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August and September 2015



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EDITORIAL

Summer is well and truly here and the baby swallows in my porch are ready to fly any day. Foxgloves are in abundance this year and the verges are bursting with wild flowers of all kinds. We have a patch of harebells (Scottish bluebells) up Silly Lane near my house and I marvel at their beauty when I see them each year.

In this issue I bring the sad news that Robert and Catherine Hannaford and family will be leaving us in September; we will miss them! There is an article by Peter Osborne of a visit to Elkstone Church in Gloucestershire, where he encountered dragons. We also have news of various events taking place in the Benefice. I wish you all a peaceful and safe summer. **Carole Butcher**

DIARY OF A LUNE VALLEY VICAR

by Mark Cannon

Sunday: A warm day in church and the congregation settles itself into a somnolent daze as the readers walk out to the lectern. 'This is the Word of the Lord,' they declare as they finish. For all the impact this ringing statement makes, it might as well have been the reading of the gas bill. I fondly recall being told by a scandalised parishioner that my training vicar had shouted across the church to a nervous reader, 'You've got it wrong you dozy so and so...' Funnily enough, that lady did not come back. In tribute to a splendid vicar I slip a 'not' into the wrong place in the Gospel, no one notices; perhaps they think I'm just a poor reader?

Wednesday: At work and the senior partner bustles around the office with a sheaf of papers. It turns out that he wants a healthy workforce and he's been on a course so he hands me a diet advice sheet. All sorts of food are described in three columns; all the stuff in the green column is the stuff you are usually given by people who do not like you; pulses, grains, radishes etc. Everything that I have planned for dinner and tea is in the red column where all the interesting tasty stuff is; cake, curry and chips. I wonder if he is brave enough to give this to every staff member? If he does he is just asking for trouble! There are some in this office who are no strangers to the pie shop. In a typical gesture of defiance against authority a cake appears in the staff kitchen.

Sunday: A parishioner tells me that the best bit of the service is the Notices. So, we only listen to stuff we like to hear. In which case, what can the church say that the world wants to hear? We talk about sin and no one thinks that that means them, just their neighbours. We talk about salvation but no one really thinks that damnation is going to touch them, and we talk about God but for an increasing number of people this is meaningless. Why should they listen? Well, if they don't listen they can still see and they do watch us and they do notice whether or not we believers have been paying any kind of attention to the readings.

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

Holy Trinity Church, Wray

On Sunday 7th June we held another successful Messy Church session. Mary had worked hard to plan activities for everyone and these were greatly enjoyed. The morning ended with joyful singing and the now traditional 'bacon butties'. The next Messy Church will be on Sunday 13th September - all welcome. The next part of the work in church will be the installation of a new heating system followed by a disabled WC and kitchen. Everything continues to move at a good pace thanks to John Ryle's tireless efforts.

We had a wedding on Saturday the 28th June and a team of church members worked hard beforehand on a thorough cleaning of the church. Everything then sparkled ready for the wedding of Joanne Lenten and Ryan James Mason; this was a very happy service. We have two more weddings to look forward to, one in August and one in September.

Mary will lead our Harvest Festival service on Sunday 4th October followed by the Harvest Supper on the following evening. This will be the usual meat pie with vegetarian option and a dessert. Tickets will be available during September from Frances Hartnup and Sue Rowland at a cost of £7. This is always a well supported and very enjoyable event.

Ann Anderson and Judith Wrigley

St James the Less, Tatham

Most of the action so far this summer has come from the Friends, culminating in a brilliant Open Gardens event on 5th July. It is the PCC's turn next and a Barbecue will be held at Raw Ridding House in August and the long standing Jumble Sale in September. Please see notices and reports elsewhere in The Bell. The re-roofing of the vestry and the replacement of faulty stonework has been carried out which completes the urgent work highlighted in the latest Quinquennial Report.

The PCC is considering the format of the Morning Service on the second Sunday of the month and has organised warm sunshine for Picnic Sunday on 26th July! A note for Leck church - we replaced the netting behind the louvres in the tower with fine-weld mesh and the poor jackdaws have departed.

John Holt

St John the Baptist, Tunstall

By now Fake or Fortune will have been aired and I am unsure whether we will have decided to keep or sell the picture. The most important thing is to get the church open again. I hope that by the time you read this that will have happened, I know how many of you have missed being able to pop in and I must apologise for the fact that it has been closed for too long.

We have had two weddings which were very joyous occasions. Jackie Beasley and her valiant team of volunteers have polished, scrubbed and cleaned and Sue and I are immensely grateful for her help in rallying everyone together.

We tried Cappuccino Church in July (Messy Church for Adults). I do not think the response at Tunstall was the same as at the other churches and I think this type of service might work better if it did not replace a regular Sunday morning one, but that is only my opinion. Simon Lawrence accompanied the congregation on his clarinet for the two hymns we sang. He really is a very talented young man and a delight to listen to, thank you Simon. Jean Dalkin also had a good following for flower arranging, another talented lady in our midst. Bill Shepherd and Ross Hunter fed us with almost too many bacon butties if that is possible and Bunty and Mike Lecky Thomson provided welcome refreshments at the beginning of the service. Sue Hunter delighted the few young children with her artistic skills and all in all it was a pleasant and friendly occasion.

A big thank you to sidespeople Judy Hobhouse, Hilary Churchill, Kerry and Robert Rawkins who have stepped down after providing cake, coffee and a welcome to the congregation for quite a while.

We wish Robert, Catherine and family all the very best in their new life in Workington as they say goodbye to us in September; we will miss them!

Jane Greenhalgh

Good Shepherd Church, Tatham Fells

A team of us served refreshments at Peter and Bronwen's Open Gardens on Sundays 21st and 28th June. The weather was not good on the first Sunday but it was pleasant spending time catching up with friends who were on duty. The weather was much better on the second Sunday and we made a good profit overall for church and for Save the Children Fund.

At our Garden Service at 6pm on Sunday 28th June, Gemma Barry, Thomas Whitfield, Margaret Baker, Peter Osborne, John Wilson, Edward Huddleston, Liesel Fox and Mary Myers did the readings and Mary Longton played hymns on the keyboard. It is always a very special occasion sitting with friends on the terrace overlooking such a beautiful garden. One little swallow agreed with us and was twittering loudly above our heads.

We have new comfortable pew cushions in church and our warmest thanks go to Eric and Margaret Baker for arranging for these to be made for us. We are currently awaiting a faculty to replace the gutters and downspouts. Our Parish Walk is on Saturday 1st August from The Old School. Please contact me for details.

Carole Butcher

St Wilfrid's, Melling

Sad to say our 'annus horribilis' has continued with the deaths of Bill and Betsy Bush and Jessie Gregson who contributed so much to the life of the church and our community over so many years. Our thoughts and prayers remain with their families.

Our 'Churchyard tidy up day' was well supported, as was the 'Thank You' party, both of which were held in June and demonstrated, once again, that many hands make light work of strimming, pruning and particularly wine and savouries. Events thus far planned for the autumn include a Gift and Craft Fair at Ingleton Community Centre on Saturday 12th September, a Table Top Sale in Melling Institute on Saturday 26th September and a Ceilidh in Melling Institute on Friday 16th October. More details appear on page 11.

JAC Beeson

St Peter's, Leck

The Jazz Barbecue held at the end of June in aid of the Friends of St Peter's, Leck was a great success. Enhanced by the weather and the excellent number of people enjoying the afternoon over £2,000 was raised. Our thanks go to David and Janet Nuttall who not only hosted the event but worked tirelessly, along with many family and friends, to make it the success it undoubtedly was.

The Alpha Course, run by Tom and Clare Kay-Shuttleworth at Leck Hall and supported by Mark Cannon, finished at the end of May and provoked much thought and discussion. It was greatly enjoyed by those taking part and another course is planned for the autumn.

We continue to await the Quinquennial report which is still with the DAC.

We have had one marriage, between Anna Jury and Gary Williams on 16th June and the burial of Winifred Cooper on 26th June.

We have just been informed of Robert's departure in September and, whilst he and Catherine will be hugely missed, we send them all our best wishes and prayers for their new life in Workington.

Joan Withers

CALENDAR OF SERVICES FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER
BCP=Book of Common Prayer
PLEASE NOTE the services are correct at the time of going to press
but the person or persons taking the service may change

AUGUST

Sunday 2nd Ninth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Morning Service	Wray	Mark
9.30am	Holy Communion	Melling	Norman and Ann
11.00am	Morning Service	Tatham Fells	Mark
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	Tunstall	Norman and Ann

Sunday 9th Tenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Holy Communion	Wray	Mark
11.00am	Morning Service	Tatham	Norman and Ann
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	Leck	Mark
7.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	Tatham Fells	Norman and Ann

Sunday 16th Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Morning Service	Wray	Peter
9.30am	Morning Service	Melling	Mark
11.00am	Holy Communion	Tatham Fells	Norman and Ann
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	Tunstall	Mark

Sunday 23rd Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Holy Communion	Wray	Norman and Ann
9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Tatham Fells	Mark
9.30am	Holy Communion	Melling	Robert
11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Tatham	Mark
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	Leck	Robert

Sunday 30th Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

11.00am	Benefice Communion	Tunstall	Robert
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SEPTEMBER

Sunday 6th Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Tatham	Robert
9.30am	Holy Communion	Wray	Norman and Ann
9.30am	Holy Communion	Melling	Mark
11.00am	Family Service	Tatham Fells	Mark
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	Tunstall	Robert

Tuesday 8th	Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
7.30pm	Holy Communion	Tunstall	Robert
Sunday 13th	Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity		
8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Wray	Mark
9.30am	'Messy Church'	Wray	Mark and Mary
9.30am	Holy Communion	Melling	Robert
11.00am	Morning Service	Tatham	Mark
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	Leck	Norman and Ann
7.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	Tatham Fells	Robert
Sunday 20th	Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity		
9.30am	Morning Service	Wray	Mark
11.00am	Holy Communion	Tatham Fells	Mark
11.00am	Sung Eucharist with Ven. Michael Everitt	Tunstall	
Sunday 27th	Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity		
	Harvest at Tatham and Melling		
9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Tatham Fells	Peter
9.30am	Harvest Festival with Melling School	Melling	Mark
11.00am	Harvest Festival Service	Tatham	Norman and Ann
11.00am	'Messy Church'	Leck	Mark

FROM THE REGISTERS

Tunstall, Weddings

Tom Gillibrand and Courtney Smart
Richard Bainbridge and Rebecca Antiss

Tunstall, Funeral

Lucy Mattinson

Tunstall, Burial of Ashes

Albert Hargreaves

Tatham, Baptism

Joshua David Norbury Danz

Leck, Wedding

Gary Williams and Anna Jury

Leck, Burial

Winifred Cooper

Wray, Wedding

Ryan James Mason and Joanne Lenten

Melling, Funerals

Bill Bush
Betsy Bush
Jessie Gregson

HERE BE DRAGONS!

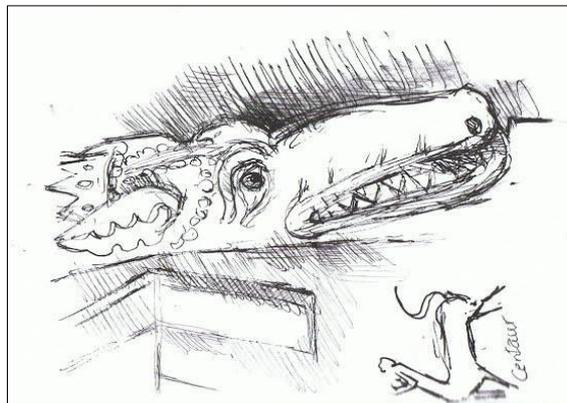
For us in the north how necessary it is to break any drive south, and how much more pleasant to stop at an interesting old country church, with perhaps a coffee in the pub, than a noisy and crowded 'service station'. Elkstone is just such a place, usefully only a mile or so off the A417 as you drive south east from Gloucester. There you find a fascinating church. Why, for example, is the chancel roof so much higher outside than in? Reason: the columbarium where the priest kept his pigeons is in the ceiling. Remember you people who delight in jammy dodgers and cakes the poor old medieval priest with his occasional pigeon pie.

But the chief glory of Elkstone is in its Romanesque chancel and carvings. 'Vaults unaltered since the 12th century' says Simon Jenkins in his '1000 Best Churches', and the chancel is fine indeed with its ancient carved Norman decoration. The chancel arch ends in two dragons' heads, their carving as fresh as the day they were done, one of which, as Jenkins says, frames the head of the preacher in his pulpit.

Sadly the ancient corbels round the north and south sides are now worn down by the weather, though this makes them the more interesting to decipher. Horses or pigs, dragons and monkeys and perhaps a green man, stare boldly down at us. For a long time these things were seen as the medieval mason expressing his still rather pagan imagination, but a recent lecture at LDFAS demonstrated that the Green Man in fact illustrates a Bible text. Historians are still trying to fully understand the meaning of these strange figures.

In the tympanum above your head as you enter from the porch is a fine Norman Christ in glory. He is shown surrounded by monsters – dragon, snake and lion. They represent the battle between good things and bad, as is Christ and his church to this very day.

Peter Osborne



A sketch from Peter's notebook

PRAYER FOR BEGINNERS

Prayer is essential for our spiritual health but I have never met anyone who does not find prayer difficult. So I am wondering if you might find it helpful to have a small, informal group where we can discuss our difficulties and help one another. If you think you would then please contact me and I will arrange something for the autumn.

Norman Dawson

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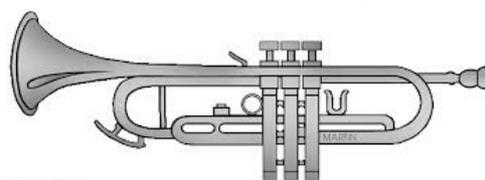
News from the Friends of St James the Less Church

We are happy to report that the Friends has now been registered as a charity and is therefore subject to monitoring by the Charity Commission. Three trustees have been appointed: Colin Burford, Chairman; Margaret Whatmough, Secretary and Liz Quine, Treasurer.

We held a very successful 'Open Gardens' event on Sunday 5th July with 13 gardens in Wennington and Tatham being opened for inspection by some 200 visitors from far and wide. The weather was kind to us insofar as it did not start raining until late afternoon! Members of the Friends organised refreshments and a plant sale on Wennington green and were rewarded by an enthusiastic response; our sincere thanks to all who participated, both garden owners and helpers.

The '100 Club' is now firmly established with a draw for three prizes being made each month. Nevertheless there is always an opportunity for additional participants so if you would like to join us in raising funds for our beautiful church please contact Sue Wood on 015242 21170.

Our next event will be held on 31st October when the renowned Leyland Brass Band will be giving a concert in the church. Further information regarding tickets etc. will be available soon so watch this space!



Finally the next meeting of the Friends will be held on July 20th at the Bridge Inn starting at 7.30pm. Anyone wishing to join us will be made very welcome.

Colin Burford

Future events at St John the Baptist, Tunstall

There will be a Car Boot Sale in the car park at Tunstall Church on Saturday 5th September. We would love you to take a Pitch and have lots of fun while making some money for yourselves. There is a Pitch fee to pay; nothing extra. Do book early as we expect the Pitches to sell out quickly. For more information please contact Sue Aitchison at email: sueaitchison@hotmail.com Tel: 015242 72567 or Helen Littlely at email: brian.littlely@aol.com Tel: 015242 72899.

You are invited to a Musical Supper in the church on Saturday 3rd October. This will start at 7pm and will involve various members of Lancaster's Haffner Orchestra, some of whom entertained us at the Promise Auction two years ago, playing informally throughout the evening. There will be a little concert in the middle whilst you enjoy delicious wine, cheese and other delights. This is a joint fund raiser between the Haffner Orchestra and the church - both very worthy causes, so please put this in your diary and we look forward to seeing you for what will be a fun evening. For more information please contact Nick Gillibrand or a member of Tunstall Church Trust.



MOVING ON

Dear Friends,

I would like you all to know that after 13 happy years in our Benefice, I will be leaving at some point towards the end of September to take up a full-time post as Priest in Charge of St John's, Workington. I have been thinking and praying for some time about returning to full-time ministry and am delighted with this new appointment. Catherine and I will be very sorry to leave the Benefice and especially our location in the Lune Valley but given my age it is definitely now or never. I would be grateful for your prayers as we prepare for this big change in our lives.

With my regards,

Revd Canon Robert Hannaford

CHILDREN'S CORNER - THE MAGNA CARTA



In June 1215 at Runnymede King John signed the Magna Carta (this means Great Charter.)

It was the first formal document stating that a King had to follow the laws of the land and it guaranteed the rights of people against the wishes of the King. This means that people could not be arrested, imprisoned nor have their possessions (their things) taken away except by the judgement of their equals and/or the law of the land. This laid the way for trial by jury which means people are tried by their peers and it guaranteed the civil rights of the individual.

The Magna Carta established the principle that the people of England, at this stage represented by the Barons, could limit the power of a King if he was doing things that were not good for the country.

Queen Elizabeth II, the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince William and the Princess Royal attended the 800th Anniversary celebrations on June 15th this year on Runnymede Meadow. The Queen said the Magna Carta was 'significant and enduring'. The celebrations included music and drama and ended with a flyover by The Red Arrows. I wonder what King John would have thought of that?

Editor



EVENTS AND INFORMATION

ST JAMES THE LESS, TATHAM A SUMMER EVENING BBQ

in beautiful gardens
with stunning views
at Raw Ridding House, Tatham
on Friday 7th August at 7.00pm
by kind permission of
Richard and Rebecca Sanderson
Tickets £12.50 to include
BBQ and glass of wine
Contacts: Phyllis Holt 21443
or Linda Kirkby 21486

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, TUNSTALL CAR BOOT SALE

on Saturday 5th September
in the car park at Tunstall church
there is a pitch fee to pay
do book early as we expect
the pitches to sell out quickly

FURTHER DETAILS ON PAGE 9

JOYFUL NOISE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB IN WRAY CHURCH in September

Joyful Noise: Thursday 10th at 2pm
After School Club: Friday 18th
after school until 4.45pm
Contact: Mary Winter 21784

ST JAMES THE LESS, TATHAM ANNUAL GRAND JUMBLE SALE

on Saturday 12th September
at Hornby Institute at 2pm

WELL WORTH A VISIT
NOT TO BE MISSED
Contact: Linda Kirkby 21486

ST WILFRID'S CHURCH MELLING GIFT AND CRAFT FAIR

on Saturday 12th September
in Ingleton Community Centre
2pm - 4pm
Contact: JAC Beeson 015242 21638

ST WILFRID'S CHURCH MELLING TABLE TOP SALE

on Saturday 26th September
in the afternoon
in Melling Institute
Contact: JAC Beeson 015242 21638

CHOIR STALLS AND PEWS FOR SALE IN WRAY CHURCH - please get in touch
with Ann Anderson or Judith Wrigley if interested (contact details on page 2)

FORWARD DATES

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, TUNSTALL MUSICAL SUPPER IN CHURCH

on Saturday 3rd October at 7pm
FURTHER DETAILS ON PAGE 9

ST WILFRID'S CHURCH, MELLING CEILIDH

Village Institute Friday October 16th
Tickets £10 including hot supper
FURTHER DETAILS ON PAGE 5

HARVEST SUPPERS

Details of all Harvest Suppers
will appear in the next issue

FRIENDS OF ST JAMES THE LESS CONCERT - LEYLAND BRASS BAND

Saturday 31st October
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