

## The June Letter

Dear Friends,

June is a time of celebration in our household, as we mark a family birthday this month, and try to make sure it's a special day - not swallowed up in routine tasks, and tackling the formidable "to do" list! This year, we will be spending part of the month, including the birthday itself, visiting family and attending Mothers' Union's General Meeting, which this time round is being held in Bath. (This might sound like a "sad" way to mark anybody's birthday, but the meeting is always a hugely enjoyable occasion, and as I write there is an enormous scabbling going on to acquire the last few available tickets for the venue - the Bath Forum!)

Visiting our family is a great joy. We don't get the chance to see them as often as we would like, and it underlines for us a situation that many parents and grandparents have to cope with today - children moving far away, for education and work, and when grandchildren come along, finding it hard to play a significant part in their lives. I know grandparents, and you may know some too, who have moved to be nearer their families, to play an active, daily part in the lives of their grandchildren. Sometimes that role is formal - taking a regular share in caring for a grandchild; sometimes it is just needing to be close enough to help out, and to let them grow up within an extended family.

That's not an option for all of us, and especially where our children are living and working overseas. It's a shrinking world in some ways, and communication technologies today mean that we can talk, email and Skype on a regular basis, to keep in touch. But it's not the same as direct contact, and a wave to a camera is not the same as a kiss and a cuddle at bedtime.

It's a reminder to me of the need we all have for contact with those we love, whether they are family or friends. Demonstrating God's gift of love in our own time and place requires meeting up with other people; there is only so much that can be done in the name of love at a distance.

I truly believe that it needs to be fed and nurtured in the company of others, if it is to mean anything at all.

It's a reminder too that many friends, and some family members, find themselves, as time moves on, living more solitary lives than they would choose. For some, bereavement has left them living alone. Others have lived busy lives, through work and other responsibilities, and then move into retirement and a lonely emptiness. The statistics of people living in single person households show that we are becoming a society that, as it ages, lives alone, and that is not what most of us want.

One of the strengths of the church community is that it can draw together people in a place where love is at the root of what we do, but we all need to be aware that we have to offer a place that enables that love to be shown in different ways. Churches need to welcome and cater for families, and children and young people of all ages. But they need to welcome single people too, and to respect the wishes of those who want to share quietly and privately in worship, and other occasions we offer. We all have different ways of working out our faith; recognising that God calls people across the full spectrum of society, just as he calls us, should open our eyes to the ways in which we serve our own neighbourhood. We all have different tastes, enjoy different events, hold differing opinions in any congregation, and we need to check at times that our worship, and our activities, allow people with differing needs from ourselves to find a loving welcome in our church community.

Our final engagement in Bath before we come back home is perhaps indicative of this worldwide type of family life today. We are meeting our son-in-law's parents for lunch, having last been in direct contact with them here in Bradford 12 months ago. They will have recently returned from attending the wedding of their younger son in Australia - we've seen the photos - it'll be time to hear all about it!

God's blessing be with you all,

*Jean Bailey*

## St. George



Well, if you didn't know much about St. George before the scouting group's 'St. George's Day Celebration', you certainly would after.

St. George is the patron saint of England and of Scouting and, it is believed, was tortured and martyred for his Christian beliefs on 23rd April 303.

The beavers, cubs, scouts and explorers enthusiastically relayed the story through music, songs, drama, poetry, reflection and prayer. The message from the story of George and the dragon is still vital today – the defence of good (the maiden) against evil (the dragon). Who will forget the beating the dragon took from St. George in the drama!

It was wonderful to see St. Saviour's filled with children and their parents; watch as the groups renewed their Scouting promises and join in with the rousing hymns. At least there will be plenty of young people who will understand the Christian message of St. George, know the National Anthem, and recognise the Flag of St. George as something more than a banner to wave at sporting fixtures.

We are well blessed with our uniformed organisations at St Saviour's and our thanks go to Bev Howard who inspires them all; to the leaders; and to the youngsters.

Sorry if you missed the celebration - hopefully they can be persuaded to do something similar again!

*Kaaren Raistrick*

## June Parish Diary

### SUNDAY 2ND

#### FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Tuesday 4th

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

Wednesday 5th

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Crossley House

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at St. James's

6.15 p.m. Cub Scouts

7.30 p.m. PCC meeting in Vestry

Thursday 6th

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

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### SUNDAY 9TH

#### SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (*Revd. Dennis*

Tuesday 11th

7.00 p.m. Neighbourhood Forum meeting in

7.30 p.m. Adult tap dancing

Wednesday 12th

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion

11.30 a.m. Ing's Way Lunch Day

6.15 p.m. Cub Scouts

Thursday 13th

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

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### SUNDAY 16TH

#### THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Tuesday 18th

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

7.30 p.m. Adult tap dancing

Wednesday 19th

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at St. James's

6.15 p.m. Cub Scouts

Thursday 20th

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

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### SUNDAY 23RD

#### FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

	10.00 a.m. Holy Communion ( <i>Revd. Ian Slater</i> )
Tuesday 25th	7.30 p.m. Adult tap dancing
Wednesday 26th	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion
	6.15 p.m. Cub Scouts
Thursday 27th	9.30 a.m. Morning prayer
	4.30 p.m. K:Ing's Way Club
	6.00 p.m. Beaver Scouts
	7.00 p.m. Bowls Evening
	7.30 p.m. Scouts

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SUNDAY 30TH

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

**Summer Fair**

Looking ahead to July, our Summer Fair will take place on Saturday 6th July, from 2.00 to 4.00 p.m. Please come along and join in the fun and help us to raise much needed funds. There will be lots of stalls, games, a tombola and raffle, plus refreshments. Donations for the stalls of books, cakes, raffle or tombola (adult and children's) prizes would be very welcome, as would offers to help man a stall. Please have a word with Kaaren, our Churchwarden, if you can help.

**Neighbourhood Forum**

The Fairweather Green and Lower Grange Neighbourhood Forum will meet in church on Tuesday 11th June at 7.00 p.m. If you are interested in what goes on in our neighbourhood and would like to find out more, come along and have your say.

# Bowls Evening

Thursday 27th June

6.45 p.m.

At West Bradford Bowling Club  
Prospect Place  
Duckworth Lane.

A fun evening with a light-hearted  
competition of Crown Green Bowling,  
followed by Pie & Pea Supper.

Entry by ticket only,  
price £3.50

## 46<sup>TH</sup> BRADFORD NORTH SCOUT GROUP

45 Beavers and Cubs from across the district took part in a Swimming Badge afternoon at Bingley Grammar School Pool. A total of 60 badges were gained by the youngsters from stage 1 to stage 3.

The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts met together to learn more about the Shelter Box charity. We were pleased to welcome a member of the Bingley Rotary, George Garland, who brought with him one of the boxes along with the contents to show us. Everyone enjoyed listening to his stories about natural disasters and how a Shelter box can be a life saver. We have already raised £60 for the charity and hope to contribute more in the coming months.

Our Explorer Scouts enjoyed an evening at Laser Quest last month. Before embarking on their 'quests', they met to discuss their work towards the Duke of Edinburgh and Young Leader Awards. There are numerous 'Missions' that have to be completed including *Volunteering in the Community*. Currently Daniel is helping with the leadership at Allerton Beavers and Tamara is assisting their Cub leaders. Ethan has joined our leadership team at Cubs, Jake is at the 37<sup>th</sup> Beavers whilst Alex and Isaac are starting up as maintenance crew at Blackhills. Phillipa is helping out at a Vets and Rohan is working at Crossley House. They will have to volunteer for between 6 and 18 months depending on whether they are working towards their Bronze, Silver or Gold level *DofE* or *Young Leader Award*. **Bev Howard GROUP SCOUT LEADER**

**The Way I See It: A minor courtesy – Trevor Huddleston 100 years  
on**

*Canon David Winter, former head of Religious Broadcasting, BBC*

When Desmond Tutu - famous South African archbishop and Nobel Peace laureate - was a small boy he was walking along the pavement in Sophiatown with his mother, who took in laundry and was carrying a load of washing. They were approached by a tall white man wearing a black cassock. They prepared to step off the pavement, as they were required to do by the apartheid conventions, to let him pass, but before they could, he stepped out into the road and doffed his hat to Desmond's mother.

The tall white man was Trevor Huddleston, who was born exactly a century ago this month. He was the parish priest of the African township where the Tutu family lived. Raising one's hat to a passing woman carrying laundry might seem to us today a small courtesy, but for young Desmond it was a life-changing gesture. It told him that for some Christians, at least, race and skin colour were matters of indifference. He sought out Father Huddleston, who helped him with his education. More importantly, Desmond embraced the faith that lay behind that simple courtesy.

Trevor Huddleston went on to become a tireless campaigner against apartheid, but also a passionate advocate of the Christian faith. Born in Bedford, with a public school and Oxford background, he happily immersed himself in the life of the people in Sophiatown, where he served for 13 years. The people gave him the nickname 'Makhalipilo' - Dauntless One. His book *Naught for your Comfort*, published in 1956, became a world-wide call to address the evils of apartheid, and later, as a bishop in England (Stepney) and then of Masasi, he continued to protest that 'in Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek', black nor white, but 'all are one in Christ Jesus'. He retired as archbishop of the Province of the Indian Ocean in 1983 and died at Mirfield, the home of his Anglican Order, the Community of the Resurrection, in 1998. His ashes, however, were buried in Sophiatown, the place most dear to his heart.



His simple Prayer for Africa became a world-wide call:

*God bless Africa; guard her people; guide her leaders. And give her peace. Amen.*

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### **Thank you!**

A big thank you to all who contributed to the generous gift of a very fine bottle of brandy and gift voucher to mark my retirement as Churchwarden. Wendy would also like to say a big thank you for the lovely flowers for her part in supporting me.

We both feel very privileged to have such wonderful friends at St. Saviour's. Again thank you all very much indeed.

*Eric.*

## **Yorkshire Bible Translators**

### **Part 3 - John Wycliffe (C.1325 - 1384) The 'Morning star of the Reformation.'**

*Ian Mc Alpine.*

John Wycliffe was born near Richmond in North Yorkshire and was probably related to a family of the same name who owned a manor in County Durham. Certainly his parents had some status because Wycliffe was admitted to Balliol College, Oxford where he accepted a teaching position in 1361. Wycliffe became concerned over the Pope's interference with civil matters in England. He criticised papal authority and the church in general, becoming increasingly outspoken. In 1376 he delivered a series of lectures at Oxford entitled "On civil lordship" in which he maintained that God gives trusteeship rather than ownership of all worldly power and wealth. This outraged the church establishment in England and the following year Pope Clement XI even called for his arrest. About 1381 he denied the doctrine of

transubstantiation (the belief that at the Mass the bread and wine are physically transformed into the actual body and blood of Christ) and refused to acknowledge the powers of priests in the Mass. He also condemned the common practice whereby clergymen held several benefices from which they received stipends while actually working in only one or two churches. Wycliffe himself was in fact guilty of this behaviour.

Determined to bring the Bible within reach of ordinary people Wycliffe began training "poor preachers", laymen who lived in poverty and walked through the countryside preaching to all who would listen to them. These 'Lollards' - originally a derogatory word meaning 'Mumblers' - were extremely successful and gained many followers. Unfortunately the Peasants' Revolt of 1381 brought about a backlash against Wycliffe's ideas. He was expelled from Balliol and his Lollard followers were seized. Fortunately he was able to hold on to his parish at Lutterworth in Leicestershire where he died from a paralytic stroke while conducting Mass in 1384.

However, Wycliffe's greatest achievement was probably his translation of the Bible from the Latin Vulgate into English. He began this immense task in 1382, completing most of the work himself, leaving only a few sections of the Old Testament to his assistants. In 1984, the 600th anniversary of Wycliffe's death, I visited his church at Lutterworth and was delighted to see an exhibition commemorating his life and work. The display included Wycliffe's cope and one or two very early copies of his Bible. Printing of course did not begin in England until about 1470 so every Bible which Wycliffe and his followers produced had to be written laboriously by hand. The Bibles had chapter headings but no verse numbers which were not used in English Bibles until 1557. Fortunately modern reprints of Wycliffe's Bible are available today and the British Library has published a text with modernised spelling. Here is his version of a well-known story from Matthew 21:-

"And when Jesus had known the wickedness of them, He said, Hypocrites! What tempt ye Me? Show ye to me the print of the money. And they brought to Him a penny. And Jesus said to them, Whose is

this image and the writing above? They say to Him, The emperor's. Then He said to them, Therefore yield ye to the emperor those things that are the emperor's, and to God those things that are of God. And they heard and wondered, and they left Him and went away".

Wycliffe had been a thorn in the side of England's senior clergy and even the pope for several years before his death. However, he had many supporters among the English nobility including John of Gaunt who had managed to protect him to some extent. Wycliffe was buried at Lutterworth but more than 40 years later in 1428 his remains were exhumed by order of Pope Martin V before being burned and thrown into the nearby River Swift. An extraordinary act of petty vindictiveness which has done nothing to eradicate the memory of this great Yorkshireman who has rightly been called "The morning star of the Reformation".

### **Dinner and a Hug are Important**

On the 16th April 2013 Stuart and I had an appointment with the Lord Mayor (it is amazing what lengths some people will go to to miss the PCC meeting.) We were being honoured, along with other shared lives carers, for work on the scheme. I have been a shared lives carer for very nearly 30 years and Stuart for over 20 years. I had to do the speech on behalf of carers and I thought you might like edited highlights.

I started on "give mum a break" at the age of 16. 30 years later I have a husband, Stuart, who is the full time carer in the family, 2 teenage children (which can be more trying than any respite), David, who lives with us full time and 7 people currently who visit us on respite. In my spare time I work full time for the education authority. Things are usually fairly interesting in our household, especially when we have 3 Davids to stay at the same time. It's o.k. as long as all the Davids are having the same for their tea.

In 1983 my social worker, Sue Walker, took me through all the assessment procedures. Geoff Green was the manager with the vision that put Bradford at the forefront of services to give mums a break when they had children with disabilities. I was matched first with a little girl

with downs, Catherine; she was absolutely beautiful. After the family moved out of the area (hopefully, not a reflection on my caring) I was matched with Israr, another child with downs, whom I looked after, along with his brothers, from when he was two. I think downs syndrome is something which is a privilege to be around. Child development tends to be at a slower rate and maybe that allows for more chance to enjoy and appreciate the different stages of development. Israr and his mum came to visit when my daughter, Sarah, was born and we as a family went to Israr's 18th birthday party. Recently, he has come back to us on shared lives as an adult, now aged 30, which is really lovely because we have been a part of his life always. He has a fantastic sense of humour and is very good at impersonations as he attends mind the gap. We enjoy our time with Israr, and Stuart is getting better at cooking curries. We tend to find that it is quite a small world and that everyone is connected so, for example, Israr knows Tim who also stays with us, because they were in the same class together. We have lots of fun when Tim comes to stay. He likes music and singing and can give you a brilliant rendition of happy birthday. Another visitor is Ian and it is a privilege to take him to the railway museum in York. He really thought all his Christmases had come at once when he went there. He didn't know what to look at first, but the knowledge he had about the engines was astounding.

Helena said to me recently "do you think we specialize in looking after people with downs syndrome?" As we have had 8 people to stay with us perhaps we do. We have also been privileged to look after people with cystic fibrosis, Autism and cerebral palsy, to mention but a few well known conditions.

Caring has worked well for us as a family generally. Whilst I was on maternity leave from teaching we were offered a long term match. This meant that Stuart did not need to return to his job at New Plan Furniture but has always been at home to look after our children and anyone that we had in residence at the time. My children have never been subject to child minders and have always been used to people with additional needs in our house. In fact, for them it is normal. It is perhaps not until teenage years that there is a realisation that other families don't do this. There have been times when things have been a bit tricky too. Like the

time we took Helena and her friend away to the seaside and David got pneumonia and Stuart and I took it in shifts at Scarborough hospital. It is in the teenage years when respite and time away as a family of 4 has been particularly important. We have always tried to have some family time in the school holidays and my children have been on some pretty awesome holidays.

Just like we are carers, other people care for David when necessary to give us a break and that is the strength of the scheme. When our batteries need recharging someone is there to care for you. David is matched with brilliant carers and he enjoys a holiday with his respite carers. It is important that when whoever you care for goes away you feel confident that they will be well looked after so that you can get the most from the experience.

Some of the best things about the shared lives scheme are the matching processes. The skilled shared lives social workers who know you well are able to match you and a person needing a break. In my 30 years on the scheme I cannot speak highly enough of this process. Very seldom have the matches been incorrect. Usually the matches have been spot on and have led to long-lasting family friendships. Over the years I have been matched to 31 different people. I remember the first time Stuart and I met David who has lived with us long term for 10 years now. We drove away from the meeting 24 years ago and asked each other what we had let ourselves in for, as David growled at us and retreated quickly back to his bedroom. You, too, may have had that response from David but as he gets to know you he will talk. David loves to come to church and has developed his own friendships. He is entirely part of our family now in a way that we could not ever have imagined was possible. Sarah and Helena see him as a brother and he is concerned when he doesn't know where they are. His relationship with Sarah and Helena and in fact many of our family and friends is something we could not have understood at the beginning. David and others have helped us to understand people who are not as proficient at communicating as you and I. This in turn helps us all to understand what is important - dinner and a hug are important.

The whole shared lives scheme is based on relationships: relationships

with social workers, relationships and understanding of people with additional needs and relationships with the people who are the usual carers as well as relationships within your own family. Thank you to shared lives for the experiences it has given us as a family.

*Fiona Graham*

### **You Don't fool me**

A three year old put his shoes on by himself. His mother noticed the left was on the right foot. She said, "Sam, your shoes are on the wrong feet." He looked up at her and said, "Don't kid me, Mum, I KNOW they're my feet."

### **Exam**

An ill-prepared student taking an exam in theology finally gave up by writing on his paper: "Only God knows the answers to these questions. I'm off for the summer to enjoy his Creation."

The professor marked the paper and added this note: "God gets 100, you get 0. Watch out for sunburn."

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# Rhubarb

by Mike Bullock

Put some dung upon your rhubarb  
Watch it shoot into the sky  
Fertilize your prize tomatoes  
See the trusses hanging high  
Compost is a fine addition  
When your soil is lacking clout  
Helps the seeds turn into plantlets  
Growth is healthy there's no doubt.

It's the same when we, as Christians,  
Need some substance in our food  
Daily meetings with The Father  
Help to get us in the mood  
Meditating on the Bible  
Shows us where we need to go  
Be connected to the vine tree  
Awesome fruit will surely grow.

## Laid to Rest

Audrey Gill

21st May 2013

### June Roll of Remembrance

2nd	Thomas Varley	(1975)
3rd	June Love	(1978)
	Jessie Trigg	(1979)
4th	Jack Hartley	(1980)
5th	Herbert Vivian Bamford	(1985)
6th	Joyce Whitham	(1971)
10th	Horace Dixon	(1956)
	Margaret Lee	(1983)
13th	Winifred Deacon	(1983)
14th	Lily Hodgson	(1994)
17th	Alfred Ainsworth	(1971)
	Alicia Booth	(1978)
18th	Laura Shewan	(1977)
19th	Annie Whittle	(1981)
22nd	Edna Stubbs	(1984)
	Dorothy Ward	(1985)
	Ronald John Critchley	(1996)
24th	Thomas Brocklehurst	(1958)
25th	Kath Pasterfield	(2001)
26th	Sidney Lake	(1981)
29th	Ada Fox	(1980)
	Ethel Cromley	(1982)
	Frances Teale	
	Walter Teale	
	Emily Holmes	



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