

THE BELL

Benefice of East Lonsdale Life:

October and November 2016



Leck, Melling, Tatham, Tatham Fells, Tunstall, Wray

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Editorial

Welcome to this edition of The Bell. In this issue you will find an account of the Licensing Service of Sister Sue at Tunstall Church and the blessing of the new convent. There are also accounts of the Crossroads weekend and a special service and hog roast at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

Autumn is here and the rowan trees are laden with berries outside my window, Harvest is just around the corner and Advent Sunday is already on the Calendar of Services, where does the year go?
Carole Butcher

DIARY OF A LUNE VALLEY VICAR by Mark Cannon Gardening in Bradford ...

Monday: It is a warm day and Gazza (marketing) and I decide to take a lunchtime stroll around the sun-drenched streets of Bradford. We are dressed pretty much like every other boring middle-aged working man in the country – in shirts and ties (one of each). We approach a snicket – if you are not from Yorkshire you have all my sympathies and you should know that a snicket is a little pathway between buildings – not sure what you call them on this side of the Pennines (M6?). Anyway halfway down the snicket are three young men with sinister baseball caps. We walk through them and find that they back away and press themselves deep into the privet with nervous glances. I did not realise that I looked ‘well ‘ard’ and I must remember to repeat the look when I am summonsed (again) in front of the archdeacon/bishops/aggrieved brides.

As we continue, one young man shouts after us – ‘Are you police?’

We turn and absorb with surprise and delight the news that we look anything like an upholder of law and order. ‘No’ we shout back.

‘It’s just that you’ve got ties on’, continues Youth A. ‘Not us’, we reassure him and carry on a little further.

A shout stops us and we turn again. ‘Well, then, do you want some weed?’ enquires Youth B politely.

In the end we decide not to buy as the price seems much higher than in the Lune Valley but I marvel at the way in which these young men expect to prosper in a life of crime. What if we had been police officers? Why should they have taken our word for it? Admittedly they looked a lot faster than us, so we may not have been able to do much about it if they had had it away on their toes (as we say in the force).

But given their sweetly trusting nature, I wondered if we can learn. Jesus often made claims for himself and he laid those claims in front of the people. Would they pick up and believe? Would they get all suspicious and wonder if it was a trick?

If we leap into the arms of Jesus, we need to trust Him. We need to be open to the possibility that He speaks Truth and that, even if we are not sure, we sometimes need to commit. It is easy not to jump at all, but think of what we might be missing.

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

Holy Trinity, Wray

Our Sunday afternoon services once a month continue to be enjoyed by all and the refreshments afterwards give us the opportunity to have social time. Thanks to everyone who contributes to this in any way.

We are holding a Coffee and Cake morning in aid of the Macmillan appeal on Saturday 1st October in church from 10am to 12noon. All are welcome.

We are looking forward to our Harvest Festival on Sunday 2nd October and our Harvest Supper on Monday 3rd October which will be held in Wray Institute starting at 7pm prompt. Tickets are on sale from church members at £6.50; this includes hot pot and fruit pies for afters.

We look forward to having Sister Sue and Amma Judith here at Holy Trinity to take some of our services.
Judith Wrigley/Ann Anderson

St John the Baptist, Tunstall

August was a quiet month but we did have a beautiful Baptism Service on 14th August, this was for Harriet Eva Stephenson, taken by the Canon Norman Dawson who gave a very warm and thoughtful address which was appreciated by all the family.

A report on our wonderful Licensing Service and the Blessing and Dedication of St Joseph's House of Prayer on Wednesday 7th September appears on page 9.

On Saturday 10th September we had a lovely wedding when Sarah Crackles married Edward Beattie; they were blessed with good weather. The service was taken by the Reverend Mark Cannon and everyone was very complimentary on the service, the Church and the beautiful state of the churchyard. The Church was looking at its best thanks to the great clean we had the week before; thank you so much for the big turnout.

On 11th September Sister Sue and Amma Judith took their first service here at St John's which was very well attended. They told the congregation about their calling and how they came to arrive here in Tunstall. It was a thoughtful and well received story and we wish them every happiness and success in their new lives here with us all.

For your diary on 20th November, Mike Winstanley and Sara Mason will be giving a very interesting historical talk on our Church. I was fortunate to hear this talk a few months ago when it was presented to the Ewecross Historical Society. I found it so fascinating that I wanted our parishioners to hear it too. Everyone will be amazed at who we have in our graveyard and the stories behind windows and plaques. It will be free of charge and tea and scones will be provided.

Sue Hunter

St James the Less, Tatham

Life is a mixture of joy and sadness and we had had our share of both this summer; joy at the happy wedding of Mark Leonard and Polly Elder led by a choir in a full, beautifully decorated church on a rare sunny day in July and sadness at the loss of Ruth Hartley. Many of us remember Ruth's kindness and contribution to local life before ill health restricted her activities.

Our annual Benefice Service and Picnic at the end of July was well supported

although it ended prematurely by another of the summer's 'showers'.

The annual Jumble Sale marks the return of autumn. It lasts one and a half hours after weeks of planning and as we go to press I can report another financial and social success. Thanks go to all our wonderful helpers who appear every year.

We are looking forward to welcoming Sister Sue to our Harvest Festival Service at the end of September and to all who can join us at the Harvest Sale and simple lunch of soup and cheese at the Old Rectory afterwards. **John Holt**

St Peter's, Leck

We welcomed Sister Sue and Amma Judith in the last edition of The Bell but we would like to re-iterate that welcome following the Service of Blessing and Dedication of St Joseph's House of Prayer held in Tunstall Church on Wednesday 7th September.

This service came just before the Crossroads Mission Weekend which, within our Benefice, culminated in an Alpha Reunion Supper on the Saturday evening and Sung Eucharist with Sister Sue and Amma Judith on the Sunday.

The Alpha Reunion Supper was a great chance to catch up again and was generously hosted by Fanny Leech who produced enough delicious food to feed Kirkby Lonsdale for a day or two. We heard some very encouraging stories and words of advice from Crossroads Mission team members Steve and Stephen.

Tom and Clare hope to have an evening series of Alpha follow-up meetings before Christmas and probably a further Alpha course in the New Year.

Joan Withers/Ann Shuttleworth

Good Shepherd, Tatham Fells

Our School Leavers Service took place on Thursday 21st July at 9.00am led by Mark. Our very best wishes go to Tilly, Libby, Robbie, Harry, Tom, Hannah and Isaac as they start secondary school in the autumn term.

The ashes of Charlie Beck were buried in our churchyard on Friday 22nd July after a short service in church. We send our thoughts and prayers to all the family.

We had a special service followed by a Hog Roast on Sunday 11th September when we welcomed 90 adults and 14 children to our church; please see the report on page 10.

We are looking forward to our Harvest Festival Service with Tatham Fells School on Sunday 2nd October followed by Harvest Auction in The Old School on Monday 3rd October. Our Harvest Supper and Domino Drive organised by the Village Society will be on Saturday 8th October. **Carole Butcher**

St Wilfrid's, Melling

There is not much to report; no baptisms, weddings and fortunately no funerals since my last report.

Upcoming events include:

The Lindun Singers – a large choir from Lytham will be in St Wilfrid's Church on October 15th at 7.30pm. Entry and refreshments are free but there will be a retiring collection.

Our Christmas Craft and Gift Fair will be held on November 26th in Melling Institute.

JAC Beeson

CALENDAR OF SERVICES FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2016
BCP=Book of Common Prayer

OCTOBER

Sunday 2nd	Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity		
9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Tatham	Mark
9.30am	Harvest Festival Service	Wray	Mary
9.30am	Morning Service	Melling	Norman and Ann
11.00am	Harvest Festival Service with Tatham Fells School	Tatham Fells	Mark and Judith
11.00am	Harvest Festival Eucharist	Leck	Sue
7.00pm	Harvest Songs of Praise	Tatham Fells	Ann
Sunday 9th	Twentieth Sunday after Trinity		
9.30am	Holy Communion	Wray	Mark and Judith
11.00am	Morning Service	Tatham	Mary
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	Tunstall	Sue
2.15pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Tatham Fells	Norman and Ann
Sunday 16th	Twenty First Sunday after Trinity, Feast of St Wilfrid		
8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Wray	Mark
9.30am	Morning Service	Wray	Mark
9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Tatham Fells	Norman and Ann
11.00am	Holy Communion	Melling	Sue
11.00am	Morning Service with Baptism	Leck	Mark
Sunday 23rd	Last Sunday after Trinity Bible Sunday		
9.30am	Morning Service	Wray	Mark
9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Tatham Fells	Peter
11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Tatham	Norman and Ann
11.00am	Morning Service	Tunstall	Mark
Sunday 30th	All Saints Sunday		
11.00am	Benefice Communion <i>a service for all six churches</i>	Wray	Sue and Judith

NOVEMBER

Sunday 6th	Third Sunday before Advent		
9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Tatham	Norman and Ann
9.30am	Morning Service	Melling	Sue
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	Leck	Mark
2.15pm	'Messy Church'	Tatham Fells	Mark
2.30pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Wray	Congregation

Sunday 13th	Remembrance Sunday		
8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Wray	Mark
10.30am	Remembrance Service	Tatham	Peter
10.30am	Remembrance Service	Tatham Fells	Norman and Ann
10.30am	Eucharist of Remembrance	Leck	Sue and Judith
12noon	Act of Remembrance	Tunstall	Mark
12.30pm	Act of Remembrance	Melling	Mark
6.30pm	Remembrance Service	Wray	Mark, Mary, Judith
Sunday 20th	Feast of Christ the King		
9.30am	Morning Service	Wray	Peter
9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Tatham Fells	Sue
11.00am	Holy Communion	Melling	Norman and Ann
11.00am	'Messy Church'	Leck	Mark
Sunday 27th	Advent Sunday		
9.30am	Holy Communion	Wray	Mark and Judith
9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Tatham Fells	Mary
11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Tatham	Sue
6.00pm	Benefice Choral Evensong with Advent Carols	Tunstall	Mark

FROM THE REGISTERS

Tunstall Baptism

Harriet Eva Stephenson

Tunstall Wedding

Edward Beattie and Sarah Crackles

Tatham Wedding

Mark Leonard and Polly Elder

Tatham Funeral

Ruth Hartley

Tatham Fells burial of ashes

Charlie Beck

Wray Baptisms

Edith Molly Routledge

Ava Fox

Wray burial of ashes

Edna Mary Haigh

Herbert Haigh

VISITING CHURCHES
St Andrew's Church, Aysgarth



St Andrew's Church in Aysgarth, Yorkshire was rebuilt in 1536 and restored in 1866 and has a four acre churchyard, one of the largest graveyards in the country. The church has a number of fittings that were rescued from Jervaulx Abbey during the Dissolution including the Abbey's rood screen and the Abbot's stall.



We visited the Church one afternoon this past summer after a trip to Castle Bolton followed by a walk to Aysgarth Falls. The rood screen is a sight to behold and can be viewed properly by pressing a switch near the organ for illumination. After admiring the rood screen and enjoying the peace in such a lovely Church we rounded off the afternoon with a cream tea at Hawes Creamery. We can thoroughly recommend this beautiful church to anyone wishing to visit.

Carole and David Butcher

**A VERY WARM WELCOME TO
SISTER SUE AND AMMA JUDITH
Licensing Service at St John the Baptist, Tunstall
Followed by Blessing and Dedication of St Joseph's House of Prayer**



We had a wonderful service on 7th September at 7.00pm. This was 'The Blessing and Dedication of St Joseph's House of Prayer' and also when Revd Mark Cannon presented Amma Judith OCMM and Sister Sue OCMM to the Rt Revd Philip North the Bishop of Burnley; Sister Sue was then licensed as our House for Duty Priest. The whole congregation then followed the Bishop and other clergy to 'St Joseph's House of Prayer' where the Rt Revd Robert Freeman, the Bishop of Penrith, led the blessing and dedication of the Convent. It was a lovely service with a very fitting Anthem sung by the choir. A large congregation attended from all six churches, together with a large number of visitors from Sister Sue and Amma Judith's previous parishes and many of their friends and relatives. This was followed by a delicious Jacob's Join Supper in the Village Hall where everyone had the chance to mingle and chat.

Sue Hunter



Tunstall Deanery welcomed five clergy and lay people from the North East during the Crossroads weekend. I attended the commissioning service at Carnforth on the Thursday evening where there was the opportunity to meet and chat with the team which was led by the Rt Revd Frank White, Bishop of Newcastle. Saturday evening the 10th September was splendidly hosted by Fanny Leech for those who had attended Alpha Courses over the past two years. We were very lucky to have the Revd Captain Steve Dixon from the Church Army in Newcastle and Stephen Ramshaw, Curate in Gosforth, with us and their stories of how they came to Christianity were inspiring. Tom Kay-Shuttleworth, who has led both Alpha Courses, discussed future possibilities including another Alpha Course and also looking into other forms of fellowship. The Benefice's part in this weekend ended with the first service with Sister Sue and Amma Judith at Tunstall. Bishop Frank also attended this service and spoke briefly about the Crossroads Weekend.

Jane Greenhalgh

**GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH, TATHAM FELLS
A SPECIAL EVENING SERVICE FOLLOWED BY A HOG ROAST**

All over the Blackburn Diocese we were asked to make 8th to 11th September 2016 special and the Northern Bishops (who met at Lindisfarne to think of this) came over to inspire us. Although the Bishops were unable to be with us at our event on Sunday 11th September, 90 adults and 14 children attended our 4pm service led by Mark which was to say thank you to everyone who has helped in any way over few or many years. The evening was perfect, with no midges! Old friends and new enjoyed getting together over hog roast sandwiches followed by home made brownies and ice cream washed down with wine or a soft drink. Warm thanks go to everyone who helped in any way to make this occasion such a success.

Carole Butcher



PUMPKIN FACTS FOR KIDS



Pumpkins are usually orange but can sometimes be yellow, white, green or red. The name pumpkin comes from the Greek word 'pepon' meaning large melon. Pumpkins have thick shells which contain pulp and seeds. Scientifically speaking, pumpkins are a fruit (they contain seeds) but when it comes to cooking they are often referred to as a vegetable. Giant pumpkins can be grown for competitions, with some weighing over 1,000 pounds. In 2010 the world record was 1810 pounds, that's huge!

Pumpkins are popular decorations during Halloween. A carved pumpkin illuminated by candles is known as a 'jack-o-lantern'. The tradition is believed to have come from Ireland where they used to carve faces in turnips, beet and other root vegetables as part of the Gaelic Festival of Samhain.

KIDS Look on Google under 'Porcupine tastes his first pumpkin', it's fun!

EVENTS AND INFORMATION

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICES AND EVENTS

SUNDAY OCTOBER 2nd

Holy Trinity Church, Wray

at 9.30am Harvest Service

HARVEST SUPPER

Monday 3rd October at 7pm

in Wray Institute followed by

AUCTION OF PRODUCE

Tickets £6.50 from church members

Good Shepherd Church Tatham Fells

at 11.00am with Tatham Fells School

and at 7pm Harvest Songs of Praise

Monday 3rd October at 7pm

in The Old School

HARVEST AUCTION

St Peter's Church, Leck

at 11.00am

Harvest Festival Eucharist

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The Lindun Singers

a large choir from Lytham

Saturday October 15th

at 7.30pm

Christmas Craft & Gift Fair

Saturday November 26th

in Melling Institute

TATHAM FELS VILLAGE SOCIETY HARVEST SUPPER

AND DOMINO DRIVE

on Saturday 8th October at 7.00pm

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GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH TATHAM FELS

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ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, TUNSTALL HISTORICAL TALK

on our church

given by Mike Winstanley

and Sara Mason

on 20th November at 2.00pm

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