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February and March 2017



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EDITORIAL

Welcome! In this edition you will find details of an advert on the back page for a **YOUTH WORKER** for the Benefice; you might feel like applying!

Spring is just around the corner, not only have I spotted snowdrops coming up in our garden, we also have primroses blooming!

Carole Butcher

DIARY OF A LUNE VALLEY VICAR by Mark Cannon

Distractions ...

Sunday: I have taken the new Bishop's advice seriously. 'You don't have to stick to the rules', he ill-advisedly wrote to all his clergy, 'Just go and get new people in!' So, tripping up the hills to do Evensong out in the wild borderlands of Lowgill, I decided to do without my uniform of cassock, surplice etc. It was a strange feeling: for a start, it was cold dressed as a normal human being and ten minutes in I was assailed by the conviction that my flies were down. Well, you can cover a lot of things in a full length black woollen dress that are not possible in a pair of M&S chinos and I had to pretend to kneel in prayer to check that all was safely gathered in.

Sunday: Is it just me, then, who gets easily distracted by any number of thoughts when I should be doing something else? If one of my very close relations starts wittering on about family matters, then I tend to drift off and forget the names of grandchildren etc. If I am at worship, rather than thinking pure and holy thoughts, then I can often try to work out the mystic significance of the hymn numbers, and how many primes are hidden therein. But I was more than gladdened today when during the sermon, a congregant slipped out of church and returned a few minutes later. After the service he explained that he had too strong a cappuccino before coming to church and then had to respond to an urgent need ... 'and' he said 'I couldn't think of a better time to go than during your sermon.' Ta very much!

But I expect this is not rare and worship is both easy (walking on the tops on a crisp winter's day) and also very difficult. For example, trying to pray when there's no answer, trying to be holy when you feel like a worm, or simply getting bored during Matins. When we get distracted, and there are oh so many temptations, we drift away from God, and drift away from the source of so much joy and goodness. Jesus must have gone through the same and we read that he went off by himself to a quiet place to pray for hours. If He had to be disciplined and even He had to make a special effort, why do we think that it is going to be easy for us?

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

St Wilfrid's, Melling

As ever, the Wennington Hall School Carol Service was the largest event of the festive period with the church packed again this year with over 300 present.

The combined service between the village and St Wilfrid's Primary School was also well attended with around 100 in the congregation.

The Christingle Service and Christmas Midnight mass were less well attended but were enjoyed by all who were there.

JAC Beeson

Good Shepherd, Tatham Fells

The children from the Primary School and their families joined us for the Christmas Family Service on Sunday 4th December. During the service, which was led by Mary, the children performed 'One Bright Star', a moving presentation of the Christmas story with words and music. Our grateful thanks go to the staff and

the children for providing us with such a delightful start to the Christmas celebrations and to Mary for leading the service for us.

Our concert of Celtic Christmas Strings, on Sunday afternoon 11th December was a sell out. Maire Ni Chathasaigh (harp) and Chris Newman (guitar) took us on a most enjoyable musical journey of Christmas music through the ages.

On Sunday 18th December our service of Carols and Traditional Readings for Christmas was well attended once again and was followed by mulled wine and mince pies or shortbread. Our thanks go to all the readers representing local groups and societies and to Ann for planning and leading the service for us. Our service of Midnight Communion on Christmas Eve was beautifully led by Norman and Ann and our thanks go to them for bringing the true meaning of Christmas to us all.

Carole Butcher

Holy Trinity, Wray

Our Christmas celebrations began with a great favourite – Carols by Candlelight in Wray Institute. Led by Mary this was an evening of Carols, music and readings followed by a Jacobs Join supper. The village Carol Service was at the Methodist Chapel this year and was attended by many from both chapel and church.

A large congregation of adults and children enjoyed our Instant Nativity on Christmas Eve. This has become a firm favourite and the children love dressing up. This was followed by Holy Communion on Christmas Day.

Several families attended the Christingle Service and ‘Messy Church’ on the second Sunday in January. This was organised by Mark and Mary. Everyone enjoyed the activities and of course, the bacon butties afterwards, cooked in our new kitchen.

On Sunday 5th February at 2.30pm (the first Sunday of the month) we will be holding our monthly congregation-led Evening Prayer service. This will be a special one as during this service John Parkinson plans to show us a video of our organ in its new home in Valencia, Spain. Please come and join us.

On Thursday 6th April from 12 noon to 1.30pm we will be holding one of the Lent Lunches in Holy Trinity Church. All welcome.

Ann Anderson/Judith Wrigley

St John the Baptist, Tunstall

The annual Carol Service, held in the Village Hall, was packed and good fun.

Thank you everyone for coming and also for the donations of sausage rolls and mince pies. All the leftovers were taken to the Homeless Shelter in Lancaster, which was very much appreciated. We also collected £180 for local charities.

It was lovely to see a full church on Christmas Eve for the crib service where Sister Sue engaged the children in a hunt to find the crib figures; this was enjoyed by all.

After 75 years of hard work our organ motor has finally given up and cannot be replaced for a few weeks so I would like to thank Robert, Doug and Dave for pumping the bellows in the background of our services over the last few weeks.

Personally I found it a good workout so if anyone wants to shed a few pounds your help would be much appreciated.

Looking ahead into February we are having a Congregation led service on the 26th February as there will be a shortage of ministers. Anyone who would like to take part would be very welcome. Please let me know as we will need readers and someone to lead the prayers.

This year the Women’s World Day of Prayer is on the 3rd March and it is our turn to host this at Tunstall Church. The service starts at 2pm and we will be celebrating and enjoying traditions from the Philippines.

Hopefully our annual Lent Lunch will be held in the Village Hall if building work has not started. The date is Monday 6th March at 12 noon. Lunch will be bread and soup; please bring a friend to join in the fun.

Our Mothering Sunday Service will be at Tunstall on 26th March where we would love to welcome as many families as possible.

We now look forward to longer and warmer days. Spring is already around the corner as I see snowdrops showing themselves in the churchyard. **Sue Hunter**

St James the Less, Tatham

We have had two 'full houses' since the last edition. The first was for the return visit of Leyland Brass Band. The second was for our customary Crib and Carol Service on Christmas Eve; a gale and horizontal rain failed to deter our hardy supporters. Both were very happy events in their different ways.

We look forward to seeing the church full again for the wedding of Alexandra Bramley and Daniel Dugmore on Saturday 4th February and the visit of the Levens Choir on the afternoon of 26th February.

In addition to the Wenning Singers, there is now an upholstery class on Wednesdays, both in church. It is gratifying to see the building becoming so well used by the community. Meanwhile, the work to enhance the inside appearance continues apace. Better lighting is the next priority and hopefully more comfortable seating.

John Holt

St Peter's, Leck

I cannot believe we are at the beginning of another New Year, I hope it is a happy one for everyone. Christmas now seems a distant memory and whilst it was not white, at least it was much drier than 2015!

Way back in November we had 'Messy Church' all again very well organised by Tom and Clare Kay-Shuttleworth. One of the activities was to make an Advent Candle and Tom suggested we sit quietly each day in thought and prayer whilst the wax burnt to the next date; I wonder how many of us achieved this? Mark had us scratching our heads with an Advent themed quiz and as usual we concluded with yummy bacon butties, on this occasion prepared by Ross Hunter.

The Carol Service this year was held in church, a very enjoyable occasion attended by many, who had their fill of sausage rolls, mince pies and mulled wine etc; many thanks to all those who helped in any way to make this such a joyous occasion.

We also need to say a huge thank you to Joss Robinson for providing the church with such a magnificent Christmas tree, it always seems such a shame to have to move it after what seems to be a relative short period of time!

St Peter's school put on their usual well orchestrated Carol Service led by the children; the carols, readings and prayers all flowed seamlessly. This was an amazing achievement as there were many absentees amongst children and staff. We hope they are all fit and well now and ready for the new term.

Having hesitated initially about having a service on Christmas Day we were overjoyed by the number of people who attended the Christmas Eucharist at 11am. Everyone seemed in good voice so we did not miss the choir too much!

Last but not least, I would like to thank Peter Entwistle for his undying commitment to playing the organ for us throughout the year and on each of the two holiday Sundays. He made lengthy journeys to be with us and it is very much appreciated.

Joan Withers

CALENDAR OF SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2017

BCP = Book of Common Prayer

FEBRUARY

Sunday 5th	Fourth Sunday before Lent		
9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Tatham	Mark
9.30am	Morning Service	Melling	Norman and Ann
11.00am	Messy Church with Christingle	Tatham Fells	Mark
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	Leck	Sue
2.30pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Wray	Congregation
Sunday 12th	Third Sunday before Lent (Septuagesima)		
9.30am	Holy Communion	Wray	Mark
11.00am	Morning Service	Tatham	Norman and Ann
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	Tunstall	Sue
2.15pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Tatham Fells	Peter
Sunday 19th	Second Sunday before Lent (Sexagesima)		
8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Wray	Mark
9.30am	Morning Service	Wray	Norman and Ann
9.30am	Holy Communion	Tatham Fells	Mark
11.00am	Holy Communion	Melling	Sue
11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Leck	Peter
Sunday 26th	Sunday next before Lent (Quinquagesima)		
9.30am	Family Service	Wray	Mary
9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Tatham Fells	Congregation
11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Tatham	Norman and Ann
11.00am	Morning Service	Tunstall	Congregation

MARCH

Wednesday 1st	Ash Wednesday		
10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Tatham Fells	Norman and Ann
6.00pm	Holy Communion at St Joseph's House	Tunstall	Sue and Judith
Sunday 5th	First Sunday of Lent		
9.00am	Holy Communion	Tatham	Mark
9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Tatham Fells	Judith
9.30am	Morning Service	Melling	Peter
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	Leck	Mark
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9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Tatham Fells	Mark
11.00am	Holy Communion	Melling	Sue
11.00am	Morning Service	Leck	Mark
Sunday 26th	Mothering Sunday		
9.30am	'Messy Church'	Wray	Sue and Judith
9.30am	Mothering Sunday Service with Melling School	Melling	Mark
11.00am	Mothering Sunday Service with Tatham Fells School	Tatham Fells	Mark
11.00am	Holy Communion	Tatham	Norman and Ann
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	Tunstall	Sue

ST JOSEPH'S HOUSE OF PRAYER, CHURCH LANE, TUNSTALL

Daily Service Times in the Bethany Chapel

The Sisters keep Monday as their rest day

Tuesday - Saturday

7.00am	Lauds followed by Community Intercessions and silent prayer
7.30am	Prime
8.00am	Eucharist
12.45pm	Sext
5.00pm	Vespers

Sunday

7.00am	Lauds
7.20am	Prime
12.45pm	Sext
5.00pm	Vespers

OPEN HOUSE AT ST JOSEPH'S HOUSE OF PRAYER

SATURDAY 11TH MARCH

FROM 2.00PM UNTIL VESPERS AT 5.00PM

Everyone is welcome to pop in -and out -during the afternoon
for a 'cuppa' and a chat

FROM THE REGISTERS

Wray Burial

Ethel Gorst

Wray Funeral

Marjorie Preston

Leck Burial of ashes

John Bryan Bell

VISITING CHURCHES THE CHURCH BEFORE THE CHURCH

On one of those road maps which are always reduced to £2.99, you will find by Killin, at the head of Loch Tay, indication of a 'Folklore Centre'. It does not exist and has not existed for four years. Never mind! The old mill where it was sited still holds some interesting remnants of a Saint.

Before our village churches were built, the church (that is the Christian people) often met by a stone cross (we call them 'Celtic Crosses'). But, before even that, they met at the sound of a copper bell carried and rung by a missionary saint, and the 'church' was wherever he planted his wooden cross or decorated crozier (Scottish 'quigrich').

The Old Mill at Killin has interesting exhibits relating to St Fillan, who was one of those ancient Irish saints who brought Christianity to Scotland. He founded his first simple monastery at Auchentyre by Tyndrum. Almost nothing remains of it because the stones were used to build the farm. Later he moved into the Trossachs, converting and baptising people who lived in the glens. At Killin he would ring his great bell to summon the people to a rock under a pine tree. There he would plant his quigrich and preach.

Rock and pine tree have long ago slipped into the river, but the Old Mill still houses three things relating to those early days: the great bell and quigrich of Saint Fillan (but these are replicas of the originals which are held in the Scottish National Museum in Edinburgh) and also eight of his healing stones. These, which are originals, he would hold over the appropriate part of the body of the patient for whom he was praying. It may seem unlikely that such relics still exist, but there was an ancient tradition whereby such things were entrusted to specific families or 'Dewars'. (We were amazed some years ago to find, in the church at the top of Glen Lyon, the original bell of Saint Adomnan, the early Abbot of Iona and biographer of Saint Columba).

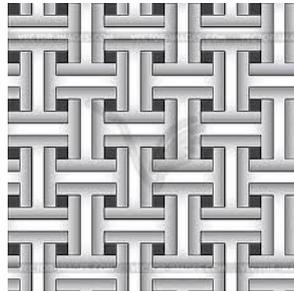
So it is that the markers of the church before the church at Killin still exist for us to see in a showcase in the Old Mill as fortunate survivors of a Folklore Centre that ceased to exist four years ago.

Peter Osborne



The Old Mill at Killin

**Order of the Companions of Martha and Mary
CRAFT AND CONTEMPLATION DAY
25TH FEBRUARY 2017 10.30AM – 4.00PM
AT ST JOSEPH'S HOUSE OF PRAYER**



Do you find that the moment you settle down to some prayer time your mind begins to jump about all over the place? Zen Buddhism calls this the 'monkey mind' and that is a really good description! Our **Craft and Contemplation Day** offers a way to keep the front of your mind occupied by engaging with some simple creative craft and so leaving the rest of your mind some space to quietly tune in to God. The day on **25th February** will be using some simple and fun weaving methods pioneered by the *Hopeweavers Community* in Southampton – **no experience necessary!** The day begins with coffee at 10.30am with a short input just to get you started then it is creativity, peace and quiet all the way until 4.00pm. The Sisters will provide the materials and a simple lunch so why not come along? If you would like to take part please give the Sisters a ring on 03330 119 563 so they can make sure there is enough lunch for everyone!

*Donations towards the expenses for the day
are gratefully received*

**MUSIC IN QUIET PLACES
LEVENS CHOIR
2.30pm – 4.00pm SUNDAY 26TH FEBRUARY
ST JAMES THE LESS CHURCH, LOWER TATHAM**



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FUN HARE FACTS FOR KIDS



- Hares are similar to rabbits but there are a number of key differences.
- Hares are usually larger than rabbits and have longer ears.
- Rabbits give birth to their young in burrows while hares give birth in more open areas.
- Hares are born with fur and with their eyes open.
- Hares usually change colour according to the season. They are greyish brown in spring, summer and autumn and turn white in the winter.
- Usually a hare's ears will have black markings.
- Hares are not kept as house pets.
- Hares usually live by themselves or in pairs
- Young hares are called leverets
- Like rabbits, hares are herbivores (plant eaters).
- A group of hares is known as a 'drove'.
- Hares can run at speeds of up to 45 miles per hour.

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN WRAY CHURCH



Due to Mary's ever-evolving job situation, the best we can do at this point is to state our intentions for the upcoming months. Please check the church notice board or your Facebook group, or ring Mary (015242 21784) to confirm.

February

Joyful Noise: Thursday February 2nd at 2.00pm

After School Club: Friday February 10th, after school – 4.45pm

March

Joyful Noise: Thursday March 2nd at 2.00pm

After School Club: Friday March 10th, after school – 4.45pm

EVENTS AND INFORMATION

LENT LUNCHES

Lent Lunches for Tatham, Tatham Fells and Wray this year will be held on Thursdays (as usual) from 12.00 to 1.30pm on the following dates:-

March	2	The Old Rectory, Low Tatham (John and Phyllis Holt)
	9	Fourstones House, Nr High Bentham (Carole Thurnham)
	16	Laith House, Tatham Green (Martin and Althea Gillibrand)
	23	Brackenbottom Barn, Lowgill (Margaret Baker)
	30	Hawthorns, Lowgill (Leisel Fox)
April	6	Wray Church (Church Wardens and congregation)

ALL WELCOME Do join us for soup/cheese/fellowship. Proceeds for charities

Contact: Leisel Fox on 015242 63486 for further information

(Perhaps you might like to host a lunch next year)

ANNUAL LENT LUNCH AT TUNSTALL

Our annual Lent Lunch will hopefully be held in the Village Hall (if building work has not started) on Monday 6th March at 12 noon. This will be a bread and soup lunch. Please bring a friend with you to join in the fun.

Contact: Sue Hunter on 015242 72540

**ST JOSEPH'S HOUSE OF PRAYER
NEW VICARAGE, CHURCH LANE,
TUNSTALL**

**CRAFT AND CONTEMPLATION
SATURDAY 25TH FEBRUARY
10.30AM -4.00PM**

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**ST JAMES THE LESS CHURCH
LOWER TATHAM**

**MUSIC IN QUIET PLACES
SUNDAY 26TH FEBRUARY
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CLOSING DATE FEBRUARY 15TH