

March Letter

Dear Friends,

We seem to be hearing more and more about climate change and global warming. The concept looks doubtful when you consider the amount of ice and snow we've endured since Christmas. But then that demonstrates the difference between climate and weather.

Let's try again. Are we producing too much greenhouse gas? We most probably are, but you could argue whether global warming is the result. What can hardly be denied is that we are using too much fossil fuel and thereby making more CO₂ so switching to renewable energy whenever possible must be a good thing. Reserves of oil, coal and gas aren't infinite and as time passes, these fuels become increasingly expensive to find and extract.

So what! We might have lived out our lives before the fuels run out, but we must spare a thought for the generations to come. We have a great responsibility to leave a viable and sustainable planet for our children and their children to enjoy.

Every Sunday, we say 'We believe in One God... maker of heaven and earth...' Assuming we really do believe that, then it must be our duty to act responsibly in any use of natural resources or anything derived from them. We must also be mindful of how we get rid of our waste. I expect that the Lent course, 'The Earth is the Lord's' will explore the options better and more fully than I can here. It must be our Christian duty to take all feasible steps to protect and respect God's creation.

Food for thought in Lent.

Patrick

MARCH PARISH DIARY

Tuesday 2nd	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
	8.15 p.m.	Serenade Dance Band rehearsal
Thursday 4th	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	6.00 p.m.	Beaver Scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Scouts
Friday 5th	7.00 p.m.	Women's World Day of Prayer
		Service at St. Peter's Church, Allerton Road

SUNDAY 7TH 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion & Junior Church
	11.00 a.m.	Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Tuesday 9th	7.30 p.m.	Adult tap dancing
Wednesday 10th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	11.30 a.m.	Ings Way Lunch Day
	6.15 p.m.	Cub scouts
	8.15 p.m.	Serenade Dance Band Rehearsal
Thursday 11 th	9.30 a.m.	Morning prayer
	6.00 p.m.	Beaver scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Scouts

SUNDAY 14TH 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT/MOTHERING SUNDAY

	9.30 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
	8.15 p.m.	Serenade Dance Band rehearsal
Thursday 18 th	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	6.00 p.m.	Beaver Scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Scouts

SUNDAY 21ST 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

	9.30 a.m.	Parade Service & Holy Communion
Tuesday 23rd	7.00 p.m.	Holy Communion in Chapel
	7.30 p.m.	PCC meeting in vestry
	7.30 p.m.	Adult tap dancing

Wednesday 24th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	10.00 a.m.	Festival of Crosses
	6.00 p.m.	Festival of Crosses
	6.15 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Thursday 25 th	8.15 p.m.	Serenade Dance Band rehearsal
	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	6.00 p.m.	Festival of Crosses
	6.00 p.m.	Beaver Scouts
Friday 26th	7.30 p.m.	Scouts
	7.00 p.m.	Slice of Life at Thornton
Saturday 27 th	10.00 a.m.	Festival of Crosses
	7.30 p.m.	Concert in aid of Corabia Foundation

SUNDAY 28TH PALM SUNDAY

Monday 29th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion & Junior Church
	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	10.00 a.m.	Festival of Crosses
Tuesday 30th	6.00 p.m.	Festival of Crosses
	7.30 p.m.	Adult tap dancing
	7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion
Wednesday 31st	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion at St. James's
	6.15 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	8.15 p.m.	Serenade Dance Band rehearsal

Fair Trade

At St. Saviour's, we have committed ourselves to be a Fair Trade Church. That is, we have agreed to use only fairly-traded tea and coffee for our refreshments, and to use other items as appropriate. February 22nd to March 7th this year is designated "Fair Trade Fortnight" and to support this, we are organising a "Big Swap" on Sunday 7th March. We are asking everyone to bring in a fairly traded product, and to swap it with something someone else has brought in that you wouldn't normally use. It's a chance to try something a bit different and, hopefully, expand the scope of fairly-traded products you use.

March 2nd: St. Chad (d 672)

Chad should be the patron saint of any modern bishop whose consecration is questioned by another bishop. Chad was consecrated a bishop, then deposed - and then re-consecrated!

It all began when Oswiu, king of Northumbria, made him bishop of the Northumbrian see. But due to a scarcity of appropriate bishops, two dubious bishops did the job of consecrating him. This led to Theodore, Archbishop of Canterbury, deciding to depose him about three years later.

Chad took his dismissal with good heart, and peacefully retired. But then Theodore had second thoughts: Chad was of excellent character: humble, devout, and zealous. So Theodore re-consecrated him – to be the first bishop of the Mercians. Second time around, Chad was a great success - again.

When Chad died he was quickly venerated as a saint. People took a great fancy to his bones, believing that they would bring healing. Even today, four large bones, dating from the 7th century, and believed to be Chad's, are in the Roman Catholic cathedral in Birmingham.

Granny

The little boy came home from his first day at Sunday School. He told his mother that his Sunday School teacher was Jesus' granny. Startled, his mother replied, "'How did you reach that conclusion?'"

"Well, she never stops talking about Jesus," he replied.

Science

Protons have mass? I didn't even know they were Catholic.

Query

If I can quote lines out of the Bible, would I be well-versed in it?

Where does your time go?

Have you ever got to the end of the day and wondered where the time has gone? Days, weeks, months can fly past. Before we know where we are there is another birthday or anniversary. Maybe it's time to pause and reflect on the day or year, notice what is around, discover God in the middle of it all Here are some ideas you may like to try.

Listen Try simply listening. Listen to whatever sounds are around with complete attention for a few minutes. How many sounds can you hear? Is there anything you have not noticed before?

Feel Hold a smooth pebble. Take some time to feel the smoothness of the stone. Look at its colour and texture. Feel its weight in your hand. Great forces have gone into the making of your stone. Now it is small and still. Hold it as you talk to God about what is in your mind.

Look Let a candle, a cross, a picture or icon become a focus for your attentiveness. Or sit in the garden and let a tree, leaf etc. be that focus. Sit and look at it. Allow yourself to look at it rather than think about it. When you are ready, talk to God about what you see.

Breathe Choose a short prayer or a few words from the Bible. Repeat it in time with your breathing. The Jesus Prayer can be used in this way "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, be merciful to me, a sinner". Or simply, "Jesus". Try to breath naturally, without over breathing.

An empty chair Sometimes a chair becomes something to pile things on to—a bag of knitting, books, newspapers..... Take a chair and put it near the place where you are sitting. In your imagination put onto it anything you are finding difficult or heavy at the moment. Share it with God. Put onto it anything that you are glad about. Appreciate it and enjoy God appreciating it with you.....

Or you may like to simply imagine Jesus sitting on the empty chair. Sit in his company. Talk with him if you want to. Tell him about your day. Listen to him as well.

Festival of Crosses

What does the cross mean to you?

It's not a question we ask ourselves very often, but in an attempt to get people thinking, we are holding a Festival of Crosses at St. Saviour's over Passiontide and Holy Week.

We hope there will be crosses of all shapes and sizes - bought ones and ones people have made - from all sorts of materials, the more original the better. And we also hope to have people's thoughts on what the cross they have brought in means to them, and why they chose it - or why they chose the materials to make it.

The Festival will be open at the times listed below, and refreshments will be available. The opening times often follow on from a service (details in the Diary section) so if you would like to join us for these as well, you would be most welcome. Helpers to steward the exhibition and to make refreshments are also needed, so if you can help, please have a word with the wardens or Kaaren Raistrick.

The Festival will be open at the following times:

Wednesday 24th March 10.00 -11.00am; 6.00 - 8.00pm

Thursday 25th March 6.00 - 8.00pm

Saturday 27th March 10.00 - 12.00 noon

Monday 29th March 10.00 - 11.00 am

Tuesday 30th March 6.00 - 8.00 pm

Thursday 1st April 10.00 - 11.00 am

Friday 2nd April 2.00 - 4.00pm

Saturday 3 April 10.00 - 12.00 noon.

The Teachings of Christ Hold the Key

I was called up to serve in the navy at 18, and in 1944 I was sent to Alexandria in Egypt. My ship was anchored in the harbour, and at night I slept in a hammock on the top deck looking up at the stars. Although I knew many by name as a navigator's yeoman, I was amazed to see so many in the clear Egyptian night. All the formations I had learned were there, so constant in their position that they convinced me that some supernatural being arranged them. I thought it must be God.

I had read in St. Luke's Gospel that Jesus said to his disciples "There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars". I decided to learn more about Christ and, along with many servicemen, was confirmed at Cairo Cathedral on February 1st 1946. In the 50s I joined a church at Allerton and, later on, St. Saviour's, Fairweather Green. I look upon the church as my spiritual home. I hear the preacher and teachings from the Bible. I feel I am forgiven for anything wrong I have thought or done and pray that the Holy Spirit will guide me in the days ahead.

I am concerned that very few children attend church. Young people seem more interested in television and computers, happy in this "press-button" age with laptops and the internet. They are in a world of their own. In the UK 80% of crimes are committed by young people who had behavioural problems as children and teenagers.

I pray that all religious bodies will help and encourage young people to hear and find out about their faith. It is good that most schools teach religious education, and religions should support and guide them away from drink and drugs.

My inner self, my soul, tells me that the teaching of Jesus Christ about peace and justice for all people is the only way forward. So I pray that all wars and hatred will cease and that all people, leaders of governments, tribes, religions and countries will unite and help one another to feed the hungry, homeless refugees and those suffering from natural disasters and AIDS. We must also stop polluting the earth. We pray God will guide and help us to do all these things.

Stan Brooksbank

46th Bradford North Cubs

At the District Games tournament held on 30th January our Cubs won fourteen trophies between them for Connect-4, Darts, Dominoes, Draughts and Skittles. Well done to everyone!

Twenty of us ventured along to Coral Windows Stadium to watch City play Bury on 6th February. Thanks to the generosity of the Co-operative no cost was incurred by us at all. The atmosphere was brilliant especially considering this was a League Two fixture. Although City lost it was a great game and our Cubs thoroughly enjoyed the occasion, although some of our girls were rather perturbed at the choice language used by some supporters!

On Sunday 7th February the Chief Scouts Awards Ceremony was held in the McCall Suite down at Bradford City. Seven of our members officially received their Silver Awards from the County Commissioner. It was rather a manic affair as numerous Beavers were presented with their Bronze Awards and several dozen Scouts received their Gold.

Bev Howard GROUP SCOUT LEADER

Women's World Day of Prayer 2010

The WWDP this year will be on Friday 5th March and St. Peter's Church, Allerton Road, is hosting a service on behalf of Churches Together in Allerton and Fairweather Green at 7.00 p.m. ALL are welcome to attend this service - not just women!

This year's service has been put together by the women of Cameroon, with the theme "Let everything that has breath praise God."

The Republic of Cameroon is said to be 'Africa in miniature'. It is a country of great cultural diversity with more than 240 ethnic groups and languages. The constitution promotes equality between men and women but traditional rights and attitudes discriminate against women in many areas of life. However giant steps have been taken towards assuring women's rights and women are involved in the struggle for peace, justice and integrity.

Cameroon faces many challenges as its people seek to move forward into a modern age without losing their distinctive characteristics. But at all times, in all circumstances, Cameroonians are able to praise God with joy and exuberance and the service reflects this.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting takes place on Sunday 7th March, following the morning service. At this meeting, we look at what we have achieved over the past year and consider things we might do in the future. It is a chance to vote for various officers for the coming year, and to say thank you to those who have worked so hard to keep things running.

Flowers for Easter

Easter is an extra-special time in the Christian calendar, so we like the church to look its absolute best. We will be meeting on the morning of Saturday 3rd April to arrange the flowers. Anyone who would like to help will be most welcome (there is always a cuppa to help the task along!) and any donations towards the cost will be gratefully received by Margaret or Kaaren.

Slice of Life

At St James' Church Hall

The Slice of Life is an evening of informal worship for all. It features a study of the via film clips, live music and quizzes and much more. A hot supper is always on offer and the emphasis is on having good fun whilst worshipping God.

Friday 26th March 2010 the film The Passion (certificate 18) will be shown at 7pm (doors opening 6.30pm). Food and drink will be available to purchase.

A new chalice

St Saviour's has been given a chalice by my brother, Stephen, who made it nearly 50 years ago when he was a student at Birmingham College of Art and Design. Since then, it has stood on a bookcase at my Mother's home and he feels that it is high time that it is used for the purpose it was made for. As its sixties shape makes it slightly awkward to drink from, its use may be limited, but I hope you will get the chance to see it and appreciate his craftsmanship from time to time.

Patrick Preston

Signs and Symbols in our churches: Incense

A number of churches use incense within their worship; some as a regular feature, others on particularly 'high' or 'special' occasions, such as Easter and Christmas, yet others only as a part of one-off informal participative services.

'Incense' is a combination of natural gums, plants and waxes, each different combination giving a unique fragrance. You can find incense in many different forms in local shops for use in the home – sticks, cones, within wax to melt on a heated plate and so on. In churches it's most common to use incense in the form of small grains which are placed on burning charcoal.

Incense was used in worship long before the time of Jesus. Its sweet smell and its rising smoke give it the image of a person's prayers rising up to God. It's no surprise that the psalmist says in Psalm 141, "Let my prayer come like incense before you." Each granule when placed on a heated coal immediately emits a strong perfume and clearly perceptible smoke. When a number of grains are placed together the result is a powerful visible reminder that whilst alone we can be heard and seen, together we are far more potent and noticeable.

The slightest time of burning can leave an aroma long after the heat of the burner is quenched and the incense itself is consumed.

Charity Concert

There will be a concert in memory of Chris Gibson at the Alhambra Studio on Saturday 6th March at 8.00 p.m. Alex Quinn and The Man in the Street, and Amy Rose's Rhythm Strays will perform a varied programme of folk, jazz and rock music. Tickets are £12 (available from the Alhambra box office) and all proceeds go to Andrea's Gift, the brain tumour charity.

Home Group

There is a home group at Thornton Vicarage at 7.30 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Anyone who is interested is most welcome to go along. Please have a word with Andy if you would like more information.

Diocesan Day - April 17th, 2010

2010 will see Diocesan Day enter its 5th year with *Ministry 4 Mission* as the main theme. The keynote speaker will be Bishop Robert Paterson from Sodor & Man. Bishop Robert is Chair of the Central Readers Council and Vice Chair of both the Liturgical Commission and the Fresh Expressions Board.

Over 600 people are expected at Diocesan Day which will be held on Saturday April 17th at Bradford Grammar School. It will be a day of celebration, teaching and fellowship and as usual there will be a wide range of seminars and workshops to choose from. Worship will be led by musicians from St. John's, Ben Rhydding and the groups for children will again be organised by the team from Thorpe Edge, expanding to cover children up to the age of 15.

There are brochures and booking forms at the back of church if you are interested - or they can be downloaded from the Diocesan website (www.bradford.anglican.org/diocesanday)

Parade Service

At the Family Parade Service on 21st March the Cubs will be treating us to a play entitled "The Rainbow that Argued" and leading the prayers. Do please come along and support them. To fortify them after all this hard work, we will be selling bacon butties in the hall after the service - available to anyone, not just the performers!

All in the mix

Freddie was a scientist,
He isn't any more,
For what he thought was H₂O,
Was H₂SO₄!

Not my Favourite Things

(With apologies to Messrs Rogers and Hammerstein!)

Facebook and Bebo and E-bay and Twitter
Texting and typing – they won't make you fitter,
Sore eyes and fingers are all that they bring,
They're not remotely my favourite things!

Viruses, Trojans, and spamming and phishing,
Data on laptops that seem to go missing,
Sitting on trains when a telephone rings,
These aren't exactly my favourite things!

When they break down, when they spam me,
When they make me mad.....
Then I remember how things used to be –
And I don't feel so bad!

Letters from loved ones in handwritten packets
Walks in the park with no 'phones in our jackets,
Capitals used when a sentence begins,
Those were a few of my favourite things!
For those old days, and those old ways,
I am feeling sad,
Then I switch off my i-phone and PC,
And I don't feel so bad!

By Nigel Beeton

Notes from the PCC

The PCC met on Tuesday 10th February and as this was the last meeting before the Annual meeting, we spent some time approving the Annual Report and Accounts for the past year. Full details will be available in time for the meeting on Sunday 7th March.

We also looked at the result of the Away Day we held in November and the 5-year plan we devised for developing our worship. There won't be a sudden rush of new things, but we hope to keep under review the things that were suggested and gradually try things as seems appropriate. Andy is keen to develop the Parade Services to make them more relevant for young people and so we hope to see more involvement of the children in these services in the future. We owe a big debt of gratitude to our Junior Church, Beaver, Cub and Scout leaders for the wonderful work they do with the children; we would like to ensure we complement that good work in the actual services they attend. We were delighted to be able to approve a contribution to enable Junior Church members (and leaders) to have a trip to the bowling alley Sunday 28th February, followed by a meal.

At long last, it looks as though we are nearly there with the grant money for the toilets, car park and screen in the narthex. There have been lots of delays and hitches and we have had to comply with all sorts of stipulations to be eligible for the money. We are most grateful to James Muff who has spent an enormous amount of time and effort contacting the relevant people and ensuring we have in place all the necessary paperwork. Once the funding is secure, we just need to work out exactly what work is needed and it's all systems go!

There are lots of up and coming events for March and early April which were all discussed and developed. Details of these appear elsewhere in the magazine and we hope as many of you as can will come along to support.

Hilary Davis
PCC Secretary

**LAID TO REST
JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2010**

Michael Leach (49)

Joan Millar (80)

Mabel Woodhead (94)

Norah Greenwood (90)

Doris Mazurke (84)

MARCH ROLL OF REMEMBRANCE

1st	Eric Cooper	(1995)
2nd	George Ridgway	(1988)
3rd	Jim Hannay	(1981)
4th	Ellen Milton	(1982)
5th	John Smith	(2001)
6th	Thomas Swales	(1983)
9th	William Henry Willis	(1972)
	Edith Gaygen	(1983)
	Alison Jane Parkin	(2004)
10th	Amy Wilkinson	(1945)
16th	Maurice Cheetham	(1997)
17th	Amy Dennet	(1981)
	Sadie Marlow	(2006)
19th	Elsie Saville	(1982)
21st	Martha Marlow	(1948)
24th	Gordon Spence	(1988)
25th	Bernard Hugh Preston	(1959)
	Albert Edward Jacques	(1981)
	Edith Sutcliffe	(1980)
	Thomas Flood	(1997)
26th	Ethel Eales	(1980)
28th	Cynthia Smith	(1975)
29th	Robert Errington	(1976)
31st	Chris Gibson	(2008)

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