



# Ackworth Parish Magazine



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Dear Friends

Though many people will be unaware of it, the church in this part of the country recently experienced a historic change, one which we have not seen the like of for over 100 years!

In April the Dioceses of Wakefield, Bradford and Ripon and Leeds all ceased to be as they were combined to form the new Diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales; with the Right Reverend Nick Baines becoming the Bishop of Leeds.

In the late 19th century many of the newer dioceses (as opposed to the more ancient ones) were formed in response to rapidly growing populations of towns and cities where the industrial expansion initiated an enormous growth in the new workforce that was needed to man the new mills and factories. Wakefield itself was established as a diocese just 125 years ago; celebrating its anniversary just a few months ago.

Our own chapel of ease - All Saints' - was built in response to a rapidly growing population at the Moor Top and Brackenhill areas of Ackworth and celebrates its own 125th anniversary of prayer and worship this July. In the 1841 census this area had population of just 565 (1,828 for the whole of Ackworth) and 770 by 1881 (2,222 for Ackworth) and continued to grow rapidly due to the increase in quarrying jobs the major employer in the village at that time.

The population of our village has increased probably five-fold since that 1881 census, sadly, that can't be said of church attendance. To a large extent it was falling attendance accompanied by falling income that has prompted the retrenchment at diocesan levels. Although we still have both our Church of England (Anglican) churches here in Ackworth we are now finding after 125 years that our finances are severely strained. It may well be that peoples spiritual needs and lifestyle priorities have changed considerably over that time, but I feel that the church has still a place and an important function in this village. It seems to be the case that apart from meeting needs at the 'high spots' of people lives (e.g. birth - baptism; partnerships - marriage etc) we need to find other ways to play a part in our parishioners lives and thus communicate the gospel via those points of contact (ie. rather by deed than word). I feel that All Saints' has a vital part to play in the area of outreach by becoming more available and better 'shaped' to meet the needs of a modern growing community.

In 125 years, change has been considerable and the pace of change accelerates on at an alarming rate. Unless we can adapt to the changes in the life of our community then we shall get left behind, with faith in God's purposes for his people we can go forward without the fears that change can bring and build a church fit to meet the challenges of the next 125 years!

Yours in Christ

Paul

### **All Saints' Church Fairs ,Church Raffles & Celebrations**

Thus far we have held two events, our Easter fair in April and our spring fair in May and we have raised £1783 which is a great help to aid our work for the Church here in Ackworth. My grateful thanks go to everybody who has helped so far with a special mention for Stella who continues to inspire me and also to Derek and Caroline Longhurst and Natasha who are always there to do the things I can't or won't do and are unceasing in their support. Bless you all! As usual, we are still seeking good quality items which you may no longer require for the upcoming sales in June, July, September and October along with prizes for the Tombola stall which has become a regular feature at the fairs. Home baked cakes too would be most welcome and these can be dropped off at both All Saints' and St Cuthbert's church or if you need them collecting then please contact Ian Hall on 612003.

At the May event we launched our Grand Christmas Raffle which, unsurprisingly is aimed at young and indeed not so young children. This is very different from the whisky, cake and wine normally associated with Christmas raffles, the first prize and centrepiece being a giant cuddly lion and there are 49 other prizes of brand new and labelled soft toys including bears, rabbits, cats, dogs and lots of others(see photograph below and the church website). We will continue to sell these at our upcoming fairs and also at the village gala in June so please support us at these events. If anybody feels they could sell raffle tickets for this please contact me and even though the main prizes will not be drawn until our Christmas Fair in November a separate prize will be drawn each month at the fairs and also at the Gala. Raffles for the Church are pretty much the order of the day and Erica Davies is also organising a summer raffle which will be drawn at the Strawberry Tea event to be held at St Cuthbert's Church in July. Again if people feel they can help with this by selling tickets or offering prizes please contact Erica directly who will be very pleased to accept all the help offered.

In conclusion we will be holding an event on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July to celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of All Saints' Church and it is hoped to make this a village celebration to which the whole community is invited .Details will be provided later via posters, website ,newsletter, leaflets and local advertising so do look out for these and try to support us on the day at any or all of these events.

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## **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!*

### **Christian Aid Week:**

Will be held this year from 10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May so please contribute what you can do when you come across our collection points.

The **Christian Aid Service** will be held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm in The Methodist Church, led by Rev Jacquie Evans.

### **Ackworth Gala:**

Will be held on 28 June in Carr Bridge Field. Please visit the Churches Together tent and stalls where there will be activities for children, games and, of course, *refreshments!*

Do watch out for a new course that will be held in the autumn...

**'Christianity Explored'** is coming to Ackworth and will be supported by all denominations to try to address your questions, beliefs and understanding of the Christian Faith. This is a new venture for Ackworth Churches Together and we hope that you will come along.

... more details to follow in the next magazine!

**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.

### **St Oswald**

In the last magazine I wrote about St Cuthbert. I posed the question "In the East Window depiction of St Cuthbert at St Cuthbert's Church Ackworth, what is St Cuthbert holding in his hands?"

If you attended the St Cuthbert's day celebration you will have heard Paul Hartley mention this, because he is holding the head of St Oswald. A very odd thing to depict in a stained glass window. But then we need to understand that stained glass windows were there to tell a story to those who could not read. This picture of St Cuthbert tells us something of St Oswald. St Oswald himself is one of the saints also shown in the east window of St Cuthbert's church.

Oswald was the son of Ethelfrith, King of Northumbria. Following Ethelfrith's death, Oswald and his family fled to exile into Scotland. It was at Iona that Oswald became a Christian. Oswald returned to

Northumbria when King Cadwallon of the British was ruling Northumbria as a tyrant. Oswald faced Cadwallon at a place called Hevenfelt, now near Hexham. Oswald had a very small army compared to that of Cadwallon. The story is that Oswald ordered a large wooden cross to be erected on the eve of battle, and he himself held the cross until it was securely fixed in the ground. He knelt before the cross and prayed for the coming day, and he ordered his army to do the same. It is said that he had a vision of St Columba at that time. The following day, Oswald was victorious and Cadwallon was killed. Following this, the council of Oswald agreed to accept Christianity and be baptized. Oswald reunited the kingdoms of the North and became King of Northumbria.

It was Oswald who invited Aidan to come and preach Christianity in the land of Northumbria, and he gave Aidan the island of Lindisfarne as his seat as Bishop. From here Aidan wandered the region preaching and teaching as he went.

Oswald was eventually killed in battle against the pagan king of the Mercians King Penda in 642. After his death his body was ritually mutilated, and parts of his body spread about the land. Some of these relics were recovered by his followers, and soon stories of miracles occurring around these relics which led to the cult of St Oswald. His head was buried at Lindisfarne.

Much later, when the body of St Cuthbert was taken from Lindisfarne and eventually buried in Durham, the head of St Oswald was carried in his coffin. Hence the reason that St Cuthbert is often shown carrying a head, the head of St Oswald. However, Cuthbert and Oswald never met, except in death.

The picture of St Oswald in St Cuthbert's also shows him holding a cross, which tells of his life and pray at the battle of Hevenfelt.

## WELL DRESSING

From May right through until September is the time to visit Derbyshire if you are interested in the ancient custom of Well Dressing. There are some beautiful examples of this skilled craft to be enjoyed in many of the villages.

The origins of this probably date back to pagan times where water was so important to life and offerings were made to the water gods to ensure a good supply. Unfortunately these offerings took the form of both animal and human sacrifice until they gave way to the hanging of flower garlands over the wells.

Some well dressings commemorate the time when the Black Death (1348-1349) ravaged the countryside in England killing approximately one third of the entire population. The tradition may have begun in Tissington in 1349 when the villagers remained healthy (which they attributed to their clean water supply) whilst the nearby village of Eyam was decimated by the plague.

There was a time when this practice was frowned upon and during the reign of King Henry the 8<sup>th</sup> his Chancellor, Thomas Cromwell ordered the destruction of all the equipment used in well dressing.

To dress a well a wooden board is usually thrown into the local river to soak for a few days and then dragged out and covered with soft wet clay. Next an outline of the proposed picture is made. Most villages have their own particular way of doing this. Various items such as wool, peppercorns, bark or alder cones are used. Next the picture is filled in with flowers known as 'petalling', although in Holymoorside it is known as 'flowering' because whole flower heads are used. It usually takes a group of helpers about seven days to complete a picture which is also the time it lasts before the clays dries out and cracks and the flowers fade. What a lot of work but well worth it for the pleasure it gives for those fortunate to see it.

## STRAWBERRIES

It's good to see that British strawberries are now back in the shops again. Although strawberries are now available all year round in the supermarkets because of all the foreign imports they are a poor substitute for the freshly picked home grown varieties lacking their smell and flavour and texture.

They are grown in many countries of the world including the U.S.A., (particularly California) Spain, Turkey, Egypt, Mexico and increasingly in China surprisingly.

Its name, some claim comes from the practice of putting straw around the plants, whilst others maintain that it comes from the word 'strew' which means spread -because of the strawberry runners spreading away from the plant. The strawberry is the only berry to have its seeds on the outside of the fruit and has two hundred tiny seeds.

It will soon be Wimbledon time again where the tradition for eating strawberries and cream is still upheld and more than twenty five thousand kilos of strawberries are eaten there each year.

What to do with a glut of them-make jam of course and add to fruit salads and why not use them for a different kind of cake.

## STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE

4oz./100g. Margarine  
4oz./100g. Caster sugar  
4oz./100g Self-raising flour  
2oz./50g. Corn flour  
2 eggs

### FILLING AND TOPPING

Fresh strawberries

¼ pint thick cream

1 egg white

Sugar to taste

Cream margarine and sugar until light and soft.

Sieve flour and corn flour.

Add beaten eggs, and then fold in flour with metal spoon.

Place in two 7in./18cm. lined tins and flatten top.

Bake for 20 minutes in moderately hot oven.(375f/190c/gas mark 5)

Cool on wire tray.

Whip cream in one bowl and egg white in another and then fold together and add sugar if wished.

Cover one cake with some strawberries and cream.

Top second cake with rest of cream and fruit.



## I'D COME TO CHURCH, BUT...

A for the Aunt I'm expecting for tea;  
B for the Bed where I'd much rather be.  
C for the Car wanting a wash and a shine,  
D for the Dinner that must be on time.  
E for the Extremes, either too High or too Low,  
F for my Feelings which I try not to show.  
G for the Garden which needs lots of Care.  
H for for the Hoeing that I must do there.  
I for the Incense, we don't need at all,  
J for the Jokes by the vicar, they're beginning to pall.  
K for the Kneeling, it tires me so much.  
L for the Language that's all double Dutch.  
M for the Money, they always want more.  
N is for Nodding off, I try not to snore.  
O for the overtime that's double on Sunday.  
P for the plans for a day off instead.  
Q for the Queer noises, it must be the choir.  
R for the Reader whose diction is dire.  
S for the Sermon, nothing new does it bring.  
T for the tunes that no one can sing.  
U for Unfriendly, there's nowhere to sit.  
V for the Vicar, I don't like a bit.  
W for the Weather, always windy and wet.  
X for eXcuses, I've another one yet.  
Y for the Yells from the babies at the back.  
Z is for Zeal, oh dear, yes I know that's what I lack.

**Ladies!**  
**Come and Join**  
**The Ackworth 74 Club**  
**A Ladies Group.**  
**Meeting in the**  
**Methodist Chapel Schoolroom**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in the month at 8pm.**

**For just £10 a year membership fee, you could enjoy meeting new people, handicrafts, lectures and the opportunity for meals out and day trips.**

**For details call Sue on 01977 615608**



## Welcome to the new Diocese of West Yorkshire & the Dales

Bishop Nick's Easter call to prayer and commitment "in the power of God's Spirit."

The Diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales, created on Easter Day 2014, is the first new diocese in the Church of England since 1929 and is the largest diocese in the country geographically. The new diocese now has five 'episcopal areas' and retains its three cathedrals – Bradford, Wakefield and Ripon.

Marking the end of the former dioceses, thanksgiving services have been held in each cathedral, and Bishop Nick Baines and Bishop



Stephen Platten have laid down their pastoral staffs on the altars of Bradford and Wakefield Cathedrals (see picture).

In a pastoral letter to be read out in every church on Easter Day, Bishop Nick said that in the 'brave new world' it would take a while before people noticed changes, but called the churches of the new diocese to live out the resurrection in their local areas through prayer and

commitment. "I commend you for your faithfulness and call you to prayer and commitment to living in the power of God's Spirit in the places we live and work and play and serve."

Posters, bookmarks and prayer-cards announcing the new diocese have been distributed and a new diocesan website,

[www.westyorkshiredales.org.uk](http://www.westyorkshiredales.org.uk), carries the latest information and news. New letterheads and diocesan logos can be downloaded from the new website. A new transitional Board of Finance and transitional Board of Education come into being immediately, but in the short-term the offices at Leeds, Wakefield and Bradford will continue to handle day-to-day administration.

## Date for new Dean

Canon John Dobson appointed to Ripon

The Revd Canon John Dobson, will be installed as the new Dean of Ripon at a special service in Ripon Cathedral on Saturday June 14th.

Ripon will be one of the three Cathedrals of the new diocese along with Bradford and Wakefield Cathedrals.

John (49) is currently Vicar of Blackwell All Saints and Salutation, and Priest-in-Charge of Coniscliffe. He also serves as Area Dean of Darlington and is an Honorary Canon of Durham Cathedral. He said he was delighted to have been appointed: "It is both a huge privilege and a challenging responsibility



– and it's at a particularly exciting time as the new diocese of West Yorkshire & the

Dales is born."

The service of installation will take place at 6pm in Ripon Cathedral.

## A Resurrection People

Bishop Nick Baines

At Easter we saw Mary Magdalene, deep in grief and loss, find the tomb of Jesus empty. The risen Christ then asked her a question that we still hear addressed to ourselves today: "Who are you looking for?"

Mary had dared to believe that this Jesus was a life-saver. And now he was dead. She goes to the tomb expecting nothing other than an ending - death. But, when she looks into it she is confronted by the bewilderment of surprise and that awkward question: "Who are you looking for?"

Jesus is asking his disciple to face the truth about herself. Finding the corpse of Jesus would, at the very least, confirm her experience of the world. Instead, however, she is invited to open her eyes to a different future. She is invited to glimpse a radically different world in which death does not have the final word and in which God is heard to whisper into the heart of loss the words "Let there be light".

This invitation extends beyond Mary to the church of that same Jesus Christ today. We in West Yorkshire and the Dales have lost three dioceses - identities that have shaped our lives and worship, our faith and discipleship, our service to our communities. Yet, we are invited now to 'look differently', to dare to see



the potential that God calls us to in a world which, by its newness, challenges our comforts and familiarities. We are now responsible together for creating a diocese that by its nature and the way we do it will invite others to glimpse the truth that God opens up and does not close down.

We face many challenges in the months and years to come, as we establish and shape our new diocese. But, we can do this with faith (in God, the Gospel and one another), with hope (in the God who raised Christ from the dead - and not in a familiar formula), and with love (for God, the church and those we serve). At the heart of all we say and do there must be the rhythm of Easter newness that refuses to collude with the mantras of those who see only endings and deaths.

We are a resurrection people. I pray that together we can live this out in our life together as we discover that there is joy in the surprise that comes from learning to look in a different place.

+ Nick  
Bishop of Leeds designate

## Key dates for the diary

April 28th College of Canons for the Cathedrals formally elects the Bishop of Leeds - Wakefield Cathedral, 11am.

May 10th - The Big Night Out - Lightwater Valley Theme Park, 2pm - 9pm, £18 on the gate. Christian youth event for 11-18 year olds. More information [www.thebignightout.org.uk](http://www.thebignightout.org.uk)

May 15th - First, informal, meeting of joint Bishop's Council.

June 8th - Pentecost Sunday. 4pm Inauguration service of celebration for the new diocese, and Confirmation of the Election of Bishop Nick Baines at York Minster. Invitations will be issued via deaneries and parishes.

June 14th - The Day Out, Harrogate - taster event across the town on new ways of being church.

Dates for the Enthronment of Bishop Nick in each of the three cathedrals.

Wakefield - Tuesday July 15th  
Bradford - Thursday July 17th  
Ripon - Sunday July 20th

November 22nd - First meeting of the new Diocesan Synod, Cairn Hotel, Harrogate.

More information at [www.westyorkshiredales.anglican.org](http://www.westyorkshiredales.anglican.org)

# Laying the Foundations for the Future

## Key themes emerge at Deanery Consultation meetings

Parishioners from across the new diocese have been telling the bishops what they think the priorities should be in the new diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales at a series of meetings held the length and breadth of the new diocese.

Between them Bishop James Bell, the Bishop of Knaresborough, and Bishop Tony Robinson, the Bishop of Pontefract, held 26 deanery meetings during March and April, and in the process have gathered a large number of comments and ideas from those who came.

Among the questions being asked were "how can the diocese best support the deanery and parishes in ways that will enhance the work of the church locally?", "what one thing would you see as a priority in the new diocese?" and "what would you want to take forward into the new diocese?".



The outcomes from the meetings are now being analyzed and fed back to each deanery, and will form the basis of a document that will help senior staff shape the vision and strategy for the new diocese. But already several common themes have clearly emerged, including the importance of good communication across a large geographical area, the importance of local access to resources and training opportunities, and the importance of reaching out to children and young people.

Every deanery meeting started with a time of prayer, and all those who attended the meetings were given a calendar of prayer from Easter Day



up to the inauguration of the new bishop on Pentecost Sunday, 8th June.

Bishop Tony, who is the Area Bishop for the Wakefield Episcopal Area and acting Bishop for the Huddersfield Episcopal Area said, "This is a new opportunity, a God-given opportunity, to create something new."

Bishop James, who is the Area Bishop for the Ripon Episcopal Area, told these meetings that the new diocese would be "the best diocese in the country - it would be rooted in prayer and love and would make a difference."

It is still not too late to tell the bishops your views - email [lettersvisits@wakefield.anglican.org](mailto:lettersvisits@wakefield.anglican.org)

### A prayer used at the Deanery Meetings

Draw us together, O God,  
into one great company of disciples,  
together following our Lord Jesus Christ  
into every walk of life,  
together serving him in his mission to the world  
and together witnessing to our new diocese.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

### Celebrations and farewells as former dioceses give thanks

Services of celebration and thanksgiving have been taking place across the new diocese marking the end of Bradford,



Ripon and Leeds and Wakefield dioceses and the creation of the Diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales on Easter Day.

In Bradford a service of celebration took place at the Cathedral on April 12th, while in Wakefield Bishop Stephen led a service of thanksgiving on Holy Saturday, April 19th.

Ripon Cathedral was transformed

into an imaginary railway complete with train driver and a guard on Mothering Sunday, March 30th. Unusually, the congregation from across the diocese were seated in 35 circles each with a suitcase, some

refreshments and items such as postcards, luggage labels and verses from the Bible, to take with them on the journey.

Two actors led the congregation through the theme of the journey.

Each church had been asked to contribute a photograph representing their work in the community, and these were shared

with others and then placed in the suitcases to be taken into the future diocese.

The Archdeacon of Leeds, Ven Paul Hooper, said, "These are exciting and challenging days



for the Church and we trust that the worship has given us fresh heart and inspiration as our faith is rekindled to face the challenges and opportunities of the future."

### Prayers for Le Grand Départ

As the Tour de France draws closer, the Sanctuary in Ilkley has produced a free booklet of prayers and resources for churches and individuals to use throughout the 100 day festival until the Tour begins in Leeds on July 5th.

It includes topical prayer points, liturgy and more. "For many of our congregations watching the Tour de France will be a great introduction to the rest of this large and diverse diocese – and the prayer booklet produced by the Sanctuary is also a way to pray for each other as we prepare to welcome the world's great annual sporting event."

Email [info@thesanctuarycentre.org](mailto:info@thesanctuarycentre.org) to find out more or download the booklet of prayers through the church Tour de France website, [www.lechurchletour.org](http://www.lechurchletour.org).

#### West Yorkshire & the Dales News

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

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## Readings Rota for June 2014, July 2014

Date	Liturgical Week	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel	St Cuthbert's	ser	All Saints'
01/06/2014	7th Sunday of Easter	Ezekiel 36:24-28	Acts 1:6-14	John 17:1-11	Jane Siddall		Dr McWilliam
08/06/2014	Day of Pentecost	Numbers 11:24-30	Acts 2:1-21	John 20:19-23		P	Mrs S Hall
15/06/2014	Trinity Sunday	Isaiah 4 0:12-17 & 27-31	2 Corinthians 13:11-14	Matthew 28:16-20	Sue Hartley		Mrs M Walker
22/06/2014	Proper 7	Genesis 21:8-21	Romans 6:1b-11	Matthew 10:24-39	Keith Shaw		Mr I Hall
29/06/2014	Sts Peter & Paul	Zechariah 4:1-6a & 10b-end	Acts 12:1-11	Matthew 16:13-19	Jane Gosney	B	Dr McWilliam
06/07/2014	Proper 9	Genesis 24:34-38, 42-29, 58-67	Romans 7:15-25a	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30	Anne Bullock		Mrs S Hall
13/07/2014	Proper 10	Genesis 25:19-34	Romans 8:1-11	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23		P	Mrs M Walker
20/07/2014	Proper 11	Genesis 28:10-19a	Romans 8:12-25	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	Richard Mayer		Mr I Hall
27/07/2014	Proper 12	Genesis 29:15-28	Romans 8:26-39	Matthew 13:31-33:45-52	Jane Siddall	B	Dr McWilliam

## ST. CUTHBERT'S FLOWERS

1<sup>ST</sup>. JUNE  
8<sup>TH</sup>. JUNE  
15<sup>TH</sup>. JUNE  
22<sup>ND</sup>. JUNE  
29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE  
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JULY 27<sup>TH</sup>.

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## ALL SAINTS' FLOWERS

1<sup>ST</sup>. JUNE  
8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE  
15<sup>TH</sup>. JUNE  
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FLOWER FUND  
JUNE EDWARDS  
FLOWER FUND  
SUE TANSWELL  
FLOWER FUND  
FLOWER FUND  
JEAN HANCOCKS  
MISS M. WALKER



## **Future Events in June and July**

We are expecting a busy June and July this year and here are some dates to put in your diary. We hope you will support these events either by attending or by offering your help in the preparatory work or on the day.

**Village Gala - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June.** We are providing the refreshment tent at the Village Gala as a fund raising effort. We shall also have a stall adjacent on the day. If you can help in any way it will be appreciated.

**All Saints' 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration - Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July.** This Sunday celebrates 125 years since All Saints' Church in Wakefield Road was dedicated and held its first service. This is an important day for the church in Ackworth and we are marking this significant date in Ackworth's history by holding a special Celebration service at All Saints' Church followed by a picnic in the church grounds.

The celebration service will be led by Bishop Tony Robinson at 10.15 am. Join us on the day and stay for the picnic. We are planning to issue a celebration booklet and to present a display of "Past Happenings at All Saints". To do this we need your help – if you have anything that is connected with the church or the village and are prepared to lend it to us for the display please contact the Rector or one of the church wardens. Please also see the posters nearer the date for more information.

**Strawberry Tea at St Cuthbert's - Sunday Afternoon 13<sup>th</sup> July.** We shall again be holding our Strawberry Tea afternoon at St Cuthbert's church with live music played by "The Sound of Mellow" please come and support us and join in the fun. More details on the posters.

**Grand Summer Draw** – To be drawn at the Strawberry Tea Afternoon. Tickets will soon be on sale at 50p each. You could win a Sunday Carvery meal for four at the Rustics, a grand Summer Hamper or perhaps take afternoon tea at the Wentbridge House Hotel + many other prizes.

These are just a few of the activities of the Church in Ackworth. There are many others. We shall also be supporting the Ackworth Heritage Group's Event on the Green (1<sup>st</sup> June) by serving Afternoon Tea in the church. St Cuthbert's Church will be open to visitors on Saturdays and at other times on some Mondays and Thursdays during the summer. We are always open on Sundays – so why not join us at one of our services. For details of our services and lots more information on the activities of our churches why not visit our web-site [www.ackworthcofe.co.uk](http://www.ackworthcofe.co.uk)

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## QUESTIONS AND IMPROBABLE ANSWERS

(REAL EXAMPLES FROM EXAMS)

- Q. In what ways is the 'first past the post' electoral system undemocratic?  
A. It's not fair for people who can't run very fast.
- Q. If a government is given a mandate, what does this mean? How might it come about?  
A. A mandate is a boys' night out. A womandate is a girls' night out.
- Q. What sources are there for social and ethnic stereotypes?  
A. Tomato ketchup in the South, brown sauce in the North.
- Q. How often are the Olympic Games held?  
A. Every 400 years.
- Q. Using supply and demand, explain the increase in the price of petrol.  
A. Petrol station owners DEMAND that drivers SUPPLY them with more money.
- Q. Give an example of a sonata. What makes your example a sonata?  
A. Frank Sonata. He was a born Sonata.



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 Mar 23 Nathan Alexander Rawlings & Harry Purcell  
 Apr 13 Molly Rae Bluskill  
 Apr 27 Harry George Pinder

### Marriage

Mar 29 Gavin Wood & Jodie Hazelgrave

### Funerals

Mar 6 Doreen May Brown (80) Holly Tree Lodge, Shafton  
 11 Jack Emmerson (71) 31 Rhyddings Drive, Ackworth Moor Top  
 13 Hubert Shaw (79) 12 Moor Top Avenue, Ackworth Moor Top  
 20 Raymond Howell (81) 5 Hawthorn Grove, Ackworth Moor Top  
 Apr 1 Marian Evelyn Jackson (89) 4 Woodthorpe Lane, Wakefield  
 14 Sheila Stubbs (82) 50 Townend Avenue, Low Ackworth  
 17 Gwendoline Rawlings (89) 52 Townend Avenue, Low Ackworth  
 30 John Gardham (82) RoopeCottage, Kinsley

### 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

<b>Sunday</b>	10.30am	<b>Worship</b>
	6.30pm	<b>Prayer Meeting</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.30—11.15am	<b>Parents and Toddlers Group</b>

# **Sunday Services for June 2014 and July 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 Events & Services**

- June 1** Heritage Fair: The Green—refreshments served in St Cuthbert's
- June 14** Early Summer Fair 9am - 12pm at All Saints'
- June 28** Ackworth Gala; Carr Bridge Playing Fields
- July 6** 10.15am All Saints' 125th Anniversary Celebration: Communion Service conducted by the Rt Reverend Tony Robinson (Bishop of Wakefield) followed by buffet lunch.
- July 12** Mid Summer Fair 9am - 12pm at All Saints' 1pm—2.30pm Bell Lane School World War 1 Commemoration 'Drum Head' Service.
- 13** Strawberry Tea at St Cuthbert's

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