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Dear Friends,

At this year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting in April, I set out a vision for the future. The annual meeting is an excellent time to interest and excite people with both what is happening now, and what is about to happen. The vision first and foremost is written through a commitment to listening to God and asking for His guidance for our PCC and parish in our shared work over the coming year. The vision is also based on the Parish Brochure which was written in anticipation of attracting a new parish priest and also based on my application to the post of Priest-in Charge of Ackworth. I hope you not only enjoy reading the vision, but engage with the plans for the parish. I would welcome your comments and ideas.

With God's Blessing

Charlene

Rev. Charlene Smith: Vision for 2018

I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send and who will go for us?' Then I said, 'Here am I! Send me.' Isaiah 6:8

Churches play a unique role in the particular place in which they are set. We have a unique vocation and calling to the community we serve. We work together in our unique context to point people to Christ and to be a focus of common solidarity and Christian hope.

Bishop Nick (Diocese of Leeds), shares a vision for: Confident Christians, Growing Churches, Transforming Communities. Characterised by: Loving, Living, Learning. Enabled by: Clergy and lay together, purposeful, resourcing, dynamic partnerships.

I offer to you courageous servant-ship in all aspects of priestly ministry, supporting and defending all souls to which I share responsibility for. My ministry is to lead God's people in Ackworth in worship, fellowship and celebration.

But I must warn you that my ministry here comes with a note of caution. Mine is a ministry that is shared with the Bishop and you! We are all called out through our shared Baptismal commitment to play a proactive part in our mission and ministry. My specific ministry here is to discern and foster, guided by the Spirit, the gifts of all God's people that the whole church may be built up in unity and faith. I know that I will have your support and help in building this integral ministry together. It may have been a while, but I would ask you seriously to think of your ministry and vocation here and how we can build on the foundations of collaborative ministry already in place, to facilitate new ways of sharing in God's Life today for continued spiritual growth.

In collaboration, we will work to empower and identify key people in the parish of Ackworth, mentoring their talents and unique gifts, redirecting energies, and developing ministries to capture and shape the fullness of God's Kingdom through the diversity of lay and ordained ministry - in essence, the building up of the Body of Christ to discern and equip the Body for service. In the truest



sense building up the Body of Christ requires courage; to see things as they really are and to say it how it is, to invest where needed and equip people to be confident in reaching out into the wider community. Together I would like you and I, this church, to build on collaborative ministry that seeks to raise our profile, ensuring that everyone has a spiritual home and can find purpose and wholeness.

Our calling is to nurture a loving relationship with God, with one another, and with the world around. This calling certainly calls for faith, sacrifice and 'sheer

dogged endurance' yet it constitutes a clear and straightforward agenda for the church expressed through its life of prayer. My rule of life in ministry is a daily discipline of obedience to prayer through the daily offices and the celebration of the Eucharist. As a new parish priest, it is my ministry to encourage your attendance at the daily offices and provide this structure of prayer for people to immerse in and rely on. How we relate to God through prayer is an integral part of discerning God's call on our lives and our part in the spiritual life of this community of faith. Those of us who are longstanding members of this church, need to help newcomers in getting established in good, but achievable disciplines in this fundamental area of prayer, but can only achieve this if it is part of our discipline too. Let us come back to prayer, let it form part of our discipline once again.

Again in collaboration we will seek to continue to raise the profile of our churches within the community, if you like, 'try to scratch where the community itches'. Seeking out community partnerships and projects, and being a visible

approachable presence in the community, I will encourage connections with families and people through schools and other avenues, nurturing a genuine interest in their needs. 'Little Friends' is a priority group for the church, with your help and support I plan to nurture the group's identity, recognising the gifts of its members and support the spiritual growth of the group. I have a commitment to growth not just in terms of physical numbers but also to the profound spiritual development that comes with embracing this life to which we are all called.



I'm a great believer in meeting people where they are; to be a church beyond the walls and move outside the regular pattern of Sunday worship. I will

seek to bring church to where the people are, working in partnership with the local schools and clubs.

School ministry is an area I will look to develop in collaboration with the parish, encouraging the laity to build relationships and support/lead worship. I will work hard to be a visual presence in the parish.

Now, I understand that change management will be an integral part of my ministry in this parish. To be Christian is to be open to change. Change is necessary for growth. It is part of and a consequence of the Christian life. Not changing or developing and growing, if you like, is spiritual stagnation and death. Strong words, I know! But we need to be a community that is to watch for the signs of God's new creation. This task of throwing a spanner in the works of comfort, order and harmony is a Godly calling, and one which the first followers of Jesus were renowned for, but it is also our calling, yours and mine alike.

Change is already on the agenda as we seek to enable and equip the parish of Ackworth in looking forward, with a renewed unified vision for mission opportunities, in relation to the re-ordering of All Saints church and the possible pastoral reorganisation in the parish and deanery. I believe that it is a necessity to nurture an environment of mutual trust and respect in undertaking any project, to foster good organisation and administration in applying the gifts and talents on offer. As part of re-ordering All Saints, the parish wishes to create a flexible worship space, and useable meeting area for church and community outreach projects. I feel that this will work towards creating the kind of church that has a voice and place in the twenty first century, raising the

visible profile of the church whilst meeting the needs and challenges in the community and building up the Body of Christ.

Liturgical renewal is high on the agenda, a desire to rethink liturgy from basic principles to transform it into a genuine experience of God, I hope that my enthusiasm will energise this community to actively support and engage with liturgy and worship.

Together we will make the connections between liturgical theory and the experience of Sunday worship; the need to be aware of the wider horizons and to look beyond them to what we might discover and what we might become.

I have an acute eye for detail, and I



have seen worship both done superbly well, and also done terribly, and I ask that you have confidence in me as a liturgist to create beautiful liturgy. The power of communal worship and good liturgy can act like a window into another world. Good liturgy is living and we have to have a declaration of intent, a programme of liturgical formation that will be instrumental in transforming this worshipping parish. Now you maybe thinking that you are happy with the worship and liturgy, and the thought of transformation may turn you cold, or put you on edge. But as I said at the very beginning, to be Christian is to be open to change. Change is necessary for growth. I understand your anxiety, and I can honestly say that I, in my own past experiences, have questioned change; when God has called me from my safety zone into the unknown. But God is a God of Love, and I seek to serve you as a servant of Christ, and to love you as Christ loves you. God re-creates all the time, every day is a new creation and we too have to join in in this transforming act of constant renewal. We have to get used to change; from now on this community of faith is exploring its identity through change in its worship. All followers of Jesus Christ should be ready to experience constant change.

My main objective in the two church buildings, is to separate out distinct liturgical spaces. Sometimes we have buildings as we do that have various and conflicting activities to accommodate. But the words 'liturgical space' are misleading, as space, is the last word that springs to mind when I think about our two churches, we lack space! In order to facilitate this Liturgical renewal the essential first step is to clear some space, and to create a liturgical platform.

I also want to build on the worship sub group, by adding new members including some of our younger worshippers, 'Come and see' Jesus said and this curiosity is what I want to encourage. Liturgy is like a journey, we have to make provision for some elements of the journey to be experience in our worship, like a procession, let's not just talk about journey, but within our liturgy we actually make a journey by getting on the move through our liturgical space. Modelling the character of Christ together we will work towards developing a defined parish identity and mission plan. Who are we? What makes us unique?

Through our newly formed Communication group, we have already begun some of this crucial work, including redesigning notice boards, adopting a parish logo, and parish strapline from 1 Corinthians 13 'Faith, Hope, Love'. Now... Faith, Hope and Love are three indispensable qualities in the life of the Christian disciple. I will be looking to lead a cohesive parish, with Faith, Hope, and Love ringing in our ears. For me clarity in regards to the mission statement is key for the life and ministry of this parish moving forward into a new phase. 'To grow as a disciple is to take the journey from understanding into Faith, from memory into Hope, and from hope into Love' Quote from Rowan Williams.

In today's society, we can rarely do anything without something screaming for our attention, not surprising then that the church can struggle to make our voice heard. There are lots of good works already happening in the parish of Ackworth, but we have to ask the questions: what is the strategic role of these

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good works and sub ministries? How can we make sure our churches, activities, events and people get noticed in this busy, secular, visual world? The aim of the Communication group is not just to commutate with the wider community to 'get our church noticed' the aim is to draw people closer to God. In fact that is our main aim, full stop! The mission plan of the Communication group is to market our churches as a vibrant, exciting community, as a way of encouraging both church goers and non-churchgoers to sample our activities, learn more of the Gospel and develop your/their own faith; in a nutshell Faith, Hope, and Love.

Over the next few months we will work on church communication as two elements, internal communication: helping church members understand the church's vision and priorities, teach the faith, and making sure the church is aware of news and forthcoming events. It also involves making sure church members can communicate with each other and provide feedback to the leadership. This I believe will lead to peace of mind, and confidence, and enable progression through a greater understanding of what is going on and the ability for us to plan ahead. To be honest the best adverts for our churches are the people who already attend. That's you! If you know about events well in advance, and activities in some detail, then your word of mouth recommendations will be informed and passionate.

The second element we will work on is external communication: which involves communicating with the wider community about forthcoming events, worship services, and how the church can help in times of need, and the Gospel message itself.



There are many other things also to look forward to in the coming months. Enquiry courses, Parish Pilgrimage, Confirmations, all signs of the Kingdom. But I want to leave you excited for the future. So I finish by offering to you my energy and enthusiasm to improve, progress and to continue to make successful this parish. I hope that I have set out a vision of collaboration and change that leads to creating new and exciting opportunities. And I ask for your support, and co-operation in promoting the parish in the whole mission of God's Church, as set out by the role of the PCC in pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical mission and ministry.

Your Priest in Charge

Charlene

Ackworth War Dead - WW1

Please remember the following brave men who gave the ultimate sacrifice in the Great War:

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

Ackworth Roll of Honour records:

34866, Private, died Sunday 24.3.18, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, 9th Battalion, Buried Honnechy British Cemetery, Nord, France. No Ackworth connection noted

O'HARA James – 302232 Private, killed in action, Friday 22.3.18 (21)
Leicestershire Regiment 1st Battalion, formerly 4627 Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.

Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais France
Son John & Elizabeth, Station Road, Ackworth

PARKIN Frank (Unable to identify individually from the Commonwealth War Grave Commission web-site)

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

Ackworth Roll of Honour Book records:

240781, Private, died Thursday 28.3.18, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, 5th Battalion, Buried Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery, Souchez, Pas de Calais, France.

There is no indication of an Ackworth connection

STOKER Walter, 144711, Sapper, Corps of Royal Engineers, No 7 Depot Coy., ETC., RE., Deganwy, killed in action 30.3.18, commemorated on the Poziers Memorial, Somme, France, born Ackworth Moor Top

DICKINSON Charles *David* – 47780, Private died of wounds, Monday 15.4.18 (21)

Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry 2/4 Battalion

Buried in Doullens Communal Cemetery Extension No 1, Somme, France
Son of Lionel & Clara of High Ackworth

DOUGHTY Walter – 26531, Private, killed in action Monday 29.4.18 (19)
Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment) 1st/4th Battalion.

Buried La Clytte Military Cemetery, Heuvelland, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium
Son of Walter & Bertha of Carr Bridge Ackworth

GRAHAM John William – 142587, Private, died Sunday 5.5.18 (29)
Machine Gun Corps (Infantry)

Buried St. Michael & Our Lady Church Yard Wragby, West Yorkshire
Husband of Mary Alice Lees (formerly Graham) Seal's Buildings, Brackenhill, Ackworth.

HIRST George – 48494, Private, died Tuesday 16.4.18 (31)

Northumberland Fusiliers, 9th Battalion

Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, Belgium
Son of James Edward & Emma of Moor Top Ackworth.

PYCOCK Percy *Waldemar* – 37571 Sergeant, killed in action, Wednesday 8.5.18 (23)

Awarded the Military Medal.

Royal Garrison Artillery 319th Siege Battalion

Buried Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery. Poperinge, West Vlaanderen, Belgium

Son WM & S Poplars Farm Ackworth Moor Top

SHARPE *Samuel Gordon* – Z/11487 Tyneside, Ordinary Telegraphist,

Died Sunday 7.4.18 (18)

Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve, HMCoastal Motor Boat No 31 (tender to HMS Arrogant)

Buried in the Nunhead (All Saint's) Cemetery, London

Son Samuel & Sarah, 8 Greenfield Terrace, High Ackworth

Ackworth School are hosting the following events in May & June 2018 and welcome the local community, to come and join us.

Wednesday 13th June 2018 from 7-9pm in Centre Library – Summer Flower Arranging Workshop

The Summer flower workshop is £20 per person, which includes all the flowers, materials and refreshments. Your Summer flower arrangement is yours to take home at the end of the evening.

For tickets or more information, please contact Karen on 07815 743288 or email the PSA at PSA@ackworthschool.com

Friday 15th June 2018 Bag2School collection – please drop off before 9am in Ackworth School Car Park

We are raising funds collecting unwanted clothes. Bag2school collect and sell unwanted textiles to importers and wholesalers. If you would like to contribute, please collect a Bag2school bag from Ackworth School reception and drop off before 8am-9am on Friday 15th June 2018.

ACT – Ackworth Churches Together

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Village Gala – Saturday 30th June 2018: we hope to see you there!

Just to add...

A Toddler Group takes place at All Saints' Church 2pm to 3.30pm on the first and third 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 the month at 2.00-3.15pm 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!

Pippa's Perspective TAILS from the Rectory

Have you ever thought 'What if dogs could talk, what a tale they would tell?' Well this is your lucky day... I'm literally your 'fly on the wall' or 'dog under the table' view of all the comings and goings of the Rectory.

I'm Pippa... and for those of you who don't know me yet, I'm the feisty, smart, witty, beautiful, intelligent pooch that lives at the Rectory... did I mention beautiful! I generously share the Rectory with my human companions Charlene (who for some strange reason insists on wearing a dog collar), Chris and my favourite human Owen. Look out for my TAILS from the Rectory in the next issue of the parish magazine. CHOW for now!



Readings Rota for June 2018, July 2018

| Date | Liturgical Week | Old Testament | New Testament | Gospel | St Cuthbert's | ser | All Saints' |
|----------|-----------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------|-----|----------------|
| 03/06/18 | Trinity 1 | 1 Samuel 3:1-10 | 2 Corinthians 4:5-12 | Mark 2:23-3:6 | Keith Shaw | | Stella Hall |
| 10/06/18 | Trinity 2 | 1 Samuel 8:4-11 | 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 | Mark 3:20-end | ***** | | Pam Lunn |
| 17/06/18 | Trinity 3 | 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 | 2 Corinthians 5:6-17 | Mark 4:26-34 | Jane Siddall | | Ian Hall |
| 24/06/18 | Trinity 4 | 1 Samuel 17:32-49 | 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 | Mark 4:35-41 | ***** | B | Heather Hunter |
| 01/07/18 | Trinity 5 | 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 | 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 | Mark 5:21-43 | Lynne Ward | | Stella Hall |
| 08/07/18 | Trinity 6 | 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 | 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 | Mark 6:1-13 | ***** | | Pam Lunn |
| 15/07/18 | Trinity 7 | 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 | Ephesians 1:3-14 | Mark 6:14-29 | Jane Gosney | | Ian Hall |
| 22/07/18 | Trinity 8 | 2 Samuel 7:1-14a | Ephesians 2:11-22 | Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 | Chris Croft | | Heather Hunter |
| 29/07/18 | Trinity 9 | 2 Samuel 11:1-15 | Ephesians 3:14-21 | John 6:1-21 | ***** | B | Stella Hall |

St Cuthbert's Flowers

June 3rd Flower Fund
 June 10th Flower Fund
 June 17th Flower Fund
 June 24th Wedding
 July 1st Flower Fund
 July 8th Flower Fund
 July 15th Wedding
 July 22nd Flower Fund
 July 29th Wedding

All Saints' Flowers

June Cartwright
 Flower Fund
 Peggy Huby
 Flower Fund
 S & C Tanswell
 Stella Hall
 Flower Fund
 Anne Hurst
 D, V & C Williams

**Future Events in June and July**

We hope you will support these events either by attending or by offering help in the preparatory work or on the day.

Event on the Green – High Ackworth. Sunday 3rd June We are opening St Cuthbert's Church from 1.30 pm. to 4.30 pm for teas and refreshments. There will also be accompanied trips up the church tower.

All Saints' June Fair - Saturday 9th June. Tombola, Jewellery, Home made cakes, Good quality bric a brac, Household items and Plants will be on sale. Tea and coffee will be available. 1pm. to 3.30pm.

Thursday Club - 14th June. Wine tasting at St Cuthbert's. Come at 7.30pm. and enjoy an informal wine tasting evening.

Village Gala - Saturday 30th June. We are providing the refreshment tent at the Village Gala as a fund raising effort. If you can help in any way on the day or in setting up and clearing away it will be appreciated. Please sign up in church or contact the church wardens.

All Saints' Summer Fair - Saturday 7th July. Tombola, Jewellery, Home made cakes, Good quality bric a brac, Household items and Plants will be on sale. Tea and coffee will be available. 1pm. to 3.30pm.

Afternoon Tea with the Sounds of Mellow at St Cuthbert's - Saturday 21st July. Following the success of last year's Afternoon Tea we are holding a similar a similar event in the church grounds from 2 pm. with live music from "The Sound of Mellow" and trips up the tower. Please come and support us and join in the fun. Look out for the posters nearer the date for more information.

Grand Summer Draw – Drawn at the Afternoon Teas on 21st July. Tickets will soon be on sale at 50p each. You could win a Yorkshire Hamper or many other treats or prizes.

Thursday Club - 12th July. Ackworth Church Tower and Clock
 A talk by Bill Branston, helped by Tom Precious at All Saints' Church.

These are just a few of the activities of the Church in Ackworth. There are many others. St Cuthbert's Church is open to visitors during the summer on request. We are always open on Sundays, so why not join us at one of our services. For details of our services and lots more information on the activities of our churches visit our web-site www.ackworthcofe.co.uk

W A Branston

This letter to you all from Charlene came too late to be included in the last issue, so we have included it here instead.

Dear Friends,

I am delighted to have joined you in Ackworth to serve you as your parish priest.

Ackworth is fairly familiar to me, as I grew up close by in Castleford just down the road. I had a fairly normal childhood attending local schools and then onto college to study for my A-levels. This is where I first met my future husband Chris. We have been together for nearly twenty years and we have a wonderful son Owen.

It was through being actively involved in my home church All Saints Pontefract, that I first developed a sense of being called towards ordination. However, this wasn't at the forefront of my thoughts, as I was a few years into my career as a designer, but God had other plans. The idea of taking the next steps towards ordination just wouldn't go away, and I spent the next few years balanced between working, and volunteering at Church. During this time of discernment I knew nothing in life was ever going to be the same, but I had to decide whether this was the point I was going to follow God's call.

In March 2012 I attended a ministry selection panel and was recommended to train for ordination. I felt that I had embarked upon an exciting and rewarding journey encouraged by the support of my husband and son. We moved as a family to Mirfield and I joined the College of the Resurrection in the September of that year, the only theological college that shares its life with a monastic community. It was a complete change of life, not just for me but for Chris and Owen too.

I studied on a full time Theology degree in a college which is like no other. As a college the ordinands and staff share the journey of formation together through the 'Common Life'. We follow the patterns of the earliest Christian communities in living lives of generous service. We serve each other in all aspects of our daily

live, we share meals, worship and study. We are encouraged to study our Christian tradition, theology, and develop and strengthen our faith through our life of prayer; this combination has its own uniqueness within the formation process. The College of the Resurrection is, and will forever be, a distinct and special place for me and many others, and I've been very blessed to be part of it in all ways.

As I am sat here writing this short passage for you, I am looking to the future. For me time hasn't stood still. I am contemplating my new role as Priest-in-Charge, anticipating all that lies ahead. I am truly looking forward to meeting you all and getting to know you, and hopefully vice versa. God's call has taken me in all directions, from local girl, to wife, mother, ordinand, curate, and now to you. I'm looking forward to the future, serving you in this beautiful parish of Ackworth.

God's Blessing
Charlene



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From the Registers

Baptisms in the parish

Elsie Dawson
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Funerals in the parish

Lorna Williams
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ACKWORTH COMMUNITY CHURCH

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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.

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Sunday Services for June 2018 and July 2018

Sunday Services

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| 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

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| 9.30am | Holy Communion | All Saints' |
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