

THE BELL

Benefice of East Lonsdale Life
THE CHURCHES OF LECK, TUNSTALL, MELLING.
TATHAM, WRAY AND TATHAM FELLS



**OCTOBER
2011**



To Autumn

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun,
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eves run;
To bend with apples the mossed cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,
And still more, later flowers for the bees,
Until they think the warm days will never cease,
For summer has o'er-brimmed their clammy cells.

From John Keats' poem of 1820

Diary of a Lune Valley Vicar by Mark Cannon

Saturday: The oily, and garrulous, proprietor of an antique shop is trying to flog us a distressed armoire. Presumably with the aim of drawing us into a friendly relationship which would induce a frenzy of buying, he turns to me and asks , “Are you retired, sir?” Heidi finds this hilarious, I’m not so amused. I know I have been working hard, but do I really look as old as a bishop? It has come as a grievous blow to my pride and my vanity. I may well join the office Botox party to be held next week – special rate of £57 per injection.

Sunday: Once the religious stuff is out of the way, the congregation can get down to the more interesting aspects of church life; namely, the partaking of refreshments (sometimes tea, sometimes coffee, occasionally an Anglican hybrid version), and the exchange of village news and information. I proudly inform one lady that I have lost five pounds; she looks me up, down, and around, and says ... “No , you’re kidding, is this one of your jokes?” if it is, she’s the only one who finds it funny. Again, I am cut to the core.

Monday: This morning’s bible reading is all about truth, and about how the truth will set us free. Perhaps it is time for me to admit to myself that it is thirty years since I was an undergraduate, so it would be a good idea to grow up a bit, and that I’m kidding no one but myself that all the calories in a Kit Kat are released when you break it in half. God is love but His love is not soft and gentle, and its strength is difficult for us to bear. It accepts each one of us as we really are, and doesn’t let us hide behind the artful deceits which make up our own self-esteem.

Thursday: More bad news of a devastating kind: Lancashire, for the first time since the English Civil War, have won a proper cricket trophy, and Yorkshire have been relegated to Div. Two. This is worse than being turned over by Quernmore Meths XI with their “tactical” game plan earlier in the summer. I recall a September 10 years ago when myself and two sons climbed up Brindle church tower to wave a white rose banner towards Preston and Chorley proclaiming a great Yorkshire victory, now the table has turned. When life gives us sweets and prizes, we think we are Kings and Masters of our lives, thank goodness that from time to time God lets us see the Truth about ourselves and in His light shows each one of us a more Christian way.

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has been sponsored in memory of
BARBARA SCHOFIELD
a much loved friend who died earlier this year

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Calendar for October

BCP = Book of Common Prayer

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| 2 nd | Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity – Harvest Festivals at Wray and for Tunstall, Melling and Leck. | | |
| 9.00am | Holy Communion (BCP) | TATHAM | Norman D |
| 10.00am | Harvest Festival Service | WRAY | Mary W |
| 10.30am | Harvest Family Eucharist | LECK | Robert H |
| | <i>Joint service for Tunstall, Melling and Leck</i> | | |
| 7.00pm | Evening Prayer (BCP) | T/FELLS | Ann D |
| 9th | Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity Tatham Fells Harvest and Melling Patronal Festival | | |
| 9.30am | Holy Communion | WRAY | Robert H |
| 10.30am | Sung Eucharist | MELLING | Norman + Ann D |
| | <i>Joint service for Tunstall, Melling and Leck</i> | | |
| 11.00am | Morning Prayer | TATHAM | Peter O |
| 11.00am | Harvest Festival with Tatham Fells school | T/FELLS | Mark C |
| 16th | Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity | | |
| 8.00am | Holy Communion (BCP) | WRAY | Mark C |
| 9.30am | Holy Communion (BCP) | T/FELLS | Robert H |
| 10.30am | Harvest Celebration with Melling School | MELLING | Mark C |
| 10.30am | United Harvest Festival | COWAN BRIDGE CHAPEL | |
| | <i>Joint service with the Methodists for Tunstall and Leck</i> | | |
| 7.00pm | Youth Service | MELLING | Mary W |
| 20th | Thursday | | |
| 10.00am | Celebration of 50 years of Tatham Fells new school | T/FELLS | Bishop Geoffrey and Mark C |
| 23rd | Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity—400 years of the King James Bible | | |
| 9.30am | Holy Communion | WRAY | Robert H |
| 9.30am | Morning Prayer (BCP) | T/FELLS | Norman + Ann D |
| 9.30am | Sung Eucharist | MELLING | Mark C |
| 10.30am | Family Service | LECK | Peter O |
| 11.00am | Holy Communion (BCP) | TATHAM | Robert H |
| 30th | All Saints Sunday | | |
| | <u>Joint Services for all six churches</u> | | |
| 10.30am | 'Celebrating All Saints' | WRAY | Peter O |
| 7.00pm | Sung Eucharist | TUNSTALL | Robert H |

400 years of the King James Bible

In 1611 the book that is the foundation of Christian belief and teaching was published for the first time as an official edition for the whole of our nation, not in the traditional Latin but in the language the people spoke. As radical and important as this spiritual event was, the book has also proved to be without parallel as a culturally iconic work. It has been the single most powerful influence in shaping the language, literature and thought of the English-speaking world, in the growth of literacy, and in the spread of ideas particularly in regard to our human condition. In addition to a national commemoration this year, many individual churches are arranging their own.

On Sunday the 23rd of October the churches in the Benefice of East Lonsdale will help to celebrate this important event. The purpose of the ‘Authorised Version’ (its other name), is clear from the first page where it declares that it is ‘Appointed to be read in churches’, that is to say, to be read aloud. So that is what we plan to do. Each church service that day will be built around readings from the gospels and other particularly celebrated parts of the 400 year-old edition.

In the days leading up to the 23rd you may be invited to volunteer to read for a few minutes during the service. This gives time to practise the piece allocated to you. The more of you who agree to read something the better the event will go. Do not worry if you are not used to reading aloud. The important thing is not to miss the opportunity to take part. The 10.30 am service at Leck is a family service and Peter hopes that some ‘bite-sized’ readings can be done by children.

Two other things. If you have a copy of the Authorised Version that is special to you – an old or family bible, one from your youth or is associated with fond memories, or acquired under circumstances that are special to you, bring it along and share the memory.

And finally, Fanny and Geoffrey Leech of St Peter’s, Leck have invited everyone to share a glass of mulled wine (or whatever) with them at their home in Kirkby Lonsdale at about 12.30pm. There will be some further readings and, who knows, perhaps a toast to King James and his wise men who created this uniquely outstanding book which is the bedrock of our faith. Fanny and Geoffrey live at The Old Manor House, Millbrow, a beautiful house that appropriately enough dates from the very age in which our book was written. Park in the town and walk the short distance through the old (not the present) market square and down the hill. The Old Manor House is on the left hand side near the bottom of the hill.

Let’s make the 23rd a special day!

John Ryle

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING TUNSTALL VILLAGE HALL

**On Saturday October 1st
10.30am—12.30pm**

Endless cups of fresh ground coffee
with cakes will be available

Also Tombola, Raffle, Traid Craft,
Jewellery, Phoenix Cards and
Produce stalls

Cakes and produce very welcome

Call Jane on 015242 74260

for further details

SEE YOU THERE!

TATHAM FELLS VILLAGE SOCIETY ANNUAL HARVEST SUPPER AND DOMINO DRIVE

**On Saturday 1st October
7.00pm in The Old School**

Pie, peas and pud supper
Admission £6 adults £3 children

Contacts

Margaret McIntosh 61843

or Ann Dawson 62936

MONDAY 3RD OCTOBER HARVEST SUPPER IN WRAY INSTITUTE AT 7.00pm

A traditional 2 course meal
(with veg. option)

Followed by

an Auction of Harvest Produce

You may bring your own drinks

Tickets from

Frances Hartnup 21645

or Sue Rowland 22484

£6.50 adults, £3 children

Pre-school children free

ALL WELCOME

Church of the Good Shepherd Tatham Fells MONDAY 10TH OCTOBER HARVEST AUCTION AT 7.00pm

Auction of harvest gifts
in The Old School, Lowgill

Followed by tea and biscuits

ALL WELCOME

DANCING IN THE FELLS

Informal Ceilidh dancing
in The Old School, Lowgill

7.30pm—9.30pm

Thursdays 13th and 27th October

All dances called, no experience needed

Contact Anne Wilson 63399

£1 admission—**ALL WELCOME**

TATHAM FELLS PRIMARY SCHOOL 50 YEARS

CELEBRATION SERVICE

Church of the Good Shepherd

Tatham Fells

on Thursday 20th October

at 10.00am

with The Bishop of Lancaster

The Revd Canon Geoffrey Pearson

and afterwards in The Old School

ALL WELCOME

BIBLE READINGS TO CELEBRATE THE 400TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KING JAMES BIBLE AT TUNSTALL CHURCH

Saturday 22nd October 2pm—4pm

Just drop in and join in if you wish

Tea served during the readings

EVERYONE WELCOME

Contact Jane on 74250

for further details

or if you would like to read

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday December 3rd at 10.30am—CHRISTMAS FAIR AND COFFEE MORNING in The Old School, Tatham Fells. Santa will be paying a visit.

Saturday December 3rd at 7.00pm—CONCERT The Artisans present the 'Medieval Experience', a musical journey through Medieval Europe. Tickets £10, to include light refreshments, from David and Carole Butcher 63095.

Saturday December 10th BREWERS APRON CHRISTMAS CONCERT St James the Less, Tatham. More details later

Monday December 19th at 7.00pm - CAROL SERVICE conducted by Mark in The Lunesdale Arms, Tunstall at 7pm. ALL WELCOME

CONFIRMATION ... contact Mark (21030) for more details of adult and child classes – the Bishop will be conducting a service of confirmation in the benefice on Mar 13 2012.

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

FROM THE REGISTERS

Tunstall Baptism of twins

Louisa Mae and James Alexander Harris

Wray Baptism

Ffion Jane Edith Postlethwaite

Melling Baptism

James Austin Sedgley

Tatham—Wedding

Katie Susan Turner
and Jonathan George Wood

Tatham Fells—Wedding

Tessa Danielle Gordon
and Christopher Stephen Hewitt

Wray—Wedding

Grace Harrison
and Michael Nixon

Leck—Wedding

Jennifer Balchin
and Mark Luby

Tunstall—Wedding

Catherine Lucy Brockbank
and Simon Robert Millington

Wray—Funerals

Dora 'May' Smith
Joseph 'Joe' Lambert

Tatham Funeral

Bartle Pye

Melling—Funeral

Colin Dugdale

TRIBUTES for individuals are always welcome for inclusion in our magazine
Please contact Carole Butcher 63095 with any information

Youth Service at Tatham Fells

On Sunday 3rd July 25 young people and 15 adults assembled in The Church of the Good Shepherd, Tatham Fells on what turned out to be a beautiful summer evening for a short 'Songs of Praise' Youth Service followed by a barbecue and games at The Old School. Annie Denby and Stephanie Stubbs sang and organised a quiz during the service. Following the service refreshments were served after an entertaining game of rounders in the field behind the Old School.

Carole Butcher

Guitar Concert at Tatham Fells

Concert-goers at Tatham Fells church on Saturday evening 23rd July were treated to a dazzling display of classical guitar playing by local musician, Finbarr Malafronte. Finbarr was born in Settle and educated in Giggleswick and Bentham before being accepted into Chetham's School of Music in Manchester. Recently returned from study in America, Finbarr held the audience at Tatham Fells spellbound for almost two hours with a wide-ranging and varied programme of music. Despite being his first full-length solo concert in England, this was a confident performance. The range of pieces played – from a transcription of Bach's C Major violin sonata with a long and complex fugue to subtle and highly compressed preludes by the modern Mexican composer, Ponce, and the pastiche of the suite 'In Modo Polonico' by the Polish, Tansman – showed the performer to be adept in a number of different musical styles, as comfortable in the baroque, classical and romantic as in the twentieth-century repertoire. Finbarr played with feeling and musical comprehension throughout, his sensitivity to dynamic range being particularly compelling. So much so, that even after the substantial programme on offer, the audience was left wanting more and hoping for another visit from this talented young performer to the Fells church as soon as might be possible.

Edward Huddleston

Jazz concert at Melling

Melling's major Fundraising event of the year was held in St. Wilfrid's Church on Saturday September 3rd. More than 130 people attended so the church was full for a change! The music was performed by the Round Midnight Band and was very well received. The church proved to be ideal acoustically and the "smooth jazz" was professionally played in two phases. In between, the raffle was drawn while an excellent buffet supplied by the ladies of the village was served. The evening finished well before midnight (!) and was very well supported by those present who bought plenty of tickets and also by those unable to attend who were most generous with their donations. In all, approximately £1,550 was raised for the church and that was a wonderful result. Grateful thanks are due to all who laboured tirelessly before and during the evening to make it so special and also to the very kind people who gave raffle prizes. These included Sue Shields Hair & Beauty, Spirit of the Andes, Thursday Group and Jim Bowen.

Max Godfrey

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I have put in as much detail as I can but if there are any further details or anything I have missed/got wrong/needs tweaking please tell me.

My/our grateful thanks go to Richard Wilson who designed it for us and who has been most kind, patient and helpful throughout.

Carole Butcher

CHURCH NEWSLETTER – THE BELL

The Bell is produced on a monthly basis to keep church members and friends updated with all the services and events in our six churches. There will be nine issues each year. December and January will be in one issue and also July, August and September to take account of holidays. We welcome other contributions (in fact, we need them) so please send contributions to Carole Butcher – Tel: 015242 63095