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June and July 2016



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Editorial

Welcome to the June and July edition of The Bell. Warm weather has finally arrived and the swallows are busy mending their nest in my porch which they have used for the past 21 summers.

In this issue you will find details of open gardens, a summer fundraiser, a summer evening of jazz and fizz and a coffee morning; all for very worthy causes, do support them if you can. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us.

Carole Butcher

Diary of a Lune Valley Vicar by Mark Cannon

Sunday Big decisions to make this morning ... do I stop and linger at the back of church after the 9.30am service, or do I hurry off to the 11.00am service at the next church? Of course the key factor is the quality of the post-match refreshments. Has the tea mashed for long enough? (I have given up hoping for Earl Grey) and, more significantly, is there still cake for afters? If the refreshments are particularly good, then it's a bit of a dash to the next eager congregation. I don't want to give away trade secrets but if I turn up early, it's because the summit of catering at the previous church has been no more than a plain Hob Nob. Is it fair for a vicar to rubbish a church in this way? I have recently been to church with a Starbucks in its atrium. Anyway, one of the six flocks got its revenge last week. I generally preach the same sermon and just change local references/names/insults as appropriate so when I was departing one church for another I returned to the pulpit to find the words of wisdom. Oh no! It's gone! Leaving aside the fantastic possibility that anyone would ever filch a sermon, I finally ran it to earth in the vestry rubbish bin. Well, that was a pretty ruthless appraisal of my hard work!

Friday After much dithering, I have made a date with my 'listener'. Every other year all vicars have to undergo an appraisal. This time two (very carefully selected) parishioners have kindly filled out a questionnaire about me and my work. I have to take their results to another parishioner who 'listens' to my outraged response and together we make a plan of areas for my improvement. Anyway, as we sit down my listener produces a bottle of fine white burgundy which 'needs to be drunk'. So we did. And now I can neither read the notes I jotted down, nor can I remember where I have to improve, and I have to see the Bishop next week to go through it all.

Sunday Home-made chocolate brownie! But perhaps more important is the message of the Gospel; no one is rubbished by Jesus. He might appraise you and me and he might find significant areas for improvement but no one is cast aside, no one is ever neglected. You and I are constantly making judgements based on our likes and dislikes, often getting it wrong. Jesus, the perfect judge, never misses.

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

St Peter's Church, Leck

It is hard to think that May is here when there is snow on the hills and temperatures never reaching more than a few degrees above freezing. Let us hope for warmer weeks ahead. Norman and Ann have been leading, and continue to lead, our services throughout April and May; our thanks to them and to Peter who took our Morning Prayer Service on the 4th Sunday after Easter. We do so value these Sundays, small though our congregations might be.

On Tuesday 29th March our church was full to capacity with people standing in the aisles and sitting on the altar steps for the very moving Thanksgiving

Service, led by Frank and Mabel Parr, in memory of John Bell. John, a born and bred Leck lad, was the youngest of eight siblings and was tragically killed on the A65 near Whoop Hall on March 12th. We would like to offer our prayers and condolences to his surviving sisters at this very difficult time.

Ann Shuttleworth and Joan Withers

Holy Trinity Church, Wray

At the time of writing we are slowly recovering from our efforts during Wray Scarecrow Festival. Even though the weather was against us during the week we were still kept very busy. On Sunday 1st May, villagers and visitors crowded into church for our 'Songs of Praise' which was organised and led by Mary. We counted well over 70 people in church and the singing almost raised the roof. It was easily our most successful one yet and was wonderful.

All week in church we held an exhibition of 'Old and Present Trades in Wray'. We thank everyone involved with this for making it such a success, especially David Kenyon who researched and prepared excellent displays. Thank you to those who decorated the window ledges with flowers so beautifully and an extra special thank you for all who helped on our refreshment day in the Institute.

We are now moving forward with our church improvements and the next step is to change the lighting. This will be completed during early May and hopefully we will then have permission to go ahead with our new kitchen.

We have two Evening Prayer services coming up on 5th June and 3rd July.

Ann Anderson and Judith Wrigley

St James the Less, Tatham

The Blackthorn Winter lived up to its reputation in April but now the cold winds seem to have gone and spring has sprung; lovely!

Easter seems long ago but was well and happily celebrated. Dare I say this? There are small signs that numbers in our congregation are creeping up (perhaps the wrong word to use!).

Bank Holiday and Wray Fair produced its usual mix of hard work, fun and a very useful addition to our funds despite the deluge early on the Monday.

Our efforts now turn to our Jazz and Fizz evening at Station Farm, Wennington on Saturday 9th July. The Friends are also planning a celebration of the Queen's official 90th Birthday on Sunday 12th June; more details can be found in our Spring Newsletter, Wrayly Mail, posters and website, www.lowertathamchurch.co.uk

Our application for a faculty for improvements inside the church is still in the slow cooker at Blackburn; should we buy them a microwave?

We look forward to a warm and happy summer of success in all our undertakings.

John Holt

Good Shepherd Church, Tatham Fells

Peter Osborne led our service on Palm Sunday. We assembled at the rear of the church carrying willow palm and the procession both inside and outside the church was headed by John and Carole, the two churchwardens. We all exchanged our willow palm for a palm cross on reaching the altar.

A devotional hour was held on Good Friday at 2.00pm led by Norman and Ann who also led our service of Holy Communion on Easter Day. Numbers attending were down this year possibly due to the clocks going forward one hour.

Our 'Music in the Fells' concert on Saturday 9th April was a great success; the audience arrived in a 'lambing shower' of snow! Tom McConville and David Newey from South Shields kept us entertained with music and laughter and after a

delicious light supper of wine and nibbles we all returned home happy under the stars. Warm thanks go to everyone who helped in any way to make it an evening to remember.

On Sunday 10th April we welcomed Charlotte Grace Hodgkinson into our Christian family when she was baptised at our service of Evensong. We wish Charlotte Grace every blessing in her future life.

Saturday 23rd April was our day for catering at Wray Fair and a busy team of kind volunteers rallied under the guidance of Althea Gillbrand to make this day a success.

On Sunday 1st May we held our very first 'Messy Church' service with activities in The Old School led by Gillian Middleton and a time of quiet reflection in church led by Mark. The shining faces of the children at the end said it all.

I end my report with the sad news that we have lost another dear friend. Bill Wilson passed away on Thursday 5th May, Ascension Day, and prayers were said for him, John and Jean and all the family, at the Ascension Day Service led by Norman and Ann. His funeral will take place in church on Thursday 12th May. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family. **Carole Butcher**

St Wilfrid's Church, Melling

Since the last issue we have had the funeral of Tom Bell and the burial of ashes of Pauline Kirkbride. Our prayers and condolences go to both families.

Around 50 people attended the recent concert by Swedish Nyckelharapist Josephina Paulson. Further concerts are planned but details are to be confirmed.

JAC Beeson

St John the Baptist, Tunstall

Life has been good in Tunstall during April and May starting with a lovely wedding on April 16th between Alison Howson and Simon Travis. Two of our congregation have given birth and we welcome Bethan, first child of Louise and Idris Eckersley and Harriet second daughter of Hannah and Andrew Stephenson into the fold. Hannah's sister-in-law Jo and husband Robert, also welcomed Toby, a brother for Hollie so spring has sprung in a big way in Tunstall this year.

April 21st was a spectacular day. Sue Hunter and Jean Dalkin organised the most magnificent afternoon tea party to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Charlotte Brontë's birth and of course the 90th birthday of HRH Queen Elizabeth. It was a truly magnificent day with more than 60 people attending. Colin Greenhalgh and Elizabeth Moffit read from Charlotte's works and it looks as if there may well be some more sessions devoted to the Brontë Sisters. The day was crowned with the return of *The Picture* which is now in situ again for all to see. At the moment, if you wish to view the picture it might be advisable to bring a strong torch to shine on it to reveal its true splendour! It has yet to be decided whether it will stay in its original position or be moved elsewhere in the church and until that decision has been made the picture will not be illuminated, thus the necessity for a torch!

Our church congregation is growing despite the pessimistic view of our Bishop and there are regularly 30 plus people at every service at Tunstall, a huge increase on the 15-20 of a year ago so we must be doing something right!

If there are any budding musicians out there please get in touch with me, Jane, on 01524 805844. We are trying to get some young people together who would like to play their instruments together in church.

We are looking forward to many visitors and a splendid summer. Perhaps you will come and see what we're all about, you will be very welcome.

Jane Greenhalgh (Ex Church Warden!!)

CALENDAR OF SERVICES FOR JUNE AND JULY 2016

BCP = Book of Common Prayer

*Frank and Mabel = Revds Frank and Mabel Parr

JUNE

Sunday 5th **Second Sunday after Trinity**

9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Tatham	Norman and Ann
9.30am	Morning Service	Melling	Mark
11.00am	Family Service	Tatham Fells	Peter
11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Leck	Mark
2.30pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Wray	Congregation

Sunday 12th **Third Sunday after Trinity**

9.30am	Holy Communion	Wray	Norman and Ann
11.00am	Morning Service	Tatham	Norman and Ann
11.00am	Morning Service	Tunstall	Mark
7.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Tatham Fells	Mark

Sunday 19th **Fourth Sunday after Trinity** **Feast of John the Baptist**

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Wray	Mark
9.30am	Morning Service	Wray	Norman and Ann
9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Tatham Fells	Mark
11.00am	Holy Communion	Melling	Norman and Ann
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	Tunstall	Mark

Sunday 26th **Fifth Sunday after Trinity** **Feast of St Peter**

9.30am	'Messy Church'	Wray	Mark and Mary
9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Tatham Fells	Norman and Ann
11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Tatham	Norman and Ann
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	Leck	*Frank and Mabel

JULY

Sunday 3rd **Sixth Sunday after Trinity** **Feast of St Thomas**

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		Peter

Sunday 10th **Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

9.30am	Holy Communion	Wray	Mark
11.00am	Morning Service	Tatham	Mark
11.00am	Sung Eucharist	Tunstall	Norman and Ann
7.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Tatham Fells	Norman and Ann

Sunday 17th	Eighth Sunday after Trinity		
9.30am	Family Service	Wray	Mary
9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Tatham Fells	*Frank and Mabel
11.00am	Holy Communion	Melling	*Frank and Mabel
11.00am	'Messy Church'	Leck	Mark
Sunday 24th	Ninth Sunday after Trinity		
9.30am	Morning Service	Wray	Norman and Ann
9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Tatham Fells	Mark
11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Tatham	Norman and Ann
11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Tunstall	Mark
Sunday 31st	Tenth Sunday after Trinity		
11.00am	Benefice Communion followed by a picnic	Tatham	Norman and Ann

FROM THE REGISTERS

Tatham Fells, Baptism
Charlotte Grace Hodkinson

Wedding, Tunstall
Simon David Travis and
Alison Jayne Howson

Tatham Fells, Funeral
William Thomas (Bill) Wilson

Melling, Burial of ashes
Pauline Kirkbride

Melling, Funeral
Tom Bell

NEWS FROM TUNSTALL CHURCH

**Opening of the Convent
and licensing of the Revd Canon Dr Sue Williams
as House for Duty Assistant Priest of East Lonsdale**
On Wednesday 7th September at 7pm
Followed by refreshments; All welcome.
More details in the August and September issue

NEWS FROM FURTHER AFIELD

The Dean of Blackburn Cathedral, The Very Revd Christopher Armstrong and his wife, Geraldine, are leaving this month (May) when he takes up a part-time post as parish priest in the Diocese of Peterborough. They will not be far from Oakham, so perhaps they will bump into Max and Caroline Godfrey! The Bishop of Burnley, the Rt Revd Philip North will be Acting Dean until the post is filled.

Ann Shuttleworth

DIOCESAN PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we embrace your call for us to make disciples,
to be witnesses and to grow leaders. Give us the eyes to see your vision,
ears to hear the prompting of your Spirit and courage to follow in the footsteps
of your Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

Amen

VISITING CHURCHES ST WILFRID'S CHURCH, BURNSALL



Source of Photos: Internet (Doc Brown's Travel Pictures)

Last year we visited the village of Burnsall in the Craven District of North Yorkshire. We were researching a walk for David in his role as a walk leader for HF Holidays (the old Holiday Fellowship). Burnsall brings back happy memories for me when my friends and I used to enjoy time there spilling out from the Red Lion Pub onto the Village Green by the river Wharfe on sublime summer evenings.

On this occasion we were visiting the church of St Wilfrid which is in the Diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales. It is a Grade 1 listed building and is almost entirely Perpendicular. The Perpendicular phase of English Gothic architecture spanned the late 14th Century to the early 16th Century. It contains an 11th Century font carved with birds and beasts, twelve Anglo-Saxon sculpture fragments and a 14th Century alabaster panel depicting the Adoration of the Magi. The font and all the carvings quite took our breath away and there was a beautiful sense of peace inside. The church currently serves the Wharfedale communities of Burnsall, Appletreewick, Hartlington, Skyreholme and Thorpe. It is well worth a visit when exploring the Dales. **Carole Butcher**

Below is the carved Norman Font which dates from c1150



RECIPE FOR PRESERVING CHILDREN



As the promise of warmer weather and longer days draws near the whimsical advice in this delightful recipe will hopefully appeal.

Ingredients

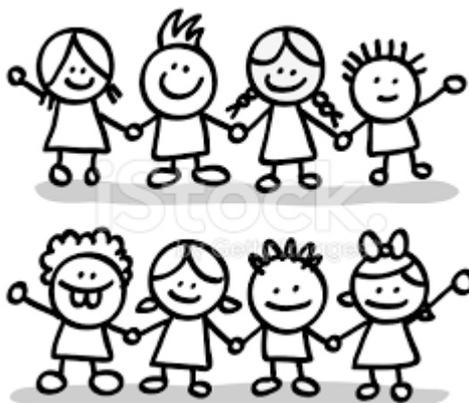
1 large grassy field
A sprinkling of wild flowers
A drizzle of sun cream
A handful of children
2 or 3 dogs
Narrow strip of brook with pebbles
Warm sun
Deep blue sky

Method

Drizzle the children with sun cream, mix with the dogs and empty into the field, stirring constantly. Sprinkle the field with flowers; pour the brook gently over the pebbles. Cover all with a deep blue sky and bake in the sun. When the children are well browned they may be removed and set aside to cool in the bath tub.

The recipe can fail, however, if one important step is omitted. The children should be wrapped fresh in prayer each day. Children preserved like this have been known to keep for 70-100 years.

Anon



OPEN GARDENS

Clearbeck Garden, Tatham Open for the National Garden Scheme 11.00am – 5.00pm on Sunday 29th and Monday 30th May; also on Sunday 26th June and Sunday 3rd July. Admission £4, children free; Plant Stall; Quiz available. Light refreshments provided by the NSPCC in May and by the Church of the Good Shepherd in June/July. The garden is signed from Wray and Low Bentham. **Bronwen Osborne**

FRIENDS OF LOWER TATHAM CHURCH ROYAL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR THE QUEEN'S 90th BIRTHDAY SUNDAY 12TH JUNE



The Friends of Lower Tatham Church invite you to celebrate in style at a Garden Party in the grounds of Wennington Hall School by kind permission of the Headmaster and Governors with the Silver Bell Band and Ally the Clown.

BBQ lunch from 1.00pm onwards.

First drink free; Delicious puds; Birthday cake; Bar; Free car parking.

Tickets £15, Children under 12 free.

Phone Rita Murphy 07962 710 078 or Sue Wood 015242 21170

Email: friendsofstjamesthelesschurch@gmail.com

HANNAH'S SUMMER FUNDRAISER FOR EXODUS HOUSE

YOU ARE ALL INVITED to the annual summer fundraiser in support of Exodus House Orphanage in Benin, West Africa. The event will take place in our garden at 'Hind Lea', Millhouses (LA2 8NE) on Sunday June 19th 1.30pm – 5.30pm. Entry is by donation. The focus will be on raising enough money to finish the construction of the new orphanage and school on the land that your generosity has helped to buy. We will also be adding to our 'emergency fund' to help with food and other crises. Come along and learn about what your support has meant to the orphanage so far and what we hope to achieve in the future. It would be lovely to see you all there for what will be an enjoyable afternoon of live music, legendary refreshments, children's activities and general fellowship in our hopefully sunny garden! Special Father's Day theme. Many thanks. **Hannah Burch**



EVENTS AND INFORMATION

**FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
IN WRAY CHURCH**
Joyful Noise at 2pm Thursdays
June 2nd and July 7th

After School Club
until 4.45pm Friday June 10th

and at Hind Lea, Millhouses
Friday July 15th

Contact: Mary Winter 21784

**HANNAH'S SUMMER FUNDRAISER
FOR EXODUS HOUSE**
at 'Hind Lea', Millhouses
Sunday June 19th - 1.30pm – 5.30pm
Admission by donation
(See page 10 for details)

**COFFEE MORNING/
OPEN GARDEN**
Saturday 18th June
10.30am – 1.00pm
**at Field House, Back Lane,
Tunstall, LA6 2QQ**
Admission £2.50 adults
Children under 12 FREE
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CLEARBECK OPEN GARDENS

Bronwen and Peter Osborne
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under the National Garden Scheme
on the following dates

Sunday 29th and Monday 30th May
11.00am – 5.00pm

Refreshments for NSPCC
Sundays 26th June and 3rd July

Refreshments for
Tatham Fells Church and
Save the Children Fund
11.00am – 5.00pm

Admission to gardens £4,
Children free

(see page 10 for details)

GARDEN SERVICE
at 6pm on Sunday 3rd July
All welcome.

The garden is signed
from Wray and Low Bentham

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From Phyllis Holt 21443

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