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We are delighted to welcome Rev. Charlene Smith as our new Priest-in-Charge, along with her husband Chris and her son Owen.

Charlene will begin officially after her Licensing, which takes place on Tuesday, 13th February, 2018.

You are invited to the Licensing Service, which will be followed by tea and cake. If you live locally and feel that you are able to walk a short distance, we would be grateful if you could consider parking a little further away – thank you.

LICENSING

of the

THE REVEREND CHARLENE SMITH

as

PRIEST IN CHARGE

The Parish of Ackworth, St. Cuthbert

13th February, 2018

7.30 pm

St. Cuthbert's Church, Cross Hill, Ackworth

Bishop Tony Robinson Officiating

Now I see!

Recently I have tried my hand at drawing. It was something I always aspired to as a child, and as a teenager. I kept trying, but it never seemed to work out quite like I expected. And everyone else was always better than me. At various times in my young adult days I would pick up a pencil, and try again. But always with the same result.

Last year, I tried again. But this time I watched a YouTube video about drawing. And lo and behold, I can now produce something which is passable. Because of this minor success, I find myself drawing more often. And surprise, surprise, the more I draw, the better I get.

The reason for this is all down to one simple thing. Shading. I have learnt the art of shading a sketch to give it some 3D quality and depth. If I know where the light is coming from, then I can shade appropriately. So after fifty years of trying, I have learnt a simple fact, it is all about light.

As a church we have just passed through the season of light. Christmas and Epiphany is all about light and revelation. The trick is, noticing the light, and where it is coming from.

It is so easy to travel through life and not be consciously aware of this light. Lives lived without light, can become flat, and sometimes uninteresting, even boring. It is when you bring light into a life that it becomes alive.

If the season of Christmas is about anything, it is about bringing the light of Christ into the world and into people's lives. But this is not just a one off Christmas activity. This is something we need to work at regularly. If we don't, we will forget the light and it's source.

The light of Christ in our lives bring life, in all its fullness. It is worth pursuing, on a daily basis.

In February we will celebrate Candlemas, when the Baby Jesus was taken to the Temple, and prayers of Thanksgiving were said. This is something we do in Church every month, when children are brought into Church for Thanksgiving, prior to being baptised. And when we baptise anyone, we give them a lighted candle, as a symbol that they carry the light of Christ in their lives.

The trick is, to keep that light going throughout your life.

How bright is your candle burning at the moment?

Paul Fox



The Crossing

At the intersection of the Via
Dolorosa and the Emmaus Way
Grows that thorny love which demands all
And gives all. At the crossing place where,
For all time, temporal meets eternal,
From which still silent point of suspension
In a whirling universe, we can ask.
We can choose.

The Wind

In our unprofitable fight against gale
Or hurricane, we build ever more strongly,
Then either wait shivering out of reach
Of the blast, praying for safety, or plough
Through its buffets clutching anchoring points
And striving for a sheltered destination.
The lesson of a windmill is to turn
Towards the wind, open arms embracing
The power, allowing it to turn stretched sails
While cogs and gearing extend the effect
Beyond the thing itself. The risk repaid
By sheer breathless exhilaration.
A child's delight would be to lift one's feet,
Laughing, from the earth and give the wind control.



Eleanor Zuercher is a poet from the rural benefice of West Buckingham churches. She is the author of the "Not Sunday Not School" series of resource books and is currently working on her first collection of poetry.

Candlemas

The painting on the front cover of this magazine is Rembrandt's final work: 'Simeon with the Infant Christ in the Temple'. It is an image that takes us to the very heart of Candlemas. Simeon is frail; his eyes closing; his lips parting in words of praise. It is a moment of encounter between an old man and a baby. A master of light, Rembrandt confronts us with mortality and infuses it with hope.

Candlemas is the climax of the season of Christmas and Epiphany. It is a feast of light. Luke tells the story of Mary and Joseph presenting Jesus in the Temple. There they meet Anna as well as Simeon: two people who have dedicated their lives to God, offering prayer in that holy place. In the Christ child, their expectations and hopes have been fulfilled. Simeon declares: 'my eyes have seen your salvation ... a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of

your people Israel.' Anna gives thanks for this revelation and proclaims it to all who sought redemption in Jerusalem. God is drawing all people to himself. We are to rejoice with them as the joy, love and light of Christ is revealed in the world.

There is a darker side to Candlemas. It is a turning point in the Christian year as our thoughts are directed towards Christ's Passion. Mary was the first to hear the good news; she nurtures the Christ-child; she ponders the sayings of shepherds and wise men in her heart. When Simeon tells her that 'a sword will pierce your own soul too', Mary becomes the first to face the anguish and pain of the Incarnation. His words are a poignant indicator of the suffering that Christ will endure.

Candlemas is a place of meeting. The light of Jesus Christ radiates out to us. His humanity Christ connects with our frailty; love is made perfect in human weakness. As he faced his own death, Rembrandt paints an image of consolation: even in the darkness Christ's light reaches us. It transforms us and gives us hope amidst all that unsettles, perplexes or grieves us. We are given permission to face those things honestly in the context of God's love, which will ultimately banish all darkness. It gives us courage to wrestle with the complexity of life so that we may become more fully the people God calls us to be.

Julie Gittoes is a Residency Canon at Guildford Cathedral.



Remembrance

Please remember the following who fell in the last year of the Great War 1914 - 18:

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

Ackworth Roll of Honour records:

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

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

Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais France

Son of John & Elizabeth, Station Road, Ackworth

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

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

Ackworth Roll of Honour Book records:

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

There is no indication of an Ackworth connection

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

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17th March Plant Sale at All Saints'..

7th April Easter at Fair All Saints'.

5th May Spring Fair All Saints'.

2nd June Fair at All Saints'.

7th July Summer Fair at All Saints'.

1st September Autumn Fair at All Saints'.

6th October Harvest Fair at All Saints'.

3rd November POW Coffee morning.

17th November Christmas Fair at All Saints'.

Both of the Prince of Wales coffee mornings will be from 10.00am to Noon at the Low Ackworth Community Centre.

All of the All Saints' fairs will be in the afternoon from 1.00pm to 3.30pm

Please do make a note of the dates and we very much hope to welcome you at these events.

ACT - Ackworth Churches Together

Ackworth Churches Together (ACT) consists of people with strong Christian values and beliefs who live in and around Ackworth, who really want to make a difference in our village community.

Women's World Day of Prayer:

Friday March 2nd the annual Women's World Day of Prayer service will be held in Ackworth Methodist Church starting at 7.00pm.

This is a service prepared by Christian women in Suriname for women and men throughout the world. All are welcome to this service - we look forward to seeing you!

Fair Trade Coffee morning:

Saturday 24th February at the Methodist Church, 10.00-12.00 with stalls, coffee and cakes

Lent Course:

This year the Lent Course will start on Wednesday 21st February to run for 5 weeks in the run up to Easter. Come to Ackworth School, the Meeting House at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. This will be an interesting change

from the usual format and will be led by different village church leaders - everyone is welcome!

Good Friday - March 30th:

Singing at the Co-op to celebrate the start of Easter weekend. Do come and join us in some traditional Easter hymns.

Just to add...

A Toddler Group takes place at All Saints' Church 2pm to 3.30pm on the first and third Thursday of each month. If you have a young toddler at home, why not come along and meet others?

AND... Coffee Stop run by the Community Church is open on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 2.00-3.15pm in the Parish Rooms, Bell Lane. Tuesday 13th February will be Pancake Day and Tuesday 13th March will be "Songs from the Shows" with Colin and Sue.

Please note these future events and ventures and look for what interests you...

join in our village life and be part of the Community!

LIGHT UP YOUR CHURCH !

Can you remember when every light in St Cuthberts' worked? I can't, so we are converting the lights to LED during the week commencing 29th January. This will give a lot of benefits - no more climbing up ladders, better lighting & a saving of up to £20,000.00 over the life of the bulbs. The cost is just over £2,000.00, so we need your help. With many thanks to those people who have already pledged their donations, we have £1800 promised to date! We do still need support so if you have not already done so please help. Any amount would be appreciated, and if there is any additional money left over, this will be used for further restoration and repair work. If you would like to make a donation, please contact the churchwardens. If you would like to support the Fabric Group then please contact Stuart on 07708 161406. We need all the help we can get! We are all looking forward to a much brighter Church.



Subscription for the magazine for 2018

The subscription of £3 is now due for the 6 issues of the Church Magazine for 2018.

Please pay your normal Distributor when he or she calls on you and delivers your magazine. Some people normally receive their magazines by post or pick them up in our churches. In this instance please let Bidy or Bill Branston have your subscription (together with a donation to cover postage, if normally received by post).

We hope that you will continue to enjoy reading the magazine.

Grand Christmas Draw 2017

We would like to thank everyone who took part in the Grand Christmas Draw in December by buying or selling tickets and for everyone who donated prizes. We are pleased to be able to announce that the draw raised the grand sum of £327 towards the upkeep of our churches. All the prizes have been delivered and a list of winners has been posted in both of the churches
Thank you all!!

Ackworth Calendar 2018

Ackworth Calendar 2018 has sold out completely. Thanks to everyone who purchased a calendar and to those outlets in the village that displayed them and sold them on our behalf. Again, this year, the calendar has raised much needed funds towards the daily upkeep of our churches in the village.

SUNDAY 25TH MARCH - SUNDAY 1ST APRIL

PALM SUNDAY

8am	Palm Sunday Morning Prayer - All Saints'
8.30am	Palm Sunday Holy Communion - All Saints'
10.15am	Palm Sunday Holy Communion - St Cuthbert's
3.30pm	Palm Sunday Evening Service - All Saints'
5.30pm	Palm Sunday Evening Prayer - St Cuthbert's

MONDAY

9.00am	Morning Prayer - Rectory
5.30pm	Evening Prayer - St Cuthbert's
7.30pm	Evening Meditation - St Cuthbert's

TUESDAY

9.00am	Morning Prayer - All Saints'
5.30pm	Evening Prayer - St Cuthbert's
7.30pm	Evening Meditation - St Cuthbert's

WEDNESDAY

9.00am	Morning Prayer - All Saints'
9.30am	Holy Communion - All Saints'
5.30pm	Evening Prayer - St Cuthbert's
7.30pm	Evening Meditation - St Cuthbert's

THURSDAY - SUNDAY 'PASCHAL TRIDUUM - THE STILL DAYS'

MAUNDY THURSDAY

9am	Maundy Thursday Morning Prayer - All Saints'
11am	Chrism Mass - Wakefield Cathedral (tbc)
5.30pm	Maundy Thursday Evening Prayer - St Cuthbert's
7.30pm	Liturgy of Maundy Thursday: Meal, Reception of Holy Oils, Foot washing, Holy Communion and Watch - St Cuthbert's

GOOD FRIDAY

9am	Good Friday Morning Prayer - All Saints'
10.30am	Good Friday All Age Worship - St Cuthbert's
12noon	Churches Together Good Friday Hymns and Walk of Witness - All Saint's: walk with the cross to Co-op
2pm	Liturgy of Good Friday - St Cuthbert's
3.30pm	Confessions - St Cuthbert's
5.30pm	Good Friday Evening Prayer - St Cuthbert's
7.30pm	The Way of the Cross - St Cuthbert's

SATURDAY HOLY SATURDAY

10am onwards	Church Cleaning and Easter Gardens Both Churches to have a pre Easter clean, volunteers needed (see Charlene).
7.30pm	Easter Vigil - St Cuthbert's

EASTER DAY 'CHRISTUS SURREXIT ALLELUIA - CHRIST IS RISEN ALLELUIA'

8am	Easter Day Morning Prayer - All Saints'
8.30am	Easter Day Holy Communion - All Saints'
10.15am	Easter Day Holy Communion - St Cuthbert's
3.30pm	Easter Day Evensong - All Saints' (tbc)
5.30pm	Easter Day Evening Prayer - St Cuthbert's

Readings Rota for February 2018, March 2018

Date	Liturgical Week	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel	St Cuthbert's	ser	All Saints'
04/02/18	2nd Before Lent	Proverbs 8:1 and 22-31	Colossians 1:15-20	John 1:1-14	Jackie Dawson		Heather Hunter
11/02/18	Sunday Next Before Lent	2 Kings 2:1-12	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	Mark 9:2-9	*****		Stella Hall
18/02/18	1st Sunday of Lent	Genesis 9:8-17	1 Peter 3: 18-22	Mark 1:9-15	Anne Bullock		Pam Lunn
25/02/18	2nd Sunday of Lent	Genesis 17: 1 - 7 & 15-16	Romans 4:13-25	Mark 8:31-38	*****	B	Ian Hall
04/03/18	3rd Sunday of Lent	Exodus 20:1-17	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	John 2:13-22	Keith Shaw		Heather Hunter
11/03/18	Mothering Sunday	Exodus 2:1-10	2 Corinthians 1:3-7	Luke 2:33-35	*****		Stella Hall
18/03/18	Passion Sunday	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Hebrews 5:5-10	John 12:20-33	Jane Siddall		Pam Lunn
25/03/18	Palm Sunday	Isaiah 50:4 - 9 a	Philippians 2:5-11	Mark 15:1-39	Lynne Ward	B	Ian Hall

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE NEWS

The Christingle Service was very well attended and supported in December. Well over £400 was raised to support the work of the Children's Society. Thank you so much to all who helped make the Christingles and those who came to the services at All Saints' and St Cuthbert's.

ST CUTHBERT'S FLOWERS

FEB 4 TH	FLOWER FUND
FEB 11 TH	FLOWER FUND
FEB 18 TH	LENT
FEB 25 TH	LENT
MARCH 4 TH	LENT
MARCH 11 TH	LENT
MARCH 18 TH	LENT
MARCH 25 TH	LENT



ALL SAINTS' FLOWERS

FEB 4 TH	UTE
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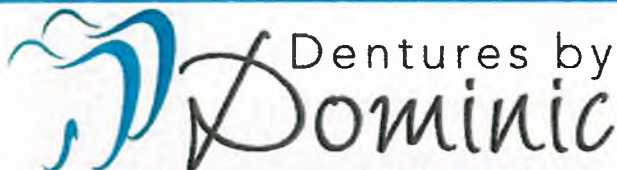
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Baptisms

26/11/17 Harriet Kirtlan
10/12/17 Zachary Burton
10/12/17 Isabelle Wardle
14/01/18 Charlotte Haywood
14/01/18 Theodore Drinkall

Funerals

11/01/18 Margaret Lawrence
22/01/18 Norman Shaw

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**
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ACKWORTH METHODIST CHURCH BARNESLEY ROAD

SUNDAY 10.45am **WORSHIP WITH JUNIOR CHURCH**
ALL AGE WORSHIP ON THE 3rd SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH
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

Sunday Services for February 2018 and March 2018

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

SUNDAY 25TH MARCH - SUNDAY 1ST APRIL

4TH FEBRUARY	3.30PM SERVICE FOR CANDLEMAS ALL SAINTS'
14TH FEBRUARY	7.30PM ASH WEDNESDAY ST CUTHBERT'S
11TH MARCH	10.15AM MOTHERING SUNDAY ALL AGE SERVICE ST CUTHBERT'S
18TH MARCH	10.15AM CELTIC COMMUNION FOR ST CUTHBERT'S CELEBRATION ST CUTHBERT'S

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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Little Friends Mother and Toddler Group

1st and 3rd Thursday of each month 2pm to 3.30pm
All Saints Church - Anne-Marie Troupes for information 01977 619028.