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JUNE AND JULY 2012



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EDITORIAL

In this issue you will find all the service times and details from the registers in the centre on pages 6 and 7; adverts for local businesses are on the back page. News from our churches is on pages 4 and 5. On page 9 you will find details about Clearbeck open gardens and a sponsored swim in the river Lune from source to sea for Air Ambulance. Hannah Burch has written a piece about Exodus House in Benin, West Africa, on page 10 and there is the Young Persons Corner on the same page.

Diary of a Lune Valley Vicar

by Mark Cannon

Changing the world...

Monday: Part of the law firm is being inspected tomorrow and, as malign fate would have it, I may be interviewed. It is time to hide my legal inadequacies behind a smart hair-cut. Even if my file looks like a bird's nest, my outward appearance will be tickety-boo.

However, in their customary idle fashion, most barbers are at their leisure on a Monday so I have to look for a new barber. As I enter the premises I should have known what was to come. The chaps sitting waiting for haircuts look as if they have already had a severe encounter with a trimmer but, as I am ushered to a chair, I think that perhaps they are just waiting for a friend. The Turkish barber asks me how I would like it done. I vaguely hear some numbers - 1, 2, or zero, even "a half", and, not fully grasping the meaning, I nod. The Haircut finishes with the barber setting fire to a piece of cotton and singeing my ears. I have never had such clean-looking ears, but on the other hand I have never had so little hair since birth. A chill Morecambe wind playfully teases and freezes my exposed scalp. It cost only £8, and since I won't need to return until November, when my hair might be reasonably close to my ears, it's not been bad value.

However, I have to face my colleagues, and my family. The office laughs so much, that I begin to ask the Lord to send one of His Smiting Angels but, He, being in a merciful and gracious mood, stills His arm.

I am tempted to bring up the issue of weight-gain, unnatural-looking highlights, and the folly of buying your clothes from George, but, since I am outnumbered, I make a prudent retreat.

Tuesday; It's not easy being a fashion pioneer and the mocking and startled looks have not ceased. We pass the inspection and I am not required to present myself. I spend the evening choosing hymns for a future service. Should I go for new, untried, unknown songs or opt for what we know best? I know I can preach heresy from the pulpit and none will protest, but if I muck about with the tune to "The Lord's my Shepherd" then I'm in big trouble. But change drives the church on, change is what Jesus requires. His first command to us is "Repent" or turn round, get out of your rut, and try something new, something startling. That is how the Kingdom comes. New haircuts, new jobs, new tasks, new adventures, who knows where Christ will take us?

Church News - new hours for the Vicar -

I will be reducing my hours at Birchall Blackburn, and will be increasing my church hours. So I will be available in the Benefice for one weekday. This will give me more time for visiting and pastoral work. Please let me know if you know of anyone who wants a visit.

Cricket news - we need players to represent the C of E this season - last year we lost both our matches to the Chapel. So if you believe in Bishops and Matins, now is the time to get that bat out - call Mark on 21030 for fixture information.

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

St John the Baptist , Tunstall

The cold has been a real problem at Tunstall since the heating packed in but things are under way now to have a completely new system installed which will be working in time for the winter, when the temperatures will probably rise and we will all be complaining about the heat!! The tree has still not been felled due to a family of owls being reticent to fly the nest. Brian McCabe has hung up his mower and will no longer tend the church yard, he will be greatly missed. Many thanks to him for all his hard work over the last several years. **JG**

St Peter's, Leck

The service on Easter Day was the best ever with 50 people attending, including one or two non-regulars. The positive feedback has been encouraging. It is pleasing to note that young families are attending regularly.

The Annual Parish Jumble Sale at the Community Centre at Ingleton on March 31st was a great success. A total of £670 net was raised for the three churches of Tunstall, Melling and Leck. This total included the sale of a seat for £60 which had been donated and which was sold after the event. Grateful thanks go to all those who helped in any way.

Two bric-a-brac stalls were held at Wray Fair, one at the car boot on the Sunday before Fair Week began and one on Wray Fair day itself. A total of £50 was raised and warm thanks go to Eleanor Denby for braving the elements! **CB**

Good Shepherd, Tatham Fells

A feeling of warmth and sunshine filled the church at our annual Mothering Sunday Service on Sunday 18th March; the children from Tatham Fells School read out tributes to their mothers, sang songs and handed out bunches of daffodils to their

mothers and to members of the congregation.

The service of Holy Communion on Easter Sunday was very well attended and the children who were present coloured in Easter cards during the sermon. The well planned service was led by our friends Norman and Ann. Easter eggs were given out afterwards followed by refreshments in the Old School.

Our after school club, Loaves and Fishes, continues to thrive with between 25 and 30 children attending each monthly session during term time. Our themes for the spring term were St Paul and St Patrick. The children coloured in a picture of a Roman Soldier during the session on St Paul and during the session on St Patrick used string to make the carved patterns on a Celtic cross made by Ann. They also helped to bake biscuits. Our theme for the start of the summer term was Jubilee – Kings and Queens. The children decorated crowns with acrylic 'jewels' coloured in a picture of the Royal coat of arms using gold and red pens, and baked biscuits again.

The theme for the session on July 5th is Friendship and Teamwork. The children will be making friendship bracelets, colouring in book marks and enjoying some outdoor activities if the weather holds.

On Saturday 26th May there was a Church walk organised by John Wilson around the boundary of Tatham (c 25 miles) starting at Meal Bank Bridge, Wray at 9am,

We will be holding a special service of celebration for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on June 3rd and providing refreshments at Bronwen and Peter's Open Garden days at Clearbeck on Sundays 24th June and 1st July from 11.00am until 5.00pm. There will be a Garden Service on 1st July at 6.00pm. There is also a Safari Supper planned around the Parish organised by Olive and Brian Beard on Friday 6th July. Details appear on page 11 .

CB

Holy Trinity, Wray

During Wray Scarecrow Festival Holy Trinity Church looked wonderful with its Wedding and Flower display.

Many thanks to Mavis, Delphine and their band of helpers who spent several hours decorating the church. They did a fantastic job. There were many complimentary comments from the hundreds of visitors. Also thanks to everyone who decorated a window and to the people who sat in church and greeted the visitors. Our Scarecrow Refreshment Day was also a resounding success due to the hard work of everyone involved.

Mary Winter held a 'Songs of Praise' in church on the Sunday during Scarecrow Week. This was very well attended. Members had chosen their favourite hymns and the singing was wonderful. Mary sang one of her favourite hymns herself and it was very moving.

During the next couple of months Holy Trinity Church will undergo some refurbishments in the chancel to improve its appearance. **AA**

St Wilfrid's, Melling

The Parish Quiz held at the Lunesdale Arms on Wednesday March 14th was a considerable success. All tickets were sold and the tables arranged for teams of 6. Grateful thanks are due to Emma and her staff for providing a very palatable 2-course meal, Jack Beeson for doing the posters and the P.A., David and Jane for running the Quiz itself, Olivia, Meredith and Caroline for selling the tickets and most of all the good people who supported this popular event. It raised a total of £1,055 for the three churches in the parish.

We had an excellent turnout for the Mothering Sunday service. There were 45 in attendance and bunches of flowers were offered to all mothers there and later to others who could not be there. Rev. Mark Cannon took the service and had us all laughing during his "presentation". The

children from the school read and sang beautifully. Thanks to Alexa who played the organ so superbly and to Miss Mott who organised the children.

On March 31st we held the Annual Parish Jumble Sale at the Community Centre at Ingleton. The event raised a total of £610 net for the three churches; many thanks indeed to all those who helped in setting it up and selling and also making cakes and supplying raffle prizes.

Our next event was for Melling church funds, the Wine Tasting at Melling Institute on Friday May 25th. Tickets at £12.50 included a substantial buffet supper

MG

St James the Less, Low Tatham

We enjoyed a well attended service on Easter Day, led by our good friends Norman and Ann. We have also been delighted to host a wedding and a baptism; sadly rare occasions in church these days.

This is the season of extra-curricular activities, led of course, by Linda and her team; who else? Catering at Wray Institute on the first Sunday of Wray Fair (vile weather), and a stall on Fair Day. Hard work but fun and it tops up the coffers!

Looking ahead, we have Open Gardens in Wennington on Sunday 17 June, from 11.00am until 5.00pm, a Jubilee Jacob's Join Tea Party at the Old Rectory on Sunday 3rd June at 2pm onwards followed by Jubilee Evensong at 5pm; we hope to have the Choir and Bell Ringers.

Last, but not least, the Joint Benefice Service is at Tatham on Sunday 29 July at 11.00am, followed by our traditional Picnic and Rounders. Come and join us; and pray for sunshine. **JH**

CALENDAR OF SERVICES FOR JUNE AND JULY

BCP = Book of Common Prayer

3rd June – Trinity Sunday

9.30am	Family Service	MELLING	Robert
10.00am	Morning Service	WRAY	Mark
11.00am	Jubilee Celebration Service	TATHAM FELLS	Parishioners
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	TUNSTALL	Robert
5.00pm	Jubilee Celebration Service	TATHAM	Mark

10th June – First after Trinity

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

17th June – Second 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	Norman

24th June – Third after Trinity – Birth of John the Baptist, Tunstall

Patronal Festival

9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	TATHAM FELLS	Ann
10.00am	Holy Communion	WRAY	Mark
11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	TATHAM	Norman
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	TUNSTALL	Robert

A joint service for Tunstall, Melling and Leck

1st July – Fourth after Trinity – St Peter, Leck, Patronal Festival

9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	TATHAM	Robert
10.00am	Morning Service	WRAY	Robert
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	LECK	Mark
6.00pm	Garden Service at Clearbeck	TATHAM FELLS	Peter

8th July – Fifth after Trinity

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	WRAY	Mark
9.30am	Sung Eucharist	MELLING	Robert
10.00am	Holy Communion	WRAY	Mark
11.00am	Family Service	TATHAM	Ann
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	LECK	Robert
7.00pm	Youth Service	TATHAM FELLS	Mark

11th July – Wednesday – Feast of St Benedict

7.00pm	Holy Communion	TUNSTALL	Robert
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15th July – Sixth after Trinity

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

22nd July – Seventh after Trinity – Feast of St Mary Magdalene

9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	TATHAM FELLS	Ann
9.30am	Sung Eucharist	MELLING	Mark
10.00am	Holy Communion	WRAY	Visiting priest
11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	TATHAM	Norman
11.00am	Family Service	LECK	Mark

29th July – Eighth after Trinity (Fifth Sunday)

11.00am	Family Communion	TATHAM	Mark
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followed by picnic and rounders
(This is a united service for all six churches)

FROM THE REGISTERS

Tatham Fells – Weddings

Emma Gilbertson and Trevor Jackson
Victoria Barlow and Stephen Wooldridge

Tatham - Wedding

Sophie Woolham and Andrew Smith

Tatham Fells – Funeral

Thomas Hall

Tatham - Baptism

Catherine Mabel Openshaw
daughter of Steven and Niki

Faith Matters - 2 Creator of Heaven and Earth

Christians believe that everything in this world was created by God (Genesis 1:1 ‘In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth’). God did not just fashion the origins of life at the beginning of time; he is and remains the creator of all things at all times. The story of creation in the first few chapters of Genesis reminds us that God has given us a share in his creative work, calling us to sow and plant and to build earthly communities. We are privileged to be co-creators but we always work with materials that we did not make. All things, including those things made by us, are in the end the work of the Creator of heaven and earth.

Canon Robert Hannaford

VISITING CHURCHES

Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Honing, Norfolk

It was definitely too wet for the beach, even for visiting the seals who so amused and delighted little Frances. So we made for Honing Church. You could see it from our cottage, raised slightly on a hillock like several other churches around us in Broadland. Their certain fingers of tapering towers pointed firmly to God's Heaven. How reassuring they were when you toiled in the fields, those firm marks of eternity.

We walked up the long churchyard path between generations of graves; among them lay my grandparents and my much loved aunts and uncles. With a small catch in my throat I showed my granddaughter "This is my granddad and my grandma". Their headstones echoed the larger mass of the chancel beyond. Like the family walking by, they were just part of that earthly rhythm of life and death dwarfed by the greater world that finally absorbs us.

"Flushwork panelling" says Pevsner. In Norfolk this means the wonderful work in knapped flint and every ancient craftsman doing his best for God by picking the dark, polished stone that fitted best for this white cusp; the whole series of the arcade striding exactly round the Tower. Inside the church was big, like most of those from days of medieval wool trade wealth.

This was Honing where my father was born, christened, confirmed and worshipped. We had come to amuse a 5 year-old with some brass rubbing, though for me that was partly an excuse for returning. We did "Nicholas Parker x 1496", then, says Frances, standing by a large stone tomb marked "Mary Thirtle", "This one". My grandmother was a Mary Thirtle, and this was probably her grandmother's grandmother. I don't know how much the little one could understand of it, the sense of our belonging there, the long, long meaningfulness of the church as our greater home.

"Font, perpendicular, panelled stem", is where my forebears were baptised into Christ. The church is our continuity and certainty.

A little face appeared just above the pulpit ledge. "Let us sing 'Onward Christian Soldiers'" she announced. So we did and so it all goes on.

Peter Osborne

SWIMTHELUNE to raise Funds for North West Air Ambulance



The River Lune runs through 44 miles of beautiful countryside. I am going to swim (sometimes paddle) from the source to the sea to raise funds for the North West Air Ambulance, setting off from near Newbiggin on Lune on June 4th and finishing on June 20th at Plover Scar lighthouse out in Morecambe Bay. I'm staying at various B&Bs on the way down. I

will be thanking anyone who helps me out in my publicity and the media. If you can help me in any way please contact me on my email janeharrisonis@googlemail.com or phone me on 07943 253 776 OR 015242 22456.

There will be a Garden Party at Park House, Barbon (member of National Garden scheme) from 1pm on Wednesday 13th June. Thank you to Mr & Mrs Pattinson. Anyone who would like a stall please contact Boo, email matthew@belt7.orangehome.co.uk to help raise funds for NWAA.

On Thursday 14th June I am having a NWAA stall on the thriving Kirkby Lonsdale Market. In the afternoon I will continue my swim by going through the Bridges at Kirkby Lonsdale at 4pm. Bring a picnic to enjoy in Jubilee Park and cheer me on. When I've done that part of the swim I'll be joining you in the Park before swimming on to Whittington/Burrow.

The fundraising aim is £10,000 for NORTH WEST AIR AMBULANCE and ultimately for you, your sons and daughters, your mums and dads and grannies and grandpas, for your mate in the pub, for all the people you treasure in your life.

DONATION SITE is www.justgiving.com/swimthelune

Thank You, Jane

Clearbeck; Garden with a Message



Bronwen and Peter Osborne would be delighted to welcome our local friends to the garden this year. All openings are for charity: the National Garden days for Macmillan and other, mainly cancer, causes, and the teas on those days for Tatham Fells Church and Save the Children Fund. National Garden Scheme openings this year are from 11 am. to 5 pm. on:

The 3rd and 4th June, 24th June and 1st July. Our Tatham Fells Church service for the 1st July is held in the garden at 6.00 pm. Hymns swing to Mary Longton's accordion.

In addition there is always a special opening for a particular charity; this year it is for the Lifeboats on 17th June.

Those who have visited know that Clearbeck is partly a landscape garden based on an 18th century approach. They, such as Stowe and Rousham, often had meanings built in via sculptures and 'follies'. Clearbeck too has its sculpture and follies, as well as flower and vegetable gardens and a 2-acre wildlife lake. There is a temple, a pyramid, a tower with Maggy Haworth's Rapunzel mosaic for fun, and much else. The giant fish made of CDs, at the centre, is of course an Ichthys, a reference to Christ. The Pyramid is part of a Garden of Life and Death where plant names lead you through from darkness to the light of eternal life, (Angelica for angels, etc.) Come and be intrigued!

Garden entry remains at £3 but free for children, for whom there is a garden quiz.

Exodus House Orphanage

For over a year now, many people in the area have kindly been supporting Exodus House, a struggling orphanage in Benin, Western Africa. I spent three months working there in 2011 and discovered that they were in dire need of support as they had just lost two-thirds of their funding. Finding enough money to feed, let alone house, clothe and educate all 120 children is a constant struggle for Pulchérie, the Mama of the orphanage. I feel honoured to have met her, as she is one of the kindest, strongest and most loving people I know. Christianity is her rock and she ensures that all the children have a strong Christian upbringing.

With the support of many of you kind people, we have helped them to:

- Avoid eviction on several occasions
- Have enough to eat for many a week
- Increase their number of meals from 1 to 3 a day
- Sell homemade soap and home-grown vegetables in the market
- And, most recently, to finally buy a plot of land so that they can eventually stop paying rent and focus their funds on schooling, nutrition etc.

Thank you so much to everyone who has bought cakes or jewellery and donated money in the past. You have made such a difference to these children's lives and I really can't thank you enough.

We will be having the annual summer fundraiser in our garden (at 'Hind Lea', Millhouses) on Sunday the 1st of July, 1.30pm-5.30pm. Entry is by donation and the focus will be on raising enough money for the building of a well and buying building materials for the construction of the new orphanage and school. It would be lovely to see you all there for what will be an enjoyable afternoon of music, refreshments, children's activities and general fellowship in our hopefully sunny garden!

Hannah Burch

Young people's corner - migrations



Many animals live in the same areas all their lives, rarely going far. But others undertake migrations – long journeys in search of food, warmth, or a suitable place to breed and raise their young. Some animals migrate seasonally. During the dry season, for example, buffaloes may set off in search of water holes or fresh pasture. Some creatures migrate to avoid the harsh winter cold; others to avoid the scorching summer sun. Migration can cover thousands of miles and often involves a return journey. Birds such as cuckoos and swallows, for instance, spend the summer in Europe and the winter in Africa. Some animals, such as lemmings and locusts, migrate only when they become so numerous that the area can no longer feed them. The longest migration in the world is made by the Arctic tern. This champion migrator travels from the top of the world to the bottom each year and back again. The direct journey is 9,000 miles. Arctic terns can live for 30 years or more and may travel more than 650,000 miles during their lifetime.

Source: - the Dorling Kindersley Children's Illustrated Encyclopedia

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

Diamond Jubilee

Good Shepherd Church, Tatham Fells

Sunday 3rd June at 11.00am

Special service of celebration

with words and music
from the original Coronation service
followed by tea/coffee in The Old School

Diamond Jubilee

St James the Less, Low Tatham

Sunday 3rd June at 2pm

Jacobs Join Tea Party
at The Old Rectory

followed by Jubilee Evensong
in the church at 5pm
with the Benefice choir

MIDSUMMER CONCERT AND DINNER

Thursday 21st June at 7.00pm

Hosted by Lord and Lady Shuttleworth
For the upkeep of St Peter's, Leck

Internationally known pianist
and Lunesdale resident

John Clegg will play
Mozart, Liszt, Rachmaninov,
Debussy and Poulenc

Tickets £25
Phone 71375 or 72009
to book your place

OPEN GARDENS Open Gardens in Wennington

10 gardens to visit and enjoy
Sunday 17th June 11.00am – 5pm
Admission £3

Home made refreshments,
Bonanza plant stall
for St James the Less, Low Tatham

Clearbeck Gardens

Sundays 24th June and 1st July
11.00am – 5.00pm

Entrance to gardens £3
Refreshments provided by
Church of the Good Shepherd
for church and Save the Children.
Garden service 1st July at 6.00pm
Also open on 3rd, 4th and 17th June

Hannah Burch's Garden

Hind Lea, Millhouses, Wray
Sunday 1st July, 1.30pm – 5.30pm
An afternoon of music
and refreshments
for Exodus House, Benin, West Africa

Sunday 29th July Joint Benefice Service at 11.00am

**At St James the Less, Low Tatham
followed by picnic and rounders**

ALL WELCOME

Sunday 8th July at 7pm
**Good Shepherd Church,
Tatham Fells**

YOUTH SERVICE AND BARBECUE

ALL WELCOME

FARM CRISIS NETWORK—helping farming people through difficult times. This is a charity set up by the churches to provide help and support to farming people who might benefit from a bit of assistance. A Helpline is open from 7am to 11pm every day of the year offering help with overwork, anxiety, illness, isolation, form-filling, regulations, debt, bereavement and other issues. The FCN is staffed by volunteers with a farming and pastoral understanding—just a phone call away.

Tel: 0845 367 9990 Website:
www.fcn.org.uk

MONDAY NIGHT GROUP

Discussion group for young people
Every other Monday night
during term time
for Year 9 and upwards
This is NOT a church group
**Please contact Mary Winter
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MANY THANKS

To all who hosted and supported
our Lent Lunches this year
A total of £968 was raised
for various charities
Sue Rowland

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