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Dear Friends,

Near the beginning of September, Paul, myself and about 400 other clergy from the currently named Leeds Diocese went away for the 1st clergy conference to Liverpool Hope University. The theme of the conference appropriately was 'Hope', different aspects of which were addressed by many eminent speakers; ie Professor Brian Cox (well -known television presenter) Professor David Wilkinson (Author, Professor of Astrophysics and warden of Cranmer Hall, Durham) Very Rev June Osborne (Dean of Salisbury) Catherine Fox (Author) Archbishop of Liverpool (R.C.) the Most Rev'd Malcom McMahon and the Bishop of Liverpool, Right Rev'd Paul Bayes.

With enough brains to fill a university and 400+ clergy we explored how God, through us could offer hope to the people we serve both now and in the future, from the lowly perspective of the individual on the street to the vastness of the universe, which we as Christians assent that God created. Actually current thinking on that score suggests that the universe we explore is just one of an infinite number of universes – termed the 'multiverse'. That and the fact that the multiverse is BIG is about all I could remember from the 2 astrophysical speakers, one a Christian, one not.

Dazzled by such massive intellects and concepts which were beyond my comprehension, you may ask what I gained from this trip. Well firstly, we are now members of the 'Diocese of Leeds' not 'West Yorkshire and the Dales'. Secondly, we have a new motto which was my inspiration for this article, a motto or mission statement far more meaningful than the first which we were presented with at the beginning of 2015. The original statement described our then new diocese as... "a vibrant diocese, equipping confident clergy to enable confident Christians to live and tell the good news of Jesus Christ in West Yorkshire and the Dales". To me, that sounded more about what clergy did to other people; a rather overbearing, 'top down' hierarchical model, rather than a Church in which we are all equal, albeit with different tasks and responsibilities.

The new motto says a lot more about a Church in which we are all in it together, sharing a common task. It also offers a much wider scope for individual expression, whilst at the same time being involved in a common task; that is – as a church/diocese we are 'Living, Loving and Learning'. For me, regardless of what stage we are on our Christian journey, we are all going forward together – Living as members of God's Kingdom, living according to the teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ; Loving our neighbours and ensuring that none are overlooked; and Learning what it means to be a Christian and how that impacts upon all our lives – a learning which never ends.

Yours in Christ,
Paul

Afternoon Tea

On an (intermittently) sunny but nevertheless warm August afternoon, almost 50 people gathered behind St. Cuthbert's Church for a relaxed Afternoon Tea. All were treated to waitress service for a selection of different sandwiches, scones with jam and clotted cream, and delicious home-made cake. A glass of Prosecco was also on offer to celebrate friendship and good conversation! Masters of Mellow – or, as I prefer to think of them, 'Masters of lovely voices and great musicianship' - entertained us all with a superb programme of well-loved songs that had us all humming and foot-tapping along. One younger visitor remarked that 'the music was really beautiful and the food was lovely'!

Tours around the church tower and clock were conducted by Tom Precious; Tom's expertise ensures that the St. Cuthbert's clock not only keeps excellent time but its proud history, as a marvellous example of its kind, is preserved for future generations. Our grateful thanks go to him for all he does. Thanks also to all who worked hard behind the scenes and with the raffle, to ensure that guests were so well fed and looked after.

All in all it was a very special afternoon – don't miss out on it next year!

Dave Bilbrough: Live and Acoustic



As part of their 25th Anniversary celebrations, Ackworth Community Church will be hosting an evening with Dave Bilbrough at Malones, Ackworth on Friday 21st October from 7.30pm. Dave is one of the leading Christian song writers of his generation. With over 20 albums recorded; his travels have taken him across the globe and his songs have been sung in many different cultures and languages.

"Live and Acoustic" is a really great evening featuring some classic tunes including Beatles, Paul Simon and Fats Waller mixed in with Dave's story and self-written songs" Tickets are £5 for adults and £3 for concessions with all monies raised going to Salt Malawi. For further details or to book tickets telephone Ashley Guest on 01977 649320 or e mail him at guest.ashley@googlemail.com.

The Ackworth Pilgrims' Progress

Back in late July – Saturday 23rd to be precise – a small group of Ackworth Pilgrims set off to visit the holy shrine of St Cuthbert in Durham Cathedral; their



starting point was All Saints' Church in Ackworth.

The pilgrims were up bright and early to gather together before 9.00am when the journey was to begin. Everyone was dressed for what they knew would be a long, hot day, with comfortable footwear and a packed lunch – well, almost everyone had remembered the sandwiches but more about that later!

They settled down in their seats on the coach, anticipating the journey ahead and chatting excitedly among themselves – this was surely going to be a very special day! Rod, the driver, took the pilgrims along the busy high roads, over rivers, through wooded fields (and quite a long stretch of road works) and 2 hours later they had arrived in the impressive city of Durham. A very busy city that day, with parts of the city centre roads congested with fellow travellers. Two of the pilgrims stayed with Rod who was going to escort them directly to the cathedral; the others followed the leader pilgrim along the river bank for a short way, through the grounds of the church of St Oswald and into some natural woodland. The path was steep, rough and uneven in parts but the pilgrims pressed on determined to follow the track to the end. The lead pilgrim referred to the map on his i-phone regularly to ensure the safety and correctness of the track – well, that is what he told them but was he playing Pokémon Go? Some of the other pilgrims began to think this was the case and started to feel restless... but they need not fear, the leader turned a corner out of the wooded walk and took them to a bandstand, near to the university cricket field and alongside the river Wear, with the Castle and Cathedral looming in the distance. "This is an ideal stopping place for food and refreshment" he said.

This is when one of the group realised that her sandwiches were sitting at home in her kitchen but, in true biblical style, the pilgrims shared their food and drinks; everyone enjoyed the lunch and no-one left the bandstand feeling hungry!

From there, it was only a short distance to the city itself – what a sense of joy as they crossed the river for a final time before entering the city boundary. Many of the Ackworth pilgrims wanted to spend some time admiring the wonderful city, the market and sample a few of the hostelryes before all meeting up inside the cathedral at 3.00pm for a service of prayer in the special chapel dedicated to Saint Cuthbert.

How they delighted in sharing the short service that the lead pilgrim had planned for them. There were visitors from other parts of the country to the

shrine that afternoon and they too joined with the pilgrims in the prayers and the blessing. What a joy! What a wonderful experience!

By now the pilgrims were tired but elated. They had achieved their aim of reaching St Cuthbert's chapel and paying homage to him. As they left St Cuthbert's shrine, they walked slowly through the cathedral, enjoying and marvelling at the fabulous architecture, the resounding vibrations of the organ and joining with the throng of other pilgrims in admiration of all that was going on in the cathedral. There is not the space here to tell about all the activities happening that afternoon but the pilgrims visited the Lego Cathedral (yes, made from Lego and it really was fantastic!) the shop, the cloisters and the Open Treasure exhibition to name just a few.

All too soon, it was time to go outside into the warm sunshine and look for Rod, the driver who would take the happy band southwards towards Ackworth and

"Almighty God, who didst call thy servant Cuthbert from keeping sheep to follow thy Son and to be a shepherd of thy people, mercifully grant that we, following his example and caring for those who are lost, may bring them home to thy fold, through thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen"

Prayer used in the Cathedral on St Cuthbert's Day, March 20th

home; a tired but very happy band of pilgrims.

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:

BRISCOE Edward – (Unable to identify individually from the Commonwealth War Grave Commission web-site)

Ackworth Roll of Honour Book records:

Edward Walton 10632, Lance Corporal, Royal Fusiliers, 8th Battalion, died Saturday 7.10.16 (23)

Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

Resident of Ackworth,

WALLER William Mackenzie – 38320, Private, killed in action, Thursday 16.11.16 (20)

York & Lancashire Regiment, 10th Service Battalion

Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France

Son of Joseph Edmund & Kate Annie, 33, Wakefield Road, Ackworth.

WARRENER William – J/47467, Ordinary Seaman, died 23.10.16 (20)

Royal Navy, HMS Genista torpedoed off the Irish coast.

Commemorated on the Plymouth Naval Memorial.

Son of Joseph & Margaret, 45 New Buildings, MoorTop, Ackworth

Shown on Ackworth Roll of Honour but not the Memorials.

CLARKE Edward Vincent - 11205. Private, Died of wounds, Tuesday 25.7.16

(25)

Royal Irish Regiment, 2nd Battalion. Formerly 19444 Hussars
Buried St. Sever Cemetery, Rouen, Seine-Maritime, France
Son of Thomas & Annie of 'The Lymes' High Ackworth

MEAN Henry, S/20903, Lance Corporal, Rifle Brigade, 16th Battalion,
Died 21.10.16 (27)

Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France
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Please note these future events and ventures and look for what interests you...

join in our village life and be part of the Community

HARVEST CELEBRATIONS – you will be welcome to join us!

Methodist Church on 2nd October 2016 at 10.45am

Harvest Service at St. Cuthbert's Church on 9th October at 10.15am

Harvest Thanksgiving at All Saints' Churches on 9th October at 3.30pm

SERVICE of LIGHTS at ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

including the switching on of the Tree Lights will be held on Friday 25th
November at 6pm

VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE: Sunday 11th December, at 3pm in St. Cuthbert's
Church.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: 18th to 25th JANUARY 2017

Tuesday 17th January at 12 noon in the Methodist Church and

Friday 20th January 12 noon in All Saints' Church.

The sessions will comprise a short time of prayer and reflection, followed by
soup and bread.

THE COMMUNITY CHURCH IS CELEBRATING!

During this year and next year, the Community Church will be having its 25th
Anniversary. Celebrations will commence with an event "Dave Bilbrough: Live
and Acoustic" on Friday 21st October 2016, 7.30pm at Malones, Ackworth.
Tickets £5 Adults, £3 Concessions. All money raised will go to Salt Malawi

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
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Sunday Services **for October 2016 and November 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 Events and Services

7th-9th October	Harvest Weekend, see notices sheets on notice boards for details
30th October	Sunday morning services as normal, but NO 3.30pm service at All Saints' St Cuthbert's at 5.00pm - Commemoration of the Faithful Departed
27th November	Advent Sunday – morning services as normal Christingle Services will be: 4.00pm All Saints' and 6.00pm in St Cuthbert's

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.

Readings Rota for October 2016, November 2016

Date	Liturgical Week	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel	St Cuthbert's	All Saints'
02/10/16	Proper 22	Lamentations 1:1-6	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Luke 17:5-10	Sue Hartley	Mrs S Hall
09/10/16	Harvest Thanksgiving	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7	2 Timothy 2:8-15	Luke 17:11-19		Mrs M Walker
16/10/16	Proper 24	Jeremiah 31:27-34	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	Luke 18:1-8	Keith Shaw	Mr I Hall
23/10/16	Proper 25	Joel 2:23-32	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	Luke 18:9-14	Jane Gosney	Mrs S Hall
30/10/16	All Saints' Day	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18	Ephesians 1:11-23	Luke 6:20-31		
06/11/16	3rd Before Advent	Job 19:23-27a	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17	Luke 20:27-38	Anne Bullock	Mrs M Walker
13/11/16	2nd Before Advent	Malachi 4:1-2a	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Luke 21:5-19		Mr I Hall
20/11/16	Christ the King	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Colossians 1:11-20	Luke 23:33-43	Jackie Dawson	Mrs S Hall

ALL SAINTS' FLOWERS

October 2nd	Flower Fund
October 9th	Flower Fund
October 16th	Jean Hancock
October 23rd	Flower Fund
October 30th	Flower Fund
November	Flower Fund



ST. CUTHBERT'S FLOWERS

October 2nd	Flower Fund
October 9th	Betty Fell
October 16th	Flower Fund
October 23rd	Wedding flowers
October 30th	Flower Fund
November 6th to 20th	Flower Fund
November 27th	Advent

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Coffee Morning

Saturday 5th November 2016

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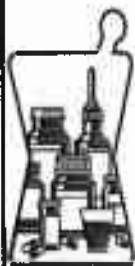


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Baptisms

10th July	Emilia Jasmine Cashin-Howe
10th July	Sophie Ella Vause
31st July	Sebastian Charles David Washington
14th August	Leo John Paul Cain
14th August	Dylan Wesley Edward Byas
28th August	Ida Mae McGowen
28th August	Sophie Grace Sidwell

Funerals

5th July	Dorothy Hazelgrave, 24 Maydene Mount Avenue, Hemsworth
18th August	Marcia Wilson, 55 Wakefield Road, Ackworth Moor Top
31st August	Christopher Brian Rhodes, 16 Harewood Avenue, Pontefract

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