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August and September 2013



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Editorial

In this edition there is an account on pages 8 and 9 of a visit by Peter Osborne to the Basilica of St Maurice and details of various fund-raising events appear on pages 11 and 12. The long awaited glorious weather is with us at last; hopefully it will continue well into the autumn.

Carole Butcher

Diary of a Lune Valley Vicar by Mark Cannon

Sunday: Here we all are (13 including vicar and organist) in a cool and peaceful church meditating on the Law - Love God with all your heart, strength, soul etc. Surely here the troubles of the world cannot intrude and distract. I note, however, that my hymn book belonged to a church in Scorton and wonder who cleverly cut down on the church's expenditure by "borrowing" from Scorton's library? It then turns out that not only is the church short of hymn books but it has run out of an even more vital Sunday morning necessity, biscuits! A Warden departs the building during the sermon (wise choice) and goes home to a secret supply of posh provender. The biscuits are indeed good and the Warden tells me that they are locked away from other family members to ensure that the Warden never suffers from want, whereas the rest of the family gets plain digestives. And so I move on to church number two where, again, I note that a neighbouring church has "lost" a hymnbook to us and where once again a member of the congregation departs, after the sermon this time but before the collection (bad choice), to turn off the stove where sprouts have been simmering since the dawn's early rays broke the grip of night.

Tuesday: I am at a local school faced with the fledglings of the village. I am

giving a thoughtful and cultured exposition of the story of Jael and Sisera, pointing out that camping is still overrated, when a small child on the front row lets rip with an enormous trump so vastly impressive and powerful that it raises him a good 12 inches into the air. Naturally, this is simply the best thing ever in an assembly and the rest of the deeply admiring school falls about in laughter. The point of my assembly is lost. In my day, the teachers would have waded in and suppressed all levity by main force; as it is, I draw my sermon to an abrupt close. You can't compete with an overwhelming natural phenomenon like that.

Thursday: Back to work in sunny Bradford and I should be concentrating on cunning stratagems to prevent the local council from swallowing someone's home to pay for care fees, but England are playing cricket, and a colleague has a radio. Its siren voice of Test Match Special seduces me from duty again and again and again. Christians are commanded for good reason to try to give their all to God from the very beginning, because God knows that without the Great Command, you and I are not strong enough to resist the thousand pressures of everyday life which push us away from Him. "Look only to me", He pleads, but we are distracted, and we turn away.

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

Good Shepherd Church, Tatham Fells

Our Parish Walk on Saturday 1st June was greatly enjoyed by all who took part. There was a 4 mile walk led by Ann Dawson and an 8 mile walk led by John Wilson and Carl Taylor. The glorious weather meant that we could enjoy the sound of curlews, lapwings and larks in the clear air on the moor top. Those doing the shorter walk picnicked in The Old School around lunchtime whilst those on the longer route were treated to fresh home made scones, tea and coffee kindly provided by Carole Thurnham at Fourstones House mid afternoon.

The Open Gardens weekends at Clearbeck were damp but everyone rallied round. The proceeds of £703 over the two weekends were for church funds and for Save the Children. Rain did not stop play for the Garden Service on Sunday 30th June when quite a number of brave souls sat outside singing hymns, listening to readings and dodging the drops that threatened to soak the hymn sheets. Peter Osborne and Mark Cannon took the service and thanks were expressed to Mary Longton who accompanied the hymns on her keyboard. Cake and fizzy drinks were dispensed at the end.

Our friend Ruby Murray passed away on 17th June and a service of celebration for her life was held at our church on 27th June prior to cremation. Ruby served on the PCC as well as being a school Governor and member of the Parish Council for many years. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Carole Butcher

Holy Trinity Church, Wray

A mission meeting was held at the beginning of June with the Revd Mark Cannon to discuss the 7 signs of a healthy church. Some interesting concepts came out of this meeting.

We now have a very nice new seat in the churchyard. Mr Terry Robinson of Wray and his sister have provided this in memory of their father and mother, the Revd John Collier and his wife. He was the vicar of Wray from 1955 to 1958.

We would like to say how grateful we are to Mark Rowland for the smart new notice

boards which he has made for both outside and in the porch of the church.

Our pipe organ is on the move to a monastery in Valencia, Spain. The removal of the organ will be the first stage in the re-development of the chancel and church facilities. Special thanks must go to our organist John Parkinson who, using his skills in international diplomacy, has been responsible for the arrangements. In the next issue of The Bell he will fill us in with all the details and hopefully include some pictures of the organ in Spain.

Judith Wrigley/Ann Anderson

St John the Baptist, Tunsall

The Patronal Festival for St John's was well attended with Jac Beeson from Melling and Florence Wellburn from Leck reading the lessons beautifully. The service was conducted by the Revd Richard Impey from Lancaster who questioned us all about the life of John the Baptist in place of a sermon. The choir sang The Lord's Prayer as an anthem which was very well received.

The Afternoon Services at Tunstall are proving to be very popular, the next one taking place on July 28th on the theme of Creation, starting with afternoon tea at 4.30pm. This will be led by Ann Dawson. There will then be a break until the autumn when there will be two more, one on October 13th when there will be a tree planting and dedication service preceded by afternoon tea and led by Archdeacon Michael Everitt and on November 20th it is hoped to have a Youth Service.

'Back to Church Sunday' will be celebrated at Tunstall on September 1st. Wine and nibbles will be served after the service and we hope as many people as possible will attend this service which will be conducted by the Revd Mark Cannon.

September 7th is the Barbecue and Auction of Promises starting at 6.30pm

Please see the notice on page 11.

Some light bulbs are being replaced, three have gone in the Chancel and some brighter ones are being put in the main body of the church.

Many thanks to Jackie Beasley for arranging the cleaning rotas and to all the people who

turn up to help. Last time eleven ladies enjoyed cleaning, chatting and coffee.

Jane Greenhalgh

St James the Less, Tatham

Summer has arrived at last, today is a real "hay-day"-hot and a breeze, and we hope it will last for our two remaining "events" in July; Afternoon Tea at the kind invitation of Dick and Irene Kelsall on Sunday 14th July and the joint service on Sunday 28th followed by a picnic. We hope the Benefice Choir will be able to come.

We were delighted to have a full house for the concert presented by the Mews Choir. Wind and rain did nothing to dampen our spirits and we enjoyed a very happy evening of music followed by strawberries and "fizz" accompanied by Veda Gardener's delicious sweetmeats.

It was a real pleasure to welcome Mark and Caroline Watts, their family and friends, on 23rd June for the Christening of their daughter Annie Florence. Great to see the church (almost) full.

The Parish Survey is being distributed now. Let's hope for some positive ideas.

Several members of our PCC enjoyed Hannah's Annual Summer Fundraiser for Exodus House Orphanage in West Africa. Hannah and her many friends had provided for all ages, not least wonderful and copious refreshments plus sunshine just to chat in the garden by the river.

The PCC feel this is voluntary work at its best and are pleased to offer her some financial support. Finally, please note that there will be no service at Tatham at 9.00am on Sunday 4th August.

John Holt

St. Wilfrid's, Melling

June was a fairly quiet month for me and provided the chance to spend some time working in the garden, enjoying the glorious weather. There has been a lot to do in the Graveyard too and I thank God for the person who invented the petrol strimmer. (I'd like to know this for a future quiz, if anyone knows).

I am also very grateful to the kind volunteers who have offered to help - and a warning to them; I will be in touch soon! However there is now a problem with the roof of the mowing

shed, where a rotting beam threatens to give way.

As I was recently en route to my current place of work, in the leafy suburbs of south Manchester, Michael Gove interrupted my journey via BBC Radio 4 to tell me about how important it was to understand the continuum of history or words to that effect. This set me to thinking about how significant history is to all our experiences; it formed the language which we speak, the cornerstone of our laws, even the roads upon which we drive. Accepting that the M61 is fairly recent, I cite the Roman road from "Calacum" Burrow to Mamucium as evidence. That led to reflection about how to teach the cyclical nature of history and how city states, nations and empires rise and fall. Consequently, within my family we've been talking about Mesopotamia, fertile crescents and (with a holiday in mind) Romans, Etruscans and Magna Grecia.

By now you'll understand that I am not exactly with Henry Ford; I don't think history is bunk. Nikita Krushev was certain that history was "on his side" but time and again we see that the certainty of our fleeting moment is flimsy and it is what we pass on which is important. I admit it took me years to realise that very often it is not the action but the counter-action that lasts and that has a direct bearing on the following.....

At St Wilfrid's we have been using the 'new' style Communion service for a few weeks now, giving it a test run. I don't think anyone is entirely enthusiastic about abandoning the old format but equally one of the aims of the Church of England was to conduct services the words of which the congregation could understand. The question is, by abandoning the past do we cut out the roots of faith? Dare we risk changing the language without the Church roof metaphorically caving in?

About 200 years after Shakespeare, Charles and Mary Lamb's Tales were not written in the same language as that of Great Bard and their English was not the English we use today. Indeed they stated that "diligent care has been taken to select such words as might least interrupt the effect of the beautiful English tongue in which he wrote". However

'accessible' the Lamb's new version may have been (and I know it was for a different purpose), quotes are taken from the plays and not the tales. There is a persuasive argument in Juliet's question "What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet" but which is it; to change or not to change? There are many in our congregation who know the current services by heart and for whom those words are part of their faith, should that be taken away from them?

Rarely now do we use the King James Version of the Bible but there was something rather nice about going back to a time before the invention of the present participle; "Lord forgive them for they know not what they do" rather than " they do not know what they are doing".

Change or continuity - what do you think? Why not 'come on down' and hear the new service for yourself and then make up your mind? Of course you don't have to be certain: all you need to have is some faith." I also hope it's not too 'preaching' but then again, why not?
Jac Beeson

St Peter's, Leck

The service of Sung Eucharist for our Patronal Festival on 30th June led by Mark and Robert was enjoyed by all who attended. We had a good-sized congregation and we were delighted to welcome three members from Wray church.

At the time of going to press we are looking forward to our Summer Fair on Saturday 3rd August marking the start of our centenary year; details on page 11.

Eleanor Denby

CALENDAR OF SERVICES FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2013

BCP = Book of Common Prayer

August 4th, Tenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Tatham Fells	Wardens
9.30am	Morning Service	Melling	Mark
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	Leck	Mark
6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	Wray	Mark

August 11th, Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

10.00am	Holy Communion	Wray	Mark
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	Tunstall	Mark
	<i>a joint service for Tunstall, Melling and Leck</i>		
11.00am	Morning Service	Tatham	Peter
7.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	Tatham Fells	Peter

August 18th, Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

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

August 25th, Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

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	Norman
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	Leck	Robert

September 1st, Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

September 8th, Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

September 15th, Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Wray	Mark
9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Tatham Fells	Robert
9.30am	Morning Service	Melling	Peter
10.00am	Celebrating 'Joyful Noise'	Wray	Mark/ Mary
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	Tunstall	Robert

September 22nd, Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Tatham Fells	Peter
9.30am	Harvest Festival Service <i>with Melling School</i>	Melling	Mark
10.00am	Holy Communion	Wray	Visiting Priest
11.00am	Harvest Festival Service	Tatham	Mark
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	Leck	Robert

September 29th, Feast of St Michael and all Angels

11.00am	Family Communion	Wray	Mark/Robert
6.00pm	Evensong	Leck	Norman/Ann

both services are for all six churches

October 6th, Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am	Holy Communion	Tatham	Norman
10.00am	Harvest Festival Service	Wray	Mary
11.00am	Harvest Festival Service <i>with Tatham Fells School</i>	Tatham Fells	Mark
11.00am	Harvest Festival Eucharist <i>a joint service for Tunstall, Melling and Leck</i>	Tunstall	Robert
7.00pm	Harvest Praise	Tatham Fells	Ann

FROM THE REGISTERS

Tatham Fells – Funeral
Ruby Murray

Tatham - Baptism
Annie Florence Watts

VISITING CHURCHES

THE BASILICA OF ST MAURICE

The pilgrimage route from Canterbury to Rome, the Via Francigena, laboured across Northern France to Besancon, veered East by Lake Geneva, and plunged south along the broad Rhone Valley, until blocked by a narrow pass, guarded by a medieval castle. But the town of St Maurice, which nestles just beyond, is much older, for here, when it was the Roman village of Acaunus in the 3rd Century, St Maurice was martyred for his beliefs. In 515 a great abbey was founded in his honour by the Burgundian King Sigismond.

We too found our way barricaded one Saturday, for although there was singing within, the big bronze doors were shut tight. Late comers to the Mass, though, entered and we followed their trick; a firm step on the middle flagstone triggered an open sesame. Inside 150+ people were gathered to be served by more priests than we have in half a diocese, and a bishop. ‘Mass for the celebration of the Priesthood’, said a notice, which explained it. The congregation sang well, aided by a forceful organ, which played startlingly modern music at times.

Most of the church is early modern, with white walls and grey stone pillars and arches reminiscent of Brunelleschi’s Florence, though pointed. The neatness of everything and the liveliness of the Mass denoted a committed congregation. We, at the back, were seated under the 11th Century tower base, marked by massive masonry and gargoyles. But we were included in the ‘Peace’.

Around the basilica the large living areas remind you of the millions of pilgrims who came. Here they could rest safely before starting the dangerous crossing of the Grand St Bernard Pass and dropping into Italy. Great snow peaks on the horizon tell of the rigours of the way to Rome. Always, in coming into such a place, one shares a renewed something of that pilgrim spirit in oneself.

Peter Osborne



'Loaves and Fishes'

Most of you will know of Mary's work with children and young people, especially that with her pre-school group 'Joyful Noise', for which a special celebratory service will take place at Wray Church on September 15th to mark its 15th Anniversary.

More recently we have developed an after-school club at Tatham Fells and we have just completed our fourth full school year. We have a dedicated team of eleven volunteers from our congregation and are very fortunate in being warmly welcomed and encouraged by the school staff.

We meet in school on the first Thursday of each month in term time and use both the main hall and the KS2 classroom for our activities. We begin the sessions as soon as school finishes, at 3.15pm, and end between 5.00pm and 5.15pm. We have had 7 or 8 sessions each year and the children range in age from 4 to 11 years, with the average attendance rising steadily year by year, from 16 in 2009/10 to 26 this year. There is a subscription of £2 for each session and this enables us to provide high quality craft material for the children and they invariably have completed craft work or baking to take home with them.

The first twenty minutes are taken up with songs and prayers, together with a story (a Bible story, one of the parables of Jesus, or a focus on a particular saint) during which Norman keeps the children spellbound. After that we divide the children into three groups for a carousel of three different craft activities, interspersed with a toast break and a wide selection of table games. We all come together at the end of the session for more songs and our final prayers, by which time many of the parents have joined us.

Having such a strong team means that despite inevitable absences we usually have eight or nine of us working with the children and we have found that to be just about right to provide help and supervision throughout the session. Most of us are exhausted at the end of the afternoon but all agree how much we have enjoyed working with the children. Feedback from staff and parents assures us that the children enjoy it too and look forward eagerly to each session.

Ann Dawson (for the Loaves and Fishes team)



Young People's Corner

THE PILGRIM FATHERS

On a blustery September day in 1620 a small two-masted ship called The Mayflower set sail from the port of Plymouth in England, bound for North America. The ship was 30m (90 ft) long and was built to carry wine and other cargo. The 102 settlers on board hoped that in the New World they could worship freely in their own way, which they had not been able to do in England. Because of their Puritan faith and because they started the colonies that would later grow into the United States, the group became known as the Pilgrims.

The Pilgrims landed in what is now Massachusetts and established a settlement they called Plymouth. The first winter was hard. The settlers had little food, and it was difficult to farm and fish. But with help from the local Indians the settlement eventually prospered.

The first settlements in Plymouth were built of wood from the local forests. The chimneys were made of sticks held together with clay and the roofs were waterproofed with bark. The Pilgrims held prayer meetings outside until they built their churches. They replaced their wooden homes with more secure dwellings and started trading furs with the Indians. More groups of Puritans came to join the original settlers; together they created one of the first successful European settlements in North America.

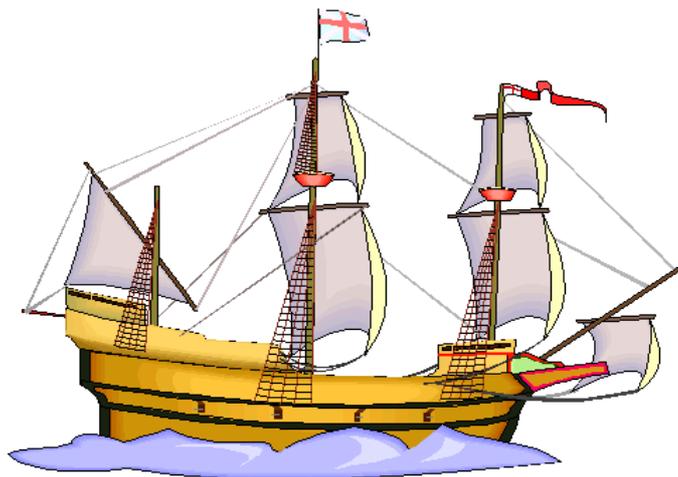
Puritans

The people known as Puritans wished to purify the English church of its pomp and ritual. They dressed in simple clothes and lived their lives according to the Bible. The Puritan religion stressed hard work and obedience and disapproved of frivolity and idleness.

Thanksgiving

In the autumn of 1621 the Pilgrims celebrated their first successful harvest. They invited the local Indians to join them in a feast of thanksgiving. Thanksgiving, which became a national holiday in 1863, is celebrated every year in the United States on the fourth Thursday in November.

Source: Dorling Kindersley Children's Illustrated Encyclopedia



UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

LECK SUMMER FAIR

Starting the Centenary Celebrations
of St Peter's Church, Leck
on Saturday 3rd August
11.00am – 2.00pm
at Fraser Hall, Cowan Bridge
entrance is free
Refreshments, Cake Stall,
Bric-a-Brac
Books and media, Raffle Prizes
Vintage fabrics, Craft
and many other attractions

TATHAM FELLS WI PRESENTS 'ALRIGHT ON THE NIGHT AND MORE'

a hilarious short play and readings
Thursday 15th + Friday 16th August
at The Old School, Tatham Fells
at 7.30pm
£7.50 including nibbles, wine + fizz
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Contact Carole 64876 or
Linda 21486 for tickets

TATHAM FELLS VILLAGE SOCIETY TREASURE HUNT ON FOOT WITH CREAM TEA

on Sunday August 18th at 2pm
The Old School, Tatham Fells
£3 per person, £6 for a family
Contact Carole Butcher 63095
or Ann Dawson 62936

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, TUNSTALL

BBQ AND PROMISE AUCTION SATURDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER AT 6.30PM

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to arrange collection

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the big day, it is worth a visit.**

TATHAM FELLS VILLAGE SOCIETY

**HARVEST SUPPER
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Saturday September 28th at 7.00pm**
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£6 adults, £3 children
Contacts: Carole Butcher 63095
or Ann Dawson 62936

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IN WRAY CHURCH**

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Friday 20 September 3.20pm to 4.45pm

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