



Ackworth Parish Magazine



1935 Austin Taxi. Once the proud possession of Dr Peter McWilliam of Ackworth, who had owned it for 20 years. The model was introduced in 1930 and this particular car went into service in March 1935. It was a reliable cab and the last left service in the 1960s, although this one stopped its working life in the previous decade, but was the star of many an Ackworth Gala.

Peter Kenneth Angus McWilliam
14th January 1927—19th December 2015

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Dear Friends

Though Easter, our greatest Christian festival approaches, for once in the 19 occasions I have written for this particular magazine issue I am not going to use this as my main topic. If you don't know about the meaning of Easter then sadly my 19 plus years at Ackworth have been in vain. Instead I am going to write a tribute to a man of great faith who will now be enjoying the promise of Easter's greatest event... Resurrection.

Peter Kenneth Angus McWilliam: 14th January 1927—19th December 2015.

Just before Christmas our Church and this village lost a lovely and highly respected gentleman who will long remain in the memories of many people - Peter Kenneth Angus McWilliam (or simply 'Peter' to his friends) was a very committed member of both St Cuthbert's and All Saints' Churches and a doctor at College Lane Surgery for over 28 years. Joining the practice in 1963 with partners John McRoberts and Thomas Brierley, they became known as the three disciples (John, Thomas and Peter)! He retired in 1991 but continued to help out occasionally as a locum for some years after.

Born in Leeds in 1927, following his National Service, Peter went on to study at Leeds School of Medicine qualifying in 1954 and taking up his first house post in Pontefract Hospital where he first met Vera, a staff nurse at the same hospital. This was followed by a residency in Wakefield and Dewsbury hospitals as paediatric registrar, before moving to Stobhill Hospital, situated in the Gorbels in Glasgow. Marrying Vera at St John's, Oulton on 23rd September 1958, they moved to Lingfield in Surrey where Peter took a post at a residential hospital school for children with severe epilepsy. During his career he trialed a new treatment for Status Epilepticus; so successful that it is still used today 60 years later!

In 1963 he and Vera, along with their two year old son Stuart, moved to Ackworth to join the College Lane practice. Whilst in Ackworth, their daughter Morag was born. She now lives in Northumberland and manages her own occupational health and hygiene company. Along with Stuart, who is now a specialist paramedic, they have both followed their parents' 'healthy' footsteps. Peter will long be remembered by people of this church and the village of Ackworth as a very kind and gentle man who was dedicated to the care of people in the community and supporter of many aspects of Church and community life. He will long be held in high esteem in the medical profession both for his work in paediatrics and general practice. He will be missed by friends and fellow enthusiasts in the world of vintage cars especially colleagues in the 'Bull-Nose Morris' club. Most of all he will be missed by his immediate family and the extended family of the Church, by whom he will be long loved and remembered with great affection.

The final world must go to Peter himself. After several days of pain, agitation and fitful sleep, he fell into a peaceful slumber, only to open his eyes and say "Marvelous". I'm sure that Peter, a man of great faith, was rewarded at that moment by seeing the fulfilment of that faith. It reminds me of a phrase heard recently from the gospel set for the Baptism of Christ:

"This is my son with whom I am well pleased"

Until we reap the rewards, promised by our Lord's resurrection at Easter and we meet again - 'Au Revoir' Peter - till we meet again.

Yours in Christ

Paul

"Mack the Knife"

On Wednesday 13th January over two hundred people gathered at St Cuthbert's Church to say farewell to a much respected doctor, and a well loved family man, Peter McWilliam. Mack the Knife, was a nickname given to him by the nurses he worked with at Pontefract General Infirmary in 1954! And so it was fitting that this song was played as he left church.

During the service, we heard poems read beautifully by his family, a eulogy from his son Stuart, and words of encouragement from Paul Hartley. Many aspects of Peter's life were described. In particular his love of work with children, and his work in the field of epilepsy in particular. We listened to tales about a sterner aspect of his practice, that of refusing sick notes! We also heard about his hobby of motoring, and indeed, a classic car radiator stood proudly at the front of the service. But the stories of his love and devotion for his family were most prominent.

Following the service, many gathered at Wentbridge House Hotel, to share stories and memories of Peter, and indeed to catch up with many old friends, gathering and celebrating Peter's life and work, with many photographs on the tables, and displayed on boards, covering his life and work.

It was a wholly fitting celebration that Peter would have enjoyed.

However, it is likely that Peter would have been thoroughly embarrassed by all the fuss and talk specifically about him, as he was a man who just thought he was doing his job, and nothing more. In an age where celebrity is worshipped for its own sake, and many people seek stardom and fame without any particular skills to deserve it, Peter was a celebrity who tried hard not to be well known. He would have been content with a small funeral with only family present, but the huge numbers of people who attended his funeral told the story of the impact his life and work had had on the lives of the many people whom he met. St John of the cross said "In the evening of our lives, we shall be judged by love alone." The immense amount of love that was shown, and all too obviously evident on that afternoon, is a fitting judgement.

As Peter's life drew to a close, he was surrounded by his family, he opened his eyes and smiled, and said one word. That word may well sum up, his life, his work, his family, and this celebration.

"Marvelous"

Rev Dr Paul Fox

They Fell in the Great War

Please remember the following brave soldier in your prayers on the centenary of his death in World War 1:

WEATHERILL Clarence - 11588, Lance Corporal, died Thursday 2.3.16
West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales Own) 10th Battalion

Commemorated on the Ypres Menin Gate Memorial, Ieper, Belgium
Appears on the Ackworth Working Men's Club Roll of Honour.

Memorial

A Cenotaph in Whitehall,
A memorial to those who gave their all
One in a churchyard or village green
Where it always can be seen

Perhaps just a plaque on a wall
Because again kin folk gave their all
A token of remembrance to pay respect
A reminder lest we forget.

So poppy crosses take their place
For everyone ere the race
With bear heads our homage pay
Who are left to go on day by day.

As the days come and go
It is that memorial of freedom to show
The Cenotaph stands there with pride
For all those who faithfully died

Stop for a while to show we care
Think as we stand and stare
A name on a stone or on a wall
With courage they answered to their call.

Maybe on the land, sea or in the air
With respect in our hearts do share
That memorial left for you and me
The price was paid to keep us free.

Written by Cecil Witten (Sue's Uncle)

Colin Tanswell

SPRING FLOWERING BULBS, PLANTERS, TUBS AND POTS.

Should you be looking to purchase any of the above please consider buying these in support of your local Church. I have all manner of things growing (most of them much earlier than usual) at competitive prices - these include Tete a Tete, Puschkinia (Russian snowdrops), Fritillary, Muscari, Scilla and Hyacinths along with Pansy and Primula all of which are winter hardy.

Also I have perennials just right for planting now, provided the soil is not frozen, which have overwintered very well.

All of the above can be purchased as individual pots at £1 each or made up into large rectangular planters at £10 each, large square tubs at £11 each or large round pots at £9 each. Samples are available to view at All Saints' Church coffee morning each Thursday between 10-00 am and 12 noon when orders

can be placed for collection the following Thursday. Alternatively please call me on 01977 612003 to discuss your requirements.

These and many other offerings will be available throughout the year at the coffee morning and also at the monthly fairs which will start up again on the first Saturday in April from 1.00 pm to 3.30 pm.

All proceeds go directly to Church with no expenses taken out so you can be sure that all of your money is going to a worthwhile cause. Thank you in advance.

Ian Hall

Was that who I thought it was?

A cold December morning saw the arrival of some surprising guests in Ackworth. Mary and Joseph, together with their donkeys, arrived in Ackworth around 9:00am looking for somewhere to stay. They were to be seen walking around the streets, and through the Co-op car park. Causing many a second look from passing drivers and dog walkers!

They visited Bell Lane Academy, where the nursery and reception children were treated to a description from Joseph about how difficult their journey had been.

Followed by the opportunity to feed the donkeys some carrots. They were then seen walking towards Hemsworth, and calling in at Oakfield Park School, where all the students turned out to see them.

After lunch they made an appearance at the schools Christmas concert at St Cuthbert's Church, in the middle of the children's nativity. One of the donkeys was not particularly well behaved, but Joseph was able once again to tell of the difficult journey he and Mary had had. Then someone shouted from the back of church that a place had been found for them. And so they disappeared. But everyone at that concert was able to see the donkeys once more.

This was a memorable event for all involved. A big thank you to Mark Ineson and Craig, at Real Donkeys, (www.realdonkeys.com) and also Ash and Jackie, for showing us what it was really like to travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem.

BBC Radio Leeds comes to Ackworth

The Thursday Coffee Morning at All Saints Church on 17th December, was a different and busy affair. Mainly because Richard Stead from BBC Radio Leeds broadcast his Morning Show from All Saints Church.

After a few email exchanges, and a meeting to check the sound, the scene was set. The van with satellite dish arrived at 7:30am, Richard the engineer was





setting up the equipment, closely followed by Emma and Jane, the producers of the show, and Richard the presenter. First thing was breakfast, from the local sandwich shop. As the morning progressed, Richard interviewed several people from our congregations, and coffee morning staff, together with people who performed



during the morning, namely the Featherstone Male Voice Choir, and the Ackworth Hand Bell Ringers, alongside Mrs Ward, Head Teacher Bell Lane Academy, with two children from year 6. He even found his old French teacher from high school in the choir, who baffled him with some French! He was also challenged to take up the heaviest of the bells and ring a change with them.

Done admirably, to a round of applause. It was a good morning, and enjoyed by all.

A Bit of Muck and Brass

What do our homes say about us? Whenever people visit they will be able to see our personalities and interests reflected. Perhaps what is displayed on bookshelves and mantelpieces tells a story about our hobbies, skills and our family histories. Making people feel welcome in our homes has a long biblical tradition; Abraham, in Genesis chapter 18, gave a fine greeting to three strangers, laying before them the best he had - to discover later that he had been visited by the Lord and two angels. Jesus relied on the hospitality of others as he went around preaching, teaching and healing, and the early Christians opened their homes to meet the needs of others and for church services.

Our churches are no exception! It is an important part of our service to our community of Ackworth that both our churches are welcoming and speak of our pride in our history, our heritage, our theology and our identity as a worshipping body. We have a dedicated and hardworking band of cleaners who ensure that our churches are ready to receive visitors, whether they are regular Sunday or Wednesday worshippers or whether they are attending for weddings, baptisms

or funerals, or for a specific reason such as Harvest or Christingle. We are very grateful for all their hard work - and if you would like to join the team, the Churchwardens would love to hear from you!

Colin Tanswell has faithfully cleaned our brasses in church for many years and we would like to thank him for his dedication and conscientious hard work. He now feels that he needs to hand over the task to someone else. If you feel that you could take over the baton and ensure that our church history still shines, please let Colin or one of the Churchwardens know. The brasses can be polished at any time to suit you and Colin will be able to show you the ropes! Thank you - and do watch this space for news of a one-off 'spring clean' later in the year.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH SERVICES 2ND & 4TH SUNDAYS 3.30PM **Wakefield Road, Ackworth**

Perhaps you have recently, or may be now considering returning to or joining your local Church and may be deterred from doing so because you are unsure of what to expect. If so, perhaps our fortnightly afternoon service might be of help.

We offer an informal, laid back approach based loosely around evensong but with the emphasis strongly on congregational inputs and involvement, where people are welcome to join in or not as they prefer.

As yet, we are few in numbers but most of the people have recently returned to or are new to Church and are not yet comfortable with full Eucharistic services but see this as a real way forward in our journey with God.

Should you feel that this just might be for you then we would be delighted to see you on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month or if you want to learn more about what is involved then please give me a ring on 01977 612003 and I will be happy to discuss things further. Alternatively my wife, Stella and I are normally at All Saints' Church coffee morning every Thursday from 10 am to 12 noon so why not drop in for tea or coffee along with homemade cakes for a chat.

We would love to see you.

Ian & Stella Hall

Grand Christmas Draw 2015

ST CUTHBERT'S & ALL SAINTS CHURCH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 2015

We would like to thank everyone who took part in the Grand Christmas Draw in December by buying or selling tickets and for everyone who donated prizes including the EGO restaurant at The Beverly Arms. We are pleased to be able to announce that the draw raised the grand sum of £411 towards the upkeep of our churches.

Thank you all!!

The list of Prize winners is given below. All prizes have been delivered except one.

If you are the holder of the ticket no 1270 please contact us to claim your prize.

- 1, HUDL TABLET, Maureen Richardson.
- 2, £50 EGO VOUCHER, Edward Davies.
- 3, LUXURY HAMPER, Don & Nina Marshall.
- 4, LIZ EARLE COSMETICS, Jenny Thomas.
- 5, POLICE PERFUME, Isabella Shelton.
- 6, 501 BRANDY, Stella Hall. 7, QUALITY STREET, Erica Davies.
- 8, Btl CAVA, David Siddall. 9, FOX'S BISCUITS, June Cartwright.
- 10, KUMALA RED WINE, Hayley Siddall. 11, CAT MUG IN TIN, Joyce Foster.
- 12, SHAWSGATE WHITE WINE, Lynne Ward.
- 13, GARDEN KNEELER, Brian Lewis. 14, Btl MARTINI, Lynne Ward.
- 15, TIN FOX'S BISCUITS, Ann Bullock. 16, PATRAS RED WINE, Mr Hutsby.
- 17, CANTE ROSE WINE, Don & Nina Marshall.
- 18, ROYAL JELLY TOILETRIES, Lavinia.
- 19, VINTAGE ROSE TOILETRIES, Pauline Richardson.
- 20, AFTER DINNER TRIVIA, Not Known No 1270.
- 21, Btl HARDY'S MERLOT, Mr Hutsby.
- 22, 2016 CALENDAR, Don & Nina Marshall.

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!

Prayer for Christian Unity 2016:

Tuesday 19th January 12.00 noon in the Methodist Church
 Friday 22nd January 7.30 pm in the Quaker Meeting House
 Soup will be served following both sessions

Lent Course:

St Cuthbert's Church beginning Wednesday 17th February for 5 weeks
 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start

Women's World Day of Prayer:

Friday March 4th. The annual Women's World Day of Prayer service will be held in Ackworth School Music Centre starting at 7.00pm.
 This is a service prepared by Christian women in Cuba for women and men throughout the world. All are welcome to this service – we look forward to seeing you!

ALPHA COURSE

Alpha will be starting on Tuesday, 12th April at 7.00pm at Malone's on Wakefield Road, (previously known as the Frog and Moose).
 This is to run for 7 weeks until 24th May – watch out for invitations and posters!
 Perhaps, this year is the time for you to find out what this is all about?
 Just to add...

A **Toddler Group** takes place at All Saints' Church 2pm to 3.30pm on the first Thursday of each month. If you have a young toddler at home, why not come along and meet others?

AND... **Coffee Stop** run by the Community Church is open on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 2.00-3.15 pm in the Parish Rooms, Bell Lane.

Finally... all churches continue to collect clothes for refugees being housed and supported in the Wakefield district. All items of clean clothes are welcome, for men and for women, and especially baby clothes are desperately needed. Please do help if you can. Thank you!

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.

Children's Society Christingle Services

Many thanks to the volunteers who turned out to make the Christingles this year.

The services at All Saints' and St Cuthbert's were a resounding success and well over £600 was raised for the work of the Children's Society. Thank you to all who attended or helped in anyway.

Helen Parkinson



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Saturday, March 19th 10-00 am to 12 noon

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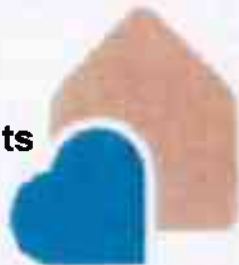
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Date	Liturgical Week	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel	St Cuthbert's	All Saints'
07/02/16	Sunday Next Before Lent	Exodus 34:29-35	2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2	Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)	Keith Shaw	Mr I Hall
14/02/16	1st Sunday of Lent	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Romans 10:8b-13	Luke 4:1-13		Mrs S Hall
21/02/16	2nd Sunday of Lent	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18	Philippians 3:17-4:1	Luke 13:31-35	Jane Gosney	Mrs M Walker
28/02/16	3rd Sunday of Lent	Isaiah 55:1-9	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9	Anne Bullock	Mr I Hall
06/03/16	Mothering Sunday	Exodus 2:1-10	Colossians 3:12-17	Luke 2:33-35	Jackie Dawson	Mrs S Hall
13/03/16	Passion Sunday	Isaiah 43:16-21	Philippians 3:4b-14	John 12:1-8		Mrs M Walker
20/03/16	Palm Sunday	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 23:1-49	Dorothy Grieff	Mr I Hall
27/03/16	Easter Day	Isaiah 65:17-end	Acts 10:34-43	John 20:1-18	Jane Siddall	Mrs S Hall

ALL SAINTS' FLOWERS

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ST. CUTHBERT'S FLOWERS

Flower Fund
Donations welcome

A very big thank you to Mrs Jean Hancocks who has looked after the flowers at All Saints' Church over the past few years since Miss Ethel Smith gave up that responsibility. Jean has also hosted coffee after the Wednesday morning communion service at All Saints' to raise the necessary funds to provide the flowers as did Ethel.

In future the flower arranging will be done by Mrs Christine Williams. Should anyone wish to help or sponsor a particular week for providing flowers or indeed give a donation to help her provide flowers, Christine's details can be found in the inside front cover of the magazine.

Thank you for your support.

Thank you too to Jean Clayton, Ann Hill and Dorothy Greiff for ensuring that there were such lovely displays over the Christmas period!



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From the Registers

Baptisms

8/11/15 Evie Beau Myers
 22/11/15 Ava Cleland
 13/12/15 Louis Benedict Whipp
 27/12/15 David Andrew Coop

Marriages

19/12/15 Adam Christopher Raistrick & Lyndsey Ann Nunns

Funerals

3/11/15 Kevin Drake (77) 29 Tan House Lane, Low Ackworth
 5/11/15 Rodney Hugh Baker (92) 115 Millgate, Ackworth Moor Top
 9/11/15 Arthur William Newton (91) 6 Saint Mary's Close, South Elmsall
 11/11/15 William Henry Breedon (79) 5 Orchards Drive, Ackworth Moor Top.
 7/12/15 Susan Crosby (68) 1 Flounders Hill, Ackworth Moor Top
 10/12/15 Kathleen Vause (76) 29 Moor Top Avenue, Ackworth Moor Top
 14/12/15 Ellen (Nell) Smith (101) Flat 44, DeLacy Gardens, Pontefract

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 Ackworth School Meeting House, Sundays, 10:45am

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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 2016 and March 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

10/2/16	Ash Wednesday: SC 7.30pm Beginning of Lent HC with Imposition of Ashes
17/2/16	Wednesday SC 7.00/7.30 - Lent Study Groups begins.
13/3/16	Celebration of St. Cuthbert's Day, 10:15am, SC
20/3/16	Palm Sunday: SC 10.15 - Service begins with Blessing of the Palms and Procession into Church from the Monument.

HOLY WEEK

24/3/16	Maundy Thursday: 7.30pm SC Institution of the LST Supper - including Washing of Feet, Eucharist, Stripping the Altar and the Watch until 10pm
25/3/16	Good Friday: AS 10.30am All-Age Worship AS 11.45 - Procession of Witness to Co-op Car Park 12.00 - Co-op Car Park Service of Witness—Churches Together 14.00 - Good Friday Liturgy 19.30 - SC Tenebrae - a meditation on the Psalms
27/3/16	Easter Day 8.30 - 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



Little Friends Mother and Toddler Group

1st Thursday of each month

2pm to 3.30pm

All Saints Church - Sue Tanswell 612913 for information.