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Benefice of East Lonsdale

October to November 2021



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

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NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

St John the Baptist Church, Tunstall

This summer has at last seen at least some lifting of restrictions and our Church doors open for services. We want more services, (an every week rota with Leck) and need more community involvement, to bring back the vitality we enjoyed during lockdowns. Do get in touch!

We have had lovely weddings in August and September. Heather Gerrard and Richard Walker were able to walk to Church, in sunshine, where they were met by Frank and Mabel who delivered a beautiful service. The Churchyard looked wonderful as did the bride and groom. Another memorable day saw Kurt and Jenny von Rugemer married in front of all their family and friends after an enforced small ceremony last year, again with thanks to Frank and Mabel.

Lockdown has made building work easier! We have repaired the pointing above the porch and the East end which should now prevent the ingress of water, so next, the stained glass windows can be repaired and new protective glass installed.

Recently, we opened our doors for donations for Afghan Refugees. An overwhelming response! We were inundated with gifts of clothing and more. After sorting it all we delivered 100 bulging sacks, mostly to Caritas/Cornerstone in Manchester. Thanks to van man James Lamb, and driver Ross. We hope to open the appeal again later, after a pause until we know what families will be homed locally and their needs.

There was an open Church Meeting on 15 September. We hope to form a small church executive committee to roll up sleeves and get more jobs done. We also need more helpers for opening and locking up, and sidespersons. If you would like join in with any of these, do get in touch with me.

With the church being closed for such long lengths of time we have had very little income, as we depend on collections. There is a better way! A bank standing order is efficient and easy, (and helps us reclaim Gift Aid, too). Hannah Stephenson is happy to help if you would like to set this up through internet banking.

Thank you so much as any financial help is always needed to keep our wonderful church open and working. With thanks for all your support.

Sue Hunter

St Peter's, Leck

Here at Leck we have had a lovely summer and enjoyed services led by clergy and congregation. Our thanks to everyone involved. Our churchyard has been tended well and has looked both pretty and suitably rural.

On 8 August, Chris and Fiona Dodd led a wonderful and moving service with a powerful theme of prayer and hope. This was immediately followed by our first ever Benefice Bike Ride- Tour de East Lonsdale – an event loosely copied from Herts and Beds. The plan was to ride from one church to the next and to enjoy tea and cake provided by each church along the way. Everyone was welcome – if cycling didn't appeal, travelling by car or foot was allowed! Actually, that morning

was horrendously wet, but as the moment to depart approached, prayers were answered and the downpour stopped. We, the cyclists, were a small number but so enthusiastic that a passing cyclist joined us and came all the way round the circuit – all 25+ miles of it! All six of our churches showed amazing hospitality and special thanks are to Jean White, Peter Edge, Linda Kirkby and Sara Mason and their cake baking teams. It was such an uplifting day and all involved enjoyed the opportunity to visit and admire less familiar churches. Gordon Park won the prize for the fastest bike. The Sisters at Tunstall came out to see us and Bishop Jill sent us a lovely message of support and we all agreed that we should do it again next year – hopefully with a bigger turn out.

More recently we enjoyed another congregation led service where Lucinda Smith shared her encouraging understanding of prayer. This was followed in the evening by a special meeting to pray for healing.

We will celebrate our Harvest Festival on 10th October and everyone is welcome!

Joan Withers

St. James the Less, Lower Tatham

Events held at our Church have gathered momentum over the last couple of months. Our Church picnic with croquet and boules took place in the beautiful grounds of The Old Rectory and great fun was had by all.

We have maintained regular Church Services and have had a Christening which is so welcoming. We are looking forward to our Harvest Service at the end of this month with donations being made to the Food Bank. We welcome back the Wenning Voices, which meet once a week: it is so nice to see everyone enjoying themselves and life getting back to normal. As well as Wenning Voices, Stitch and Chat has also started up again. Sadly we are not holding our annual Jumble Sale this year but hope to be back in force next year and finally just to make everyone aware we have installed a Defibrillator in the car park of the Church.

Helen Bramley

Holy Trinity, Wray

The church family of Holy Trinity Wray was delighted to welcome Kai and Dante Denby, with their family, godparents and a host of friends, to a service of baptism on September 5th. It is always a special day when those to be baptised have chosen to take this step themselves. The boys rang the church bell most emphatically at the end of the service to share the good news with the whole village!

Although we feel it unwise to have a Harvest Supper this year, we are still planning a service of Harvest Thanksgiving on October 3rd, in which we hope the school will be involved. Watch out also for notices about our service of Remembrance on November 14th.

Activities for Children and Young People at Wray Church



At the time of writing, we are planning a Messy Church for September 19th, on the theme of 'Being Together' -- something very much worth celebrating after so many months with very limited church activities. We also hope to re-start Joyful Noise and Youth Group within the next month.

Mary Winter

Church of The Good Shepherd, Tatham Fells

(www.thegoodshepherdathamfells.org.uk for Services, news and rotas)

We had three weddings in August: Mya Priestly and Mark Easterby, Rebecca Denby and Jack Stevens, and Hannah Drew and Alan Taylor. It was lovely to see the church full and decorated with a variety of flowers and the creative use of milk churns, wellies and old candlesticks. At the beginning of September we had the funeral service for Richard Hall. Richard grew up in Lowgill and was a former pupil of Tatham Fells School. His father was treasurer at Tatham Fells and his Grandfather was a church warden. Our sympathies are with his family.

We were able to hold a coffee morning in Bentham Town Hall on September 11th; although a quieter morning than pre-pandemic it was good to meet up with friends and raised £304.75. On September 19th we will have a christening and welcome Matthew Lawson into the church family. Our church yard will be included in the wildlife walks on September 22nd as part of The Great Big Green week. On November 11th at 10.50am the School will lead a Service of Remembrance at the village memorial. All the produce brought to church for Harvest will be taken to Foodbanks.

Helen Wilkinson



Tatham Fells CE Primary School

We are all enjoying being back at school and the lovely weather has given us plenty of opportunities to enjoy the great outdoors.

We are looking forward to our Harvest Festival in Church on 1st October at 9am- all are welcome to join us at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

We have been making harvest baskets and will be filling them for the service. The children have prepared a service about being thankful. The infants will be explaining their rainbow of food; the lower juniors have a Harvest word arch to talk about and the upper juniors will tell us about Harvest around the world.

Here are our infants busy making their harvest boxes.



We are hosting free community diddi dance lessons at Tatham Fells School with our fantastic diddi dance teacher Nicola . These are free of charge to preschool children every Tuesday at 1pm. The lessons are suitable for children from approximately 18 months. There is no need to book, just come along to school for 1pm and enjoy with your little ones. The first session is on Tuesday 28th September and they will continue weekly. We look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs Ip Headteacher

NEWS FROM THE REGISTERS

Marriages

Richard Charles Walker & Heather Louise Gerrard - 14th August, 2021 at Tunstall

Mark Easterby & Myra Priestly, 7th August Tatham Fells

Rebecca Denby & Jack Stephens, 14 August, Tatham Fells

Andrew Taylor & Hannah Drew, 23 August , Tatham Fells

Funeral

Richard Hall, September, Tatham Fells

CALENDAR OF SERVICES FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

BCP = BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

We hope to hold all these services but remain dependent on Government & Diocesan guidelines

OCTOBER

Sunday 3rd, Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am	Harvest Festival	Wray	Mary
11.00am	Holy Communion	Melling	Sister OCMM
6.30pm	Harvest Praise	Tatham Fells	Peter

Sunday 10th, Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

11.00am	Harvest Festival Communion (with Tunstall)	Leck	Sister OCMM
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Sunday 17th, Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Holy Communion	Tatham Fells	Norman & Ann
9.30am	Holy Communion	Wray	Frank/Mabel Parr
11.00am	Morning Worship	Tunstall	Peter

Sunday 24th, Last Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Morning Worship	Melling	Peter
11.00am	Holy Communion	Tatham	Norman and Ann

Sunday 31st, All Saints Sunday

9.30am	Holy Communion	Wray	Norman and Ann
11.00am	Morning Worship	Leck	Congregation

NOVEMBER

Sunday 7th, Third Sunday before Advent

9.30am	Morning Worship	Tatham Fells	Norman and Ann
11.00am	Holy Communion	Tunstall	Sister OCMM

Sunday 14th, Remembrance Sunday

10.30am	Remembrance Service	Tatham	Norman and Ann
10.30am	Remembrance Service	Tatham Fells	Peter
10.30am	Holy Communion of Remembrance (for Melling, Leck and Tunstall)	Melling	Sister OCMM
6.00pm	Remembrance Service	Wray	Mary

Sunday 21st, Feast of Christ the King

9.30am	Morning Worship	Wray	Mary
11.00am	Holy Communion	Leck	Sister OCMM

Sunday 28th, First Sunday of Advent

9.30am	Holy Communion	Tatham Fells	Norman and Ann
11.00am	Morning Worship	Tunstall	Peter
4.00pm	Messy Church	Holy Trinity	Mary

What might we have read about in villages 200 years ago?

The Lonsdale Magazine, was printed in Kirkby Lonsdale from 1820 -1823 with contributions of general interest subjects. One very regular writer was Reverend William Carus Wilson (*b. 1791*) Ordained in 1816, he followed his father's theology. William Wilson Carus Wilson from Casterton Hall was of good standing in the Lune Valley, and at Cambridge a member of the Evangelical Simeonites.

Presented to the living of Tunstall the same year by Richard Toulmin North, the two men, of similar age, appear in Lancaster in 1817 as founder members of the Bible Society under the Presidency of Carus Wilson Senior. So it was that Reverend Carus Wilson's sermons were published over the following years in St Anne's Church in Lancaster, the main themes of which were of 'these difficult times', of sin, of repentance and turning to Jesus Christ. In Lancaster, he said: 'it has been the Author's lot to preach to village congregations: he had endeavoured to use great plainness of speech.' Coupled to this he wrote too of Ministerial Zeal (1825), perhaps a change from the eighteenth century Church of England preachers and closer to the ways of non-conformists.

Carus Wilson's mission was to encourage poorer people to be 'saved' before death - this at a time when the mortality rate was high. One of his main objectives was to teach adults to read the Bible '... a treasury...which contains everything' and 'the soul's best comfort when early comforts vanish from their sight'. Following close upon Parliament's Survey of Schools in 1818 his 'Instruction of Adults' made edifying reading in 1820. Also that year, reporting on the devastating 'Fire at Kirkby Lonsdale' was a wake-up call to Kirkby to dedicate their families to God their Saviour.

Copies of 'The Friendly Visitor' with anecdotes and admonishments were published by the vicar. His Collection of Tracts came in 1824. All make humane and positive reading. They embody Carus Wilson's work from 1816 up and down the Lune Valley, from his encouragement of Sunday Schools ('nurseries for heaven') to his account of his walk to Tatham to the edge of the Fells one Sunday evening, having been sent for to minister to the distressed William Sutcliffe (a poor weaver who had made a bigamous marriage) his wife and five children: (see the grave stone in Tunstall churchyard)

Carus Wilson's energy was great during this period. When he left Tunstall for Whittington in 1825 he had founded two schools in Tunstall parish: a girls' school for those going into domestic service, and a school for clergy daughters at Cowan Bridge where the connection with the Brontes is well known, through Charlotte Bronte's 'Jane Eyre' and the personification of the vicar Mr Brocklehurst with Tunstall's vicar. Many of the supporting staff were members of his own family. After the outbreak of typhus fever at Cowan Bridge the school recovered and numbers grew. It moved to Casterton in 1833 and was still there until it recently went to Sedbergh.

All those villagers up and down the Valley will have known of Reverend Carus Wilson's work. His biographer, Jane Ewbank (1960) whose father was a vicar of Casterton too, summed up his preaching quoting his contemporary Dr Thorold:

In public life he was a pioneer. His character was remarkable for energy and moral courage that was sometimes sublime, a most singular forgetfulness of self, and the deepest humility. As a preacher he was fervent, persuasive and very solemn, with the incidental advantage of a very musical voice, a noble figure and a most benign countenance. The hidden spring of his life from first to last was a mighty power of love to God and to man. Few perhaps have been allowed to do more for their fellow men and no-one ever felt more how little he had done.”

Sara Mason

VISITING CHURCHES



Thockrington

Mid-July: a perfect spell of weather and a drive up to Northumberland. As we left Hadrian's Wall and drove north, we saw a sweep of hillside and a church standing against the sky in isolation, 'high up and in solitude' except for one farm with its old trees' (as we later found the old Pevsner book said). We left the Cambo road two miles to the east and approached the little church on foot. Ancient but a little

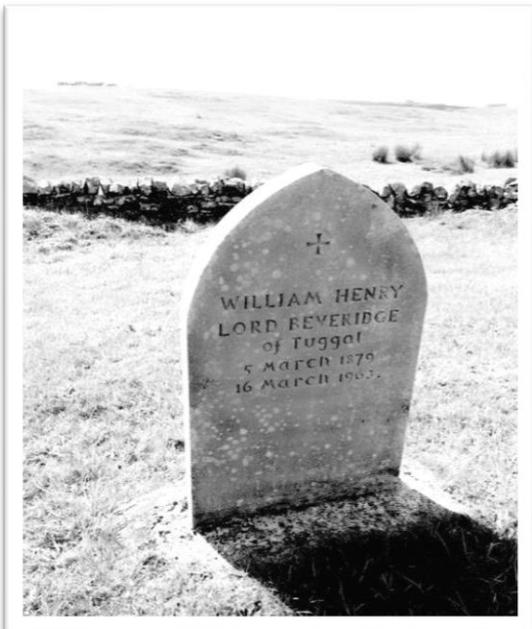
restored, it stood on a small mound in a walled enclosure, buttressed against the four winds on all sides. Thockrington is a simple church, open and used fairly

regularly. The surprise was a row of graves in the churchyard, where Lord William Beveridge was buried along with his wife Jessie and family. A humanist in life and founder of the Welfare State, this must have been a favourite place: what a view!

Kirknewton

Further north into the Cheviots, St Gregory Kirknewton has similar ancient roots. Now restored and whitened inside since I first went there, it is still low-lit and tunnel vaulted in the chancel. A 12th century relief of the Adoration of the Magi although of simple workmanship, is comparable to other representations in Europe. To this parish belonged Josephine Butler (nee Grey), a social reformer of the mid 19th

century especially concerned about women. She went south when she married a clergyman. She lived in London, in Cheltenham when in ill health; also in Liverpool, and returned to live and die in Wooler, nearby. She is buried



in Kirknewton churchyard. A large modern tree of life commemorates her in the porch.

Sarah Mason

FABLE CORNER

The Farmer and his Sons

A wealthy farmer, who had quarrelsome sons, felt himself growing old and weak. Fearing that he did not have long to live, he took to his bed and called his sons together at his bedside. "My dear children," he said, "I leave it to you as my last hope that you will not sell our farm. It has been in our family a long time and I want to tell you a secret about it. My father told me this and I want to pass it onto you."

"The fact is that there is treasure hidden somewhere in our land, though I have never been able to find it. So I advise you that, as soon as the harvest is brought in, you should take great care to find the treasure."

Sadly, the old farmer died as the crops were being harvested. After his funeral the sons got to work. They turned over the soil very carefully in all the fields but still they found no treasure. However they had turned over the soil so thoroughly that their farm had an especially good harvest next year.

When they were counting their earnings, the eldest son said suddenly, "Now I see; THIS is the treasure our father meant. He was right, you see. By working so hard and so together, we have made a very good profit."



Peter Osborne

MC Quiz answers ROUND 4

Thank you to Ross Hunter (Tunstall)

Last month's winner is Jean White (Leck) again, with 100%!

1. *Our Benefice bells*: Wray 2, Tatham Fells 1, Lower

Tatham 3, Melling 6, Tunstall 3, Leck 5

2. tintinnabulum=Latin, cloche=French, campana,= Italian/Spanish, κουδούνι=Greek, кол
окол=Russian, zhōn=Chinese and beru=Japanese

3. *Matthew 7:12, Luke 6:31*: A= OT, B= Buddhism, C=Confucius, D=Islam

4. The Koran. (Islam: 99 names in the list JW)

5. a. The Liberty Bell Founded 1751,

b. Big Ben First sounded 11 July 1859

c. The Tsar Bell ('Tsar Kolokol II) Founded 1735, heaviest bell in world 202k

- d. St Lawrence, Ipswich Founded 1440s
- e. Largest bell of Notre Dame Founded 1681, 13t. called 'Emmanuel'
- 5. *Picture*: the Tsar bell.

THE MARK CANNON (MC) QUIZ continues...!

MC Quiz 5 Flowers and country matters contributor: Anon (W,T,TF)

- 1 What are known as the Bells of Scotland?
- 2 What are the Bells of Ireland?
- 3 Who said to who, in a book by which author?:
 'Old Mr B! Riddle-me-ree!
 Hitty Pitty within the wall,
 Hitty Pitty without the wall;
 If you touch Hitty Pitty
 Hitty Pitty will bite you!'

And what was the answer?

- 4 Where were Pigling Bland and his brother going from and to when they lost their licence to cross the border?
- 5 What is another name for Queen Anne's lace?
 (How many can you name)

Answers please to saramason@btinternet.com by the end of October.

The Rotary Club of Lunesdale

The club held its first face to face meeting since the first Lockdown on August 5th at Tunstall village hall. This meeting provided, for those members who wished to attend, an opportunity for some Rotary fellowship whilst observing the social distancing and restrictions we are all now so familiar with. Members were asked to bring their own food, drink, cutlery and a plate. It was truly a meeting with a difference! Let us hope that as the national vaccination programme is now completed and we all gain in confidence it will not be too long before the kind of meetings we are used to will be on the norm once more.

The following 2 events which are being organised by other Rotary Clubs may be of interest to some readers;

- 1. Kirkham and Rural Fylde Rotary Club are organising their own Autumn Steam Fair at The Villa Wrea Green 4th and 5th September 10am - 5pm.
- 2. On Sunday 26th September 1.30pm - 5.30pm Ambleside Rotary Club is organising a Pink 5k walk in support of St Mary's Hospice - It is not a race and there will be tea and scones for all finishers!

It is hoped that the 2 events shown below, to be promoted by this club, may now be possible whilst adhering to all guidelines in place at the time:

- 1. "The Defenders" jazz concert on Saturday 6th November
- 2. "Kendal K Shoes Male Voice Choir" Christmas carol concert
 Saturday 11th December.

You may like to put the dates in your diary and watch out for further publicity.

Keep well keep safe

Lilian Barton

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