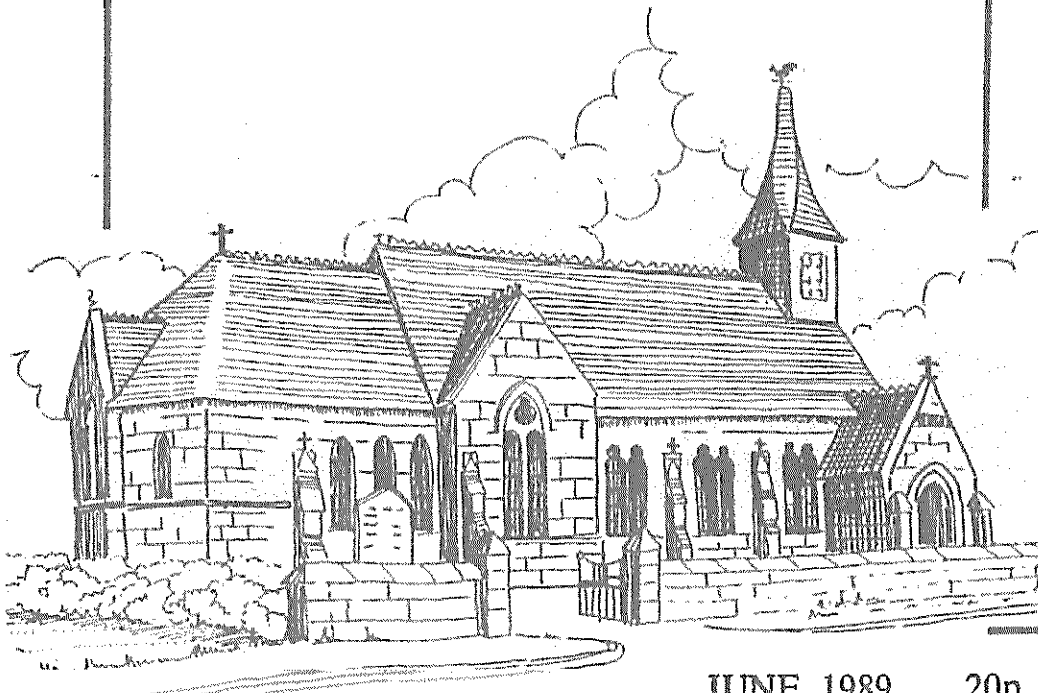
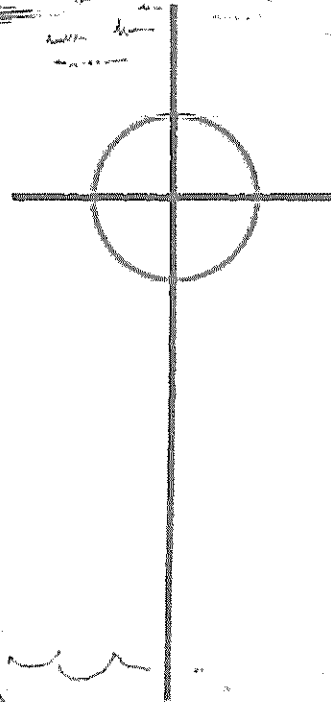


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RECTOR'S NOTES

ALL SAINTS' CENTENARY

At the beginning of July we celebrate the Centenary of the opening of All Saints' Church. The church was officially opened on 2nd July 1889. By a happy coincidence the 2nd July this year falls on a Sunday. We shall, therefore, hold our main service of the day, the Parish Communion, at All Saints' Church at 10 15 am. The preacher and celebrant on that occasion will be the Bishop of Pontefract, the Rt Revd Richard Hare. In the evening we shall hold a celebration Evensong, at which the preacher will be the Venerable Kenneth Unwin, the Archdeacon of Pontefract.

During the Centenary Weekend, 1-4 July, we shall be holding a Flower Festival at All Saints' Church. The theme of the festival will be 'all the saints'. We hope also to have a float in the Ackworth Gala, which will be held on Saturday 1 July. The flower festival is being organised by Miss Ethel Smith. If anyone is willing to help with the festival in any way, or wishes to make a donation towards the cost of flowers, please contact Miss Smith (Telephone 611258).

CONSERVATION AREA. HOWARD SCHOOL

We hear much of the word 'conservation' nowadays. As the population of the world increases so mankind's needs for land, food and material goods increases. However, we are in great danger of destroying many of the world's wild areas, and much of our planet's rich variety of wildlife. Fortunately we are beginning to understand what is happening to our world, and many groups and individuals are trying to preserve wild areas. In this edition we feature an exciting new development at the Howard Church of England School in Low Ackworth, where a once overgrown part of the school field has been converted into a small nature reserve. The school is to be featured in a video film being made by the Education Authority, which will be shown later this year at a national educational conference on conservation. The new area will provide tremendous opportunities for children to make direct scientific study of animal, plant and bird life, and parents have helped raise funds for equipment.

PEWS FOR SALE

As a result of recent alterations at All Saints' Church we now have four pews for sale. The pews have the following lengths (in inches): 38, 58 and two at 51. As the pews are in excellent condition we are asking £60 for each one. In an antique shop they would cost you twice as much. Anyone wishing to buy a pew should contact Mr Bill Branston (610590). They will be sold on a first come, first served basis.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

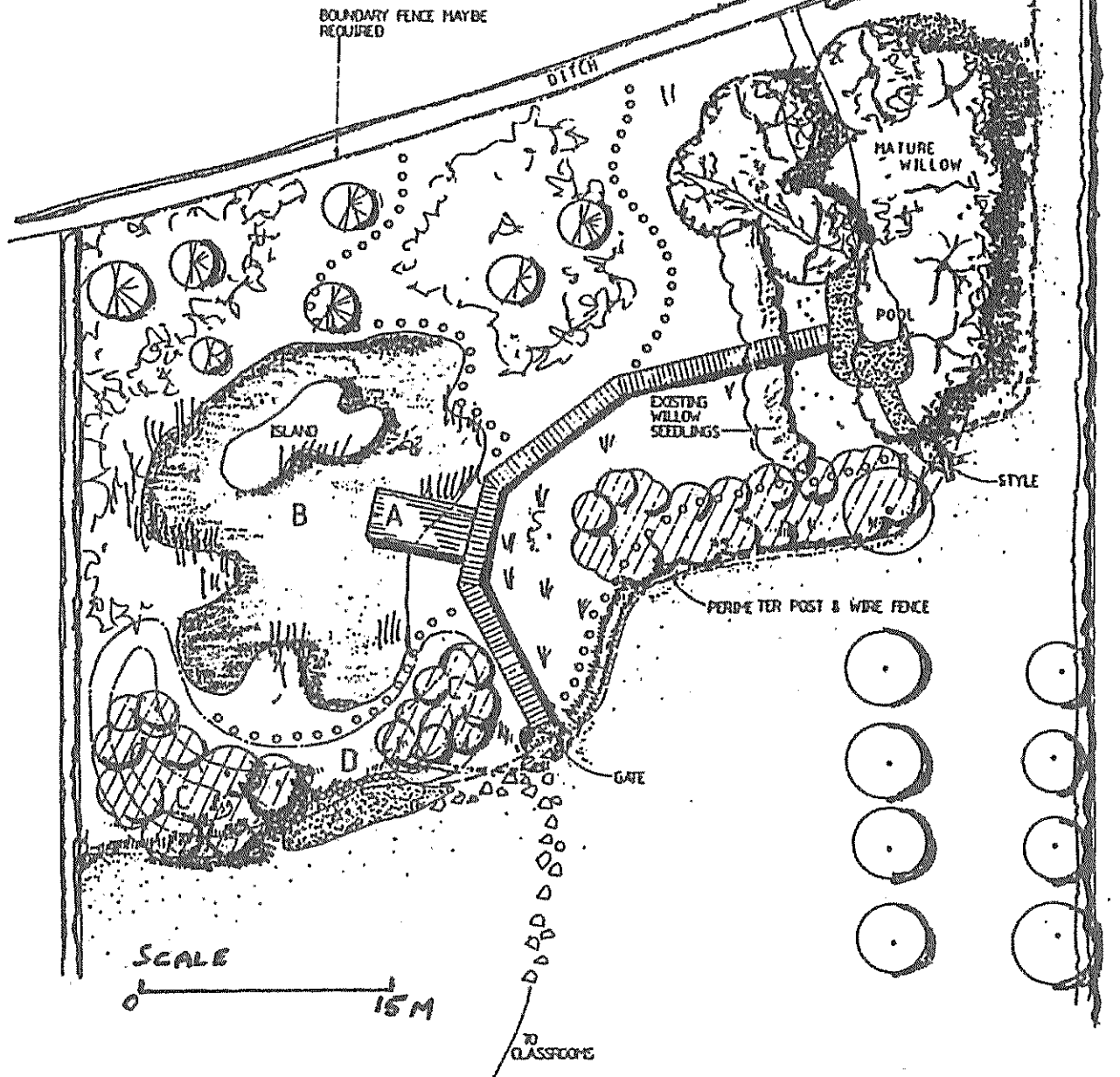
I intend to begin confirmation classes in July, for adults and young people. Most of us are baptised as infants. In baptism promises are made on behalf of the child, by parents and godparents. However, it is always assumed by the church that when we are old enough we should 'confirm' the promises, by making them for ourselves. Anyone interested in being confirmed should contact me as soon as possible.

Peter Mawhorne.










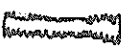


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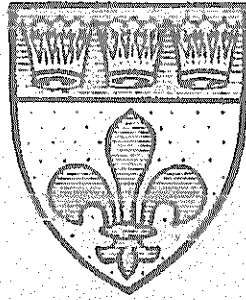
CONSERVATION AREA



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|  | Boardwalk |  | Hide (vertical logs) |
|  | Crushed stone |  | Slabs flush with grass |
|  | Viewing platform |  | New paths |
|  | New pond |  | Tree planting |
|  | Mound |  | Hedge |

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NEWS FROM

WAKEFIELD DIOCESE

JUNE 1989

BISHOP DAVID WRITES

Rural and urban concerns

Many of you will remember the Report **Faith in the City** and our Diocesan response to it. This continues to play an important part in the life of the Diocese, many parishes have been helped to look forward and plan a more realistic strategy for the future. Faith in The City has proved of tremendous value in assisting the church – both nationally and locally – in thinking about issues connected with inner cities and urban areas. The Church of England needs to face up to the many complex matters and concerns arising out of life in the twentieth century.

New commission

It is equally important for the Church to take seriously other areas in our society. The Archbishop of Canterbury has now called together another Commission to address issues relating to the rural areas and the role of the church there. Life in the Wakefield Diocese is not the same as that in Norfolk, Hereford or Devon. Nevertheless, there are parts of our Diocese where agriculture, the changing face of life and the decline in services and facilities are of considerable concern. The Church itself faces particular problems in such areas.

Working together for the gospel

Members of the Commission are visiting every diocese in England. We have had a short but useful visit from four members. Can I ask that you keep this Commission and

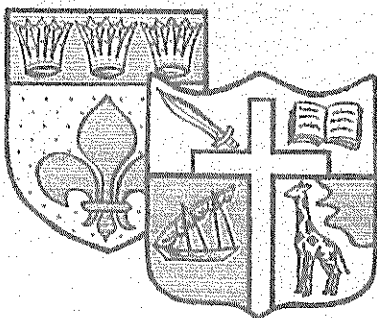
its work in your prayers and that you pray also for the Church in such rural areas? There are exciting challenges as lay folk play their full part in the pastoral work and wider life of the church.

Pray unceasingly . . .

Can I also ask you to remember in your prayers those to be ordained at the beginning of next month in Wakefield Cathedral. There are many problems in our society today, in cities, the country or wherever. Yet as the publication of Faith in the City showed the work of the Archbishop's Commission on Rural Areas will underline there are many exciting and challenging opportunities to minister and proclaim the Gospel of Christ. The fruits of our own Bread Not Stones exercise continue to show me that there are many ways in which parishes are tackling problems and are setting out – sometimes with new initiatives, sometimes by affirming what is already happening – to witness to Christ.

Pray then for those to be ordained as they begin their ministry, whatever their environment, that they may take hold of the opportunities that will be given to them, and that they will indeed be faithful and wise pastors among the people they serve.

+ David Wakefield



MARA BANNER DEDICATED

The Parish of Brighouse strengthened its links with the Diocese of Mara on Sunday 9th April, when a Wakefield-Mara Banner was dedicated by the USPG Secretary, The Rev Philip Wadham. It was woven by Mrs Kath Whiteman whose interest in making banners began last year when she made the Brighouse banner for the Centenary Eucharist.

FAITH IN THE COUNTRY

Recent years have seen so much talk about the trials of life in urban areas that people often forget that life outside the towns and cities has been changing too. Apart from a revolution in farming methods and technology, there have been radical policy changes in public transport and health care provision.

The Church of England has to come to terms with the effects of these changes on the lives of people just as much as with those in inner cities which received so much attention through the report "Faith in the City". The "Archbishops' Commission on Rural Areas" (ACORA for short) is now examining rural life and how the Church is and could be tackling its fresh opportunities there.

Village and local community life has been changing dramatically. Though population threatened to decline, leaving villages empty, many people working in towns moved out to live in the surrounding country.

At the same time there has been a rise in public opinion on conservation, with many people increasingly keen to preserve the countryside for the future. In people's daily lives in the country there have also been considerable changes in their public services, especially rural public transport.

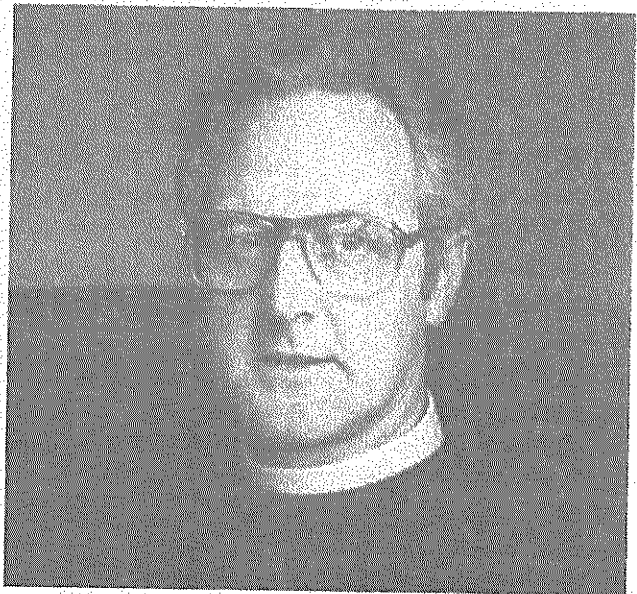
Life in the country is very different from what we knew even a generation ago. Though some have benefited, others have experienced hardship.

Against this background the Church is reviewing how it tackles its rural ministry, and especially how it deploys its clergy and other resources. In many places parishes

have been grouped together and lay members have taken on some tasks which used to be done by the clergy. Small communities have often found it difficult to keep expensive old church buildings going, especially when faced with massive repair bills.

Wakefield Diocese has its own officer to be a link with ACORA. He is **The Rev'd Charles Dixon**, vicar of Shelley and Shepley. He has overseen arrangements for the commission's visit to the Diocese during April.

The Archbishop's commissioners have seen a diocese which, though densely populated, has very many small local communities. Most of them still try to be independent of their neighbours, and the Church seeks to proclaim a gospel to them which shows how everyone depends on everyone else.



Charles Dixon, Diocesan ACORA Link Officer

FROM BISHOP ALAN

*Bishop's House
Blackburn*

Dear Friends,

Jennie, David and I would like to thank you for the wonderful farewell you gave us in Halifax Parish Church. We were quite overwhelmed both by the occasion and by your generosity.

It is marvellous to have such a splendid pastoral staff inscribed with the words "Pasce Verbo, Pasce Vita" as on the Bishop Walsham How Staff used by the Bishop of Wakefield. It will certainly remind me of my "home" diocese, and I

shall try to live up to the command of the inscription as Bishop of Blackburn.

It has been a very great privilege for me to be Archdeacon of Halifax during the Centenary of the Diocese of Wakefield.

You are much in my prayers – may God bless you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Alan".

'THE HOUSE OF LEARNING'

A visit to a synagogue by the Parish Womens' Group, 3 May

"It was Jesus the Jew who sat at the seder table." Thus it was at the start of our visit to the synagogue that we were reminded by our speaker of the great heritage that we as Christians share with our Jewish neighbours. Our Lord Jesus Christ was a devout Jew who worshipped regularly in the local synagogue and who looked towards the Temple in Jerusalem as his spiritual home. He "set his face towards Jerusalem" planning to spend Passover (Seder) there - a pattern followed by many hundreds of Jews even today as our speaker herself proved - she had arrived back from Israel less than 48 hours previously after spending Passover in Jerusalem.

And there were many times during our visit that we were reminded of this joint spiritual ancestry. The Ark was opened to reveal the sacred scrolls of the Jewish Law, the Torah (Genesis to Deuteronomy) - our shared scriptures. Our speaker laughingly assured us that the Jews did not at all mind us using their psalms in our worship. And the great cry of the Shema "Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One" unites us in our belief about God. Like Telecom's Jewish grandmother we can be proud of our 'ologies' - especially those we have in common - our theology, genealogy and hagiology etc, etc!!

But of course there are differences between Christians and Jews. We were visiting an orthodox (ie strict) synagogue where men and women are segregated - the women sit on the balcony and take no formal part in the service, nor are they usually allowed to hold office of any kind. And yet we learn that because of the value and importance placed on women a Jew is defined as the child of a Jewess; in other words the children of a Jewish father and non-jewish mother are not considered to be Jews at all. We were impressed at the emphasis placed on Jewish family life: the weekly gathering at Shabbat (sabbath); the nurturing of small children through to adulthood in belief and customs and language (children learn hebrew from kindergarten on); marrying out is definitely frowned upon, and the thanksgiving at birth contains a prayer that the child will one day stand in the synagogue under the marriage canopy - thus ensuring the continuation of a distinct and vigorous nation.

So we learned that orthodox Jews are very exclusive, they do not seek to make converts, and they try to discourage people from becoming converts. And within their own community they maintain the distinction of descent from priests, levites and ordinary Israelites.

We were interested to learn also that the Star of David has no religious significance: it was chosen as a symbol for Jews to be worn with pride, only after Hitler had made them wear it first as a badge of shame during the Second World War. The seven-branched candlestick is the true symbol of Judaism, and every synagogue has its own replica - but seven candles will never be lit in it until the Temple is rebuilt in Jerusalem. The giant candlestick outside the Israeli parliament (the Knesset) was a gift from Great Britain at the founding of the State of Israel in 1948, as a sign of friendship between two nations.

We were made very welcome at the synagogue - the Jews work very hard to explain themselves to outsiders in an effort to break down barriers and create understanding. They offer a whole range of activities from speakers to visits and video films to further that end. I recommend any of them to you.

Mary Moorhouse

SE CUTHBERT'S AND ALL SAINTS'
ACKWORTH

GARDEN PARTY

Saturday 17th June 1989
2.30 pm

THE HOWARD SCHOOL
STATION ROAD, ACKWORTH

To be opened by The Rev'd Philip Bourne

Tombola Raffle

Toys and Games

Cakes Biscuits etc

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Ring Biddy Branston on 610590 for further details

17TH JUNE, 1989



ACKWORTH CONCERT SOCIETY



A Concert of Elizabethan and Early English Musick
performed by 'Dragonsfire'

St Cuthbert's Church, Saturday 10 June, 7 30 pm

Admission: Adults £3; OAP £2; Children and Students £1. Ticket
includes a glass of wine/fruit juice and home made biscuits.
Coffee also available.

This concert is part of the Wakefield Festival 1989

A wide range of instruments will be played, including crumhorns,
cornamuse, rackett, recorder, flute, psaltery, and mandolin. The
players will be in Tudor and also 'Dragon' costume

THE MOTHERS' UNION

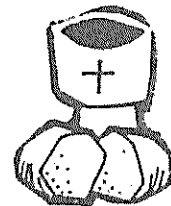
- June 7 9 15 am Corporate Communion at All Saints' Church
- June 19 7 15 pm Deanery Summer Festival Service at
Holy Cross Airedale
- June 28 9 30 am Outing to Whitby
Proceeding first to Malton, and then to Pickering
for a stop for coffee. We then travel on to
Snaiton, Troutsdale, Hackness and Harwood Dale,
reaching Whitby by lunchtime. The cost will
be £3.50. We hope to return by 8 30-9 00 pm
- June 29 2 30 pm Service and Meeting at All Saints' Church

Kitty Cooper

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FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

- April 30 "We welcome you into the Lord's family".
Catherine Lisa Hardisty, 47 Millgate.
- April 30 Craig Robert Swales, 131 Wakefield Road.
- April 30 Mark Philip Slater, 83 Mount Pleasant.



FUNERALS

- April 14 "In sure hope of the Resurrection".
Sarah Goodall, 17 Station Road, 86 years.
- April 17 Maureen Crew, 21 Mount Pleasant, 47 years.
- May 2 Frank Turner, 38 Charlestown, 63 years.
- May 8 Dr John Duncan, 1 Woodland Grove, 86 years.