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Dear Friends

Partly for those who were unable to get to the meeting and partly to inform people of the priorities for our church over the next year, I have decided to write a précis of my report to the Annual General Meeting. Though much of the report may seem to be gloomy, as many of the figures (attendance and financial income) are on the decline, this would not be the first time that the Church, both locally and nationally, has seen a dip, but after 2 millennia it is still the largest religion in the world and will do far more than to live to fight another day. Whilst the media may delight in reporting decline in the Christian Church, the church has never been stronger than when its back is against the wall. What may be seen as insurmountable problems by one person are seen by people of faith as challenges that can be overcome.

As regards church leadership in our parish, David Teece, our curate, left us at the end of January to move on to pastures new. Last year, however, Paul Fox was deaconed and will be priested in June this year. The average attendance at our weekly services has seen a dip over the last year, more specifically the evening service at All Saints is down to 3 or 4 attending. It is a disappointment to see some of our regulars staying away for the baptism services on the last Sunday of each month. On a day when we have more non-church goers than any other Sunday, we should be out in force to encourage and make our occasional visitors feel welcomed. The all-age Eucharist on the second Sunday has been abbreviated to make it shorter and it would be good to see more younger people being encouraged to come! In terms of improving our 'communications', we have purchased a 'standalone' sound system for St Cuthbert's which is portable and flexible. Finally, 2013 has seen the start of our new Mothers and Toddlers Group which meets on the first Thursday of each month at All Saints. This can only be a positive move forward in welcoming younger families into our churches.

In the year ahead, we look forward to the installation of new audio/visual equipment into St Cuthbert's which will broaden the scope and variety of our worship. As already mentioned, we look forward to the Priesting of Paul Fox on June 26th and we hope to host a Confirmation Service later in the year. So much for the good news – and now for the challenges that face us in the year ahead! I have already mentioned my concern regarding falling attendances and this may be connected with my other major concern for the year ahead. In a nutshell, we are struggling financially. In particular it is in our weekly giving, both via envelopes and in the collection plate. For the 3rd year running our collections are down on the previous year and our ability to live within our income is virtually cut to the bone. In 2011 we received £37,147, compared with £34,284 in

2012 (almost £3,000 down); this year alone, in the first 2 months of January and February our giving was £4,532 compared with £7,293 for the same period in 2012 – an alarming drop of some £2,761 for two months only. Clearly, if this trend continues through the year then we would be in serious financial difficulties by the end of the year. Reported in the P.C.C. minutes for April, Anne our Treasurer says with some concern that in the 1st quarter of 2013 giving is down by £1,000 per month.

Desperate though the situation may seem, it is not a time to despair but a time to rise to the challenge. In the first instance I appeal to you all to examine your consciences and your budgets carefully and see if you could increase your level of giving. I know that we live in difficult financial times, but our church is suffering as well as businesses and individuals; I can only appeal to your love for the church and your generosity, which has always seen us through in past years. Secondly I would welcome any suggestions or offers of help that will help us to raise extra income.

I thank you for your continued faith and support in anticipation of conquering this challenge to the Church here in Ackworth.

Yours in Christ

Paul Hartley

TABLE TOP SALES AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH **WAKEFIELD ROAD ACKWORTH**

This year we are holding our table top sales again after the success of last year. They will all be held inside and outside the Church. There will be all the usual attractions such as-

HOME GROWN PLANTS

HOME MADE CAKES

REFRESHMENTS

BOOKS DVD'S

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NEARLY NEW CLOTHES

CARDS

PRINCE OF WALES HOSPICE STALL

They will be held on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9.00 to 12.00 noon. These are the dates-

MAY 18TH (which will have taken place by the time you receive your copy of the magazine)

JUNE 15TH
JULY 20TH
AUGUST 18TH
SEPTEMBER 21ST
OCTOBER 19TH

There will also be a Christmas fair on Saturday November 9th at the same time. This will give you plenty of time to buy your Christmas cards, wrapping paper, calendars and some gifts.

A Really Good Night In for Macmillan **Friday 26th April 2013**

More than one in three of us will get cancer at some point in our lives and for most it will be the toughest fight we ever face! Thank goodness we don't have to deal with it alone.

Therefore when I heard about the Really Good Night In I knew it was something I wanted to support and enjoy. The PCC were keen to allow this to take place in church and so with the help of Paul & Jackie, Ian and Stella and of course Derek & Tash we set about organising a Cheese and Wine evening which was attended by 29 friends and members of the congregation.

I believe (hope) that everyone did have a really good night with games, including a quiz and a chance to view and attempt to identify everyone's baby photo's. Ian provided a beer tasting table which was extremely popular and we ended the evening with Julie and the Music Group entertaining us.

A huge thank you to everyone for your support and generosity – on the evening we raised £545 which has now risen to £615 and still rising! I will forward final total to the magazine.

Caroline Longhurst

EASTER IN NORFOLK

It has been three years since we were last in Norfolk over Easter, so we were glad to join Sheringham Churches Together for their annual Service and Procession of Witness again on Good Friday.

We had our usual doubt as to the starting time, arriving in the centre of the town at 11.00 to find no evidence of what we hoped was to take place. Colin noticed a Salvation Army bandsman in a nearby shelter and he advised us that he was from Milton Keynes but believed

the service was due to start at 11.15. Sure enough a few minutes later a horde of people arrived from the direction of St. Peter's, the local Church of England Church. As last time there were no street closures or police presence and a disabled motorist had parked on the double yellow lines in the middle of the usual place designated for the service!

The service was led by the local Free Church minister, with prayers, a modern language version of the Easter Story and there were two hymns which were 'When I survey the wondrous cross' and 'There is a green hill' accompanied by the Salvation Army Band. Afterwards we processed through the town to climb Beeston Hill, known locally as Beeston Bump, a 200 foot humpback prominent feature of the coastline the site of a World War Two Observation Post, the foundations of which are still visible. After a steep half mile climb, including 51 steep steps, we were congratulated upon reaching our goal, as many of the 200 or so climbers were quite elderly. The panoramic view now includes the forty or more wind turbines of the Sheringham Shoal wind farm on the horizon and this year the big top and caravans of Russell's International Circus, in addition to the rooftops of the town. The Cross was raised and there were further prayers and then the blessing was given.

As we approached the village, where our caravan is sited, two miles away, the cross could be seen standing proudly amongst snow flurries against the darkening sky. On Easter Day we were pleased to note that it was still there and had not been subjected to vandalism as had occurred previously.

Sue & Colin Tanswell

THINGS YOU MAYBE DIDN'T KNOW

The average person walks the equivalent of three times round the world in a lifetime.

In 1811, nearly a quarter of all the women in Britain were called Mary. Two and a half million Mills and Boon novels were pulped and added to the tarmac of the M6 Toll Road to make it more absorbent.

Sudan has more pyramids than Egypt.

The dialling code for Russia is 007.

King Herod's first wife was called Doris.

One hundred thousand mobile phones are dropped down the toilet every year and 50,000 get run over.

When Fidel Castro seized power in Cuba, he ordered all Monopoly sets to be destroyed.

The French mathematician Descartes had a theory that monkeys and apes were able to talk-but kept quiet in case they were asked to work.

The first commercial chewing gum appeared in 1871, after Thomas Adams had failed to make car tyres from the same ingredients. Victorian guidebooks advised women to put pins in their mouths to avoid being kissed when going through tunnels. Until 1857, it was legal for British husbands to sell their wives. The going rate was three thousand pounds (223,00 pounds today)

A CELEBRATION

On Thursday April the 25th we all helped to celebrate the birthday of one of our most regular 'customers'. Mrs. Edie Cosgrove has been attending the Thursday Coffee Mornings for almost all the time that we have been holding them. Her favourite cake is Date and Walnut so we made sure that this week one of us had made one. She always asks for 'a weak tea please' and you can be sure that it is -in fact it looks like barely coloured water -but then 'the customer is always right!

No matter what the weather she always tries to come -even some of the unpleasant winter weather doesn't deter her. Many of the other friends she has at the coffee mornings had brought her cards and some presents too. The reason for this special celebration was that she was having her 95th birthday! Of course she had to endure the off key singing of Happy Birthday.

This brought back memories of another stalwart of All Saints' Church celebrating her 95th birthday in Church. It was Miss Ethel Smith who lived next door and who was a great supporter of all we did. It was to be her last communion on the Wednesday morning and she was really surprised when Paul announced her birthday and led us in the rendering of Happy Birthday. If you have an old copy of the All Saints' cake recipe book the front cover shows Ethel walking along the pavement in front of the Church.

LIQUORICE

Anyone living in this part of the world is familiar with this product and indeed Pontefract has given its name to the famous 'Pontefract Cakes'. Liquorice has been around for centuries, in fact the Egyptian Pharaoh Tutankhamen had a jar of it buried with him to keep away the evil spirits. Emperor Napoleon found that eating it helped him to relax. During the Second World War liquorice was given to the soldiers after it was found that the Japanese troops fighting in the jungle used it to quench their thirst. Another fan of it was Hannibal who gave it to those famous elephants to give them extra energy when making the crossing of the

Alps.

Every year now of course there is the Liquorice Festival in Pontefract and there is even a Liquorice Queen.

When I was young the town smelled of liquorice and there were four factories producing it. I used to see the young women going to work with their hair in curlers under their headgear ready for their evenings out. It was good if one knew someone who worked at Wilkinson's or one of the other factories because, if lucky, one might be given some of the off cuts. To this day I still prefer liquorice allsorts to any chocolate.

My grandfather and my two uncles farmed in Pontefract and I remember them growing liquorice in the field off Knottingley Road. I well recall chewing the root until all the flavor had gone. Nowadays it is used in cheese making, teas and ice cream. Today liquorice is said to help with stress, clear coughs and help digestive upsets and in 2012 was named Medicinal Plant of the year..

KEEPSAKES - MEMORIES

During the long, cold, dark days of winter I was thinking of something to do which would pass away the time. I thought of playing some nice music so I decided to clear out some drawers and cupboards. What would I find? What should I keep? And what should be consigned to the dustbin?

I found a gold cross which had belonged to a great aunt which had been bought for her 21st. birthday around 1900. It was then given to me in 1953 when she died. There was a Bible given to me by my granddad and my best friend, when I was 11 in 1960.

There were lots of books belonging to Kitty Cooper, a good Church friend, who sadly died a few years ago. Then there were three beautiful cross stitch pictures all with special things on them. One had the Lord's Prayer worked on it, another had a picture of St. Cuthbert's Church, and a third was a sampler done to celebrate our Silver Wedding in 1995, all done by Church friends. There were cards sent for my Confirmation in 1993 and there were lots of photographs of my delightful God children christened at St. Cuthbert's Church.

There were too, small tokens of gifts given from the many friends I have made on my Pastoral Care visiting. You can guess what happened to them all! Yes, all put safely back again to look at on another rainy day. Treasures for me, memories of my Christian journey so far.

Ann Attack

Thought for the Day

LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE MEN, THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS, AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN.

MATTHEW 5 VERSE 16

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2013		
Date	Event	Venue
Sunday 26 th May	Ackworth Community Choir Concert	St Cuthbert's Church
Sunday 2 nd June	Village Green Event with Cream teas at church	Village Green
Sunday 9 th June	Last day for collection of DVDs and CDs	
Saturday 15 th June	Table Top Sale	All Saints'
Wednesday 26 th June	Paul's Ordination as Priest	St Cuthbert's
Saturday 29 th June	Ackworth Gala	Playing Fields
Sunday 30 th June	Paul's first celebration of communion with Buffet Lunch afterwards	St Cuthbert's
Sunday 7 th July	Strawberry tea	St Cuthbert's
Saturday 20 th July	Table Top Sale	All Saints'
Saturday 17 th August	Table Top Sale	All Saints'
Friday 20 th September	Valuation event	St Cuthbert's
Saturday 21 st September	Table Top Sale	All Saints'
Friday 11 th October	Schools Harvest	St Cuthbert's
11 th – 13 th October	Harvest Weekend	
Saturday 19 th October	Table Top Sale	All Saints'
Saturday 19 th October	Quiz	Ackworth Howards School
Wednesday 30 th October	Bags to the Future Collection	
Saturday 9 th November	Christmas Fair	All Saints' Church

Readings Rota for June 2013, July 2013

Date	Liturgical Week	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel	St Cuthbert's	All Saints'
02/06/2013	Proper 4	1 Kings 18:20-39	Galatians 1:1-12	Luke 7:1-10	Jane Siddall	Dr McWilliam
09/06/2013	Proper 5	1 Kings 17:8-16(17-end)	Galatians 1:11-24	Luke 7:11-17		P Mrs S Hall
16/06/2013	Proper 6	1 Kings 21:1-21a	Galatians 2:15-21	Luke 7:36-8:3	Sue Hartley	Mrs M Walker
23/06/2013	Proper 7	1 Kings 19:1-15a	Galatians 3:23-29	Luke 8:26-39	Keith Shaw	B Mr I Hall
30/06/2013	Proper 8	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14	Galatians 5:1, 13-25	Luke 9:51-62	Jane Gosney	Dr McWilliam
07/07/2013	Proper 9	2 Kings 5:1-14	Galatians 6:1-6 (7-16)	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Anne Bullock	Mrs S Hall
14/07/2013	Proper 10	Amos 7:7-17	Colossians 1:1-14	Luke 10:25-37		P Mrs M Walker
21/07/2013	Proper 11	Amos 8:1-12	Colossians 1:15-28	Luke 10:38-42	Jane Siddall	Mr I Hall
28/07/2013	Proper 12	Hosea 1:2-10	Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19)	Luke 11:1-13	Pauline Wong	B Dr McWilliam

ALL SAINTS' FLOWERS

JUNE 2 ND	PEGGY HUBY
JUNE 9 TH	FLOWER FUND
JUNE 16 TH	JEAN HANCOCKS
JUNE 23 RD	FLOWER FUND
JUNE 30 TH	SUE TANSWELL
JULY 7 TH	FLOWER FUND
JULY 14 TH	ANN ATACK
JULY 21 ST	ANNE HURST
JULY 28 TH	BETTY JOHNSON



ST. CUTHBERT'S FLOWERS

JUNE 2 ND	ROTA
JUNE 9 TH	ELAINE ROBERTS
JUNE 16 TH	ELAINE ROBERTS
JUNE 23 RD	MARGARET BARROW
JUNE 30 TH	WEDDING
JULY 7 TH	ROTA
JULY 14 TH	ROTA
JULY 21 ST	JANET BATEMAN
JULY 28 TH	ROTA

BRASSES



Feeling the pinch?

Are you feeling the pinch? As a result of the recession, many people are having to tighten their belts and make cutbacks. High street shops are going into liquidation, and businesses are closing their doors. Many more are finding it difficult to make ends meet, and so is our church.

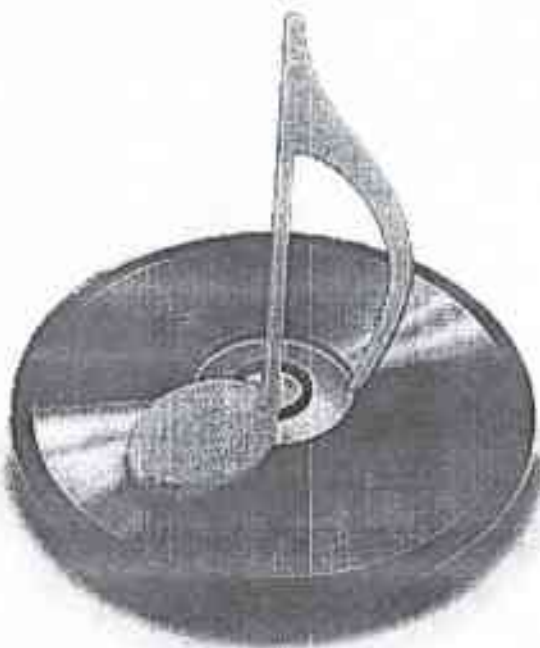
Each year we are required to pay a sum in excess of £40000 to the Diocese to cover diocesan expenses, and last year our running costs of gas, electricity, insurance, etc. came to a total of £16590. This meant that our basic weekly expenses amounted to £1110. Repairs and maintenance were additional extras. Inflation inevitably means that this year's bill will be even higher.

By March this year our income was already down by £3000 on last year's figures. This is a huge decrease in income so early in the year, which if it continues will leave us in the impossible situation of not being able to pay our bills.

Knowing that it is difficult for all those who are feeling the pinch, all I ask is that everyone considers the importance of keeping our churches alive and gives as generously as possible throughout the months ahead.

Many thanks

Ann Tait (Treasurer)



**St Cuthbert's and All Saint's Churches
GRAND SUMMER DRAW
1st Prize – Restaurant Meal for 2 Persons
2nd Prize – Special Summer Hamper
At least 5 other prizes**

Tickets for the Grand Summer Draw will be on sale from early June from certain PCC members and the Churchwardens. These can be purchased after church at St Cuthbert's Church, at the Thursday Coffee morning (10 am to 12 noon) at All Saints' Church, at the Strawberry Tea afternoon and at other fund raising events.

The draw will take place at about 4.30 pm at the Strawberry Tea afternoon on Sunday July 7th at St Cuthbert's Church grounds.

Please support this effort. If you would like tickets and cannot get to church, the Strawberry Tea afternoon or the coffee morning ring Bill or Biddy Branston on 01977 610590 and one of us will bring some to you at your home.

Do you have any unwanted CD albums or DVDs?

We are collecting unwanted CD albums and DVD to sell them on for General Church funds. If you have any to spare please bring them to either church or speak to Bill Branston 01977 610590 to arrange for collection. The last date for this collection is Sunday 9 June 2013. If you can help us in this effort it would be appreciated.

Thank you – Fund Raising Committee.

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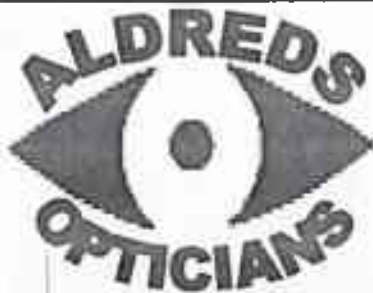
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From the Registers

Baptisms

March 10 th	Leah Emily Claire Williams Jack Dylan Wilcocks
March 17 th	Lois Eva Reid
March 24 th	Jaxon Jay Grieff
April 14 th	Ewan Dylan Fleming Anastasia Louise James

Marriage

April 6 th	James Peter Watson & Jennifer Dawson
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Funerals

March 5 th	Anthony John Brooksbank (55) 5, Dicky Sykes Lane, Brackenhill
March 6 th	Gladys Margaret Keys (78) 41, Woodleigh Crescent, Ackworth Moor Top
March 8 th	Mary Patricia Benton (77) Chiltern Court, Ackworth Moor Top
March 11 th	Stuart Lewis Morrell (81) Marsh Whinn Farm, Hemsworth
March 12 th	Margaret Kirk (91) 3 Hardwick House, 20 Hardwick Court, Pontefract
March 14 th	Ida Vivian Davison (95) Willow Park N.H., Pontefract
March 19 th	Joan Edna Sykes (93) Brookfield, Long Lane, High Ackworth
March 19 th	Catherine Brown (78) Priors Gardens N.H., Pontefract
April 10 th	George Allan Jones (68) 17, Station Road, Low Ackworth
April 19 th	Pauline Travis (77) 79, Townend Ave, Low Ackworth
April 24 th	Sylvia Harrap (55) 45, Hillside Rd, Ackworth Moor Top
April 26 th	Marion Latham Parkinson (81) 3, Hawthorn Grove, 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
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.

Sunday Services for June 2013 and July 2013

Sunday Services

8.30am	Holy Communion (2nd & 4th Sunday BCP service)	All Saints'
10.15am	Family Communion	St Cuthbert's
3.30pm	Evensong (except 3rd Sunday in month)	All Saints'
3.30pm	Evensong with Healing Prayer (third Sunday in month)	All Saints'

Wednesday Service

9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
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Special Services and Events

Wednesday 26th June 7.30pm at St Cuthbert's Church:
Ordination and Priesting of Paul Fox by Bishop of Wakefield, Right
Reverend Stephen Platten

Sunday 30th June 10.15am at St Cuthbert's Church:
Reverend Dr Paul Fox 1st Eucharistic Celebration to be followed by a
celebration lunch

NB There will be no 8.30am Holy Communion service at All Saints' that day and I encourage everyone to join together for this special occasion!

Sunday 7th July – Strawberry Tea Afternoon at St Cuthbert's

ACKWORTH METHODIST CHURCH BARNSELY ROAD

SUNDAY 10.45am WORSHIP WITH JUNIOR CHURCH

ALL AGE WORSHIP ON THE 3rd SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH
COFFEE MORNINGS - MONDAYS - 10am - 12 noon