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Dear Friends

The month of August for many people is the month when they go on holiday, usually leaving our homes to spend a few days or weeks in some faraway beauty spot in this country or abroad. However, this year we commemorate the 100th anniversary of many who left their home for anything but rest and relaxation! This year we commemorate the start of the first world war when many, mostly young, men were sent abroad to what would be almost certain death or serious injury in the trenches of France and Belgium.

Some of you whilst on holiday may be passing through places which saw fierce fighting in that war, places where many thousands lost their lives or were maimed in battle. As you pass through those areas, just stop for a brief moment and remember the sacrifice which was made by those who fought and died there; sacrificed their own lives that those of successive generations could live in peace and freedom

Remembering or remembrance is something we do every year in November when we commemorate the day and time when that war ended. Armistice Day has become the day when we remember all who have given their lives; sacrificed their future in any war—not just what was described as 'the war to end all wars'. Clearly it failed in that respect as there has never been a time since that war ended when there hasn't been another conflict occurring somewhere on our planet! You might be right in saying therefore, what is the point of continuing to remember if it didn't bring everlasting peace to our world. Why bother remembering if we don't learn from what happened, after all there is no-one left who lived through or fought in that war to end all wars!

Remembering is an important part of what it means to be human, remembering is the way we learn and grow as human beings. Particularly when things go wrong, hopefully we remember so that we don't do it again or we change the way we do it the next time. You might say that this doesn't seem to have been the case with war— people are still losing their lives in conflicts today. I would like to think we have learnt something in terms of considerations made before entering into conflicts today and certainly I think we find solutions more quickly and avert the scale of losses which we experienced in WW1. Some parts of our world are slower to learn than others, but overall I would like to feel that some progress has been made.

Of course, the loss of even one individual is more than enough cause for regret and effort needs to be made to avert such loss in the future. If however, we cease to remember, then even one death, whatever the cause will have been wasted. Remembrance is very important, particularly for us as Christians because, without remembrance, our Lord's sacrifice for us, the Christian faith and the church wouldn't exist. Every week we re-enact one of Jesus' last acts for his followers in the last supper. When the bread is broken and blessed with

the wine offered we hear the words'...do this in remembrance of me...'

And so we remember or Lord's sacrifice of his own life and our faith continues. Some may argue that there is little worth in remembering the first world war. What is to be gained from remembering the horror and misery of war; the sorrow and tragedy which war inflicts upon human lives? Well I would be the first to say little! But there are things worth remembering from that first world war. Many good and honourable qualities were seen on the fields of battle. Examples of self-sacrifice, putting aside their own lives that others may live. Acts of courage and bravery where one life was given to save the lives of many. People who fought so that others may live lives free from oppression and with a hope of peace for the future. What we celebrate in our Christian faith, self sacrifice and love for others, are the same qualities we can remember from the World War. I cannot condone in any way, the glorification of war or even the celebration of victory, but I whole-heartedly encourage the remembrance of love and self-sacrifice.

Yours in Christ

Paul

**125th Anniversary of All Saints' Church
Souvenir Brochure**

We have completed a souvenir brochure which gives the history of All Saints' Church from its inception and planning in the 1880's until the present day. This is a brochure which we are sure that you will enjoy reading and would like to keep.

You can pick one up from either of our two churches or you can contact our Magazine distributor Mrs Biddy Branston (01977 610590) and we will make sure you get a copy.

The brochure is free, but should you wish to give a small donation towards printing costs this will be appreciated.

Bill Branston - Churchwarden.

First ordinations in the new diocese

Twenty two men and women become deacons at cathedral services

The first ordinations in the new diocese took place at the end of June and beginning of July. Twenty two men and women from all walks of life have become curates after been ordained as deacons at services in Wakefield, Bradford and Ripon Cathedrals. A further twenty four curates were ordained priests. The new clergy, who now have the title 'Reverend' before their names, include a former Sandhurst cadet, a former semi-professional rugby player and solicitor, a physiotherapist, a retired teacher and a former nurse.

Ordained deacons with Bishop James at **Ripon Cathedral** were Linda Robinson (Bedale, Leeming and Thornton Watless); Richard Nolan (St Peter's Harrogate); Viv Masters (Kippax with Allerton Bywater); Chris Lawton (Leyburn and Bellarby); Mark Harlow (St George's Leeds) and Sharon Brown (Abbeylands Team Ministry).



At **Bradford Cathedral** with Bishop Tom Butler the new deacons were John Butler (Heaton, St. Barnabas and Heaton, St. Martin); Steve Proudlove (All Saints, Ilkley); Julie Bacon (St Peter's, Shipley); Catherine Thatcher (Bradford Cathedral); Ben Randall (St Lawrence and St Paul, Pudsey) and Jenny Ramsden (East Riddlesden and East Morton).

At **Wakefield Cathedral** on Saturday July 5th, the new deacons with Bishop Tony Robinson are Sarah Farrimond (Birkby St Cuthbert and Birchenclyffe); Simon Crook (Huddersfield St Peter); Stephen Rochell (Hartshead, Hightown, Robertown and Scholes); Valerie Keating (Batley and Purlwell); Heather Thurlow (Dewsbury Team); Katherine Currie (High Hoyland, Scissett and Clayton West); Debbie Horsfall (South Ossett); Charlene Smith (Meltham Christ the King); ; Andreas Wenzel (Horbury with Horbury



Bridge) and Miguel Sanchez (Elland).

Getting a grip

Bishop Nick Baines



July saw yet another 'first' in the life of the Church of England: a diocesan bishop 'enthroned' in three cathedrals. I like to think of this as a form of 'pioneer ministry'. It raises questions for us as we seek to work out what this will mean for the future working of the new diocese, recognising that the eyes of the rest of the Church are on us.

Well, I hope the eyes that are on us will see more than an institutional challenge. I hope they will see a diocese that has had the courage to respond to the call of Jesus to be disciples and to make disciples. In this connection I have been struck by an episode in the gospels that should encourage and challenge us.

Mark 10 includes a power-play as two brothers, James and John, seriously irritate the other disciples by asking for places of honour and prestige with Jesus. Jesus asks them if they can "drink from the cup he will drink from". They say they will. Jesus doesn't despise them for their hubris, but lets them run with their

self-delusion. Those who 'see' are blind.

Later, the disciples are leaving Jericho with Jesus. A blind beggar calls out to him. The disciples see it as their job to protect Jesus from interruption - an interesting evangelistic method that is perhaps too common.

Jesus hears the man and tells his friends to bring the man to him. And it is their reluctant invitation that I think should shape the offer of the church in our new diocese: "Take heart; get up; he is calling you." (The blind sees.)

In other words, we need to be encouraged and get a grip. We then need to get stuck in - to take responsibility. And we need to hear this said to each one of us - not deflecting the responsibility on to others.

A diocese with a memory shaped by this invitation will be one worth watching.

+Nick

Bishop Nick becomes patron of Leeds hospice

LEEDS After a visit to St Gemma's Hospice, in which he visited staff and patients, it was announced that Bishop Nick has become one of the hospice's patrons. He said "It was a privilege to see



at first hand the important work carried out both at the hospice and by the St Gemma's team in the community. There is no more important matter in life than how we live with mortality and death. I am delighted to become a patron of this vital, local charity."

He met staff and patients, including Jean Abbey (pictured), who said: "I've had medical care all over the world but I've never experienced anything like the care here at St Gemma's. It was a pleasure to meet the Bishop, he's a lovely down to earth chap and I could've talked to him all day!" Chief Executive, Kerry Jackson, said: "We look forward to working with Bishop Nick to promote the work of the hospice throughout the community."

Breaking the chains of poverty

HUDDERSFIELD Now the Tour de France has left Yorkshire, a Huddersfield congregation have turned their hearts towards their neighbours in their link parish in Tanzania, by sending them bicycles to help raise them out of poverty.



The congregation of St Philip & St James' Church in Scholes have raised enough money to buy ten bicycles for their link church in the village of Luanda in Tanzania.

The bikes, which cost £70 each, will help people in the village of Luanda by boosting the local economy and helping the villagers to break out of poverty.

As the vicar, the Revd Richard Burge, (pictured) explained: "The poorest people in the world often have no means of transport but with a bicycle they can start

to make simple changes in their lives.

"Small things like this can make huge changes," he added.

Village Sunday

RIPON Bishop James has been in the village of Kirby Hill near Boroughbridge in North Yorkshire which brought the whole community together last month in an innovative open air service celebrating village life. Representatives took part in 'Village Sunday' from the local church primary school, the Scouts and Guides, local council and businesses – with each speaker introducing their favourite hymn before it was sung. Throughout the day there were children's activities, while both inside the church and outside in the grounds there were displays and photographs showing the wide variety of activities going on in the local community.

Hoisting the Mainsail

WAKEFIELD First they moored a boat inside Wakefield Cathedral, and now they are preparing to sail Windermere in the latest fundraising event to raise money for the second phase of the building's refurbishment programme, Project 2015.



Wakefield's Assistant Organist, Simon Earl and Canon Precentor, Andi Hofbauer plan to sail round Windermere on August 11.

Canon Andi said: 'Simon and I are two landlubbers who enjoy spending time 'on the drink' on our local lakes. Sailing around Lake Windermere will be an exciting challenge which we are enthusiastic to take on to help the fundraising push.'

Anyone wanting to donate or fundraise themselves can donate directly at www.virginmoneygiving.com/team/sailingwindyroundwindermere

Visitors needed

BRADFORD Bradford Teaching Hospital Trust team is looking to recruit more Chaplaincy Team visitors this Autumn. Training will be offered this coming September for volunteers who would like to be part of the multi-faith visiting teams, visiting wards in Bradford Royal Infirmary and St Luke's Hospital, Bradford. New visitors are being sought both for visiting schemes on general wards or in specific areas such as Accident and Emergency and Radiology. Anyone interested should call (01274) 365819 or email dawn.arnison@bthft.nhs.uk

Churches put out the yellow Le Tour carpet

The churches of the diocese rose to the occasion when the Tour de France, the world's greatest annual sporting event, rolled into Yorkshire at the start of July. From town centre churches such as Holy Trinity, Skipton, with its giant yellow jersey suspended from the tower (top left), to small roadside churches such as St Andrew, Blubberhouses on the A59 (top right) with its roof banner visible from the helicopters filming above, churches along the route had put out the bunting, the yellow banners, the painted bicycles and the welcome mat for visitors.



Church bells rang out along the route ahead of the race, many churches held special services including All Saints, Ilkley which held an international service on the eve of Day One.



In Leeds the faiths worked together. St John's Church and Etz Chaim Synagogue in Moor Allerton, erected a banner across the shared entrance to their car parks showing their joint support for Le Tour.



Many others like Christ Church Harrogate (middle top) served hundreds of visitors food and drink.

Meanwhile local MP Greg Mullholland, pictured centre, got into the Le Tour spirit when he dropped into St Chad's, Headingley, for their 'Grand Party' which celebrated all things cycling. He was joined by BBC Radio Leeds' reporter Andrew Edwards, right, and vicar, Tom Lusty.



West Yorkshire & the Dales News

The interim editions are being distributed to churches across the diocese. A new publication for the whole diocese is being planned for the near future.

Diocese of Leeds, 2014

More Saints?

Recently we celebrated 125 years of worshipping God at All Saints' Church, it is mentioned elsewhere in the magazine. It was a good day and many people attended and enjoyed the entertainment and the food. Many saints were seen that day.

In the last two magazines I have spoken about two saints who appear in the east window of St Cuthbert's church. This time I want to write about another saint who is not featured in our windows, but who has had a profound effect on the church.

At the time of writing (11th July), it is the day of celebration of St Benedict, the founder and father of western monasticism. Many of you will know something about Benedictine monasteries, and indeed may even have visited one, or at least the remains of one, Bolton Abbey, Jervaulx Abbey, Whitby Abbey to name but a few. There are of course some Benedictine Monasteries still live, Worth Abbey, and more closer to home, the Community of the Resurrection in Mirfield.

Benedict studied theology in Rome, but when he became disenchanted he moved to Subaico to found a community of Christians there. It was there that he caused some unrest, and the story goes that the community tried to poison him using the chalice and communion wine, but as he blessed the chalice, it broke. He moved from there to found the abbey at Monte Casino, just outside Naples. It was there that he spent a great deal of time writing his Rule for Life. This was a series of rules which the community would live by. He wrote them so that the community could live together in harmony, which was his aim. His outlook was characterized by prudence and moderation, in a framework of authority, obedience, stability and community life. The monks primary occupation was prayer, complimented by sacred reading and manual work.

This way of life was to prove immensely influential in the western world, so that many communities based on Benedicts rules were founded throughout the medieval times, and there are still some that exist by this rule today.

Benedicts rules are a way of life, and a way of life which all Christians would do well to think on. It involves regular prayer, regularly reading the Bible, and living in harmony as a community of faithful people. This should be a description of the church. Benedict produced a way of living, not an institution. As a church, and as individuals, we would do well to reflect on this.

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WOW! WHAT A WEEKEND

The weekend of July the 5th and 6th was a time packed full of activity. There was so much to do see and experience. For many people it was extremely hard choice of what to do and where to go. Would it be? Watch the world cup or the tennis finals or see The grand depart here in Yorkshire for the very first time. Or might it be the Motor Racing at Silverstone?

What's more it was a special weekend in the life of the church in Ackworth. On Saturday night St Cuthbert's changed into an opera house staging The Phantom of the Opera by our Community choir. It was a sheer delight for the audience. If you missed it you could see it in August at St. Giles Church in Pontefract.

After much preparation All Saints Church celebrated its 125th Anniversary. It began with a celebration service at 10.15 led by Bishop Tony Robinson with a full church in attendance.

In the afternoon there was entertainment provided by the Ackworth Handbell Ringers and the Desafinado Band U3A who played varies pieces of music including wartime favourites. There was an organ recital by our organist Paul Cooper.

A delicious buffet was prepared by Richard and Kelly from the Brown Cow and cakes and drinks provided by the Coffee Morning Ladies. Outside activities had been organised for the children to enjoy.

The grand finale to end a perfect day (even the weather playing its part) was a simple service of favourite hymns sung heartily by the congregation.

A big thank you to all who contributed in any way and a big thank you to all who visited. But whatever you did or wherever you went I'm sure it's a weekend to remember and to pass on to future generations.

One asks oneself will all this ever happen again over one weekend. Not in my lifetime I think!
Ann Atack

ACKWORTH WAR GRAVES

Although many people will be aware of the war cemeteries in France and Belgium it is perhaps lesser known that there are 12,500 sites in the United Kingdom where there are such graves, three being in Ackworth.

In 2007 by chance I met up with the District Inspector of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission who was surveying the graveyard at All Saints. He was most concerned about its condition as the grass had not been cut for some time, this being the responsibility of Wakefield MDC. He showed me the location of the two WW1 and one WW2 graves and I agreed that I would ensure that the grass around them was kept from being overgrown, although I must admit that the Council have mowed the grass quite regularly since. At that time I also became aware of the three WW1 graves at St. Cuthbert's and recently of at least three WW2 graves in the Parish Cemetery on Doncaster Road.

Earlier this year I was linked into correspondence between a parishioner and Paul Fox when I was asked by the PCC to liaise with the CWGC over the initiative to raise awareness of their work and cemeteries to mark the 100th anniversary of the Great War (WW1) by providing information signs to identify where war graves are situated. Plans are now afoot to locate such signs at the entrance to both of our churches.

Also with this anniversary in mind I received authority to tidy up the graves by replacing the chippings and I am grateful to Lancaster Memorials who have provided these free of charge.

At All Saints one of the graves has a Portland and the other a Stancliffe stone headstone and they are situated at the far end of the churchyard. They belong to:

Edwin Beckett
105th Brigade Royal Field Artillery
Died 3rd August 1915 aged 27

Martin Tipling
King's own Yorkshire Light Infantry
Died October 1915 age 19

The WW2 grave is contained within a family plot not bearing the traditional CWGC headstone. It stands a little further forward from the others and belongs to:

Arthur Bickley
Died 23rd April 1940 aged 21

At St. Cuthbert's the three WW1 graves with traditional Portland headstones lie mid-way down the churchyard on the right hand side and all grass covered and are well maintained and they belong to:

John William Lee
10th Battalion York & Lancaster Regiment
Died 9th November 1918 aged 27

T.E.Lee
2/5th Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry
Died January 1921 aged 27

W Stork
84th Training Reserve Battalion
Died 23rd July 1918 aged 20

In July whilst attending the All Saints' 125th Anniversary celebrations I came across a memorial on another family grave to Arthur Briggs who was 'killed in action in France' on 19th August 1916 aged 27. It is likely that he was buried in France but I will need to make further enquiries.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Colin Tanswell

Readings Rota for August 2014, September 2014

Date	Liturgical Week	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel	St Cuthbert's	ser	All Saints'
03/08/2014	Proper 13	Genesis 32:22-31	Romans 9:1-5	Matthew 14:13-21	Sue Hartley		Mrs S Hall
10/08/2014	Proper 14	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28	Romans 10:5-15	Matthew 14:22-33		P	Mrs M Walker
17/08/2014	Proper 15	Genesis 45:1-15	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28	Anne Atack		Mrs I Hall
24/08/2014	St Bartholomew	Isaiah 43:8-13	Acts 5:12-16	Luke 22:24-30	Keith Shaw		Dr McWilliam
31/08/2014	Proper 17	Exodus 3:1-15	Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28	Jane Gosney	B	Mrs S Hall
07/09/2014	Proper 18	Exodus 12:1-14	Romans 13:8-14	Matthew 18:15-20	Pauline Wong		Mrs M Walker
14/09/2014	Proper 19	Exodus 14:19-31	Romans 14:1-12	Matthew 18:21-35		P	Mrs I Hall
21/09/2014	St Matthew	Proverbs 3:13-18	2 Corinthians 4:1-6	Matthew 9:9-13	Anne Bullock		Dr McWilliam
28/09/2014	Proper 21	Exodus 17:1-7	Philippians 2:1-13	Matthew 21:23-32	Richard Mayer	B	Mrs S Hall

ALL SAINTS' FLOWERS

AUGUST 3RD

AUGUST 10TH

AUGUST 17TH

AUGUST 24TH

AUGUST 31ST

SEPTEMBER 7TH

SEPTEMBER 14TH

SEPTEMBER 21ST

SEPTEMBER 28TH

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ST. CUTHBERT'S FLOWERS

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AUGUST 31ST

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A WARM WELCOME IN MADEIRA

Whilst visiting the island of Madeira in June for two weeks we decided to go along to the English Church in Funchal. Taking a taxi we arrived about forty minutes early. We sat in the peaceful gardens enjoying the flowers when the local priest joined us. He came along for a friendly chat. He filled us in with the history of the church and a little about the island.

People started to arrive and much to our surprise the church was almost full. The service was from Common Worship with which we are familiar. We had the usual announcements about what was going on in the coming week. The service was very easy to follow with two hymns we knew well and luckily recognised the tunes to the others.

The Gloria was sung to the tune of 'Guide me oh thou Great Redeemer' The same as us the locals read the lessons and led the intercessions and helped with the sacraments giving us a feeling of being at 'home'. After the service we were invited back into the grounds for tea, coffee, juice or if preferred Madeira wine and Madeira cake. People stayed to exchange friendship together.

It just happened to be Pentecost and all seemed to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Something else to mention about the holiday was that all the hotel staff were kind, loving and very patient. All this made the holiday very special. Madeira is a place where you feel safe, calm and surrounded with the wonders of creation-the beautiful flowers, blue skies and sea and surrounded by wonderful caring people.

I thought that I would share their church mission with you all. 'Holy Trinity Church exists to share its love in God, in Jesus Christ with all people through welcome, witness, worship and work in service. We recognise and value the worth and dignity of all people.'

We have been to Madeira four times already and with the help of God we hope to return both to the island and this wonderful place of worship in the near future. Recommendation, go and see and enjoy. Go and praise God for all his gifts and know what it feels like when you are filled with the Holy Spirit.

Ann Atack



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Baptisms

- May 11 Harry Arthur Ashton & Poppy Rose Cavill
May 25 Evie Nora Jean Charles
June 8 Lacey Nicole Jackson & Daisy Elizabeth Harrison
June 29 Sophie Rose Templeton & Millie Paige Swales

Marriages

- May 10 Oliver Dawes & Katherine Bell
May 26 Daniel Williams & Lindsay Young

Funeral

- June 6 Rory Embling (26) 1 Fothergill Ave, Ackworth Moor Top
June 17 James Bouskill (86) 32 Rhyddings Dr, Ackworth Moor Top

Special Events and Services

- Sept 6 Spirituality Day at Mirfield Community of the Resurrection
Sept 13 All Saints' Sale 9am - 12pm

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	
Wednesday	9.30—11.15am Parents and Toddlers Group	

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

Sunday Services for August 2014 and September 2014

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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