14 Jacob Ellis and Evie Annabel Vause

Jul 28 William John Walker & Luke John Paul Martin

Aug 11 Autumn Alana Tyas & Ruby Hampson

Aug 25 D'arcie Isabella Reid

Marriages

Aug 31 Ryan Lee Miller & Nicola Smith

Funerals

Jul 10 Gladys E Jordan (91) 16 Brookfield Drive, Low Ackworth Aug 2 Dennis M C Tennant (83) 17 Castlegate Dr, Pontefract

Little Friends Mother and Toddler Group

1st Thursday of each month

2pm to 3.30pm

All Saints Church - Sue Tanswell 612913 for information.

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 Worship

6.30pm Prayer Meeting

Tuesday 9.30—11.15am Parents and Toddlers Group 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 2013 and November 2013

Sunday Services

8.30am Holy Communion All Saints'

(2nd & 4th Sunday BCP service)

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 Service

9.30am Holy Communion All Saints'

Harvest Celebrations October 11th - 13th

Friday 11th: Schools Celebrations at St Cuthbert's

Saturday 12th: St Cuthbert's open for viewing with refreshments

Sunday 13th: at 10.15am Harvest Thanksgiving with Confirmation at

St Cuthbert's by Bishop Tony Robinson

Special Services and Events

Oct 12th 9am-12pm Table Top Sales at All Saints'

Oct 19th 7pm Quiz with Pie and Pea Supper at Howard School
Oct 30th Bags for the Future collection (old clothes, shoes, bags)
New 3rd Commemoration of All Scipt's Sunday (ph. pp. 8-30am at

Nov 3rd Commemoration of All Saint's Sunday (nb no 8.30am at

AS or 10.15am service at SC

5pm Commemoration of the faithful Departed at St

Cuthbert's

Nov 9th Christmas Fair at All Saints', 1.00pm - 4.00pm

Nov 10th Remembrance Sunday 10am Said Communion at SC

Service of Remembrance 11am at St Cuthbert's.

Dec 1st Christingle Services 4pm @ AS and 6pm @SC

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