

## The January Letter

As I write this it seems really odd, you will be reading it in the New Year, yet here I am, not a Christmas card written or a prezzy wrapped. Where does the time go?

I, like some of you reading this, have been busy carol singing at Morrision's, hoping to raise some money for the people in The Sudan. We all took an hour out of our busy Saturday schedules and took the 'church' to the supermarket. Many people were actually listening to us and so we hope they may have been reminded the real reason they were all shopping: preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Saviour. Not just a baby born in a stable but also the same man who laid down his life for each one of us and, even though many people find it hard to grasp, he did it for each and every one of us. No exceptions.

If WE don't let them know the good news then how will they know, how will they hear? Of course, it shouldn't just be our mission at Christmas time but our whole life time.

It will only be a matter of days before we shall be packing up our Christmas decorations and storing them away for another year. Take care not to put Jesus away with the decorations. Without him our year will not be the same.

This past year has been really amazing for me, unexpectedly finding myself without a Priest-in-Charge. May I take this opportunity to thank everyone of you for the support and patience you have shown me. I couldn't have done it without your help. Of course, I certainly couldn't have done it without the Holy Spirit. I have come to realise and understand that on my own nothing is possible, but with the Holy Spirit nothing is impossible.

As you enter 2013 I leave you in the very loving and capable hands of your caretaker Priest, Ian, who, I know, will help you continue your journey to know Jesus more.

I hope you had a very merry Christmas and wish you all a Happy, prosperous and Healthy New Year.

May God bless you and your families, keep you safe, watch over you always.

Yours in Christ.  
*Revd. Gloria*

P.S. I will be back. Keeeeeeep watching.

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## JANUARY PARISH DIARY

Wednesday 2nd      9.30 a.m.      Holy Communion at St. James's  
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SUNDAY 6TH      THE EPIPHANY  
9.30 a.m.      Holy Communion (*Revd. Ian Slater*)

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>      7.30 p.m.      Adult tap dancing

Wednesday 9th      9.30 a.m.      Holy Communion  
11.30 a.m.      Ing's Way Lunch Day

Thursday 10th      9.30 a.m.      Morning prayer

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SUNDAY 13TH      BAPTISM OF CHRIST  
9.30 a.m.      Holy Communion (*Revd. Richard & Mrs. Jean Bailey*)

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>      7.30 p.m.      Adult tap dancing

Wednesday 16th      9.30 a.m.      Holy Communion at St. James's  
6.15 p.m.      Cub Scouts

Thursday 17th      9.30 a.m.      Morning prayer

6.00 p.m.      Beaver Scouts  
7.30 p.m.      Scouts

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SUNDAY 20TH      3RD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY/CHRISTINGLE

9.30 a.m.      Parade Service & Holy Communion

Monday 21st      12.00 p.m.      Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service & Lunch

Tuesday 22nd	7.00 p.m.	Holy Communion in the Chapel
	7.30 p.m.	PCC meeting in vestry
	7.30 p.m.	Adult tap dancing
Wednesday 23rd	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	6.15 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Thursday 24th	9.30 a.m.	Morning prayer
	6.00 p.m.	Beaver Scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Airedale Deanery Synod

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**SUNDAY 27TH 4TH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Tuesday 28th	7.30 p.m.	Adult tap dancing
Wednesday 29th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	6.15 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Thursday 30th	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	6.00 p.m.	Beaver Scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Scouts

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**Wednesday Communions**

It is hoped that, starting on 2nd January, the normal pattern of services for the Wednesday 9.30 a.m. Communion service will resume - 1st, 3rd (& 5th) at St. James's; 2nd & 4th at St. Saviour's.

**K:Ing's Way Club**

We are delighted to announce that Mrs. Angie McKniff has recently been appointed as our part-time Children's Worker, to run the K:Ing's Way Children's Club for primary school age children on Thursday evenings.

There are still various formalities which need to be completed before the Club can re-start—but it will be up and running just as soon as we can manage it, and it will be an exciting and interesting way for children to learn about our faith.

**Watch this Space!!!**

## **St. Nicholas**

Niklaos of Myra was born in the year 270 and died on the 6th December 343. Amongst other things he is the patron saint of children, merchants, thieves and pawnbrokers, as well as sailors and archers!! He was one of the signatories of the Nicene Creed, which is still said in our services today. He is commemorated around the world as Santa Claus and his feast day is celebrated, in many parts of the world, with the giving of gifts. St Nicholas was a secret giver of money to the poor, and there is a story that he gave a poor man three purses of gold as dowries for his three daughters. Without dowries his daughters would have been unable to marry and may have fallen into prostitution.

St. Saviour's has had its own Secret Santa this December. Someone has very kindly made a donation to church funds. We are very grateful to this anonymous person and thank them most sincerely.

## **The Children's Society**

Thank you to everyone who recently returned their Children's Society boxes for emptying. The boxes had only been out for a few months and a total of £86.08 was raised for 'The Children's Society.'

On **Sunday 20th January** at 9.30 a.m. we shall be having our 'Christingle Service' when decorated oranges complete with candles will be distributed to the congregation. We have invited Laura Riach from 'The Children's Society' to give a short talk about their work. This will also be our uniformed organisations' Parade Service.

The Children's Society boxes will be emptied again in November 2013 and it is quite surprising how a small donation of loose change from time to time can add up to a significant donation; to quote a major retailer "every little helps." If anyone feels they can "provide a home for a box" please have a word with Val Muff.

## **Used Stamps and Christmas Cards**

As the cards continue to drop through your letterbox, please consider saving the stamps by cutting them out with about a ¼" margin and bringing them into church. Val Muff is collecting them to send to Leukaemia Research to help with their fundraising. Then, once the cards have been displayed for the requisite time, Margaret Baker would be most grateful if they could be brought down to church as well as she can recycle them to send out with next year's Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes! Nothing goes to waste if we can help it.

## **Diamond Jubilee: Elizabeth - Pt 12 1953: Year of Destiny**

*Canon David Winter - Former Head of Religious Broadcasting, BBC*

Those who can remember the post-War era will probably remember, as I do, the particular relief that was afforded by the promise of the Coronation in 1953. Our young Queen had come to the throne the previous year, on the death of her greatly-loved father. Now she was to be enthroned, with suitable splendour, in Westminster Abbey by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Fisher.

Sixty years ago the country was slowly emerging from the years of austerity that had followed the hardships of war. In the six years since she and Prince Philip were married, huge changes had taken place, perhaps the most notable the establishment of the National Health Service, a splendid product of Lord Beveridge's great 'Plan' for social reform. Food rationing was being phased out, but there were still shortages. National Service continued, so that 18 year old young men were called up for two years in the Forces. There was a full-blown war, involving British troops in a United Nations force, in Korea. Britain was officially at peace, but our big cities were still pock-marked with bomb-sites from the blitz.

As we have seen, the marriage of Philip and Elizabeth had been a wonderful event, bringing colour and excitement to what was in truth a fairly grim setting. Mind you, those of us who were young didn't see it like that - I was at school in London at the time, and life seemed quite

exciting! But for older people, many of whom had suffered hardship and even bereavement in the years of war, the coronation in 1953 promised a genuine vision of hope for the future. Our young queen and her handsome prince would surely be the harbingers of a new age of hope.

So the preparations were laid. An important one for most people was to get access to a television set. At the time television, while edging its way into public consciousness, was essentially a rich person's toy. Sets were prohibitively expensive. However, help was at hand in the shape of a new industry, led by Radio Rentals. If you couldn't afford to buy a set, why not hire one, at a few shillings a week?

Other people, as my family did, made arrangements well in advance to watch the occasion. About fourteen of us planned to cram into a neighbour's living room around a television set with a screen not much bigger than a piece of foolscap paper! But - this above all - we would actually watch the queen being crowned, something ordinary people had never been able to do in our nation's long history.

The service was memorable - specially composed music, all the pomp and pageantry of a great national occasion, foreign royals and heads of state processing through London's streets and, strikingly, Prince Philip's elderly mother, by now the head of a Greek Order of nuns, moving with quiet dignity down the aisle of the abbey in her white robes.

Most of us had never seen anything like it before. We sensed it was more than simply an 'event' but the beginning of a new era. What we didn't know, of course, was that Elizabeth would still be our monarch sixty years later, with Philip still at her side.

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## **"Burundi Schools" Latest News**

Some time ago I asked St. Saviour's congregation to help to knit small teddy bears, which were known as "Burundi bears", to help the charity FacilitAid in their "Burundi Schools Initiative." I am delighted to tell you that since 2005 they have built 10 schools and are providing education for over 6,000 children! So many of these children would not have had the opportunity of education if you and their many other supporters had not played a part over those years. FacilitAid would like to say a huge 'Thank you' for your help and encouragement along the way.

At the completion of the 10th school at Kinani, FacilitAid thought about moving to another location to build another new school, but they had a request from the Government of Burundi to do something different. They have been monitoring the pilot studies taking place in countries such as Uganda and Kenya, which have trialled extending the number of primary school years from six to nine. The aim is to keep children in compulsory education longer, to raise literacy levels in the country and to help deter the young girls from becoming child brides and mothers and suffering from the terrible trauma of childbirth when their bodies are not physically developed for child bearing. The trials have been a success and so Burundi is adopting this new East African education system.

This means that FacilitAid have now committed to return to the six primary schools to build an additional three classroom blocks and toilets. Work has started on the extension at Ntobwe Primary School and while the builders are there, a covered walkway will be added to the original classes to give the children protection during the rainy season.

The new primary education system will start with the new school year in September 2013, so FacilitAid are hoping to get all six extensions ready for then.

The fundraising will continue as usual and the charity are delighted that we have helped them again through the sale of "Burundi bears." You can keep up to date with progress on the projects via the website

If anyone wishes to purchase a "Burundi bear" for £1, which incidentally buys 4 bricks, or has contact with a school who might be interested in taking part in their excellent, very well received, "Schools Programme" please have a word with me. Thank you so much for your support. Together we have made a difference and hopefully the fundraising will go well and the children will continue to benefit from education over more years when the additional classrooms are completed.

*Val Muff*

### **Cowboys and Indians**

*When I was a little boy*

*I used to play, with utmost joy*

*A game where boys with guns and hats  
Would shoot up far less well armed chaps.  
'Yee-har!' would shout the cowboys, strong;  
'Woo-hoo!' the braves would sing along.  
But then John Wayne (or someone) said,  
'A good Injun is one that's dead'*

*Then it wasn't so much fun*

*To face, with arrows, men with guns.  
The Indians' land, and way of life,  
Has been excised, as with a knife.  
And no, it's not a story new,  
It seems it's just what strong men do,  
They take the goods and land they seek,  
And leave behind the frightened weak.*

*And yet.....*

*The strongest man that ever was,  
Became the weakest, on a cross;  
Then turned this order on its head  
By rising, living, from the dead.  
And so He won the victory  
All death and hell then had to flee.  
So, if you would be truly strong  
Just follow Him your whole life long.     Nigel Beaton*

### **The Aftermath**

After I had written in the last magazine that I could not find Jean Thomas's poems, they suddenly turned up as I was searching for something else. The handwritten originals were all there, and the typed copies I had had made. The booklet I later produced however has not yet surfaced. Here is another of Jean's poems, a slightly bitter-sweet reflection on Christmas

*R. W. Bailey*

### **The Aftermath**

Christmas and New Year  
Have come and gone  
With their gifts and songs  
Excitement of the children is over  
Now the work begins again  
For some, even retired me  
The telephone is silent  
Perhaps that is as well  
The last of the holiday food  
Has been eaten  
Even the Christmas cake  
Now little is left in the warming bottles  
Under my blue and white lamp  
My hand writes towards the glasses  
Which are ready for visitors  
Whiskey, Sherry, and beer are the choice  
If no-one comes  
I shall not mind  
There are sights and sounds  
Of radio and television  
There are good tomorrows  
With laughing and loving  
How happy I am  
Yet I weep just a little  
For Christmas has gone.

## **“Behold, the Head of a Traitor!”**

In the afternoon of a bitterly cold day in January, the executioner held up the bleeding head he had just struck from its body with the traditional words, “Behold the head of a traitor!” The reaction of the crowd was unusual. Instead of the customary ribaldry and noise, a groan went through the crowd, and the whole country seemed to fall into a state of shock. It was Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> January, 1648 (as they called it – by the calendar we use now, and being used then in Europe, it was February 9<sup>th</sup>, 1649) and the victim was Charles I. This was the final act in the war between the Crown and the Parliament.

After the Restoration of 1660 and the resumption of the use of the Book of Common Prayer, a new festival was inserted into the liturgical Calendar – the remembrance of King Charles the Martyr. It can still be found in the calendar of Common Worship. Frankly I have always ignored it because my view is that Charles I was a martyr only to his own arrogant stupidity and devious character.

When Parliament had finally won the war through the New Model Army, the Parliamentarians had assumed that the King would agree to the terms they laid down in order to secure peace for the realm and his own personal freedom. Cromwell and Fairfax spend much time in negotiation with him, only to discover that he had no intention of keeping any of the agreements he had made. C V Wedgwood, in her account of the trial, made this judgement of Charles: *He was a brave man, but he was also secretive and devious.*

It was those traits of deviousness and secrecy in his character that finally brought about his downfall. The outbreak of the second Civil War in 1648, and the capture of his private correspondence, revealing his secret dealings behind their backs, sealed his fate. Cromwell, in particular, ran out of patience. Words used by Cromwell were ominous: *If we do beat him a hundred times, he will still be King. If he do but beat us once.....* I am sure you can all finish that sentence for yourselves. Slowly it had dawned on them that their only course of action was to get rid of the King.

Already, people had begun to speak of Charles as “a man of Blood”, and some (John Lillburne the Leveller, among them – and very loudly) had begun to call for an accounting. In their view, Charles had made war on his people. The Army took a hand with demands from the soldiers that justice should be meted out on the King.

From this point events moved swiftly. Parliament drew up a bill to set up a High Court of Justice. Not everyone was in favour of this course of action, and Fairfax withdrew from public life in protest. The trial was not without its difficulties; John Bradshaw, chosen as the President of the court, did not show strong leadership, and Charles refused to acknowledge the court in any way. The outcome was inevitable. Charles was convicted. Some fifty members of the court signed his death warrant, Cromwell’s signature appearing third.

So it was that on that cold day in January, Charles’s head was held up by the public executioner, whose identity was kept secret to prevent reprisals. (Some rumours claimed that it was Cromwell himself who had donned the mask and performed the execution.)

The shock waves ran through many parts of Europe as well as through England. The nation itself was in a state of shock. Even the overly-loquacious John Lillburne was silent for three months. Parliament moved swiftly, and passed two Acts. One was to abolish monarchy; the other to abolish the House of Lords. I have copies of both. As far as I know they have never been repealed! (Has anyone told Nick Clegg?)

*R. W. Bailey*

**The following appeared recently in the magazine of the Light Music Society:**

Agnus Dei was a woman composer famous for her church music – schoolchild’s essay.

Most composers don’t live until they are dead – child’s essay

## **An Unusual 17th Century Bible from Oxford**

### **Part 1**

*Ian Mc Alpine.*

A few years ago I found a very attractive Bible for sale in York with an elaborate leather binding and the date '1680' tooled on the spine. After it had accompanied me back to Bradford I decided to investigate the many clues it contained about its long history.

It was clear that I had actually bought three books bound in one, a small but lavishly illustrated King James Version of the Bible printed in Oxford in 1680, a Book of Common Prayer from 1821 and a 1679 copy of Sternhold and Hopkins' well-known 'Whole book of Psalms collected into English metre' first published in 1562. The first Oxford King James Bible appeared in 1675 and it seemed that mine was Oxford's third edition of the KJV. John Fell, (1625 - 1686) Vice Chancellor of Oxford University and later Bishop of Oxford had secured the use of Oxford's newly-built Sheldonian Theatre as a printing house and the title page, one of the Bible's scores of beautiful engravings states that it was made 'At the THEATER [sic] in OXFORD.1680'. Fell became very unpopular for various reasons and the rhyme "I do not like thee Dr Fell, the reason why I cannot tell" was originally directed at him. An engraving of Charles II (1660 - 1685) appears on the facing page. The illustrations are a vast improvement on those found in most earlier Bibles and are extraordinary examples of 17th century engraving

So what happened to the Bible after it left the Sheldonian Theatre in 1680? During the 17th century Bibles were very often bound with copies of the Book of Common Prayer or Sternhold and Hopkins and the date of the metrical psalms coincided very closely with the Bible. It seemed clear that the marriage to the metrical psalter happened in or soon after 1680.

And then I turned my attention to the pages of family details which had been written at the front of the Bible early in the 19th century. Family Bibles usually record births and the occasional death but this one was different. In almost morbid detail it listed the deaths from 1784 to 1832 of various members of the Bowron, Toppin, Treble and Trivett

families who lived in fashionable areas of London Using these details in conjunction with the International Genealogical Index ([www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)) I was able to sort out the links between the families and add more details. *To be continued.*

### **Conscientious**

A minister walked into his church office and found his eager young assistant minister had emptied a huge box of various teaching resources that had been sent to the church, including a Noah's Ark for the very young children. The assistant had most of the animals lined up along the desk, and he was searching for more. "Whatever are you doing?" asked the minister in bewilderment.

The assistant minister looked up eagerly. "The box clearly said: 'Do not use if seal is broken'. So - I'm looking for the seal."

### **Ministry on ice**

As a chaplain to the local hospital, I sometimes get called out early. In a rush to work one morning, with no time for breakfast, I pulled up to the drive-through window at a fast-food restaurant, determined to at least grab some coffee. Because I was in a hurry, I asked them to put a couple of ice cubes in the coffee so it would cool down more quickly and I could drink it faster. I sat there at the pick-up window for a few minutes, wondering where they had to go to get my coffee, when a frustrated teenager finally came up and said, "I'm sorry for the delay, but the ice you wanted in your coffee keeps melting!"

### **Know what to say**

A mother mouse and a baby mouse were walking along, when all of a sudden, a cat attacked them. The mother mouse shouted: "BARK!" and the cat ran away.

"See?" said the mother mouse to her baby. "Now do you see why it's important to learn a foreign language?"

## **Carol Singing at Morrison's**

In her letter (see page 1) Gloria mentioned that we had been down to Morrison's on Saturday 15th December to sing carols as part of a concerted effort by local churches to raise money for the Kadugli Appeal for The Sudan. The 12-hour effort raised the fantastic total of £1,407 for the appeal, as well as bringing a little Christmas joy to the shoppers and raising the profile of the church.

## **Notes from the PCC**

We were delighted to welcome our new Associate Priest, the Revd. Ian Slater, to our meeting on Thursday 13th December. He will be with us for a period of up to a year (or until a new incumbent is found, whichever is the sooner) on a part-time basis working on Sundays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. At the moment he is finding his feet, meeting people and observing how we do things. From the New Year he will be leading the services on the 1st, 3rd, 4th (& 5th) Sundays of the month; the Revd. Richard and Mrs. Jean Bailey will continue to lead on the 2nd Sunday.

Preparations for advertising for a new incumbent are still ongoing. We have prepared a Parish Brochure which will be available to all potential applicants which gives a basic outline of St. Saviour's and its people. It is hoped to have all the paperwork completed by the end of December and advertise towards the end of January.

Many of you will remember (with great fondness) our former curate, the Revd. Dominic Moghal and his wife, Awais. He has written to us announcing that they are to return to Pakistan some time next year to work as Mission Partners and Interfaith Workers and asking for our help. It goes without saying that they will have our unstinting support in prayer, but we are looking at ways we may be able to give more tangible help. It is hoped Dominic will come to talk to us in the near future to let us know a little more about what is needed.

James, Kaaren and Eric have had a meeting with the architect to discuss

the large amount of work that was highlighted by the Quinquennial Inspection. The best way forward would seem to be to apply for a grant to cover the cost. This will involve a huge amount of preparation, and form-filling, so please keep it in your prayers.

Churches Together in Allerton and Fairweather Green are again organising a series of services for the Week of Prayer For Christian Unity - 18th-25th January - and at St. Saviour's we will be hosting the one on 22nd January. Do please support it!

*Hilary Davis - PCC Secretary.*

### Laid to Rest

Winnie Hiley

7th December 2012

### January Roll of Remembrance

1st	Grace Barnett	(1972)
2nd	Sarah Jane Tonge	(1953)
3rd	Tony Hayes	(1997)
4th	Frances Dare	(1969)
	Clarence Cooper	(1969)
5th	Elsie Davis	(1984)
	Charles Edward Cooper	(1945)
	Alice Robinson	(2001)
6th	John Hodgson	(1957)
	Rebecca Wigglesworth	(1968)
7th	Donald Arthur Jackson	(1986)
11th	Walter George Hartley	(1961)
14th	Arthur Jones	(1960)
17th	Edith M. Jones	(1951)
18th	William Sadler Stannard	(1978)
19th	Harry Butterfield	(1968)
20th	Gladys Gwendoline Richards	(1980)
21st	Alice Ferguson	(1981)
	Winifred Dare	(1985)
22nd	Bernard Norton	(1992)
23rd	Ritty Hill	(1966)

	Jack Blackburn	(1996)
26th	John William Barratt	(1939)
	Albert Hammond	1970)
27th	Harold Potts	(1982)
29th	John Ayres	(1971)
	Hilda Dennett	(1978)
	William & Emily Spence	(1998)
30th	William Dennett	(1978)
31st	Doris Gibson	(2001)

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