



Ackworth Parish Magazine

He is Risen



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Dear Friends

Palm Sunday to Easter Day is without doubt the most important week in the Christian calendar and certainly the busiest for the Church and its clergy. With at least 12 services, not counting prayer and meditations and any funeral which may come along, I often feel exhausted when I get to Easter Monday and am very appreciative of the next few days holiday. Quite often I say to myself, another one down - another 9 (or whatever) to go!

Perhaps not unusually, this is the way that many Christians look at Holy Week, as a series of individual services, each with its own theme which relate powerful events in our Lord's life. I was reading something recently which suggested that we try to look at Holy Week as a whole; a journey from Palm Sunday to Easter Day - a journey which relates the prime motive of Jesus' ministry to the world he came to save. It is a journey which teaches us about humanity and God's relationship to it. We see, in the week a Jesus at both his most vulnerable in human terms and all powerful in heavenly terms as he wins victory of the most ultimate of enemies to human life - death itself. It is a journey in which we see the worst of human nature when even his best friends desert him and he is brought to the point of dereliction when even he doubts God his father's purpose. Also the best of human nature, raised to touch the divine when Jesus, fully human takes upon himself all that the darkest side of humanity can do to its own and still loves it to the point of complete forgiveness. Finally, that love defeats the world that the evil of human nature can do to another human; death - the ultimate of dereliction, hate and sorrow.

We begin the week on Palm Sunday with what humans see as a victory when they cheer a new king, only to find that this king doesn't meet their human expectations and their joy turn to hate on Good Friday. However, we end the week with God's victory - love's victory! On Easter Sunday we celebrate the ultimate victory - the victory of love over death. Jesus embraces death as he rides into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to conquer it on Easter Day so that we may never have to fear death again. I see what death can do to people's lives time and time again - the fear and the deep sadness to the point of breakdown. On Easter Sunday Jesus frees us from the light of darkness to give us new hope; new life!

Easter then is a celebration of life and love after our Lord had been through the opposites in that Holy Week journey. Alleluia, Christ is Risen is our victory cry as we celebrate our freedom from sin and death. Holy Week is our Lord's journey from earth to heaven from the death of all he embraced as a human being to the new life of God's love, promised to all who would follow him, walk with him on that journey. We have already begun our preparations for that journey through Lent let us now walk through this final week with our Lord, that we may share in and proclaim his victory on Easter Sunday

A Happy and Holy Easter
From Paul and Sue.

St Cuthbert's Day 20th March

The life of Saint Cuthbert is usually celebrated on 20th March, on the anniversary of his death in 687. However, it is sometimes moved, and celebrated on September 4th, the anniversary of the translation of his relics to Durham Cathedral. This year, at St Cuthbert's Church Ackworth, we celebrated his life at our main service on 16th March. Cuthbert is a very well known saint, especially in the North of England, and undoubtedly in Northumbria, where he spent much of his life.

He was born to a well-to-do Saxon family in the Scottish lowlands. His job as a shepherd, gave him ample time for prayer. The story is that one night whilst tending the sheep on the hillside, he saw angels carrying a soul into heaven. This was the night that Aidan founder and Bishop of Lindisfarne died. On this night Cuthbert resolved to devote his life to Christ. He became a monk at Melrose Abbey in 651, and prior there in 661. He undertook several missionary journeys around the north of England. He attended the Synod of Whitby, a meeting of several prominent Bishops, who were gathered to negotiate and sort out difference between the northern, Celtic Church, and the southern, Roman Church. This synod was attended by Wilfred Abbot of Ripon who persuaded the Synod to adopt the Roman way of calculating Easter, amongst other Roman customs. Cuthbert returned to the North and became Prior of Lindisfarne, adopting the Roman customs.

Following this, he spent a lot of time in solitude, on Inner Farne, and what is now, St Cuthbert's Island, just off Lindisfarne. He was persuaded to return to Lindisfarne as Bishop where he was known for

travelling his Diocese and his zeal in preaching and teaching as he travelled, with gifts of healing and prophecy. He died on 20th March 687 and was buried at Lindisfarne. Eleven years later his body was moved to a new shrine, when the monks found his body to be incorrupt. From then on he was venerated, and the cult of St Cuthbert grew.

As the Vikings approached the North of England, and Lindisfarne, the monks there took the remains of Cuthbert, and travelled around the North of England and Southern Scotland, eventually resting permanently in Durham, where a Saxon church was built over his remains. In 1104 his body was translated to the new Norman Durham Cathedral, and when examined was reputed to be still incorrupt. In 1828 his bones were re-examined and reburied in their present site, but his vestments and pectoral cross were removed.

These are the bare facts of his life, his biography, but says nothing of his achievements in spreading the word of God in the North East of England at the end of the first one thousand years of Christianity. An image of St Cuthbert can be seen in the centre of the East Window of St Cuthbert's Church Ackworth. He holds something very interesting in his hands. Do you know what it is, and what is its significance?

ALL SAINTS'CHURCH SALES

We are pleased to say that our sales will restart in April and we have scheduled in seven starting with our Easter Fair on Saturday 12th April and ending in November with a Christmas Fair and raffle on Saturday 8th November.

Your support for these events over the last two years has been really great and truly inspirational to the whole team. Once again we are seeking donations of good quality bric a brac, pictures, jewellery and general household items which you may have outgrown which could be put to good use to raise much needed funds to support our churches' work here in Ackworth. Please note we are not actively collecting clothes this year but hopefully following the success of the sale in March this may be done by other people.

Dates for your diary, if you can help or just support us on the day, are detailed below so please make a note of them, they are all on the second Saturday of the month from 9.00 am to 12 noon so easy to remember:-

APRIL 12th EASTER FAIR
MAY 10th SPRING FAIR
JUNE 14th EARLY SUMMER FAIR
JULY 12th MID SUMMER FAIR
NO SALE IN AUGUST (just to let the team have holidays!)
SEPT 13th AUTUMN FAIR
OCT 11th HARVEST FAIR
NOV 8th CHRISTMAS FAIR AND RAFFLE

Donations can be left at ALL SAINTS' CHURCH any Thursday morning between 9.30 and Noon when you are welcome to join us for our weekly coffee morning or dropped off at Forge House on Station Road (provided the gate is open that way you can be certain that Simba is inside!) If you have items which need to be collected I will very gladly do so please ring on 01977 612003 and I will sort things out. Alternatively items can be left at ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH or contact Bill Branston tel: - 01977 610590.

Many, many thanks for your anticipated help and support.
Ian Hall

Forthcoming Events – April to July

There will be quite a lot happening in the next 4 months. Please make a note in your diary so that you can enjoy the events we are planning to arrange.

The **All Saints' Sales** start again with the Easter Fair on Saturday April 12th from 9 am to 12 noon with further sales planned on the second Saturday of the month - May 10th, June 14th and July 12th.

We are planning an **Auction of Favours** which will be held at the Brown Cow on Thursday 8th May. Watch out for a notice in the churches where you can offer a favour or to carry out some work free of charge – perhaps walking a dog for a week, offering to do a few hours of gardening or maybe offering to supply some tickets for a show. A full list of favours offered will be prepared and then on the night each one will be auctioned to the highest bidder. All proceeds from the auction will go to church funds. It promises to be a great night and if you book in advance we can provide a buffet supper as well.

Sunday June 1st in the afternoon come along to **The Heritage Fair** on High Ackworth Village green and enjoy an afternoon tea in the church.

On Saturday 28th June we are expecting to offer refreshments at the **Village Gala** as we did last year and on Sunday 13th July we shall be celebrating and enjoying our **Strawberry Teas** to the live music of Mellow in St Cuthbert's Churchyard. There will be more information on these events in the next magazine June / July 2104.

As well as all the above happenings we shall be celebrating the

**125th Anniversary of the opening of All Saints' Church
on Sunday 6th July**

We are arranging a special anniversary celebration at All Saints' church which will be presided over by Bishop Tony Robinson, presently the Bishop of Pontefract but soon to be Bishop of Wakefield in the new diocese. After the service there will be either a buffet lunch or a celebration community picnic. The PCC are reissuing the Booklet on the history of All Saints' Church and are hoping to mount an exhibition of photographs and memorabilia of life in Ackworth and in particular the life of the church! If you can help in any way by lending material for the display we should be very pleased to hear from you; so please ring Bill or Lynne (Church wardens) or speak to Ian Hall. Everything lent to us will be returned after the date.

Without your help we shall not be able to make the display we are proposing so we are relying on our magazine readers and others to make this a great event. Please help!

Thank you

NORTH SEA SURGE-5TH DECEMBER 2013

On January the 15th we returned to Norfolk to attend a funeral and took the opportunity to visit familiar sites that we had been informed had been damaged in the December storm.

We called first at Blakeney for lunch to be advised that the coast road, through Cley by the Sea, was still closed following the previous weeks helicopter fatality. Being familiar with the back roads we journeyed inland to avoid the closure, and at one point in a very narrow lane we were confronted by a 'Coasthopper' bus which had also been diverted!

We visited our caravan site to find that there had been two cliff

falls. Although our caravan is unlikely to be threatened in our lifetimes some near the edge are becoming vulnerable. Nearby at the adjacent car park, a heavy cliff fall had carried away a large pile of lobster pots which had been stored on top of the cliff for some years.

On to Cromer where the devastation was hard to believe. Planking on the pier which we had watched being re-laid in the summer had been torn up like matchwood. A shop and the Pier Pavilion booking office had been inundated by the deluge and left in disarray. The cafe had been cleared up and was drying out. In the distance we could see the gaps in the lines of beach huts where some had been washed away and others were upturned and damaged. The promenade had been mainly cleared of debris although massive heaps of shingle was piled against the sea wall. There were many ragged gaps in the concrete balustrade between the beach and promenade and the children's amusement park equipment had been devastated, as had the adjoining amusement arcade. Iron railings which bordered the cliff paths had been broken in places and two lamp posts broken off ten feet above the ground. The steep cliffs between the beach and the town had been scoured of large areas of clay/earth which made the buildings above look vulnerable to future subsidence unless urgent re-enforcement work is undertaken.

Sue & Colin Tanswell

I read last week that priests invited to preach sermons to the Royal Family at Sandringham are instructed to keep the length to seven minutes or less!

ACKWORTH COMMUNITY LIBRARY CELEBRATES

On the 1st March, 2014 Ackworth Community Library celebrated its first birthday. The library, situated within the Parish Council building on Bell Lane, was closed by Wakefield M.D.C. in February, 2013 but quickly re-opened as a community facility by a band of dedicated volunteers supervised by librarian, Helen Worth.

The library now boasts over 650 active members and 20 volunteers from the ages of 14 to 80 and offers the same facilities as the old library, and more.

As well as fiction, children's library, local history, reference and talking books internet access is available and courses in basic computer skills are already on offer. The Trustees are hoping to offer support for jobseekers in the near future along with additional facilities for teenagers, and additional courses in non-vocational subjects including creative writing, music and healthy eating.

The library relies completely on public donation of books, time and cash and there will be an ongoing programme of fundraising events throughout the year.

Opening hours are Monday and Saturday 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m./
Tuesday and Thursday 1.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

For more information, to donate books or to volunteer call 01977 625617 or e-mail ackworthcommunitylibrary@hotmail.co.uk

SMILE A WHILE

Once whilst the Methodist Minister, Lord Soper was speaking to a large crowd at 'Speaker's Corner' in Hyde Park. He was repeatedly interrupted by a heckler who kept shouting, "What about flying saucers?" Finally Lord Soper turned to him, and to the delight of the crowd silenced him with, "I cannot deal with your domestic difficulties now."

The theme of a Sunday morning sermon given by a minister was, 'Every blade of grass held a sermon'. Next day he was mowing his lawn when one of his parishioners was passing by. He stopped and said, "That's the ticket minister, keep 'em short".

Wife to the vicar as he left to attend a meeting; "Drive carefully dear, remember it's not only the car that can be recalled by its maker.

"A report seen in a local newspaper said; Afterwards the Bishop walked among the crowds eating their sandwiches."

At a Theological College It was the custom to vary the canticles and psalms daily. Announcing the Te Deum one morning the Principal said, "We praise Thee, O God", and then added quickly, "Oh no we don't -it's Friday"

During the Second World War a city suffered heavy bombing and one morning after a particularly bad night the headmaster held the usual assembly. He asked the children if they had a favourite hymn. A small boy's hand went up and he said, "Please can we have Glad that I live am I?"

A vicar visited one of his parishioners in hospital who was recovering from a major operation. The patient said; I vaguely recall you coming yesterday and thinking 'I can't be in Heaven because there is the vicar'. Two nuns who were out shopping had difficulty parking the car. One said; 'I will drive around and pick you up later. 'When the other finished her shopping she looked for her friend in vain. Finally she asked a man, 'Have you seen a nun in a red mini?' 'Not since I went on the wagon' he replied.

Readings Rota for April 2014, May 2014

| Date | Liturgical Week | Old Testament | New Testament | Gospel | St Cuthbert's | ser | All Saints' |
|------------|----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------|-----|--------------|
| 06/04/2014 | Passion Sunday | Ezekiel 37:1-14 | Romans 8:6-11 | John 11:1-45 | Sue Hartley | | Dr McWilliam |
| 13/04/2014 | Palm Sunday | Isaiah 50:4-9a | Philippians 2:5-11 | Matthew 26:14 - 27:66 | Keith Shaw | P | Mrs S Hall |
| 20/04/2014 | Easter Day | Jeremiah 31:1-6 | Acts 10:24-43 | John 20:1-18 | Jane Gosney | | Mrs M Walker |
| 27/04/2014 | 2nd Sunday of Easter | Exodus 14:10-31 & 15:20-21 | Acts 2:14a & 22-32 | John 20:19-31 | Anne Bullock | B | Mr I Hall |
| 04/05/2014 | 3rd Sunday of Easter | Zephaniah 3:14-20 | Acts 2:14a & 36-41 | Luke 24:13-35 | Pauline Wong | | Dr McWilliam |
| 11/05/2014 | 4th Sunday of Easter | Genesis 7 | Acts 2:42-47 | John 10:1-10 | | P | Mrs S Hall |
| 18/05/2014 | 5th Sunday of Easter | Genesis 8:1-19 | Acts 7:55-60 | John 14:1-14 | Richard Mayer | | Mrs M Walker |
| 25/05/2014 | 6th Sunday of Easter | Genesis 8:20 - 9:17 | Acts 17:22-31 | John 14:15-21 | Anne Atack | B | Mr I Hall |

ALL SAINTS' FLOWERS

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|------------------------|---------------|
| APRIL 6 TH | LENT |
| APRIL 13 TH | LENT |
| APRIL 20 TH | EASTER DAY |
| APRIL 27 TH | JUNE EDWARDS |
| MAY 4 TH | BETTY JOHNSON |
| MAY 11 TH | FLOWER FUND |
| MAY 18 TH | JEAN HANCOCKS |
| MAY 25 TH | FLOWER FUND |



ST. CUTHBERT'S FLOWERS

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| APRIL 6 TH | LENT |
| APRIL 13 TH | LENT |
| APRIL 20 TH | EASTER DAY |
| APRIL 27 TH | ROTA |
| MAY 4 TH | JANET BATEMAN |
| MAY 11 TH | WEDDING |
| MAY 18 TH | ROTA |
| MAY 25 TH | WEDDING |

BRASSES



SOME FACTS FROM 'SAYWELL'

St. Cuthbert's clock

"A church tower is scarcely complete without a clock, but it was not until 1879 that subscriptions were raised to purchase one. The present clock was supplied by Messers. Potts and Son, of Leeds, and inserted by them in 1879. Its cost was £100, and the works were first set in motion by Miss Fallon, the Rectors daughter."

Many thanks to Mr. Tom Precious who kindly looks after the clock and ensures its accuracy and well being.

St. Cuthbert's organ

"The old organ having become dilapidated, the Rector and Churchwardens decided to have a new one built, and the work was entrusted to the late Mr. Booth of Wakefield. The old organ was sold for £10. The new instrument cost £322, and was inaugurated in 1874, by Mr. Rogers, the organist of Doncaster Parish Church. The new instrument although small, contains some remarkably sweet pipes, and several stops, contained only in continental organs, the tones of which Mr. Rogers exhibited with considerable skill and taste."

A St. Cuthbert's epitaph

"Hannah Camplin must have been a most estimable young person if the following epitaph upon her gravestone in Ackworth Churchyard accurately describes her qualities:

'Her manners mild, her temper such,
Her language good, and not too much.'

She died August 18th, 1837, aged 27. She was evidently too good for this world; had she lived, the manners, temper and language of Ackworthians might have been leavened into something very differently; but 'Those whom the Gods love, die young.'

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Baptisms

- Jan 12 Eva Faye Hall & Harry James Gleadhall
 26 Emily Grace Garbutt & James Christian Garbutt
 Feb 9 Joshua Leon Hartland & Maddison Daisy Lawton

Marriages

- Feb 8 Paul Story and Joanne Wafer

Funerals

- Jan 10 Dorothy Walker (79) 55 Chapel Garth, Ackworth Moor Top
 13 Richard Hirst (37) 15 Nostell Lane, Ryhill
 23 Ronald Barnsley (82) 153 Wakefield Road, Brackenhill
 27 Diana Senior (65) 45 Went Hill Close, High Ackworth
 31 Terence W Burton (72) 14 Woodleigh Cres, Ackworth Moor Top
 Feb 3 George Firth (90) 4 High Busy Lane, Windhill, Shipley
 7 Graham B Stevenson (58) 29 Woodleigh Cres, Ackworth Moor Top
 12 Mary F Moxon (82) 32 Jubilee Terrace, High Ackworth
 24 Betty Wright (79) 4 St Cuthbert's Court
 25 Margaret Bouskill (62) 3 Fairview, Ackworth Moor Top
 26 Arnold Milburn (88) 26 Chiltern Court, Ackworth Moor Top.

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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

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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 2014 and May 2014




Sunday Services

| | | |
|---------|---|---------------|
| 8.30am | Holy Communion (2nd & 4th Sunday BCP service) | All Saints' |
| 10.15am | Family Communion | St Cuthbert's |
| 3.30pm | Afternoon Prayer (except 3rd Sunday in month) | All Saints' |
| 3.30pm | Evensong with Healing Prayer (third Sunday in month) | All Saints' |

Wednesday Service

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| 9.30am | Holy Communion | All Saints' |
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Special Services and Events

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| April 17 | Maundy Thursday 10.30 Wakefield Cathedral: Chrism Eucharist 19.30 St Cuthbert's: Institution of the Last Supper <i>followed by The Watch until 22.00</i> | |
| April 18 | Good Friday 10.30 All Saints': Family Service 11.45 Procession to Co-op Car Park for... 12.00 Churches Together: Service of Witness 14.00 St Cuthbert's: Good Friday Liturgy |  |
| April 19 | Easter Eve 20.00 St Cuthbert's: Light of Easter - <i>Fire and blessing of the Paschal Candles with procession into a darkened church followed by the renewal of baptismal vows.</i> | |
| April 20 | Easter Day 08.30 All Saints': Holy Communion 10.15 St Cuthbert's: Parish Eucharist. <i>Followed by egg rolling, and judging of decorated eggs.</i> 15.30 All Saints': Easter Praise. | |
| May 11 | 18.00 Methodist Church: Christian Aid Service. | |

Little Friends Mother and Toddler Group

1st Thursday of each month
 2pm to 3.30pm
 All Saints Church - Sue Tanswell 612913 for information.

