

Dear Friends,

I wonder how many of you know the work of Flanders and Swann? As performers of their own unusual songs in the 1960s, they were a well known and well liked stage act, and had a big following on records too. Our family holidays in the 70s and 80s usually began with a lengthy car journey, helped along by Flanders and Swann on tape, and everyone singing the words of many songs along with them - "The Gas Man Cometh", "Mud Glorious Mud", "A Song of Patriotic Prejudice", and the one that brought all this to mind over recent weeks - "A Song of the Weather."

The trenchant comments on every month's weather, throughout the year, used to reduce us (and still does) to helpless laughter.

*"Welcome March with wintry wind - wouldst thou were't not so unkind."* was this month's summary, to be followed by *"April brings the sweet Spring showers - on and on for hours and hours."*

Needless to say, there wasn't a single month when the weather was actually worth bothering about. (I write this looking out at a garden covered in snow - again - while hail is hurling itself at the windows, and a wind blowing everything around that I thought was safely tied down!)

There is no doubt that this can be a difficult time of year to cope with, but it can also be a good time of year to remember the enormous number of things for which we should give thanks. For there is a reverse side to every coin, and a mindset which we can work on to think positively and constructively about the world, the community in which we live, and the things for which we owe a debt of gratitude.

We have had some difficult weather to cope with - but others in our country have had it worse - floods, and repeat floods, in their homes. We have had cold, snowy days and nights, but most of us with a roof over our heads. For some in Bradford this winter, the only roof has been provided thanks to the Inn Churches project, which ran again this year through the three coldest winter months, and provided beds, hot food, opportunities to wash and change clothes, to those otherwise living on

the streets.

Overseas, we have seen refugees from the Syrian conflict living in appalling conditions in bitterly cold weather, and we have seen raging fires devour huge areas of southern Australia, at frightening speed.

As we move through this month, marking the season of Lent, we may well be following a discipline in our lives to focus our attention better on the presence of God in our world, and to listen more to the things he is telling us. That could be through attending the Lent Group meetings on Wednesday evenings in church focusing on the theme "Glimpses of God." It may be through private study, or devotion. It may be we can think about where we can help out with some groups in need. It may be that we decide to support initiatives which seek to relieve suffering.

As the month comes to its end, we will be celebrating Easter, where Jesus triumphed over the greatest suffering he endured, to rise again, having taken on himself the sins of us all, for all time. Out of apparent disaster came the greatest good, which we celebrate again in great joy on Easter Day.

Can I wish you all a thoughtful Lent, and a glorious Easter to follow.  
*Jean Bailey.*

### **MARCH PARISH DIARY**

Friday 1st      2.00 p.m.      Women's World Day of Prayer Service  
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#### **SUNDAY 3RD                      THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Tuesday 5th	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion at Crossley House
	7.30 p.m.	Adult tap dancing
Wed 6th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion at St. James's
	6.15 p.m.	Cub scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Lent Group
Thursday 7th	9.30 a.m.	Morning prayer
	4.30 p.m.	K:Ing's Way Club
	6.00 p.m.	Beaver scouts

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SUNDAY 10TH FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT/MOTHERING SUNDAY

	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Tuesday 12th	7.30 p.m.	Adult tap dancing
Wed 13th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	11.30 a.m.	Ings Way Lunch Day
	6.15 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Lent Group
Thursday 14th	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 17TH FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

	10.00 a.m.	Parade Service and Holy Communion
	11.30 a.m.	Annual Parochial Church Meeting
	12.30 p.m.	Lunch
Tuesday 19th	7.30 p.m.	Adult tap dancing
	7.30 p.m.	Social Committee meeting
Wed 20th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Thursday 21st	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	6.00 p.m.	Beaver Scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Scouts

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SUNDAY 24TH PALM SUNDAY

	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Tuesday 26th	7.30 p.m.	Adult tap dancing
Wed 27th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	6.15 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	7.00 p.m.	Holy Communion in Chapel
	7.30 p.m.	PCC meeting
Thursday 28th	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	7.00 p.m.	Faith meal
	7.45 p.m.	Stripping of the Altar service
Friday 29th	2.00 p.m.	An hour at the Cross

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## SUNDAY 31ST EASTER DAY

- 9.00 a.m. Breakfast in hall  
10.00 a.m. Family Communion

### **Holy Week and Easter**

We have again planned a series of services to mark Holy Week and Easter. Everyone is most welcome to come along to all or any of them as they wish. You will be most welcome!

### **Wednesday 27th March**

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (said) followed by refreshments in the hall

### **Thursday 28th March - Maundy Thursday**

7.00 p.m. Faith meal in the hall (church open from 6.45 p.m.)  
7.30 p.m. Holy Communion with Stripping of the Altar

### **Friday 29th March - Good Friday**

2.00 p.m. An hour at the Cross - 3x 20 minute periods of a hymn, reading with short address and time for quiet reflection.

There will be the opportunity to light a candle and/or lay a nail at the cross at the end of the service, then time for quiet reflection for as long as you wish.

### **Sunday 31st March - Easter Day**

9.00 a.m. Join us for breakfast in the hall - bacon butties on offer!  
10.00 a.m. Family Communion to celebrate Easter

### **Flowers**

Traditionally, Lent is a time of austerity and to mark that, there are no flowers in church. Then, on Easter Day we like to ensure the church is fully decorated in celebration. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of flowers, Kaaren would be delighted to receive it - along with offers to help with the arranging.

## **Samaritan's Purse - TURN ON THE TAP - Providing Clean Water & Saving Lives.**

2013 is UN International Year of Water Co-operation and Friday 22nd March is World Water Day.

Every day over 4,000 children around the world die of waterborne illness. That's 1 every 20secs ...1.5million every year. 90% of these children are under 5yrs old. Lack of access to clean, safe water keeps families and communities in Water Poverty.

Turn on the Tap is alleviating water poverty by providing families with Bio Sand Filters which make dirty water safe to drink; funding projects for clean wells and water-pumps for communities; and teaching maintenance of the filters and pumps as well as hygiene and safe food preparation to these people. To learn more talk to Margaret Baker and/or go to [www.samaritans-purse.org.uk](http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk) or [www.turnonthetap.org.uk](http://www.turnonthetap.org.uk)

### **Diocesan Day**

This year's Diocesan Day will be at Bradford Grammar School on Saturday 27th April from 10.0 a.m. to 4.30 p.m., with the theme "Inspired and Confident".

The keynote speaker will be Bishop Stephen Cottrell and there will also be a wide range of seminars available from speakers from within and outside the Diocese. There are booklets available at the back of church, or details are on the Diocesan website ([www.bradford.anglican.org.uk](http://www.bradford.anglican.org.uk)) and it is possible to book online or by post

### **Women's World Day of Prayer**

As we reported in last month's magazine, a service to mark the Women's World Day of Prayer will be held at St. Saviour's on Friday 1st March at 2.00 p.m. This year's theme is "*I was a stranger and you welcomed me*" and the service has been devised by the women of France. All are most welcome to come and join us - and for some refreshments afterwards.

## **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

This year's meeting will be on Sunday 17th March, following the morning service. We look forward to welcoming all members to choose the churchwardens for the coming year, elect PCC members and sidespeople and to hear about what we have done in the past year and some plans for the future. If you are interested in any of the vacant positions, please have a word with the wardens.

After all the deliberation, we feel you will have deserved some sustenance, so there will be a lunch of jacket potatoes and salad.

## **Erfurt - a Meeting Place of Trade and Ideas**

Bradford Diocese has had a link with the Churches of Erfurt, in Thuringia, for something like fifteen years, and various groups from Bradford have visited the city, and we have had the privilege of welcoming groups from Erfurt among us in Bradford. The most recent visits were of young people from Erfurt, who stayed in the Dales around Ingleton and then went on to the Greenbelt Festival in August, while an adult group from Bradford visited Erfurt in November, and Jean and I were privileged to be part of that group.

Erfurt has a long history. Boniface of Crediton conducted a long ministry in that area and founded a bishopric at Erfurt in 742. Pope Zacharias had advised him to make sure that the local people could support a bishopric, and the Pope's wisdom was demonstrated a few years later when the bishopric of Erfurt collapsed and was re-absorbed into the bishopric of Mainz.

There's more to Erfurt than that. The city stands at the junction of two ancient trade routes across Europe. One began at Stettin and ran south westwards to Erfurt, where it joined a trade route running south east from Lübeck and Hamburg. The route then continued south eastward towards Venice with a branch towards Genoa. These two routes met at the ford over the River Gera (the element "furt" in Erfurt means a ford).

Of course, the people of Erfurt made the most of their good fortune by imposing taxes on all goods passing through the town. Later in the middle Ages, they built a bridge over the ford which gradually filled

with houses and shops, and is now reputed to be the longest inhabited bridge in Europe. This bridge - the "Krämerbrücke (Merchants' Bridge) - is the most distinctive feature of the city and well worth a visit, in fact, more than one. The University at Erfurt was founded in the 14th century and became a centre for the humanism which flourished in the European Universities. ("Humanism" was then a Christian teaching.) It was closed in the early 19th century but is now reopened with four faculties.

One of the most significant figures in Erfurt's history is Meister Eckhart. He was born in 1260 and by the age of 16 had entered the Dominican Friary at Erfurt, and by the age of 30 had become Prior. One of his great strengths was his preaching in the vernacular German. The good burghers of Erfurt and their wives flocked to hear him. The sermons can be difficult enough in English translation, but there is always a nugget of gold to be taken away from his preaching.

The Dominicans sent Eckhart to study in Paris where he received his master's degree (hence "Meister" Eckhart). Back in Erfurt, the Dominicans appointed him "Vicar of Erfurt", i.e. superior of all the local Dominican houses. Unfortunately, Eckhart offended the Franciscans, and they moved heaven and earth to prove him to be a heretic. They drew up 31 charges of heresy against him, and he answered with a very powerful refutation. He was on his way to Cologne to face an enquiry into his "heresy" when he died.

*R. W. Bailey*

## 12th Century Monastic Charter.

Recently in the course of my work at the Yorkshire Archaeological Society in Leeds I was asked to read and identify a mediaeval Latin land grant, (MD 335/Box 65/1). During my career I have worked on hundreds of mediaeval manuscripts from Yorkshire and Lancashire but had never dealt with one quite as ancient as this. The tiny document was written on vellum (animal skin) and measured just 9" x 2" (*see illustration inside front cover*). It had no date but documents at this period very often were undated, thereby irritating and confusing modern historians. However, it was addressed to Thurstan, Archbishop of York who reigned from 1119 to 1140. Thurstan was only the fourth Archbishop of York to have been appointed since the Norman Conquest. The script was rather similar to that used in the Domesday Book of 1086 which was only about 50 years earlier. It occurred to me that when the document was written, in about 1130 during the reign of Henry I, there were still a few people alive who were children at the time of the Battle of Hastings in 1066. It is probably the oldest document in the Society's vast collection.

When I read the Latin text I discovered that it related to a grant of land in Malham by one Helto Mauleverer to the monks at the Augustinian priory of Emsay, near Skipton. The priory had been founded by Cecilia de Rumelie, an aristocratic lady from Skipton and her first husband William Meschin in 1120, only a few years before the YAS document was written. The manuscript was simply Cecilia's confirmation of Mauleverer's grant. The priory at Emsay was short-lived and in 1155 Cecilia's daughter Alice authorised the transfer of the establishment to its present site at Bolton Abbey which we all know so well. The last line but one showed that the deed had been written and witnessed by a clergyman called Reginald.

My translation read as follows:-

*"Cecily de Rumelie sends greetings to Thurstan, by the Grace of God Archbishop of York and to all sons of the holy church and to all men and friends. Know that I give and confirm the gift which Helto Malleverer gave to the church of Saint Cuthbert and its abbot, that is to*

*say one and a half carucates of land at Malham which I give and grant to the same church and those serving the same church to hold well and in peace, freely and quietly, as an unsullied and everlasting gift for the salvation of my soul and those of my ancestors. Witnesses:- Reginald the chaplain, the writer of this charter, Regnerus the cupbearer, Ino the constable, William Whithond, Walter Picot, Roger Faffint."*

The carucate was an ancient and somewhat variable land measurement equal to eight bovates or oxgangs, (as much land as an ox could supposedly plough in a year). It is impossible to give an exact modern equivalent - most irritating to historians!

The manuscript was already four centuries old when Bolton Abbey was dissolved during the Reformation. Evidently it had escaped destruction at that period. And somehow the tiny manuscript has survived in near perfect condition for nearly 900 years, a remarkable example of Yorkshire's exceptional archival heritage.

*Ian Mc Alpine,*

## **The Children's Society**

In January we held our annual Christingle Service which was very well attended and we were fortunate to have as our guest speaker Laura Riach from The Children's Society. Laura outlined some of the many and varied projects which form a major part of their valuable work. Here are a few examples of their work across the country:-

**Young Runaways:** Of the 100,000 children who run away each year, 1 in 12 will be harmed. The Charity have nine dedicated runaway projects which rely on donations for much of their work and they also campaign to ensure safety for young runaways.

**Children in Care:** Today, over 65,000 children live in care in this country, often moving from home to home. The Children's Society provide tailored one-to-one support to give children in care the stability they need.

**Young Carers:** Every day, tens of thousands of young carers are missing out on vital education and play because they care for disabled or chronically ill family members. The Children's Society influence local and national government and work in partnership with social workers, teachers and health care professionals to ensure that solutions are found that consider the needs of the whole family.

**"Money Box Candles":** These were available after the Christingle service and may be returned to church for emptying and the money will then be sent onto the charity. Please may we ask that the candles be placed on the collecting plates during the service so that the money is taken up to the altar for the priest to include it in the blessing which is said for our church collection.

**Collection Boxes:** We recently took delivery of a further supply of house boxes. These are ideal to keep handy, to pop loose change in, and then be surprised by how the coins mount up. If many people give a little, it does amount to quite a lot! Last year, due to admin purposes, the boxes had only been in circulation about 2 months, and we managed to raise £100, so we are hopeful for a larger figure over a 12 month period. If you would like to have a box in your home, which will be emptied annually each November, please have a word with me. On behalf of St. Saviour's PCC I would like to thank everyone for their continued support.

*Val Muff*

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

At the end of January fourteen of our Cubs participated in the District Games Tournament held at Allerton Methodist Church. In total there were fifty youngsters taking part in connect-4, darts, dominoes, draughts and skittles contests. All our Cubs won at least one trophy - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>, and some won an armful! A very successful and enjoyable event.

At Cub and Scout meetings we have been putting the young people through a series of fitness exercises including: the speed bounce; standing long jump; skipping; hi-stepper; target throw and balance beam. The aim is for each child to achieve their personal best. We will finalise results after half-term.

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February twelve Cubs joined another thirty from across the District on a night hike. Everyone met at Blackhills at 5.30pm they had to register, were put into two teams and received *i scout-i lost* wristbands. The hike leaders then gave out fluorescent jackets before going over some of the safety rules. Everyone set off at 6.15pm down through Blackhills and across the fields to St. Ives returning via Harden and through the woods by Stephen Smith garden centre and back to camp. It was a very arduous route with mud underfoot almost all the way. However all completed the course from our youngest members aged only 7 to the more elderly leaders and parents. (I managed to opt out of this one!!) As a result of taking part in the hike the children receive their Hikers badge.

Six of our eight Explorers camped at Blackhills from the 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> February, helping with the Cub night hike on the Saturday. They did some backwards cooking including using an orange filled with cake mixture and an open fire to make a sponge cake! Food hygiene was also on the agenda as was cooking a

stew. They also built bivouacs and made plans for building an assault course for summer camp.

A few Scouts will take part in the Brass Monkey District Camp at Blackhills to be held from the 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> March. Alas many of our members will be otherwise engaged in the city of London as Bradford play in the League Cup Final on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

We celebrated the Chinese New Year at Cubs with games, origami and puzzles. Our older Cubs, meanwhile, were making pancakes for us. Yummy!

At the end of this next term we are holding a joint Beaver, Cub, Scout and Explorer evening. Several investitures will take place with children transferring from Beavers to Cubs, and Cubs to Scouts.

Our Explorer Unit (young people aged 14-18) is led by Natalie Howard on Tuesday evenings from 7.30pm until 9pm. Our Assistant leader has had to leave us and we desperately need another adult to help out if the unit is to continue. During the course of the next few months the Explorers will be preparing for the Duke of Edinburgh bronze award expedition. If you think you may be able to help contact myself or Natalie. (bevhoward@hotmail.com or natsrhoward@hotmail.co.uk )

Tickets are selling fast for the Bradford City Scout Show so if you're interested please get in touch asap. Three of our Scouts and five Cubs are taking part, along with fifty others. It will be held at the Bingley Arts Centre from the 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7.15pm. There is a matinee on Saturday at 2.15pm. Tickets are £8 each. If anyone would like to book a seat please let one of the leaders know. If you like a variety show do come along - it's just the thing to lift your spirits!

Bev Howard GROUP SCOUT LEADER

## **Why God made mums**

These were the answers given by some seven year-olds

God made my mum just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

They have a lot more hair than dads, are softer to hug, and wear woolly jumpers.

*What kind of little girl was your mum?*

They say she used to be nice.

*What did your mum need to know about your dad before she married him?*

She needed to check out his bank account, to make sure he could buy her clothes.

*Who's the boss in your house?*

Dad is, because mum says so. She just helps by reminding him what to do each day.

*What's the difference between mums & dads?*

Mums know how to talk to teachers without scaring them.

Dads are taller and stronger, but they panic when the dishwasher overflows.

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## **Nice**

The nice thing about becoming forgetful is that you can hide your own Easter eggs.

## **It helps**

Laughter is like changing a baby's nappy: it doesn't permanently solve any problems, but it makes things more acceptable for awhile.

## **Daily prayer**

Lord, keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth.

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## EASTER

Chocolate eggs and cuddly bunnies  
Mark the start of Easter time.  
But where's the cross, the Lord's great passion  
That took our sin both yours and mine?  
Once a babe but now a king  
Born of David's royal line  
See the crown of tangled thorns  
Rammed upon the head divine.

Jeering now they strip and beat Him  
Nail Him to a cross on high  
Throwing dice they shout and mock him  
Watching there for Him to die.  
Little did they know the outcome  
That it was the Father's plan  
That the Son should give His life  
Our sacrifice, the Paschal Lamb.

Taken down and wrapped in spices  
In a borrowed tomb He's laid,  
Stone rolled hard against the entrance  
Guards and seal securely made.  
The women and disciples seek Him  
He who death could not hold down  
Risen now, forever living,  
Wearing now the victor's crown.  
He the firstfruits of the Father,  
Secures for us a heavenly place  
What great joy and celebrations  
When we see Him face to face.

*By Megan Carter*

## Notes from the PCC

We had a very busy meeting on Wednesday 30th January, all business had been transferred from the previous week when the snow had forced a cancellation.

We welcomed our new Children's Worker, Mrs. Angie McKniff, to our meeting and she was full of enthusiasm and plans for the launch of the revived K:Ing's Way Club on 28th February. We promised her our support for this exciting venture and look forward to hearing how it develops. If anyone has any spare Noah's Ark toys they would be prepared to donate, Angie would be very glad to receive them.

Final amendments were made to the publicity material to go with the advert for a new House-for-Duty Priest. The post has been advertised nationally and locally and we are hopeful the right person will come along. Please keep this in your prayers.

We are nearing the time of year for the Annual Parochial Church meeting and so had a preliminary look at the Annual Report from the PCC that will be presented to the meeting. James, our Treasurer, gave a brief outline of the financial position, but will make his full report at the next meeting. We look forward to seeing a good turnout on March 17th!

As there is now no need to have the service at 9.30 a.m., as we are no longer sharing a vicar with Thornton, the decision was taken to go back to our former time of 10.00 a.m., which we hope will make it easier for more people to attend on a Sunday morning.

Arrangements for services in Holy Week and Easter were finalised - details are given elsewhere in the magazine. Ian, our Vicar, is also keen to make Parade Services a bit more friendly for children. He has produced a simpler version of the Communion service and has been in touch with the Scout Group Leaders and Angie to get their ideas for improving things.

*Hilary Davis, PCC Secretary*

## Holy Baptism

Cleo Cooper Pollard

17th February 2013

### 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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