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Dear Friends,

The past few weeks have seen many uplifting and exciting and indeed once in a lifetime events in this community.

Early June saw the Diamond Jubilee celebrations which our Churches marked with a special service followed by a celebration tea. A few days later we held our first flower festival in nearly 15 years at St Cuthbert's - a bright and colourful tribute to our Queen. On the 24th June we had a prayer relay around our Churches concluding with a 'More than Gold' celebration service in the Methodist Church to mark the arrival of the Olympic Torch relay.

The Olympic Torch passed though our village on the 25th shared by thousands who turned out to the line the route. Last but by no means least, our reader of many years standing, Dr Paul Fox, was ordained deacon at Halifax Minister followed by an evening of fun, food and drink. And, on a more personal note, I presided at the marriage service of our son on the 7th July. All in all an exhausting but joyous month which will stay in all our memories for many years to come!

A lot to reflect up as we approach the August holidays, a time for rest and recuperation. As we still have the actual Olympic games to come, I would like to focus on this summer of competition which as I write, lies ahead. As we view the spectacle which is the height of human physical achievement, what can we lesser mortals draw from this in a spiritual sense? The immediate conclusion is that which is the basis of these games, - peaceful competition. A time when nations put aside their violent struggles to compete in the name of peace and mutual respect.

Another strand can be drawn from the symbol which had been passed by relay around our country, the symbol of the Olympic flame. For ourselves as Christians the lighted torch is a symbol of our Lord Jesus Christ himself - the light of the world and as the image of the Holy Spirit which came down upon those first disciples at Pentecost.

That light in the countrywide relay was passed from one person to another, just as we must pass on the light of Christ to those who presently live, metaphorically, in darkness - the darkness of ignorance - the ignorance of God's love in their lives.

Most of those people who carried that Olympic flame were ordinary people who had done extraordinary things in their lives. Some had overcome seemingly insurmountable odds, battled against severely limiting diseases or injuries, done heroic deeds to help others. By courage, determination and perseverance they have achieved extraordinary feats. In a similar way, all the sports people in the games themselves have undergone sacrificial and dedicated training to reach the level they have to compete and yet only a few will win the gold medal.

St Paul exhorts us all to 'run in such a way that you may win the prize!' (1 Cor. 9:24). This leaves us with two messages as we seek to grow in faith and communicate that faith to others. Firstly - persevere - strive to be the best you can be in God's service and secondly pass it on - give the light of Christ to others and offer them your encouragement. Then you will win gold ... 'and more precious than perishable gold is faith which has stood the test' (1 Peter 1:3-7).

Yours in Christ

Paul



The Ordination Trail

Many, many thanks to all those who were able to attend the Ordination of Deacons at Halifax Minster on 30th June, and then the supper back at St Cuthbert's. It is good to know that so many people have been supporting me and praying for me at this point in my journey with God, and indeed, for a long time. That Saturday was the culmination of a much longer part of my journey, starting over ten years ago.

Many of you have travelled the academic training with me, as you have heard the titles of some of my essays, and pondered what they mean with me. Some of you have had deep conversations on many aspects of theology, and many of you have simply listened to me twitter on about all and sundry. Once my dissertation (Where is the divide between delusion and religious experience?), I knew I was near the end of the beginning. Closely following this was the Commendation service, which took place at the Community of the Resurrection in Mirfield, which marked the end of the academic part, and the beginning of the Church part.

That consisted of an interview with the Bishop of Pontefract and then the Bishop of Wakefield, and then lunch with the said Bishops, before travelling to the Mirfield Retreat House for a four day silent retreat. This was led by the Professor of Theology at Nottingham University. Four days spent contemplating the enormity of what I was about to do. It was probably passed the point of no return, because after lunch with the Bishops we stood in a large circle and swore our allegiance to the Church, the Queen, and the Lord Bishop of Wakefield.

Silent retreats are something I find difficult sometimes, because it is hard to eat a meal in silence, with all the plate scraping, and the cherry tomatoes rolling across the table. If you know me, you will know that I will start giggling after a while, and then I find everything amusing.



Back in my room, I spent time, cross stitching, reading The Huntchback of Notre-Dame, and playing Sudoku, a lot. But I also spent time walking the grounds of the Community at Mirfield. If you have never been there, it is a must. The grounds are fantastic, comprising woodland, a quarry, an amphitheatre, an allotment, a rose garden, and more. I sat in the sunshine, asking God the question "Are you sure about this?". The answer was always yes, but it didn't stop me asking. I experienced many moments when God was particularly close and reassuring, but also challenging. Each night I walked the grounds after Compline at 9:15, and I was privileged to see, each night, a family of foxes playing in a clearing.

When Saturday came I was ready for the move to Halifax, desperate to get out into the real world again, and speak. That morning my bible reading notes had these words;

"Guide me O thou great Redeemer . . . let the fiery cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Thank you for saving me, protecting me and calling me your own."

I couldn't have put it any better at the beginning of this, of all days.

The service at Halifax Minster was a very grand Anglican affair, but I was swept along by worship and Gods presence, and all the friendly faces from back home, who had come to support me.

It seemed like a long journey back home along the M62 at fifty miles an hour. But it was good to get back to Ackworth and share some of my experiences with those of you able to attend, and also to hear your experiences of the day.

It was a long and tiring day for me, but all of your prayers kept me going until gone midnight, when I suddenly fell asleep, only to be woken by my alarm, telling me it was time for the 8:30 service at All Saints. My alarm for that morning? Church bells!

I would like to thank all those who contributed to the gifts I received, and especially to those who gave me personalised gifts and cards. They

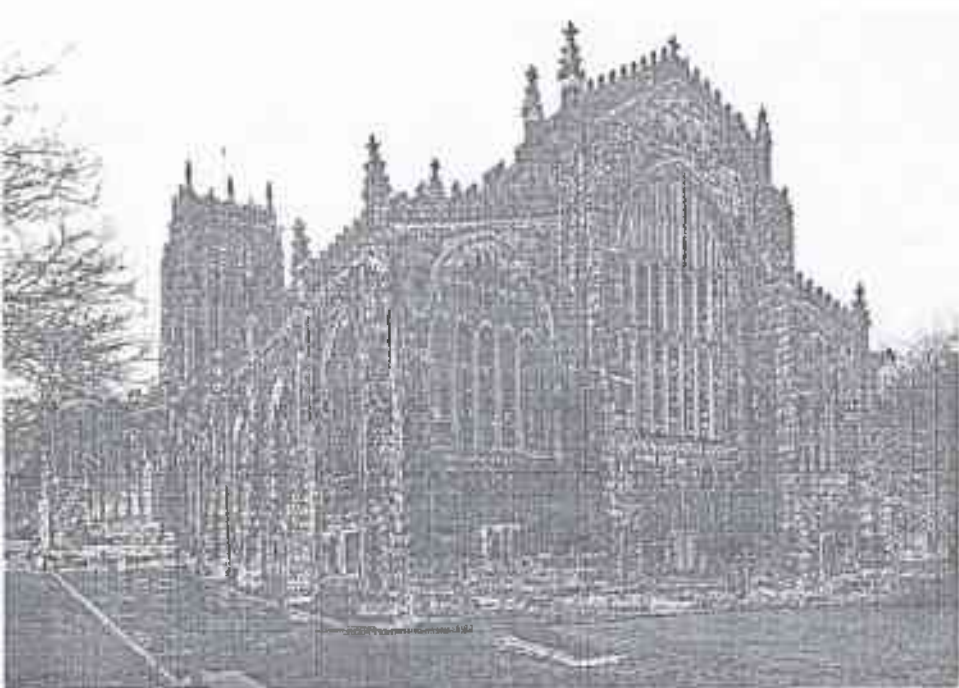
will all be put to very good use in Gods service in the future.

My ordination is not the end, it is only the beginning, and I look forward to working with everyone in the Parish again, after what seems like a long absence. I have made many good and eternal friends over the last three years, and I have lost some very dear friends, who set me on this path, but did not see the fruits of their labours. But God has a plan, and I am only a small part of that plan here in Ackworth. But if we all join together, and enter into God's mission in Ackworth, together we will build His Kingdom in this place.

So don't stop praying for me, or each other, we have work to do, and a journey still to travel together. With Gods Spirit in our hearts, that will be one heck of an exciting, and sometimes bewildering, path to follow. Are you ready?

Paul Fox

You may have noticed I have new contact details at the front of the magazine. I am happy to accept email queries of any nature.



JUBILEE AND OLYMPIC EVENTS

During June we experienced some of the worst weather we have ever seen. It 'rained' and it 'reigned'. 'But celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee gave the Church and the Community a wonderful opportunity to join together in unity. A service held at All Saints' Church, followed by a buffet, was a meeting for Ackworth Churches Together to enjoy a wonderful service. Unfortunately it had originally been intended to take the form of a street party but persistent rain the entire day put an end to that idea but an indoor 'party' was a good substitute.

The following weekend saw the gifts and talents brought together at St. Cuthbert's Church where there was a marvelous Flower Festival for two days depicting fifteen major events during the Queen's reign. A big thanks to the organizer and all her team of willing helpers for a memorable event.

Next we had the annual Ackworth Gala Day, attracting many people including local organizations. There were many stalls and other attractions and the day ended with an open air concert before the inevitable rain appeared yet again.

Sunday the 24th of June saw the start of the Olympic Celebrations when Churches Together went on a pilgrimage around all the village Churches. 'Passing the light of Christ', it started at All Saints', then on to the Community Church in Bell Lane, next to the Quaker Meeting House onwards to St Cuthbert's and ending at the Methodist Chapel. Meaningful readings and prayers were said at each church prior to our arrival at the Chapel. Again the weather triumphed as it had been planned to hold an open air service on Carr Bridge playing field.

Monday saw the Olympic torch travel through Ackworth, a once in a life times experience for the



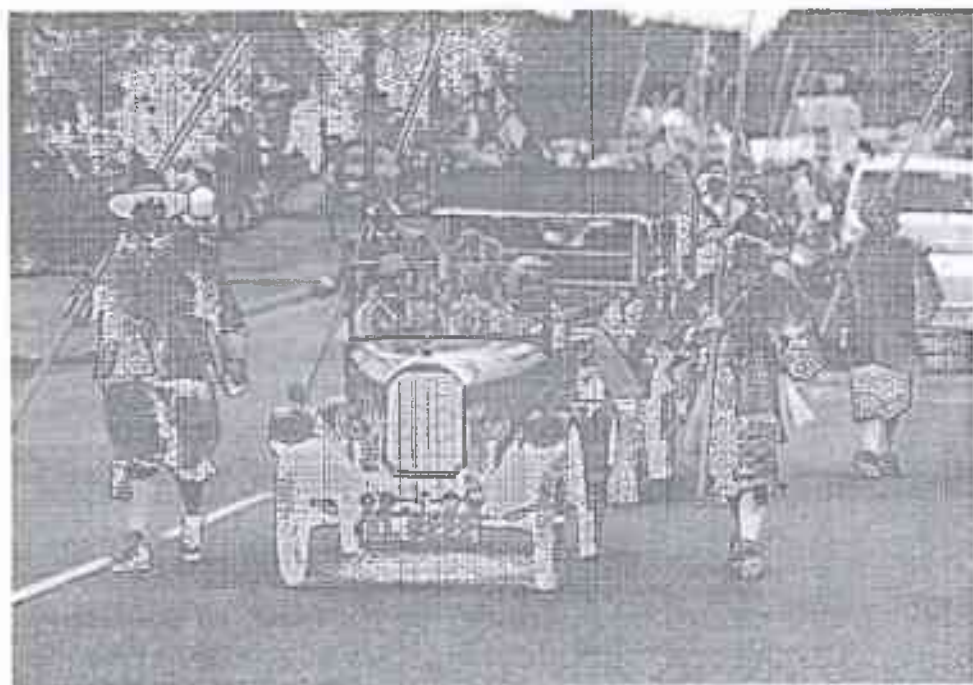
people who witnessed this. Crowds of people lined the route as it passed through the village onto its next destination.

On the last day of June our Reader Dr. Paul Fox was ordained Deacon in Halifax. A bus was hired to take some of the congregation to witness this event and then afterwards there was a celebration buffet in St. Cuthbert's Church.

The weather might not have always been bright and cheerful but the spirits of the people was a joy to remember. Come on Ackworth, keep up the unity, let us be a community together.

"A new commandment I give unto you. Love one another as I have loved you."

Ann Atack



THE MOTHER'S UNION QUIET DAY

This was held on Thursday July 5th, 10.00 for 10.30 until 3.00 at St. Cuthbert's Church in Ackworth. The day was led by our Rector, Rev. Paul Hartley.

The theme for this year is "Your Gifts-discover and celebrate". This event should have been on Monday 2nd July but had to be altered due to a wedding taking place at St. Cuthbert's on that day. So quite a few people gave backward as they had other things to do on Thursdays (does half the Mother's Union do voluntary work on Thursdays?) Margaret who usually helps me with the teas is ill so I'd have to do it myself. I don't know how to use the boiler. Nobody will come! I was a nervous wreck. Oh- me of little faith!

Two Ackworth people I'd asked to come are not M.U. members but good friends of mine, Heather and Iris. Heather and I went to the supermarket for milk and biscuits (bought far too much). Pam (from Huddersfield and is in charge) brought tea, coffee and sugar too. Pam also brought members from that side of the diocese so there were some people there! Then the Pontefract members came from St. Giles, also Cathedral branch members. Iris knew how the boiler works (easy, even I can use it now). It was raining, but suddenly nothing mattered-panic over. We greeted everyone with tea, coffee and biscuits, then washed up and were ready to enjoy the day.

11.00 start with the first address-'Your gifts-what are they?

The first reading was from 1 Corinthians ch. 2 v.15 where it is explained that all parts of the body are different, but all parts are necessary and have different uses, so it is with us, we are all different and have different gifts, but we all have some gifts. Paul asked us what gifts we had in our churches and how do you encourage others. Then he left us to think about our gifts and we all read our bibles some more.

The second address. Paul read from Romans 12 vv3-8, also Galatians 5 vv 22-26.

Paul explained that all we do in Church is important, as we have different gifts. It's very necessary that people are willing to take

their turn in church, cleaning, making teas, doing the flowers to beautify the church. Here he mentioned the Flower Festival which was really wonderful but hard work for those who did it all. There are so many tasks to be done, what with Fund Raising, Coffee Mornings, Plant Sales, the list is endless-but everything is appreciated. Paul goes into schools and talks to the children, who all enjoy this (I know, I'm a granny). He told them to give a gift to someone else, but they thought that they didn't have a gift, so he made them stand in lines, and each one in turn, turned round and gave a smile to the next child who had to pass it on (sounds like fun), he says they were all giggling at the end of it. So gifts don't have to cost any money.

He told us some gifts are hidden away and wasted. He told us of two sisters who lived together and had a big box of chocolates but didn't want to share them with visitors who were coming (it was Christmas) and they must have been a bit mean because they hid the box on top of the wardrobe and forgot about them. A couple of years later they re-discovered their chocolates and they were mouldy and had to be thrown away! Are we a bit like this, with our gifts? We all had to think about we were good at. I think I'm good at reading to small children (I'm a great-granny, so I know these things!)

Next it was 12.30 and time for lunch. We had brought a packed lunch so Iris and I made more drinks for everyone (Heather having left for work). By now it had stopped raining so we went out into the sunshine and one lady began to collect the fallen fir cones. They all thought our church was lovely. I showed them where John Gully's grave was as they are interested in things that are a bit different. Paul told them more about John Gully who was a prize fighter, made a fortune, became a Member of Parliament etc. (his grave is outside the churchyard)

After Paul had spoken again it was time for Eucharist. 2.45 and time to depart but not until we'd had another drink of tea or coffee. All had enjoyed their quiet and peaceful day. I was asked to ask Paul for another Quiet Day next year. (I will ask him). We all left with lots to think about.

Mary Walker

Readings Rota for August 2012, September 2012

Date	Liturgical Week	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel	St Cuthbert's	ser	All Saints'
05/08/12	Proper 13	3 Samuel 11:26-12:13a	Ephesians 4:1-6	John 6:24-35	Sue Hartley	B	Mrs S Hall
12/08/12	Proper 14	2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	John 6:35, 41-51	Jane Siddall		Mrs M Walker
19/08/12	Proper 15	1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14	Ephesians 5:15-20	John 6:51-58	Keith Shaw		Mr I Hall
26/08/12	Proper 16	1 Kings 8: 22-30, 41-43	Ephesians 6:10-20	John 6:56-69	Jane Gosney	B	Dr McWilliam
02/09/12	Proper 17	Song of Solomon 2:8-13	James 1:17-27	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Anne Bullock		Mrs S Hall
09/09/12	Proper 18	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23	James 2:1-17	Mark 7:24-37	Anne Atack	P	Mrs M Walker
16/09/12	Proper 19	Proverbs 1:20-33	James 3:1-12	Mark 8:27-38	Pauline Wong		Mr I Hall
23/09/12	Proper 20	Proverbs 31:10-31	James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a	Mark 9:30-37	Jane Siddall		Dr McWilliam
30/09/12	Proper 21	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10 & 9:20-22	James 5:13-20	Mark 9:38-50	Sue Hartley	B	Mrs S Hall

ALL SAINTS' FLOWERS

AUGUST 5 TH	ALAN CAMPLIN
AUGUST 12 TH	FLOWER FUND
AUGUST 19 TH	JEAN HANCOCKS
AUGUST 26 TH	FLOWER FUND
SEPTEMBER 2 ND	WENDY LAYBOURN
SEPTEMBER 9 TH	VERA McWILLIAM
SEPTEMBER 16 TH	EDITH SKIDMORE
SEPTEMBER 23 RD	JEAN HANCOCKS
SEPTEMBER 30 TH	FLOWER FUND

ST. CUTHBERT'S FLOWERS

AUGUST 5 TH	WEDDING
AUGUST 12 TH	WEDDING
AUGUST 19 TH	WEDDING
AUGUST 26 TH	WEDDING
SEPTEMBER 2 ND	WEDDING
SEPTEMBER 9 TH	JEAN CLAYTON
SEPTEMBER 16 TH	BIDDY BRANSTON
SEPTEMBER 23 RD	VACANT
SEPTEMBER 30 TH	ANNE HILL



From Ackworth All Saints' to Afghanistan
with love

On Friday 8th June I overheard a conversation in the office between two colleagues. Carol, a mother of a soldier serving in Helmund Province was discussing putting together another shoe box to send out.

I asked what they were sending and she replied that her son and his colleagues loved nothing better than having afternoon tea together when they arrived back at base from patrol. Since tea and cakes were in short supply she put together a shoe box for them every month to enable this to happen.

She was due to send a further parcel on Monday 11th June and she and Lisa were discussing who would donate what.

Knowing that I would be going to the table top sale the next day, and knowing that Stella would have some of her wonderful cakes for sale I asked whether I could donate some home made cakes. Carol was delighted and stunned! She said that it would be wonderful and she knew that the 'boys' would absolutely love a taste of home.

Stella came up trumps with a fruit loaf and a cherry cake which were duly dispatched and 10 days later Carol received a delighted text from her son with a promise to email photographs as soon as they were able to. He said, and I quote, "they were so delicious we wanted to sniff up the crumbs".

On Monday Carol will be sending 2 more cakes for Simon and his friends along with my prayers for their safety.

What a wonderful privilege to be able to send a small piece of home to our boys on the front line. May God bless them and keep them safe.

Carolyn Longhurst

FLOWER FESTIVAL 9TH & 10TH JUNE, 2012

It was a little daunting when the Rector suggested that we have a flower festival, because so few people are available to arrange flowers in the Church. However, once the theme had been chosen, the response was very supporting and encouraging. The theme chosen was "Significant Events during the Queen's 60 years Reign.

These were-Royal Family Baptisms; The Coronation; Churchill's State Funeral (1965); The Beatles; Wimbledon (1977); The Miners' Strike (1984-5); The Queen Mother's 100th Birthday (2000); The Golden Jubilee (2002); The Ashes (2009-11) and the Diamond Jubilee (2012).

As well as the flower arrangers from St. Cuthbert's and All Saints' Ackworth, The Church Music Group, Guiding in Ackworth, The Y. C. A. and some Florists in the area took part and produced a wonderful show with so much skill and imagination.

A brochure was produced to support the displays and was enhanced by appropriate photographs by Nigel Parkinson.

Gemma Fox designed the posters and Jean Ensor the display signs. Mike Fox has taken excellent photographs which will be sent to the Queen with an expression of loyalty. Copies will also be on display in the Church.

The dates of the Festival were chosen to coincide with the Ackworth Heritage Afternoon on the Green, which added to the festive atmosphere.

Refreshments were served during both days and with the proceeds from them and the donations from visitors, 720 pounds was raised for church funds. This was appreciated but equally rewarding was the spirit and cooperation from everybody involved which made such a successful venture.

Many thanks to everyone who took part.

Jean Clayton

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May 27 Erin Jessica Brook and Maisie Rose Marks

June 10 Maddison Rose Oliver and Mason David Pugh

June 24 Lola Rebecca Winder and Ethan James Millar

Marriages

May 19 Gareth Paul Durham and Kayleigh Louise Franks

Funerals

May 3 John Shorthouse (90) 84 Mount Pleasant , Ackworth Moor top

June 6 Joan Hotson (82) Victoria N.H. Ryhill

June 7 Mary Ambler (191) 14 Harewood Lane, Upton

June 13 Derek Wingwood (57) 2 Leigh Street, Brackenhill

June 14 Barbara Downing (59) 22 Beech Grove, Kinsley

June 18 Sylvia Burton (67) 12 Brookfield Drive, Low Ackworth

June 26 Dorothy Nichols (81) 28 Charlestown, Ackworth Moor Top

June 29 Derek Ackroyd (82) 25 Millgate, Ackworth Moor Top

Mass Times for The Parish Of The Sacred Heart RC Father Anthony Fenton

Sacred Heart, Hemsworth, Sunday, 10:45am

Saturday Night Mass, 6:00pm

ACKWORTH COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday	10.30am	Worship
	6.30pm	Prayer Meeting
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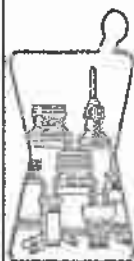


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ALL SAINTS' TABLE TOP SALES

Just a quick update for everybody who has helped. Today, Saturday 14th July, we have completed our third sale raising £547 and swelling the total so far to over £1,400. Although it has been a lot of very hard work we have all thoroughly enjoyed the experience and fellowship and the bigger reward has been found here for all of us I am sure.

To those of our readers who have been unable to get to any of our sales we will be holding the next one a week earlier than normal on Saturday August 4th starting at 9.00 am and ending at 12 noon. Be assured of a warm welcome and hopefully there is something for everybody whether it be books, plants, bric a brac or home made cakes.

If Thursday mornings suit people better then we would be delighted to see you at our weekly coffee mornings between 10 am and 12 noon where you can enjoy tea or coffee and home baked cakes in a comfortable and friendly environment.

Gentlemen are also welcome to join our regular band, so don't think it's just for the ladies.

Ian Hall



COFFEE MORNING CAKES
COFFEE AND WALNUT CAKE
INGREDIENTS

6 oz (150g) MARGARINE/BUTTER
6OZ (150g) GOLDEN CASTER SUGAR
3 EGGS (BEATEN)
6oz (150g) SELF RAISING FLOUR (sifted)
2 tablespoons COFFEE ESSENCE
HANDFUL OF CHOPPED WALNUTS

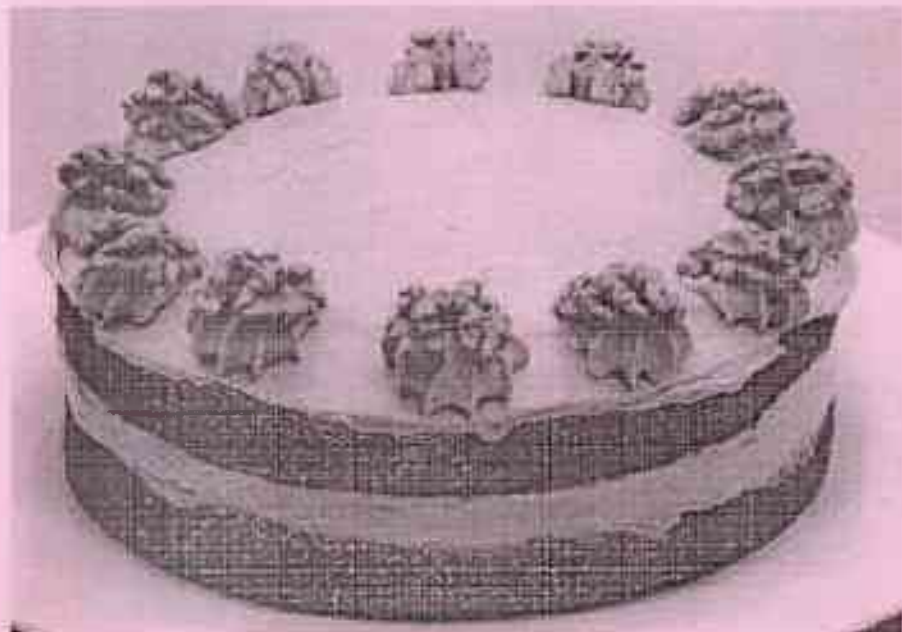
METHOD

CREAM TOGETHER MARGARINE/BUTTER AND SUGAR.
WHISK EGGS WITH COFFEE AND ADD ALTERNATELY
WITH FLOUR TO MIXTURE.

ADD WALNUTS.

PUT IN LINED 8inc (20 cm) TIN IN MODERATE 375f/190c
gas 5 AND BAKE FOR 45 MINUTES.

ADD BUTTERICING BY MIXING TOGETHER MARGARINE,
ESSENCE AND ICING SUGAR.



Sunday Services for August 2012 and September 2012

Sunday Services

8.30am	Holy Communion (2nd & 4th Sunday BCP service)	All Saints'
10.15am	Family Communion	St Cuthbert's
6.30pm	Evensong (except 3rd Sunday in month)	All Saints'
6.30pm	Evensong with Healing Prayer (third Sunday in month)	All Saints'

Wednesday Service

9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
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Special Services/Events

Sept 22 10am - 3.30pm PCC Away Day at Chantry Bridge Chapel
led by Bishop Tony Robinson

Sept 29 7.30pm Concert by Ackworth Community Choir at St
Cuthbert's

