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**August and September 2012**



THE CHURCHES OF LECK, TUNSTALL, MELLING  
WRAY, TATHAM AND TATHAM FELLS

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## Editorial

In this issue there is a report about a visit to two churches in Paris by Peter Osborne and also one on a visit to the Pantheon in Rome which I made in late June. I escaped the dreadful weather here for a few days and swapped it for blue skies and daily temperatures of 38°C - 40°C. Since my return we have had a serious cloudburst here in Lowgill with water waist deep in parts, streams that have altered course, damage to roads, and friends flooded out. I am hopeful that everyone has survived and that we can look forward to better weather soon.

Carole Butcher

### Diary of a Lune Valley Vicar by Mark Cannon

Practical ministry ...

**Wednesday** Well here it is, my first day of full-time 'vicaring,' and I am standing in the rain looking at graves. We are considering whether a new headstone matches up to the Diocesan Rules (which are ferocious). However, all the surrounding headstones violate the regulations so this new one might get permission and will fit in without causing an outrage.

When I get back to the vicarage the dishwasher is blocked. I try to read the instructions, and it is only when I put my glasses on that I realise I am reading Finnish. Still, it seems to have worked. In the afternoon, I meet an architect in church to look at some new interior design changes, I still fancy a conservatory, but inevitably, all we talk about is drains. We can't have the new font/ hot tub until we dig a ditch.

Back to visiting, and I'm off to see a parishioner who lives in the wilds. I abandon the car as I am not trained in off-road, mud-sliding, extreme terrain driving, and my Peugeot is not a Land-Rover. Still, there are always feet (and rain).

It's been a long day, and so far I have drunk 5 cups of tea and eaten 1500 calories of biscuit and cake. I am relieved that the benefice has hedges aplenty. Everything I've done today has required practical, everyday skills. Are Sundays, holy days, bound to be different?

**Sunday** A Christening to perform after the morning services and the church is full of smartly-dressed friends and family. Our churchwarden has a flask of super-heated water and when we mix in the spring water from behind the church we can guarantee that the brand-new Christian will be sloshed with tepid liquid. To be sure, we test it with our elbows. Amid all this we nearly forget to put out the collecting dish, and the churchwarden flies up the aisle like Usain Bolt to fetch this most important element of our Christian Witness. On the way out, an elderly lady invites me out on a date.

I'm struck by how much of our church ministry depends on getting all the practical basics right; water for a baptism (although you can use spittle in an emergency), drains for new buildings, cars to get around the benefice, cups of tea (not forgetting plates of cake) to enable a companionable chat, and cash to make it all possible. Our churches are pretty good at doing these small things and keeping the buildings up and open for business. In fact, if we didn't all do these small things, we wouldn't be able to find an audience to listen to our Good News.

Sometimes we undervalue all the ordinary, small steps we do every day. Jesus was a carpenter and he took his disciples with Him on a long journey, an apprenticeship. Step-by-step they followed and learnt from Him until he was sure they could be left alone. Our ministry here is going to be like that- small steps built on practical skills.

## NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

### St. John the Baptist, Tunstall

It has been quiet at St. John's recently. We celebrated the Patronal Festival of St. John the Baptist on 24<sup>th</sup> June.

Hopefully the new heating system will be sorted shortly and then we will re-launch the church. The tree is still there and in full leaf but it will come down soon depending on the tree feller. We are looking forward to 'Back to Church Sunday' on 16<sup>th</sup> September and to a Talent Night in November; details on page 11.

JG

### St Wilfrid's Melling

Our Melling Wine Tasting evening held in the Institute on May 25<sup>th</sup> was a great success, well supported and enjoyed by a full house. Our grateful thanks go to Glyn of Booths who hosted the event and provided the wines for tasting and a substantial buffet supper. The theme was Italian Wines and we all learned a lot about the wine growing areas of Italy and the history behind their reputation. The evening produced a very welcome sum of over £500 for church funds. Very many thanks to all those who came to support this popular event.

Generally speaking, our church services have been well attended and we had good support for the Father's Day service lead by Ann Dawson. Our special good wishes go to Ann's husband Canon Norman Dawson who has had an operation for a new knee recently.

Our next event will be our Harvest Festival with Melling School at 9.30am on September 30<sup>th</sup> when the children will be involved in the service. The Parish Harvest Supper will be held in Melling Institute at 6.30 for 7pm later that day and all are welcome. More details to follow.

MG

### St Peter's, Leck

On June 21st, Ann and Charles Shuttleworth very kindly allowed their lovely home to be used for a concert, the proceeds from which were to go to Leck Church. John Clegg, the resident pianist for Lancaster University for many years, gave a thrilling concert of works by Mozart, Liszt, Debussy and Poulenc. The memory needed for such a long and complex program (which was all given without the help of any music) was quite extraordinary, and was greatly enjoyed by a packed audience! The makeup of this audience was of interest too! It consisted mostly of members of the six churches of the Benefice, and it was delightful to see so many people from our different churches, all coming together on such an enjoyable occasion. Supper was served after the music had ended, and it seemed that everyone had enjoyed an unforgettable evening at a wonderful venue, having heard beautiful music and partaken of a substantial supper - this latter made by Ann herself, with the help of three other members of the parish of Leck, Tunstall and Melling. £1606 was made for the church and we are all very grateful for the support of the six churches!

FL

### Holy Trinity, Wray

Work will commence at the beginning of September 2012 to effect repairs to the wall in the chancel. During this time, services will be held as normal. Some refurbishment and rearrangement is currently under discussion with a view to making more space at the rear of the church for fellowship following services. The aim is also to provide more space for Mary and her group of children to hold their 'After School Club' and 'Joyful Noise' meetings.

JW

## **St James the Less, Tatham**

As we know at 'Little Jimmy' time flies if you are busy. This dire 'summer' was not allowed to spoil either our Jubilee Tea Party or Open Gardens.

Some sixty brave souls enjoyed our Tea Party which included Pimms and dancing in the rain on the lawn. The service which followed was a delight, thanks particularly to the leadership of Mark and the Benefice Choir.

After a 'dodgy' start, the weather relented for Open Gardens on Sunday 7th June. At its peak there were 50 cars on the Green and £1430 raised for Church funds. Great thanks to all involved.

Coming up, we have a BBQ on Friday, 10th August at Raw Ridding House by invitation of Richard and Rebecca Sanderson.

Tickets are available from Rebecca (22327), Linda Kirby (21486) and Phyllis Holt (21443). Do not miss the chance of seeing this splendid new garden. SUN please SHINE.

Few, very few, still remember Revd Arthur Roberts who was Rector of Tatham, and for some time of Tatham Fells, from 1909-39. His grave was unmarked and the PCC has placed a plaque to mark his resting place and that of his wife who played the organ; it is near the vestry door.

One of the 'few' remembers that the Rector's beloved Spaniel was never allowed into the churchyard. After his death the dog would make its way in and lie on the grave!

**JH**

## **Good Shepherd Church, Tatham Fells**

Our special Community Service to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June was very well attended. Put together by David Butcher, Ann Dawson and a small team of parishioners we followed in part the words and music from the original 1952 Coronation Service. John Wilson was the Narrator, Eric Baker took the part of the Archbishop of Canterbury and Carole Thurnham read the vows of the Queen. The children had a Royal Coat of Arms to colour in and they received a 'Jubilee windmill' on their way out. This was followed by jubilee buns in The Old School kindly provided by Althea Gillibrand.

We were delighted to welcome baby Eleanor Grace Barry when she was baptised into our church family in June. Eleanor Grace is the daughter of Stu and Gemma.

We catered as usual at Peter and Bronwen's Open Gardens on Sundays 24<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July. Despite a poor start on both Sundays due to the weather we made £648 profit overall for church funds and for Save the Children. The Garden Service on the terrace on the 1<sup>st</sup> July was well attended as usual. Mary Longton played hip hop tunes on her keyboard and made it fun. On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July there was a Safari Supper around the parish expertly organised by Olive and Brian Beard. Over £500 was raised for church funds with much enjoyment.

On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July the Youth Service was followed by a barbecue; grateful thanks to all who attended. At the time of going to press we are looking forward to the School Leavers Service to be held in church on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 10.00am.

**CB**

## CALENDAR OF SERVICES FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

BCP = Book of Common Prayer

### 5<sup>th</sup> August – Ninth Sunday after Trinity (Feast of the Transfiguration)

9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	TATHAM	Mark
9.30am	Family Service	MELLING	Ann
10.00am	Morning Service	WRAY	Mark
11.00am	Family Service	TATHAM FELLS	Ann
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	TUNSTALL	Mark

### 12<sup>th</sup> August – Tenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	WRAY	Mark
9.30am	Sung Eucharist	MELLING	Mark
10.00am	Holy Communion	WRAY	Visiting Priest
11.00am	Morning Service	TATHAM	Ann
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	LECK	Mark
7.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	TATHAM FELLS	Ann

### 15<sup>th</sup> August – Wednesday – Feast of the birth of the Virgin Mary

7.00pm	Holy Communion	MELLING	Robert
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### 19<sup>th</sup> August – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	TATHAM FELLS	Robert
9.30am	Morning Service	MELLING	Peter
10.00am	Family Service	WRAY	Mark
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	TUNSTALL	Robert

### 26<sup>th</sup> August – Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Morning Prayer	TATHAM FELLS	Ann
9.30am	Sung Eucharist	MELLING	Robert
10.00am	Holy Communion	WRAY	Visiting Priest
11.00am	Holy Communion	TATHAM	Robert
11.00am	Family Service	LECK	Peter

### 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	TATHAM	Robert
9.30am	Family Service	MELLING	Mark
10.00am	Morning Service	WRAY	Ann
11.00am	Family Service	TATHAM FELLS	Mark
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	TUNSTALL	Robert

### 9<sup>th</sup> September – Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	WRAY	Robert
9.30am	Sung Eucharist	MELLING	Mark

10.00am	Holy Communion	WRAY	Robert
11.00am	Family Service	TATHAM	Peter
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	LECK	Mark
7.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	TATHAM FELLS	Peter

**16<sup>th</sup> September – Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	TATHAM FELLS	Robert
9.30am	Morning Service	MELLING	Ann
10.00am	Family Service	WRAY	Mark
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	TUNSTALL	Robert

**23<sup>rd</sup> September – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity – Tatham Harvest**

9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	TATHAM FELLS	Ann
9.30am	Sung Eucharist	MELLING	Robert
10.00am	Holy Communion	WRAY	Visiting Priest
11.00am	Harvest Festival	TATHAM	Ann/Norman
11.00am	Family Service	LECK	Robert

**30<sup>th</sup> September – Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity (Fifth Sunday)**

9.30am	Harvest Festival with Melling School	MELLING	Mark
11.00am	Family Communion <i>A joint service for the whole Benefice</i>	TATHAM FELLS	Robert/Mark

**FROM THE REGISTERS**

**Tatham Fells – Baptism**

Eleanor Grace Barry

**Tatham – Baptism**

Ava Mae Coop

**Faith Matters - 3  
Creation Out of Nothing**

Whenever we make something we always use materials that are already to hand. The artist creates a painting but does so using paints and brushes made by someone else. Nothing that we do is ever totally our own or totally new. This is what makes our work as creators radically different from God's creation of the world out of nothing. Only God is completely responsible for everything that he has made. When God created the world he did not use pre-existent material. Before the creation there was literally nothing. God spoke his command and everything came into existence. No other act of creation compares with this.

**Canon Robert Hannaford**

## TWO CHURCHES IN PARIS

Notre Dame itself was the easiest to get to: Zone 1 Metro and a walk through from the Hotel de Ville. Already the square was crowded with parents watching human gold statues; pickpockets and ice-cream-smearred kids. The queue to the cathedral was heavy, mixing, as we soon found, those going to the central nave for mass and others. The service had begun but people continued to drop in and chatter with their neighbours. I reckoned about a thousand at mass. But all around the tourists went round like a great millstone about the island of worshippers. They seemed far more interested to look at us than at the magnificent building and its stained glass windows. At last, as we approached the consecration the congregation settled down, though the tourists milled on. Spiritual experience was hard to find.

But then the contrast: just over on the South Bank we found our way into the little church of St. Severin. There too was beauty (the wonderful brightly coloured modern windows of Andre Masson); and there too was a service, but one in which we could feel at home. Parishioners were seated in a half-circle around the priest. There were several physically and mentally handicapped people, as if there was a special welcome for them. How moving it was to hear a girl struggle, with caring help, through her Gospel reading! So we joined them and tried to sing the French hymns. The Holy Spirit was there and He welcomed us also into the Sacristy where the whole of Georges Rouault's Passion Suite was on display. We were deeply moved, especially in context, by this greatest Christian artist of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. His concern for the poor and weak, expressed in the Passion scenes, was just perfect there.

Peter Osborne





## Vicars of Wray

Holy Trinity Wray is not an ancient church like several we have in the Benefice. It was built in 1840 as a chancel-less hall, though in a dignified style. In 1880 a chancel, vestry, porch and bell turret were added. The building is unlisted, though all the work was the product of the renowned Paley and Austin firm of architects in Lancaster. The Gillow rood screen of a few years later is very fine and a precious piece. But the thing of most interest distinguishing the church at Wray is the photographic archive of its Vicars. Since the dawn of photography, about the time the church was built, every single vicar has contributed a likeness to the 'rogue's gallery' on display at the back of the church near the font. Not a single vicar has evaded capture by the camera. Ancient churches have their long lists of serving clergy, lists that often start with a dozen from the Middle Ages known only by their Christian name. Holy Trinity's portraits include the formal (po-faced let's face it in the earliest instances), others just posed, and a few showing signs of having been taken by surprise! It is a wonderful record, but does anyone know of another such?

The other day we heard from the daughter of the Reverend John Collier, 1955 – 58 and mug-shot number nine. We are delighted she wants to place two seats in the church yard, one each in memory of her father and her mother. We are not sure whether she knows we already make a visual celebration of him and his sixteen counterparts.

**John Ryle**

## WARM THANKS FROM HANNAH BURCH

I would like to thank everybody for their wonderful generosity in giving to Exodus House Orphanage. The fundraiser held on the 1st July was a huge success thanks to everyone who came and donated. The cake stall, raffle and jewellery stall raised over £100 each and people's kind donations brought the final total up to £1170! The money is greatly appreciated and will be used to help build the new orphanage and school. This is a major step for Exodus House, as it brings them away from monthly payments of rent and towards financial independence! Thank you so much for your on-going support. The money raised by this community really has helped these children.

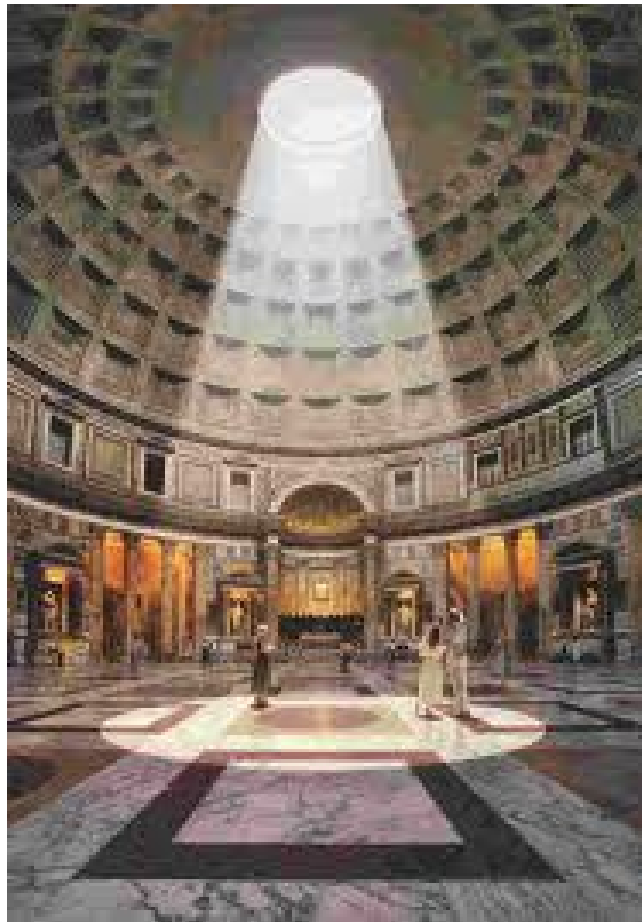


## YOUNG PEOPLE'S CORNER

I visited Rome recently where my favourite building was the Pantheon. It is the best preserved ancient building in Rome. Built between AD 119 and 128 the diameter of the hemispherical dome is exactly equal to the height of the whole building and it could accommodate a perfect sphere. At the exact centre of the dome is the oculus, a circular hole 9m (30ft) in diameter and is the only source of light apart from when the huge bronze doors are open. With the temperature outside at 40°C it was a haven of coolness inside. The huge beam of light entering from above is a symbolic link between the temple and the heavens.

Amazingly the dome is made of concrete. Concrete technology was widely known by the ancient Romans and was widely used in the Roman Empire. Later the use of concrete became scarce until the mid 18<sup>th</sup> century. I wonder what the Ancient Romans who built the Pantheon would think about Europe's biggest skyscraper, The Shard, which was recently completed in London?

**Carole Butcher**



## UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

### **SUMMER EVENING BARBECUE AT RAW RIDDING HOUSE, TATHAM**

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ON FRIDAY 10 AUGUST  
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### **TATHAM CHURCH GRAND JUMBLE SALE**

On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September  
at Hornby Institute at 2pm

Bric a brac and bargains galore  
'Not to be missed'  
'Well worth a visit'

Contact Linda Kirkby  
21486

### **Back to Church Sunday**

**Sunday September 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**At 11.00am**  
St John the Baptist Church, Tunstall

If you haven't been to Church for a long time or in fact have never been, please come along on this special day. You will be made very welcome.

A simple soup and bread lunch with a glass of wine will be served in Tunstall Village Hall after the service  
Donations welcome

### **Talent night**

St John the Baptist, Tunstall  
Talented people wanted to take part in a fun show in November. If you can tell jokes, sing, dance or play an instrument or whatever and would like to take part please call Jane on  
**015242 74260**

**Sunday September 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**at 11.00am**

**JOINT BENEFICE COMMUNION**  
at The Good Shepherd Church,  
Tatham Fells  
**ALL WELCOME**

**Sunday September 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**at 11.00am**

**HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE**  
at St James the Less, Tatham

Followed by  
**HARVEST SALE**  
**AND SOUP AND CHEESE LUNCH**  
in The Old Rectory

**ALL WELCOME**

**Sunday September 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**at 9.30am**

**HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE**  
at St Wilfrid's, Melling  
with the children from Melling School  
**HARVEST SUPPER**  
6.30pm for 7pm on the same day  
in Melling Institute  
Further details from Max Godfrey  
Tel: 21312

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Every other Monday night  
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for Year 9 and upwards

This is not a church group. We discuss everything from the nature of humour, through beliefs about life after death to what causes political extremism! If you like a good argument, please come along and say as much or as little as you like; oh, and the refreshments are legendary!

**Please contact Mary Winter  
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