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Dear Friends

As I write, we find ourselves in the depths of winter. No snow yet, though the country is battered by storms. We may have had the shortest day, a significant point of the season, but I am willing to bet that we haven't seen the coldest day yet! These two months (February / March) are marked by a season of contrast and change. As winter begins to lose its icy grip we should by the end of March begin to see signs of spring. Equally so the Churches 'season' sees a time of change as we move through Lent (Ash Wednesday 5th March). It is no accident that the Churches name for this period of its spiritual life takes its name from a Saxon word 'Lenten' which literally means 'the lengthening of days'.

Change is the watchword. As light begins to overtake the dark and warmth begins to edge out the cold, we begin to see a movement in the contrast of life and death. Spiritually speaking, it is a time to observe a similar contrast as we move through this time of penitence when we put to death our old sinful ways to share in the new life brought by our Lord in the Resurrection. As the buds of new life begin to appear and open on the trees, so we begin to open our lives to God's grace and word: the words of life.

February begins with that often forgotten but very important Christian festival of Candlemas (2nd), when we finally put the lid on Christmas. I never fail to enjoy telling the children at assembly that Christmas is celebrated all the way through January, a time historically when very little work could be done on the land. Equally I love to tell them on the Epiphany (6th January) that this is when many Christians (Orthodox Church) begin their celebration of Christmas. But eventually, February 2nd is when we put all thoughts of Christmas celebrations behind us and turn around to look forward to the season of austerity and penitence of Lent. It doesn't seem much to look forward to, until you realise that this is part of a natural cycle. We need a time to re-gather ourselves: a time to prepare the spiritual ground for planting and new growth. The oft used symbol of the vine for Jesus in the New Testament is a good example of this. Unless it is pruned clear of all the dead wood, new growth and ultimately fruit cannot grow.

So, even before Lent begins, let us start our preparations for planting – the words of God / seeds of Faith that will be planted in our hearts through our Lenten observance of penitence and study. I encourage you to take something extra into your lives during Lent: read a book; take up

some bible study: bring more prayer into your life. Unless we sow we cannot reap. Therefore, although it is a time of repentance – pruning out the dead sinful parts of our lives ready for new growth – it is also a time of planting new seeds that will burst into new life at Easter!

Yours in Christ

Paul

What's your Spirituality?

Spirituality is a word which is often used in modern society, but often without any real understanding of what it actually means, and so usually ends up being classified with the slightly off-the-wall, and miscellaneous. Spirituality is a commonly used word because many people are looking for it, but again, often without any real sense of where to look. Indeed, we can often talk about our own spirituality, but not quite understanding what we mean by it. Spirituality is often a difficult word to define, because there is no agreement between those who try to define it. There is agreement, however, about its importance, and the fact that it is integral to our lives.

Spirituality is often seen as the search for the sacred, that which is set apart from the ordinary, and worthy of adoration. In a broader term it is that part of our lives, which we can experience, and in which we question the meaning of life, and more specifically the meaning and reason for our own existence.

If you look on the shelves on the few remaining bookshops in shopping malls or high streets, you are likely to find books on spirituality, and on different types of spirituality, from Christianity, through Buddhism, to the more contemporary practices of crystals and stones. There are many different ways of searching for that inner meaning in life for which everyone craves.

Considering Christianity on its own, there are different forms of spirituality, each with its own focus, but all, in the end, leading to a search for God, and a search for our own existence in God's presence. But because each of us are different to a greater or lesser extent, then so each of us will have a different spirituality to a greater or lesser

extent. Our spirituality is related intimately with our personality. I believe it is worth exploring both of these aspects of our lives, if we are to understand something of ourselves and our being. Because it is when we begin to understand more about ourselves and how we work, that we will begin to understand more about our creator God. And in doing that, we are able to connect with our God in a more exciting and meaningful way.

You may have already explored your personality type using tools like Myers-Briggs, or the Enneagram, both of which I would recommend. You may have explored your own spirituality, through guided retreats, or by the use of a spiritual director, which I would also recommend. But if you haven't done these things, then we, as a church, are offering you an opportunity to explore your spirituality later this year. We intend to organize a day where we can explore what spirituality means for us as individuals and together.

If you are interested in such a day, contact Paul Hartley 01977 602731, or Paul Fox 01977 613834, revpaul.fox@gmail.com.

A word of thanks.

We are pleased to let you know that we have sold all of the 300 calendars that we ordered for 2014. Thanks to everyone who bought one (or more) calendar(s) and a particular word of thanks to the Village Chemist, the Card Gallery, Brackenhill Post Office, The Brown Cow, Ackworth Heritage Group and Amanda (Bell Lane hairdresser) who have all helped us to sell them at their premises. We hope that you have enjoyed trying to locate the places within the village and perhaps a few of you will be entering the competition.

We were also pleased with the support we received in our venture to provide Christmas cards showing scenes of and from our churches, by you buying a selection and by sending them to friends and family.

We are always in need of funds and your generosity last year has gone a long way to allow us to almost meet our annual expenditure commitments in 2013. Particular thanks are again due to the ladies who have organised and hosted the Thursday Coffee Morning each week,

which allowed us to receive £4391 in donations during 2013.

Of course other fundraising events that were introduced last year such as the monthly All Saints' sales and Strawberry Teas will need to be continued throughout 2014 and again our thanks go to all those who have organised and helped out at these events and also to you, our congregation and residents, who freely give us your support by your attendance at these events.

Thank you all on behalf of the PCC
W A Branston
Churchwarden

Ackworth Calendar 2015

It is planned that for 2015 we shall again compile a calendar in A4 size with the title "Ackworth Through The Seasons". To make this possible we would be pleased to receive any suitable photographs that you might have that we could include within the calendar with a short description of the scene to allow us to create a suitable caption to support the photograph. Please e-mail your photographs marked "Calendar Entry" to Julie Davis at j.e.davis@btinternet.com as soon as possible but at the latest by 31st May 2014. Make it your calendar next year.

CHURCH SIGNS TO RAISE A SMILE

A Church that had problems with outsiders parking in its space put up a sign: CHURCH CAR PARK-MEMBERS ONLY -trespassers will be baptised!

No God-No Peace. Know God-Know Peace.

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People are like tea bags-you have to put them in hot water before you know how strong they are.

Fight truth decay-read the Bible daily.

How will you spend eternity-Smoking or Non-smoking?

Dusty Bibles lead to dirty lives.

Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours are long and the pay is low-but the retirement benefits are out of this World.

Do not wait for the hearse to take you to Church.

If you are headed in the wrong direction, God allows U-turns.

If you can't sleep, don't count sheep. Talk to the Shepherd.

In the dark? Follow the Son.

WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL

Whilst looking through the local paper, I just happened to notice that there were lunchtime concerts being held at Wakefield Cathedral. These are held most weeks on Tuesday starting at 1pm. So after browsing around the shops we called at the Cathedral and had a light lunch in the Cathedral cafe and by this time it was about 12.45.

Wow! What a surprise was in store for us. We entered the newly refurbished Cathedral where there were no longer any pews but it was beautifully lit and there was a warm and friendly welcome. There is no charge for the concerts but on leaving there an optional collection to provide for future events and to pay for the upkeep of the building is gratefully accepted.

So far we have been able to enjoy organ and piano recitals and soprano and tenor singers. At Christmas there was a Nativity narrated in German and also a beautiful Carol Concert. I now eagerly await the New Year to listen to the Ackworth School senior and junior choirs in concert and many other events using the local musical talents by people in the surrounding area. Why not come along and sit and relax in what is a break from the daily routine of housework, gardening and shopping. Maybe I will see you there.

Ann Atack

ACT - Ackworth Churches Together

Please note these future events and ventures and look for what interests you...join in our village life and be part of the Community!

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

There will be a United Service on Sunday 26th January, 3pm in the Meeting House, Ackworth School. Refreshments to follow.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.

The Women's World Day of Prayer Service will take place on FRIDAY 7th March 2013, 7.30pm in the Methodist Church. The country in the spotlight this year is Egypt - "Streams in the Desert". Everyone is welcome to this inter-denominational service... both women and men!

LENT COURSE 2014:

This year to be held at All Saints' Church, week commencing Tuesday 11th March for 5 weeks. 7.30pm (7pm for tea and

biscuits). The theme is "Build on the Rock".

Just to add...

A **Toddler Group** is held in All Saints' Church 2pm to 3.30pm and will be held on the first Thursday of each month.

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

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

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The Vatican City has the highest crime rate in the world. Though the resident population is only just over 800, more than 600 crimes are committed there every year.

The American secret service tried to spike Hitler's carrots with female hormones to change him into a woman.

Ants can survive in a microwave: they are small enough to dodge the rays.

A 2011 study by Nobel Economics laureate Daniel Kahneman of 25 top Wall Street traders found that they were no more consistently successful than a chimpanzee tossing a coin.

Victorian guidebooks advised women to put pins in their mouths to avoid being kissed in the dark when trains went through tunnels.

Venus rotates so slowly on its axis that its day is longer than its year.

GOLDEN WEDDING

What a memorable weekend to remember for always, spent with our family and friends.

We must thank Paul Fox for the lovely service, when we renewed our marriage vows; we are so glad that we did this and would recommend it to anyone reaching a special anniversary, as an uplifting and spiritual experience. It was such a nice touch to include a recording of 'Jesu joy of Man's Desiring' at the end, which had been sung on our wedding day.

It makes you take stock of what is important in our lives and giving thanks, in our case for fifty years together with hopefully many more to come. Also having so many of our church family present made it even more special.

Many thanks also to Janet, Stella and Wendy for their contribution in providing refreshments, without them no one would have got a drink to wash down the cake.

We asked friends to make donations in lieu of presents, for which we are most grateful, and are pleased to forward £130 to the Prince of Wales Hospice.

Thank you with love Sue & Colin

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¼ TSP. SALT

175 g CHOCOLATE CHIPS

½ CHOPPED WALNUTS

METHOD

Preheat oven to 180c/350f/gas4. Lightly grease 2 large baking sheets. Cream together margarine and the sugars until light and fluffy.

In another bowl mix the egg and vanilla essence and then gradually beat into margarine mixture. Sift in the flour, bi-carb and salt and

stir. Add the chocolate chips and walnuts and mix really well. Place heaped teaspoonfuls of the mixture 5cm/2in apart on the baking sheets. Bake in oven for 10 to 15 minutes until lightly coloured. Transfer to a wire rack to cool.

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LUKE 19

Zaccheus stood forth, and said unto the Lord, behold, Lord ,the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have done any wrong to any man, I restore it four-fold.

WANTED !

Good Quality Clothes and accessories

If you are spring cleaning and have any unwanted good quality clothes and other items such as costume jewellery, shoes, and bags, please clear out your cupboards as we have a home for them.

On Saturday March 8th 2014 we are holding a Good Quality Clothes sale at All Saints' for Church funds. Any items can be left at either of the Churches, or at All Saints on Thursday mornings between 10.00 and 12.00. Please contact Bidy on 610590 or Jean on 617458 if you have any queries or to arrange collection.

Readings Rota for February 2014, March 2014

Date	Liturgical Week	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel	St Cuthbert's	ser	All Saints'
02/02/2014	Presentation of Christ	Malachi 3:1-5	Hebrews 2:14-end	Luke 2:22-40	Keith Shaw		Mr I Hall
09/02/2014	4th Before Lent	Isaiah 5:1-12	1 Corinthians 2:1-12	Matthew 5:13-20		P	Dr McWilliam
16/02/2014	3rd Before Lent	Deuteronomy 30:15-end	1 Corinthians 3 :1-9	Matthew 5:21-37	Jane Gosney		Mrs S Hall
23/02/2014	2nd Before Lent	Genesis 1:1-2:3	Romans 8:18-25	Matthew 6:25-end	Richard Mayer	B	Mrs M Walker
02/03/2014	Sunday Next Before Lent	Exodus 24:12-18	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matthew 17:1-9	Anne Bullock		Mr I Hall
09/03/2014	1st Sunday of Lent	Genesis 2:15-17 & 3:1-7	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11		P	Dr McWilliam
16/03/2014	2nd Sunday of Lent	Genesis 12:1-4a	Romans 4:1-5 & 13-17	John 3:1-17	Pauline Wong		Mrs S Hall
23/03/2014	3rd Sunday of Lent	Exodus 17:1-7	Romans 5:1-11	John 4:5-42	Anne Atack		Mrs M Walker
30/03/2014	Mothersing Sunday	1 Samuel 1:20-28	Colossians 3:12-17	Luke 2:33-35	Jane Siddall	B	Mr I Hall

ALL SAINTS' FLOWERS

FEBRUARY 2 ND	JEAN HANCOCKS
FEBRUARY 9 TH	FLOWER FUND
FEBRUARY 16 TH	FLOWER FUND
FEBRUARY 23 RD	FLOWER FUND
MARCH 2 ND	FLOWER FUND
MARCH 9 TH	LENT
MARCH 16 TH	LENT
MARCH 23 RD	LENT
MARCH 30 TH	LENT



ST. CUTHBERT'S FLOWERS

FEBRUARY 2 ND	ROTA
FEBRUARY 9 TH	ROTA
FEBRUARY 16 TH	ROTA
FEBRUARY 23 RD	ROTA
MARCH 2 ND	ROTA
MARCH 9 TH	LENT
MARCH 16 TH	LENT
MARCH 23 RD	LENT
MARCH 30 TH	LENT





The Children's Society

Christingle Service

Thank you to all those who helped, contributed to and attended the Christingle Services at St. Cuthbert's and All Saints'. Approximately £500 was raised for the Children's Society. Many thanks, Helen Parkinson

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- Nov 10 Tyler James Watson & Jennifer Ella Sidwell
Nov 24 Evie Beau Townend & Phoebe Scarlet Thompson
Dec 8 Isabella Rose Gittins & Daniel James
Brunskill

Funerals

- Nov 7 Moyra Burton (72) 21 Hardaker Lane, Ackworth
Moor Top
Nov 8 Patricia Ann Marshall, The Beeches,
Pontefract Rd, Hemsworth
Nov 13 John Harding (89) Roope Cottage, Kinsley
Nov 19 Keith Bevan (67) Eagle House, Pontefract
Road, High Ackworth
Nov 22 Sarah Ann Rowley (44) Flat 7 High Wood
Court, Wood Lane, Headingley
Nov 25 Christine Julie Morton (57) 44 Hillside Rd,
Ackworth Moor Top
Dec 2 Mollie Scarrott (79) 22 Denton Gardens,
Ackworth Moor Top
Dec 3 Lille Crummack (96) 4 Chiltern Court,
Ackworth Moor Top
Dec 16 Colin Bridges (78) 19 Moor Top Avenue,
Ackworth Moor Top

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 February 2014 and March 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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Special Services

Feb 2	3.30pm Eucharist and Procession of Candlemas at All Saints'
Mar 5	7.30pm Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes for Ash Wednesday at St Cuthbert's
Mar 30	Mothering Sunday

Little Friends Mother and Toddler Group

1st Thursday of each month

2pm to 3.30pm

All Saints Church - Sue Tanswell 612913 for information.

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