

The Clergy Letter

Philip had recently joined the children's team of his church. He is a very conscientious person but this sometimes means he is a little slower in producing the work needed for his session as leader of the middle group of children. It was 4pm on Saturday evening and he was really worried about the lesson he should have prepared for Sunday morning. Phil had to explain the meaning of Pentecost to a group of seven to ten year olds. He could not think of anything and after a while he became worried that he didn't really understand it himself.

Then he remembered that the Assistant Priest, who was a lovely person, had promised that he would help out if ever Phil got stuck, which was the reason Phil had agreed to take on the group. Phil was due at bell ringing practice in twenty minutes but it was raining and the church door was locked so he knocked on the priest's door to ask for help.

The priest comes to the door holding a bunch of papers and a book in one hand and his mobile phone and a cooking spoon in the other hand. He was really good at doing two jobs at once. Phil explains his problem but the Minister explains that he is just so busy at the moment and suggests that Phil takes a look at the bookshelf in church for some inspiration. Both of them feel unhappy with the situation.

It is really hard to understand when someone breaks a promise to help when you are in need. It is not their idea of what your need is that should be important. You have said you have a need, they had previously promised to help when the time came. You feel the time has come, so why won't they help?

The person who made the promise may have done so in a rash moment when they needed you to take on some task they wanted you to do. Or they feel the situation is not that difficult and you ought to manage – you certainly should not have left it to the last minute. They may be quite a capable person themselves and don't see why you need help.

They may not like what you are planning to do and this is their way of refusing to help you succeed. Or they are really too busy at the time

doing a load of jobs and your problem was just one too many. Whatever the issues, one of you feels let down and the other feels guilty or resentful.

God is so different. He promises to help us whenever we are in need and we turn to him in truth and in faith. God always keeps his promise. His Son Jesus did the same when he was on earth. Before he died on the cross he warned his followers not to be sad and downhearted when all those terrible things happened to him.

Jesus promised them that he had to leave them in order for God his Father to send to them the Advocate who would be their champion and defender. This Advocate was, and is, the Holy Spirit. On the day of Pentecost Jesus' followers were all together when a sound like a violent wind filled the whole house. There was also what looked like tongues of fire which rested on each of them.

As they were all filled with the Holy Spirit they started to speak in different languages. All the different nationalities who were outside the house could hear someone speaking in their language about Jesus. The disciples were now able and equipped to travel to other places and even other countries to preach about Jesus.

The Lord had kept his promise to help them to carry out the work he wanted them to do. At Pentecost we celebrated the fact that God kept Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit to those who believe and do his work.

Here at St Saviour's we are indeed facing testing times as we struggle to raise funds to maintain our church and to pay our parish share. The Social Committee has suggested a number of ideas to help fulfil these obligations. Each requires a pulling together to achieve success even when we are already so busy or don't care for a particular idea. Being willing to try is what is required. Then everyone can feel they have achieved the best we could.

Love and prayers

Dorothy

JUNE PARISH DIARY

Tuesday 2nd	10.45 a.m.	Holy Communion at Crossley House
	7.30 p.m.	Adult tap dancing
Wednesday 3rd	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion at St. James's
	6.15 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	7.00 p.m.	Social Committee meeting
Thursday 4th	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 7TH FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	2.00 p.m.	Messy Church
Tuesday 9th	7.30 p.m.	Adult tap dancing
Wednesday 10th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	11.30 a.m.	Ing's Way Lunch Day
	6.15 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Thursday 11th	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 14TH SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Tuesday 16th	7.30 p.m.	Adult tap dancing
Wednesday 17th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion at St. James's
	6.15 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Thursday 18th	9.30 a.m.	Morning prayer
	4.30 p.m.	K:Ing's Way Club
Saturday 20th	2.00 p.m.	Summer Fair

SUNDAY 21ST THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

	10.00 a.m.	Parade Service and Holy Communion
Tuesday 23 rd	7.30 p.m.	Adult Tap Dancing
Wednesday 24th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	6.15 p.m.	Cub Scouts

Thursday 25th 7.30 p.m. PCC meeting in vestry
 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

SUNDAY 28TH FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion
Tuesday 30th 7.30 p.m. Adult Tap Dancing

Summer Fair

Saturday 20th June

2.00 to 4.00 p.m.

Books

Plants

Cakes

Refreshments

Games

Raffle

Tombola

Bottles

Entrance free

Messy Church

Sunday 7th June

2.00 to 4.00 p.m.

SUMMER SUNSHINE

PICNICS

HOLIDAYS

FUN WITH

FRIENDS

A warm welcome to children, along with a family member. Meet old friends and new ones. Try out interesting crafts, dabble with coloured marbling inks, ice traffic light biscuits and join in some surprise activities.

Refreshments are available (free of charge) including drinks, a warm savoury snack, sandwiches, cakes and sweet desserts.

WHAT HAPPENED AFTER EASTER? With visuals, music and a guitar, Karen's sensitive Bible story will reveal all.

We look forward to enjoying a happy and creative afternoon together.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

It never hurts to think ahead, so we would like to suggest that as you go out and about this summer, you keep your eyes open for suitable items to put in a shoebox to send out to needy children this Christmas. Small toys - dolls, soft toys (with CE label), toy cars, yoyos, skipping ropes, balls, small puzzles etc; stationery items - Pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons or felt pens, stamps & ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks & paper, solar calculators, colouring & picture books etc.; hygiene items - Toothbrush and toothpaste, bars of wrapped soap, comb or hairbrush, flannel; other items - Hat, cap, gloves or scarf, sunglasses, hair accessories, jewellery set, wind up torch, wrapped sweets (best-before-date must be at least March of the following year).

We are most grateful for donations of any of the above and if you don't feel able to fill a whole shoebox, please bring in some small items and we will combine them to fill boxes. We will be holding another Bring and Fill morning later in the year, so look out for the date. It's great fun sorting out things to put in the boxes and imagining the joy of the child who will eventually receive it.

Garden Party

Next month, on Saturday 18th, Dorothy will host a garden party at the vicarage from 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. The main attraction will be a Caribbean Steel Band, and anyone who was in church for the Parade Service on 17th May will know what a treat we have in store! There will be various stalls and some Caribbean goodies - Blue Mountain coffee, Caribbean fruit punch, sweet potato pie, grater cake and Jamaican patties to mention but a few. As we are in England, though, we have to consider the climate, so if it is more Kingston-upon-Hull than Kingston, Jamaica, we will all retreat to the hall. Do come and join us - there will be more details in our next magazine.

Thunder and Lightning

People drove through snow to be present at the Mothers' Union Summer Celebration at the Cedar Court hotel in Harrogate on May 19th. Almost as soon as we arrived the three co-presidents went off into a side room to go through their report to the meeting. As they began there was a huge flash of lightning and a roll of thunder! This was all a preliminary to the great meeting that was to come. The picture shows Barbara Taylor, our Provincial President, speaking to Margaret Sentamu, who was to be our principal speaker, with Jean Thurman, president-elect for the Mothers' Union in the Diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales.

Barbara began by welcoming us to the Celebration and led us in the opening prayer.

The co-presidents then took over and entertained us with their report which had been written as a sketch in which all three took part. This was a contrast to formal presentation of reports and went down a bomb with the members present (no wonder there was thunder and lightning when they rehearsed).

Margaret Sentamu was the keynote speaker and began by reminding us that poverty was more than something we read about happening to someone else, but was a reality to many people in many parts of the world. Her point was that it usually falls most heavily on women and girls. Much of the work of Mothers' Union overseas is in encouraging women and empowering them by education and teaching them how to increase and then to trade with their resources. Margaret cited one instance in India where the women had become farmers. When officials came along the men said, "Talk to us, and we will tell the women." "No!" said the officials, "we want to talk to the women." Margaret's words were very encouraging (both she and the Archbishop are paid-up members of Mothers' Union).

After a short break in which people could stand up and walk about to relieve stiff muscles, there was a video message from Reg Bailey, our Chief Executive who retires later this year, in which he praised the work being done in creating a new format for Mothers' in WYAD, and said that it would be an example for others to follow if dioceses felt they

needed to merge.

A musical interlude followed in which we were entertained by Tara Hill, a young clarinetist, who is plainly more than competent, and is, in fact, a brilliant musician who clearly has a bright future in front of her.

Our president-elect, Jean Thurman, was then presented to the meeting. She will take up her post in January. She gave us some biographical details for those who didn't already know her. It was plain to see her commitment to her new role, as she encouraged us to reach out in many ways. She then introduced the presidents who will look after the five episcopal areas. (Jean is stepping down from her co-presidency to become President for the Bradford Episcopal Area).

The Bishop of Ripon, James Bell, closed the evening, clearly delighted to be present, and giving us more encouragement, before blessing us for our journeys home. But the most impressive thing was that the meeting opened precisely on time, and closed precisely on time. A feat for which the organising committee are to be praised. A report can be found on the Diocesan Website www.westyorkshiredales.anglican.org.

R. W. Bailey

MU News from Kenya

Raising awareness of issues remains an important practice for members. In Kajiado Diocese, the community development co-ordinator met with a village chief to discuss the issues of homeless orphans, and these orphans were taken into a children's home and provided for. In Southern Nyanza Diocese, after raising the issue of women's rights to property, women in the community are now trying to pursue legal marriage documents to gain their property entitlements.

From *Families Worldwide* the Mothers' Union resource for prayer and action.

R. W. Bailey

Come Bowling

We are holding another light-hearted Crown Green Bowls competition on Thursday 25th June from 7.00 p.m. at the West Bradford Bowling Club, Prospect Place (off Duckworth Lane.) These evenings are becoming quite a tradition at St. Saviour's, and we always have a really good time. Few of us have any experience at bowling, but what we lack in technique is made up for with enthusiasm and much fun is had. Fiona and Stuart provide a pie and pea supper as part of the ticket price of £3.50 - a real bargain. If the weather doesn't co-operate and we are forced to stay indoors, there will be some alternative entertainment., and even if you don't feel like bowling, you are welcome to come along to watch others, take part in the quiz and enjoy the supper.

A Tiny Prayer Book from Jersey

Ian Mc Alpine.

Soon after I came to live in Bradford in 1998 I bought a tiny Victorian prayer book from the antique fair which used to be held every week in the Midland Hotel. It only cost me 20p, was one of the smallest editions of the Book of Common Prayer that I had ever seen, and was practically falling to pieces. It was printed in Cambridge in 1866 - they rarely carry dates after 1860. What intrigued me most was the bookseller's label inside the front cover - 'LE LIEVRE BROS PRINTERS, BOOKSELLERS &c 13 HALKETT PLACE, JERSEY'. (*See illustration inside front cover*) During the 19th century it was quite common for booksellers to put trade labels inside the covers of books they sold and these can tell us a lot about a book's history. I had spent a week on holiday at St Helier in 1987, flying home to Manchester in an ancient Dakota aeroplane built in 1942 and became fascinated by the island of Jersey, enjoying the well-known Bergerac TV series in the 1980s. I decided to learn more about the little book's origins from the internet. Presumably in the late 1860s the little book had travelled by train with many others from Cambridge to a port on the south coast before going by sailing ship (or perhaps an early steamship) to Jersey where it ended up in Le Lievre's shop.

Halkett Place on the outskirts of St Helier was opened in 1825 and has been a centre for commercial activities for almost 200 years. It has an interesting history which reflects the growth of domestic trade. It has also been the scene of violent civil unrest and was originally a part of the rapid expansion of St Helier after the Napoleonic Wars.

One Victorian resident of Halkett Place who prospered was a bookseller called Chadwick Le Lievre. He occupied no 13 which still stands and is now part of the premises occupied by New Look. In the 1861 census Chadwick was described as a 'printer and bookseller' employing eight men, two boys and one woman, Emma Stickland. He was also the proprietor of the Constitutionnel Newspaper. Ten years later he was employing 16 people – 10 men, five boys and Emma. Chadwick became a *Centenier* (police officer) of St Helier in 1870 as well an official printer for the States of Jersey. Many of the volumes now held at the Jersey Archive have his labels, similar no doubt to the one in my little prayer book, attached to the back cover. Le Lievre died unmarried in 1897, leaving Emma £500 for being his faithful assistant for more than 30 years. This was a considerable sum of money and the faithful Emma was able to retire as a lady of independent means.

And so the survival of one tiny label less than an inch square provided insights into the history of a battered old prayer book and the life of a prominent Victorian resident of Jersey and reminded me of my holiday from 1987. Quite how and when the book came to Bradford remains a complete mystery.

Techie trouble

The vicar at our local church experienced some technical problems with the sound system one Sunday. Instead of starting the service as usual with 'The Lord be with you', he said: "There's something wrong with the microphone."

Not hearing this, the congregation responded: "And also with you."

Maths lesson

The only place where you can buy 64 watermelons without anyone wondering why.

Advice

A minister's advice to a deacon about to be ordained: "Remember: the longer the spoke the greater the tyre."

Dressing

'Ecclesiastic' is material used to fasten a clergyman's robes.

Miscellaneous observations on life

I had some words with my wife, and she had some paragraphs with me.

- Sigmund Freud

I had a ploughman's lunch the other day. He wasn't very happy about it.

A father is a banker provided by nature. – French proverb

The child had every toy his father wanted. – Robert C. Whitten

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24th June: John the Baptist – preparing the way for the Messiah

John the Baptist is famous for baptising Jesus, and for losing his head to a woman. He was born to Zechariah, a Temple priest, and Elizabeth, who was a cousin of Mary, the mother of Jesus. John was born when his mother was advanced in years, and after the foretelling of his birth and the choice of his name by an angel, we hear nothing more of him until he began his mission of preaching and baptising in the river Jordan c27.

John was a lot like an Old Testament prophet: he lived simply on locusts and honey in the wilderness, and his message was one of repentance and preparation for the coming of the Messiah. He went on to baptise Jesus, at Jesus' firm request. When John denounced the incestuous union of Herod Antipas with his niece and brother's wife, Herodias, he was imprisoned and eventually beheaded at the demand of Salome, Herodias' daughter.

John is the only saint to be remembered three times in the Christian calendar, in commemoration of his conception, his birth (June 24), and his martyrdom. When John saw Jesus he said that Jesus was the "Lamb of God", and he is the only person to use this expression of Jesus. In art John is often depicted carrying a lamb, or with a lamb near him.

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46TH Bradford North Scout Group

From the 1st to the 4th May over six and a half thousand Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explores and leaders attended the West Yorkshire Scouts BIG CAMP which was held at the Yorkshire Showground in Harrogate.

There were four activity zones, each with numerous challenges and activities, examples are below :

SPRING ZONE:

Axe Throwing, Abseiling, Bungee Trampoline, Pancake making, BMX, Night Line, Petting Farm, Pond Dipping, Quad Bikes, Birds of Prey, Spider Mountain and Cresta Run.

SUMMER ZONE

Croquet, Zorbing, Punch and Judy, Laser Tag, Parachute Games, Volley Ball, Beach sandcastle competition, Human Football, Kites, Water Wars, Hot Tubs, Canoeing and Kayaking, Basketball

AUTUMN ZONE:

Cave Bus, Low Ropes, Pioneering, Survival, Climbing Tower, Orienteering, Disco Studio, Geocaching, Hockey, Wind chimes, Zip Line, Mountain biking, Quiddich, Hammocks.

WINTER ZONE:

Balloon Sculptures, Crafts, Giant Twister, Remote Control Cars, Lego, Crevasse Crossing, Car Driving, Skating, DJ Workshop, Maze, Science, Dog Display Team, Hot Air Balloons, Monkey World, Junior Crazy Climb.

And so much more...

Fifty Seven members of our own Scout Group enjoyed the experience on what proved to be a rather damp weekend – it rained for a solid 24 hours! So in amongst all the excitement there were tents, sleeping bags, kit and kids to be dried out. Fortunately the sun finally made a brief appearance on Sunday afternoon allowing us to sort things out before another torrential downpour mid afternoon.

However the wet conditions did not deter the young people's enthusiasm and all we saw (primarily) were happy, smiley people.

We camped with members of other Bradford North Groups and feeding over 350 people breakfast, lunch, tea and supper was no mean feat but the catering team did a marvellous job and no-one went hungry.

After tea each day the youngsters went off to enjoy a programme of evening activities that included live bands, a campfire, disco, puppet shows and challenges. There was also a burger bar, ice cream van and camp shop. (On Saturday the tuck shop takings were over £19,000!)

A superb experience for us all.

The Beavers and Cubs have recently been working on their Air Activities badge finding out about airline logos, labelling parts of an aeroplane and finding out about some famous aircraft including the Spitfire and A380 Air bus. We also made paper aeroplanes and identified different flying machines.

The Scouts have been practising their archery and rifle shooting skills in preparation for the District Shooting Competition on June 14th.

BEV HOWARD Group Scout Leader

Ecological Sustainability Badge

Members of the Scouts will soon be working towards their ecological sustainability badge which will involve creating a vegetable garden in the church grounds. They would be most grateful for donations of any spare gardening implements—trowels, forks, secateurs etc.—which may be languishing unused in your garden shed. Please contact one of the leaders using the details on the back cover if you can help.

Notes from the PCC

The PCC met on Tuesday 19th May to discuss various matters.

There is no further progress to report on the HLF grant. We are still awaiting the decision as to what work we can go ahead with—and when that will be. In the meantime we have been awarded a grant of £2000 from the All Churches' Trust toward improving the heating in church, which will be most helpful. Our finances are still in a fairly delicate state, so we are grateful for these generous offers.

We were full of praise for the success of the last Parade Service when the Steel Band came to lead some of the singing and Dorothy involved the children much more in all aspects of the service. Dorothy is keen to build on this promising start and is trying to set up meetings with those involved with the children to see how this can be taken forward into all aspects of our work with children. Over the summer, we will look at the bigger picture and try to identify our aims and how we can achieve them.

The Social Committee has been busy organising events, with the Summer Fair and Bowls evening coming up in June, and the garden party in July. Do please support these events if you can—and let friends, family and neighbours know about them.

We were contacted by the Hospital Chaplaincy service, who are looking for volunteers to visit patients in hospital. Full training will be given, with the next session in October. They would like to know by 24th July of any interested parties, so please contact them on 01274 365819 if you are interested.

The Diocese is considering how deaneries in the new set up should be organised. We were asked to look at various options—whether it would be better to have one large deanery within the former Bradford Episcopal district with, possibly, smaller decision making groups, or whether smaller groupings based on geographical locations would be better. The results will be discussed at the Airedale Deanery Synod meeting and their input will be considered along with that of the other deaneries in our Episcopal area and also those from the other historic dioceses. *Hilary Davis. PCC Secretary.*

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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