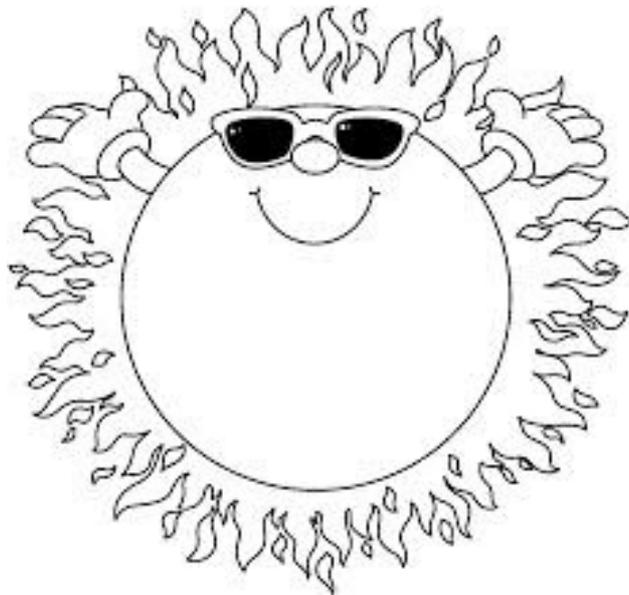


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Benefice of East Lonsdale Life

August and September 2014



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WRAY, TATHAM AND TATHAM FELLS

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Editorial

In this edition you will find news of the fifth Brontë Pilgrimage and an account given by Peter Osborne of a visit to St Kildas Church, Lochbuie, Mull. I hope you all have a good summer

Carole Butcher

Diary of a Lune Valley Vicar

by Mark Cannon

Sunday: We are drifting through the 20-odd Sundays after Trinity. Not much happening in church, unlike Easter and Christmas. So, what with the unwanted summer heat as well, a certain somnolence falls upon the congregations. It is a peaceful time, and sleep may steal over the flock if the sermon is not fizzing with life.

In three of the six churches, there is an infallible guide to how the sermon is going down, namely a person in each who invariably closes their eyes at a certain point. Of course, they are possibly meditating on the profound truths being so finely articulated from on high; on the other hand the snoring tends to give the game away.

Today we have two guest preachers, and scorching sunshine. This is a killer combination, thus, when the Archdeacon of Lancaster gives us a very Victorian 24 minutes late in the afternoon it is I who nod off. So now I know how my flock feels when I (very occasionally) overstep the 7 minute rule. (If anyone's interested in the cause of such a reaction - "Did Jesus ever do a sponsored walk?") Next week I will do better.

Sunday: Well, that didn't go quite as planned - except at Melling, where it is very possible that preaching without a microphone renders all sermons inaudible anyway. At my next stop, my hand is enthusiastically shaken as I am told that's the best sermon I've ever preached; to be followed immediately by being told by another faithful member that it was, in fact, "awful". Well, all feedback is gratefully received, but I take the series of events to remind me once again, that just when you think you are doing well, then you're bitten on the bum by your own pride. It might look as if God is quiet, God is absent, but those are the times when we hear His still, small voice.

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

Good Shepherd Church, Tatham Fells

On June 8th Mark welcomed the sidesmen to our service of Holy Communion. All sidesmen present were willing to do another year of duty. Thanks were expressed to them for their continuing commitment.

The Open Gardens weekends in June at Clearbeck were blessed with sunshine this year. Over 200 people visited each weekend and we were very busy with refreshments. A good profit was made to be shared between Church and Save the Children. The Garden Service on Sunday 29th June which was held on the terrace overlooking Peter and Bronwen's beautiful garden was very well attended.

Our Leavers Service took place on Tuesday 22nd July led by Norman. We said goodbye to our five leavers, Alexander, Lucy, Neve, Charlie and Mollie. We wish them well in their future education. All were presented with a Good News Bible. Ten children will be moving up to the juniors in September and each was presented with a copy of the Children's Bible.

At the time of going to press we are looking forward to Saturday 6th September when we will be holding a coffee morning in Bentham Town Hall.

Our Harvest Supper will be held in the Old School on Saturday 4th October and our Harvest Festival on Sunday 5th October followed by Harvest Auction in the Old School on Monday 6th October. All details will be in the October/November Bell.

Carole Butcher

St John the Baptist, Tunstall

It has been a busy time at Tunstall with a church meeting deciding on many ideas to help keep the church moving in a forward direction.

On May 11th Ann conducted a tree dedication service with 9 trees altogether being blessed, some of these are in the car park and a some of them replace the beech

trees which sadly had to be felled a couple of years ago. It was a day full of coincidences. A tree had been planted in the centre of the grass circle in the car park and the donor decided to dedicate it to the memory of Judy Durling. It happened to be three years to the day since her death, the tree ordered had been an English Oak but only an American Oak was available, Judy was American, also it happened to be Mother's Day in the USA and three of her children live there. Andrew Bridges had planted an oak tree, in memory of his grandfather Harold and May 11th also would have been his 112th birthday. How strange all these things should have come together. It was an emotional day remembering many loved ones including as well as the above Harry Churchill, Brian Hall, Geoffrey Hudson, Andrew Slater and George Slater but there was much joy and gossip afterwards as everyone tucked into a good tea with plenty of homemade cakes. No one wanted to leave.

The Patronal Service on June 22nd was well attended and the choir sang a beautiful simple anthem which was well received.

July 3rd saw Tunstall hosting Matins with guest preacher John Rodwell. Many parishioners had walked across the fields from Leck after attending Morning Prayer at 8am. They then retired to the Parish Hall to eat their lunch before walking back to Leck for Evensong at 4pm. This was all to celebrate the life of the Bronte Sisters and the entire event was ably organised by Florence Wellburn from Leck whose late husband organised the first walk nearly 20 years ago. Eleanor Denby, Church Warden at Leck worked tirelessly behind the scenes also and provided bell ringers for Tunstall to welcome the congregation. Gill Stephenson organised tea and coffee with cakes in the hall.

The funeral of Nicholas Pilkington from Burrow took place on July 10th. He was only 48. His widow Karen and daughter Sally will need much support in the coming months.

As I write this there is the news that Christopher Hannaford is in Preston Hospital having been air lifted there after an accident between Cantsfield and Burton in Lonsdale. He has a broken leg and hand and a ruptured kidney. Our thoughts and prayers are with Christopher and his family.

Jane Greenhalgh

Holy Trinity Church, Wray

Our second Messy Church was held on the 18th of May. Again, this was well attended and all were kept busy with a range of projects. The adult members were engrossed with planning suggested future alterations to our church.

At our family service on the 15th of June, we expressed thanks to Mark Rowland, our retired Church Warden, not forgetting his wife, Susan, for the many years of service given to Wray Church. The Vicar presented Mark with a tea service decorated with Wray Church as it was in the past and flowers were presented to Susan. Following the service, strawberry cream scones were served to all, along with tea or coffee.

Church duties continue to be shared, but we would welcome anyone interested in accepting the responsibilities of Church Warden.

Future Dates:

On Sunday 21st September, we will again hold a Messy Church. A variety of activities are to be arranged for the children as well as singing. As usual 'bacon butties' will be served to all. Please come and join us. A very warm welcome awaits you.

Our Harvest Festival Service will be held on Sunday the 5th of October, followed by the Harvest Supper on Monday the 6th of October. At this latter event, the produce donated will be auctioned. This is a 'hot-pot' supper for which tickets will be on sale during the week prior to the event.

Judith Wrigley/Ann Anderson

St Peter's Church, Leck

The jumble sale held at Ingleton Community Centre in May raised £560 for all three churches and thanks go to everyone who helped in any way.

On 25th May we celebrated 25 years of marriage between Walter and Eleanor Denby with a renewal of their wedding vows. Revd Mark Cannon officiated and donations totalling £120 were divided between St John's Hospice and the Alzheimer's Society.

On the 7th June an enjoyable afternoon was had by the children from St Peter's School at the Rosebud Festival. The Bishop of Lancaster attended and we played rounders, danced round the maypole and enjoyed a barbecue. For health and safety reasons we were not allowed to process from the village hall; we do hope to hold a similar event in future.

The fifth Brontë Pilgrimage held on 6th July was a very moving experience for the 22 participants including the Archdeacon, the Ven. Michael Everitt, who also officiated at Evensong. Annie Denby walked both ways wearing a replica of the Brontë school dress. The bells were rung to welcome us back for Evensong. A huge thank you goes to Florence Wellburn for organising another successful Pilgrimage.

On the 10th July we had our school leavers service led by Norman. The seven leavers, Seth, Adam, Sam, Ethan, Ben, Georgina and Paige were each presented with a Bible. We wish them all well in their future studies.

At the time of going to press we are looking forward to a service of Evensong on Sunday 12th October which we hope will be led by Bishop Julian. There will be a Jacobs Join Supper in The Fraser Hall, Cowan Bridge with entertainment. This will be the launch of our grand centenary raffle to be drawn on 21st December at The Fraser Hall Carol Service. All details will appear in the next issue of The Bell.

**Joan Withers (nee Middleton) and
Eleanor Denby**

St Wilfrid's Church, Melling

It has been a very quiet couple of months here in Melling. We've held our weekly services as usual but there have been no christenings, weddings or funerals. In some cases no news is good news, the fabric of the building is sound and the churchyard is in excellent condition.

We held our quiz in early May, which as well as raising nearly £200 for church coffers provided another opportunity to bring the community together. Events like this help us to reach out to those who don't attend services and show that St Wilfrid's is part of the community and not set apart. I'd like to thank all those who attended and particularly those who helped make the event happen.

Our next event is the Ceilidh which is planned for October 24th - last year's event was great fun and very well supported so book your tickets early. Full details will be in the October edition of the Bell and September's Melling Chronicle. Otherwise it's service (and services) as usual.

Have a lovely summer and let's hope that the good weather we've enjoyed continues for a while yet.

JAC Beeson

St James the Less, Tatham

It is said 'One swallow maketh not summer' but we are pleased to see more this year and so far it has been a good year for farm and garden, sun and rain at the right time.

It has been a quiet time at St James until 12 July when we held a Strawberry and Fizz Party at the church. It started to rain 15 minutes before the start but a full house much enjoyed the live music from Yheti, a group of three young musicians from Ripley playing guitars; a very happy evening.

Our newly formed Friends are full of ideas for the future which will take time to come to fruition but it is very encouraging to see their interest.

We look forward to meeting our fellows in the Benefice at the joint service and picnic at the end of July, and it has been a jolt to get the service schedule for harvest and beyond; time flies.

Our next Grand Jumble Sale will take place in Hornby Institute on 13th September at 2pm.

Our new website is now up and running thanks to the efforts of Chris Berry. The address <http://lowertathamchurch.co.uk>; you might like to take a look. **John Holt**

CALENDAR OF SERVICES FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2014

BCP = Book of Common Prayer

August 3rd **Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Tatham	Mark
9.30am	Morning Service	Melling	Peter
10.00am	Morning Service	Wray	Mark
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	Tunstall	Mark
11.00am	Morning Service <i>celebrating marriage and family life</i>	Tatham Fells	Norman/Ann

August 8th **Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

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

August 17th **Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

9.30am	Holy Communion with Baptism	Tatham Fells	Mark
9.30am	Morning Service	Melling	Norman
10.00am	Morning Service	Wray	Ann
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	Tunstall	Norman

August 24th **Tenth Sunday after Trinity**

Feast of St. Bartholomew

9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Tatham Fells	Ann
9.30am	Holy Communion	Melling	Robert
10.00am	Holy Communion	Wray	Norman
11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Tatham	Robert
11.00am	Holy Communion with Baptism	Leck	Mark

August 31st **Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

11.00am	Holy Communion	Wray	Robert
6.00pm	Choral Evensong (BCP) <i>both services for all six churches</i>	Leck	Robert

September 7th **Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Tatham	Mark
9.30am	Holy Communion	Melling	Robert
10.00am	Morning Service	Wray	Mark
11.00am	Family Service	Tatham Fells	Peter
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	Tunstall	Robert

<u>September 14th</u>	<u>Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity</u>		
	<u>Holy Cross Day</u>		
9.30am	Holy Communion	Melling	Mark
10.00am	Holy Communion	Wray	Robert
11.00am	Morning Service	Tatham	Norman/Ann
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	Leck	Mark
7.00pm	Evensong (BCP)`	Tatham Fells	Norman/Ann
<u>September 21st</u>	<u>Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity</u>		
8.00am	Holy Communion	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
<u>September 28th</u>	<u>Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity,</u>		
	<u>Harvest at Tatham and Melling</u>		
9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Tatham Fells	Ann
9.30am	Harvest Festival with Melling School	Melling	Mark
10.00am	Holy Communion	Wray	Norman
11.00am	Harvest Festival Service	Tatham	Mark
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	Leck	Robert
<u>September 19th</u>	<u>Feast of St Michael and</u>		
<u>Monday</u>	<u>All Angels</u>		
7.00pm	Holy Communion	Tunstall	Robert

From the Registers

Tatham Fells – burial of ashes
Eunice Taylor

Leck – burial of ashes
Sheila May Smith
Hannah Mary Woof
Dorothy Bracken

Tatham Fells - funeral
Bob Sutton

Tunstall - funeral
Nicholas Pilkington

Tatham Fells – wedding
Anthony Whitehead and
Kerry Louise Houghton

Funeral at the crematorium
George Alwyn Sanderson

Wedding blessing for 25 years of marriage
Eleanor and Walter Denby

VISITING CHURCHES

ST. KILDA'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

LOCHBUIE, MULL

Lochbuie is a wild and lovely place and well worth the testing drive over minute roads to the southern coast of Mull. Our first stop there was the well-preserved stone circle. The other family visiting had already been to the coast; "Can you get a coffee there?" "No, nothing like that" but you could. They must have missed the amazing post office in a garden shed that had everything, kettle and cafetière included, everything that is apart from a shop keeper. You just took what you needed and put money into the appropriate box.

Fortified we set off on a walk, past Lochbuie House and the ancient Moy Castle, to the sands where highland cattle were contentedly standing in the sea up to their bellies. Further on was the family mausoleum with stained glass inserted into the roof. But the church came first.

Small and unprepossessing on the outside, it was built in 1877 for McLaine of Lochbuie, the clan chief. But the tiny interior has much interest, much supplied by Murdoch McLaine. As war correspondent for The Times in 1870 he acquired a stone from Metz cathedral burnt in the Franco-Prussian War and had a crucifix carved on it by someone who had an idea of what it was like to be crucified because he had played the part of Christ for many years in the Oberammergau play.

Most moving is a very ancient Celtic cross, in the earliest and simplest form, dug up when the church's foundations were being excavated. There being no sign of an earlier church, the explanation is probably that the cross had belonged to a missionary monk from Iona who had settled here. We know that Columba's people would set out into the unknown to establish new Christian centres and the cross is just of the type they would have carried or carved. The view down the wild loch, surrounded by cliffs and mountains, tells the difficulty of the coming in a small coracle. The church of 1870 obviously carried an ancient memory.

The desolation of more recent times is indicated by a reference on the OS Map just round the jagged head of the Bay. "Lord Lovat's Cave" is where he escaped from the Redcoats for years after the '45, only to be betrayed and taken to London for execution. Hogarth's famous engraving shows the old chief stolidly unconcerned by his fate.

St Kilda's is a fascinating little church in a wild, isolated and wonderful place.

Peter Osborne



Children's corner

Loaves and Fishes club at Tatham Fells School

The last Loaves and Fishes after school club led by Norman and Ann Dawson was held at Tatham Fells Primary School on Thursday 3rd July. The theme was 'Following Jesus'. Norman led the prayers and songs and told the children a story from the Bible. The activities included decorating white baseball caps with fabric pens and making chocolate bugs.

Norman and Ann have led the sessions for five years and they are now stepping down. They were thanked by acting head Geraldine Andrews and presented with a card from the children. They were also thanked by Carole Butcher and presented with a card and a promise of an apple tree to be planted in their garden in the autumn. Sessions will continue next year under new leadership. **Carole Butcher**



Joyful Noise and After School Club at Wray

The new season of children's activities at Wray Church begins in September -- but we are not quite sure which days they will take place. This is because of uncertainty over Mary's timetable at the time of going to press.

Possible dates are given below, but PLEASE watch out for announcements in your school newsletter, look out for the sandwich board outside church, or ring Mary on 21784 to check dates before showing up!

So - for now:

Joyful Noise: Thursday September 11th from 2 - 3 p.m. in Wray Church. This informal 'service' is a relaxed and welcoming occasion for pre-schoolers and their accompanying adults. The activities include stories, music, treasure hunts and crafts; the religious bit is 'light-touch'; there's a drink and a snack for all; and nobody minds if your child makes noise!

After-School Club: Friday September 19th, from right after school till 4:45 p.m. Similar to the above but for older children -- hence a more focussed session on a theme from the Christian faith that all children can relate to. Please either stay with your child or arrange for another adult who is present to be 'in charge' of your child.

All children are welcome at these events; no church membership is necessary. Hope to see you there!

Mary Winter

Jonah and the Whale

One day God asked a man named Jonah to go to a place called Nineveh and tell the people there to stop being bad. The only problem was that Jonah did not want to help the people there. He knew they were bad and he wanted them to be punished for their mistakes. So instead of listening to God, Jonah thought he would run away from Nineveh and not do what God asked him. He ran to the sea where he found a ship that was going to another city. He paid the captain, went in the lower part of the boat and went to sleep.

Shortly after the boat left shore a bad storm came up and started tossing the boat around. Everyone was very afraid and the captain asked Jonah to pray for them. Meanwhile the other sailors decided the storm was Jonah's fault so they asked him what God he believed in. Jonah told them that he believed in the Lord, the God of heaven who made the sea and the land. He told them he was running away from something God had asked him to do and that it was his fault the storm was happening. He said "If you throw me into the sea the storm will stop." The sailors threw him into the sea, the storm immediately calmed and the sea became still. The men in the boat realised that Jonah believed in the one true God and prayed to Him.

Then the captain and the crew looked out to sea as a huge fish came and swallowed up Jonah. God had sent the fish to keep Jonah from drowning. Jonah stayed in the fish for three days and three nights. While he was trapped inside the fish he did a lot of praying to God. He asked God to forgive him for running away and he thanked God for not allowing him to drown.

After the third day God told the fish to spit Jonah out onto dry land and the fish did just that. Jonah was happy to be out of the dark belly of the fish but boy did he need a shower, he was slimy and smelly!

Then the Lord told Jonah a second time to go to Nineveh and tell the people there to stop being bad. This time Jonah obeyed God and left for Nineveh right away. When he got there he told the people what had happened to him. He warned them that God said that they should stop doing bad things or in forty days the city and everything would be destroyed. The people listened, they prayed to God and they said sorry for the bad things they had done.

Soon the King of Nineveh heard what was going on and ordered everyone to listen to God and to stop doing bad things. When God saw they were trying to do good things instead of bad He felt love for them and did not destroy their city.

Jonah left the city very angry. He was mad because God did not punish the people. He knew that God was a loving God and did not want to destroy anything if he does not have to. So Jonah went up on a hill and sulked. God saw Jonah and knew how he was feeling so he explained to Jonah that he loves everyone and he does not like to destroy people who are doing bad things but God would rather see us turn from our bad ways and do good things again.



(The summer performance by the children at Tatham Fells School was based on the story of Jonah and the whale)

EVENTS AND INFORMATION

**TATHAM FELLS
VILLAGE SOCIETY
TREASURE HUNT ON FOOT
WITH CREAM TEA**

On Sunday August 17th at 2pm
The Old School, Tatham Fells
£3 for adults and teenagers
£1 for children. Cream Tea only £2
(NO DOGS)
Contact Ann Dawson 62936

**GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
TATHAM FELLS**

**COFFEE MORNING
IN BENTHAM TOWN HALL
on Saturday 6th September
10.00am – 12noon
Cakes and produce, raffle, tombola**
ALL WELCOME

**ST JAMES THE LESS
TATHAM**

**GRAND JUMBLE SALE
on Saturday 13th September
2pm at Hornby Institute**

We welcome any good jumble,
bric-a-brac, toys, bedding
(no electrical items)
Please bring it along to the Institute
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We look forward to seeing you

TATHAM FELLS WI

**WORLD WAR 1 PRESENTATION
in words, music, poetry and song
Church of the Good Shepherd,
Tatham Fells
on Friday 19th September
at 7.00pm
display of WW1 memorabilia
in the Old School afterwards
Tickets £7.50
including refreshments
from Carole Thurnham 64876
or Carole Butcher 63095
Proceeds for conservation
of the Old School**

**GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
TATHAM FELLS**

**ANNUAL PARISH WALK
(15 miles approx)
on Saturday 27th September**
Meet at the Old School at 10am
with packed lunch, weather-proof
clothing and appropriate footwear
(NO DOGS)

£5 per person, £10 per family
Contact John Wilson 65194

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We will be running confirmation classes for young people - 10 plus - and for adults to prepare for a confirmation service next Spring. Confirmation is the Church of England's membership service. Candidates for confirmation confirm the promises made for them at baptism, and declare their intention to live a Christian life. They receive communion with the rest of the church family.

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