

May Letter

Dear Friends,

In the middle of May, we celebrate the feast of Pentecost. We know about the rushing mighty wind, the tongues of flame and the speaking in many languages. The account of the first Pentecost in Acts 2, leaves quite a lot to the imagination. But hang on; this wasn't the first Pentecost. This was an ancient Jewish festival (also called Shabuoth) celebrating God's giving of the Law of Moses at Mount Sinai. That's why there were Jews from all the known world in Jerusalem, listening to their own languages.

But back to the detail. Who hears the wind besides the apostles? Did it blow down the street or into the house next door? And the flames - were they like candles, which might have been blown out or more like the glowing coal in a brazier which burns hotter when fanned by the wind? How did the apostles preach? Surely not all at once or it would be like the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11). They might have split into up to twelve groups to hear different people speaking their language. Acts says that it was Peter who spoke, so they may have had a system like the European Parliament, with simultaneous translation going on in parts of the crowd. We don't know how it worked but clearly it did as 3,000 were added to their number.

How did we, or do we, receive the Holy Spirit? Not often with all the whistles and bells of Pentecost, but more likely in a much more low key fashion if we are aware of it at all. But we do receive the Holy Spirit and can see it working around us in so many ways. Not necessarily through us but certainly in other people. The trick must be not to block it out but accept it and run with it.

Happy Whitsuntide,

Patrick

MAY PARISH DIARY

Wednesday 1st	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion at St. James's
	6.15 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Thursday 2nd	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

<u>SUNDAY 5TH</u>		6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (<i>Revd. Ian</i>

Slater)

Tuesday 7th 1 House	1.00 a.m.	Holy Communion at Crossley
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	7.30 p.m.	Adult tap dancing
Wednesday 8th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	11.30 a.m.	Ing's Way Lunch Day
	6.15 p.m.	Cub scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Churchwardens' service at St.

John's,

Thursday 9 th	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
	7.30 p.m.	Ascension Day service in Chapel

<u>SUNDAY 12TH</u>		7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (<i>Revd. Richard & Mrs. Jean Bailey</i>)

Tuesday 14th	7.30 p.m.	Adult tap dancing
	7.30 p.m.	Social Committee meeting

Wednesday 15th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion at St. James's
	6.15 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Scouts

Thursday 16th	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	4.30 p.m.	K:Ing's Way Club
	6.00 p.m.	Beaver Scouts

SUNDAY 19TH

PENTECOST

	10.00 a.m.	Parade Service & Holy Communion (<i>Revd. Ian Slater</i>)
Tuesday 21st	7.30 p.m.	Adult tap dancing
Wednesday 22nd	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	6.15 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Thursday 23rd	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 26TH

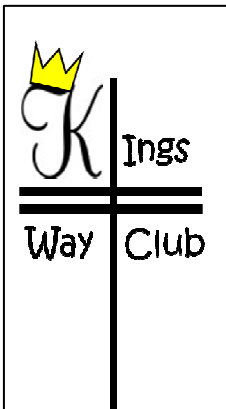
TRINITY SUNDAY

	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (<i>Revd. Ian Slater</i>)
Tuesday 28th	7.30 p.m.	Adult tap dancing
Wednesday 29th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion at St. James's
Thursday 30th	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer

K:Ing's Way Club

Remember our K:Ing's Way Club—the exciting after-school meeting for children of primary school age (5 to 11) which meets each Thursday from 4.30 to 5.30 p.m. in the church hall—term time only. Join in the activities which follow a bible-based theme each week and include games, songs, craft, story-telling and, of course, a snack!

If you would like more information, contact the leader, Angie McKniff on angie@stsavioursfwg.org.uk



Churchwardens' Licensing

Our churchwarden, Kaaren Raistrick, will be sworn into her new term of office by the Archdeacon at a service at St. John's, Clayton on Wednesday 8th May. She would be grateful for your prayers of support - and as she is our only warden at the moment, we need to give her all the help and support we can.

Pause for Thought - Bishop of Bradford reflects on preaching to 9 million people

The Bishop of Bradford has praised DJ Chris Evans for building his Radio 2 Breakfast Show into Europe's largest radio audience. Recent industry figures give the show, which includes Pause for Thought, an average of 9.5m people tuning in every day.



The Rt. Revd. Nick Baines, the Bishop of Bradford, is one of the show's regular Pause for Thought contributors. Speaking in a Church of England podcast (www.churchofengland.org/media-centre/engage-with-us-online/podcasts.aspx) Bishop Nick says, "You've got to be able to fit in with the medium. It's no good having stuff to say if you don't know how to say it or there is a big 'clunk' between the programme, which is great, fast-moving fun and 'the religious bit'".

Elton John, Barry Manilow, Barbara Windsor, Peter Kaye and Rick Astley are amongst the showbiz names that Bishop Nick has shared a studio with during the three years he's been on the show. He recalls the morning Suggs, the lead singer with Madness, was Chris' guest. Bishop Nick managed to work sixteen Madness song titles into his Pause for Thought script.

Tragedies

Megan Carter writes:

How do we feel when tragedies come
And life seems out of control?
Can we still hold on to the Holy One
And say it is well with our soul?

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May 19th: Dunstan - the abbot who restored monastic life in England

In this month of Vocation Sunday, Dunstan (909-988 AD) stands out as an example of what just one person can achieve when they follow the call of God on their life.

Dunstan was born near Glastonbury, of a noble family with royal connections and church connections; his uncle was archbishop of Canterbury. But in 935, at the age of 26, he was accused of ‘studying the vain poems of the pagans’ – and expelled from court. He nearly married, but instead made private monastic vows and was ordained a priest by Elphege, Bishop of Winchester. Dunstan felt God’s call on his life, and responded. That decision was to shape English history; not at first, however. For Dunstan began his priestly life by simply returning to Glastonbury and living as a hermit. He painted, embroidered and did metalwork. But when in 939 Edmund became king of Wessex, he recalled Dunstan and made him Abbot of Glastonbury. The monastic life of the country was all but dead: the Danish invasions and the hostility of local magnates had seen to that. Dunstan set out to change all this, and went on to restore monastic life in England, under the Rule of St Benedict.

Down the years, Dunstan saw kings come and go: Edmund, Edred, Edgar, Edward. Under King Edgar Dunstan was made Bishop of Worcester in 957, Bishop of London in 959, and Archbishop of Canterbury in 960. Thus was born a fruitful collaboration between King and Archbishop which was to reform the Church in England. Monastic orders began to thrive once more. After the Conquest, the days of Dunstan would be looked back on as the ‘golden age’.

Dunstan was zealous for the faith. He taught, prayed, fasted, repaired churches, acted as judge, inspired national laws of the land, made sure taxes were paid, and encouraged his monks in their manuscripts and prayers. He remained active right to the end of his life: he preached three times on Ascension Day 988, and died two days later, on 19 May, aged nearly 80.

They wrote of him: he was without doubt “chief of all the saints who rest at Christ Church’ (Canterbury). It has been well said that the 10th century gave shape to English history, and Dunstan gave shape to the 10th century.

Christian Aid Week 12-18th May 2013



Thousands of churches will stand together this Christian Aid Week to speak out for change. Some 100,000 committed volunteers will go out and put their faith into action, raising funds to help some of the world's poorest and most vulnerable people.

This year's Christian Aid Week is highlighting the fact that each night, 1 in 8 people will go to bed hungry, but there is enough food for all to eat and have their fill if certain changes are made. Christian Aid works in partnership with communities and organisations in 48 countries, supporting innovative projects to help people transform their own lives from barely surviving to almost thriving. It tells the story of how Christian Aid is helping communities to bite back at hunger through the lens of land rights in Bolivia, new technology in Kenya and innovative agriculture in Zimbabwe.

We will welcome a speaker from Christian Aid at our service on 12th May to learn more about these valuable projects and how we can help. One way will be to visit our Lunch Day on May 8th, when any donations will be given to Christian Aid as part of their Super Soup initiative. You will be most welcome to come along and enjoy your free meal as always, but if you could also bring a donation, that would be great.

As always, we will also be carrying out house-to-house collections around the neighbourhood. There will be a list at the back of church of all the roads in the area and offers to cover one or two of these would be most welcome.

Yorkshire Bible Translators

Part 2 - Richard Rolle, (C.1290 - 1349)

Ian Mc Alpine.

Few people today have heard of Richard Rolle but he deserves to be remembered as another of Yorkshire's early Bible translators. Born into a farming family at Thornton-le-Dale near Pickering around 1290, he was about 18 when he entered the University of Oxford. However he left after a year or so without taking his degree. He then became a hermit, initially at Pickering and then at the North Yorkshire parish of Ainderby.

Two years and eight months after becoming a hermit, Rolle had his first mystical experience. Around a year later, he had similar feelings after listening to a choir, and began to take less interest in all worldly things. Rolle eventually made his way to the Sorbonne in Paris, which specialised in Biblical interpretation and pastoral theology. Rolle's time in Paris proved to be of great value in his life, as he became more deeply interested in theology and spiritual matters. He may even have been ordained as a priest during his time at Sorbonne. Later he returned to North Yorkshire exposing himself to its harsh climate, and so strengthening his communion with God and his discipline in his conduct.

In the last nine years of his life, Rolle inhabited a cell near the Cistercian nunnery of Hampole, about 6 miles from Doncaster. Here he became director of the inmates, and is sometimes known today as Richard Rolle of Hampole. And while at Hampole he wrote, besides many other religious works, a translation into English of the Psalms for a nun there called Margaret Kirkby. Margaret later took up a similar life to Rolle, as an anchoress (hermit connected to a specific church). Rolle died in 1349, probably from the Black Death which had come to England the previous year with horrific consequences.

Unfortunately I have so far been unable to track down a modern printed version of Rolle's translation of the Psalms which was evidently written

in the 1340s. Of course Rolle was unable to gain access to, much less read, the original Hebrew text of the Psalms and he must have based his translation on the Latin Vulgate prepared by St Jerome many centuries earlier. On my last visit to Thornton-le-Dale I saw no memorial to Rolle and its main attraction apart from its great natural beauty was a vintage car museum where my 1934 Austin Lichfield lived for a while. However, Rolle's endeavours with the Psalms are another instance of Yorkshire's contribution to early English Bible translation and he surely deserves to be better known today.

Daydreaming is good for you

Daydreaming is not a waste of time; periods of quiet introspection can help boost concentration, memory and moral judgment. This is because inward focus impacts the way we build memories, make meaning and transfer that learning into new contexts. Research at the University of California has found that periods of quiet reflection help us to become more motivated, less anxious, perform better, and plan more effectively. "But our fast paced urban and digital environment could be undermining the chances of reflection." Psalm 46:10 urges us to slow down, "be still, and know that I am God."

46TH BRADFORD NORTH SCOUT GROUP

The Easter Egg hunt at Blackhills finally got underway the week after the holidays when all the snow had finally gone! Fifty children were sent off into the woods in search of a plastic egg which could then be exchanged for the real thing. Following this there was the giant egg and spoon obstacle race - hilarious.

The Explorers and Scouts enjoyed a sunny evening at Blackhills practising their accuracy in archery and rifles. They would have been taking part in the City and County competitions but alas these were cancelled due to lack of interest from other groups.

The Beavers and Cubs will be tested for their Swimming Awards at Bingley Grammar school pool. There are five staged badges and it's hoped that most will gain their stage 1 and 2 and some may achieve their level 3 which includes treading water and swimming in t.shirts and shorts followed by a 400m swim without stopping.

We are hoping to send two teams to the County Beaver Scout Quiz which is to be held at Bradley Woods.

A number of Scouts and Explorers are looking forward to a camp that is being held at the Bradford Bulls Stadium! There will be numerous activities leading to the award of badges and on the Sunday afternoon everyone will stay to watch the Bulls match.

Our Beaver Colony is expanding rapidly and we therefore need to recruit further adult help. If you fancy helping to lead a group of 6-8 year olds - do get in touch. They meet on Thursdays from 6pm-7.30pm. *Bev Howard GROUP SCOUT LEADER*

Millie - Our New Friend

We made a new friend last November. Millie was a wire-haired Dachshund, and she was a real sweetie! She belonged to our hosts in Erfurt, Marlis and Heinrich Zimmermann when we were part of the group visiting Erfurt, organised by the Diocesan Link Committee. Marlis and Heinrich made us very welcome in their spacious apartment two floors up which meant Millie was no stranger to the lift and happily walked in to it for her morning and evening walks. She quickly made friends with us, and would come to have her ears scratched or her tummy rubbed. One evening when we arrived back at the apartment we found that Marlis and Heinrich had not returned from their engagement. Millie was not in the least bit fazed, she simply trotted through from where she had been sleeping, had her tummy rubbed, and then went off back to bed.

The Zimmermanns are knowledgeable and cultivated people who had lived in Canada, Australia and Ireland before settling in East Germany. After the wall came down in 1989 a number of West Germans settled in the East. Heinrich told us that there is still a tension between the two parts of Germany. Fewer than 30% of West Germans have visited the East of the country, and there are some who scornfully refer to it as "West Poland". On the other hand Heinrich told us that, as the only West Germans living in the block of flats, there were still times when they were made to feel outsiders. It was a facet of German life we had not expected. We had some interesting conversations with the Zimmermanns ranging over many topics of mutual interest.

"It's often minus 2 in Church". Those were the comforting words when we were about to leave for Church on Sunday. We were about to attend Morning Service in the Andreaskirche (St Andrew's). In the end it wasn't too bad. It was far worse a couple of days later in the Augustinerkloster, where we shivered through a recital by a local choir. Six years earlier when I had last been in Erfurt, I had attended morning service in the Predigerkirche (Preachers' Church - originally the base of the Dominicans), the congregation had wisely transferred all their winter services to the Friars' refectory where it was much warmer!

After attending a parish meeting in the Andreaskirche, we had lunch at the Goldenes Schwann, which was followed by a visit to the oldest Synagogue in Erfurt, dating from the twelfth century. There is little feeling of a synagogue about it. It has had many roles in the city over the years, at some time being a warehouse. It has only recently been rediscovered and made into a museum. It now houses a huge collection of treasure discovered during recent excavations of the old Jewish Quarter. The most startling item was the 14th century wedding ring, made of pure gold.

The visit has left a kaleidoscope of impressions, the most vivid of which was a visit to Christopheruswerk. This is a joint enterprise funded by both the Protestant and Catholic churches in Germany, and provides training and work for handicapped people. It is housed in an extensive building in the northern suburbs of the city and gives training in basic skills, provides work in making candles and ceramics, provides packing facilities for local firms, laundering all the washing from the hospitals, and also providing a car valeting service (Heinrich has his car washed there regularly). While we were there, I found myself reflecting that we are busy closing our Remploy facilities, and that recent statistics show that very few people formerly employed by Remploy were finding work.

On our return from the Christopheruswerk we managed to see the Predigerkirche - though with some difficulty - the key wasn't available, and when it was found, we were locked in for half-an hour. I had particularly wanted to see this church and I was able to stand in the friars' Choir and see the Prior's stall Meister Eckhart had occupied. The striking thing was that there was nothing special about— it just plain unadorned wood, in contrast to the rather more ornate stalls of the brothers. This was entirely in keeping with what I know of him.

That evening was spent with some of the students from the Church Secondary School. Conversation with them was difficult because they had taken us to the sort of hostelry associated with The Student Prince. It was extremely noisy; we sat on benches at long tables; and were

served by waiters dressed as Teutonic Knights. We managed some conversation with the students, but it was difficult.

The day left us with a view of the work that is being done by the Churches in Erfurt. The City Mission is providing a breakfast club where a good breakfast can be had for little more than €1. For two months over. Christmas this is extended to a full meal at lunchtime for little more. The Mission also contains a used clothing and furniture store which was being well patronised while we were there. A new enterprise was the facility for people with problems of lack of confidence, and the inability to make decisions, where they were encouraged to take charge of their own lives.

R. W. Bailey

Neologisms

Abacadaver - When a magician's assistant does not survive being sawn in two.

Baroque Obama - A flamboyant seventeenth-century president.

Ennui the Eighth - A much-married English king who quickly got bored with each of his wives.

Goldilocks - A sad case of limited ancestry. While we all have forebears, she only had three...

Kindle-garten - E-books for pre-school children.

Meanderthal Nan - A Stone-Age grandmother who kept wandering away from the cave.

Nondescript - An unremarkable burial site.

Omnivorous: A sign of being so gullible that you will swallow anything.

Racks of Lamb – A menu choice whose increasing popularity may cause a lack of rams.

Uncalled four – Needless actions by an anonymous quartet.

The Bradford Mothers' Union New Diocesan President

We congratulate Jean Bailey on her appointment as the Diocesan President of the Bradford Mothers' Union. At a ceremony at Bradford Cathedral on Monday 8th April, Jean was sworn into her 3-year term of office, alongside presidents from neighbouring dioceses.

Jean says:

“Mothers' Union is a worldwide organisation with more than 4 million members in 83 countries. We have more than 40 branches throughout Bradford Diocese plus a growing Diocesan Membership Scheme for people in parishes without a branch. We are keen to extend this to include both men and women who are interested in our society and want to know more about its aims and the work it does. The image of an elderly group of women meeting perhaps monthly in an afternoon is giving way to a pattern of membership which is more suitable to today's busy working world. Church groups and individuals are becoming more involved with the work of Mothers' Union because it is much more project based and pro-active.

For more information on the projects supported by the MU and how to get involved, go to their website www.mothersunionbradford.org.uk



Local MU Diocesan Presidents. L – R: Ros Dobbin (Ripon & Leeds); Barbara Taylor (Provincial President); Jean Bailey; Bishop Nick; Cynthia Osborne (Wakefield); Sue Shrine (Chaplain, Bradford Archdeaconry).

Notes from the PCC

The first meeting of the “new” PCC took place on Tuesday 16th April, when we elected the various officers to serve for the coming year. There is little change as everyone was willing to stand again for the positions they held. I had not stood for re-election to the PCC at the APCM, but as there was no other candidate forthcoming for the secretary’s job, I was co-opted onto the PCC and re-appointed as Secretary. James Muff continues as Treasurer and Health and Safety Officer; Patrick Preston as Lay Chair and Disability Representative; Keith West as Electoral Roll Officer and Eric Heywood as Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Officer.

We welcomed Colin Blake to our meeting to talk to us about Messy Church. This is a form of worship aimed at attracting young families to church and is held at a time suitable for them. It is not seen as a bridge into traditional church services, but an alternative way of worshipping. Angie McKniff, our Children’s worker, is keen to start some sessions as part of her work to involve the neighbourhood in the life of the church.

The K:Ing’s Way Club has made an excellent start and attracts between 10 and 13 children to its sessions. The children were delighted to be each presented with a Real Easter Egg, donated by church, at the last session before Easter and made a lovely thank you card for the congregation.

The process for appointing a house-for-duty priest is ongoing and an advert will go in the Church Times at the end of April so we would welcome your prayers that the right person comes forward.

Also ongoing is the process for applying for Heritage Lottery funding for the work which was highlighted in the quinquennial report. We have received 3 tenders and considered the various aspects of each at the meeting before making our choice. We will now proceed with the next steps.

Hilary Davis, PCC Secretary.

May Roll of Remembrance

6th	James Hewitt	(2000)
10th	Arnold Bower	(1994)
11th	Jayne Ashley Stockman	(1985)
	Craig Albert Stockman	(1985)
	Trevor John Stockman	(1985)
13th	Ken West	(1997)
16th	Arnold Bower	(1994)
17th	George Marlow	(1944)
21st	Eric Pincott	(1985)
22nd	Clara Jackson	(1991)
26th	Edith Lumsden	(1985)
27th	Edna May Land	(1987)
28th	Arthur Ainsworth	(1974)
	Doris Lilian Hutson	(1978)
29th	Margaret Rhodes	(1980)

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