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Dear Friends

"Don't let the grass grow under your feet" a saying that was brought to the forefront of my thoughts ever since my lawn mower broke down...

It speaks, of course, of not procrastinating 'Time waits for no man' or 'strike whilst the iron is hot' (two more sayings for good measure). It reminds me of an old Yorkshire device/tool known as a 'Round Tuit'.. I often use it when my wife asks me to do something that has been waiting to be completed or even started for quite some time - my oft heard reply being "Yes dear, I'll do it when I get round tuit" (around to it).

Time, as one whose brain tends to work scientifically, I have always thought of a precisely measured unit (minutes, hours, days etc) which cannot be altered by space, gravity, speed etc. Since however, I did theology, sociology, psychology and so on, my thoughts have changed on the subject! Have you noticed that when you're waiting for something exciting, something eagerly anticipated, time seems to slow down - that long awaited day seems light years away (back to science again). For something that is dreaded, time speeds by; and time always seems to drag when you've got nothing to do... Time has an elastic quality which seems to change according to our mood or particularly when we would like more of it.

A very good friend of mine actually ran out of time - lifetime - just three days before I began to write this. He was given up to two years if his chemotherapy worked. We actually lost him in about 9 months. It certainly made me think about how precious time can be - increasing in value as we get older. 'Time waits for no man' and therefore it make no sense to put things off.

What does the Bible have to say about time? Psalm 90:4 says something of the relative concept of time between eternity of God's kingdom and the transience of man's history. 'For a thousand years in your sight (God's) are like a day that has just gone by'. We worry ourselves into a frazzle about how little time we have, mourn over time lost or time cut short in our world and yet in the life to come, time is of no consequence. God's time is not counted in hours, years or millennia; in eternity the passage of time is irrelevant.

Look at Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, where we see a more familiar concept of time which lists ways in which we spend our time/occupy our existence on earth. Each 'time' is governed by choice between opposites. God is not the puppet master who controls our every action; we have choice... 'at time for every matter under heaven...' (vs 1). Perhaps there is a time for procrastination, a time to make the right choice.

Certain verses have weighed heavily on my mind in recent days, as this passage from Ecclesiastes is one of the readings my good friend chose for his funeral service 'A time to be born and a time to die ... a time to weep and a

time to laugh ... a time to mourn and a time to dance... A time to choose!
Whatever that choice may be in your life, I pray it will be made in God's time.
Yours in Christ

Paul

For whom the bell tolls.

On the 4th August 2014, we remembered one hundred years since the start of the First World War. At St Cuthbert's Church, we marked that occasion with a service, followed by a vigil up until 10:00pm, the time when war was declared. Since that time, we have been remembering the men who lost their lives in that war, whose names are listed on the WW1 memorial in Church. We do this by lighting a candle, and displaying a cross bearing the names of those who died, on a display under the memorial. We have also gathered some information on each of these men, which is kept in a folder, near the display. If you visit St Cuthbert's Church, which is open on Saturday and Thursday afternoons during the Summer months, you will see those crosses, and the names of those men we have remembered so far.

July is the time when we remember the battle of the Somme. A name that most people have heard of, and most people know what it means. A time of great loss of life. In St Cuthbert's on the first Sunday of July we lit eight candles! In the first week of action in this battle, eight men from Ackworth alone lost their lives. Such was the scale of loss of life.

The battle began on 1st July 1916, when the soldiers left the relative safety of the trenches, and ran into no-mans land, and the bullets of the enemy. The order to run was given by a whistle of the commanding officer, and the soldiers obeyed, many running to their deaths. The whistles blew at 7:30am on 1st July 1916.

Across the Diocese, many churches rang a bell, to remember this moment. And following a pause, ringing again to remember those who died on that day, and throughout the long battle.

If you heard a bell tolling at 7:30am on 1st July 2016, pause for a moment, and remember why, and remember why those men obeyed the order, and why they were fighting in the first place.

It is for these men that the bell tolled on that day.

They Fell in the Great War

Please remember the following brave soldiers in your prayers on the centenary of their deaths in World War 1:

BRIGGS Arthur – 4891, Private, died of wounds Saturday 19.8.16 (27)
Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, 5th Battalion
Buried Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.
Son of Fred & Hannah, Albion Cottages, Low Ackworth
Also commemorated on the family grave in All Saint's Churchyard

HOWITT David Holmes – 4970, Private, killed in action, Monday 28.8.16 (28)
King's Own (Yorkshire Light Infantry) Regiment 1/5th Battalion.
Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France
Son of Tom Herbert & Harriet of Ackworth.

TEMPEST Wilfred, Norman, Major, died Tuesday 26.9.16 (27)
Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry 2nd Battalion (attached to 9th Battalion)
Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France & East Hardwick
Village Memorial
Son of Wilfred Francis & Florence Helen, Ackworth Grange

WARD Horace Walter 200749, Private, died Sunday 3.9.16 (22)
Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders 4th Battalion
Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.
Son of Walter & Maria of Rice's Yard, High Ackworth.

WILLIAMS Thomas – S/20795 Private, died Monday 11.9.16 (26)
Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders 7th Battalion D Company
Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme France
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Please contact Julie Davis 07950 825094 / j.e.davis9@btinternet.com for further details

In liaison with Alzheimer's Society, Wakefield – 01924 373264 / wakefield@alzheimers.org.uk

Future Events in August and September.

We are expecting a busy August and September 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.

Afternoon Tea at St Cuthbert's - Saturday afternoon 13th August. We shall be holding our Afternoon Tea event at St Cuthbert's Church in August this year on 13th August from 2 pm to 5 pm. This should be a pleasant and enjoyable afternoon with the popular local band "MASTERS OF MELLOW" again playing live music for us to entertain us. Tower Visits will also be possible. Please buy a ticket (£8) and come and support us and join in the fun. More details on the posters or contact 01977 610590 or 616183.

Grand Summer Draw – To be drawn at the Afternoon Tea Event. Tickets are on sale at 50p each. You could win a meal for two, (including a bottle of house wine) at The Chequers Inn Ledsham, a grand Summer Hamper or perhaps take afternoon tea for two at Olives Café in Pontefract + many other prizes. Tickets are available for purchase at both churches, or from Julie Davis, Lynne Ward, Bill Branston and others.

All Saints' Autumn Fair – Saturday 3rd September.

The first autumn afternoon Fair at All Saints' Church, will be held on Saturday 3rd September from 1 pm to 3.30 pm. Tombola, Jewellery, Plants, Homemade cakes, Good quality bric-a-brac, Pictures, Greeting cards, Household and other items will be on sale. Tea and coffee will be available. No

entry charge. Please support us and if you have any articles you would like to donate for the tombola or for sale at the Fair please contact Ian Hall or Bill Branston.

Ceilidh at Oakfield Park School – Saturday 24th September -7.30 pm
The Ceilidh (including Pie and Pea Supper) with the Huntsman's Chorus Ceilidh Band will take place between 7.30 and 11.00 p.m. at the Oakfield Park School, Barnsley Road Ackworth WF7 7DT. As there are no bar facilities you would need to bring your own drinks and glasses. Please see posters for more details.

These are just a few of the activities of the Church in Ackworth. There are many others. St Cuthbert's Church will be open to visitors on Saturday afternoons and at some Thursday afternoons during the summer. We are always open on Sundays – so why not join us. 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

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Readings Rota for August 2016, September 2016

Date	Liturgical Week	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel	St Cuthbert's	All Saints'
07/08/16	Proper 14	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20	Hebrews 1 1:1-3, 8-16	Luke 12:32-40	Sue Hartley	Mrs M Walker
14/08/16	Proper 15	Isaiah 5:1-7	Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Luke 12:49-56		Mr I Hall
21/08/16	Proper 16	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Hebrews 12:18-29	Luke 13:10-17	Jane Gosney	Mrs S Hall
28/08/16	Proper 17	Jeremiah 2:4-13	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Luke 14:1, 7-14	Anne Bullock	Mrs M Walker
04/09/16	Proper 18	Jeremiah 18:1-11	Philemon 1-21	Luke 14:25-33	Jackie Dawson	Mr I Hall
11/09/16	Proper 19	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Luke 15:1-10		Mrs S Hall
18/09/16	Proper 20	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Luke 16:1-13	Dorothy Grieff	Mrs M Walker
25/09/16	Proper 21	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15	1 Timothy 6:6-19	Luke 16:19-31	Jane Siddall	Mr I Hall

ALL SAINTS' FLOWERS

August 7 th	Flower Fund
August 14 th	Flower Fund
August 21 st	Flower Fund
August 28 th	Flower Fund
Sept 4 th	Flower Fund
Sept 11 th	Ann Hurst
Sept 18 th	Wendy Laybourne
Sept 25 th	Flower Fund

ST. CUTHBERT'S FLOWERS

August 7 th	Margaret Lloyd
August 14 th	Flower Fund
August 21 st	Flower Fund
August 28 th	Flower Fund
Sept 4 th	Flower Fund
Sept 11 th	Wedding
Sept 18 th	Wedding
Sept 25 th	Stella Lee

Our apologies – the contributors for flowers for All Saints' Church were missed over the last few months.

Here they are for your information:

<i>May 15th</i>	<i>Ian & Stella Hall</i>
<i>May 22nd</i>	<i>Betty Johnson</i>
<i>June 5th</i>	<i>Peggy Huby</i>
<i>July 3rd</i>	<i>Sue & Colin Tanswell</i>
<i>July 10th</i>	<i>Betty Johnson</i>
<i>July 24th</i>	<i>Ann Hurst</i>

Our thanks to Ann, Christine, Dorothy and Jean who provide our beautiful flower displays throughout the year in both churches.



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From the Registers

Baptisms

- 18 May Sophie Grace Stephenson & Isabella Marie Wilkinson
29 May Holly Adams & Charlotte Adams
12 June Harry William Bleazard

Marriages

- 27 May John James Fearnley & Anneka Danielle Sia Lane
3 June Stuart Andrew Gormley & Hannah Louise Donnington
25 June Peter George Pinder & Victoria Louise Flannagan

Funerals

- 18 March Lillian Spencer (87) 50 Chiltern Drive, Ackworth Moor Top
30 March Thomas Noel Williams (83) 90 Queens Avenue Pontefract
13 April Myra Jackson (89) 'Vacuna' Wentbridge
20 May Sylvia Margaret Jones (92) Carleton Court, Carleton Rd, Pontefract
25 May Jeffrey Ward (89) 96 Ponetract Rd, High Ackworth
6 June Alice May Mann (70) 27 Flanshaw Grove, Wakefield
6 June Thomas Major (86) 2 Lindale Avenue, Low Ackworth
16 June Dennis Taylor (87) 18 Birkwood Avenue, Sharlston
27 June Arthur Peter Courtney (73) 14a Orchard Drive, Ackworth Moor Top

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Sunday Services for August 2016 and September 2016

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

13 August	Afternoon tea with Masters of Mellow at St Cuthbert's
3 September	1pm to 3pm, All Saints' Autumn Fair
29 September	Ceilidh with 'The Huntsman's Chorus'

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.

Little Friends Mother and Toddler Group

1st Thursday of each month

2pm to 3.30pm

All Saints Church - Sue Tanswell 612913 for information.