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Editorial

On page 3 of this issue you will find a message from Mark about the new Electoral Roll. **Please remember that if you don't re-apply this April, your name will not be on the Roll.** Spring often means that people are starting to think about getting out in the garden and planning holidays and days out. In this edition you will find on page 8 an account of a visit by Martin Knowles to St Gregory's Minster in East Yorkshire and on page 9 a remedy for holey hostas. Bronwen and Peter will be opening their beautiful garden again this year and details can be found on page 11.

Carole Butcher

Diary of a Lune Valley Vicar

by Mark Cannon

Can you get barred from M&S?

Wednesday: I'm back in my hometown of Bradford and strolling jauntily through the new water feature. They've flooded the centre (a drastic course of action, causing upwards of £20 in damage) and stuck in some very impressive fountains. However, the water wells up through a hole in my shoes. They are from M&S, and only three months old. I shall take them back tomorrow and ask for a new pair.

Thursday: There is a long queue at the tills but patience is rewarded when a very helpful assistant advises me that "it's never 'appened before" and that she will call a manager for a refund. There is a slight but distinct murmur from the queue behind; they've already pegged me as a "wrong 'un". The manager turns up after several weeks have passed (to the increasing delight of the queue) and asks me when I bought the shoes, "Just before Christmas in Preston, and sorry I haven't kept the receipt." The manager looks at her computer screen, "I'm afraid that I have to tell you", she says, fixing me with a harsh stare, "we haven't sold these shoes since August 2011." Oops! The general opinion of the queue is that I am doubtless a criminal and that I looked shifty from the time I set foot in the store. I place my other purchases on the counter; the till announces that my pack of ham costs £4.99. "I'm sorry" I say, "it said only £3.00 on the shelf." The assistant advises me (coldly) that I have picked up the wrong pack, please go back and fetch the "cheap" one. You can imagine the delight of the queue at this development. If a democratic vote had been taken then, the queue would have been divided only between those who favoured a hefty fine and those who felt a custodial sentence was the minimum that justice demanded. But for each mistake that I made, I was convinced that I was utterly right, and speaking the full truth.

Sunday: As usual the readings include a Gospel reading. We hear the words of Jesus. I am surprised once again by how those words are full of Truth, no matter what you think of who Jesus was, how he spoke with authority, and how his words resonate with power.

like many, I often think that I am right and that I have the truth, but it's not 100% guaranteed, and I make many, many mistakes. Jesus is Truth, and we, who are often in error and often need pointing in the direction of Truth, could wisely turn to Him.

THE NEW ELECTORAL ROLL.

Membership of the Church of England.

There are levels of membership of your parish church. Just by living in a parish, you are entitled to burial in the churchyard, to get married in church (hence the trouble over "gay" marriage), and to vote for a churchwarden once per year. This level of membership doesn't require that you believe anything or attend church and it is a relic of ancient times.

A second level is applying to join the Electoral Roll. As the title implies, if you sign up for this you become an "elector" in your parish church, and you can vote for the Church Council, and also for Deanery Synod, whose members vote for the Church's parliament, General Synod. It is a level of membership that implies you consider yourself an active member and supporter of your parish church. The people on the electoral roll are those whom we count as the core of our membership.

You must be over 16, and you must have been christened. You must either live in the parish of "your" church, or must have been attending the worship of that church for six months.

Every six years, the old electoral roll is scrapped, and a new roll is drawn up. The old roll will be erased in April. So, if you want to sign up as a member, you will need to fill in the application form. There are bundles in each church, and it may be that you receive one within this edition of the Bell or in your local parish news. Please copy or fill in for two if necessary. Please send them to me or one of the churches before the end of April, and we will include your name on the new Roll.

It is very helpful to us to know those who consider themselves to be our members. We can keep you informed of what's going on, and call on you for help and assistance when needed. Please contact me or any church member for more information.

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

Holy Trinity, Wray

The Christingle Service on the 3rd of February was led by Mary Winter and was very well attended. Both adults and children enjoyed making the Christingles.

A Lent Lunch was held on the 21st February at the home of Mark and Sue Rowland. £160 was raised for the Alzheimer's Society.

The Mothering Sunday service on 10th March was a happy and well attended gathering led by the Revd Mark Cannon. During the service the children gave posies of daffodils to all the ladies present.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in Wray Church on Tuesday the 23rd April at 7.30pm. The new Electoral Roll must be completed and presented at this meeting. All are welcome to attend.

During Scarecrow Week, Holy Trinity Church, Wray will be responsible for the provision of refreshments on Friday the 3rd May in the Village Institute for the whole day. Any helpers would be welcome, and all are invited to pop-in for refreshment and a chat.

Throughout Scarecrow Week, the church windowsills will be decorated by members of the congregation, and an exhibition will be presented within the church on the theme of 'Farming'.

Judith Wrigley/Ann Anderson

Church of the Good Shepherd, Tatham Fells

Our Christingle service on 3rd February was enjoyed by all who attended. The windowsills in church were decorated with lit candles creating a lovely ambience. Mark Cannon led the service and told the Christingle story whilst members of the congregation lit their candles from the ones on the windowsills with the help of the children. Refreshments were served in The Old School afterwards

The Diocesan inspection of Tatham Fells School took place on Friday 8th February. I am delighted to report that the school was judged to be outstanding in all areas. We are very proud of our head teacher, Jodie Lumb, all the staff, and the children of

the school to whom we send our warmest congratulations.

Our special Afternoon Service with Sycamore Tree on 10th February was very well attended. John Nelson and Ruthie Woodhouse both gave moving presentations about their work for the Prison Fellowship. The collection was given in aid of this worthy cause.

The Mothering Sunday service which was led by Mark Cannon was well supported by the children and families of Tatham Fells School. Posies were given out by the children during the service and Mark gave a lively sermon. Refreshments were served in The Old School afterwards.

During Lent we have supported the local **Food Bank** in Lancaster with donations of tinned and dried food. We hope to continue our support throughout the year.

We are planning various fundraising activities throughout the year beginning with refreshments at Wray Fair in April.

We are looking forward to a special service to celebrate the life of John Wesley on the last Sunday in May. We will be welcoming back Jane Mansergh from Settle who is to be our preacher.

Carole Butcher

St John the Baptist, Tunstall

It has been a challenging time for the Church in Tunstall during February and March whilst the new heating system has been installed. Services have taken place in the Parish Hall where attendance has been very good. The first service to take place in the wonderfully warm church will be on Good Friday at 10am followed by the Children's Good Friday Service at 11am. We do hope you will support the re-opening of this beautiful Church. There will also be Sung Eucharist on Easter Sunday at 11am and we welcome you all to these and to every service.

The Lent Lunch on Saturday March 2nd was not well supported but it was enjoyed by all who contributed and attended. A cheque for £30 from the proceeds was sent to Sight Advice in Kendal who provide a wonderful service to many visually impaired people in our communities.

On Sunday 28th of April and Sunday 26th May there will be two extra services at

Tunstall preceded by afternoon tea. These will be led by Ann Dawson in April and Revd Mark Cannon in May. They will be short and simple services with two or three well-known hymns, a short talk and some prayers. We do hope that many of you will lend your support to this innovative approach and look forward to seeing some new faces. Everybody is very welcome.

Jane Greenhalgh

St Peter's Church, Leck

In late January a local family led our Christingle service which was greatly enjoyed by everyone.

The first meeting of our own District Church Council took place on Tuesday 19th March. This new arrangement allows us to deal with our own affairs and we come together with Tunstall and Melling to deal with joint affairs at the Parochial Church Council meetings at various times of the year.

At the time of going to press we are looking forward to a successful jumble sale at Ingleton Community Centre on Saturday 30th March. This annual event is hard work but it raises much needed funds for church and is worth all the effort.

Eleanor Denby

St James the Less, Tatham

The weeks between Christmas and Easter have been quiet ones as perhaps they should be. We have enjoyed the friendly companionship at the Lent Lunches and raised a lot of money for our favourite good causes while doing so. Spring cleaning next and then it is Easter, Wray Fair Catering, plus a stall on Fair Day, and making plans for the summer. We are planning a survey in the parish seeking ideas for the future of the church as an asset to the whole community, not just on Sunday mornings! What interest will we get? And let us pray for a real summer, not the travesty of 2012! We all need one, especially the farmers.

John Holt

St Wilfrid's, Melling

I am assured by the vicar that our congregation as a proportion of the population is well in excess of those in towns and cities. Now, while this is good news, to some extent I still have the feeling that we have too many empty pews on a Sunday and we need to find a solution to that. We are looking at a change to the standard communion service, which apparently is somewhat behind the times. We'll be trialling the new style service at some point in April before making a formal decision.

On the other hand we also know that formal services aren't to everyone's taste anyway and to that end we're working on some exciting news about other ways in which we hope to attract the community into the Church very soon. Additionally, the Church is open daily so that anyone can visit and enjoy the peace and quiet on offer. The community's relationship with the church is not, of course, one-way and we are busy planning events. The first of these is going to be a Ceilidh, which is planned for May 10th in the Institute, improvement works permitting. There will also be other events later in the year but we've not got any dates yet.

As the evenings are opening out and on occasion it is safe to loiter outside without becoming frozen to the spot, the time has come to start mowing the churchyard. We have a new mower and could do with some new people to help out with the rota. We have a core team but would welcome anyone who would like to help out with a little mowing - many hands make light work so please feel free to contact me! (details on page 2). Please see the Melling Chronicle for further dates and details.

Jac Beeson

CALENDAR OF SERVICES FOR APRIL AND MAY 2013

BCP = Book of Common Prayer

7th April	Second of Easter		
9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	TATHAM	Mark
9.30am	Family Service	MELLING	Peter
10.00am	Morning Service	WRAY	Mark
11.00am	Family Service	TATHAM FELLS	Ann
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	TUNSTALL	Mark
8th April (Monday)	Feast of the Annunciation		
7.00pm	Holy Communion	WRAY	Mark
14th April	Third of Easter – Good Shepherd Sunday		
9.30am	Sung Eucharist	MELLING	Robert
10.00am	Holy Communion	WRAY	Mark
11.00am	Family Service	TATHAM	Mark
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	LECK	Robert
7.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	TATHAM FELLS	Peter
21st April	Fourth of Easter		
8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	WRAY	Mark
9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	TATHAM FELLS	Robert
9.30am	Morning Service	MELLING	Mark
10.00am	Family Service	WRAY	Peter
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	TUNSTALL	Mark
25th April (Thursday)	Feast of St Mark the Evangelist		
7.00pm	Holy Communion	TUNSTALL	Norman
28th April	Fifth of Easter		
9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	TATHAM FELLS	Peter
9.30am	Sung Eucharist	MELLING	Mark
10.00am	Holy Communion	WRAY	Robert
11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	TATHAM	Norman
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	LECK	Mark
5.00pm	Evening Service	TUNSTALL	Ann
	<i>preceded by afternoon tea</i>		

5th May	Sixth of Easter – Wray Fair – Rogation		
9.00am	Holy Communion	TATHAM	Mark
9.30am	Family Service	MELLING	Ann
10.00am	Songs of Praise	WRAY	Mary
11.00am	Family Service	TATHAM FELLS	Mark
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	TUNSTALL	Robert
9th May (Thursday)	Ascension Day		
7.00pm	Holy Communion	MELLING	Robert
12th May	Seventh of Easter		
9.30am	Morning Service	MELLING	Robert
10.00am	Holy Communion	WRAY	Mark
11.00am	Morning Service	TATHAM	Ann
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	LECK	Robert
7.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	TATHAM FELLS	Mark
19th May	Pentecost – Whit Sunday		
8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	WRAY	Mark
9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	TATHAM FELLS	Robert
9.30am	Sung Eucharist	MELLING	Mark
10.00am	Family Service	WRAY	Mary
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	TUNSTALL	Robert
26th May	Trinity Sunday		
9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	TATHAM FELLS	Peter
	<i>celebrating the life of John Wesley</i>		
	<i>Preacher: Jane Mansergh</i>		
9.30am	Sung Eucharist	MELLING	Norman/Ann
10.00am	Morning Service	WRAY	Mark
11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	TATHAM	Mark
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	LECK	Norman/Ann
5.00pm	Evening Service	TUNSTALL	Mark
	<i>preceded by afternoon tea</i>		

FROM THE REGISTERS

Tatham Fells – Funeral
John Knowles, former Church Warden

Tunstall - Funeral
Rudolph Quest

WESLEY SUNDAY

Tatham Fells so much appreciated the talk by Jane Mansergh on Wesley Sunday last year, that they have invited her to talk again this year. Since Wesley Sunday falls on Pentecost this will be on the following (Trinity) Sunday. Jane will therefore preach about Charles Wesley at Morning Service on 26th May.

Peter Osborne

St Gregory's Minster



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There are two well-known Minsters in Yorkshire, York and Beverley. But there is a third, which is much lesser known, and much smaller in stature. It is St Gregory's Minster.

If we turn off the A170 Thirsk to Scarborough road, east of Helmsley, we quickly leave the bustling traffic behind and find ourselves on a very small lane, no bigger than our own church road, here at Tatham Fells.

In a few hundred yards, we seem to travel back a few hundred years. The lane soon becomes sunken, with overhanging hedgerows and ancient oak trees lining it.

Quite suddenly, St Gregory's Minster is right in front of us, in a charming setting surrounded by woodland. The age of the place can be felt before we read the carved inscription telling us it was re-built between 1055 and 1065, and much of this rebuilding still survives.

It is a small and very ancient place of Christian worship, with an air of peace and tranquillity. It might be a good idea to put St Gregory's Minster on your list of places to visit.

Martin Knowles

Children's Society Collections

Thank you to all who gave so generously to our collections for the Children's Society. We have now sent £500.12 to them. £164.40 of this was Gift Aided and so they will be able to reclaim a further £32.88 from HMRC, making our benefice donation exactly £533.

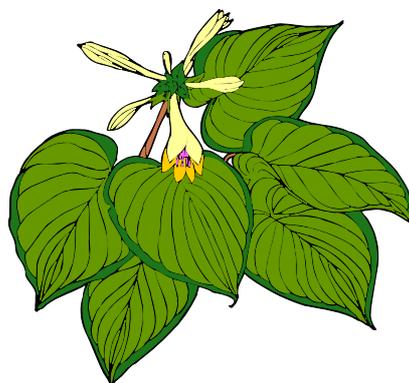
So far our donation is made up from £150 collected at Tatham Fells Carol Service, £286.73 from the combined Christingle collections at Melling, Leck, Tatham Fells and Wray, and £63.39 from collecting candles already received from our schoolchildren.

There will be a further amount coming in from the collecting candles which Mark took into our schools and I will send that off later.

Ann Dawson

**FED UP WITH HOLEY HOSTAS?
HERE IS A REMEDY FROM A RELIABLE SOURCE**

HOLE-LESS HOSTAS



2 garlic bulbs boiled to a pulp in 2 pints of water. Sieve. Make up to 2 pints with cold water; store in a container e.g. a plastic milk container. Dilute to 2 tablespoons per gallon and water on leaves.

Rotary Club of Lunesdale.

This Club is part of a worldwide, volunteer organisation which most people know quite simply as Rotary.

What is Rotary? There are currently 1.2 million Rotary Club members belonging to 34,000 Rotary Clubs in 200 countries around the world. February 23rd was Rotary Day when clubs celebrated Rotary's 108th birthday. Over this span of time, since it began in Chicago in 1905, the organisation has awarded more than US\$2.1 billion in grants. Local Rotary Clubs have raised thousands of pounds to help good causes throughout the UK as well as throughout the world. Clubs address critical issues at home and abroad by providing health care and medical supplies, clean water, food, job training, youth development and education to millions of people in need.

The Lunesdale Club covers a wide area geographically, with members from Barbon, High Casterton, Kirkby Lonsdale, Burrow, Wray, Leck, Ingleton, High Bentham, Wennington, Tunstall and as far as Carnforth and Lancaster. The President, Gordon Downing-Stewart works closely with various committees within the club which support Rotary objectives both locally and internationally.

Worthy of special mention is Rotary's End Polio Now campaign. Since 1985 it has been Rotary International's priority. This crippling disease is 99% eradicated globally. Rotary and its partners are on the brink of making history with this project.

Rotary is much more than what is described here as it generates long lasting friendships, enjoyment and support which members share.

Many of you will have put donations in the buckets when you see collections being made. The club is most grateful for your support and trust, which enables its charitable work to continue. Meetings take place weekly on Thursday, usually at The Castle Inn, Hornby at 7 for 7.30pm.

For further information please contact lunesdalepresident@gmail.com or see www.lunesdalerotary.org.uk .

Young People's corner



April Showers Bring May Flowers – Origins of the Rhyme

“April showers bring May flowers.” We’ve all heard this rhyme at some point, usually having been taught it at an early age by our parents or teachers. It’s a popular thing to say and hear around the springtime, but one thing you might not know is where the rhyme originated from. It can be traced back to the mid 1500s, although earlier use of “April showers bring May flowers” may have existed.

In 1557 a gentleman by the name of Thomas Tusser compiled a collection of writings he called A Hundred Good Points of Husbandry. In the April Husbandry section he wrote:

Sweet April showers
Do spring May flowers

As you can see, the rhyme was originally a short poem. There is meaning behind the words, as well. “April showers bring May flowers” is a reminder that even the most unpleasant of things, in this case the heavy rains of April, can bring about very enjoyable things indeed – in this case, an abundance of flowers in May. “April showers bring May flowers” is a lesson in patience, and one that remains valid to this day.

Many of life’s greatest things come only to those who wait, and by patiently and happily enduring the clouds and damp of April you can find yourself more easily able to take in the sights and smells of May. After all, it’s easier to love something if you begin with an optimistic outlook! Here’s some more in-depth information about the meaning of “April showers bring May flowers.”

April showers bring May flowers – The science behind the rhyme

“April showers bring May flowers” isn’t just a rhyme. It’s an example of the spring cycle of renewal that many parts of the Earth go through, and can be scientifically analysed. There are actually several contributing factors to the appearance of flowers in May:

- Rain – The trademark of “April showers bring May flowers,” the rain is definitely at the forefront of positive stimuli bringing about floral displays in May. Increased levels of moisture in the soil help plants to grow faster and healthier. The water can also help nutrients reach the roots faster, which is another side of the coin as far as rain is concerned.
- Temperature – Another contributing factor to making “April showers bring May flowers” reality is the temperature. As the days grow warmer, plants find it easier to grow. They are genetically hard-wired to begin growth as the soil thaws and the frost becomes more distant. This combined with the rain is a perfect signal to the plant that it’s time to return to life (or begin life in the case of a seed or bulb).
- Wildlife – The springtime sees the return of many animals, including birds and insects. The presence of insects also helps to pollinate the plants, which in turn allows them to reproduce. This combines well with the April showers to bring May flowers we can all enjoy.

Source: The Internet

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

Members of Holy Trinity Church, Wray
are holding a

COFFEE MORNING in Holy Trinity Church on Saturday 13th April 10.00am – 12noon

Cakes will be on sale in aid of
the Children's Society
The event is being supported by
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Refreshments Bentham Branch NSPCC**

**Sundays June 23rd and 30th
11am – 5pm
Refreshments Tatham Fells Church
and Save the Children Fund**

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Joyful Noise
Thursday 18th April at 2.00pm
Thursday 9th May at 2.00pm
After School Club
Friday 19th April at 3.15pm
Friday 17th May at 3.15pm

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Carole Butcher