



Ackworth Parish Magazine



The Annunciation. Philippe de Champaigne.
[Flemish-born French Baroque Era Painter, 1602-1674]

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Dear Friends

As I write the season of Epiphany began only a few short days ago and Christmas just over two weeks ago. Indeed in many European and Latin American countries, Epiphany is the major celebration rather than Christmas Day which is spent purely as a religious celebration. Whatever, with still over three weeks of the Christmas/Epiphany season still to go until it ends on Candlemas Day (2nd February) it seems odd to be writing about the main season covered by this issue i.e. Lent, which begins on 18th March—Ash Wednesday! It is a total change of 'mood' for the festive celebrations of Christmas and Epiphany to the sober reflectiveness of the penitential season of Lent.

There is one other feast which we celebrate near the end of Lent that makes a bit more sense of this drastic change around of spiritual mood. On the 25th of March, almost at the end of this magazines coverage we celebrate the feast of the Annunciation sometimes more commonly known as Lady Day. Coming as it does just 9 months before Christmas, it is the celebration of the archangel Gabriel's appearance to Mary to tell her that she had conceived and will bear a son. Looking back as we were at Christmas and Epiphany we have come almost full circle in terms of seasonal celebrations.

So where is the link, between Christmas/Epiphany and Lent you might ask? Well, when you take into account the feast of Candlemas on the 2nd February we see the central figure of Mary in Christmas, Candlemas and the Annunciation, experiencing in these life changing events a common mood of reflection. Her thoughts, mood and action in all three of these, very much set the tone of Lent. Basically in Christmas, after the shepherds have left the manger we read the phrase 'Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart...' (Luke 12:19) At Candlemas when Jesus is presented in the temple by Simeon, we hear 'Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother "Behold this child is set for the falling and rising of many in Israel and for a sign that is spoken against (and a sword will pierce your own soul too - Luke 2:34). Finally after Gabriel had told Mary she would conceive and give birth to a son, we read that '...was greatly troubled at the saying and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be (Luke 1:29). On all three occasions we see Mary in a ponderous and reflective mood; a mood of anxiety and anguish.

The Annunciation sees Mary in what could be described as the best approach to Lent in terms of her humility and obedience; full acceptance of and trust in God's will. Lent is a time for self reflection in an attitude of penitence; a time in which we give ourselves to God in trust; dying to sin that we may rise to new life at Easter. We can't experience resurrection without death; the death of our own sinful selves that we may rise to new life in Jesus Christ

May I wish you a Holy and reflective Lent, Paul

Notes from PCC Meeting November 2014

Audio Visual System

There has been a delay in installing the system, as David Teece is no longer in a position to provide his expertise and advice. An AV specialist visited on Tuesday November 4th 2014 to review our requirements. It was a very positive meeting and it is now hoped that progress will be made as soon as possible.

Re-ordering of All Saints'

Thanks were expressed to those people who attended the recent meeting and who had sent in comments. As a result, some key principles have been determined. Any work carried out must enhance worship, not in any way diminish it. In accordance with the consensus of opinion, the existing organ will not be removed and replaced, but the cost of repair will be factored in to fund raising for any work carried out. The principle of removing the pews in the nave and the use of flexible seating has been accepted and it is noted that the provision of sufficient storage is also important. The next step is for further discussion to take place with the architect, to take these factors into account and to provide more detailed plans for further consideration.

Churchyard Maintenance

A tree surgeon has visited St Cuthbert's with a view to carrying out work in the churchyard. This work will include trimming the yew trees over the entrance path and essential work on the Cedar of Lebanon tree. A planning application has been submitted and we are awaiting a positive outcome before carrying out the work.

Volunteers are invited to help with various aspects of groundwork – Please contact Bill Branston if you are interested.

Vision for Mission

As a follow up to the recent presentation held at St Cuthbert's on Sunday 21 September on Fresh Expressions, members of the congregation will shortly be invited to help find out what people in the community would like to see in the village, to help guide our direction and to see if the church can assist. You can help by asking your friends and neighbours and completing the forms available shortly in both churches.

Future Diary Dates

Saturday March 7th 2015

Nearly New Clothes Sale at All Saints'

Friday 8th May 2015

Car Treasure Hunt

Saturday and Sunday July 4th and 5th

A weekend of community events and Strawberry teas at All Saints'

Friday October 2nd 2015

Ceilidh

Maintenance of our Ackworth Churches and Churchyards

In Early January we carried out some tree work at St Cuthbert's church and cleared out a lot of undergrowth. We also had some repair work carried on the access path.

The approach to St Cuthbert's is now visibly greatly improved, but there is still much work to do to clear ivy from walls and gravestones in other areas and to reduce the undergrowth at the rear of the church so that the gravestones can be accessed and the churchyard can retain its charm. There is also some minor maintenance work needed on the church gutters that we can do ourselves.

If you would like to help with this work individually, or if you would be willing to lead or organise or take part in working parties to help complete some of the above tasks this would be most welcome. Please speak to or contact one of the churchwardens (or a PCC Member) and we shall then be able to get this work underway. Hopefully we shall be able to get together small groups, or a team to tackle and complete this work during February, March and April before the 2015 growing season get underway.

The Wakefield District Council has visited All Saints' church to trim the hedge and to clear the bottom fence line of churchyard. There is still a lot of work to do in the churchyard particularly on the western boundary fence. If you are able to help here also please get in touch with me.

If you can help and spend any time on the above it would be greatly appreciated.

Bill Branston (Churchwarden)

Women's World Day of Prayer (International and Interdenominational)

Women's World Day of Prayer is an international, interchurch organisation which enables us to hear the voices of women from a different part of the world each year, expressing their hopes and concerns and bringing them before the rest of the world in prayer.

On Friday, March 6th 2015 an estimated 3 million people in over 170 countries will gather to observe the day of prayer, using an order of service written by Christian women from The Bahamas and translated into over 1,000 different languages and dialects. In the British Isles alone over 5,000 services will be held. The day will begin when the sun rises over the island of Samoa and continue until it sets off the coast of American Samoa some 35 hours later.

The Bahamas consists of over 700 islands, scattered over 100,000 square miles in the Atlantic Ocean, only a small proportion of which are inhabited. It refers to itself as a 'family of islands' and in the service the needs of the smallest islands are given as much prominence as those of the larger ones.

The service in Ackworth will be led this year by members of The Community Church in Ackworth with members of other churches in the village also involved.

Everyone is welcome to attend – men, women and children of all ages.

The service will be held in **Ackworth School Music Centre** on **Friday March 6th at 7.00pm**

Further information can be found on the WWDP website: www.wwdp.org.uk

Please do come along and join us if you can!

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 follow in their train'

These words appear on the memorial screen, which is situated behind the altar in St. Cuthbert's Church; this screen was erected by the people of Ackworth: 'To the Glory of God and in honour of the men of this Parish who fell in the war 1914 to 1918, whose names are here recorded and whose memory they hold dear.

Following a conversation I had with Paul *the younger* I took it upon myself to seek further information on these war heroes, with a view to publishing the details at the hundredth anniversary of their deaths, so that they be remembered in our prayers.

It seemed to be a simple task, to seek information from the Commonwealth War Grave Commission's web-site; I could not have been more mistaken! I soon discovered that not all the war dead are included on the screen and that there are additional names on the Village War Memorial, I am advised that it was necessary to make application for names to be included, perhaps some relatives of other denominations did not wish to have their loved ones named in a Church of England church, or had other reasons?

To date I have been able to positively identify 80% of those named in both locations, of those I am still unable to trace there are a number of reasons: more than one soldier of the same name (there are 2342 named Thomas Hughes for example) only initials to identify, doubt over ranks, no apparent association with Ackworth etc.

When my enquiries are exhausted I will publish the names of those I am unable to trace in the hope that any descendant may be able to provide the missing

information. I will publish details over the next four years to coincide with the anniversary of the death beginning with those who fell in 1914:

KIRK Alan 57708, Gunner, killed 13.9.14 (aged 23)
Royal Horse Artillery & Royal Field Artillery 40th Brigade
Commemorated on the La Ferte-Sous- Jouarre Memorial, France.
Son of John Robert & Betsy, Mount Pleasant, Norton, Doncaster.
Educated in Ackworth, his father was a headmaster.

KIRK John Wilfred – 11073 Lance Corporal, died 22.12.14 (aged 25)
Coldstream Guards 1st Battalion.
Buried Cabaret Rouge British Cemetery, Souchez. France.
Son John Robert & Betsy of Norton Doncaster.
Born in Ackworth.

One can appreciate the grief of their parents, to lose two sons, both of whom must have been regular soldiers or volunteers, such a short time after the outbreak of the war.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

I appreciate that is a very sensitive subject and I have been at pains to ensure utmost accuracy, if however any information I have included is incorrect I sincerely apologise and would be happy to publish any necessary amendments provided.

I am grateful to Roger Brown, of the Ackworth British Legion, for his advice.

Colin Tanswell

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by

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THE SUZY FUND

This is a letter from Brian Hazell who runs the Suzy Fund thanking everyone who contributes every month to this charity.

TWO LITTLE WORDS

We use them if someone opens a door for us or passes the salt, 'thank you'. They are the words I have used every month for the last eighteen years in my letters to Barbara Firth and Vera McWilliam having received the ever faithful cheques from Suzy's friends at St. Cuthbert's and All Saints' Churches.

The 'thank you's' are sent on behalf of the many thousands of children who are alive and well today because you have cared over the years. Thank you from Hope & Home for the help you provided to close the orphanages in Eastern Europe and rescue the handicapped children who were tied to their beds. Thank you from the young girls doubly incontinent until you made a Fistular operation possible in Ethiopia, now leading a normal life and allowed back into their home. Thank you from the children treated by Medicine St Frontieres in many countries suffering from Civil Wars like Syria, Iraq, Uganda, Sudan and wherever there is a need. These doctors survive and exist entirely on voluntary donations. Thank you from the orphans rescued after the AIDS epidemic in India. Thank you from the limbless lepers in our orphanage in India, no longer relying on a few pence from being tied to posts as living scarecrows, waving their stumps to frighten away the birds.

So many people that we will never meet, but who have benefited from your generosity. I understand that our long standing friends from church are gently aging and ailing, but we know that you will never forget us and we will pray for you all. Barbara tells me that there is still a chance that others may write to us in the future. If they do our bond will be maintained, if not, the good you have already done will live on as a testament to your kindness, totalling nearly £30,000, including Gift Aid.

With our prayers,

God Bless,

Brian Hazell, M.B.E.



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!*

Lent Course:

This will be held in All Saints' Church, starting on Tuesday 24th February at 7.30pm and will continue each Tuesday during Lent. The focus of the course is The Lord's Prayer and members of all churches in Ackworth are very welcome to attend. Do please come along – and bring a friend with you, perhaps?

Women's World Day of Prayer:

This will be held on Friday, March 6th starting at 7.00pm in the Music Centre at Ackworth School. The service has been written by the women of the Bahamas and is open to all to attend – women, men and children.

Good Friday:

There will be a walk from All Saints' Church to the Co-op on Good Friday, April 3rd starting at 11.45am where there will be music and singing to mark this special day in the Christian calendar.

Christian Aid Week:

Will be held this year from 10th to 16th May so please contribute what you can do when you come across our collection points.

The **Christian Aid Service** will be held on Sunday 10th May at 4pm in The Methodist Church, led by Rev Jacquie Evans.

Remember...

A **Toddler Group** is available 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 will 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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Save The Date: First Diocesan Rock Mass

Plans are underway to stage the first Diocesan Rock Mass in the New Year. Wakefield Cathedral is hosting the event – on Feb 7 at 7pm and is asking people from across the diocese to save the date.

Precentor, Canon Andi Hofbauer said: "This is the first Rock mass for the whole of the new diocese and we want people from the length and breadth of this region to come on down and help raise the roof of Wakefield Cathedral."

Bishop Tony Robinson will preside and the music will be led by the Diocesan's very own heavy rock star, the Revd Robb Sutherland who is priest in charge at Illingworth and Mixenden in the Huddersfield Episcopal Area.

Last time he played in a rock mass organized by the Children and Youth Team in the historic Wakefield diocese, there were over 500 communicants at Dewsbury Minster.



Readings Rota for February 2015, March 2015

| Date | Liturgical Week | Old Testament | New Testament | Gospel | St Cuthbert's | ser | All Saints' |
|----------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|-----|--------------|
| 01/02/15 | Candlemas | Malachi 3:1-5 | Hebrews 2:14-end | Luke 2:22-40 | Pauline Wong | | Mrs S Hall |
| 08/02/15 | 2nd Before Lent | Proverbs 8:1 and 22-31 | Colossians 1:15-20 | John 1:1-14 | | P | Mrs M Walker |
| 15/02/15 | Sunday Next Before Lent | 2 Kings 2:1-12 | 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 | Mark 9:2-9 | Anne Bullock | | Mr I Hall |
| 22/02/15 | 1st Sunday of Lent | Genesis 9:8-17 | 1 Peter 3: 18-22 | Mark 1:9-15 | Richard Mayer | B | Mrs S Hall |
| 01/03/15 | 2nd Sunday of Lent | Genesis 17: 1 - 7 & 15-16 | Romans 4:13-25 | Mark 8:31-38 | Anne Atack | | Mrs M Walker |
| 08/03/15 | 3rd Sunday of Lent | Exodus 20:1-17 | 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 | John 2:13-22 | | P | Mr I Hall |
| 15/03/15 | Mothering Sunday | Exodus 2:1-10 | 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 | Luke 2:33-35 | Jane Gosney | | Mrs S Hall |
| 22/03/15 | Passion Sunday | Jeremiah 31:31-34 | Hebrews 5:5-10 | John 12:20-33 | Jane Siddall | | Mrs M Walker |
| 29/03/15 | Palm Sunday | Isaiah 50:4 - 9 a | Philippians 2:5-11 | Mark 15:1-39 | Sue Hartley | B | Mr I Hall |

ALL SAINTS' FLOWERS

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| FEBRUARY 8 TH | BETTY JOHNSON |
| FEBRUARY 15 TH | JEAN HANCOCKS |
| FEBRUARY 22 ND | LENT |
| MARCH 1 ST | LENT |
| MARCH 8 TH | LENT |
| MARCH 15 TH | LENT |
| MARCH 22 ND | LENT |
| MARCH 29 TH | LENT |



ST. CUTHBERT'S FLOWERS

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| FEBRUARY 1 ST | ROTA |
| FEBRUARY 8 TH | ROTA |
| FEBRUARY 15 TH | ROTA |
| FEBRUARY 22 ND | LENT |
| MARCH 1 ST | LENT |
| MARCH 8 TH | LENT |
| MARCH 15 TH | LENT |
| MARCH 22 ND | LENT |
| MARCH 29 TH | LENT |



ALL SAINTS' EASTER FAIR

SATURDAY APRIL 4th 2015

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19/3/15.

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26/3/15.

If you, or someone you know, would like to talk to someone in a quiet and confidential setting just come along at any of these times. Whether anxious, depressed or just the pressures of modern life are getting too much; as Jesus said "Come unto me all who labour and are heavy laden and I will refresh you".

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From the Registers

Baptisms

Nov 9 Theodore Daniel Burton
Dec 14 Samantha Louise Barton

Marriages

Nov 9 Niki Runford & Rebecca Newman
Dec 12 Ross Haywood & Stephanie Tate

Funerals

Nov 14 Trevor William Beacock (73) 19 Saddlers Grove, Badsworth
Nov 27 Joan Hazelgrave (78) 13 Rhyddings Avenue, Ackworth Moor
Top
Dec 10 Robert Marsh (84) 33 Woodleigh Crescent, Ackworth Moor
Top
Dec 23 Edith Cosgrove, (96) 3 Hillside Road , 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

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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 February 2015 and March 2015**

Sunday Services

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| 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

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| 9.30am | Holy Communion | All Saints' |
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Special Services and Events

Feb 1

3.30pm Eucharist and Procession of Candlemas at St Cuthbert's
(Candlelit service to mark the end of Christmas/Ephiphany
and turn to focus of Lent, Holy Week and Easter)

Feb 18

7.30pm Ash Wednesday Service and imposition of Ashes at St
Cuthbert's

Mar 7

9am-12pm All Saints' NEARLY NEW CLOTHES Sale

Feb ~~Mar~~ 21

Quiz Night at Howard School

Mar 29

Palm Sunday

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2pm to 3.30pm

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