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My Vision for 2019—Rev'd Charlene

I assure you that I feel blessed to be speaking to you today, I continue to be blessed by God's presence in this place, as we further God's mission through the ministries carried out in love by you. Last year I stood here and read out my first vision for this parish, this helped us as a church and parish to form our vision priorities. With this in mind, this year I would like to build on this document and existing body of work as a means to be rooted and grounded in God's vision.

This morning, I want to examine four pillars, which I think are essential for this coming year for the life of this parish here in Ackworth. It is a life based on an understanding of our faith, Christianity is both simple and profound. To live out this life together, we need to understand and come back to the essentials of our Christian faith, what it is that is fundamental to our calling to be a Christian community, living and working in Ackworth.

The core of our faith, can be traced back through Christian history and tradition to four main pillars.

1. The first pillar on which we stand as a community is our shared Christian BAPTISM. It is what calls us together as a Christian community, it is central to our faith. Baptism affirms our shared identity, our Christian lives are interwoven through this great and profound sacrament. I would like us to work on our vision of a shared identity as our foundational stone, looking particularly at the baptism Collect and our baptism promises:

Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit you give to your faithful people new life in the water of baptism. Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit, that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love, and grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ.

We all wander far from God and lose our way: Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home. In baptism we respond to his call: Do we turn away from sin? Do we reject evil? Do we turn to Christ as Saviour? Do we trust in him as Lord?

2. The second pillar builds on our shared identity. As Christians we are called to share in the EUCHARIST, with an understanding that we are always guests. We have been embraced and we are wanted, when we gather as God's guest, at God's altar, the church is transformed into what it is meant to be. The Eucharist inspires our Christian life, giving us vitality, vision and blessings in all that we do.

The Eucharist is where we encounter Christ directly through his perfect offering, it is where we are fed with the sacrament and sent out into the world. I would like us to draw inspiration for our vision and identity from the words of the Eucharistic prayer - the Sursum Corda:

The Lord be with us, lift up our hearts and let us give thanks and praise.

3. The third pillar is to grow together in PRAYER and Christian humility. Through prayer, our shared vision and identity is clarified, and actions through that vision take on a reality. Spending time with God in prayer slowly transforms us, prayer more and more is not something we do, but what we are letting God do. Prayer is in itself inspirational and absolutely foundational to our Christian life and therefore paramount for this parish. There is a direct relationship between prayer and theology, prayer is the life of the spirit alive in us and in this parish. I would urge you all, to join in the parish diary of prayer. Prayer is the beating heart of the church, therefore let the opening words for Morning Prayer be an open invitation to us:

Lord, open our lips and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

4. The final pillar is HOLY SCRIPTURE, proclaiming God's story to a gathering of diverse people, all of them examining themselves and asking one another, how do we find ourselves in this? How are we going to be formed together by the Scriptures? The bible is an essential source, as well as a sign of the Christian life. Scripture contains revelation and authority, when we read and inwardly digest Holy Scripture, we begin to see that it is more than just a story. We need to attune our hearts and minds to what scripture can reveal to us as a Christian community. I would like to deepen our understanding of our place and pleasure in the scriptures, to taste and experience something of what scripture asks of us, as I'm reminded of a verse that was read aloud every day during my formational training and has remained with me ever since. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." Isaiah 55.8-9

These foundation stones, these sources of our shared Christian identity and life, are what I would like us to be rooted and grounded in this year, especially as we review our priorities from last year.

We share these great four treasures of the church, with the church here on earth and the church in heaven, in the building up of a common life brought forth from the incarnational, founded on the resurrection and binded by the 'everydayness' of our own lives. If we don't spend time creating a good solid foundation, rooted and grounded in our Christian tradition, then we are in danger of become an empty husk.

This solid foundation is what I would like to build our vision upon. This vision is of course, set into the Diocesan vision of 'Maturing in Christ' which sets out five strategic goals, in which clergy and laity will discover as we prayerfully discern how elements of the diocesan strategy, might be woven into our vision and mission for the parish. It's essential to note, that these ongoing initiatives will form part of our work towards the strategic goals.

I would like to do this by setting out priorities, blurring the distinction between sacred and secular. The church brings us continually back to the recognition,

that through Christ, that which is sacred provides the context in which we can reach out into the secular where connections can be made. The seven sacred spaces, I hope will be an imaginative way of helping us to realise that God is to be found in the midst of situations and counters, which are common to most of us. It means helping us to recognise that a common life as Christians can be strengthened, by recognising and being assured that God is always with us and in our midst.

Seven sacred spaces is rooted within the ancient truths of the Christian tradition, as described above. They were identified by George Lings following a sabbatical in which he visited and lived as part of various religious communities. He found that although those communities have diverse ways of living together, the same seven essential elements were needed for a community to live and to flourish.

As you will see, the four pillars are foundational in developing the seven sacred spaces and therefore I feel will work well as we form our vision priorities for 2019. Our newly formed PCC will look and work on each of these four pillars. The questionnaire which I ask you to complete, will help us to look at mission and ministry as a starting point and where the emphasis / resources need to be placed, and plan accordingly to build on our vision for this year.

This year is going to be full of change and adventure. Last year we began the process of change and renewal, strategic planning, forming an identity, reaching out to the community. This year we will be 'hitting our stride' as we meet to look at our vision with a shared identity, brimming with inspiration, ready to share our invitation and contented to be changed through God's ongoing revelation.

The Four Foundational Pillars:

IDENTITY – BAPTISM

Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit you give to your faithful people new life in the water of baptism. Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit, that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love, and grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ.

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INSPIRATION – EUCHARIST

The Lord be with us, lift up our hearts and let us give thanks and praise.

INVITATION – PRAYER

Lord, open our lips and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

REVELATION – SCRIPTURE

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." Isaiah 55.8-9

Seven Sacred Spaces

Cell - Prayer

A place to pray alone and with others in the building of a personal relationship with God. The importance of a personal and corporate prayer life.

Worship - Chapel

A place to pray and worship with others. Linked by the Holy Spirit who prays in us and through us, to God the Father, in the name of Christ the Son. The Chapel is where the formal worship takes place.

Decision - Chapter

A place of meeting and decision-making, carrying our faith with us in all aspects of life. Chapter gather together to take counsel about the life of the community.

Meet - Cloister

That place of encounter. Connecting the Church community and the world of which it is a part.

Work - Garden

A place of labour and productivity.

Share - Refectory

A place of hospitality. A precious space for both host and guest.

Study - Library

A place of knowledge and learning; accessing and sharing it with others.

My prayer mirrors that of St Paul's prayer to the church at Ephesus

We kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. We pray that out of His glorious riches, he may strengthen us with power through his Spirit in our inner being, so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith. And we pray that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge, that we may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more, than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in our church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!

Amen.

Fairs at All Saints' Church

So far this year, we have held two fairs at All Saints' Church and we are pleased to report that both fairs have been very successful. As well as being very enjoyable, funds raised so far are:

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| Spring Fair | £912.92 |
| May Fair | £755.64 |
| TOTAL | £1,668.56 |

Our next fair will be our **AUTUMN FAIR** on
Saturday 21st September (1.00pm to 3.30pm).

For this fair, once again we are asking for your help. In addition to the traditional stalls at the fair, this time we are focusing on

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So We are asking all you creative people out there if between now and then, you could perhaps make and donate items for us to sell at the Autumn Fair? We really would like to make this fair special and unique, so that you can come along and buy items for yourself or your family and friends which are hand-made and not available on the high street.

Thank you for your support.
The Events Group.

Events in June and July.

It is nearly summer again and we have listed below events that we hope you will be able to attend during June and July this year. We hope you will support these events by joining us or by offering help in the preparatory work or on the day.

Event on the Green – Sunday 2nd June.

Come along to High Ackworth Village green and support Ackworth Heritage Group from 1 pm to 4 pm. As usual 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.

Thursday Club - 13th June. Your Family History.

Come to All Saints' Church at 7.30 pm. and enjoy the talk by Gill Briscoe. Find out how to find out more!

Village Gala - Saturday 29th June.

We are again 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.

Thursday Club - 11th July.

Flower Arranging demonstration and "My 50 Challenges" at 7.30 pm.

Michelle from "Michelle's Flowers will be at All Saints' Church to give us a talk and demonstrate her skills. An Evening not to be missed. All flowers will be raffled and all proceeds given to the Prince of Wales Hospice.

Afternoon Tea with Masters of Mellow at St Cuthbert's Saturday 27th July.

Following the success and enjoyment of last year's Afternoon Teas we are holding this annual event in the church grounds from 2 pm. with more live music from "The Masters 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 – To be drawn at the Afternoon Teas on 27th July.

Tickets will soon be on sale at 50p each. You could win one of the many treats and prizes.

OTHER REGULAR EVENTS

There is of course also the **Thursday Coffee Morning at All Saints'** every week from 10 am to 12 noon; A **Games Evening** on a Friday night once a month; The **Knit and Natter Group** meets on a Tuesday afternoon from 2pm to 3.30pm and **Little Friends** on the first and third Thursday of the month from 1.30pm to 3pm. – All at All Saints' Church. Full details of the above and other regular events can of course be found on our weekly news sheet or on our web-site www.ackworthcofe.co.uk together with details of our services and lots more information. We are always open on Sundays and Wednesdays for worship, so why not join us at one of our services.

ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH OPENING. The church is open to visitors during the summer months on request. Please see the notice in the church porch or visit our web-site above for the contact details.



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| Date | Liturgical Week | Old Testament | New Testament | Gospel | St Cuthbert's | All Saints' |
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| 2.6.19 | Sixth Sunday after Easter | Ezekiel 36:24-28 | Acts 16:16-34 | John 17:20-26 | Jackie Dawson | Pam Lunn |
| 9.6.19 | Pentecost | Genesis 11:1-9 | Acts 2:1-21 | John 14:8-17 & 25-27 | Jane Siddall | Ian Hall |
| 16.6.19 | Trinity Sunday | Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 | Romans 5:1-5 | John 16:12-15 | Jane Gosney | Ann Hopton |
| 23.6.19 | First after Trinity | 1 Kings 19:1-4 [5-7] 8-15a | Galatians 3:23-end | Luke 8:26-39 | Anne Bullock | Stella Hall |
| 30.6.19 | Second after Trinity | 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-end | Galatians 5:1,13-25 | Luke 9:51-end | Lynne Ward | Pam Lunn |
| 7.7.19 | Third after Trinity | 2 Kings 5:1-14 | Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16 | Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 | Anne-Marie T | Ian Hall |
| 14.7.19 | Fourth after Trinity | Amos 7:7-end | Colossians 1:1-14 | Luke 10:25-37 | Keith Shaw | Ann Hopton |
| 21.7.19 | Fifth after Trinity | Amos 8:1-12 | Colossians 1:15-28 | Luke 10:38-42 | Chris Croft | Stella Hall |
| 28.7.19 | Sixth after Trinity | Hosea 1:2-10 | Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19) | Luke 11:1-13 | Jackie Dawson | Pam Lunn |

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| JUNE 2ND | FLOWER FUND |
| JUNE 19TH | FLOWER FUND |
| JUNE 16TH | FLOWER FUND |
| JUNE 23RD | FLOWER FUND |
| JUNE 30TH | WEDDING |
| JULY 7TH | FLOWER FUND |
| JULY 14TH | FLOWER FUND |
| JULY 21ST | FLOWER FUND |
| JULY 28TH | FLOWER FUND |



ALL SAINTS' FLOWERS

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| JUNE 2ND | FLOWER FUND |
| JUNE 9TH | CONGREGATION |
| JUNE 16TH | FLOWER FUND |
| JUNE 23RD | PEGGY HUBY |
| JUNE 30TH | FLOWER FUND |
| JULY 7TH | STELLA HALL |
| JULY 14TH | FLOWER FUND |
| JULY 21ST | S, V. AND C. WILLIAMS |
| JULY 28TH | ANNE HURST |

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Ackworth ... The Village of My Childhood.

By Flora Smithies (nee Brannan)

I recently put my memories of Ackworth into a book, written for my children and grandchildren because they have all asked, at different times, what life was like when I was young; this extract is part of my 'once upon a time'...

Number 6, Church Crescent, High Ackworth, was a cottage in a row of similar terraced cottages, overlooking the village green and buttercross; it was there that I was born, in the summer of 1945; my sister Lorna joined us in 1946 and the arrival of Moiya, in 1948, completed the family.

The houses are no longer there; in their place are newer, more modern houses, but in my mind's eye I see them so clearly as I walk up to my front door through the small cottage garden, which always seemed to be full of snap dragons, lupins, hollyhocks, London pride and forget-me-nots.

Church Crescent may have gone, but other buildings, and the village, are instantly recognisable.

The rectory is adjacent to the church; a lovely house, standing in walled gardens; fund raising events, for church, were held in the grounds in the summer and we would go to garden parties where there were stalls, games, a bran tub and refreshments to enjoy.

St. Cuthbert's Church is a beautiful old building, with a lychgate; it was there that my sisters and I were baptised and where we and our friends would watch weddings, standing on the mounting block singing, 'here comes the bride'. When the bridal party had left we had great fun gathering the confetti and playing our version of weddings, delighting in stuffing the confetti down one another's backs!

A lane near to church led to Manor Farm, where my friend Maureen lived and, as now, there were several houses at the edge of the green. The Brown Cow public house, on the main road, was the home of my friend Bernard.

Higher up from the pub were larger, detached houses and near the beginning of Long Lane was a lovely bungalow, the home of yet another friend, Carol. Coming back towards the green were the houses of other friends, Beetham's shop, a row of old almshouses, dating from 1741, and the post office, where my best friend Gwynneth lived.

Dr. McRoberts lived opposite the post office, near to the infant's school and almost opposite the school was the entrance to Clark's farm; I remember a walnut tree, and watching a circus on their television!

The library was at the bottom of Mill Hill, down the main road from the post office; mum took us there each week, when we were allowed to choose our books; perhaps a Little Grey Rabbit story, a book of poems or a traditional fairy story. I would hand my book and library ticket to the librarian, who would stamp it and hand it back to me; it seemed to be a 'grown up' thing to do and I felt responsible for the safekeeping of the book.

The village boasted a hairdresser, a butcher and Cuttle's, a lovely traditional grocer's shop with a brass bell at the top of the door, which rang as the door was opened; I remember the polished wooden counter, glass fronted cupboards and wooden shelving along the back wall.

Weighing scales were on the floor, with smaller ones on the counter. Tea chests held loose leaf tea, which, as with sugar, was weighed and bagged for each customer.

A bacon slicer sat on the counter, next to huge slabs of butter; like other things, it was weighed before being patted into shape with two wooden spatulas and wrapped in greaseproof paper; biscuits were kept in large tins with lift up glass lids. When we had everything we needed, the money and ration books would be handed over and I would be allowed to carry something home in my little wicker basket.

One of my favourite short walks was going over the meadow to the beck with dad, where my sisters and I would play, catch tiddlers with our fishing nets or collect frogspawn to put into jam jars, take home and observe the transformation into tadpoles.

The British Legion club held a party at Christmas, which we went to, and outdoor events were held at The Boot and Shoe public house at Moor Top. I recall mum entering us in the fancy dress competition there one year and I got so excited, imagining myself as a fairy or queen of hearts, but no such luck; I was mortified when I had to dress up as Mrs. Mop, wearing slippers, a hideous pinafore/overall and a headscarf and hairpins in my hair.... not only that, I also had a bucket, scrubbing brush and duster to carry. I sulked all afternoon and even now I shudder when I think about it.

I began school at the infant's school on the far side of the village green; sometimes, mum and my sisters would walk across at playtime to wave to me and occasionally mum would throw a sweet over the railings.

I started dancing class, which was held at the school, but shortly afterwards the dancing teacher married and dancing classes ended..... years later, when we were reminiscing, mum told me that the teacher had married Clinton Ford, a famous singer.

Following the closure of the school, I went to Low Ackworth, walking down Long Lane and Lea Lane with a group of friends. Low Ackworth School (the Howard school) was built after money was given by Rachel Howard, whose father, Luke, (1772 – 1864) named the cloud formations; the family lived at Ackworth from 1824 – 1852.

Johnson's farm was on Lea Lane and sometimes, on our way home from school, we would call in to say 'hello'. Mr Johnson boiled small potatoes, in their skins, in a large boiler, which would then be mixed with other foodstuffs and fed to the pigs. If we were there at the right time he would boil some potatoes for us in a small pan, add butter and salt and share them among us; very tasty!

The station and the duck pond were at Low Ackworth; we loved to feed the ducks and watch the steam trains...

Just a short walk from school was the aptly named Threeways sweet shop and across from there, the Quaker School, then it's down past the parkland and back home!

A tiny vestibule opened on to what was always referred to as 'the room', and the staircase, which led to two bedrooms, with attics on the second floor,

divided the room from the living kitchen, situated at the back of the house. The back garden had plenty of space for dad's pigeons and shed, garage, hen hut and run, vegetable plot, flower borders, a lawn and fruit trees.... Our garden was a lovely place in which to play; we could climb and swing from the trees, we made tents with an old sheet draped over a clothes horse, played games with bats and balls, skipping ropes, whips and tops, shuttlecocks and battledores; we played on our see-saw and rocking horse, made by dad, pedalled tricycles, rode our scooters and walked our dolls in their prams; we cleared a space in the garage for a 'den' and had a 'gang' with three or four friends and we made plans to save the world or solve a mystery... our imaginations knew no bounds...

In addition to the flowers, fruit and vegetables we had a plentiful supply of eggs from our bantam hens; towards the end of summer there was a lot of harvesting, preserving and storing to be done, in readiness for winter; with no refrigerators or freezers, we ate food which was 'in season', (strawberries in winter were unheard of) and being almost self-sufficient we ate a good, well balanced diet all year round.

Sited in an important stone outhouse in the garden was the lavatory, backing on to nettle ginnel. It was a proper flush toilet, with a long pull chain; mention must be given to the toilet paper; in reality, squares of newspaper, threaded onto a length of string and hung on a big rusty nail behind the door! It was always cold and dark in there, especially in winter, not a pleasant place to be, but it obviously suited the spiders, for they seemed to be in permanent residence. Aaaaagh !!

But where was the bathroom? Actually, there wasn't one, which was not uncommon in those days, and what you've never had, you never miss, so I have been told!

We had a tin bath, which, for most of the time, hung on a nail on the wall just outside the kitchen door.... Friday night was bath night, when it was brought inside and wiped clean; hot water from the gas boiler was then ladled into the bath, and there, in front of the big coal fire, we each took our turn to have a bath and wash our hair. And, yes, the same water was used for everyone! Sometimes mum would decide that we should all have ringlets in our long hair, so still-damp hair was parted into sections and strips of rags- usually a torn up old sheet or pillowcase- would be wound around each section.

Then it would be time for a cup of warm milk or Rowntrees cocoa and occasionally, as a treat, we would share a pomegranate, picking out the seeds with a pin..... and so to bed, rags and all.

Mum came upstairs with us every night and stayed whilst we said our prayers; always the same prayers in the same order, beginning with, 'Gentle Jesus, meek and mild, look upon a little child. Pity my simplicity, suffer me to come to thee. Amen'. The Lord's Prayer was next, followed by, 'God bless mummy, keep her safe, God bless daddy, keep him safe. God bless my sisters and God bless me, make me a good girl. Amen'.

After this, it was into bed: mum tucked us up, gave us a kiss and said, 'goodnight, God bless'. Sometimes, dad would carry my youngest sister up to

bed, rock her in his arms and sing, 'go to sleep, my baby, close your pretty eyes. Angels up above you, peeping at my dearie from the skies. Great big moon is shining, stars begin to peep. Time for little (name) to go to sleep'... All baking and cooking was done either in, or on top of the oven, which was part of the fireplace range. Pans and kettles could also be put on the grate at the front of the fire.

Baking day was a fun day, especially when we were allowed to make jam tarts; we were very proud of our efforts!

There were few labour saving devices and housework was hard; one of mum's mottoes was, 'cleanliness is next to godliness', which meant not only the house, but also her girls; we had to have a clean handkerchief and clean underwear on before we went out; that way, 'if we were knocked down by a bus and had to go to hospital, the doctors and nurses would know we were clean'. I couldn't understand that, but it made sense to mum!

Washing was put in the gas boiler, scrubbed on a scrubbing board, possessed with a posser, rinsed in the sink, wrung out by hand and then turned through a mangle to squeeze out as much water as possible; after all this it was hung out to dry, then ironed with a flat iron which had been heated in the fire.

There was a horse hair filled chaise longue in the kitchen and a big square table in the middle of the room, with chairs and stools tucked underneath; on the back wall there was a very roomy sideboard, housing all the cutlery and crockery, foodstuffs, towels and tea towels.

A battery powered wireless stood on top of the sideboard; it had to 'warm up' before it could be heard, so to 'listen with Mother' at a quarter to two (a daily programme for children, with a short story and a couple of songs or rhymes), the wireless was switched on at twenty minutes to two!

Before the story commenced, the presenter always asked, 'are you sitting comfortably?' and of course we would answer, 'yes', before she continued, 'then I'll begin'.

The stone flagged floor was made warmer and brighter with the addition of pegged rugs, made by mum, although we all played a part in cutting up old woollen clothes into strips.

From time to time, gypsy women would arrive in the village - they camped on Heath common - selling homemade clothes pegs, which we called 'dolly pegs', and 'lucky' white heather. They didn't say how much things were - dad said they didn't talk about money - but would say, 'cross my palm with silver and you will be lucky'; if you didn't buy, and therefore didn't cross their palm with silver, they would look quite threatening and tell you that bad luck would come. I can remember being glad when they went to knock on other doors!

Each November we would gather wood for our bonfire ... mum would take us to buy three packets of sparklers, some coloured matches, perhaps two or three sky rockets and a box of fireworks; our favourites were snowstorms, roman candles and chrysanthemum fountains and we always listened to dad reading the instructions printed on every firework; 'light blue touch paper - stand well back'... great fun was had making the guy and we would ask friends and neighbours for 'a penny for the guy', spending any donations on a few more

fireworks.

At Christmas we put up homemade paper chains, and gathered holly and mistletoe. Cards were hung on the wall and the tiny, ancient Christmas tree was decorated with baubles, homemade decorations and tinsel, with red candles in the holders at the ends of the branches, and, yes, they were lit, but only when we were present. Pride of place on the top of the tree was a five point star, made by dad, which was covered in silver paper. (that star is still one of my prized possessions).

We received one main present each; maybe a doll or a new coat and there would be a tube of smarties, a small bar of chocolate, a tangerine, a threepenny bit and perhaps a book, a snakes and ladders game or a set of dominoes, crayons and a colouring book.

Christmas dinner was chicken, mum's season pudding (stuffing), and vegetables. Pudding was Christmas pudding and custard or a sweet white sauce... in the afternoon we would roast chestnuts in the fire, play with our presents and entertain visitors... simple, but that's how it was then.

We looked forward to the snow because dad had made us a sledge and we kept him busy pulling us around the village green, joining in snowball fights and making a snowman with eyes of coal and a carrot nose... Mum was always waiting for us with towels to dry ourselves, newspapers were stuffed into our wellingtons to help them dry, and with glowing cheeks we would sit in front of the fire with a cup of Bovril... lovely!

Grandma and grandad, dad's parents, lived at Jubilee Terrace and there were aunts, uncles and cousins in the village, which made it very easy to visit one another and have family get-togethers.

The Brannan family left the village in 1953, the 'Ackworth' years are long gone, but my memories stay with me.... Ackworth shaped me and I feel privileged to have lived in such a beautiful place.

From The Registers

Parish Baptisms in April and May

Oliver George Blezard

Eva Rose Cox

Maddison Judith Norris

Freddie George Hutchinson

Alby Murgatroyd

Alfie Webster

Benjamin Smith

Aurora Moore

Henry Logan

Ursula Upson

Congratulations! Your child is now a member of the worldwide Christian family. We have a child friendly service called 'Worship 4 All' to which you and your child would be most welcome. We also offer a church toddler group called 'Little Friends'. Please ask your priest for details.

Parish Weddings in April and May

Bonnie Roundtree and Oliver Murray

Congratulations! We pray for you as you begin your new journey together.

We pray for those who have died and/or had a service in this parish during April and May

Mary Rhodes

Ernest Yates

Margaret Brown

Jacqueline Anne Robinson

Rest eternal and grant unto them O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.
May they rest in peace and rise in glory!

Enquiries about weddings, banns of marriage and baptisms.

Please contact Revd. Charlene Smith 01977 599979.

From the Book of Remembrance in February and March

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| 1 June | Alexander Carl Marsh | 4 July | George Albert Tune |
| | Doris Hopkins | | Samuel Gordon Sharpe WW1 |
| 3 June | Ronald Johnson | 7 July | Evelyn Cooper |
| 4 June | Richard Moxon | | George Raymond Lane |
| 7 June | Fred Wigglesworth WW1 | 8 July | Philip Anthony Grayson |
| 10 June | Peter George Hurst | 9 July | Alan Barraclough |
| 1 June | Emily Tukes | 12 July | Gerald Thomas Hardcastle |
| | Eric Shipley | 13 July | Charles William Jenno |
| | William Guy WW1 | | Frances Annie Wright |
| 13 June | Arnold Barrett | 16 July | Harold Lindsay |
| 14 June | Austin Asquith | 18 July | Ruth Margaret Shaw |
| 17 June | Rita Deal | 19 July | Brenda Brazier |
| 18 June | Edith Mary Rowley | 20 July | Clifford Walker |
| 21 June | Charlotte Clarke | | Dorothy Joyce Charlesworth |
| 22 June | William Thomas Oliver | | Joseph Tipling WW1 |
| | Nicholson | 21 July | William Edwin Nichols |
| 24 June | Margaret Drake | | Edward Frank Sykes |
| 25 June | Gladys Redding | 23 July | Lewis Hunscroft |
| 26 June | Thomas Hughes | | Bob Dunnington |
| 28 June | Ivy Howitt | | Alfred Wilson WW1 |
| | George Thomas Lee | | Willie Stork WW1 |
| | Albert E Ward WW1 | 24 July | John Arthur Backhouse |
| 29 June | Henry Ellison Clark | 25 July | George Fordham |
| 30 June | Harry Meays WW1 | | Edward V Clarke WW1 |
| 1 July | Michael Hardaker | 27 July | Alice Agnes Hurst |
| | James Henry Sockett | | Stanley Cooper |
| 2 July | Frances West | 28 July | Joshua Sockett |

If you would like your loved ones name adding to our Book of Remembrance please contact Lynne Ward 01977 616384.

Sunday Services for June 2019 and July 2019

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 1st Sunday in month) | All Saints' |
| 3.30pm | Evensong with Healing Prayer (1st Sunday in month) | All Saints' |

Wednesday Service

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| 9.30am | Holy Communion | All Saints' |
| 6.30pm | Taize Eucharist | St Cuthbert's |

Little Friends Mother and Toddler Group

1st and 3rd Thursday of each month

1.30pm to 3.00pm

All Saints Church - Jackie Fox for information 01977 613834

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.

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Quakers)

Ackworth School Meeting House, Sundays, 10:45am

ACKWORTH METHODIST CHURCH BARNSELY ROAD

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| SUNDAY | 10.45am | WORSHIP WITH JUNIOR CHURCH |
| 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



Holy Week and Easter 2019 Alleluia, Christ is Risen!



PENTECOST SUNDAY



9th June Acts 2:1

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come
they were all with one accord in one place.

8:30 BCP HOLY COMMUNION ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

10:15 EUCHARIST ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

15:30 PENTECOST PRAISE WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL