

The Benefice of Ackworth and Badsworth

This week:

Saturday 21st February:

10.30-noon Muddy Church St Cuthbert's

Sunday 22nd February: 1st Sunday of Lent

10.00am Eucharist St Cuthbert's

11.00am Eucharist St Mary's

2.00pm Lent Pilgrimage St Cuthbert's
to All Saints'

3.30pm Lent Study Group All Saints'

Tuesday 24th February:

2.00pm Knit and Natter All Saints'

4.00pm Events Group All Saints'

7.45pm Music Group St Cuthbert's

Wednesday 25th February:

9.30pm Morning Prayer All Saints'

10.00pm Drop in All Saints'

1.30pm Down Memory Lane All Saints'

7.00pm Bell Ringing St Cuthbert's

Thursday 26th February:

10.00am Coffee Morning All Saints'

Saturday 28th February:

10.00-noon Coffee Morning St Mary's

Sunday 1st March: 2nd Sunday of Lent

10.00am Eucharist St Cuthbert's

11.00am Eucharist St Mary's

2.00pm Lent Pilgrimage All Saints'
to St Mary's

3.30pm Lent Study Group St Mary's

Friday 6th March: World Day of Prayer

11.00am World Day of Prayer Service
St Cuthbert's

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Our Welcome Prayer

Lord, we thank you that you welcome us just as we are;
that you love us and hold us however we feel, and that you are alongside us always.

We pray that you will guide our steps and strengthen us for the day ahead. We pray for your peace, hope and love in our lives as we journey onwards and pray for your blessing on those we love.

In Jesus' name Amen

Readings for Sunday: 22nd February

1st Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2:15-17;3:1-7

Romans 5:12-19

Gospel Matthew 4:1-11

Collect:

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Readings for next Sunday: 1st March

2nd Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Gospel John 3:1-17

Future Events to note

Lent in our benefice will again include a study group and this year the theme is pilgrimage. Each Sunday the study is preceded by an **optional** walk across fields between our churches. Transport back to the beginning of each walk will be provided for those who need to drive to the start.

Sunday 22nd February – 2:00pm

We begin a walk (2 miles) from St Cuthbert's Church to All Saints' Church, Ackworth for the study at **All Saints' Church at 3:30pm**
NB our readings for the study will be:
Genesis 12 1-9 & Matthew 4 23-end

Sunday 1st March – 2:00pm

We begin a walk (2.8 miles) from All Saints' Church to St Mary's Church, Badsworth for the study at **St Mary's Church at 3:30pm**.

Sunday 8th March – 2:00pm

We begin a walk (3.5 miles) from St Mary's Church to St Cuthbert's Church, for the study at **St Cuthbert's Church at 3:30pm**.
For more information contact Karen Young 01977 599979 or Paul Fox 01977 613834

Spring Fair – Saturday 7th March 2026

As always, the Events Group would be very grateful for your contributions so that we can make the Spring Fair a successful event and raise as much money as possible for church funds. You can help by providing:

- Items for the gift stall for Mothering Sunday and Easter. This may include craft or homemade items, but not exclusively.
- Items in gift bags eg bottles, Easter eggs, toiletries, stationary, etc. This is for the 'Mystery Bags – Prize Every Time' stall.
- Baked items for the cake stall
- Raffle prizes
- Tombola prizes
- Children's tombola prizes
- Unused greeting cards which are in good condition
- Costume jewellery for the jewellery stall

All donations gratefully received, in either church by Sunday 1st March please.

Also...

Baked or fresh items can be brought to All Saints' Church by 10am, on Saturday 7th March, or alternatively to The Village Club between 10am and 12pm on the day of the Fair.

Donated items can also be passed to any member of the Events group – Anne B, Bidy, Deborah, Jane S, Jean, Julie and Ute. Thank you

Please note:

Muddy Church at 10.30 on Saturday 21st Feb.

World Day of Prayer service at 11.00am on
Friday 6th March

Spring Fair – Sat March 7th at the Village Club

Bake Sale – Sunday 15th March, St Cuthbert's
Cheese and Wine evening – Sat 28th March

further details on p3 of this news sheet

AND

There is now a **defibrillator** in the porch at St Cuthbert's Church to support community needs in High Ackworth.

This has been funded by generous donations and fitted free of charge by J C Electrical (Hemsworth) Ltd

Thank you to those who have supported this.

World Day of Prayer Service – 6.3.26

A service prepared by the women of Nigeria reflecting the theme of "I will give you rest" speaking of our need for peace and solace. Please do join us at 11.00am in St Cuthbert's if you can in a powerful demonstration of global unity with a continuous wave of prayer across the world.

CHURCH KEYS: We are required to keep a list of keyholders in church for insurance purposes.

If you haven't already done so, please see Lynne to add your name to the updated list if you have a box key - thank you.



We now have a new Clothing Bank bin at All Saints' Church and this is already making a massive difference to our

volunteers with the storage and collection of donated items.

We need to raise **£750** to offset a proportion of the costs to the charity – watch out for two fundraising events to help us reach this goal!

BAKE SALE: Sunday, 15th March following the Mothering Sunday service at St. Cuthbert's, to raise funds for the new clothing bank bin. All donations of cakes etc. very welcome – do come prepared to take a box away for an ideal gift!

CHEESE AND WINE EVENING: With Silent Auction and activities – Saturday, 28th March at 7 pm at St. Cuthbert's Church. Tickets £5 – donations welcome for additional glasses or wine or soft drinks! If you can, please bring any items for the auction plus a photo in an anonymous envelope of you as a baby or small child. More details/tickets from Lynne Ward.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

we are continuing to collect at

St Cuthbert's and All Saints' Churches

Shower gel and shampoo, children's cereals, jam... canned fruit and vegetables, soup and baked beans are especially welcome, also coffee but we can't take fresh food... thank you very much to everyone who has supported already!

NO ANIMAL FOOD PLEASE – the RSPCA supply this!

Your help is always needed... and much appreciated.

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