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Editorial: Spring is finally here and each day this week has been sunny and warm. The birds are singing loudly each morning and the fields have stopped shining, a sure sign that the water is draining away into the river Hindburn below our house at Ivah. In the absence of a diary from Mark, who I know is very busy, it has fallen to me to find something to fill this page; I hope you enjoy reading what I have chosen. The piece was given to me by a parishioner and has sat in my filing tray waiting to be re-discovered, some guiding hand made me find it! **Carole Butcher**

How do you explain God?

Written in 2004 by eight-year-old Californian schoolboy Danny Dutton

“One of God’s main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He does not make grown-ups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way he does not have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to the mothers and fathers.

God’s second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times beside bedtime. God does not have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because he hears everything, there must be a terrible lot of noise in his ears, unless he has thought of a way to turn it off.

God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere, which keeps him pretty busy. So you should not go wasting his time by going over your Mum’s or Dad’s head, asking him for something they said you could not have.

Jesus is God’s Son. He used to do all the hard work like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who did not want to learn about God. They finally got tired of him preaching to them and they crucified him. But he was good and kind like his Father and he told his Father that they did not know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said OK.

His Dad (God) appreciated everything that he had done and all his hard work on earth so he told him he did not have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. So he did. And now he helps his Dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones he can take care of himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important.

You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to help you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time.

You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there is anybody you want to make happy, it is God. Do not skip church or do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong; and besides the sun does not come out at the beach until noon anyway.

If you do not believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents cannot go everywhere with you, like to camp or to school, but God can. It is good to know he is around you when you are scared in the dark or when you cannot swim and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids.

But ... you should not just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and he can take me back anytime he pleases. And ... that is why I believe in God.”

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

St James the Less, Lower Tatham

At last the wind and rain seems to have given way to quote Wordsworth's famous lines "... a crowd, a host of golden daffodils"; what a relief!

We were greatly inspired by the support received at our recent meeting to discuss the future of the church and its place in the local community. We are now exploring how this interest and goodwill can best be used. Any ideas would be welcomed as would any offers of help.

The Lent Lunch season got off to a great start when over thirty old and new supporters enjoyed each other's company and donated some £200 to the chosen good cause, in this case McCabe Trust which works in Nepal and whose now ex-chairman is Revd Bob Jackson.

The next edition of the Tatham Newsletter is in preparation, and our thoughts will soon be turning to such delights as catering at Wray Fair; never a dull moment.

John Holt

Holy Trinity Church, Wray

By the time you read your 'Bell', we will have held 'Messy Sunday' in the church. This is a new venture led by The Vicar and Mary which, if successful, will be repeated later in the year. Additionally, a coffee morning will have been held in church in support of The Salvation Army's special fund which helps local people who are in need of emergency assistance.

A Parochial Church Council meeting will be held on the 1st April.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in church, after the service, on Sunday 13th April. All are welcome to attend. This will be followed by a meeting of Church Council members.

Wray Scarecrow Festival begins on Saturday 26th April this year. The main exhibition in Holy Trinity Church throughout the festival will be on the theme 'TOYS' This exhibition requires a great deal of work from the ladies responsible and always proves extremely popular with our visitors and we are confident that this year's efforts will be no exception.

On Friday 2nd May we will be providing refreshments in Wray Institute for both visitors and residents and we would be most grateful for any help offered with baking and assisting on the day.

Kindly see the back page for details of 'Joyful Noise' and the 'After School Club'.

Judith Wrigley/Ann Anderson

St John the Baptist, Tunstall

Surprisingly, the appalling weather experienced during February caused no significant damage. Often the churchyard has been flooded right up to the main door yet this year, although the ground has been very soggy and the rain has been non-stop there has thankfully been no flooding. There was a bad water leak at the front of the church gates but thankfully this was repaired before the wedding on March 14th. How awful it would have been for the bride if she had had to wade through several inches of muddy water! Whilst on the subject of weddings many thanks to Carole and Steve Barber, the bride's parents, for their sterling work cleaning the windows, it has made such a difference especially now the better weather is arriving.

The afternoon tea service in February was poorly attended but again the weather was atrocious and it coincided with the closing ceremony of the Winter Olympics! May 11th at 4pm Tree Dedication Service.

Ann will lead worship in the churchyard in a service of dedication prior to afternoon tea. Several trees have been planted both in the churchyard and the car park in memory of loved ones and it is hoped those who have planted them and their friends and relatives will attend this service.

Thank you to Elizabeth Moffit, Hannah Stephenson and Susan Hunter for representing Tunstall at the Women's World day of prayer on March 7th.

The Lent Course is under way but there is still time for anyone who wishes to come along to any or all of the remaining sessions. See details on page 5.

Jane Greenhalgh

Good Shepherd Church, Tatham Fells

In late January we held two of our services in the Old School instead of church. This was because our new biomass boiler was being installed. It is now up and running and our church is very warm for services, so warm in fact that people are taking their coats off! We are experimenting with the level of heat and will be turning it down a little now that the warmer weather is here.

Our Christingle service held on February 2nd, Candlemas, was well attended and the church looked pretty with lit candles decorating the windowsills.

The wedding of Emma Lewis and Tim Hodgkinson took place on Saturday 22nd February, our first test of the new boiler system at a big event. Everyone said how warm and cosy the church was and thankfully the weather was kind to the bride and groom on the day with a gleam of sunshine breaking through at just the right time. We send our warm congratulations to the happy couple.

The Annual Parochial Church meeting will take place on Friday 4th April at 7.00pm in the Old School; all are welcome to attend.

We will be catering at Wray Fair on 26th April and we have a concert arranged for Saturday 31st May at 7.00pm in church.

Finbarr Malafronte the talented young guitarist will be performing the world premiere of a piece composed especially for him by an American composer. Tickets for this special event will be available soon and details appear on the back page.

Carole Butcher

St Peter's Church, Leck

Our Christingle service on January 26th led by Mark was wonderful and was well attended. We were delighted that Lord and Lady Shuttleworth's grandson, Alexander James Kay-Shuttleworth was christened at our church. After the christening the godparents went forward to the chancel steps to say a special prayer.

On Thursday 10th April there will be a special service in church for Leck Primary School.

Preparations are going well for the Brontë Pilgrimage on Sunday 6th July and for the centenary celebrations.

There will be a jumble sale at Ingleton Community Centre on Saturday 17th May at 2pm and the proceeds will be shared between Tunstall, Melling and Leck churches.

Eleanor Denby

The United Parish of Tunstall, Melling and Leck

LENT COURSE 2014 - More information from Jane on 74260

'Do this in remembrance of me': "Exploring the Christian Sacraments"

All sessions will begin at 7.00pm and end at 9.00pm

The sessions take place in an informal setting with plenty of opportunity for discussion or exploration. You are very welcome, whether you count yourself as a Christian believer or not. Come along and explore the journey of faith. Each session will conclude with a simple supper. The first and second sessions have already happened; sessions 3 and 4 appear below.

Third Session: Wednesday April 2nd at Olivia Ley's home, The Dower House Burrow
'The sacraments of calling and service'
Ordination and marriage in the service of Christ and His Church

Fourth Session: Wednesday April 9th at Jane's home, Tunstall House Cottage, Tunstall
'The sacraments of forgiveness and healing'
Confession and healing in the life of the Church

CHURCH SERVICES IN APRIL AND MAY 2014

BCP = Book of Common Prayer

April 6th – Fifth of Lent

		<u>Passion Sunday</u>		
9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Tatham	Norman	
9.30am	Morning Service	Melling	Mark	
10.00am	Morning Service	Wray	Ann	
11.00am	Family Service	Tatham Fells	Mark	
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	Tunstall	Robert	

April 13th, Palm Sunday

9.30am	Holy Communion	Melling	Robert
10.00am	Holy Communion	Wray	Mark
11.00am	Morning Service	Tatham	Mark
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	Leck	Robert
7.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	Tatham Fells	Peter

April 17th, Maundy Thursday

7.30pm	Holy Communion	Melling	Robert
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April 18th, Good Friday

10.00am	Children's Workshop	Wray Institute	Mary
10.00am	Good Friday Service	Tunstall	Robert
12 noon	Devotional Hour	Wray	Mark
2.00pm	Devotional Hour	Tatham Fells	Norman + Ann

April 20th, Easter Day

9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Tatham Fells	Norman
9.30am	Holy Communion	Melling	Robert
10.00am	Family Communion	Wray	Mark
11.00am	Family Communion	Tatham	Norman + Ann
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	Leck	Robert
11.30am	Sung Eucharist	Tunstall	Mark

April 27th, Second of Easter

9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Tatham Fells	Peter
9.30am	Holy Communion	Melling	Mark
10.00am	Holy Communion	Wray	Norman
11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Tatham	Norman
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	Leck	Mark

May 4th, Third of Easter

9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Tatham	Robert
9.30am	Family Service	Melling	Mark
10.00am	Songs of Praise	Wray	Mary
11.00am	Family Service	Tatham Fells	Mark
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	Tunstall	Robert

May 11th, Fourth of Easter

9.30am	Holy Communion	Melling	Robert
10.00am	Holy Communion	Wray	Mark
11.00am	Morning Service	Tatham	Peter
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	Leck	Robert
4.00pm	Tree Dedication Service <i>followed by afternoon tea</i>	Tunstall	Ann
7.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	Tatham Fells	Mark

May 18th, Fifth of Easter

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Wray	Mark
9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Tatham Fells	Norman
9.30am	Morning Service	Melling	Robert
10.00am	'Messy Church'	Wray	Mark + Mary
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	Tunstall	Robert

May 25th, Sixth of Easter

Rogation Sunday

9.30am	Morning Service <i>celebrating the life of John Wesley</i>	Tatham Fells	Ann
9.30am	Holy Communion	Melling	Mark
11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Tatham	Norman
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	Leck	Mark
7.00pm	Youth Service	Wray	Mark

Thursday May 29th,

Ascension Day

10.00am	Holy Communion	Wray	Norman
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From the registers

Tatham Fells – wedding

Timothy William Hodkinson and
Charlotte Emma Lewis

Tatham Fells – burial of ashes

Jean Beck
Ruby Murray

Tatham Fells – baptism

Finlay Nicholas Whitehead

Wray – funeral

Alice Brown

Tunstall - wedding

Matthew Lloyd Timmins and
Natalie Louise Barber

Leck - baptism

Alexander James Kay-Shuttleworth

Leck - funeral

Dorothy Margaret Jones

Melling - baptism

Rufus Malachi Brook-Thompson

VISITING CHURCHES THE CHURCH OF ST ALKELDA, GIGGLESWICK



Giggleswick parish church is dedicated to St Alkelda. **Saint Alkelda (Alcelda or Alchhild)** who died on March 28, c. 800. She was possibly an Anglo Saxon Princess of whom almost nothing is known and whose existence has been questioned.

The legend is that she was a nun who was strangled by pagan Viking women during Danish raids of about 800 at Middleham in Yorkshire. She may have also been an Abbess of a monastery at Middleham.

There is no documentary reference to this saint until the late Middle Ages, so it has been surmised that the name *Alkelda* is in fact simply a corruption of the Anglo-Saxon *haligkelda*, meaning *healing spring*. This caused her to be associated with holy springs, such as the one at Giggleswick. However, her Anglo Saxon origin has been contested, with claims that she may have actually been Icelandic from Ölkelda, Iceland and her reputation brought to north England by the Vikings. Her feast day is on March 28 as she is thought to have died on that day.

The church building dates mostly from the 15th century, but carved stones discovered during the restoration of 1890–92 indicated that a building existed on the site before the Norman Conquest. It has been designated by English Heritage as a Grade 1 listed building. The restoration was carried out by the Lancaster Architects Paley, Austin and Paley and included replacing the roof, removing the gallery, rebuilding the vestry and re-seating, re-plastering and re-flooring the church.

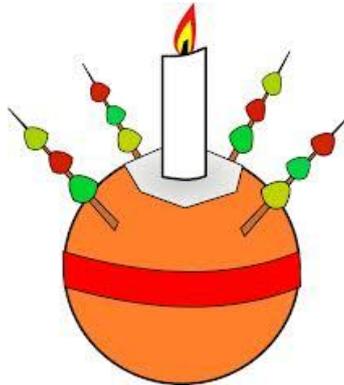
People connected with Giggleswick:- Richard Whiteley of Channel 4's Countdown was a pupil at Giggleswick School. Russell Harty was a teacher there at the same time and is buried in the churchyard. The operatic soprano, Sarah Fox, was born in the village and was a pupil at Giggleswick School. The Star Wars actor Anthony Daniels also attended the school. The Victorian actor Sir John Hare was born there in 1844. Professor Sir Neville Francis Mott who won the Nobel Prize in physics in 1977, was born in Leeds and brought up in Giggleswick. Edward Elgar often visited Dr Buck who lived in the village

Giggleswick School has one of the few observatories where the total eclipse in 1927 could be seen and in consequence the Astronomer Royal viewed it from there.

We had the pleasure of living in Giggleswick in the late 1980's and early 1990's before we moved to our present home in Lowgill. David was choirmaster and organist at the church and we have many happy memories of our time there. The church interior has recently undergone extensive refurbishment; it is well worth a visit if you are passing.

Carole Butcher

Christingle



We held four Christingle Services this year, at Melling in December, Leck in January, and then Wray and Tatham Fells in February, with each service attracting about forty people (adults plus children). We also gave out Christingle collecting candles in our four local Primary schools.

The Christingle collecting candles raised £135.24 whilst the church collections raised £321.76, of which £142.00 was Gift Aided.

The total of £457.00 has been sent to the Children's Society, who will be able to reclaim a further £35.50 from HMRC on the Gift Aided donations.

I have recently received an acknowledgement of our donation from the Children's Society, expressing their heartfelt thanks.

Ann Dawson

Tipping point

Last December I had a wonderful couple of 'all expenses paid' days in London recording a programme for ITV. As many of you who know me will appreciate, I am an avid TV quiz programme contestant having now appeared on three national quiz shows, 'In It To Win It' in 2010 when I was fortunate enough to win £22,500, 'The Chase' last year when I missed out by five seconds to Sean, (you will have to watch the programme to understand what that means) and just recently 'Tipping Point' when I was fortunate enough to win £10,000.

I make no secret that I do this to 'top up' my pension! I also love the buzz. I get offered and go to quite a lot of auditions and have been accepted and then turned down for a few because they really only like you to do a maximum of one a year. I always go with the idea that I am there with nothing so if I go home with nothing I've had a good couple of days mixing with some vibrant young people. I never expect to win so am always astonished when I do! I have nothing in the pipeline at the moment but will no doubt be applying for something else if it looks interesting.

These programmes are very popular so if you feel like having a go bear in mind that you need to be friendly, confident and outgoing at the audition so that you stand out from the crowd. Auditions are not paid for and you are usually up against about 40,000 hopefuls. Give it a whirl, it is great fun and as you can see you can win, someone has to.

Jane Greenhalgh

Words

If there was a shred of doubt the world is totally insane, this will remove it.

This says it all.....

Pythagoras' Theorem:24 words.

Lord's Prayer: 66 words.

Archimedes' Principle:67 words.

Ten Commandments:179 words.

Gettysburg Address:286 words.

US Declaration of Independence:1,300 words.

US Constitution with all 27 Amendments:7,818 words.

EU Regulations on the Sale of CABBAGES:26,911 words.

Children's Corner

Easter Sunrise Surprise

He is not here; he has risen! Luke 24:6a (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 24:1-12 (NIV).



Y L X Y P K W G P R X I F L W
 D B A R H V N E S P I C E S K
 P W V S L I P U E F Z S Z U T
 A R W A N U S V T K Q A E F N
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living	tomb	rolled	risen	dead
women	first	spices	away	bowed
faces	stone	entered	ground	remember
morning	week	body	fright	day

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

<p>LENT LUNCHESES CONTINUE At 12 noon until 1.30pm on Thursdays throughout Lent April 3rd at Tatham Green April 10th at Brackenbottom Barn</p> <p>ALL MOST WELCOME Contact: Sue Rowland 22484</p>	<p>HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, WRAY</p> <p>Beginning on Saturday 26th April Exhibition of TOYS as part of</p> <p>WRAY SCARECROW FESTIVAL</p>
<p>St John the Baptist, Tunstall Sunday 11th May at 4.00pm TREE DEDICATION SERVICE led by Ann followed by afternoon tea ALL WELCOME</p>	<p>Church of the Good Shepherd Tatham Fells Saturday 31st May at 7.00pm CONCERT</p> <p>Return of the brilliant young guitarist FINBARR MALAFRONTÉ with a world premiere performance Tickets £12.50 including refreshments From David and Carole Butcher Tel: 63095</p>
<p>Saturday 17th May at 2.00pm JUMBLE SALE in Ingleton Community Centre proceeds for Tunstall, Melling and Leck churches</p>	<p>FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN WRAY CHURCH</p> <p>Joyful Noise Thursday May 1st at 2pm Thursday June 5th at 2pm After school club, straight after school Friday May 16th until 4.45pm Friday June 20th until 4.45pm</p>
<p>FARM CRISIS NETWORK</p> <p>Helping farming people through difficult times. A helpline is open from 7.00am until 11.00pm every day Tel: 0845 367 9990 Website: www.fcn.org.uk</p>	<p>St Peter's Church, Leck</p> <p>CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS 2014 Proposed rosebud procession an appeal for pastel-coloured bridesmaid's dresses in all sizes contact Annie Denby 21793</p> <p>Brontë Pilgrimage Sunday 6th July 2014 further details later</p>
<p>MONDAY NIGHT GROUP AT HIND LEA, MILLHOUSES</p> <p>Discussion group for young people of all faiths or none every other Monday night during term time for year 9 upwards. Curiosity and an inclination to argue highly desirable</p> <p>Contact Mary Winter 21784</p>	<p>St Peter's Church, Leck</p> <p>CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS 2014 Proposed rosebud procession an appeal for pastel-coloured bridesmaid's dresses in all sizes contact Annie Denby 21793</p> <p>Brontë Pilgrimage Sunday 6th July 2014 further details later</p>

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