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Dear Friends

As you will have been aware, I had major surgery (triple coronary by-pass) at the beginning of November and have been recovering since then. However, I am feeling fit and raring to go and will start work at the beginning February in a phased return. In total I have been off work for three months apparently the norm for people recovering from major heart surgery. Whilst such a long period may be necessary to recover physically it does leave a lot of time to occupy oneself mentally and emotionally.

It brought me round to thinking about another extended period in ones spiritual life -Lent (Ash Wednesday 1st March), even Jesus had the extended period of quiet reflection of 40 days in the wilderness. Lent has long suffered a bad press and has long been associated with negative connotations, a time for not doing things –a time of penitence when we focus on sin. Certainly for those on the fringes and non-Christians it casts Christians as miserable, austere and gloomy people. This is probably because fun and celebration is seen as sinful!

Now, whilst I am not going to recommend that we party our way through Lent, neither am I going to suggest that we abstain from all interaction with friends and family. Certainly I'm not going to suggest that we wander around with gloomy faces. In his famous 'sermon on the mount' Jesus taught "... "When you fast do not look sombre as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show men they are fasting". When you fast put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to men that you are fasting' (Matt 6:16-17). Lent is a time when we can grow spiritually and become better Christians; a time of preparation for the new resurrection life which we celebrate at the end of Lent at Easter.

The time following my operation has been a time of reflection and renewal - a time not just for physical recuperation but also a time of spiritual and mental regeneration, to live to the full the new lease of life which surgery has given me. Through Lent we need to reflect and prepare for the new lease of life that resurrection offers us at Easter. You might say that my by-pass surgery has given me a change of heart - in a spiritual, mental and emotional sense, that is exactly what Lent ought to do for us as Christians - give us a change of heart - give us a new heart open to the love of Jesus Christ.

Wishing you a blessed Lent,

Paul.

Pastoral Care

Pastoral care basically means looking after other people, and meeting their needs where we can. It is an integral part of what we as Christians should be doing. Jesus says in Matthew chapter 25, that what we do for the least of people we do for him. So this is not something we can ignore.

During last year our church reformed its pastoral team, which has met to develop new ways of working, in order that we might be able to meet those needs that we come across. We are aware that many people are already doing this kind of work, and there is no intention to stop this, or even duplicate it. However, we do want to make sure that no one goes unmissed, or that no one receives care when we could deliver it.

The members of our pastoral team have committed themselves to looking out for people in our congregations. So if a perceived need is noticed, the pastoral team may be able to offer help.

We have looked at our Baptism policy and would wish to consolidate the work and the visiting that is being done in relation to baptisms. We ran a very successful bereavement course before Christmas, and many of those who attended have committed themselves to being involved in looking after those who are bereaved if needed. On Sunday 15th January, each of our Sunday services were devoted to promoting Pastoral care. As a result, we have many offers of help if and when they are needed. So as a church we feel we are beginning to be in a position where we can do more looking after, in a more effective way.

If you know someone who might have some kind of need, whether that is someone to visit them and chat or someone to help with shopping, or a lift to an appointment or church, or any other kind of help, please contact one of the members of our pastoral team listed below (contact details at the front of the magazine). If we can help, and someone wants our help then we will do what we can.

We must remember that not everyone wants help, but we are ready and willing to offer it when necessary.

The Pastoral Team members are: Paul Hartley, Paul Fox, Lynne Ward, Julie Davis, Jackie Dawson, Jackie Fox, Jane Gosney, Chris Croft, Caroline Longhurst.

All Saints' Fairs

The total monies raised last year from the seven fairs held was £5531. Thanks are due to many people and without singling out individuals you all know who you are. Thank you very much for the help, support and commitment which ensured another successful year.

God willing, it is the intention to hold more fairs this year again at All Saints' and I detail the PROPOSED dates hereunder:-

Easter Fair Saturday 8th April
Spring Fair Saturday 6th May
June Fair Saturday 3rd June
Summer Fair Saturday 1st July

NO FAIR IN AUGUST

Autumn Fair Saturday 2nd September
Harvest Fair Saturday 7th October
Christmas Fair Saturday 18th November

Times are the same and all will be in the afternoon normally from 1pm to 3.30pm.

Please note these are proposed dates which may be subject to change dependant on the availability of helpers however if dates are changed then adequate notice will be posted and placed in the church newsletter.

As usual we intend to run similar stalls to those which we have done in the past and your donations of prizes for the tombola, raffles and Bric a Brac will be most gratefully received. These can be left at either church (but please do not start before March) or contact Ian Hall 612003 or Derek Longhurst 01924 865026 should you need items collecting.

Once again my thanks go out to you all and we very much look forward to your continuing help and support this year.

SPRING BULB SALE SATURDAY 18TH MARCH

WE WILL BE HOLDING A SALE (INDOORS) AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH OF SPRING FLOWERING BULBS ON SATURDAY 18TH MARCH BETWEEN 1PM AND 3PM.

DO PLEASE COME ALONG AND SUPPORT US, THERE WILL BE SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY INCLUDING DWARF DAFFODILS AND TULIPS, CROCUS, GIANT SNOWDROPS, IRIS, RUSSIAN SNOWDROPS, HYACINTH, ANEMONES AND POSSIBLY SOME SPRING PLANTERS. AS USUAL ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO DIRECTLY TO CHURCH FUNDS SO WAIT TO BUY FROM US (AT REALLY KEEN PRICES AND MUCH BETTER VALUE THAN THE LOCAL GARDEN CENTRES) FOR EARLY SPRING COLOUR IN THE GARDEN.

SIMPLE REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE DAY

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS SALE WE NEED YOUR UNWANTED AND JUNK CLOTHING

Carolyn and Derek Longhurst will be collecting and selling your unwanted clothes so no matter how tatty they are if you could bring them to either church starting the first week in March, ready bagged ,then Derek and Carolyn will take them to the clothes bank in Wakefield who are paying 50p a kilo and again all monies raised from this will go directly to church funds.
Should this prove to be successful then we would hope to continue this at all the All Saints' Fairs throughout 2017

They Fell in the Great War

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

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

Ackworth Roll of Honour Book records:

5730 Private, Royal Welsh Fusiliers, 8th Battalion, died Thursday 15.2.17 (23)

Buried Basra War Cemetery, Iraq

Resident of Ackworth

Appears on the Ackworth Working Men's Club Roll of Honour

LOVELL Harold – 241796, Private, killed in action, Sunday 25.2.17 (19)

King' Own Yorkshire Light Infantry 2/5 Battalion

Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France

Son of David & Alice 3, Greenfield's Buildings Brackenhill, Ackworth

PESTERFIELD John Thomas – 241775 Private, killed in action, Sunday 25.2.17 (19)

King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, 2/5th Battalion

Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France

Son of Edwin & Mary Ann, Parker's Fold, Brackenhill, Ackworth

A heart screening in a shed pub!

A FIRST FOR ENGLAND; A FIRST FOR YORKSHIRE; A FIRST FOR ACKWORTH.

On Sunday 5th March 2017 The Rory James Emblin Foundation at Cardiac Risk in the Young will perform the heart screening of 100 local young people in a shed pub created in memory of Rory.

Every week (800 per year) 16 young people in the U.K. die from an undiagnosed heart issue.

On May 17th 2014 our son and brother Rory was one of them.

Through Cardiac Risk in the Young we aim to prevent young people dying unnecessarily and to protect potentially bereaved families.

If you are a local person between the ages of 14-35 and wish to be screened please contact Chris Embling by email on cembling10@aol.com.

The screening is entirely funded by Rory's Foundation at CRY.

Prince of Wales (Ackworth Support Group) Coffee Morning

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the coffee morning will not be held in March this year.

We hope that the November one will take place as usual.

Regards

Colin

TED, a Cricketer and dedicated church member

Ted attended church each week with regularity,
His voice sustained the choir with basic harmony,
But playing cricket was to him
The first of all his loves
On Saturdays you'd find him dressed
In batting pads and gloves.

But one thing troubled Edward's mind
Through sermon, hymn and prayer,
That Heaven could not be Heaven
Unless there's cricket there!

One Sunday after church, the Rector beckoned Ted
And in the vestry he kindly smiled and said
"I've been in touch with Heaven for you
And from enquires made
There is a Heavenly cricket league
With teams of every grade"

"But that not all" he added then
"I also have to say
They told me that they'd got you down
To play next Saturday!"

With thanks to HWW

ACT – Ackworth Churches Together

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.

Women's World Day of Prayer

On Friday March 3rd 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 the Philippines for women and men throughout the world. We welcome Rev. Jenny Montgomery to be the Speaker.

All are welcome to this service – we look forward to seeing you!

Fair Trade Coffee morning:

Saturday March 4th at the Methodist Church, 10.00-12.00 with stalls, coffee and cakes

Lent Course:

This year the Lent Course will start on Wednesday 8th March to run for 5 weeks in the run up to Easter. Come to Ackworth School, the Fothergill entrance near to the car park at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. This will be an interesting change from the usual format and will be led by different village church leaders – everyone is welcome!

An evening with Bruce and Janine Dyer:

Thursday March 16th at 7.30pm in Electric Theatre, Wakefield Road, Ackworth
Bruce played professional football for Barnsley FC and his wife, Janine is a singer who featured last year on the BBC show, The Voice. They will be sharing their stories of life, career and faith.

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Contact Ackworth Community Church 01977 649320 or

guest.ashley@googlemail.com

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.

Please note these future events and ventures and look for what interests you... join in our village life and be part of the Community!

Lent Course 2017

Ackworth Churches Together will be running a Lent course again this year on five Wednesday evenings starting 8th March at 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start. Venue yet to be announced.

We are doing something a little different this year, and not using the York courses we have used previously. We are running a course on

Discipleship, looking at what it means to be a disciple of Christ. The five sessions are:

8th March Andrew – Exploring our response to the call of Jesus to be a disciple

15th March Peter – Exploring what a disciple's response to Jesus really is

22nd March John – Exploring the responsibility of being a disciple

29th March Stephen – Exploring the opposition faced by disciples

5th April Timothy – Exploring the perseverance and endurance needed to be a disciple.

We would encourage all members of our churches to attend these courses which will be led in a lively and engaging way, to help us all think through this important aspect of the Christian life.

Thursday Club

We are starting a new social event at for the Parish on the second Thursday of each month, starting at All Saints' Church at 7.30pm on Thursday 9th March, 2017.

At each meeting of the Thursday Club, there will be some form of entertainment such as an informal concert, a demonstration, or a talk. We aim to provide a varied programme so that hopefully there will be something to appeal to everyone. The entertainment will last about 45 minutes and will be followed with refreshments and a chance to chat.

Please come along and support this new venture – an opportunity to meet friends and enjoy an evening out. We look forward to seeing you!

Events Group

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE NEWS

The Christingle Service was very well attended and supported in December. Well over £600 was raised to support the work of the Children's Society. Thank you so much to all who helped make the Christingles and those who came to the services at All Saints' and St Cuthbert's.

Helen Parkinson

Women's World Day of Prayer – International and Interdenominational

Am I being unfair to you?

On Friday 3rd March over 5,000 services will be held in Britain on the theme of

'Am I being Unfair to You?'

The Christian women of the Philippines wrote the service and it has been translated into 1,000 different languages and dialects, to be used all over the world on Friday 3rd March, starting at sunrise over the island of Samoa and continuing until sunset off the coast of American Samoa. In 2013, Typhoon Haiyan – named locally as 'Yolanda' – struck the Philippine islands in the western Pacific Ocean. This is mentioned in the service but you will also hear the stories of a mother and an older woman, recounting their situations and their hopes and fears. The service focusses on the Bible story of the workers in the vineyard: Matthew 20 v1-16. There is a reflection on the artwork designed by Rowena 'Apol' Laxamana-Sta.Rosa. It is very thought provoking and illustrates contrasting scenes.

The Rev. Jenny Montgomery has been invited to give her Reflection on the theme - an old friend that we were all pleased is able to be with us for the evening.

Why not find out more about the theme the Philippines and the service? The day of Prayer is not just for women – everyone is welcome to attend the service. To find out more please visit the WWDP website: www.wwdp.org.uk

The service in Ackworth will be held at 7.00pm in the Music Centre at Ackworth School on Friday, March 3rd and we look forward to seeing you there.

Grand Christmas Draw 2016

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 Rustic Arms. We are pleased to be able to announce that the draw raised the grand sum of £281 towards the upkeep of our churches. All the prizes have been delivered and a list of winners has been posted in both of the churches
Thank you all!!

Readings Rota for February 2017, March 2017

Date	Liturgical Week	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel	St Cuthbert's	ser	All Saints'
05/02/2017	4th Before Lent	Isaiah 58:1-9	1 Corinthians 2:1-12	Matthew 5:13-20	Sue Hartley		Mrs M Walker
12/02/2017	3rd Before Lent	Deuteronomy 30:15-end	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Matthew 5:21-37		P	Mrs H Hunter
19/02/2017	2nd Before Lent	Genesis 1:1-2:3	Romans 8:18-25	Matthew 6:25-end	Keith Shaw		Mr I Hall
26/02/2017	Sunday Next Before Lent	Exodus 24:12-18	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matthew 17:1-9		B	Mrs S Hall
05/03/2017	1st Sunday of Lent	Genesis 2:15-17 & 3:1-7	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11	Jane Gosney		Mrs M Walker
12/03/2017	2nd Sunday of Lent	Genesis 12:1-4a	Romans 4:1-5 & 13-17	John 3:1-17		P	Mrs H Hunter
19/03/2017	3rd Sunday of Lent	Exodus 17:1-7	Romans 5:1-11	John 4:5-42	Anne Bullock		Mr I Hall
26/03/2017	Mothering Sunday	1 Samuel 1:20-end	Colossians 3:12-17	Luke 2:33-35		B	Mrs S Hall

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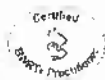
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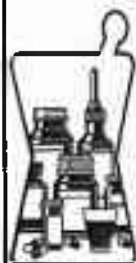
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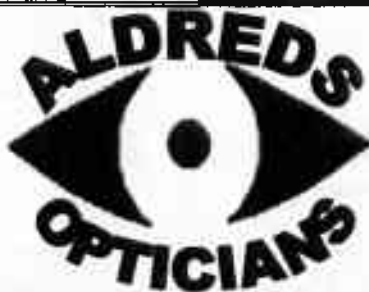
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Thursday
Music Quiz Night
9.30pm
With FREE supper

Sunday
Carvery 12 – 4pm
Main Menu 5pm – 8pm

From the Registers

Baptisms

- 30/10/16 Reuben James Harrison
Oliver James Stephenson
13/11/16 Isaac John Dennis
Elliot Patrick Dennis
Lily Louise Gillies
11/12/16 Lilly Abigail Davis
08/01/17 Liam Michael Bouskill

Marriages

- 21/10/16 Gemma Elizabeth Fox & Adam Ives

Funerals

- 27/10/16 Raymond Askham (77) Pontefract
11/11/16 Edith Skidmore (91) Ackworth
15/11/16 Stanley Smith (77) Ackworth
16/12/16 Gladys Anderson (95) Ackworth
18/01/17 Nellie Turton (99) Rotherham
24/01/17 Malcolm Rooke (79) Ackworth

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Quakers)

Ackworth School Meeting House, Sundays, 10:45am

ACKWORTH METHODIST CHURCH BARNSELY 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

THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH PONTEFRACT

Incorporating ST MICHAEL KNOTTINGLEY

FATHER SIMON LODGE

Sunday Mass Times

ST MICHAEL 9 am. ST JOSEPH 11.30 am, Evening 6 pm.

Mass Times for The Parish Of The Sacred Heart RC

Father Anthony Fenton

Sacred Heart, Hemsworth

Sunday, 10:45am Saturday Night Mass, 6:00pm

Sunday Services for February 2017 and March 2017

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

Wednesday 1st March - Ash Wednesday

9:30am All Saints Communion with imposition of ashes

7:30pm St Cuthberts Communion with imposition of ashes

Sunday 26th March – Mothering Sunday

ACKWORTH COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday	10.30am	Worship
	6.30pm	Prayer Meeting
Tuesday	9.30—11.15am	Parents and Toddlers Group
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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.