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Benefice of East Lonsdale Life:

April and May 2018



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Editorial

In this issue you will find the many and forthcoming events in our churches including

- An exhibition in Wray Church during the Scarecrow Festival at the end of April/beginning of May;
- Catering in Wray Village Institute by Tatham Fells Church and Low Tatham Church during the Scarecrow Festival
- A talk in Low Tatham Church on JMW Turner and his time spent in Tatham and Hornby on Sunday 22nd April;
- Tunstall Church will be open with art, craft and flower displays Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th May;
- A Quiz Night and supper at The Fraser Hall, Cowan Bridge on Friday 1st June in aid of improving facilities at Leck Church;
- A coffee morning at Melling Church on Saturday 28th April;
- A concert of Scandinavian music in Melling Church on Thursday 3rd May given by the violinist Ida Meidell Blylod.

There are also other events happening in the Benefice. Please read the Church News reports and look at the adverts to find out more.

Carole Butcher

Diary of a Lune Valley Vicar by Mark Cannon

Thursday – managed to drop my debit card, and then reverse over it in Booth’s car park utterly destroying it (the card not the car park).

Friday – flat tyre, just at the point of needing to make a long journey to an ‘oh-so-vital’ church meeting (not completely bad news then).

Saturday – devastating, prostrating ‘flu’ attack (or as wives describe it ‘a sniffle, stop moaning and move thissen’). One of the churches falls down (not true, just made it up to make myself feel better with a bit of good news, since England Rugby also gave me bad news).

Sunday – all this may explain why, when I completed a Social Attitudes survey in the Sunday Times, I came out as a ‘grumpy social conservative’. I was in a bad mood and I was all for lashing out and feeling sorry for myself. If there was not enough misery around, it was also Mothering Sunday but the readings for the day made me think.

We had the story of the three remarkable women who changed the history of the world by putting a baby in a basket, waiting for the right moment, and launching Moses on a spectacular career which finished by way of the Ten Commandments at the entry to the Promised Land. All because the three women, Moses’ mother (Jochebed), his sister (Miriam) and Pharoah’s daughter (Kayleigh) did not retreat into grumpy defensiveness, but looked ahead, stepped out boldly and each took great risks.

Sin has its worst impact when we are down, when we are low and when we cannot look ahead with hope. It’s a drag that can pull us back for years and years and stops us from following Jesus along the difficult and narrow path. As we now celebrate Easter, it is to be remembered that Easter is a celebration of victory over sin, with the Good News of the Resurrection giving us the grace and power to cast off the chains and taste the freedom.

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

Holy Trinity, Wray

We hope that everyone is back to normal after the bitterly cold spell of weather and if we believe the old wives' tale – the end of March should go out like a lamb as March certainly came in like a lion. We look forward to all that April brings. Thank you to those of you who were able to join us in March for our Mothering Sunday Service, Palm Sunday Service and our Lent Lunch held in church for charity. Thank you also to everyone who helped.

Our Easter activities begin on Good Friday when Mary is holding her workshop in Wray Institute for all local school-age children. This is a very popular event with lots of activities. The workshop will be from 10.00am until 1.00pm.

The end of April and beginning of May will be very busy for us as we have our Scarecrow Festival. We are to have an exhibition as usual in church which is to be organised by David Kenyon and we ask for volunteers to sit in church while visitors are walking round. Also, Friday 4th May is Holy Trinity's refreshment day in the Institute and we will appreciate all the help we can get on the day. Please come and join us for refreshments.

Our next afternoon congregation-led service will not be until Sunday 3rd June. This is because the first Sunday in April is Easter Day and on Sunday 6th May we will be holding our Songs of Praise service in the afternoon at 2.30pm during the Scarecrow Festival. This is organised by Mary and is extremely popular with visitors. We now have Holy Trinity Church open each morning and afternoon for anyone to walk in and spend some time there. **Ann Anderson/Judith Wrigley**

Good Shepherd, Tatham Fells

The results of our Church Survey have now been collated. The biggest response was for more community events to happen and we are working on this.

I have some sad news to report. The burial of Carl Taylor's brother, Alan, took place on Saturday 17th February after a funeral service at Low Bentham Church. We send Carl and his family our sincere condolences in their loss.

We have held four Lent Lunches in our part of the Benefice this time. All have been greatly enjoyed by those who attended. Our warm thanks go to the kind hosts and hostesses who made this possible. Proceeds were for various charities.

Our Mothering Sunday service on Sunday 11th March was attended by some of the children and families from Tatham Fells School. Isaac Middleton read the story of Moses to us and posies of flowers were given out to everyone.

Members of our Church and kind friends have started a new initiative at school called 'Open the Book'. Every fortnight, during term time, we read and enact stories from The Lion Storyteller Bible so the children can see the Bible stories come alive. The children and those taking part really enjoy these special assemblies at the end of the day on a Friday. This is in addition to our Christian after School Club 'Loaves and Fishes' which we hold termly. **Carole Butcher**

St John the Baptist, Tunstall

On the second Monday of February we had the first of our community activity afternoons which was well supported. We all felt very pleased with ourselves as we left with a wonderful spring floral display. The session was led very ably by Jean Dalkin for which we say a huge thank you.

On Monday 9th April there will be a pastel class in Church from 2pm – 4pm where refreshments will also be served. During the Bank Holiday weekend, 5th and 6th May, our Church will be open from 10am-4pm with craft, art and flower displays by local people. Everyone is welcome to display and/or visit; refreshments will be available.

On Monday May 14th we will be having a knitting afternoon where you can support the 'Fish & Chip' babies' charity in Africa by knitting a baby jumper, beanie hat or a square for a blanket. Just come along with a pair of 4mm knitting needles and 50g of double knitting wool, enjoy a cup of tea, cake and a chat whilst knitting. We have started repairing some of the grave stones which is an ongoing project and we will have a volunteers' morning when the weather warms up a little. Sadly, Robert Lowery passed away and is now at rest with his parents; our sympathy goes out to his family.

Sue Hunter

St Peter's, Leck

January and February are normally quiet at Leck but this year we have had one wedding and two baptisms. Jean and her family made a lovely job of decorating the Church for her wedding to Paul on 3rd February. This was much appreciated by Lydia who was baptised along with her daughter Willow the following day.

The prayer group continues every Tuesday evening from 6-8pm, starting with tea, cake and a prayer. We then read the Bible together and focus on whichever word, sentence or passage really speaks to us, be it in a challenging or comforting way. We have found there is always a reaction one way or the other. It is a friendly and relaxed group held at Joyce Smith's home. All are welcome. If you are interested in joining us please speak to Mark or Joyce.

The Easter Day service will be at Leck this year. I am sure there will be some Easter eggs hiding in Church. We hope lots of children and adults will come along to hunt for them and also enjoy some yummy cakes and drinks afterwards.

There are a couple of dates for your diary:-

Friday 1st June, Fundraising Quiz Night and Supper at 7pm at The Fraser Hall, Cowan Bridge. The Friends of Leck St Peter are holding an Open Gardens event in Leck on Saturday 30th June. More details for each of these events to follow in the next edition of The Bell; both events are in aid of improving facilities at Leck Church.

Joan Withers

St James the Less, Tatham

January's gloom with which I started my last report has been replaced this morning by bright sunshine, lambs in the fields, daffodils and birds singing. Perhaps our prayers on Plough Sunday have been answered! It was certainly an interesting and fulfilling service and very well attended.

Another highlight was the return visit of the Levens Choir who provided a wonderful Sunday afternoon for a full house rounded off by tea and delicious cakes, all meticulously arranged by our Friends. These splendid supporters have arranged two further events As we go to press we are looking forward firstly to a World War One Exhibition organised jointly with Tatham History Society on Saturday 17th March, 1.00pm - 4.00pm, and secondly, on Sunday 22nd April an afternoon devoted to JMW Turner and his time spent in Tatham and Hornby from 2pm - 4pm led by Rhiannon Addison. All are welcome. After that our thoughts will turn to Wray Fair and a long hot summer... we hope!

John Holt

St Wilfrid's, Melling

We have a number of mission and fund raising events planned for the rest of the year, the first of which is a Coffee Morning on Saturday 28th April in church. On the evening of Thursday 3rd May there will be a free concert featuring the violinist Ida Meidell Blylod as part of the Scandimoot Festival for this year. Further details can be found on page 10. Children and families from Melling School attended the Mothering Sunday service on Sunday March 11th. Posies of flowers were handed out to those who attended.

JAC Beeson

CALENDAR OF SERVICES FOR APRIL AND MAY 2018

BCP = Book of Common Prayer

APRIL

Sunday 1st	Easter Day		
9.30am	Holy Communion	Wray	Mark
9.30am	Holy Communion	Melling	Sue
11.00am	Holy Communion	Tatham	Mark
11.00am	Holy Communion	Tatham Fells	Norman and Ann
11.00am	Holy Communion	Leck	Sue

Sunday 8th	Second Sunday of Easter		
9.30am	Morning Service	Wray	Sue
11.00am	Morning Service	Tatham	Norman and Ann
11.00am	Holy Communion	Tunstall	Sue
2.15pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Tatham Fells	Peter

Sunday 15th	Third Sunday of Easter		
8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Wray	Mark
9.30am	Morning Service	Wray	Mark
9.30am	Holy Communion	Tatham Fells	Norman and Ann
11.00am	Holy Communion	Melling	Sue
11.00am	Morning Service	Leck	Mark

Sunday 22nd	Fourth Sunday of Easter		
9.30am	Morning Service	Wray	Norman and Ann
9.30am	Morning Service	Tatham Fells	Mark
11.00am	Holy Communion	Tatham	Sue
11.00am	Morning Service	Tunstall	Mark

Sunday 29th	Fifth Sunday of Easter		
11.00am	Benefice Communion A service for all six churches	Melling	Mark

May

Sunday 6th	Rogation Sunday		
9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Tatham	Mark
9.30am	Morning Service	Melling	Sue
11.00am	Morning Service	Tatham Fells	Mark
11.00am	Holy Communion	Leck	Sue
2.30pm	Songs of Praise	Wray	Mary

Sunday 13th	Sunday after Ascension		
9.30am	Holy Communion	Wray	Mark
11.00am	Morning Service	Tatham	Mark
11.00am	Holy Communion	Tunstall	Norman and Ann
6.30pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Tatham Fells	Peter

Sunday 20th	Feast of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)		
8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Wray	Mark
9.30am	Holy Communion	Tatham Fells	Norman and Ann
9.30am	Morning Service	Wray	Sue
11.00am	Holy Communion	Melling	Sue
11.00am	'Messy Church'	Leck	Mark
Sunday 27th	Trinity Sunday		
9.30am	Morning Service	Wray	Norman and Ann
9.30am	Service celebrating the lives of John and Charles Wesley	Tatham Fells	Mark
11.00am	Holy Communion	Tatham	Sue
11.00am	Morning Service	Tunstall	Mark

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
7.30am	Prime
12.45pm	Sext
5.00pm	Vespers

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptism, Tatham

Hugo Frederick Marsden

Wray, Funerals

Bertha Ralston
Mary Huddleston

Tatham Fells, Burial

Alan Richard Taylor

Baptisms, Leck

Lydia Kerber
Willow Kerber

Wedding, Leck

John Paul White
and Jean Margaret Askew

Funeral, Tunstall

Robert Lowery

VISITING CHURCHES CHURCH AND SHRINE OF ST. JULIAN, NORWICH

The whole point of visiting Saint Julian's Church in Norwich, as thousands do, is not the architecture. It is more in the nature of a pilgrimage for it was here in the time around 1400 that Julian (Mother Julian) lived the secluded and solitary life of an anchoress.

The remains of the ancient church – which was bombed to almost nothing by the Nazis – suggest an Anglo-Norman structure; a Romanesque door and several little round windows (oculi) survive. The actual cell where Julian lived was knocked down at the Reformation, but, after the bombing, when the church was rebuilt in its original materials, the cell was reconstructed as well. This will be the focus of your pilgrimage.

It was here that Julian lived from the time when she entered the church around 1378, until her death in 1413. We do not even know her real name but there is a consensus that she had lost her family in the great plague of the Black Death, which was particularly severe in Norwich.

Certainly it was in 1378 that she experienced the first of her 16 amazing visions. These, which are some of the finest and deepest explanations of Christian life, were to be written down over the next 20 years. By a stroke of good luck a copy of the very early documents was rediscovered in modern times. You can experience these wonderful and heart-warming writings for yourself at minimal cost. They have been beautifully presented in a book called 'A Lesson of Love', by Father John-Julian, which is on offer on Amazon for a little as one penny. But Julian was not just a solitary; each day she would sit at a little window where anyone who wanted her love and support could come to visit her. No doubt she consoled many people with her message of 'All will be well, and indeed all will be well'. One who came, all the way from Kings Lynn, was Marjorie Kempe, who went on to write her autobiography, the first in the English language.

Peter Osborne



A CHURCH NEARER YOU?



From the church surveys which have been carried out by the six churches in our Benefice recently the following has been reported. It seems that everyone is very busy with their lives and as we are a scattered community sometimes distance makes it very difficult to get to church.

An idea is soon to be discussed about a pop up church which can be set up in your local pub car park or in your garden making it easier for you to attend services.

'A Church Nearer You' is the initiative of a Mr Hynam Driver and Revd Abner Dalley. Mr Driver and Revd Dalley can set up the pop up church in next to no time for an ordinary Sunday service, a baptism or a wedding, the choice is yours. Music can be provided by Miss Mel Odika. Children and families will love the novelty and neighbours will be impressed. If you are interested in the scheme and would like to have details of prices please contact Mr Driver or Revd Dalley on uvedjerlegpuld@gmail.com

FREE CONCERT – ST WILFRID'S CHURCH, MELLING

In the evening of Thursday 3rd May there will be a free concert as part of the Scandimoot Festival for this year. The Festival celebrates the historic links between the UK and Scandinavia and the concert in St Wilfrid's will feature the violinist Ida Meidell Blylod.

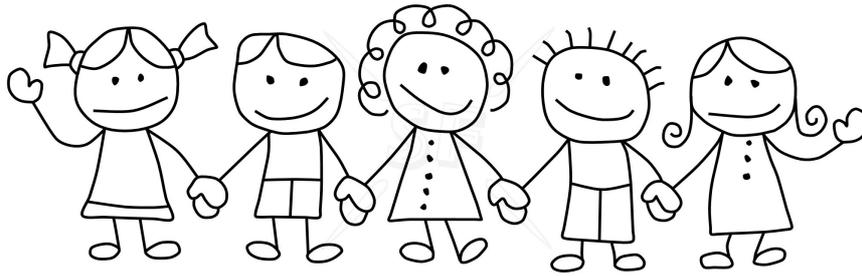
Ida specialises in Swedish and English folk music and baroque. A graduate of the Ambronay European Baroque Academy and a multiple national scholarship holder from the Royal Swedish Academy of Music, her traditional Swedish playing focuses on the music of Västerbotten, a northern district whose traditions have until recently been rather neglected but which are being revived by Ida and other young players.

The times for these events have not yet been finalised. For further information please contact jac.beeson@btinternet.com



Ida Meidell Blylod

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN WRAY CHURCH



Joyful Noise at 9.00am

April

Tuesday April 10th. We will be discussing the possibility of running Joyful Noise as a cooperative weekly group

May

Tuesday May 15th. This is the first of what we hope will be weekly meetings of pre-schoolers in Wray Church.

After School Club until 4.45pm

April

Friday April 20th after school until 4.45pm

May

Friday May 26th after school until 4.45pm

Animal Word Search Puzzle

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EVENTS AND INFORMATION

FRIENDS OF ST JAMES THE LESS, TATHAM PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Sunday 22nd April 2pm - 4.00pm Turner 'Hornby Castle from Tatham Church' by Rhian Addison.

Saturday 14th July Jazz and Fizz at Station Farm, Wennington.
Further details later.

www.lowertathamchurch.co.uk

ST WILFRID'S, MELLING

FREE CONCERT
on Thursday 3rd May
in St Wilfrid's Church

Violinist
IDA MEIDELL BLYLOD
will be playing
Swedish and English music
as part of the
Scandimoot Festival
Please contact JAC Beeson
jac.beeson@btinternet.com
for further details

CLEARBECK OPEN GARDENS

Clearbeck Garden will be open again for Charity this year. The dates are

Sunday and Monday 27th-28th May, and then Sundays 24th June and 1st July. Each day we shall be open from 11am to 5pm, but followed on 1st July by the Garden Service, when we sing some hymns, at 6pm.

Come and see the new 'Scrape' for wildlife and the enlarged lake where an otter swims these days.

ST PETER'S, LECK

There will be a Quiz Night and supper on Friday 1st June at The Fraser Hall Cowan Bridge starting at 7pm.

Tickets @ £12.50 are available from:-
Janet Nuttall (mob) 07816640755.
Fiona Brodie 01524241974.

FRIENDS OF LECK ST PETER

Will be holding an Open Gardens Event on Saturday 30th June

More details will appear in the next edition of The Bell

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