



Ackworth Parish Magazine



**The Crucifixion with St. Mary Magdalen
Luca Signorelli**

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Dear Friends

We're almost there! That most glorious and inspirational festival in the Christian calendar ... Easter.

It is a season which brings hope to people in despair and renewal and refreshment to those whose faith is flagging. But, what can you write about that hasn't been written before, even by myself after 18 Easters here in Ackworth? As I looked to other writers and sources for inspiration I was reminded of an old favourite, a general interest article that has appeared in many forms and in many places for what must be centuries now! From cereal packets to books, papers and magazines, the 'Do you know?' or 'Did you know?' is a popular column for readers, in which the writer would enchant us with interesting facts from just about every subject on the planet!

Well, did you know that the three days leading up to Easter Day is known as 'Triduum Sacrum' and is a period in the history of Christianity which can trace its antecedents back to apostolic times! Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Eve, was considered along with Easter Day itself as the most holiest of what is known as 'holy days of obligation'. In other words, days which should be at the very top of every Christians priority list in terms of solemn observations and worship!

St Augustine in AD400 wrote '*...the observance of these days has ben enjoined by Councils, and the whole Christian world has arrived unanimously at the persuasion that this is the proper mode of observing the Pacha (Easter)...'* also '*...the theme of these three days are a continuous celebration of the paschal mystery and for centuries these days were not regarded as a part of Lent.'*

Clearly with a history of celebration as old as the church itself these three days comprise a very ancient and important tradition and practice which is at the heart of Christian faith and liturgy (worship).

So, let us briefly look at what the traditions of these three days comprised of and how we observe them now in the modern church. All three days together make up a period of renewal after undergoing the passover of our Lord, walking alongside him in his passion and waiting with those apostles to witness the outbursting of a new stage in Christian life.

The first and inaugural day of the paschal celebrations is Maundy Thursday (the name being taken from the Latin word 'Mandatum' meaning 'new commandment' - from the last supper discourses in the Gospel of St John chapters 13-17). The main service of the day for most Christians is the institution of the last supper which Jesus commanded us 'to do this in remembrance of me' For clergy it is a day when we concelebrate the Eucharist with the bishops in cathedrals up and down the country (the 'Missa Chrismatiss') Also all ordained clergy renew their ordination vows and the oils of baptism (Chrism), confirmation (Catechumens) and healing (Unction) are blessed and distributed.

In the evening the institution of the last supper - a remembrance of that first

Sunday Services for April 2015 and May 2015

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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Friday 8th May, 2015

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celebration that Jesus left to us - takes place in parish churches. This usually includes the washing of feet; a symbol of Jesus' love and service which is followed by 'The Watch' a time of prayer and meditation as we wait with our Lord in the garden of Gethsemane with his apostles. This is undergirded by the words of Jesus to his Apostles as he underwent his agony in the garden "...could you not watch with me for but one hour..." Other features of this day are the 'stripping of the altar' representing the stripping of Jesus before his death and the procession of the reserved sacrament (consecrated bread) to the side altar for us on Good Friday.

Which brings us to the second day - Good Friday. The main service of the day, which goes back to the early second century, is the Good Friday Liturgy. This features the ministry of the word which includes readings - particularly the passion gospel, and the responsories and bidding prayers; the veneration of the cross with 'the reproaches' (Jesus' words from the cross); and finally the communion taken in one kind only - the bread reserved from the night before (mass of the pre-sanctified). In our parish we also have a morning service for families, an act of witness with Christians of the other village churches and a meditational service in the evening.

Which brings us to the last day of the paschal triduum before Easter Day: Easter Eve. Since earliest sources, which go back to apostolic times, the day was 'aliturghical' - a day of no liturgy until evening. It is a day of abstinence and prayer until the rich celebrations after nightfall. It is essentially a period of watching and waiting after our Lord was laid in the tomb the previous day; a day of quiet expectation and anticipation. The glorious celebration of the Easter Liturgy comes in the evening and begins with the lighting of the Paschal fire and the blessing and procession of the Paschal Candle into a darkened church. Following the proclamation of the Exultet (the song of the paschal mystery) all other candles are lit - the church bursts into light, symbolic of renewal and new life, pre-empting the resurrection. This is followed by the ministry of the word; readings charting the church's history of salvation the blessing of the font and renewal of baptismal vows (including a baptism if possible) and finally the Easter Eucharist. All in all a celebration of the churches renewal and renewal of our faith as we await the new life of resurrection.

This 'Sacrum Triduum' is an integral part of the build up in preparation for the most important festival of all on Easter Day. Please try to come to as much of it as possible beginning with Palm Sunday on the 29th March. The relevant dates and times are:

April 2nd Maundy Thursday:

11.00 Wakefield Cathedral: Chrism Eucharist
19.30 St Cuthbert's: Institution of the Last Supper including the washing of feet, the Eucharist, stripping of the altar, procession of reserved sacrament and the Watch until 22.00

April 3rd Good Friday:

10.30 All Saints': All Age Service

11.45 Procession of witness with the cross from All Saints' to -
12.00 Co-op Car Park for the Service of Witness with Churches Together in Ackworth.
14.00 St Cuthbert's: Good Friday Liturgy
19.30 St Cuthbert's: Tenenbrae - as service of meditation on the Psalms.

April 4th Easter Eve:

19.30 St Cuthbert's: Easter Liturgy including lighting of the Paschal Fire and the blessing and procession of the Paschal Candle; blessing of the font and renewal of baptismal vows with the first Eucharist of Easter.

April 5th Easter Day:

08.30 All Saints': Eucharist
10.15 St Cuthbert's: Parish Eucharist. Followed by egg rolling, and judging of decorated eggs.
15.30 All Saints': Easter Praise - a service of celebration of Easter in word and song!

A Happy and Holy Easter

From Paul, Sue and Sarah

Balance, it's all about balance!

How well balanced are you? Can you stand on one leg? Can you walk in a straight line? Can you walk with a book balanced on your head? Could you walk a tight-rope? Do your clothes match your eye and hair colour, not to mention your facial complexion? Do you look balanced? Do you care?

Those things might be important, but they are superficially important. We may look perfectly balanced from the outside, by anyone looking at us. But inside, that part other people cannot easily see, we may not be balanced at all!

At one of the recent Lent study evening we considered this aspect of our lives when we looked at what it means to ask for our daily bread in the middle of the Lord's Prayer. Because we are not just made up of a physical body. There are other aspects of our human nature which we need to consider, our emotional or psychological lives, our social lives, and our spiritual lives need to be addressed as well. If we don't address each of these areas then we may well end up being an unbalanced person.

It has been said that Jesus is the perfect example of what it is to be a perfect human being. If that is so, then he must have been the perfectly balanced person. He certainly looked after his physical needs as he ate and drank with his disciples and friends, and many other people too. He paid attention to his emotions and was not afraid to show them sometimes, as when he drove out the money changers from the temple, or when he wept at the tomb of his friend Lazarus. He paid attention to his social life by having a group of friends with him most of the time, but also by talking with people as he travelled on his way, and by calling in on friends to talk with them over dinner. He paid attention to his spiritual life all the time. There are many accounts of him finding a quiet

space where he could pray and talk to God.

Christians should take heed of this perfect example. Because the more we try to do what Jesus did in being a well balanced person, the more chance there is of others seeing Christ at work in us.

By now, most of us will have forgotten our New Years resolutions. But I want to offer another chance for renewal. Easter is a time of celebration, of resurrection, of restoration and renewal. Easter is a time when we can turn ourselves around after the fasting of Lent. It is a time when we can think more closely about our balance. The balance of our physical, emotional, social and spiritual lives. Do we give them equal attention? We should.

This Easter, consider how you might do this in a practical way. How well balanced are you?

Rev Paul Fox
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THEY FELL IN THE GREAT WAR

'They climbed the steep hill to heaven,
Through peril, toil and pain,
God to us may grace be given,
To following their train'

In the article I wrote for the last Parish Magazine I noted that there were a number of names, on the memorial screen at St. Cuthbert's, whom I was unable to positively identify from the records held on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission web-site. These included:

Joseph Boocock

Edward Briscoe

Edward Burland

Reginald Calvert

John Cartwright

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Robert Coltart

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Ernest Everitt

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Thomas Hughes, Sergeant

Frank Parkin

Alfred Parr

Ralph Picken

Wilfred R Terry, Lance Corporal

Arthur Thorpe

Fred Turton

Albert E Ward

H Walter Ward

William Warrender, RN

If anyone has any information on these brave men I would be pleased to arrange for their details to be published, to commemorate the hundredth anniversary of their deaths.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Colin Tanswell

My name is Gary Everson. I was reading the Parish Magazine and came across an article about the great war. I was surprised to see that my great grandfather was mentioned. He was from Newcastle originally but moved to Ackworth before the war having been disowned by his family for marrying beneath his family standing.

Name: Hughes, T
File: Hughes_T_750.JPG
Cemetery: Anzin-St. Aubin British Cemetery
Area: Pas De Calais
Country: France
Rank: Serjeant
Official Number: 750
Unit: 12th Bn. King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.
Force: Army
Nationality: British



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December 1915 : moved to Egypt. Went on to France in March 1916.

Between 1 July and 30 November 1917, attached to Fifth Army Troops for work on light railways.

ALL SAINTS' FAIRS 2015

Following on from the previous two years successful events we have organised seven more fairs for this year. Detailed below are the dates and as in the past we would welcome any support you can give to help make these a success too.

Easter Fair 4th April 9.00 to 12 noon

Spring Fair 2nd May 9.00 to 12 noon

Summer Fair 6th June 9.00 to 12 noon

All Saints' Community Fair 4th July 9.00 to 12 noon (it is hoped that a weekend of community events will be held over this weekend including a Strawberry tea .Further details will be announced)

Autumn Fair 5th September 9.00 to 12 noon

Harvest Fair 3rd October 9.00 to 12 noon

Christmas Fair 14th November (1.00pm to 4.00 pm)

Just to give everybody a midterm rest there will not be a sale in August.

We hope to do a small raffle and tombola at each of the fairs with a grand raffle planned for Easter and Christmas, we already have prizes and tickets on sale for the Easter raffle and my thanks go to Ann Hill, Erica Davis and Stella Hall who have kindly donated ten prizes.

We would be most grateful to receive donations of prizes suitable for the tombolas and raffles and should you feel able to help with these Carlyne Longhurst or Ian Hall are the people to contact.

As usual we are on the lookout for good quality items of Bric a Brac, jewellery, bags, gifts etc and these can be left at either church or feel free to contact me if you need help getting them to us. We would also welcome any help on the Fridays before the fairs to set things up but most of all your support on the day means a lot to us all so do make a note in your diaries and we hope to see old friends and new.

IAN HALL

YOU NEED TO CHECK YOUR SPELLING, CHILDREN!

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One of the most important forces is the force that pulls things to the ground.

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In the wartime children had to be evacuated because it was safer in the country.

In the olden days the streets were very bumpy because they were full of cobblers.

There are two houses of Parliament in our country. One is the House of Commons the other is the House of Lords.

After the war they had to build houses quickly to replace the ones that had been bombed. These houses were called perverts. There are still some old perverts around today.

The total is when you add up all the numbers and a remainder is an animal that pulls Santa on his sleigh.

I would like to be an accountant but you have to know a lot about moths.

Two halves make a whole.

We drew a giraffe to show how much traffic went by school.

PINEAPPLE CHARLOTTE

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You will need-

1 LARGE LEMON SWISS ROLL, 8 ½ OZ. TIN OF CRUSHED PINEAPPLE
1 PINEAPPLE JELLY, ½ PINT OF COLD CUSTARD, 1 DREAM TOPPING
¾ PINT COLD MILK

To make-

Slice the Swiss roll finely and then line a 1 ½ pint basin with it.

Gently heat the pineapple and then stir in the jelly to dissolve and then allow to cool.

Whisk the custard into the mixture.

Make up the dream topping with the milk.

Whisk the dream topping into the pineapple mixture.

Spoon the mixture into the basin and place in the fridge until set.

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Readings Rota for April 2015, May 2015

Date	Liturgical Week	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel	St Cuthbert's	ser	All Saints'
05/04/15	Easter Day	Isaiah 25:6-9	Acts 10:34-43	John 20:1-18	Keith Shaw		Mrs S Hall
12/04/15	2nd Sunday of Easter	Exodus 14:10-31 and 15:20-21	Acts 4:32-35	John 20:19-end		P	Mrs M Walker
19/04/15	3rd Sunday of Easter	Zephaniah 3:14-20	Acts 3:12-19	Luke 24:36b - 48	Pauline Wong		Mr I Hall
26/04/15	4th Sunday of Easter	Genesis 7:1 - 5 & 11-18: 8:6-18 & 9:8-13	Acts 4:5-12	John 10:11-18	Anne Bullock		Mrs S Hall
03/05/15	5th Sunday of Easter	Genesis 22:1-18	Acts 8:26-end	John 15:1-8	Richard Mayer	B	Mrs M Walker
10/05/15	6th Sunday of Easter	Isaiah 55:1-11	Acts 10:44-end	John 15:9-17	Anne Atack		Mr I Hall
17/05/15	7th Sunday of Easter	Ezekiel 36:24-28	Acts 1:15-17; 21-end	John 17:6-19		P	Mrs S Hall
24/05/15	Day of Pentecost	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Acts 2:1-21	John 15:26-27 & 16:4b-15	Jane Gosney		Mrs M Walker
31/05/15	Trinity Sunday	Isaiah 6:1-8	Romans 8:12-17	John 3:1-17	Jane Siddall	B	Mr I Hall

ALL SAINTS' FLOWERS

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APRIL 12 TH	FLOWER FUND
APRIL 19 TH	FLOWER FUND
APRIL 26 TH	FLOWER FUND
MAY 3 RD	BETTY JOHNSON
MAY 10 TH	FLOWER FUND
MAY 17 TH	FLOWER FUND
MAY 24 TH	JEAN HANCOCKS
MAY 31 ST	FLOWER FUND



ST. CUTHBERT'S FLOWERS

APRIL 5 TH	ROTA
APRIL 12 TH	ROTA
APRIL 19 TH	WEDDING
APRIL 26 TH	ROTA
MAY 3 RD	ROTA
MAY 10 TH	ROTA
MAY 17 TH	ROTA
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Baptisms:

- Jan 11 Austen John Brook and Pandora Jayne Grindrod
 Jan 25 Caspar Billy Jack Binks
 Feb 8 Henry Andrew Horner & Amy Louise Wood
 Feb 22 Liam Andrew Freer

Funerals:

- Jan 7 James A. Embling (95) 15 St Clements Court, Ackworth Moor Top
 Jan 26 Gladys Hollingworth (91) 32 Orchard Drive, Ackworth Moor Top
 Jan 27 Mary Marsh (81) 33 Woodleigh Crescent, Ackworth Moor Top
 Jan 28 Keith Wolson (76) 'Millstones' Mill Hill, High Ackworth
 Jan 30 Pamela Dye (76) 23 Hillside Road Ackworth Moor Top
 Leslie Ward (89) Flat 2, Wastdale, Shap, Cumbria
 Kathleen Bridges (81) 19 Moor Top Avenue, Ackworth Moor Top
 Feb 10 James William Board (80) 38 Orchard Drive, Ackworth Moor Top
 Feb 20 Margaret Rose Coney (70) 17 Fothergill Avenue, Ackworth Moor Top
 Feb 25 Edward Andrews (74) 15 Netherfield Croft, Shafton
 Feb 26 Joseph Briggs (93) 15 Orchard Drive, 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 April 2015 and May 2015

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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TREASURE HUNT

Bring a team in your car and come and have fun, solve the clues and meet up for refreshments afterwards.

Friday 8th May, 2015

Leaving from 6.30pm

Tickets will be available in advance and will include supper at The Chequers Inn, Ledsham



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 - 10:30 am - 12 noon

Ackworth Methodist Church

May Day Fair - Monday 4th May - 12 noon to 3pm

Lots of stalls, fun, and fellowship.

Lunches will be served. Everyone welcome.