

The July Letter

Dear Friends,

The Diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales is now up and running, formed on Easter Day and officially inaugurated at Pentecost, (see page 8) Not entirely a coincidence, it was felt that the sense of mission given to the apostles on this day might rub off on Christians in the new diocese.

What difference will it make for us? The Diocesan Bishop may be a little remote as his sphere of responsibility is now so much bigger, but the Area Bishop has fewer parishes than previously so will bring more local contact. As we are in interregnum, we have more dealings with the Archdeacon at present than would normally be the case, and that has not changed. Quite how, and how well, the Diocese and Area communicate remains to be seen. More locally, and for the time being, deaneries remain the same but again communication is not always straightforward.

With a handful of exceptions, we aren't very good at participating in deanery and diocesan events, and I suspect that many of the 655 other churches in the diocese would admit the same. Sometimes it's communication but more often our focus is on keeping the show on the road in Fairweather Green and events within Airedale, or at the cathedral are lower on our priority list.

Perhaps we might turn over a new leaf and try a little harder to be part of the wider church. We pay our share, let's get our money's worth!

Patrick

JULY PARISH DIARY

Tuesday 1st 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Crossley House
 7.30 p.m. Adult tap dancing

Wednesday 2nd 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at St. James’s
 6.15 p.m. Cub Scouts

Thursday 3rd 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer
 4.30 p.m. K:Ing’s Way Club
 6.00 p.m. Beaver Scouts
 7.30 p.m. Scouts

SUNDAY 6TH THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (*Revd. Gloria Hardisty*)
 2.00 p.m. Messy Church

Tuesday 8th 7.30 p.m. Adult tap dancing

Wednesday 9th 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion
 11.30 a.m. Ing’s Way Lunch Day
 6.15 p.m. Cub Scouts

Thursday 10th 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer
 4.30 p.m. K:Ing’s Way Club
 6.00 p.m. Beaver Scouts
 7.30 p.m. Scouts

Saturday 12th 2.00 p.m. Sumer Fair

SUNDAY 13TH FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

Tuesday 15th 7.30 p.m. Adult tap dancing
 7.30 p.m. PCC meeting in vestry

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
 4.30 p.m. K:Ing’s Way Club
 6.00 p.m. Beaver Scouts
 7.30 p.m. Scouts

SUNDAY 20TH FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (*Revd Richard*)

Tuesday 22nd 7.30 p.m. Adult tap dancing

Wednesday 23d 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

SUNDAY 27TH SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion

Tuesday 29th 7.30 p.m. Adult tap dancing

Wednesday 30th 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at St. James's

Thursday 31st 9.30 a.m. Morning prayer

Parade Service

Please note that because the Scout Group are away at camp on the third weekend in July, the service on 20th July will NOT be a Parade Service. They are also away in September, and as there never is a Parade Service in August, it will be quite some time before we enjoy their company again. We hope they have a wonderful time and look forward to having them back with us in due course.

Messy Church

Everyone is warmly invited to come along and join in the good family fun of Messy Church **on Sunday 6th July** from 2.00 to 4.00 p.m. There will be games, activities, Bible stories and songs, and food to enjoy for the whole family. There won't be a session in August, but it will be back again in September, so look out for details.

The Battle of the Somme – the WW1 battle that changed history

Canon David Winter, Former Head of Religious Broadcasting, BBC

On 1st July, 98 years ago, two vast armies went to battle in the Somme area, in north-eastern France. A week of heavy shelling preceded the Allies' attack. It is recorded that 1,738,000 shells fell on the rich fields either side of the Somme river during those seven days - though goodness knows who counted them. With the deafening roar of the big guns in their ears, the allied soldiers emerged from their trenches to be met with the inevitable hail of bullets from the German machine guns. By the end of the first day's fighting over 60,000 British soldiers were

casualties and no less than 19,240 had been killed. The most devastating battle of modern times - and possibly of human history - was under way.

The Battle of the Somme, as it was called, was the first to see tanks and aircraft employed on a large scale. It was fought along a 25 mile front. The battle involved vast numbers of men - British and soldiers from no less than eight countries of the Empire, French and German - and more than a million of them were eventually killed or injured. As the generals poured more and more troops into the battle in the vain hope of what they called a 'breakthrough', nothing much happened beyond the constant slaughter.

The battle went on through August, September and October and only ended, on November 18th, when the utter futility of the whole exercise seemed to dawn on both sides. As they counted the casualties - 420,000 British, 200,000 French, nearly half a million Germans - they could also calculate the net gain of all that bloodshed. The Allies had pushed the Germans back all of six miles. It was later worked out that for every mile taken 88,000 men lost their lives.

There were amazing acts of valour and heroism in the course of the battle. No fewer than 51 Victoria Crosses - the highest award for gallantry in battle - were won by British combatants. At home, the press tended to focus on such heroic deeds rather than on the carnage on the battle-field, but the truth eventually emerged. To misquote Winston Churchill, 'Never in all the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so many'. Every town, every village, every family would bear the scars of suffering for years to come.

Lessons were learned, of course - most obviously the futility of trench warfare. Battle and war would never be the same again. Face to face, inch by inch, cold steel to cold steel, knee deep in mud men fought and died. All across northern France the millions of graves still bear their silent testimony to the dedication and courage of young men who had their lives snatched from them in battle. Mars, the god of war, had had his greatest moment, though his appetite was not quite satisfied yet.

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22nd July St Mary Magdalene - patron of repentant sinners

It is easy to understand the popularity of Mary Magdalene over the centuries: she is the patron saint both of repentant sinners and of the contemplative life.

Jesus drove seven demons from Mary, who came from near Tiberias in Galilee. She became his follower to the bitter end. She followed him to Jerusalem and was present during the crucifixion, standing heart-broken at the foot of the cross. Her love for Jesus did not end there, for she went to the tomb to anoint his body on the Sunday morning.

Such faithful, humble devotion was richly repaid: it gave her a unique privilege among all mankind: she was the first person to whom the Risen Lord appeared on Easter Sunday morning. She thought he was the gardener at first.

Mary Magdalene has sometimes been identified with the woman who anointed Christ's feet in the house of Simon (Luke 7:37). Over the centuries many artists have painted this scene. Mary Magdalene's feast has been kept in the West since the 8th century. England has 187 ancient churches dedicated to her, as well as a College in both Oxford and Cambridge.

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York Minster at Pentecost

On Easter Day, the Diocese of Leeds (aka West Yorkshire and the Dales) came into existence, taking over from the former Bradford, Ripon & Leeds, and Wakefield Dioceses. On the day of Pentecost, there was a special service for the 'Inauguration of the Diocese of Leeds and the Confirmation of Election of the Rt Revd Nick Baines as Bishop of Leeds'. In layman's terms, the legal steps to establish the diocese and the bishop's appointment were examined. The bulk of the service, however, was a celebration of Holy Communion.

Assembled in the minster were about 3,000 people from all over the diocese and beyond. Several civic dignitaries were there, including the Lords Lieutenant of North Yorkshire and West Yorkshire, the latter dressed in white hat and blue summer coat, the former with plumed hat, uniform and spurs to his boots! The bulk of the congregation were laity like ourselves, the parish clergy were well represented and of course, the church hierarchy were out in force.

The Confirmation of Election was presided over by the Vicar-General who, to my surprise, was a legal, rather than a clerical, gentleman and wore a wig rather than a cassock. He scrutinised all the steps needed to elect the bishop that they had been taken in the proper way and finally declared everything satisfactory and legal.

Musically the service was a treat. Four cathedral choirs were in action as well as a brass ensemble and a worship band. Each had occasion to do their own thing and all led the congregation in their singing. The choice of hymn tunes was inspired; highlights included 'O for a thousand tongues to sing' to Ilka' Moor baht 'at, and 'At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow' to Land of Hope and Glory.

The minster is clearly used to dealing with vast numbers, the distribution of Communion to so many was a dignified routine that went smoothly but quickly. Whoever devised the proceedings did an excellent job and did the new diocese proud.

Patrick Preston

Verse About Oliver Cromwell Discovered in Leeds.

Ian Mc Alpine.

The articles Richard Bailey wrote some time ago about the English Civil War prompted me to write about a document I discovered in 2011 at the Yorkshire Archaeological Society where I work. While working on the proceedings of Malhamdale court for 1664 I discovered a loose piece of paper measuring about 8" x 4" containing some court records from 1663 on one side and a tantalising fragment of a satirical verse about Oliver Cromwell on the other (Reference DD 121/23/2).

Although only a few opening lines survive and there is no indication of its original length enough remains to put the verse into a historical context:-

*Upon the day w[h]en some People say
St Michaell slew the dragon
My lord Protector did dryve like a Hector
A Coach in stead of a wagon
For he had heard say yt in auntiant days
The Chariot[e]ers wore a Crowne
But up went (?) th'horses heeles & Round Ran the wheeles
And his highnes came tumbling downe
And Thurloe in the Coach [...] also.*

He pra .. d

he thought he had sold Cheefe jewellery of state

[The rest is lost]

The first two lines seem to refer to the Feast of St Michael the Archangel (29th September) when the saint is supposed to have killed some sort of serpent or dragon, an incident portrayed on English gold angel coins since the 15th century. Cromwell became Lord Protector on 16th December, 1653 and died on 3rd September, 1658. Hector was a prominent figure in the ninth book of Homer's Greek Iliad on account of his charioteering exploits. Thurloe is evidently John Thurloe (1616 - 1668) who became Cromwell's Secretary of State in 1652. The "jewellery of state" alludes to Cromwell's sale of the Crown Jewels

soon after the execution of King Charles I in 1649. It therefore seemed reasonable to suppose that the verse related to Cromwell and Thurloe having riding accidents on 29th September 1654, 1655, 1656 or 1657. An internet search on "Cromwell, Thurloe, 29th September, horse" produced an astonishing result from Google Books. Apparently Thomas Carlyle had recorded this incident in his *Oliver Cromwell's Letters and Speeches* (1845):-

"Friday, 29th September, 1654. His Highness [i.e. Cromwell] went into Hyde Park ... with Secretary Thurloe, attended by a few servants ... having in mind to try a fine new team of horses which the Earl or Duke of Oldenburg ... sent him. Dinner done, his Highness himself determined to drive, two in hand I think, with a postilion driving other two. The horses, beautiful animals, tasting of the whip, became unruly; galloped, would not be checked ... plunged or shook his Highness down, dragging him by the foot for some time so that a pistol went off in his pocket. Whereupon his Highness got up again, little the worse: was let blood and went about his affairs much as usual!"

No other copy of this verse has so far been discovered. Presumably it was composed in the mid-1650s by an unknown but well-educated Royalist who wished to satirise Cromwell's rise to power. The verse's racy metre is ideally suited to its scurrilous theme.

Further internet research yielded another account of Cromwell's riding accident in F.W. Cornish's *Life of Cromwell* (2004) and some more irreverent verses:-

*He rein'd them so hard they looked back and were scar'd
To see him so red and so grim.
Away then they fled; and though he us'd to lead,
This New-modelled Horse would lead him.
But O how they snuff when his pistol flew off
For which all the Saints suspect him
Doth Providence attend him, thirty-thousand defend him
Yet a poor pocket pistol protect him!*

The "New-modelled Horse" is obviously an ironic reference to Cromwell's New Model Army which played such a decisive part in the

Civil War. Although forgotten today Cromwell's accident could easily have killed him, so ending the Protectorate after less than a year and changing the course of English history. How many more scurrilous rhymes about the incident still remain to be discovered?

Just for Fun!

The nervous nun

“People get nervous when they think they have to call me ‘my Lord’, said an Irish bishop. “Especially the poor nuns. One was giving me a cup of coffee. As she pushed the sugar bowl towards me she said, ‘How many lords, my lump?’”

Staff

Several years ago the then Bishop of London reported to the General Synod that before attending a church function he had said he would bring his pastoral staff. “And how many seats will you want?” came the reply.

Puppy

I arrived home from work to find all the windows and doors wide open. Apparently our puppy had had an accident. "Yeah, it was awful," my daughter told me. "In fact, when we first walked in, I thought you had come home early and were cooking dinner."

Water

My friend was working at an amusement park when a couple stopped him. “Excuse me,” said the woman, pointing to a pond. “What is that water made out of?” Bemused, my friend replied, “Two parts hydrogen and one part oxygen.” “See?” she said to her boyfriend. “I told you it wasn’t real.”

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Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Whilst you are out and about during the summer, please keep your eyes open for those little items which could be used in the shoeboxes to be sent out to needy children via Samaritan’s Purse. Small toys, games, pens, pencils, rubbers, pencil cases, notebooks etc. would all be most welcome. Details are on the website at www.samaritans-purse.org.uk

46TH Bradford North Scout Group

On Saturday 14th June eight of our young people attended a Celebration of Achievement at Bradford Cathedral. Gold and Platinum Chief Scout Award winners were presented with their awards by County Commissioner, Mark Stageman. We are very proud of these people.

After the parade service in June, the Cubs continued their Cubopoly adventures with another afternoon excursion. We boarded the 607 to the interchange and then took the train to Halifax where we had just 35 minutes in the outdoor play area adjacent to Eureka. The children enjoyed playing in the sand pit and challenging each other at Connect-4. We then journeyed on to Hebden Bridge. On arrival we walked along the canal tow path to Stubbing Wharf where we joined a barge cruise up the canal towards Rochdale. On the journey we had to spot elves and their miniature houses. The captain gave a commentary about the history of the area too. Afterwards we played in the Park before returning home at six o'clock.

On June 18th the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers met at Blackhills. The youngsters were divided into six teams and, after introducing themselves, collected wood, built fires and toasted marshmallows. Akela then set each the task of creating a bicycle collage using natural resources. - the results were amazing! Check out our Facebook page.

The Scouts have been busy painting the church fence - it's quite an arduous task. Meanwhile some of the Explorers joined a work party at Blackhills in a bid to make the site look A1 for the Solstice Camp in July. Wayne Bulpit, UK Chief Commissioner, will be visiting camp on Sunday 21st - he will lead a multi-faith celebration in the camp chapel assisted by Sam Coley from Bradford Cathedral and several young people. 62 members of the 46th are attending this camp - over 700 from across Yorkshire are due to be there too - it's going to be a brilliant adventure!

Summer Camp takes place from the 10th to 15th of August at Birch Hall Camp Site located in the Dalby Forest about 15 miles from Scarborough. Visits to the coast are planned during the week along with brushing up on our basic Scouting skills. Themed fun days are planned too.

Bev Howard GROUP SCOUT LEADER

HYMN: The story behind 'Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken'

The year was 1800, and Vienna was under bombardment by Napoleon's troops. The great Austrian composer, Haydn, then old and frail, asked to be carried to his piano. There he made his own defiance of Napoleon, by solemnly playing through his composition 'Emperor's Hymn', which he had composed for the Austrian Emperor, Franz II's, birthday on 12 February 1797. Haydn never touched his piano again, and died a few days later, aged 77.

That is where the tune for this well-loved hymn originated. It quickly became the tune of the Austrian national anthem. It was later even adopted by the Germans, as the tune for August Heinrich Hoffman von Fallersleben's (1798 – 1874) anthem Deutschlandslied , which began with the famous words: 'Deutschland uber alles' (Germany before everything). In the ensuing political upheavals, the tune survived in the German national anthem, but was abandoned by the Austrians in 1946.

In the meantime, the tune had also reached England, as early as 1805. It was then that the words of a hymn by John Newton were first paired up with it. This meant that when the Austrian Emperor Franz visited his grandmother Queen Victoria, at Windsor Castle, he may well have sung his own national anthem tune to English words written by a converted slave trader turned country vicar!

John Newton's inspiration for this hymn comes from Psalm 87: 'Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God' (vs3) and also a text from Isaiah 33:20-21: 'Look on Zion... there the Lord in majesty will be for us a place of broad rivers and streams...'

John Newton's hymn celebrates the joy of knowing that the Church is the new Jerusalem (Zion) where God abides. He rejoices that God protects his people and promises to supply their needs. He leads them into the Promised Land, just as long ago he led the Israelites through the wilderness to their Promised Land. Back then, he led them with a fiery and cloudy pillar; now we have his very Spirit within us, to guide us each step of the way home.

The Way I See It: TAKE CARE!

Canon David Winter, Former Head of Religious Broadcasting, BBC

People say it to me all the time, usually as I'm about to leave: 'take care!' It's a bit like the American 'have a nice day', harmless enough but utterly pointless. Do they think I'm about to rush out into the road and spring across it in front of an approaching bus? Or do they, more realistically, look at me and think 'poor old boy, any minute now he'll walk into a lamp-post'? Either way, the implication is, I suppose, that I should eschew risk and always take the safe option (probably not bad advice, in my case).

Perhaps 'take care' is symptomatic of a society which seems to live in fear of its own shadow. 'Health and Safety', so utterly sensible in its purpose, so often petty and nit-picking in its application, is an example of it. A friend told me of a health and safety officer who condemned the pulpit steps in his church. They had no hand rail and were demonstrably a safety hazard. My friend pointed out that they'd been there for five hundred years and there wasn't a single recorded instance of anyone falling down them.

Children are prevented, sometimes even by their own parents, from playing 'dangerous' games like hop-scotch, rugby or hockey. Climbing trees is definitely to be avoided. 'Take care!' has become our watchword. Funnily enough, my generation climbed trees, played hop-scotch, jumped off walls, took appalling risks damming up streams and insisted on hurling or hitting hard cricket and hockey balls at each other. Yes, there were the odd broken bones and bruises, and probably we did at times take stupid risks - only cats have nine lives.

But the unavoidable truth is that life is a risky business, and no amount of 'taking care' can alter that. I wonder if the eighteen residents of Jerusalem in the time of Jesus who were killed when the Tower of Siloam collapsed on them had been told to 'take care' as they set off that morning? And what difference would it have made if they had? We live in a risky universe. That's how it comes to us from our Creator. Of course we shouldn't take unnecessary risks, or endanger our own or other people's lives needlessly, but live faithfully, sensibly and adventurously in the beautiful if risky world God has given us. ©*Parish*

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Summer Fair

Saturday 12th July 2014

2.00 to 4.00 p.m.

Come along for all the fun!

Books Cakes Toys

Gifts Raffle Games

Tombola Refreshments

Entrance Free

Notes from the PCC

The PCC met on Wednesday 4th June to look at various matters concerned with our parish and the wider church.

We were disappointed that the candidate for the vacancy decided he was unable to accept the post, but it is important that we get the right person for the job. Efforts continue to find someone to minister to us here at St. Saviour's. In the meantime, we are extremely grateful to Richard and Jean Bailey, Karen Wheelhouse and all who have so kindly agreed to lead services for us - and for the work of all at St. Saviour's to ensure that life goes on smoothly.

We have received permission from English Heritage to proceed with the first part of the process for carrying out the necessary repairs to the church. They have released the initial sum of money which will enable us to get proper surveys done and then English Heritage will be able to assess if the amount we have requested is appropriate or whether we need to re-evaluate. We are most grateful to James Muff for all the work he has done, and continues to do, in relation to this.

The last two Messy Church sessions have been a little disappointing in terms of numbers attending, but as both were on holiday weekends, they haven't been typical. We are immensely grateful to Karen Wheelhouse for the enormous amount of time she puts into planning these sessions and the energy and enthusiasm she displays on the day. As August is a traditional holiday month, we will be having a break from Messy Church, but it will be back in September. Help with these sessions is always welcome. Extra bodies on the day are great, but if you can help in other ways, for instance, by helping to prepare an activity in the week before, please have a word with Karen or the wardens.

At our next meeting, we have been asked to look at environmental issues, both in a parochial context and relating to the wider environment, and also if we could join in the diocesan-wide plan to have our church open on 4th August as part of the World War 1 commemoration events.

Hilary Davis, PCC Secretary.

July Roll of Remembrance

1st	Katherine Harker	(1978)
2nd	Irene Hammond	(1982)
3rd	Marion Dixon	(1999)
5th	Victor Surtees	(1983)
7th	George S. Jones	(1944)
10th	George William Griffiths	(1980)
11th	Sydney Ryan	(1994)
14th	Francis Lloyd	(1981)
	Priestley Waddington	(1968)
16th	Hannah Ayres	(1991)
	Gwendoline Perrie	(2003)
17th	Amy Metcalfe	(1975)
	Margaret Ann Singleton	(1971)
	Jack Birkby Sugden	(1976)
	Richard Hartley	(2003)
20th	Beatrice Alice Renton	(1981)
21st	Philip Chater	(1969)
	Tom Smith	(1983)
	James Ernest Newsome	(1984)
	John Wilkinson	(1970)
27th	Amy Chapman	(1983)
	Beatrice Chilvers	(1992)

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