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Dear Friends

June and July are two months in the Christian calendar when though there are no major festivals as such, it does have more than a smattering of major Saints. In June we have Saint Barnabas (11th), John the Baptist (24th), Saint Peter and Saint Paul (29th). In July there is Saint Thomas (3rd), Mary Magdalene (22nd) and finally James (25th). Seven of what we call 'red letter' Saints of which six (excluding John the Baptist) could be termed Apostles. Which led me to the thought of what distinguishes apostles from just ordinary common garden disciples. Particularly if it excludes John the Baptist and by strict definition Mary Magdalene?

As always, the first thing I tend to do when trying to settle an argument is to look up the dictionary definition. In the hope of achieving absolute accuracy I checked the word 'Apostle' in the 'Dictionary of Christian Theology' - in which I read... *'one who has been sent with authority to act on behalf of the one who has sent them'*. This was followed by the addition of ... *'a term which has been expanded to include others authorised directly by God (e.g. St Paul) or by the local Church (e.g. St Barnabas)'*. By this inclusion we must surely include both John the Baptist and Mary Magdalene.

Could it not be argued in fact that all Christians are apostles in that they carry out (or should!) the work in the name of Jesus and under God's authority? Although a convincing argument could be formed, it must be said that unless we narrow its limits then the term would become almost worthless! Pennies, although legal currency do not have the same value/buying power as pounds! It really comes down to a line of command. Those first Apostles who received their authority directly from Jesus himself then appointed others the authority to act on their behalf. Who then became known as Bishops and they in turn appointed presbyters (priests) and deacons; each acting on the authority of the one who appointed them. In the later church this chain of appointment became an argument to question the validity of breakaway denominations. Known as the doctrine of apostolic succession the Roman Catholic Church whose bishops are said to have received their authority from St Peter himself (sometimes termed the first Bishop of Rome) passed down in an unbroken chain questioned the validity of the orders of bishops and priests in other denominations. In the example of the Anglican Church the chain of succession was said to have been broken when Henry VIII broke away from the church in Rome.

Clearly we may never reach a conclusion on the apostolic succession argument which has run for centuries, but I would like to think that all Christians in some way are obedient to God whether directly or through Jesus Christ of his Church. On the 24th May this year when we celebrated the coming of the Holy Spirit, we celebrated not only the Holy Spirit coming upon just those Apostles in that upper room, but its over-spilling upon all believers who are baptised in that Holy Spirit. If we believed that the Holy Spirit was the exclusive possession of the

Apostles then why did Peter preach to those first disciples at Pentecost *"...in the last days it shall be God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh..."* (Acts 2). We may not by definition be equal to the Apostles, but we still carry in our hearts the charge that was given to them, to preach the gospel to all nations; in the same way we are all under the same authority to make disciples of all nations.

Yours in Christ, Paul

IT'S A GIRL!

So were the words all over the world, and in particular those were the words on the TV screen as I switched it on. Congratulations to the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge as they celebrate the birth of their daughter.

I sat and I watched many many people crowded around the hospital entrance desperate to get a glimpse of the new royal baby. I was astounded by the commentary. There were several well known figures from the media commentating on this event, and the TV coverage went on and on, until everything that could be said had been said, and it was being said again. I was struck at just how obvious some of the statements were. "The Duchess of Cambridge will probably be feeling tired". Of course she would be, she's just given birth! Then what struck me, was that, actually, this is a very normal and everyday event. Women all over the world give birth to babies all the time, and hardly a murmur is heard outside close families and friends. In this sense, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge are just going through a very normal event, the birth of a baby. In fact, one of the commentators made just that point. This is a very normal event, making headline news.

The thing is, of course, is that this little baby is being born into a very famous family. A family with a huge international following. People all around the world are fascinated by the British monarchy, and the personalities involved. Some people will gather all sorts of memorabilia, and facts about members of the Royal Family, until it almost becomes an obsession. This little baby has a huge future in store for her. But for now, she is kept within the family unit, and cared for like any other baby, and will grow like any other child into an adult. But an adult with a different and famous lifestyle.

Two thousand years ago, a very similar thing happened. Jesus was born in a stable in Bethlehem. Born in a very understated, and normal way. He too was initially shown to the public, in the form of shepherds and kings, before being taken and cared for in the family unit. But Jesus too was destined for greatness, greatness beyond anyone's imagining. The life of Jesus is also studied in great detail, which for some might seem like an obsession. The difference is, that greater knowledge of Jesus and his life, has eternal

consequences. The more we know, and the closer we get to him, the greater will be the change in our lives, which eventually leads to eternal life in God's presence.

I am a bit of a royalist, with my own fascination for the British monarchy, mainly historical rather than current. But my fascination with Jesus far outweighs that for the British Monarchy. Learning just one small thing about Jesus every day of our lives, will give us a treasure chest of golden nuggets. But that treasure chest, may just be our ticket to eternal life.

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ALL SAINTS' FAIRS

Following the first two fairs herewith a brief update, thus far we have raised a total of £1702 and my sincere thanks go to everybody for their help, support and contributions to their success.

Would everybody please note that Carolyne and Derek are not around for the 6th June and we **have decided to move the June fair date to the second Saturday i.e. 13th June**. Without theirs and Tash's help we just are not able to make it work so a big thank you to them for their continuing help.

We still need donations of raffle prizes, tombola prizes, good quality bric a brac and homemade cakes would be especially welcomed and help reduce the burden on Stella who has already produced 50 cakes for the first two fairs!

You will probably be aware that the July fair will be part of a community weekend at All Saints held over Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th and the events committee will be hosting the usual Strawberry tea on the Sunday afternoon.

We hope to offer a garden party type event on the Saturday afternoon with games for children and some simple free refreshments for everyone along with entertainment for the adults (maybe Hand bell ringing when people might have a try and maybe join the group) If you have any suggestions or feel able to help in any way at either of these weekend events please contact Julie Davis, Carolyne Longhurst or Ian Hall.

Both Carolyne and I are strongly committed to community outreach and following the success of our 125th anniversary last year we would hope to make this sort of event happen annually and not sit back and wait for the 150th to come round, again if anybody has any thoughts or ideas on this theme then please share them with us. Many of you will remember the annual Church garden party we used to enjoy and hopefully this may take over where that left off.

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I really did not know what to expect – but I asked three friends if they would like to come along.

All I knew was that Bishop Tony Robinson would be presiding, it would involve a rock band called Metanoia and there would be LOUD music and hymns from the likes of Linkin Park, Bon Jovi and Evanescence ('Who?' I hear a lot of you saying!)

And what a celebration it was!

When we arrived in the Cathedral it was great to meet up with many others from our Ackworth congregation – the atmosphere was already exciting, electric and expectant!

Equipped with our glow sticks, around 250 people of all ages took part in the Mass, following the traditional Communion service but set to rock music. The chairs were removed from the centre of the Cathedral and the congregation stood – really giving the feeling that we were at a rock concert (although seating was available for those that required it). Lots of us sat on the floor to listen to the talk by Reverend Canon Tony Macpherson. The service continued and the congregation was invited to offer their personal prayers by chalking on a black mat that was rolled out down the length of the centre of the Cathedral. A very poignant and moving part of the service...

This certainly was an alternative form of worship and I left the Cathedral feeling uplifted and blessed.

Please note that there is another Rock Celebration planned at the cathedral for December 12th 2015

Why not consider coming along? More details nearer the time!

JG

UNINTENTIONAL HUMOUR

I didn't get much sleep last night because next door's dog was barking all night.

When I am older I want to learn to drive a cat.

My baby brother sleeps in a cat in my bedroom.

I want to be a scientist and work in a lavatory.

My granddad used to be a cool miner when he was young.



My mum writes a cheque out and my dad looks at it and sins.
We are taking my little sister to see Satan this weekend.
On Sunday my dad filmed me falling in the pond by accident. We are sending it to You've Been Farmed.
Every time we go shopping we have the same fuss. Dad wants to read the Mirror and mum wants her Daily Male.
My mum goes to Jim every Friday and comes home too tired to do anything.
Mum and dad were panting in my bedroom this weekend. They panted it blue and stuck a cute boarder round the middle.
My mum keeps ghosts in our garden and they keep nibbling the washing.
My dad loves watching footy on television. He says it's poultry in motion.
I helped my dad in the garage. He let me knock some nails in with his hamster.

FUTURE EVENTS IN JUNE AND JULY

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

Event on the Green – High Ackworth, Sunday 7th June We are opening St Cuthbert's Church from 1 pm. to 4.30 pm for teas and refreshments. There will also be accompanied trips up the church tower.

All Saints' Summer Fair - Saturday 13th June. Tombola, Jewellery, Home made cakes, Good quality bric a brac, Household items and Plants will be on sale. Tea and coffee will be available. 9 am. to 12 noon.

Village Gala - Saturday 27th June. We are providing the refreshment tent at the Village Gala as a fund raising effort. If you can help in any way it will be appreciated.

Community Weekend with Strawberry Teas at All Saints' - Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th July. Following the success of last years 125th anniversary we are holding a series of events at All Saints church over the weekend. A Community Fair will be held from 9 am. to 12 noon and there will be events in the afternoon for everyone to enjoy. After the Sunday services there will be Strawberry Teas in the church grounds from 2 pm. with live music from "The Sound of Mellow" and other attractions. Please come and support us and join in the fun. Look out for the posters nearer the date for more information.

Grand Summer Draw – Drawn at the Strawberry Teas on 5th July. Tickets will soon be on sale at 50p each. You could enjoy a trip in a vintage car from St Cuthbert's to Wentbridge House Hotel and enjoy afternoon tea for 2, Win a voucher for lunch for 2 at The Kyte Hotel Darrington, win a Grand Summer Hamper + many other prizes.

Trip to Lindisfarne on Saturday 25th July. A coach has been arranged to visit Lindisfarne. There are still places on the coach. If you would like to join the party please contact our curate Rev Dr Paul Fox - 613684

These are just a few of the activities of the Church in Ackworth. There are many others. St Cuthbert's Church will often be open to visitors during the summer on Saturdays (but not if there is a wedding on that day) and at other

times during the week. 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 visit our web-site www.ackworthcofe.co.uk
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Date	Liturgical Week	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel	St Cuthbert's	ser	All Saints'
07/06/15	Proper 5	1 Samuel 8:4-11& 16-20	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	Mark 3:20-end	Sue Hartley		Mrs S Hall
14/06/15	Proper 6	1 Samuel 15:34-16:13	2 Corinthians 5:6-17	Mark 4:26-34		P	Mrs M Walker
21/06/15	Proper 7	1 Samuel 17:32-49	2 Corinthians 6:1-13	Mark 4:35-41	Keith Shaw		Mr I Hall
28/06/15	Proper 8	2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27	2 Corinthians 8:7-15	Mark 5:21-43	Pauline Wong	B	Mrs S Hall
05/07/15	Proper 9	2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Mark 6:1-13	Anne Bullock		Mrs M Walker
12/07/15	Proper 10	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19	Ephesians 1:3-14	Mark 6:14-29		P	Mr I Hall
19/07/15	Proper 11	2 Samuel 7:1-14a	Ephesians 2:11-22	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56	Richard Mayer		Mrs S Hall
26/07/15	Proper 12	2 Samuel 11:1-15	Ephesians 3:14-21	John 6:1-21	Dorothy Grieff	B	Mrs M Walker

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JUNE 14 TH	PEGGY HUBY
JUNE 21 ST	JEAN HANCOCKS
JUNE 28 TH	FLOWER FUND
JULY 5 TH	SUE & COLIN TANSWELL
JULY 12 TH	MR. & MRS ALAN CAMPLIN
JULY 19 TH	ANNE HURST
JULY 26 TH	ANNE HURST



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JUNE 14 TH	ELAINE ROBERTS
JUNE 21 ST	ROTA
JUNE 28 TH	MARGARET BARROW
JULY 5 TH	ROTA
JULY 12 TH	WEDDING
JULY 19 TH	WEDDING
JULY 26 TH	WEDDING





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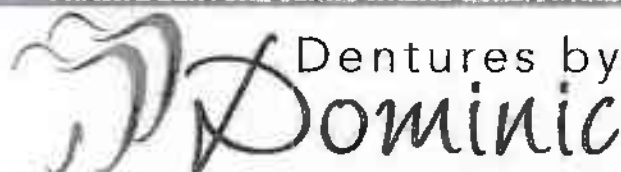
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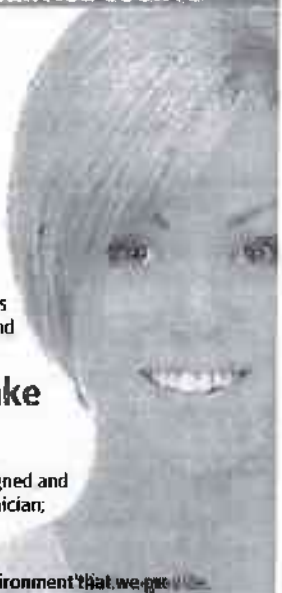
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Baptisms

- Mar 8 Reuben Michael Johnson & Charlie Philip Taylor
 Mar 22 Alfie James Moore
 Apr 12 Levi Walker
 Apr 26 Isla Eloise Briscoe & William Joseph Rowley

Marriages

- Apr 17 Carl Trevor Blezard & Stephanie Jayne Rudd

Funeral

Corrections from last magazine;

- Jan 28 Keith Wilson (76) 'Millston' Mill Hill, Ackworth
 Feb 10 James William Beard (80) 38 Orchard Dr. Ackworth Moor Top
 Mar 2 Suzanne Johnson (104) 36 Chiltern Dr. Ackworth Moor Top
 Mar 18 Margaret Bennett (84) 38 Mount Pleasant, Ackworth Moor Top
 Apr 17 Ernest Strike (85) 3 Woodland Grove, High Ackworth
 Apr 20 Ian Sykes (59) 26 Oldgate, Pontefract
 Apr 28 Lillian Oldham (97) Woodlands Care Home, Doncaster
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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 June 2015 and July 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 Events and Services

June 7	Heritage Fair - The Green, High Ackworth
June 13	Summer Fair - All Saints' 9.00am - 12.00pm
June 27	Ackworth Gala - Carr Bridge Playing Fields
July 4/5	Community Fair and Events Weekend - All Saints'

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