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Dear Friends

Although by the time you read this it will probably be some time away I feel I ought to begin by wishing you a happy and holy Christmas from myself and my family. It is a simple greeting that I use frequently, often without thinking about it. However, stopping to muse for a moment, there is quite a difference in those two verbs with which we greet people at this time of year (preferably closer the 25th itself!) 'Happy' Christmas is the more secular greeting, the sentiment we see splashed across cards, posters, wrapping paper and anything else connected to the festive season (another word we use in a secular sense!) Not that I don't wish anyone happiness, it is nonetheless one of those words which we use frequently in an almost throwaway manner. It sits alongside those epithets which we use frequently in a well-meant but not in a deeply sincere and feeling way; words such as 'nice' and 'ok', 'love'; (when used in phrases such as 'I love chocolate', 'I love your new shoes' or 'I love One Direction') Words which are often used in a preferential, but not an absolutely committed way.

Before we leave that phrase 'Happy Christmas', I'd like to relate a little story that actually happened to me... before opening what appeared a carefully wrapped gift one year I noticed the festive paper was covered with the motto 'Happy Christmas' However, where the two edges of paper had been taped together the majority of the word Christmas had been cut off and overlapped with the word Happy leading to an amalgamation which then read a 'Chrappy Christmas'! To return then to our greeting; as you have read above my greeting is usually extended to a 'Happy and Holy Christmas'. So whilst retaining the felicitation of happy I also include the desire that your Christmas will have some semblance of the true 'reason for the season' to coin a well-known phrase.

Another thought occurred to me about this very special time of year for both committed Christians and non-church people, is that we often use a magnifying glass to view this season, metaphorically speaking. Christmas seems to magnify all the normal emotions, problems, celebrations and general activates that we experience in ordinary everyday life. Everything seems to take on much larger proportions around Christmas. Peoples hopes of family harmony and friendship, renewed reconciliations and rifts healed as we celebrate together at this special time of year. There seems to be a greater expectation of

peace being achieved at all levels. There seems to be an increased feeling of love and joy towards one another. It also magnifies the amount we spend on gifts, extravagant presents, eating and drinking, over-indulgence is magnified to the point that people go into debt to pay for it all. We expect we will be extra happy, joyful and ready to party till we drop! On the negative side, because of greater expectations of happiness and celebration, those who are not in any position to achieve this feel an extra burden of misery at Christmas time. Loneliness, despair, pain, anxiety and hopelessness are also magnified at this time of year! Though we need reasons and occasions to celebrate we shouldn't forget that this is not the case for everyone.

Perhaps we should get a less intense magnifying glass on this big occasion and perhaps focus more on magnifying the holy rather than the happy aspect of this season. Enjoy your celebrations, but give some thought to those who have little reason to celebrate this event, this year. Give some thought to those for whom Jesus, who came from a poor family, born in a lowly cattle shed, came to save. We are all poor; poor in spirit if we forget the Holy reasons for this Happy Christmas.

A Happy and Holy Christmas

Yours in Christ

Paul

ALL SAINTS' 125th ANNIVERSARY

In June 2014 we will be celebrating this important event in the life of our Churches in Ackworth. Many of you may well have memories of the centenary celebrations held in 1989 and if you do we would be really pleased to hear from you.

We are currently thinking about ways to celebrate and publicise the event and would welcome any photographs particularly of people and outings over the past years. Any other items of memorabilia would be most welcome and of course all material would be returned after the event.

If anyone has any ideas these too would be very useful at this early stage of planning. Should you be able to help in any way please contact Stella or Ian Hall on 01977 612003.

Thank You

Holistic Health

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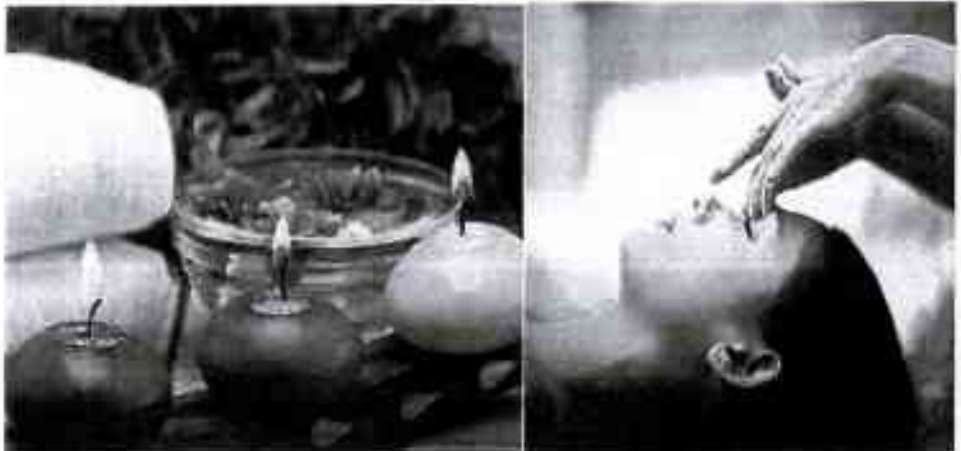
Heather Hunter, a member of our congregation, is a Practitioner of Holistic Therapies and registered on the NHS Directory of Complementary & Alternative Practitioners.

She is also a member of the Association of Reflexologists influenced by Asian and Oriental techniques.

She is offering a choice of treatments to anyone who purchases one of the vouchers she has offered to the church to help support church funds.

Vouchers are available at £15 for an half hour treatment in her home. Any one who is given a voucher as a present or purchases one for themselves will obtain this benefit free of any additional charge at a prearranged appointment on a Wednesday or Thursday in the week..

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ACT - Ackworth Churches Together

Please note these future events and look for what interests you...

join in our village life and be part of the Community!

Service of Lights

Friday 29th November at 6.00pm on The Green, St Cuthbert's Church, Ackworth

Christingle Services:

Sunday, 1st December at 4.00pm at All Saints' Church and 6.00pm at St Cuthbert's Church

Boys Brigade Christingle Service

Wednesday 11th December at 6.15pm in Ackworth Methodist Church

Methodist Church Christmas Fair

Saturday 30th November, 12 noon to 3pm in the church hall - lots of stalls, food, fun & fellowship...everyone is welcome!

Village Carol Service

Sunday 8th December at 3pm in St. Cuthbert's Church - a wonderful family event to put us all in the mood for the celebrations to come

74 Club Candlelight Service

Tuesday 10th December at Methodist Church at 7.30pm - a lovely service of Carols and Christmas readings

Carol Singing at the Co-op

Saturday 7th December at 12.00 noon - something to cheer you as you do your shopping chores!

Prayer for Christian Unity : January 2014

A united service will be held in the Meeting House, Ackworth January 26th at 3.00pm

Everyone is welcome to one or all of these services.

Ackworth Churches Together (ACT) consists of people with strong Christian values and beliefs who live in and around Ackworth, who really want to make a difference in our village community.

ADVERTISING

Do you run a local business? If so, then cheap, effective advertising is available to you via this magazine. We distribute directly to over 400 people locally as well as having copies available in local outlets including our Library and Doctors' surgery. We publish the magazine bi-monthly and have recently altered the format to include an eye catching colour cover.

Rates start at just £20 for 6 bi-monthly issues for 1/6th page or £55 for a half page or £110 for a full page and the first issue for 2014 will be published in February next year. This includes a complimentary copy of the magazine. All monies raised are used to support the good work of St Cuthbert's and All Saints' Churches here in Ackworth.

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Thank you in anticipation of your valued support.

Ackworth Calendar 2014 is now on sale "Secret Corners of Ackworth"

This year the Ackworth Calendar for 2014 has a new smaller format and contains 12 interesting photographs taken showing beautiful views of hidden parts of our wonderful village. There is also a competition to see if you can identify all of the areas photographed.

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

Make sure you get your copy, as the calendar will again be a sought-after collector's item. The calendars, sold in aid of the Church's Repairs and Maintenance Fund, are now on general sale (and more than half of our stock has already been sold) If you have not purchased your copy

yet, don't delay as we only have limited stock.
We don't want you to be disappointed! Make sure you get your copy.

**The Ackworth calendars (with envelopes)
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**Christmas cards
St Cuthbert's church, All Saints' church
and 4 other cards**

This year we have introduced a selection of quality Christmas cards featuring photographs of both our churches in winter, and four other delightful cards. They are available in mixed packs of 6 or 10 cards or you can buy a pack of 6 cards of the same design. Large cards are also available for both church and these can be bought individually or as a pack of 6.

Prices are Large Cards £4 per pack or £1 per card.

Smaller cards £2 per pack of 6 ; £3 per pack of 10

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

**The cards are available at
All Saints' Church (Thursday Coffee morning)
St Cuthbert's Church
Stephen K. F. Lo Chemists, Barnsley Rd and**

The Card Gallery, Barnsley Rd

Fundraising at All Saints' 2013

Saturday 9th November saw the last of our major fund raising events for this year in the form of our Christmas fair and raffle. Although it was cold and at times wet there was a terrific response and it seemed like the whole village had turned out to support us on the day. The two and a half hours was over in seemingly no time at all and we raised the magnificent sum of £1030.

May I take this opportunity to say a very sincere heartfelt thank you to the whole team who give so freely of their time and effort and are truly inspirational. You make it all worthwhile.

The previous six events have raised £3397 and it has been such a fun time for us all and what started out as simply a fund raising exercise really has become a fantastic journey. I am sure I speak for everybody when saying that April 2014 cannot come too soon, we are already planning a grand Easter fair. Our regular customers (now all friends, say they cannot wait either) there is truly a great feeling of fellowship in all we do.

I should not forget all the kind and generous people who donate such marvellous things to us and rest assured we will be asking again via the magazine and weekly newsletter for more offerings in March 2014. As well as the major events (they will no longer be called table top sales) our regular Thursday coffee mornings continue 50/51 weeks a year and in the last 12 months have raised £3700. If you want to see the real benefits of these though just pop in any Thursday morning between 10 am and 12 noon and experience the joy and wellbeing which is so evident. It has been said to me that God is at work here in Ackworth but dare I say nowhere is it more in evidence than at All Saints' Church.

"My children, our love should not be just words and talk it must be true love, which shows itself in action"

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JOHN CH 3 v 18

I will not embarrass you all by naming names but you know and God knows you all. Thank you so so much.

Ian Hall

MAGAZINE PAYMENT

Payment for your magazine will be due in January if you pay in advance for your year's copies. The cost of the magazine remains the same as £3.00 for the year. Thank you to all our subscribers and advertisers for your continuing support.



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Once again on behalf of myself and the staff at Saviour Trust I would like to say thank you to those kind and generous people who have donated to this very worthwhile charity. The trust is facing more demands on their resources than ever and often struggle to meet these. So, as before, can I ask anyone who is willing to donate to leave their offerings in the boxes provided at both All Saints' and St. Cuthbert's Churches. Items greatly in demand are tinned food or any food which can be easily cooked



in a microwave oven.

Cleaning materials and bedding, particularly single, are also much needed. Items of furniture can be collected by the Trust. If you let me have details I can contact them on your behalf. For legal reasons they are not allowed to accept donations of beds and sofas etc. which do not have a fire safety label attached.

Jackie Dawson

TAKE A BREAK

A few weeks ago we celebrated my birthday on the wonderful island of Madeira.

When packing my clothes, toiletries and a few books I also took along a copy of the magazine bought at the airport called "Take a break". That is exactly what I did, I stopped and relaxed and enjoyed God's creation. I watched the sky at daybreak and sunset and saw all the wonderful flowers and sat and relaxed in the beautiful gardens. We had a marvellous view from the balcony of the sea. We enjoyed sharing time with other guests and staff from around the world. At meal times we tasted the delights of the wonderful fruits, fish and different breads. Being a non drinker I left the wine to others.

As it was their harvest time they had a wonderful display in Funchal with a crazy walk for people to try. It was a path of sand, pebbles, pine cones, water grass, and prickly pine leaves. Also there wonderful displays of flowers and fruit and homemade bread of various grains for people to try. Coming back home coincided



Readings Rota for December 2013, January 2014

Date	Liturgical Week	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel	St Cuthbert's ser	All Saints'
01/12/2013	1st Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 2:1-5	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:36-44	Jane Gosney	Mrs M Walker
08/12/2013	2nd Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 11:1-10	Romans 15:4-13	Matthew 3:1-12	P	Mr I Hall
15/12/2013	3rd Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 35:1-10	James 5:7-10	Matthew 11:2-11	Richard Mayer	Dr McWilliam
22/12/2013	4th Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 7:10-16	Romans 1:1-7	Matthew 1:18-25	Anne Bullock	Mrs S Hall
29/12/2013	1st Sunday of Christmas	Isaiah 63:7-9	Hebrews 2:10-end	Matthew 2:13-end	Pauline Wong	Mrs M Walker
05/01/2014	Epiphany	Isaiah 60:1-6	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12	Anne Atack	Mr I Hall
12/01/2014	Baptism of Christ	Isaiah 42:1-9	Acts 10:34-43	Matthew 3:13-17	P	Dr McWilliam
19/01/2014	2nd Sunday of Epiphany	Isaiah 49:1-7	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	John 1:29-42	Jane Siddall	Mrs S Hall
26/01/2014	3rd Sunday of Epiphany	Isaiah 9:1-4	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Matthew 4:12-23	Sue Hartley	Mrs M Walker

ALL SAINTS' FLOWERS

DECEMBER 1 ST	ADVENT SUNDAY
DECEMBER 8 TH	ADVENT
DECEMBER 15 TH	ADVENT
DECEMBER 22 ND	ADVENT
DECEMBER 29 TH	FLOWER FUND
JANUARY 5 TH	FLOWER FUND
JANUARY 12 TH	FLOWER FUND
JANUARY 19 TH	JEAN HANCOCKS
JANUARY 26 TH	BETTY JOHNSON



ST. CUTHBERT'S FLOWERS

DECEMBER 1 ST	ADVENT SUNDAY
DECEMBER 8 TH	ADVENT
DECEMBER 15 TH	ADVENT
DECEMBER 22 ND	ADVENT
JANUARY 5 TH	ROTA
JANUARY 12 TH	ROTA
JANUARY 19 TH	ROTA
JANUARY 26 TH	ROTA

BRASSES



with our own Harvest Festival which was an ideal opportunity to praise God for all I had seen of His wonderful creation. For me this was much more rewarding than all the modern materialistic gadgets made by man in today's world.

So why not stop, look, taste, smell and touch and listen and use the gifts of our senses and appreciate His wonderful world out there for all to enjoy.

Ann Atack

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Not everyone that sayeth unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father, which is in heaven.

ST MATTHEW Chapter 7 verse 21

YULE LOG

INGREDIENTS

4 eggs

150g/5oz. caster sugar

1tsp. vanilla essence

115g/4oz. plain flour

250ml/8fl oz. whipping cream

300g/11 oz chopped plain chocolate

30 ml/2 tbsp rum or brandy

Icing sugar for dusting

METHOD

Preheat oven 190C/375F/gas 5. Prepare 40 by 28cm/16 by 11 in Swiss roll tin

Whisk egg yolks with all but 25g/1oz sugar until pale and thick. Add vanilla essence.

Whisk egg whites until they form soft peaks. Add rest of sugar and whisk until stiff and glossy.

Fold in half of flour into yolk mixture. Add ¼ of egg whites and fold into mixture. Add rest of flour and then the remaining egg whites.

Put mixture into tin and bake for 15 minutes. Turnout onto paper sprinkled with caster sugar. Roll up and leave to cool.

Bring cream to boil. Put chocolate into bowl and add cream. Stir until chocolate has melted. Beat until fluffy and thick. Mix a 1/3 of chocolate with rum or brandy.

Unroll cake and spread with rum/brandy mixture. Re-roll and spread chocolate cream over cake. Mark with a fork and add any Christmas decorations and dust with icing sugar.

My Confirmation – Courtney Longhurst

On the 13th October, Harvest Festival, I was confirmed by Bishop Tony at St. Cuthbert's church. I was so excited but also very nervous but I needn't have worried because he was very kind and very caring and made me feel special. I was worried that I wouldn't remember what I had to say or do and I couldn't find my booklet and started to panic. I had been to Confirmation classes with Paul Fox and Paul Hartley and had learnt lots and really enjoyed them. Matthew was confirmed with me and it was really odd because we also both had birthdays in October!

Once I found my booklet I started to calm down and forgot to be nervous when Matthew and I had to stand to make our vows. I enjoyed this part because I could make them for myself instead of my God Parents making them for me when I was a baby. Then we all went to the font to renew our Baptism vows.

I loved having my mum and dad in church too and wish they would come more often. They were very proud of me.

The sermon was good too because I could understand what Bishop Tony was talking about (and I love bread and butter). I didn't know the meaning of the word Bethlehem until then either.

I was a little bit nervous when Bishop Tony laid hands on me and prayed for me because I wasn't sure what would happen but I just had a lovely warm feeling inside.

Afterwards Bishop Tony signed my bible, a present from my Auntie Tara and I have started reading it and really love it and Paul & Paul gave Matthew & I a lovely present of the One Stop Bible Guide which I will treasure as a reminder of my very special day.

A very special day was finished by us all having lunch together which I really enjoyed.

Thank you very much to everyone that made my confirmation Day really special.



Making Christingles

Helpers needed please, on Saturday 30th November, 2pm
St Cuthbert's to make Christingles.
Sherry, mince pies, good company etc provided.

The Christingle services are on 1st December, 4pm All Saints' and 6pm
St Cuthbert's.



Christmas Fair – 9th November at All Saints'

The Christmas Fair made the amazing total of £1000 for church funds – thanks to everyone that supported it and all those who gave freely of their time and effort to make it a huge success.

Raffle winners were as follows:-

1. Christmas Hamper 406 – Jean Charlton
2. Travel Bag & Toiletries 40 – Vera McWilliams
3. Christmas Pack 403 – Ann Hill
4. Bottle of Wine 183 – Ann (610698)
5. Bottle of Glenfiddich 350 – Helen (610220)
6. Cockburn Special Reserve 304 – Bidy
7. Painting 543 – Erica Davies
8. Calvin Klein Bag 256 – Kay Matthews
9. Bottle of Teachers Whiskey 544 – Erica Davies
10. Painting 184 – Ann (610698)
11. Painting 476 – Mrs Westwood (792140)
12. Bottle of Asti 404 – Ann Hill
13. Chocolates 332 – Bill Branston
14. Mirror 88 – John
15. Lily 407 – Jean Charlton
16. Bottle Porto Cruz 400 – Albert (cat)
17. Purse 362 – Annabelle Laybourne
18. Jewellery Box 76 – Jean Clayton

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- Sept 8 Meadow Betty Grindrod & Charlotte Amelia Barker
Sept 29 Oliver Luca Jackson, Allfie Lesley Simpson & Poppy-
Rae Dorothea Simpson
Oct 27 Oliver Archie Brooks

Marriages

- Sept 21 Kristofer Mark Rowley & Jessica Louise Machen;
Darren Clark & Denise Eleanor Marshall

Funerals

- Oct 1 John Jackson (73) 2 Beech Drive, High Ackworth
Oct 4 Jennifer Mary Evan (64) 'Lawnsway', Wakefield Road,
Ackworth
Oct 10 Valerie Barrett (72) 57 Rhyddings Drive, Ackworth
Moor Top
Oct 15 John Michael Cosgrove (64) Lindale Residential Home
Oct 21 Marjorie Harwood (89) 8 Tan House Lane, Low
Ackworth

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 December 2013 and January 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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Services for Advent

Dec 1	Christingle Services: 4pm All Saints & 6pm St Cuthberts	
Dec 7	Saturday - 12pm Co-op Car Park - Carol Singing (A.C.T.)	
Dec 8	3pm	Village Carol Service at St Cuthberts
Dec 15	4pm	Gift Service at St Cuthberts
Dec 22	3.30pm	All Saints Carol Service

Little Friends Mother and Toddler Group

1st Thursday of each month

2pm to 3.30pm

All Saints Church - Sue Tanswell 612913 for information.

ACKWORTH METHODIST CHURCH **BARNESLEY ROAD**

SUNDAY 10.45am WORSHIP WITH JUNIOR CHURCH

ALL AGE WORSHIP ON THE 3rd SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

COFFEE MORNINGS - MONDAYS - 10am - 12 noon