



# Ackworth Parish Magazine



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**“Ackworth in all Seasons”**  
**See inside for details.**

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Dear Friends

As we approach that great time of celebration again my thoughts turn to advertising, which I guess was initially sparked off by the growing numbers of adverts for the Christmas season and partly by the way the Church approaches this subject. In particular I was interested in the body... that is our physical bodies and the body of Christ - the Church.

Although fewer in number now, some of you may remember those old adverts for changing the look or shape of our bodies, whether that be making it smaller, larger or just a different shape. Often a ploy that was used with things like the 'Charles Atlas' body building plan, slimmer's aids, foundation garments and exercise devices was to show pictures of 'before' and 'after' bodies. Before and after to sell the product that promised to make the change! By comparison the Church, when it indulges in advertising to boost attendance at Christmas often goes straight to the heart of the matter, ignoring the before and after. You may have seen slogans such as '...the reason for the season' and 'come to CHCH this Christmas... What's missing UR...' There are many others such as 'who are the wise guys really' (referring to the three wise men) but all of them seem to be missing an important aspect of the story of Christmas, which the Church more than most seems to emphasise; that being the before and after; Advent and Epiphany.

Most people after all are aware of these seasons. A great many children nowadays enjoy opening daily Advent calendars, many of which offer a chocolate reward and some may light an Advent candle. It's a great way to increase the excitement and build up that special day. Similarly, though not quite as popular, we remember Epiphany -12th night - sometimes with a party and special cake, or as the time when we take all the decorations down. The before and after are just as important in that they enhance the importance of that one day when we celebrate the birth of the one who changed the world - so much so that we started our calendar (ground zero) when he came.

Without that build up and preparation for the arrival of this one and only event for our world, we miss a great deal in terms of anticipation and preparation. By the same token, the importance of this event is greatly diminished if we don't remember its Epiphany—the revelation or manifestation of Jesus to the world. The weeks following Christmas recalls that gradual manifestation or showing of Jesus firstly and most famously to the magi or three wise men; to his local community through his baptism and to friends and family at that wedding in Cana.

May I end in wishing you a happy and holy Christmas, but don't forget the before and after.

Yours in Christ,

Paul

## **Ackworth Calendar 2015 is now on sale "Ackworth in all Seasons"**

This year the Ackworth Calendar for 2015 follows the same format as last year and contains 12 interesting photographs taken by local residents showing beautiful views of our wonderful village throughout the year.

We feel that this calendar will again be valued and sought after by local people 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 many already been sold) If you have not purchased your copy yet, don't delay as we only have limited stock.

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## **Ackworth Calendar 2014**

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Ackworth Calendar for 2014 contained 12 beautiful views of hidden parts of our wonderful village. We also held a competition to see if anyone could identify all of the areas photographed. Many people have tried but no one managed to identify all of the photographs in the calendar. Due to popular demand we list below the locations of all the photographs. Check through the 2014 calendar and see if you can now recognise all the views.

**Front Cover** - Underneath the viaduct by River Went

**January** - Bridge over River Went near Rigg Lane, near the Sewerage Farm

**February** - Hessle Common Lane looking towards High Ackworth and St. Cuthbert's Church

**March** - Pathway just off Pontefract Road, opposite Ackworth School, looking towards Ackworth House

**April** - Footpath off Rhyddings Drive at the back of Ackworth Cricket Club looking  
at the Club House

**May** - Looking towards Constitution Hill in the woods at Brackenhill

**June** - At the bottom of Constitution Hill, looking towards Constitution Farm

**July** - Footpath around the fields behind Andrews Grove, looking towards Constitution Hill

**August** - Hundhill Lane alongside the railway track

**September** - Fields off Sandy Gate Lane near Hundhill Hall

**October** - Edge of the church grounds behind St. Cuthbert's Church

**November** - Sandy Gate Lane looking towards Pontefract Road

**December** - Bridge over River Went near Low Farm

**How many did you recognise?**

## **Christmas cards**

### **St Cuthbert's church, All Saints' church and other cards**

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## COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS

I have heard people say that the years go by quicker every year. I cannot believe that it will soon be 2015 as celebrating the new millennium does not seem that long ago.

December is a busy time for most; Christmas shopping-cards to write-presents to buy-stamps to buy-extra food to buy and preparing for the families who visit. Let's not forget all the fuss of the decorations, the tree to put up, and lights to check-I could go on and on.

For myself I enjoy the other side of Christmas. Planning the events on my calendar, seeing all the variety of Christmas services over December. Look in the magazine and you will be amazed at what's going on, Christingle services, the Toy Service, the Village Carol Service, the Crib Service and Midnight Mass. There are Christmas Day services at both churches and all these have to be prepared, for the clergy it's a busy time.

For someone living alone, a friendly smile or someone to share a little of their time can make a huge difference. What gifts should we be giving? Should it be something expensive or maybe something free, a little prayer? 'Lord in the midst of all the preparations let us stop and remember the ones who live alone, the ones in care, and any who have lost a loved one. Let us remember the true meaning of Christmas, it's a time to share love as well as gifts. Amen.'

Wishing everyone a happy, joyful and peaceful Christmas.

Ann Atack



### The team of five is complete

#### Celebration as the new bishops for Huddersfield and Bradford are consecrated

The team of five bishops to lead the mission of the new diocese is now complete with the consecration service last month at York Minster for Toby Howarth, as Area Bishop of Bradford and Jonathan Gibbs as Area Bishop of Huddersfield – a historic first for Huddersfield.

Welcome and Inauguration services are also taking place for both bishops – Bishop Toby was welcomed at Bradford Cathedral on November 8th (see page 2) and Bishop Jonathan is being welcomed at the end of November in Dewsbury Minster (November 29th at 11am).

Bishop Toby (picture below - second on left) and Bishop Jonathan (second from right) join their

colleagues Bishop James for Ripon (pictured right) Bishop Tony for Wakefield (left) and Bishop Nick (Leeds Area and the diocese). They were consecrated by the Archbishop of York, while the Archbishop of Canterbury preached (pictured below left).

Hundreds of friends, family, colleagues and supporters were at the service including many from the Diocese of Chester, where Jonathan Gibbs was Rector of Heswall for seventeen years.

Friends and supporters also came from Lambeth Palace where Toby Howarth was the Archbishop's Secretary for Inter Religious Affairs, and by coach from Springfield in Birmingham where he was Priest in Charge from 2004 to 2011.



## Looks like Jesus

### Bishop Nick Baines

I am hugely proud of our diocese and this part of the world. Two great initiatives that are resourcing the Church of England across the country were born here. *Leading Your Church into Growth* was conceived and developed by Canon Robin Gamble and is led by clergy from our diocese. *Jesus Shaped People* was grown by Canon Gordon Dey in Bradford, and is now finding traction nationally. Born in the north, shaped in the north and offered to the church in the north as resources for the growth of the church.

As we prepare for Christmas - conscious of the enormous challenges and opportunities open to the diocese we are now shaping - we might well ask what we mean by growth and what we think we might want to grow into. And the clue lies in the title of Gordon Dey's initiative: we see the face of the baby in the manger of Bethlehem, but we let him grow up into the man of Calvary and the empty tomb.

The call to all Christians is in this sense very simple: we need to grow into Jesus shaped people. That is, people whose lives are shaped to look like the Jesus we read about in the Gospels. We are to be shaped less by the 'normal' values and behaviours of the world and increasingly by the life of the baby who would grow to challenge and change that world.



Of course, this means that we have to read and learn the Gospels. No short cuts here, but simply the adventure of looking at who and how Jesus is - and how those who met him either loved or hated him. And the comfort is that those close to him discovered only gradually (and often falteringly) what he was really about and what he really wanted to offer them.

The *Jesus Shaped People* Programme focuses on five aspects of the character of Jesus: He had a huge priority for needy and marginalised people and for prayer. He taught through stories, he spent time building a team and his prophetic challenge brought him into conflict with authorities. Gordon Dey has found that when churches really begin to reflect Jesus in everything they do, they grow in confidence, in clarity of vision and in numbers.

So this Christmas I pray that, as we endeavour to imitate Jesus, we'll all know more of the mystery of "God with us - Emmanuel."

+Nick

## Bradford welcomes its new bishop

**BRADFORD** Children and young people including those of different faiths took part in the Inauguration Service of Welcome for Bishop Toby Howarth which took place on November 8th at Bradford Cathedral. Faith, civic and community leaders from across the city welcomed him at the service. Bishop Toby preached and his family took an active role in the service. Henriette,



his wife, who is an Associate Priest in south London - was joined by Wahida Shaffi, Co-ordinator of the Near Neighbours project, to interview Christian, Muslim and Sikh young people. The music for the service ranged from the traditional to the modern with one of Toby's daughters joining a music group drawn from across the Area.

Children from local schools brought forward symbols of the new bishop's ministry and the prayers were led by young people from 'Sorted', a thriving Fresh Expression of Church.

## Song writer Kendrick backs Harrogate church's campaign

**RIPON** The 'Godfather of modern worship music', Graham Kendrick has given a concert in Harrogate to encourage a local church in its campaign to help a thousand children out of poverty through sponsorship and development work.

The HG1000 campaign, started by St Mark's Church in Harrogate, is working with the international child development charity, Compassion International, and has a target of providing a thousand water filters and

sponsorship for a thousand needy children.

The concert in support of Compassion took place at Harrogate's St Aidan's Church High School and join-



ing Graham Kendrick on stage was Dr Tony Campolo, a Christian writer and speaker and Bill Clinton's former 'spiritual adviser'.

Vicar of St Mark's, Revd Guy Donegan-Cross said, "It's a rare treat to get two leaders like this in one place."

## Bishop Tony takes up the challenge

**HIDDERSFIELD** Bishop Tony Robinson has joined "the freedom to worship and pray" challenge by recording his own message, available on the diocesan site.



The campaign was launched by Revd Heather Atkinson, vicar of Moldgreen and Rawthorpe, to help all those suffering persecution for their faith and help raise funds for Christian Aid's emergency appeals.

## 'Pop-Up Cathedral' on the road

**WAKEFIELD** Churches and groups across the diocese are being invited to make use of

Wakefield's Pop-Up Cathedral, a mobile trailer bought with a combination of local grants and fund-



ing from the Archbishop of York's Youth Trust to provide detached youth and outreach work. It is run by Wakefield Cathedral's mission and

outreach team of Canon Tony Macpherson, Canon Missioner and Heidi Smith, Community

Missioner, who have been taking it on the road to serve in some of the towns and cities across the new diocese and collect donations for food

banks along the way.

If you would like to contact the team about the Pop-Up Cathedral, call 01924 373923.

## Church began in a shoe shop

**IFEEDS** A new church that originally met in a shoe shop has been officially launched by Bishop Nick. Riverside Church began four years ago when Revd James Barnett was appointed as Pioneer Minister to the new communities around the canal side redevelopment, in the centre of Leeds. The church now meets at Holy Trinity Boar Lane, and has gained official recognition with a "bishop's mission order". There's now a core group of 80 adults and 25 children.

## Readings Rota for December 2014, January 2015

Date	Liturgical Week	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel	St Cuthbert's	ser	All Saints'
30/11/14	1st Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 6 4:1-9	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Mark 13:24-37	Anne Bullock	B	Mrs S Hall
07/12/14	2nd Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 40: 1-11	2 Peter 3:8 - 15a	Mark 1:1-8	Richard Mayer		Mrs M Walker
14/12/14	3rd Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 61:1-4 and 8-end	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24	John 1:6-8, 19-28		P	Mr I Hall
21/12/14	4th Sunday of Advent	2 Samuel 7:1 - 11 & 16	Romans 16:25-27	Luke 1:26-38	Anne Atack		Mrs S Hall
28/12/14	Holy Innocents	Jeremiah 31:15-17	1 Corinthians 1:26-29	Matthew 2:13-18	Jane Gosney	B	Mrs M Walker
04/01/15	Epiphany	Isaiah 60:1-6	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12	Jane Siddall		Mr I Hall
11/01/15	Baptism of Christ	Genesis 1:1-5	Acts 19:1-7	Mark 1:4-11		P	Mrs S Hall
18/01/15	2nd Sunday of Epiphany	1 Samuel 3:1-10	Revelation 5:1-10	John 1:43-end	Sue Hartley		Mrs M Walker
25/01/15	Conversion of St Paul	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Acts 9:1-22	Matthew 19:27 - end	Keith Shaw	B	Mr I Hall
01/02/15	Candlemas	Malachi 3:1-5	Hebrews 2:14-end	Luke 2:22-40	Pauline Wong		Mrs S Hall

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## Baptisms

- Sept 14 Felix Michael Francis Beaumont & Elliott James Whitfield  
Sept 28 Oliver James Pettitt & Cobey Philip Jackson  
Oct 12 Reuben Jerome McCormack  
Oct 26 Jonah Beau Harris

## Marriages

- Oct 24 Ian Hardman & Amy Campbell

## Funerals

- Sept 18 Peter Brook (59) 2 New St, Ackworth Moor Top  
Sept 24 Alice Mary Watson (93) 16 Westfield Grove, Low Ackworth  
Oct 1 Hazel Patricia Galvin (71) Elm House, 89 Pontefract Rd,  
High Ackworth  
Oct 15 Iola Crumpton (87) Snyderdale Nursing Home, Old Snyderdale  
Oct 21 Harold Lancaster (64) 73 Bell Lane, 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

<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>
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# **Sunday Services for December 2014 and January 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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## **Special Services and Events**

### **Services for Advent**

Nov 30	Christingle Services: 4pm All Saints' & 6pm St Cuthbert's
Dec 7	4pm Gift Service at St Cuthbert's
Dec 14	3pm Village Carol Service at St Cuthbert's
Dec 21	3.30pm All Saints Carol Service

### **Christmas Eve**

5.30pm	Carols Round the Crib/Nativity at St Cuthbert's
11.30pm	Midnight Mass at St Cuthbert's

### **Christmas Day**

8.30am	Holy Communion at All Saints'
10.15am	All Age Eucharist at St Cuthbert's

## **Little Friends Mother and Toddler Group**

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