



# Ackworth Parish Magazine



**Ackworth Parish Church  
Pilgrimage to Whitby  
1st July 2017**

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## **Rev. Paul Hartley has retired – so what next for the Parish of Ackworth?**

Now that Rev. Paul Hartley has retired, we are entering a period of interregnum in our two churches – St Cuthbert's and All Saints'.

During this time, the Church Wardens will be working on behalf of the PCC with the Diocese to appoint a new priest. The whole process, including preparing the rectory for the arrival of the new incumbent, is likely to take at least six months, so we are not likely to have a new priest until some time in 2018.

In the mean time, Rev. Paul Fox will be covering the post and will be conducting most of the regular services, the baptisms, weddings and funerals. He will also be continuing with his own work in the Parish, including working with our local schools and local community groups.

However, it is important for us all to know and to remember that Paul Fox is carrying out this role in his normal voluntary capacity - he is not a paid member of the clergy. For this reason, he will be relying on us all to lend a hand whenever we can. There will no doubt be jobs that emerge as time goes on that we need some help with, and Paul and Jackie will need our support as Paul covers the full time role during the interregnum.

We do intend that it will be 'Business as usual' over the coming months, as we want our parish to continue to grow and flourish until a new priest is appointed. We hope that you will hold us and Paul in your thoughts and prayers over the coming months.

Lynne and Julie  
Church Wardens

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### **Business as usual**

Paul Hartley may have packed his bags, and ridden westward into the sunset, but that does not mean that church activities will stop!

All of our church services will continue. We will continue to book, and conduct, baptisms, wedding, and funerals. Our Youth groups will continue to meet. Our study groups will continue to grow. Our social calendar and church sales will continue. We will continue our programme of repairs to both churches. Our ministry to our primary schools will continue and develop. We hope and pray that in every aspect we will continue to develop and to grow as a church, during the interregnum, until a new priest is appointed. In essence, it is business as usual.

The process of appointing a new priest may take some time, but the PCC have met with the Archdeacon, and we have already begun the process of writing the necessary documents, and have appointed those who will be responsible for selecting the right person for our church.

All of this is going to happen with the drive and the support of everyone within our congregations, and beyond. All those who are willing to join these

activities, and times of worship, and willing to play a part, however large or small. Everyone has a part to play.

St Paul in his letter to the Romans says "*Though we are many, we are one body*" Rom 12:5, in his first letter to the Corinthians he says "*All of you are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it.*" 1 Cor 12:27. And so it is in the church here in Ackworth, and as he goes on to say, we all have different gifts which should be used to build up the church. But the unifying agent is the Holy Spirit, because "there are different gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them" 1 Cor 12:4.

Whatever gift or talents we have, we use them in God's service, to build his church, and his kingdom in this place. With Paul's retirement, we may have lost a significant member of the team, but we still have a strong team. We have a team which is able to work together, to grow together, to develop together, to join in God's mission in the world.

The church is still open, its members are still working, we will continue to be visibly active within the Parish, and everyone is welcome to join us in worship and service. It is business as usual!

Rev Paul Fox  
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### Remembrance

Please remember these brave men, upon the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their deaths in the Great War 1914-8.

BURTON Harry – 241736, Private, killed in action, Wednesday 26.9.17 (20)  
Highland Light Infantry 9<sup>th</sup> (Glasgow Highlanders) Battalion  
Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium, son of Sarah Ann, 2, Hall's Yard, High Ackworth

COX Ernest, Unable to identify individually from the Commonwealth War Grave Commission web-site.

*Ackworth Roll of Honour records:*

*4623 Lance Corporal, died Thursday 16.8.17, Machine Gun Corps (Infantry) 49<sup>th</sup> Company. Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West Vlaandedren, Belgium*

No record of any Ackworth connection, also no rank is recorded on the St. Cuthbert's screen

TURTON Jack (or John) – 82159 Acting Bombardier, died Wednesday 8.8.17 (27)

Royal Field Artillery 'C' Battery, 82<sup>nd</sup> Brigade  
Buried Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Popering, West-Vlaanderen Belgium  
Son of Thomas & Elizabeth of Ackworth

**“ . . worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth.”**

**John 4:23**

Worship has two main elements. There is the corporate worship which the church does, such as our regular Sunday services, which are the shop window of our church. And there is the private worship, that all Christians do regularly through their daily lives.

One of the working groups that was set up last year was devoted to looking at our corporate worship, how we might enhance it, or develop it. The group has met on three occasions and has been looking at several areas of worship.

Music forms a large part of our worship in some of our services, and so our music group at St Cuthbert's Church has been meeting and singing in most of our services. This year, the music group has met before the service at 10:15am and sung songs of worship as people arrive in church. This helps the introduction of new songs where appropriate.

On Maundy Thursday we started the evening with a meal, containing a demonstration of a Seder meal, followed by the communion service. This was to mirror what would have happened at Jesus's last supper, where a meal was shared, and then prayers were said. Next year we hope to develop this idea further.

Part of our pastoral care is to offer a space where people can reflect and pray. This is particularly important to those whose relatives or friends have died. We have for many years held a service to allow this on All Souls each year, but felt a year was a long time to wait for some people. Therefore, we have introduced a quarterly service at All Saints' church on a Sunday afternoon.

We have considered how to use the screens at St Cuthbert's, and have recently started projecting the whole service during All Age Communion. This is work in progress, and should be refined over the next few months. In relation to this, we have also considered the All Age Service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, as a whole, and we are involving children more during certain parts of the service.

Later this year, we will be organizing a Schools Harvest Service on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October, a Schools Christmas Service on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December, and we hope to gather singers from all our churches in Ackworth to sing during the Village Carol Service.

This group will continue to meet after the Summer to review all the above, and seek others ways of helping us all worship God, in spirit and in truth.

## BRASSED OFF

Readers may have noted in the April/May magazine that I am seeking to retire from providing a brass cleaning service, after ten years of doing it single handedly and upon reaching my eightieth year. For information there is virtually no brass at All Saint's, just the carpet rail in front of the altar and the task at St. Cuthbert's only needs to be completed every six weeks or so, my predecessor Phyllis Asquith did it monthly but this is excessive in my experience. It does take about two hours each time; you need to provide your own cleaning materials. Frequently I have had ill thoughts on the designer of the lectern, who had no regard for the difficulties of cleaning his/her intricate decorations!

Over the years I have used the time in church to research, and publish details of the names on the war memorials and to advise the identities of those members of the parish who have donated individual brasses.

There have been one or two incidents, on which I can look back with amusement although not at the time: On one occasion I was locked in the church, I had left the key in the door and Marie had come back believing that she had left the church unlocked, not checking whether anyone was inside, fortunately she had second thoughts and returned to let me out. I was not aware at the time that there is another exit behind a curtain in the vestry. On another I returned to my car to find it surrounded by numerous police officers! Fortunately they were only assembling nearby but it was a scary moment. Once I arrived to find the church set out for a funeral and I have lost count of the number of times I have been mistaken for a member of the clergy. Mostly it has been a solitary experience, although at times I have been joined by flower arrangers, those preparing for weddings, Christmas decorators, workmen, an organist practicing, and occasional visitors but mainly I have been left to my own devices and Classic FM. Mostly my choice of music has been met with the approval, by those who have joined me, although on one occasion I was asked to have it replaced!

Colin Tanswell



## Legacies to Church

Our Parish in Ackworth has a dedicated team who organise a wide range of lively social and fund-raising events; we very much appreciate all their efforts as it costs around £1,500 per week now to keep our churches open and the Parish Share and the bills paid! This is our 'general' fundraising. As well as our commitment to this, there are a number of specific programmes that ensure that we are able to both keep our buildings in good repair and develop our worship and activities. Recent examples include the audio-visual equipment installed in St. Cuthbert's Church, which gives us more flexibility in worship with music and visual images, and the farmac and gates at All Saints' Church. These projects were only made possible because we were kindly remembered by individuals in their wills.

The Diocese has advised all churches to adopt a 'Legacy Policy', and the PCC has now agreed the following. We would like to make it clear that we are enormously grateful for all gifts, and undertake to use whatever is received by the church to ensure the development of our mission and our service to the community. Thank you.

### Legacy Policy – Parish of Ackworth

Here at St Cuthbert's and All Saints' Churches, we welcome all gifts in wills, however large or small, and we promise to use your gift to make a difference in our parish. Our PCC Legacy Policy is to use gifts to help fund significant development projects, whether buildings, equipment or people.

Since needs change over the years, we encourage you to leave a gift in your will for the general purposes of the parish rather than for a restricted purpose. We will discuss possible uses of your gift with your executors when the time comes, bearing in mind your known areas of interest in the church (e.g. music, buildings, children and youth, overseas mission or aid) and the church's priorities at the time.

You can be confident that your gift will be used to make a real difference to our future mission and ministry.

We will acknowledge gifts in whatever way the donor and/or his/her executors feel most appropriate. Equally, we can make sure that gifts remain anonymous if the donor prefers.

If you would like to talk to someone in confidence about the sorts of purposes your gift might fund, and how/if you would like your gift to be acknowledged, please contact one of our Church Wardens:

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If you would like to make a gift to our church in memoriam, please come and discuss this with us too. It can be a wonderful and appropriate way to remember a loved one.

Ackworth Parochial Church Council  
July 2017

## Annual Pilgrimage

**The Ackworth Annual Pilgrimage** – this is the third so we think that we can now call it that – took place on Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup>. This year we were heading up into North Yorkshire, to the coast, to follow in the footsteps of the early Pilgrims who went to Whitby to listen, to learn and to live with the Abbess Hilda who had founded the Abbey at Whitby.

Hilda was an important figure in the conversion of the Anglo-Saxons to Christianity; she was abbess at several monasteries and recognised for the wisdom that drew kings to her for advice. She was born in 614 into a wealthy and powerful family but at the age of 33, Hilda decided to answer the call of Bishop Aidan of Lindisfarne and went to Northumbria to live as a nun. In 657 Hilda became the founding abbess of Whitby Abbey and she remained there until her death on 17<sup>th</sup> November 680 AD. Archaeological evidence shows that her monastery was in the Celtic style, with its members living in small houses, each for two or three people. The tradition in double monasteries such as Whitby was that men and women lived separately but worshipped together in church. The original ideals of monasticism were maintained strictly in Hilda's abbey; all property and goods were held in common and Christian virtues were exercised, especially peace and charity. Everyone had to study the Bible and do good works.

But enough of this ancient history, back to July 1<sup>st</sup> 2017!

There were 22 of us, including Nigel the driver, heading off to the A1 North junction just after 9.00am that morning. The weather looked promising – for which we were all thankful, given the heavy rain that we had had for most of that week – and there was a quiet air of excitement as we travelled through lovely countryside to start our Whitby Walk at Robin Hood's Bay. Some Pilgrims had decided to wander around the town rather than along the coastal path so having left 11 of us to trek along the cliff-tops the rest went with Nigel into the popular and attractive town itself.



The weather was perfect for the walk, bright and yet fresh. We chatted, shared stories and stopped to admire the superb views of the sea along the way and before we knew it we had walked the 3 miles to the large grassy patch which was ideal for our lunch break. What a view! What a place this is! But we had 3 ½ more miles to go and knew we had to get moving again, this time up and down steps and slippery stones and over stiles before we were once again on the top of the cliffs and walking with the sea stretching out alongside us. We





passed some dwellings – and two were attached to an enormous Fog Horn, interestingly – and many other people walking the other way to us, away from Whitby!

Finally, just around the bend in the landscape we saw the Abbey – what an attractive building it still is- and we knew we had almost completed our mission for the day. Hopefully we would meet up with the rest of the group and find out what they had been doing in the town all day – and at exactly the time we had planned, there they were! We heard tales of excursions in a Pirate’s ship, of shopping, of buckets and spades, of cakes and coffee and, naturally enough, Fish and Chip dinners! Everyone had thoroughly enjoyed themselves and had spent a wonderful day in Whitby.

But, the highlight of the day was yet to come – our outdoor service of thanksgiving, high up in the grounds of the abbey and overlooking the town, the estuary and the sea. What an incredible backdrop and how wonderful that we could share in a service, outside in the sunshine and with families and other folk around. This was a brilliant day where we could value our heritage and our countryside and appreciate the efforts those early Christians made to spread their Faith. Of course, we are all left with a big question...”where are we going next time?” I am sure Rev Paul Fox will have a plan!



# ST CUTHBERT'S & ALL SAINTS CHURCH SUMMER DRAW 2017

We would like to thank everyone who took part in the Grand Summer Draw by buying or selling tickets and for everyone who donated prizes including the Wentbridge House Hotel. We are pleased to be able to announce that the draw held at the Afternoon Tea event raised the grand sum of £453 towards the upkeep of our churches. The list of winners is given below and has been posted in both of the churches. All the prizes have been delivered.

Thank you all!!!

| <b>NO</b> | <b>PRIZE</b>                                    | <b>TICKET</b> | <b>WINNER</b>      |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 1         | Afternoon Tea for Two at Wentbridge House Hotel | 1127          | Barbara Farey      |
| 2         | Theatre Voucher                                 | 0384          | Karen              |
| 3         | Luxury Hamper                                   | 1062          | Caroline Longhurst |
| 4         | Bottle of Whisky                                | 0663          | Sue Tanswell       |
| 5         | Bottle of Apricot Brandy                        | 0642          | Simba Hall         |
| 6         | Bottle of Merlot                                | 1107          | Ute                |
| 7         | Pen Set                                         | 1076          | Jean Charlton      |
| 8         | Luxury Toiletries                               | 0764          | Sadie Lovell       |
| 9         | Baylis & Harding Gift Pack                      | 1315          | Lynne Ward         |
| 10        | Thesaurus                                       | 0607          | Albert Hall        |

## Readings Rota for August 2017, September 2017

| Date       | Liturgical Week | Old Testament            | New Testament            | Gospel                      | St Cuthbert's | ser | All Saints'  |
|------------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|-----|--------------|
| 06/08/2017 | Proper 13       | Genesis 3<br>2:22-31     | Romans<br>9:1-5          | Matthew<br>14:13-21         | Jane Gosney   |     | Mr I Hall    |
| 13/08/2017 | Proper 14       | Genesis<br>37:1-4, 12-28 | Romans<br>10:5-15        | Matthew<br>14:22-33         |               | P   | Mrs S Hall   |
| 20/08/2017 | Proper 15       | Genesis<br>45:1-15       | Romans<br>11:1-2a, 29-32 | Matthew<br>15:(10-20) 21-28 | Anne Bullock  |     | Mrs M Walker |
| 27/08/2017 | Proper 16       | Exodus<br>1:8-2:10       | Romans<br>12:1-8         | Matthew<br>16:13-20         |               | B   | Mrs H Hunter |
| 03/09/2017 | Proper 17       | Exodus<br>3:1-15         | Romans<br>12:9-21        | Matthew<br>16:21-28         | Jackie Dawson |     | Mr I Hall    |
| 10/09/2017 | Proper 18       | Exodus<br>12:1-14        | Romans<br>13:8-14        | Matthew<br>18:15-20         |               | P   | Mrs S Hall   |
| 17/09/2017 | Proper 19       | Exodus<br>14:19-31       | Romans<br>14:1-12        | Matthew<br>18:21-35         | Jane Siddall  |     | Mrs M Walker |
| 24/09/2017 | Proper 20       | Exodus<br>16:2-15        | Phillipians<br>1:21-end  | Matthew<br>20:1-16          |               | B   | Mrs H Hunter |

ALL SAINTS' FLOWERS

|            |                |
|------------|----------------|
| AUG 6 TH   | UTE            |
| AUG 13 TH  | FLOWER FUND    |
| AUG 20 TH  | JEAN HANCOCKS  |
| AUG 27 TH  | FLOWER FUND    |
| SEPT 3 RD  | FLOWER FUND    |
| SEPT 10 TH | ANNE HURST     |
| SEPT 17 TH | WENDY LAYBOURN |
| SEPT 24 TH | FLOWER FUND    |

ST. CUTHBERT'S FLOWERS

|            |            |
|------------|------------|
| AUG 6 TH   | WEDDING    |
| AUG 13 TH  | ROTA       |
| AUG 20 TH  | WEDDING    |
| AUG 27 TH  | WEDDING    |
| SEPT 3 RD  | ROTA       |
| SEPT 10 TH | ROTA       |
| SEPT 17 TH | ROTA       |
| SEPT 24 TH | STELLA LEE |



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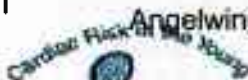


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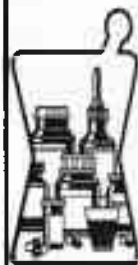


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## From the Registers

### Baptisms

01/06/17 Charles Gilbey Thomas  
09/07/17 Leo David Remmer

### Marriages

20/05/17 Josh Saul Firth & Rebecca Lindsay  
03/06/17 Stephen John Reynolds & Phillipa Inga Carveth-Johnson  
08/07/17 Thomas James Baker & Rebecca Marie Lewis

### Funerals

21/05/17 Leslie Jeffrey Hirst (74) Ackworth  
23/05/17 Inga Steer (93) Ackworth  
31/05/17 Evelyn Wood ( 96) Pontefract  
13/06/17 Nora Shaw (87) Ackworth  
13/06/17 Irene Howell (87) Ackworth  
20/06/17 Margaret Stoker (66) Ackworth  
03/07/17 David Herbert Wilby-Palmer (76) Ackworth  
20/07/17 Beryl Allen (76) Pontefract.

### SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Quakers)

Ackworth School Meeting House, Sundays, 10:45am

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## **Sunday Services for August 2017 and September 2017**

### **Sunday Services**

|         |                                                         |               |
|---------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 8.30am  | Holy Communion<br>(2nd & 4th Sunday BCP service)        | All Saints'   |
| 10.15am | Family Communion                                        | St Cuthbert's |
| 3.30pm  | Evensong<br>(except 3rd Sunday in month)                | All Saints'   |
| 3.30pm  | Evensong with Healing Prayer<br>(third Sunday in month) | All Saints'   |

### **Wednesday Service**

|        |                |             |
|--------|----------------|-------------|
| 9.30am | Holy Communion | All Saints' |
|--------|----------------|-------------|



### **ACKWORTH COMMUNITY CHURCH**

|                                                                                                       |              |                                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>                                                                                         | 10.30am      | <b>Worship</b>                    |
|                                                                                                       | 6.30pm       | <b>Prayer Meeting</b>             |
| <b>Tuesday</b>                                                                                        | 9.30—11.15am | <b>Parents and Toddlers Group</b> |
| <b>Wednesday</b>                                                                                      | 9.30—11.15am | <b>Parents and Toddlers Group</b> |
| <b>All services and meetings are held at the Ackworth Parish Council Community Centre, Bell Lane.</b> |              |                                   |

### **Little Friends Mother and Toddler Group**

1st and 3rd Thursday of each month

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