

The August Letter

Dear Friends,

We are probably familiar with the metaphor for Judgement Day (Matthew 25.31ff) where mankind is separated into two groups 'as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats'. That sounds straightforward until you realise that sheep in the Middle East don't have thick woolly fleeces, and if you see a mixed flock (as they often are) they all blend in together. A look at their tails sorts them out - goat tails stick up while sheep tails hang down...

I realised when I was in Israel earlier this year, that the metaphor goes further than that. The animals have very different temperaments. Sheep will generally follow the shepherd when required - 'his sheep follow him because they know his voice' (John 10.4) - and tend to be predictable. Conversely, goats are more likely to do their own thing and be more difficult to control.

If these characteristics are taken back to the judgement scenario, the sheep are the righteous who are awarded their place in the kingdom while the goats are the rebels who have not followed the right path so get their just deserts. They may look similar but 'by their deeds you shall know them'. I feel sure those who heard Jesus giving his account, would have understood all the implications. We can so often lose so much when we read scripture with a modern mind set.

A pity really, I rather like goats.

Patrick

AUGUST PARISH DIARY

Thursday 1st 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

SUNDAY 4TH TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (*Revd. Ian Slater*)

Tuesday 6th 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Crossley House
7.30 p.m. Adult tap dancing

Wednesday 7th 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at St. James's

Thursday 8th 9.30 a.m. Morning prayer

SUNDAY 11TH ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY/Mary Sumner Day

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (*Revd. Richard and Mrs. Jean Bailey*)

Tuesday 13th 7.00 p.m. Holy Communion in Chapel

7.30 p.m. Adult tap dancing

7.30 p.m. PCC meeting

Wednesday 14th 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion

11.30 a.m. Ing's Way Lunch Day

Thursday 15th 9.30 a.m. Morning prayer

SUNDAY 18TH TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (*Revd. Ian Slater*)

Monday 19th 11.00 a.m. Summer Play Scheme at Wetlands

Tuesday 20th 7.30 p.m. Adult tap dancing

Wednesday 21st 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at S. James's

Thursday 22nd 9.30 a.m. Morning prayer

SUNDAY 25TH THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (*Revd. Ian Slater*)

Tuesday 27th 7.30 p.m. Adult tap dancing

Wednesday 28th 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Thursday 29th 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

August 9th – a Special Day!

This year, we will be marking August 9th's special anniversary on Sunday August 11th! Before you think I've gone totally strange, let me confirm that there is nothing odd in this, in church terms – what we will be doing is marking the special day of a remarkable Christian on the nearest Sunday. So who am I talking about, and why is she special?

August 9th was the birthday of Mary Sumner, a girl born into a well to do family in the Manchester area, who went on to become, in 1876, the founder of the Mothers' Union. Mary Sumner had a fortunate start in life, not least because her family valued a good education for girls as well as boys, and that is what she had. She went on to marry a young curate, and lived an active life as a clergy wife in Victorian times, as her husband had his own parish, and eventually became a Bishop.

It was seeing what village life – in Old Alresford, in Hampshire – was like for poorer women, struggling to bring up children and set their feet on a proper path, that led to the foundation of the Mothers' Union. Not that Mary found this an easy task; after inviting mothers to come to the Vicarage to talk about starting a group to support each other, she panicked when she saw a room full of people, and her husband had to send them all home again! A week later, she plucked up her courage again, invited them back, and the Mothers' Union was born.

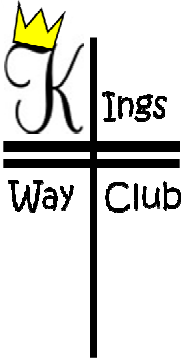
From that day to this, it has worked to support marriage and family life. It is structured within the Anglican church, but it does not limit its support to Christian families. From the small group in 1876, it has grown to a membership of 4 million worldwide, of which about 76,000 are in the UK and Ireland.

When Common Worship was produced in 2000, August 9th was marked as a special day to remember Mary Sumner. We will do this at our morning service on 11th August this year, and also have some more information about today's Mothers' Union, including a display for you to look at. Do come, and hear more about this remarkable woman's legacy!

Jean Bailey, Reader, and Mothers' Union Diocesan President.

K:Ing's Way Club

The K:Ing's Way Club is now having a well-earned rest and will resume on 12th September at 4.30 p.m. in the church hall.



The children have thoroughly enjoyed themselves with games, crafts, stories and songs whilst they have learnt about our faith. At Easter, they were each given a Real Easter Egg, which told the Easter story, and in June they welcomed John Froud who entertained them with songs and anecdotes. The term was rounded off in fine style with a party.

Sadly, Angie McKniff felt she was unable to continue with the Club and we have been hugely grateful to Sarah Graham (and Fiona!) for stepping into the breach so admirably and continuing the good work. We also thank regular helpers, Matthew, Joshua, Dawn and Joyce and others who have played a part in running the club. A special thanks must also go to Chris Ellis, who arrives each week with goodies she has made – cakes, cookies, biscuits; a real treat for children and helpers alike.

We are delighted to announce that Karen Wheelhouse will be taking over as leader in September, so we look forward to welcoming her. All children of primary school age will be welcome. If you haven't been yet, why not give us a try?

Things to ponder

How come wrong numbers are never engaged?

Do people in Australia call the rest of the world 'up over'?

Does that screwdriver belong to Philip?

Why is it called lipstick if you can still move your lips?

Are part-time band leaders semi-conductors?

Can you buy an entire chess set in a pawn-shop?

Day light savings time - why are they saving it and where do they keep it?

Did Noah keep his bees in archives?

Do Roman paramedics refer to IV's as "4's"?

Do stars clean themselves with meteor showers?

Have you ever seen a toad on a toadstool?

How do you get off a non-stop flight?

How do you write zero in Roman numerals?

How many weeks are there in a light year?

If a candle factory burns down, does everyone just stand around and sing "Happy Birthday?"

If space is a vacuum, who changes the bags?

If you jog backwards, will you gain weight?

Why do the signs that say "Slow Children" have a picture of a running child?

Rendezvous at North Rigton

A sign saying "North Rigton ½" flashed past. A few minutes later another sign - "North Rigton ½" - and underneath a brown sign "Square and Compass", indicating a hostelry with obvious connections. We are so used to travelling that road as we go to Harrogate, Knaresborough or York and have passed those signs so often, that we said "One day, we must explore those villages!"

The country on either side of the road is quiet green fields and hedges, so typical of our image of "England's green and pleasant land" that it is difficult to imagine that those fields were once the gathering point for units of the Parliamentary Army on their way to confront the Scottish Army which had invaded in 1648. In fact all the villages between North Rigton and Otley had soldiers quartered in them during August 1648.

One of the participants in this Rendezvous (their word for such an assembly of regiments) was Major John Sanderson, of Colonel Robert Lilburne's regiment of horse. We are fortunate that his diary for 1648 has survived, and we can get a flavour of the life of a cavalry officer (much of it concerned with tedious administration) during that time.

On Sunday 13th August 1648, Sanderson records: *We rendezvoused at Lindley near Otley where Lt General Cromwell met us with 3 regiments of foot, 1 of horse. We gathered at Rigton, the Army about Otley.* Sanderson's regiment had ridden the 14 miles from Pateley Bridge. The next day, Sanderson's regiment rode the 19 miles to another rendezvous *at Romell Moor between Addingham and Skipton. Lay the night about Skipton. Rest of our Regiment and Colonel Twizleton's kept guard about Gargrave.*

The next few days were occupied with the march towards Preston, through Gisburn, Clitheroe and Stoneyhurst, and finally they engaged with the enemy on Wednesday, August 16th, near Ribchester, where: *our forlorn took the Earle of Cornewath and his lady and some others.* On the next day *we marched straight towards Preston. Major Smithson had the forlorn hope, engage there near about Langridge Chapel, slew and took many [of] Langdale's Army and Lt General Bayley's Army*

with some lancers fought us near Preston, were routed..

The Scottish Army was driven southwards from Preston, and Major Sanderson's regiment was heavily engaged. On August 18th : *Colonel Thoring slain at Chorley. Our regiment ordered to the van, our forlorn hope routed and slew many until we came at Wigan. We took Major General van Druske...*

Sanderson's regiment continued in the van, and was heavily engaged at Winwick. (The fighting on Winwick village green and in the lanes around is still the stuff of legend in Lancashire. Sanderson records in a letter to his family that 1500 prisoners were held in the Church.) There were some losses in his regiment, but their momentum carried them on to Warrington where the majority of the Scottish Army surrendered. Sanderson recorded, laconically, *The Scots have gone to Wales.*

Sanderson's diary continues to the end of December 1648, and shows that Sanderson was back in the district a couple of times, though he and his troop were often assigned duties further north. Sanderson disappears from history in 1650. He and his regiment were ordered into Scotland to join the main body of Cromwell's army around Edinburgh. As a precaution, he made his will on September 19th, and then simply disappears. How, why or when he died remains a mystery. All that is known is that his executors were granted probate of his will on November 19th, 1650.

What a strange end to Sanderson's story. Yet without his diary, we would be totally unaware of the build-up of excitement and apprehension in the villages around Otley and Harrogate, before one of the most decisive battles of the Civil Wars.

The fields around North Rigton are once again the peaceful rural England we all love and value, but I can no longer drive that road without remembering Major Sanderson, and his buff-coated troopers, brooding over the hopes and fears for the future in the coming battle.

R. W. Bailey

46TH BRADFORD NORTH SCOUT GROUP

Our sections all came together for a meeting on the 27th June. The Beavers and Cubs played some games before learning more about the work of the ShelterBox charity. We were later joined by the Scouts and Explorers and, after having some refreshment, the children got together to write prayers for church parade and discussed other aspects of ShelterBox. Four Cubs, one Scout and an Explorer were invested before the Beavers and Cubs headed home leaving our older members to complete the ShelterBox challenge and play some of their games.

We held our first-ever Sponsored Challenge Walk on Sunday 30th June following on from church parade. The event was open for other groups from our District to join in too. Ultimately over 90 youngsters completed the Challenge. They walked from the Wetlands, through Chellow Dene and on to Blackhills at Cottingley. En route they had several activities to complete which included knotting, map reading and team challenges. After lunch at camp they also had to pitch a tent, make a shelter and complete some memory games.

Thirty two Beavers and Cubs enjoyed a sleepover from the 5th - 6th July; they slept in tents at Blackhills. The youngsters played wide games, made fires and toasted marshmallows, did some orienteering and learned some first aid techniques. They also followed a trail of tracking signs and improved their knotting skills.

Twenty Cubs have gained their Road Safety badges and are now working on their Emergency Aid and Personal Safety badge requirements. Several Nights Away, Hikes Away and Challenge badges have also been awarded.

On Monday 15th July five Cubs will receive their Chief Scouts Silver Awards from the Lord Mayor of Bradford at a special presentation in City Hall. Well done to Cubs Lauren Ogier, Lucy Heywood, Aimee Digby and also Jack Myers-Allen and Dylan Petty who are now members of the Scout Troop.

Bev Howard GROUP SCOUT LEADER

**City of Bradford MDC
Play Day
Chellow Dene Wetlands**

Monday 19th August 2013

11.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Bring a picnic
and join us for a day
of natural
outdoor play

Activities
Include:
Pond dipping
Sack race
Den building
Bug hunting
And more!

Free for children and families of all ages.
(Children under 5 to be accompanied by an adult aged 18 years or over)

Refreshments, toilets, displays and advice available in St. Saviour's Church
Hall

Lunch at

Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwylllantysiliogogoch

On a beautiful summer's day, two American tourists were driving through Wales. At

Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwylllantysiliogogoch, they stopped for lunch, and one of the tourists asked the waitress, 'Before we order, I wonder if you could settle an argument for us. Can you pronounce where we are, very, very, very slowly?'.....

The girl leaned over and said, 'Burr ... gurr ... king'

Dominic and Awais

Many of you will remember Dominic and Awais Mughal, who spent several years with us at St. Saviour's whilst Dominic was training for ordination and serving his curacy, and really became part of our Church family.

Following his ministry at St. Saviour's, Dominic moved over to Thornbury and Pudsey where he has been their Community Outreach Priest. Recently, however, Dominic and Awais felt the call to return to their native Pakistan to work amongst Christians over there. Working as Mission Partners with the Church Mission Society, they will minister to, help and support the Christian community in Pakistan - often a very dangerous undertaking. Over the past few months they have worked tirelessly to raise enough money to enable them to set off on this challenging mission, and have, finally, got the financial support they need. We are glad to have been able to make a contribution towards these costs, and will further support them with our prayers and will follow their work with interest.

Anyone who would like to support them is invited to their commissioning Service at St. Augustine's Church, Otley Road, Bradford on Sunday 4th August at 9.30 a.m. Whether or not you can be with them on that day, your prayers would be greatly appreciated.

Steeton Male Voice Choir

A reminder that we are hosting a concert by the Steeton Male Voice Choir in church on Saturday 21st September at 7.30 p.m. Tickets at £8 in advance, or £9 on the door (children half price) to include a glass of wine or juice and nibbles, are now available from James Muff (01274 560400). The last two concerts have been splendid affairs, so do please come along and enjoy a real treat.

How do I see Jesus?

I do believe Jesus Christ is unique and uniquely close to God - not because of the birth narrative, or the miracles, or the Resurrection of the body in this case as well as the spirit, or the re-appearance as a body after death, or the Ascension from a mountain top. On these questions I confess I have a great deal of scepticism. I believe that Jesus is unique because of the message he is delivering, his testimony of the 'the Kingdom'. This message has never been delivered before. Its central core of self denial and absorption of the self into God, while at the same time instructing this same absorption into one another, stands alone in the history of religious teaching. But for this the Christ narrative would not be anything more than that. Gods have always been magic; a physical resurrection was an easy job for all the mortals who were promoted to gods in Greek and Roman mythology; it also happened to the Buddha.

However, this message of the Kingdom of God is quite new and almost the reverse of the central doctrine of other religions. The quest for Nirvana in Buddhism is a quest for oneness with God by denying the self but has nothing of the second commandment about it. Nirvana is achieved by concentrating on the self. Heaven or as Jesus puts it, the Kingdom, is achieved by concentrating on others. Two very different ways of self denial.

I believe we can discover something of the true nature of God through Jesus. I cannot believe he is the only son of God, because all of us are God Incarnate. The message is that God is Everybody and that we ought to take good care of of the God in us and the God in our neighbour. We are all part of a collective whole. IT IS BIG NEWS.

But it is a complicated message to get across, and an unpopular one. You need unerring faith to begin. Faith, not that Jesus was some magical flesh and blood incarnation of the Supreme Being, but that we all are. To be completely selfless (the only way to further the Kingdom) is possible only if you are an integral part of God. Jesus showed us his faith in that by the ultimate act of selflessness - dying to prove he still lived. God can never die.

Revd. Dennis Shaw.

Thornton Old Road 250 Years Ago.

Ian Mc Alpine.

Last year I wrote about the wide variety of houses in Thornton Old Road dating from every century from the 17th to the 21st. In 2008 when I was researching the history of Crossley Hall, the oldest building in the road, I found a large scale plan from 1758 of the area round the Hall and many deeds relating to the property in Bradford Record Office. The scale of the plan was a rather unconventional "4 statute chains to 1 inch". A chain is 22 yards so this conveniently worked out at 20" to the mile. A modern A - Z map of the area has a scale of 3.33" to a mile so that the scale of the 1758 map was six times that of a new one! It provided a wealth of information about the names, areas and ownership of fields in Fairweather Green.

Thornton Road isn't shown on the map because 250 years ago the road we now call Thornton Old Road which probably dates back to the Middle Ages was the main thoroughfare from Thornton into Bradford. The Brontes must have frequently used it 200 years ago. The Fairweather Green section of Thornton Road was not built until 1826.

The map shows a track which starts roughly from the eastern end of Leaventhorpe Lane, turns left then right again through fields onto what we now call Thornton Old Road, vaguely referred to as just "Lane" in 1758. The road continues east behind Crossley Hall, indicated by a confused pattern of lines, the earliest representation of the building I have ever seen. A "Croft" was in front of the Hall and there was a small orchard to the east. Since 1700 the Hall, part of which I was fortunate enough to buy in 2002, had belonged to the Richardson family who by 1758 had leased it to one William Hodgson who lived there until his death in 1765. The Richardsons also owned land to the north of the Hall, including perhaps that now occupied by St Saviour's.

The 1758 map shows fields belonging to Crossley Hall to the west and south of the building, (the demesne - pronounced 'demean' lands) including most of the area now occupied by the Middlebrook estate

while field names just to the east are preserved in deeds to the property dating from 1659 and 1699. Many of the fields are shown in another map dated 1850 but all have now vanished as the area has developed. Crossley Hall itself, already a century old in 1758, is the only building shown on the map and its image is too poor to be of much use to us.

Although the image of Crossley Hall is disappointing perhaps the map's greatest value lies in the insight it gives into the rural and isolated nature of the district more than 250 years ago. In 1758 the Hall itself was apparently the only building in the area and was surrounded by fields whose mysterious names - Far Sun Wood, Near Sun Wood, Stubbing Leas, Dark Wood, Sir Roger, Lower Hawklees, Eller Croft and many others - are now long forgotten. Only the ancient Hall remains. Rebuilt around 1655, parts are thought to date back to the 13th century. What stories it could tell if only it could speak!

Operation Christmas Child

For the past few years, we have supported the Samaritan's Purse "Operation Christmas Child" Appeal, where we fill shoeboxes with toys, stationery, knitted goods, sweets and toiletry items to send to children in deprived areas of the world where they would otherwise get little or nothing at Christmas. We hope to do this again this year, so whilst you are out and about this summer, keep a look out for those little, interesting items that would appeal to a child. Please only include new items.

Details of what items are suitable for inclusion in a box are available on the **Operation Christmas Child** website at <http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk/what-to-pack>, and leaflets will be available in church nearer the time. There are also lots of knitting ideas on there, so if you are a knitter, it's time to get the needles clicking!

Keepers

Author Unknown

I grew up in the '50s with very practical parents. A mother who washed aluminum foil after she cooked in it, then reused it. She was the original recycle queen, before they had a name for it.

My father was happier getting old shoes mended than buying new ones. Their marriage was good, their dreams focused. Their best friends lived barely a wave away. I can see them now, Dad in trousers, tee shirt and a hat and Mum in her pinny, kettle in one hand, teatowel in the other.

It was the time for fixing things. A curtain rod, the kitchen radio, the leaking tap, the oven door, the hem in a dress. Things we keep. It was a way of life, and sometimes it made me crazy. All that re-fixing, eating, renewing, I wanted just once to be wasteful. Waste meant affluence. Throwing things away meant you knew there'd always be more.

But then my mother died, and on that clear summer's night, in the warmth of the hospital room, I was struck with the pain of learning that sometimes there isn't any more. Sometimes, what we care about most gets used up and goes away...never to return. So, while we have it... it's best we love it... and care for it... and fix it when it's broken... and heal it when it's sick.

This is true for marriage... and old cars... and children with bad school reports... and dogs with bad hips... and ageing parents... and grandparents. We keep them because they are worth it, because we are worth it.

Wisdom and Knowledge

There is a difference between wisdom and knowledge.

Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit, not a vegetable.

Wisdom is knowing not to include it in a fruit salad.

'Green Carpet' launch for eco film

Our Hope for God's Creation, produced by the Church in Yorkshire and the North East, illustrates how very different parishes are responding to the threats posed by climate change as we are called to steward God's creation. It features the solar panels on Bradford Cathedral's roof, and churches of various traditions in Leeds, Newcastle, Sheffield, Wakefield and York, as well as featuring a vicarage in Durham diocese with air-source heat pumps.

"God's love for the whole of the cosmos lies right at the heart of the gospel," said the Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu, who commissioned the film. "This film shows us how churches can put that love into action with examples of good stewardship and how we can all contribute and make a difference."

August Roll of Remembrance

2nd	John Brooksbank	(1935)
4th	Clara Willis	(1979)
	Stanley Percival	(1984)
	Elsie Spencer	(1988)
8th	Davina Roberts	(1987)
	Norman Morgan	(2007)
9th	Florence Jenkinson	(1985)
11th	Herbert Wilkinson	(1952)
	Norman Wilkinson	(1985)
	Lena Place	(2003)
12th	John William Teale	(1947)
	Winifred Jennings	(1978)
14th	Edgar Hudson Jones	(1992)
15th	Russell Stead	(1982)
16th	Emily Robertshaw	(1982)
17th	Alice Newsome	(1992)
18th	Dorothy Williamson	(1971)
20th	Haydn Alpin	(1989)
24th	Emily Size	(1975)
	Herbert Curtis	(1984)
	Josephine Singleton	(1984)
26th	Dorothy Smith	(1980)
	Hilda Mary Jones	(2004)
27th	Amy Ridgway	(2010)
29th	Jane Marsh	(1981)

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