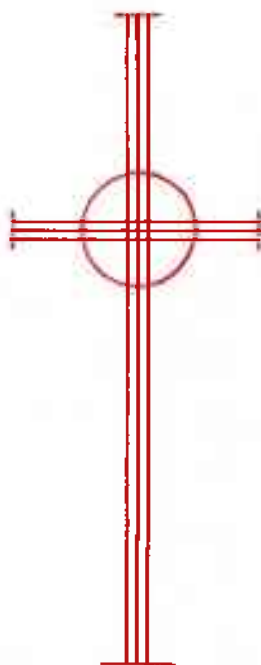
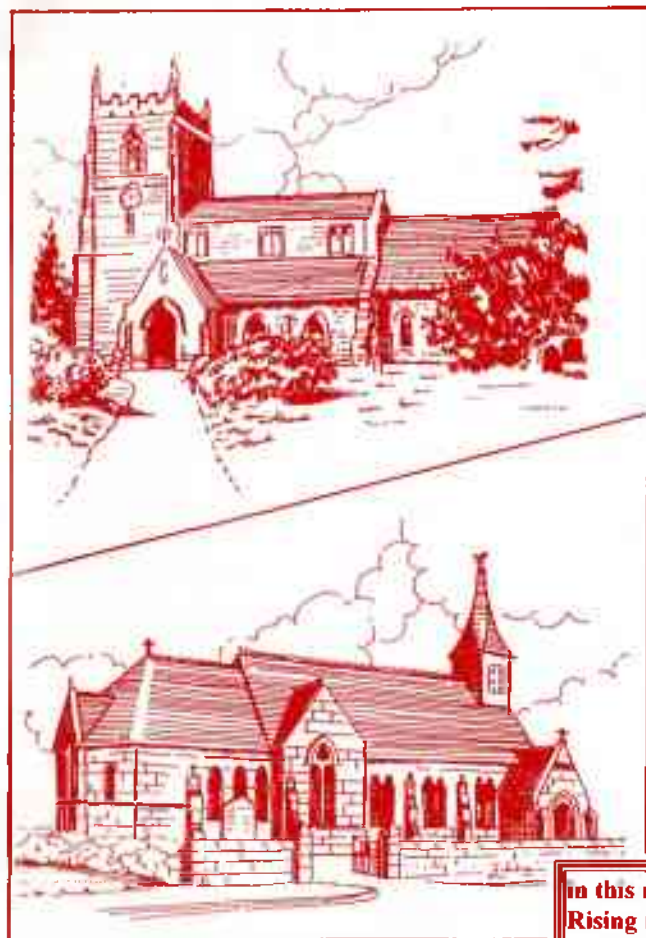


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RISING FROM THE ASHES



The cross stands at the centre of Christianity. The cross is a symbol of death. It is also a symbol of Christ's victory over sin and death. The cross is also a symbol of forgiveness and a sign of hope to sinners - every living person, since we are all in need of forgiveness.

Prisoners, perhaps more than most people, need to be reminded that there is always hope of forgiveness and new life. They have been tried and convicted of a crime, some relatively trivial, like not paying a fine, and some very serious, like murder. The problem is how can prisoners come to know in their own hearts that they are forgiven, and can have a new kind of life and personal freedom, even if they are serving a long sentence. Many more than you would think are weighed down with guilt and remorse for what they have done and are looking for ways in which to stop their offending behaviour.

God's love

They can be told that God still loves them, despite what they have done. This is the message brought into prison by many Christian groups. A surprising number of

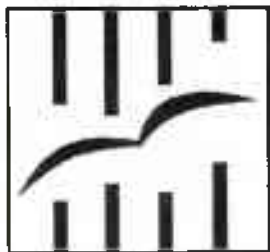
prisoners stand up in chapel to commit their lives to Christ in response to an appeal. They can be told that they are valuable people in their own right, and that healing can come by having love for themselves as well as for other people. But this often is not enough. It is not enough to be told that God loves you, despite your crimes. There has to be an inner conviction that this is true. The heart is involved as well as the head. In addition many prisoners need help with controlling anger, stress and anxiety.

Meditation

One religious activity which can help, and which is being promoted in many prisons both in this country and in America, is the practice of meditation. In some cases this is combined with yoga to help relax the body. When practised over time it is found that meditation helps prisoners to a new kind of inner freedom which sets them free from old patterns of behaviour. It also helps them to get in touch with the Sacred within themselves and can lead on to deep religious experiences and growth in love. In Leeds Prison I have recently set up a group for meditation and Bible study. I meet with twelve inmates each Monday afternoon for an hour and a half. We spend half the time talking about and practising meditation and then study the Bible. There is a waiting list to join the group. Two of the group have been meditating for some time. Both claim that meditation has changed their lives and behaviour, in one case from a violent past.

Peter's Second Letter to the Ackworthians

Prison Phoenix Trust



In Britain meditation and yoga, is taught to prisoners by the Prison Phoenix Trust, a small religious charity based in Oxford.

On 3 July they came to Leeds to lead a workshop in yoga and meditation for thirty prisoners (over sixty applied). The Trust's director is a 74 year old Roman Catholic nun, Sister Elaine MacInnes, who is also a Master of Zen Buddhism!! Sister Elaine worked for many years in the Philippines, teaching meditation to the prisoners held during the Marcos regime. One of the prisoners was a famous politician who had been badly tortured. When asked later what the finest moments of his life had been, he replied that it was his awakening in prison, which he had received through meditation learned from Sister Elaine.

The type of meditation taught is designed to empty the mind of all thought, and to help those who meditate live solely in the present moment. It is a way of prayer with a long history both in eastern religions, and in Christianity, when it is sometimes called 'contemplation'.

The Myth of the Phoenix

The Trust takes its name from the Phoenix, a mythical bird found in the deserts of Arabia and Egypt. Only one Phoenix lived at a time. When death drew near the Phoenix made a large nest. As it sat on its nest it flapped its wings so quickly the nest

caught fire, burning the Phoenix and nest into a pile of ashes. Miraculously, from the ashes arose a new, young, Phoenix. The symbolism is plain - new life from old. A sign of hope for prisoners, that from the ashes of their prison sentence they can find new life and inner freedom. Christians of course have in the past drawn a parallel between the myth of the Phoenix and Christ.

America

In America the Human Kindness Foundation, founded by Bo Lozoff does similar work. His book 'We're All Doing Time' is sent free to any prisoner who requests it, by the Prison Phoenix Trust. They also provides tapes of Bo Lozoff's book for prisoners who cannot read together with a smaller book on meditation and yoga written by Sister Elaine and another member of the Trust, Sandy Chubb.

If Sister Elaine's work is of interest to you try reading her new book 'Light Sitting in Light, a Christian's Experience in Zen', a Fount Paperback by Harper Collins, price £5.99 (ISBN 0 00 627948 1).

The Prison Phoenix Trust is a charity which is in need of financial support. They have an impressive list of patrons which includes Judge Stephen Tunim, Dr Sheila Cassidy, Jeremy Irons and Rabbi Lionel Blue. **Details of their work can be obtained from The Prison Phoenix Trust, PO Box 328, OXFORD, OX1 1PJ. Or contact Betty Haskell, 77 Millgate, Ackworth (Telephone 615729).**

Peter Moorhouse

Q. Who were Joseph's mother and brother?

A. Rachel and Benjamin. (Genesis 35:24)

The story of Joseph and his coat is perhaps one of the few stories from the bible that just about anyone knows. One reason for this might be the adaptation of the story by Andrew Lloyd Webber. In fact the story is so well known, I do not feel the need to repeat it here.

Jacob had several wives, the last of whom was Rachel. Rachel had two sons by Jacob, the youngest was Benjamin. Rachel died whilst giving birth to Benjamin. Perhaps this is one reason why Jacob had a soft spot for Joseph. Joseph certainly had a soft spot for Benjamin.

Over the last few months I have been writing about characters from the book of Genesis. All of these characters have one thing in common, they are all related. They are related to each other, but they are also related to us too. Let me explain.

Abraham was the man who did as God told him. As a result, and as promised by God, he was the Father of a great nation, that nation being Israel. However, both he and his family were related to God in a special way. In reading the bible, you will come across the saying, time and time again, "The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob.". They were related to each other, and also to God.

We too have a relationship with God. One which should be a very special one. Because of this relationship with God, we are also related to Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob.

These three people are often called the Patriarchs, by the Jewish people, because they are the fathers of their nation

So as you read Genesis, try not to think of these characters as far removed and so totally different to us, because they are not. They are probably much closer than you think!!

Next month

"Who nursed Moses as a child?"

The Mother's Union

2 September 9 am to 9.30 am.

Wave of Prayer Service at All Saints' Church. If you are unable to attend, please pray for our linked Dioceses of Adelaide, The Murray and Willochra in Australia, Soroti and Karamoja in Uganda.

9 September 2.30pm

Deanery Festival Service at St. Giles' Church, Pontefract.

26 September 2.30pm

Service and Meeting.
Speaker Mrs Ruth Miles

Kitty Cooper

The Fulneck Moravian Settlement

On June 26th the Parish Women's Group visited the Fulneck Moravian Settlement. I don't think any of us had any idea what to expect, but we were all interested and delighted by what we saw.

Coming unawares on the Settlement feels like being catapulted back into the 18th century. To find such an oasis in Pudsey, only five minutes from both Leeds and Bradford, is certainly unexpected. The Settlement is dominated by a 235 metre Georgian Terrace, built on a south facing hillside, overlooking gardens and a rural valley. North of the terrace is the cobbled pavement, and, higher up the hillside Fulneck street, with its scattering of 18th century cottages.

The Settlement was built by the community to be the centre of work of the Moravians in Yorkshire, and life still revolves around the church. The principal buildings with the church in the centre, form the Georgian Terrace, overlooking the Fulneck valley. The school, occupies both ends of the terrace and the choir houses, for widows and single sisters, are near the church.

The Moravian church is an ancient Episcopal church founded in Central Europe in the mid-15th century by John Hus who, in 1415, was martyred for his beliefs. The church, which came to England in the 1720's, aimed to return to the simplicity of the early Christians, and services were held in the language of the people (rather than in Latin) and where

possible, members lived together in a community. The church developed world wide, but with a history of troubled times. There are less than 40 congregations in Great Britain, and the Moravian Church is essentially a Missionary Church. Its greatest numerical strength is in Africa.

We began our visit on a still, summer evening at 'God's Acre', the Moravian name for their burial ground. Mr Brian Halliday was our guide, and gave us much interesting and amusing information about the history of the Settlement. From 'God's Acre' we went onto the Georgian terrace and enjoyed the architecture and the stunning views over the valley. From here we entered the peaceful church and listened to an account of the development of the church and its customs. We then strolled along Fulneck street, admiring the pretty cottages, and entered the museum.

The museum houses Moravian memorabilia, including 18th century lace and embroidery; brassware brought back by missionaries from Tibet; Eskimo carvings from Labrador and Georgian artefacts belonging to the settlement itself.

We finished our visit in Brian Halliday's Flower Shop, where we had supper. All together it was an interesting, peaceful and fulfilling evening spent in the company of friends. I'm sure we all enjoyed the evening and came home a little richer in spirit.

Erica Davies

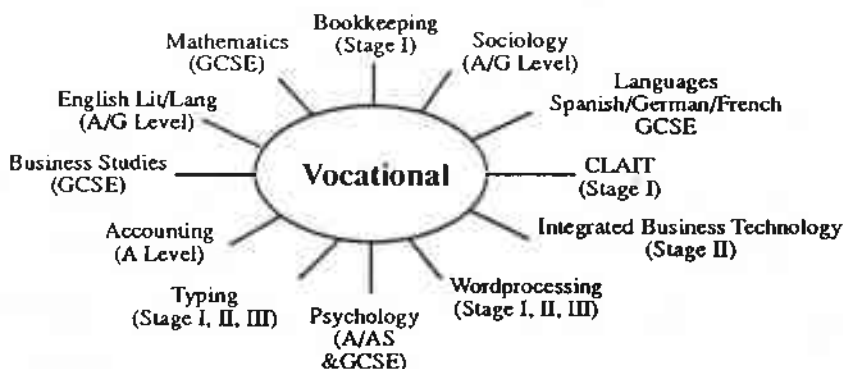


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Bishop Hilkiiah of Mara writes

Many greetings to the people of Wakefield from the people of Mara. We know that it is Summer time now and everything is lovely.

We have had a very blessed week at Bugumbe in Mugumu parish. This is in the very remote areas of Serengeti District. It is the first village from the game park. Here, as a result of evangelistic meetings, 62 people came to know Christ as their Saviour.

This new diocese is growing, with many new people coming to faith in Christ. But we have no Cathedral. At present, we use Saint John's Church, Musoma. When we hold ordination and other big services only one third of the people sit in the church, leaving many people in the hot sun of Mara. We have the need for a Cathedral, which will be the

focal point in the Diocese.

When Celia McCulloch came on her own from Wakefield Diocese recently, she brought with her the drawings for our new

Cathedral by the architect from Saint John's Church in Blackheath, London. The church there has given us money and a team of experts who have helped with the building of the first stage of the foundation. We have had to start be-

cause the cost of building is going up—and if we don't start now, it will be impossible. We have just started the foundation which is still 5 feet down from the ground level.

Mara Diocese has raised funds and made enough blocks for the Cathedral. We received from Blackheath a block and tiles making machine. It is going to be an expensive building but once built



we do not expect major repairs as we have with many of our buildings.

In order to build our Cathedral, we need what we call in Tanzania "Bega kwa Bega" ie shoulder by shoulder; or "Harambe" ie let us pull together, as it is called in Kenya. It is a united and brotherly spirit whereby people call their friends to give help when they have heavy work to be done.

I write to you now with an appeal that if there is any parish or person in Wakefield Diocese who would like to support this project, please to do so. This is different from the support which

Saint John's, Musoma has from its link parish. This is a new project so that this new Diocese of Mara, linked to Wakefield Diocese, may have its own Cathedral—just as you have a Cathedral in your diocese. Any gifts for this should specifically be given to the Cathedral project.

It is a big project but I have high hopes that God will make it a success.

Our love to all our friends in Wakefield.

"Dumuni Sana Katika Kuomba"
(Continue in Prayer) Colossians 4:2.

+ Hilkiah

Two projects

Bishop Nigel asks the churches of the Diocese of Wakefield to pray for two projects through which Wakefield is helping other churches and dioceses in this Country.

The mission to Chester.

More than 200 members of this diocese are preparing themselves this month for their Mission to the 19 parishes of the City Centre Deanery of Chester from 12-20 October. The invitation came last year from the Chester Diocese—and under the guidance of our

Diocesan Missioner, Stephen Cottrell, our teams have already begun to build links with the parishes they will be visiting and staying in. This is thought to be the first time in the history of the Church of England that one diocese has invited another diocese to undertake a mission in this way. We are not sending trained evangelists but ordinary Christians who are stepping out in faith. Many of the lay people who are going are giving up a whole week of their holiday.

Entitled *Jigsaw* this could be a most wonderful experience not just for Chester, but even more so for us. The opening service will be broadcast from Chester Cathedral on Radio 4 on Sunday 13 October. The final service will be in the Cathedral on the following Sunday afternoon. Please pray for us all as we undertake this task, which will certainly put us to the test, but hopefully give us a new confidence in our faith and in God's readiness to use us as His witnesses.

Emmaus—the way of faith.

16 September sees the national launch at Church House, Westminster, of a new approach to welcoming people into the Chris-

tian faith and the life of the church. Rooted in the Wakefield Diocese and offered now to the rest of the Church, its five authors are Bishop John, Felicity Lawson, Steve Croft, Stephen Cottrell and Robert Warren.

The Emmaus material can be used by any denomination and has been produced with this in mind. It is rooted in an understanding of evangelism, nurture and discipleship modelled on the example of Jesus as told in the story of the Emmaus Road.

All the resource material in Emmaus has been extensively piloted by 30 parishes in the context of our missionary situation in this diocese.

Only Twelve Months Away ...

A year from now Bishop Nigel will be leading our own Lay Congress at the Harrogate Conference Centre on the weekend of 13/14 September 1977, to be opened by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Further details next month in SeeLink.

Pennies Appeal

Bob Wilson of Airedale is now running the Pennies Appeal for Mara. You can help by saving your coppers in a jar and sending the proceeds to Bob Wilson, "Pippins", Hillcrest Mount, Castleford, West Yorkshire WF10 3QU. Bob will gladly give you further advice on how to save if you need it. The Pennies Appeal can raise £1,000s in one year if sufficient people do it. Every penny saved will go to Mara, and just at this moment we need the money to pay off the cost of the new Van.

People and Places

The Revd **Richard M Weller**, at present Vicar of Birstall St Peter and Rural Dean of Birstall, is to be Vicar of Saint Thomas, Gawber. The Institution will take place at St Thomas on 31 October at 730pm.

The Revd Canon **Daniel O'Connor** is to retire as Residentiary Canon of Wakefield Cathedral and Bishop's Adviser on Inter-Faith Issues with effect from 31 August. Dr O'Connor has accepted an invitation to become a Canon Emeritus of Wakefield Cathedral.

Mrs **Marian Allmark**, Reader at Holy Trinity Church, Ossett and the Revd **Richard (Dick) C Swindell**, NSM at Holy Trinity, Huddersfield are to be Family Life and Marriage (FLAME) Officers in the Wakefield Diocese. Mrs Allmark took up her half share of this position on 1 July and Mr Swindell will begin his duties on 1 September.

The Revd **Michael F Cleverley**, Rector of the United Benefice of High Hoyland, Scissett and Clayton West, is to be Non-Stipendiary Assistant Priest of Leathley, Farnley, Fewston and Blubberhouses, and Weston with Denton in the Diocese of Bradford. The appointment will be effective from 1 September.

Mr **Bill Jones**, at present Project Director of the Issenye Secondary School in our link diocese of Mara is to be Diocesan Community Relations Adviser and Mara Link Officer. He will take up his duties on 1 December.

Louise Marsh, BA, FRCO, ALCM, has been appointed Assistant Organist at Wakefield Cathedral to take the place of Sean Farrell who is moving to Ely Cathedral. For the past two years Louise has combined the post of Organ Scholar at Westminster Abbey with post-graduate studies at the Royal Academy of Music. Louise will become Director of the Wakefield Cathedral Girls' Choir. Louise will take up her post at the beginning of September on her return from a recital tour in Australia.

What has a million stitches & three miles of wool?



A twelve foot kneeler and three individual kneelers depicting the Lion of Saint Mark, after a design by Mrs Sylvia Dawson of Darrington, and embellished in layout by Mr Steve Simpson of Wakefield have been worked in canvas by a team of ladies with associations with the Cathedral. The kneelers were given in memory of Mr Eddie Blackburn, a Churchwarden at the Cathedral for forty years and his sister Edith Holdsworth, by his family, as were three further Thompson Prayer Desks. The Dedication took place at the end of the Family Eucharist on 4 August at which the family were present.

The Wakefield Diocesan Challenge for Runners, non-runners and friends !

A marathon, a half marathon, and a 3-mile fun run



Basic ideas for starters

If you have run before, but not much - or if you have never run at all—please heed some advice

first:

Medical Advice

It doesn't matter what age you are—but if you've got to 40, just take the precaution of getting your doctor's advice before starting running. This must be something you take

on responsibly. Running can be tough—and running a long way is tougher!

Plan ahead

Whatever distance you want to run, and especially if you plan to run the Marathon, get advice on a schedule for it. We can offer help. For the two major runs, you must consider starting your training soon. For the Marathon, you need to be able to run 10 miles by Christmas and 18-20 miles by Easter—and that needs some build-up. From September there are 17 weeks before Christmas and then 17 weeks to the run.

Easy does it

Start easily. If you've never run before. Walk a bit, jog [no, don't run yet, jog!] a bit, walk a bit, jog a bit—and come home pleased after a very short distance [half a mile to a mile]. Longer and quicker can come later! Many people go out of the front door fast and wonder why they're totally destroyed before they catch the bus ... that is a mistake of the first order.

Not in sandals

If you plan to run more than the fun run, you need proper shoes. Running shoes, not fashion trainers. Something with decent cushioning, built for the job. You've seen them lots of padding at the back and curly up toes to roll your foot off the pavement. Your body will pay for it if you don't. [Nice sports socks to go with them too]

Enjoy

Expect this to challenge you—but also expect it to produce some fun. And you may never give it up once you've started.

27 April 1997

Running advisers: John Wilkinson 01977 553157 and Roy Clements 01924 255349.

Go Tell It To The Mountain

Go tell it to the Mountain is a nationwide initiative by USPG. Every Diocese is being asked to arrange a Walk taking in a "high place" on the weekend of 12th/13th October, to highlight the need for local and global evangelism.

Wakefield Diocese will be meeting at the *Holme Moss* TV mast on Saturday 12th October at 12 noon. Bishop John will be there to pray with us and bless us. We shall especially pray for all those on the Chester Mission that week. Then we shall walk downhill by a moorland route to

Holmebridge Parish Church for prayers, and then along the Holme Valley to Holmfirth where Sid's Cafe will be a welcome sight. The Walk should take about four hours in all. You will need to be reasonably fit and have some stout shoes.

This is not a "sponsored" walk for money. It is a Walk with prayer. People of any age are welcome. In order to gauge the "back-up" arrangements, it would be helpful if you could ring Stephen Dando (01422-374767) or Archdeacon John (01924 276797) if you are hoping to join us.

Dewsbury Festival of Christian Music

Saturday 5th October to Sunday 13th October.

A wide variety of music will be presented: Gospel Hall Band, Batley Castle Salvation Army Band, Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers, Beetles Music, alternative worship music with multi media and ambient music, Guitars-flutes-pan pipes, hymns, jazz, barber shop, Hilliard Ensemble, Northern Sinfonia, and organ. The Community of the Resurrection sing the office of Compline and give a short recital of plainsong. Full details are available in leaflets available from Cultural Services, Red Dales Lane, Huddersfield, 01484 446829.

The patron of the Festival is Sir Harry Secombe.



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WHAT'S ON

- Sept 3 Wakefield CU & Forward in Faith Committees **Renewing Vision** Seminar, Speaker Fr Martin Warner. Dewsbury Minister 730pm.
- Sept 4-Oct 30 **Ignation Open Door Retreat** (Interdenominational) at Huddersfield Parish Church Crypt. Nine consecutive Wednesday mornings from 1030am-1230pm. Retreat leaders, Sister Elizabeth O'Brian and Licensed Reader Olive Taylor. Please send s.a.e. for further information to: Olive Taylor, 44 Falconer Ride, Netherton, Huddersfield HD4 7LJ.
- Sept 6-8 All Saints' Church Darton, Bamsley. **Flower Festival with music.** Opened by Mayor of Bamsley 630pm followed by wine & nibbles. Sat 10-1230pm & 2-5pm, followed at 730pm with concert featuring Staincross Ladies Choir & Worsborough Brass Band. Admission £1.50, £1 concessions. Sun 1-5pm. Service with confirmation by the Bishop of Wakefield at 630pm. Refreshments served throughout the weekend.
- Sept 7 Westwood Mission Christian Centre **Dedication Evening** at 730pm. The Trustees invite you to come and celebrate with them in the spectacular surroundings of Westwood Edge, within the newly adapted Hall—now available for Day Conferences, Youth Weekends, parties, concerts, exhibitions etc. Contact David Greenwood for more details: 01484 845042.
- Sept 11 **Time for yourself:** a day of individually guided retreat 10am-4pm. Foster Place Retreat Centre, Hepworth, Holmfirth. 0161 748 8779.
- Sept 12 Coffee Evening at Bishop's Lodge in aid of RSCM Appeal. Tickets £1 from your church's RSCM Correspondent or at the door. During the evening there will be entertainment by members of Wakefield Cathedral Choir. There will also be an RSCM Stall and a cake stall.
- Sept 13 **A day for creativity**—a time to relax, to read, draw, write or pray and be at peace. Led by Brenda Wall 10am-4pm. Foster Place Retreat Centre, Hepworth, Holmfirth. 0161 748 8779.
- Sept 13-15 **Flower Festival** at Saint Hilda's Church, Cowcliffe, Huddersfield. Fri 730-930pm Preview with cheese and wine. Sat viewing all day; refreshments. 730pm Concert by **Silcoates School Jazz Band.** Sun 1030am Songs of Praise Service, 2-4pm viewing. 630pm Evensong with guest preacher Revd Susan Brooks.
- Sept 14 **Craft Fair** Eggborough Village Hall (near Knottingley) 10am-4pm. Variety of craft stalls, cake stall and refreshments. In aid of Kellington & Whitley Churches.
- Sept 14 Saint Peter's Parish Church, Kirkgate, Birstall **Grand Gala, 2-6pm.** Opener Mrs Elizabeth Peacock MP. Brass band, bouncy castle, pony rides teas etc.
- Sept 14 **Training Day for Junior Singers,** directed by Alan Horsey (Bradford Cathedral), at Christ Church, New Mill, from 10 till 4. Details from Dr G Lockwood, 5 Sheffield Road, New Mill, Huddersfield HD7 7EL 01484 688487.
- Sept 14 & 15 In support of the **Civic Trust's Heritage Open Days 96** Christ Church Liversedge will be open from noon until 5pm on each of these days. Displays of old documents and photographs etc. Refreshments.
- Sept 14 & 15 **Open Church,** Saint Martin's, Womersley together with **Woodall Dig Open Days** 10am-5pm conducted tours of archaeological excavation. Displays of finds.
- Sept 21 St Barnabas Church, High Town, Liversedge are holding a **Car Boot Sale** at the Shoulder of Mutton Pub, Halifax Road, Hightown, 9am. Cars £5 in advance, £6 on day. 01274 869232. Proceeds to Church Funds.
- Sept 21 **Lifting Holy Hands.** Exploring our faith through Sign Language, Saint James' Parish Church, Denby Dale Road, Thornes, Wakefield. (Diocesan Committee for Ministry Among Deaf People) 10am-4pm - guest for the day Revd Richard Chubb, author of dictionary of Christian Signs for worship. Entrance at door £2. Refreshments provided, bring packed lunch.
- Sept 21 & 22 Christ Church, Liversedge **Annual Art Exhibition and Sale of Pictures** in the Parish Centre, Halifax Road, Liversedge (opposite Dovesleyland Daf) 10am-8pm Sat and 1pm-8pm Sun. Plenty of parking. Contact Pat Bradby 01924 443632 for further details.
- Sept 27 **Up Market Mini-Market,** Pontefract Buttercross 9am-4pm. Produce, jams, marmalade, plants, books, bric-a-brac. In aid of St Martin's Church, Womersley.
- Sept 27-29 St Thomas Church, Greetland, **Flower Festival, All good gifts around us.** Fri 3-8pm, Sat 10am-6pm, Sun noon-330pm, Harvest Celebration Service 4pm. Refreshments at all times.
- Sept 28 **Painting, Clay, Meditation:** a day to gently explore your creativity through painting & clay materials. Suitable for all levels of artistic ability. Led by Jill Johnson. £12 for day, 10am-4pm. Foster Place Retreat Centre, Hepworth, Holmfirth. 0161 748 8779.
- Sept 28/29 Holy Trinity Parish Church Ossett: **Art Exhibition and Sale of Works** by Local Artists. Open Sat 10am-5pm and Sunday 1pm to 4pm. Refreshments, admission £1.
- Sept 29 **The Big If** monthly presentation **Age of Reason.** 830-930pm, The Powerhouse, Smythe Street, Wakefield. It's Free. The Big is use drama, multi-TVs, live music, mime and the spoken word to illustrate a topic. Details: 01924 375229.
- Oct 1 Wakefield Church Union & Forward in Faith **'Renewing Social Action'** Seminar. Speaker Preb Sam Philpott. Dewsbury Minister, 730pm.
- Oct 3 **3rd Paulinus Lecture** at Dewsbury Minister, 730pm. Martin Goldsmith (former Principal of All Nations Christian Missionary College) "What about other faiths? A Jewish-Christian View." Free admission. Refreshments.
- Oct 10-13 **Flower Festival at St Edward's Barnsley.** Thurs Evensong 730pm Preacher The Bishop of Wakefield. Fri & Sat viewing 10-5pm. Sat Gift Day. Sun 930am Patronal Festival, Preacher Sister Teresa CSF, Church open all day. 730pm Concert by the Mastersingers (Light Music & Classics) £2.
- Oct 11-13 **Lightcliffe Art Exhibition,** Lightcliffe CE School Hall, Wakefield Road, Lightcliffe, Halifax. Fri preview & Reception, 730-930pm. (Tickets £1.50 incl a glass of wine). Details 01422 202424. Exhibition Sat 1030-6pm, Sun 1130-415pm.
- Nov 5 Wakefield Church Union & Forward in Faith **'Renewing Ecumenism'** Seminar. Speaker Mgr William Steele. Dewsbury Minister, 730pm.
- Nov 9 Saint Stephen's Church Lindley, **Craft & Gift Fayre** in the Lindley S of F Infants School, East

Street. Stalls available at £10 each. Contact Mr C Chappell 01484 423240.

Dec 3 Wakefield Church Union & Forward in Faith 'Renewing Witness' Seminar. Speaker Rt Revd Lindsay Urwin OGS, Bishop of Horsham. Dewsbury Minster, 730pm.

Autumn 1997 **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** Details from Fr David Lethbridge, 01977 677010.

MUSICAL MATTERS

Aug 31 **Organ Recital** by Geoffrey Lockwood at Christ Church, New Mill, 730pm, in aid of the Choir Fund.

Sept 19 Saint Edward the Confessor, Barnsley 730pm. **Cossacks of Russia Choir** will present a concert in 2 parts. 1. Russian Orthodox Monastic Chant & Liturgical Choir Music. 2. Traditional Russian Songs. This choir of international repute draws its singers from the operatic world of St Petersburg, Moscow and Kiev. They are touring UK in September. Tickets £8 (Concessions £6) Reserve 01226 203919 or pay at the door.

Sept 20 **Concert of Piano & Organ Music** by University of Bath Organ Scholar, David Wrigley. Saint Botolph's Church, Knottingley, at 730pm. Proceeds in aid of Church Appeal.

Sept 21 You are invited to come and sing **Mendelssohn's 'Elijah'** in Huddersfield Parish Church, Byram Street. Conductor Kenneth Rothery, Organist Geoffrey Lockwood. All welcome - singers and audience. £3 at door. Bring your own score. Enquiries to G Lockwood 01484 688487. In aid of RSCM Appeal.

Sept 21 **Concert by Batley Gilbert & Sullivan Society** in St Andrew's Church, Mount Pleasant, Batley. 730pm. Admission £3 and £2.50 by ticket or pay at door. Refreshments included—served in Hall.

Sept 21 **St Anne's Choir and Friends** together with the **Yorkshire Building Society Band** in Concert at St Anne in the Grove, Southowram. Tickets £4 (Including cheese & wine) also payable at the door. Contact Tony Greenwood (01422 203239) or Father David Burrows (01422 365229).

Sept 21 **The Wakefield Metropolitan Brass Band** will be at St Saviour's Church, Ravenshorpe, in connection with the Dedication Weekend of the Church. 730pm. Adults £3.50, children 50p. Includes refreshments. Details 01924 498280 or pay at the door.

Sept 28 St Peter's Consort presents **Consort in Concert**. 730pm in Wakefield Cathedral. Popular music from the Consort's repertoire. Admission £4. Concessions £3.

Oct 9-12 **Our Journey**—Church Musical at St Barnabas Church Crosland Moor, Huddersfield. 730pm. Tickets £2, children & OAPs £1. Refresh-

ments. Proceeds to Kirkwood Hospice.

Oct 12 **Christ the King, Battysford, Craft Fayre**, 10am-4pm at Battysford CE (C) Junior and Infants School, Nab Lane, Mirfield. Refreshments available. Car park at The Wasps Nest.

Oct 19 Opening Concert of Wakefield Concert Society's 1996/7 Season. **Prazak String Quartet** from Prague, one of the foremost Czech chamber music ensembles performing quartets by Haydn (The Emperor) and Smetana (From My Life) at Wakefield Town Hall at 730pm. Single tickets £7.50 (Concessions £6.50, students £2.50). Season tickets £30 for 6 concerts. Ring 01924 276897 (evenings only) for tickets or 01924 272513 for brochure containing full details.

Oct 26-Nov 2 Marsden Parish Church AO&DS presents the musical **Mame**. Parochial Hall 715pm. 01484 844485.

Nov 2 **RSCM Diocesan Music Festival** at Mirfield Parish Church. This year the festival will take the form of a liturgical performance of Faure's Requiem for All Souls' Day and will be directed by Jonathan Bielby. Details from the Revd John Marshall 01422 202551.

Organist wanted, Christchurch, Helme, near Huddersfield. Sunday 1115am Rite A Eucharist or ASB Morning Prayer. 630pm BCP Evensong or other service. 01484 661080.

Organist needed for Holy Innocents, Thornhill Lees, Dewsbury. Sundays 1030am Mass and on Holy Days 730pm. Please contact Fr Ashworth 01924 461269.

Organist required at Saint Mary, Gomersal. 10am Rite A Parish Eucharist on Sundays plus occasional extras. To help develop the music within worship with small but enthusiastic choir and music group. Details from Fr Michael Rawson, 01274 872131.

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a leaflet offering suggestions for groups who wish to explore different ways of praying. Copies available from Mrs Ros Gayford, Church House, 1 South Parade, Wakefield, WF1 1LR.

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Ackworth Concert Society



The Ackworth Concert Society was formed in 1986 to bring musicians of the highest quality to perform in the Eastern part of the Wakefield District. The Society tries to supply this area of the WMDC with a wide variety of music of a high professional standard so that all tastes may be catered for.

We also feel that local amateur musicians deserve support and so we have had concerts given by the Salvation Army, Knottingley Concert Brass, the Wakefield Festival Chorus and award winners from the Pontefract Music Festival.

Once more, this coming season we have tried to select a series of concerts to suit a wide variety of tastes.

LOOK OUT FOR OUR 1996-1997 BROCHURE which gives details of programmes from Autumn 1996 to Spring 1997.

We feel sure that there will be something for you, so why not come along to the first concert and 'give it a try'? Meet and chat with friends during the interval when light refreshments are served and perhaps buy a 'bargain-priced' season ticket.

Remember that all the concerts take place locally, therefore there is no long journey involved and all the venues are pleasant and easily accessible - we have had wheelchair users in our audiences.

We look forward to welcoming you to our concerts.

Mollie Gardham

Season Tickets are available from the Treasurer, A S Yager, 21a Hill Drive, Ackworth or at any of the early concerts.

Single Tickets, available about 2 weeks before each concert, are on sale at Ackworth and Brackenhill Post Offices, and from A S Yager, Optician, 32 Ropergate, Pontefract.

A LONG WAIT!

On 20 June 1996 Fred Walters received, from the Under Secretary of State for Defence (Armed Forces), his Defence Medal and War Service Medal (1939-1945), just 50 years and 162 days after he was demobbed in 1946.

Hopefully, we shall not have to wait so long for a new Rector!

Lifts to Church

We are urgently in need of volunteers to give lifts to church. This need not be on a regular basis. If you feel able to help please ring **Ann Tait** on **612613**.

It has now been five months that we have been without a rector and we have learnt to cope whilst the selection procedures for the new Rector of Ackworth continues.

It may appear that no progress is being made but our Patron. The Duchy of Lancaster and your churchwardens (particularly Fred Davies) have been very active during this period. You will appreciate it is essential that the incumbent to be is happy to take on the parishioners in Ackworth and just as important that we are satisfied that our worship, social and spiritual needs will be met and fulfilled by our new leader.

Remember that all discussions have to be confidential in case the potential appointee does not either finally accept the benefice or we, the Churchwardens and the PCC are

unhappy with any aspect of the intended ministry. You must continue to be patient, we hope it will not be too long now before an appointment can be announced.

In the meanwhile Fred and I would like to thank you for all your support and for working together to maintain our pattern of worship and praise. It is a tribute to Peter's work here and his dreaded delegation that we know what to do and how to work as a team to sustain our worship.

Thanks also to the visiting clergy who are giving time to maintain our services and to carry out our many christenings and sadly funerals.

The church is still growing and with our new leader to be will, we are sure, fulfil its potential.
W A Branston

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Question: We are managing so well so why do we need a Rector?

Churchwarden: We need someone to answer the phone!!

(With acknowledgements to Paul's sermon on 11 August 1996)

From the Registers

Baptisms

July 28 Amy Lee Davis, 6 Woodhall Drive, Ackworth.
July 28 Richard David James Clarke, 8 Huntwick Drive, Featherstone.
July 28 John Isaac Parker 127 Wakefield Road, Ackworth.

Funerals

July 8 Emily Claybourne, Selby Nursing Home, 80 years.
July 17 George Raymond Lane, 22 Chiltern Drive, Ackworth, 55 years.
July 26 Frank Denton, 45 Field Avenue, Thorpe Willoughby, 82 years.
August 2 Stanley Cooper, Shinwell Drive, Upton, 82 years.
August 13 Bert Barnard, Hilfred Bungalow, Pontefract Road, Ackworth.
70 years.

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LIONS AND THINGS

Look carefully at the front of some Bibles and you will see that there are often linked together drawings of a winged ox, a winged man, a lion and an eagle. Why? These symbols stand for each of the four Gospel writers - Luke is represented by a winged ox, John by the eagle, Matthew has the winged man and Mark, a lion.

Each of these traditional symbols tells us something about the individual Gospels. We'll look at the first two Gospels this month and the other two next month:



St Matthew's symbol is a 'man'. His book tells about the humanity of Christ, his human background as well as his divinity, his God-ness.

St Mark's symbol is a 'winged lion'.

Just as the lion is the king of the beasts, so Mark shows the kingship and authority of Christ.



BIBLE M'S

All the answers to this Bible quiz begin with the letter M. Answers at the bottom of the page.

1. Who was hidden in the bulrushes? (Exodus 2)
2. The island where Paul was shipwrecked (Acts 27)
3. Wrote the second Gospel
4. A hill overlooking Jerusalem, near Bethany (Luke 19)
5. A disciple who was a tax collector (Matthew 9)
6. The two sisters of Lazarus (John 11)
7. The longest living man named in the Bible (Genesis 5)

What kind of meringues repeat on you?

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1. Moses 2. Malta 3. Mark
4. Mount of Olives 5. Matthew
6. Mary & Martha 7. Methuselah

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Calendar for September 1996



1 PENTECOST 14

'The Family'

Genesis 45:1-15 (Dr McWilliam/Miss Parker);
Ephesians 3:14-end (Dr McWilliam/Mrs Riley);
Luke 11:1-13 ASB 707

**NB The Parish Communion at St Cuthberts Church will
commence at 11 00 am today**

- 2 Mon 9 00 am - 9 30 am Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer (All Saints')
7 45pm PCC Meeting (St Cuthbert's Vestry)
3 Tues 10 am - 12 noon Coffee Morning at 54 Chiltern Drive

4 Wednesday 9 30 am Holy Communion (All Saints')

8 PENTECOST 15

'The Blessed Virgin Mary'

All Saints': MATTINS - Isaiah 61:10-11; 62:1-3 (Mrs Hall)
St Cuthbert's: Luke 1:39-49 ASB 798

- 10 Tuesday 2 00 am Mum & Tots (All Saints')
11 Wednesday 9 30 am Holy Communion (All Saints')

15 PENTECOST 16

'The Neighbour'

Deuteronomy 15:7-11 (Mrs Cooper/Mr Shaw); 1 John 4:15-end (Mrs Cooper/Mrs Woffinden);
Luke 16:19-end ASB 715

- 18 Wednesday 9 30 am Holy Communion (All Saints')

22 PENTECOST 17

'The Proof of Faith'

Jeremiah 32:6-15 (Miss Smith/Mrs B Firth); Galatians 2:15-3:9 (Miss Smith/Miss D Walker);
Luke 7:1-10 ASB 719

- 24 Tuesday 2 00 am Mums & Tots (All Saints')
25 Wednesday 9 30 am Holy Communion (All Saints')
26 Thursday 2 30 am Mothers' Union Service and Meeting (All Saints')

29 PENTECOST 18

'St Michael and All Angels'

2 Kings 6:8-17 (Dr McWilliam); Revelation 12:7-12 (Dr McWilliam/Mr Davies);
Matthews 18:1-6,10 ASB 802

OCTOBER

6 PENTECOST

Daniel 6:10-23 (Mrs Hall/Mr R Firth); Romans 5:1-11 (Mrs Hall/Mrs Riley);
Luke 19:1-10 ASB 731

Flowers

St Cuthbert's Church

- 1 September Mrs Gardham
8 September Vacant
15 September Mrs Dodd
22 September Mrs Lee
29 September Vacant

All Saints' Church

- 1 September Miss Smith
8 September Mrs Camplin
15 September Mrs Cooper & Mrs Laybourne
22 September Mrs Turton
29 September Miss R & Miss D Harrison

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