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June and July 2017



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EDITORIAL

Spring is well and truly here and summer is just around the corner. In this issue you will find a report from Peter Osborne entitled 'Nearly Visiting the Lost Mud Church', details of the Open Gardens at Clearbeck House, a Coffee Morning in Wray Church for Hannah's charity - Exodus House Orphanage, Bespoke Cakes baked by Mary and Hannah for the same charity, a competition to win £10,000 for your church and details of a concert in the Good Shepherd Church, Tatham Fells in September. I wish you all peace and many blessings each day.

Carole Butcher

DIARY OF A LUNE VALLEY VICAR By Mark Cannon

Saturday: Recent figures on 'belief' show that for the first time ever more than half of the population describes themselves as having 'no religious belief' at all. So, when one of our churches flagged up a small, but pressing, deficit problem and more empty pews than full ones, it seemed that out of the options before us, closure could be on the cards. Well, that did not go down very well and a very well attended public meeting made it clear that they wanted their church to stay. It is, of course, highly desirable that a population of 1800 should have six working churches. Bearing in mind that, of the 1800 people, half have no religious affiliation and another sizeable chunk belongs to other flocks. So, for, let's say 500 Anglicans, we have to keep open 1,000 seats every Sunday in six different locations; go figure.

Sunday: Let's see if the 500 turn up this morning but first, it's a Car Boot on the Rec. at Wray as part of the Scarecrow Festival. I wasn't quite prepared for the number of people diving in boxes before I'd taken a first sip of Earl Grey and when a dealer brandished a ragged bit of cloth in front of me and demanded 'how much?' I let it go for one pound. If I'd looked closer I might have realised I'd just sold my wife's Barbour jacket. I might have got away with it but another relation (now excluded from the Will) grassed me up.

All in all it was a bit of a relief to escape to church for the first service of the day (17 present), where I quickly knock over a flower arrangement which has been lovingly created by a dedicated florist and her team over a period of days and is now on the floor; even the flowers have managed to snap. It's now that I realise the immense benefit of six churches; 'I wish I could stay', I say insincerely, 'but I've got to be at Leck' (25 present).

So, for me, church was a bit of an emergency exit; used this morning to escape problems of my own creation but each of our six churches is always there for refuge, for shelter, for that vital time when the Spirit feeds and leads us. You might not believe in a Creator God, you might wobble in your faith, you might need that comfort only when disaster strikes, but it is part of our job to have the church there for whenever you need us.

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

St John the Baptist, Tunstall

At the time of going to press the Churchyard is looking wonderful with late daffodils still flowering and the bluebells, Jon has worked hard on weeding ready for the new gravel on the paths.

We had a beautiful wedding on Saturday 29th April, where the Church was looking its best, the bride and groom looked radiant and really enjoyed their day, all the Spanish visitors were happy in our lovely English Church.

We are hoping to have a working party morning to help with jobs in the Churchyard soon, everyone welcome, come armed with tools please, the date will be publicised soon.

On Wednesday 3rd May we had the Visitation Service at Tunstall where Archdeacon Michael swore in Churchwardens and Sidespersons; PCC members were also invited to be involved. This went very well and was well attended by the Churches in our Deanery. Archdeacon Michael spoke to us about the importance of our roles as Churchwardens, Sidespersons and PCC members and thanked all for their commitment. It was lovely to meet so many people who share the same jobs but as we are all busy on Sundays we never have chance to visit other Churches further afield.

I would like to thank Mark Cannon and Carole Butcher for all their support with this big service.

Our next weddings will be on the 20th May and the 8th July so let us hope for more sunshine.

Sue Hunter

Holy Trinity, Wray

The Lent Lunch which was held in church using our new facilities was very successful in raising funds for the Homeless Charity in Lancaster.

Scarecrow Festival week in our Church

The excellent exhibition held in church during the Scarecrow Festival was organised and arranged by David Kenyon and we thank him very much. This was to mark the 50th anniversary of Wray Flood in which many people lost their homes. This was interesting not only to villagers but to visitors from further afield, who also appreciated the beautiful flower arrangements created by Tamsin Hartley. Our thanks go to Tamsin also.

We were excited to welcome the 'Houghton Weavers' to our catering day on the Friday in the Institute. Their playing was being relayed by the BBC to Radio Lancashire. The hall was full, creating a happy atmosphere for the rest of the day. As last year, the 'Songs of Praise' afternoon welcomed a full house in good voice led by Mary Winter with John Parkinson at the organ. We were joined by our friends from Wray Methodist Chapel and lots of visitors who were looking round the village; a big thank you to all (too many to name) who helped in any way to make this week such a success.

We are at present planning to hold a coffee morning soon to raise money for Hannah's charity, Exodus House in Africa. This will be publicised when we have a date - watch out for posters.

Ann Anderson/Judith Wrigley

St Peter's, Leck

Our coffee morning held in the church on 1st April was to raise money towards the cost of providing a youth worker for the Benefice. It was well attended and enjoyed by everyone who came. Special thanks must go to Fiona Brodie and Charlotte Holmes who played some wonderful music, to Anne Pettifer and her change ringers who rang the bells throughout the morning, to Ross and Sue Hunter who set up their book stall for everyone to browse and buy and to

everyone who provided cakes and refreshments, provided raffle prizes and contributed in so many ways to a happy and successful morning. A total of £340 was raised.

Easter Sunday was cold and blustery but we had an excellent turnout and the Eucharist service was taken by Sister Sue and Amma Judith. The many children who came then enjoyed an Easter egg hunt which took place at the end of the service. Thanks go to Anthony Smith who played the organ for us.

'Messy Church' took place at the end of April and again there was a good turnout. This service included a celebration of the life of the Bronte Sisters who, for a short time, had a strong connection to both Leck and Tunstall. Elizabeth and John Moffitt came and talked to us about the family and particularly about their time spent here and we are very grateful to them both. Sue and Ross Hunter were invaluable in their contribution whether it was in the planning of the morning, the organising of the activities or the cooking of the bacon buns at the end of the service; we are indebted to them both.

We are now concentrating on producing the survey to ascertain the thoughts of everyone in Leck and Cowan Bridge about the church and its relevance today. The visit of the Archdeacon to Melling at the end of April concentrated our minds and we hope that positive feedback is the result. **Joan Withers/Ann Shuttleworth**

Good Shepherd, Tatham Fells

The Devotional Hour on Good Friday led by Norman and Ann and our service of Holy Communion on Easter Sunday was enjoyed by those who attended. Our catering day on Saturday 22nd April for the start of Wray Scarecrow week was a success and grateful thanks go to all who helped in any way.

Despite lower numbers than expected attending 'Messy Church' on Sunday 7th May the children had fun playing with water bombs in the Old School yard and the adults had a discussion about the way forward for our church, preceded by the Gospel reading. After prayers in church, everyone enjoyed time together in the Old School eating bacon butties prepared by Gillian Middleton and chocolate buns baked by Sara Mason. **Carole Butcher**

St James the Less, Tatham

Stage one of the alterations to the interior of the church is now complete and we are justly pleased with the result. The north aisle is now a very attractive meeting and social area with all mod cons. Stage two, improvement of the lighting and provision of attractive, comfortable chairs is underway; stage three ... watch this space!

Wray Fair is a lot of work but we had a happy and profitable time given the good weather with which we were blessed this year. Once again we are grateful for all the help freely given by the Friends.

The view from the main door of the church looking south on a May morning is unsurpassed, despite the intrusion of some white plastic farm buildings. How can we attract more people to come through it on Sunday mornings? **John Holt**

St Wilfrid's Melling

Parishioners from other churches enjoyed the service of Holy Communion for the Benefice on Sunday 30th April kindly led by Norman and Ann. A warm welcome awaited everyone with time for coffee and fellowship afterwards. The survey has gone out to Melling residents and at the time of going to press everyone is looking forward to a coffee morning in church on Saturday 20th May 10am - 12noon. **JAC Beeson**

CALENDAR OF SERVICES FOR JUNE AND JULY 2017

BCP= Book of Common Prayer

JUNE

Sunday 4th	Feast of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)		
9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Tatham	Mark
9.30am	Morning Service	Melling	Norman and Ann
11.00am	Holy Communion	Tatham Fells	Mark
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	Leck	Sue
2.30om	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Wray	Congregation

Sunday 11th	Trinity Sunday		
9.30am	Holy Communion	Wray	Mark
11.00am	Morning Service	Tatham	Norman and Ann
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	Tunstall	Mark
6.30pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Tatham Fells	Peter

Sunday 18th	First Sunday after Trinity		
9.30am	Morning Service	Wray	Visiting Minister
9.30am	Holy Communion	Tatham Fells	Norman and Ann
11.00am	Holy Communion	Melling	Norman and Ann
11.00am	Morning Service	Leck	Judith

Sunday 25th	Second Sunday after Trinity Feast of St John the Baptist		
9.30am	'Messy Church'	Wray	Mark and Mary
9.30am	Morning Service	Tatham Fells	Norman and Ann
11.00am	Holy Communion	Tatham	Mark
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	Tunstall	Sue

JULY

Sunday 2nd	Third Sunday after Trinity Feast of St Peter		
9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Tatham	Mark
9.30am	Morning Service	Melling	Norman and Ann
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	Leck	Mark
2.30pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Wray	Congregation
6.00pm	Garden Service at Clearbeck House	Tatham Fells	Peter

Sunday 9th	Fourth Sunday after Trinity		
9.30am	Holy Communion	Wray	Norman and Ann
11.00am	Morning Service	Tatham	Mark
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	Tunstall	Sue
6.30pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Tatham Fells	Sue

Sunday 16th	Fifth Sunday after Trinity		
8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Wray	Mark
9.30am	Morning Service	Wray	Peter
9.30am	Holy Communion	Tatham Fells	Mark
11.00am	Holy Communion	Melling	Sue
11.00am	Morning Service	Leck	Mark
Sunday 23rd	Sixth Sunday after Trinity		
9.30am	Morning Service	Wray	Sue
9.30am	Morning Service	Tatham Fells	Peter
11.00am	Holy Communion	Tatham	Sue
11.00am	Morning Service	Tunstall	Congregation
Sunday 30th	Seventh Sunday after Trinity		
11.0am	Benefice Communion followed by picnic	Tatham	Norman and Ann

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

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funeral, Tatham

Doreen Nash (nee Crayston)

Wedding, Leck

Ian Richard Burrow
and Elizabeth Margaret Moore

Baptism, Wray

Clara Elizabeth Huddleston

Wedding, Tunstall

Kenneth Bruno Pablo Thompson Marchesi
and Olivia Sarah Gillibrand

Baptism, Melling

Darcey Joanne Dugdale

NEARLY VISITING THE LOST MUD CHURCH

The closest you can get to visiting the lost mud church is to enter the dedicated enclosure in Glasgow's Kelvingrove Art Museum. (It has two other such chapel-like experiences: a little Renaissance altarpiece in a mock Pazzi Chapel, and Dali's Christ of St John of the Cross, which continues to provide a spiritual moment for many visitors.) All Roman Catholic, then, and so was the mud church.

It started thus: Early in the war our forces easily overcame the Italians in North Africa, many of whom had no wish to fight for Mussolini. So we had to provide the main P.O.W. camps to keep them. At one such, La Faruk, near Berbera in N W Somalia, relations between the commander, Capt. Alfred Hawksworth, and the prisoners were particularly good. He allowed them use of a mud structure as a church. They gave it a fancy façade, and if it was more like a village cinema than a Borromini, as least they did their best.

One of them, Giuseppe Baldan, was a painter. Using rough oil paint on flour bags he made a triptych* for the altar. The angel Gabriel on the left makes the Annunciation of the birth of Christ to the Virgin Mary on the right. She is shown again as the Madonna and Child in the centre.

After the camp was disbanded, Somali soldiers slashed the paintings and destroyed the chapel. The Italians gave the partly-damaged paintings to Captain Hawksworth, who brought them back to the UK.

Many years later he tried to give the restored pictures back to the makers. The reply from his old Italian interpreter though said 'No'. 'You must keep them forever as a gauge of the gratitude and love by the 35,000 people who owe you, beyond their life, the dignity of human treatment.'

Peter Osborne

*Triptych - A picture or relief carving on three panels typically hinged together vertically and used as an altarpiece



OPEN GARDENS AT CLEARBECK HOUSE

Clearbeck Garden, Tatham

Open for the National Garden Scheme

11.00am – 5.00pm on Sunday 28th and Monday 29th May.

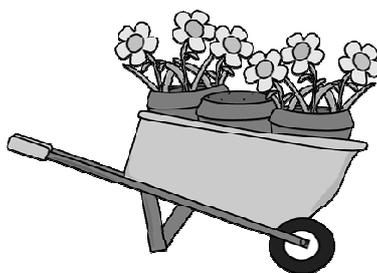
Refreshments for Bentham Branch NSPCC

Also 11.00am – 5.00pm on Sunday 25th June and Sunday 2nd July

Refreshments for Tatham Fells Church and Save the Children Fund

The garden is signed from Wray and Low Bentham

Garden Service at 6.00pm on Sunday 2nd July All welcome



DO YOU MAKE A CONCERTED EFFORT TO GET YOUR CHURCH NOTICED?

From creative use of social media to getting the welcome right as people encounter your church for the first time, there is plenty you can do to maximise the effectiveness of how you spread the word *writes Ronnie Semley, Diocesan Communications Manager*. Resources are now available 24/7 on the Diocesan website www.blackburn.anglican.org under the 'Home' menu.

Popular book '100 Ways to Get Your Church Noticed' by Neil Pugmire

www.getyourchurchnoticed.com

THE GREAT COMMUNITY MURAL COMPETITION 2017

WIN £10,000 FOR YOUR CHURCH

It is time for your Church to get creative!

All ecclesiastical church insurance customers are invited to submit a piece of original artwork that celebrates the role their church plays as part of the fabric of its local community. Entries can be created by anyone with a connection to the church and collaborations are actively encouraged.

Artists can be young or old and submissions are welcomed in any medium: collage, crayons, chalk, felt tip or embroidery. Work must be original and true to the theme of celebrating the church as part of the fabric of the community.

The mural will be 10 metres in length and 3 metres high and will feature as many entries as can be included.

The winning church will receive a prize of £10,000 with four runners-up receiving £2,500 each. The Great Community Mural will be unveiled at a prestigious London venue before touring to a select number of cathedrals around the UK.

Further details from

Church Matters newsletter

OR from the website www.ecclesiastical.com/churchcomp.

The closing date for entries is 21st August 2017

CHURCH WORD SEARCH

Submitted by Ross Hunter

1 Lune Valley Church life

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Every square is used; 41 words, including all our churches, five saints, and ... other church words.

Tunstall	Matthew	Lent	Wonder	Saw	Window	Woe	Hob
Leck	Mark	Aeon	Awe	Was	Pane	Farm	Err
Tatham	Luke	Organ	Tallow	End	Bat	Her	Tea
Melling	John	Pew	Bell	Run	Net	Rat	Hat
Fell	Peter	Nun	Tower	Ran	Yew	Web	Junk
Wray							

FACTS ABOUT THE CUCKOO



- The cuckoo is one of the most widespread breeding birds in Europe and it is only absent from Iceland. It also breeds throughout Asia, east to Japan.
- Each season a female will lay between 12 and 22 eggs, all in different nests of other birds, especially meadow pipits, robins, dunnocks and reed warblers.
- The eggs laid in each type of host nest resemble the host's eggs.
- When the cuckoo nestling hatches, it instinctively pushes the other eggs and nestlings out of the nest.
- The young cuckoo will imitate the begging calls of the host's chicks.
- Only the male cuckoo calls 'cuckoo'.
- Did you know there are seven cuckoos in the UK that have tags on them? One of them is called 'Larry' and was tagged near Stocks Reservoir in the Forest of Bowland on 3rd June 2015. This year Larry completed his desert crossing in Africa on 20th April. He headed to Northern Spain on 26th April. He made it to the south coast of England on 2nd May and he was back in his breeding grounds here by 9th May after a journey of over 2,700 miles. He was the third of the tagged cuckoos to return this year. You can track Larry on line by going to the British Trust for Ornithology website.

EVENTS AND INFORMATION

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, WRAY

COFFEE MORNING in church

to raise funds for
Hannah's Charity
Exodus House Orphanage
in Benin, West Africa
Jewellery, Cake Stall,
Bring and Buy,
Children's activities

**Saturday 10th June
10am – 12 noon**

We would love to see you there

EXODUS HOUSE ORPHANAGE

For various reasons
Hannah's Summer Fundraiser
will not be taking place this year.
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Refreshments for NSPCC**

**Sundays 25th June and 2nd July
11.00am – 5.00pm
Refreshments for
Save the Children Fund
and Tatham Fells Church
Admission to gardens £4
Children free**

**GARDEN SERVICE
at 6pm on Sunday 2nd July
ALL WELCOME**

The garden is signed
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