

## November Letter

Dear Friends,

I've never been in a court of law in any capacity but I've seen many courtroom scenes in plays, films and on television. An important part of the procedure is that each witness has to take an oath to tell the truth, and a Bible is often used for this purpose. This seems quite fitting as the ninth commandment demands that one 'should not bear false witness against one's neighbour' (Exodus 20.16). In spite of this commandment, people still lie; 'Although they say, "As surely as the Lord lives...," still they are swearing falsely.' (Jeremiah 5.2) speaking of the people of Jerusalem.

Clearly, still, not everyone takes this oath seriously as lying under oath is not unknown, though perjury is a criminal offence and could lead to a stretch inside. I suppose it is up to the legal teams of prosecutor and defence to probe any inconsistencies and for the magistrate or judge and jury to sort out the evidence and come to a just verdict.

So I was shocked recently when a witness in a trial committed suicide after her character and reputation were destroyed by a hostile barrister who repeatedly called her a liar. It doesn't sound very encouraging for any potential witness if that is how they are treated.

The thought crossed my mind, in similar circumstances, I would turn on a barrister and assert that the oath meant something to me even if it didn't mean much to him. Would I dare? Would I be allowed to answer back? Either way, I have no plans to apply this strategy anytime soon.

As I write this I hear that the Magistrates' Association is discussing whether bibles and other religious books have a place in court!

*Patrick*

## NOVEMBER PARISH DIARY

### SUNDAY 3RD ALL SAINTS' DAY

	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion ( <i>Revd. Ian Slater</i> )
	3.00 p.m.	Celebration of Life Service
Tuesday 5th	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion at Crossley House
	7.00 p.m.	Prayer meeting
	7.30 p.m.	Adult tap dancing
Wednesday 6th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion at St. James's
	6.15 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Thursday 7th	9.30 a.m.	Morning prayer
	6.00 p.m.	Beaver Scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Scouts
Saturday 9th	11.00 a.m.	Winter Fair

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### SUNDAY 10TH 3RD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT/REMEMBRANCE

	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion ( <i>Revd. Richard and Mrs. Jean Bailey</i> )
	3.00 p.m.	Service of Remembrance in Ladyhill Park
Tuesday 12th	7.30 p.m.	Adult tap dancing
Wednesday 13th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	11.30 a.m.	Ing's Way Lunch Day
	6.15 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Thursday 15th	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 2ND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion ( <i>Revd. Gloria Hardisty</i> )
Tuesday 19th	7.30 p.m.	Adult tap dancing
Wednesday 20th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion at St. James's
	6.15 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Thursday 21st	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 24TH CHRIST THE KING

	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Tuesday 26th	7.30 p.m.	Adult tap dancing
Wednesday 27th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	6.15 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Evening of Fellowship at The Tyke
Thursday 28th	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

**Remembrance**

In November each year we remember all those service men and women who have given their lives or been injured whilst fighting for their country over the centuries. At St. Saviour's, a part of the 10.00 a.m. service on Sunday 10th November will be dedicated to an act of remembrance and there will also be a joint service organised by Churches Together in Allerton and Fairweather Green at the Cenotaph in Ladyhill Park, Allerton Road, at 3.00 p.m. that afternoon. All are welcome to either event.

**Remembering those who have Died**

All Souls' Day is traditionally a time when we remember those who have died. At St. Saviour's on Sunday 3rd November at 3.00 p.m. we will be holding a service for those who have been bereaved - recently or more long-term- to remember those who have died and to give thanks for their lives. Anyone who would like to commemorate a loved one is most welcome to join us. There will be refreshments in the hall afterwards to which everyone is also welcome.

## The "Adulterous Bible" of 1631.

*Ian Mc Alpine*

The "Adulterous Bible", sometimes called the "Wicked Bible" or the "Sinners' Bible" was an edition published in 1631 by Robert Barker and Martin Lucas, the royal printers, and was supposed to be a reprint of the King James Bible. However, the type-setter made a dreadful mistake in the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:14). The word 'not' in the sentence "Thou shalt not commit adultery", the Seventh Commandment, was unfortunately omitted!

By order of the king the printers were called to the Court of the Star Chamber, where the whole edition was called in, Barker and Lucas were fined £300 (roughly equivalent to £33,800 today) and were deprived of their printers' licence. Barker had been printing Bibles including Geneva editions for decades. The fact that this one contained such a flagrant mistake outraged Charles I and George Abbot, the Archbishop of Canterbury, who said :

"I knew the tyme when great care was had about printing, the Bibles especially, good compositors and the best correctors were gotten being grave and learned men, the paper and the letter rare, and faire every way of the beste, but now the paper is nought, the composers boves [the Latin word for 'oxen', i.e. stupid people], and the correctors unlearned".

Apart from the contempt which it received from the church, and the embarrassment which it caused, the Adulterous Bible was commented on soon after it was printed:-

"His Majesties Printers, at or about this time, had committed a scandalous mistake in our English Bibles, by leaving out the word Not in the Seventh Commandment. His Majesty being made acquainted with it by the Bishop of London, Order was given for calling the Printers into the High-Commission, whereupon Evidence of the Fact, the whole Impression was called in, and the Printers deeply fined, as they justly merited. With some part of this Fine [Archbishop] Laud caused a fair Greek Character to be provided, for publishing such Manuscripts as Time and Industry should

make ready for the Public view".

The great majority of the offending copies were immediately burned, and only eleven examples are thought to survive. The British Library in London had a copy on exhibition until recently, opened at the fateful misprinted commandment and I think I saw one on exhibition at the John Rylands Library in Manchester about 40 years ago. Last year a surviving Adulterous Bible was offered for sale in America online, priced at \$89,500.

Although there are hardly any copies left after 380 years we can still imagine the red faces which this Bible must have caused in a more religious age than ours and how keen both Church and State must have been to eradicate it.

### **The Ten Commandments**

Moses came down from the mountain carrying the two tablets and said: "I have good news, and bad news. The good news is, I have got him down to ten, but the bad news is adultery is still in there."

### **Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes**

Please ensure all boxes are brought to church by **SUNDAY 17TH NOVEMBER**. Boxes from Bradford will be going to needy children Liberia and Albania. **THANK YOU!**

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

Four children enjoyed the Silver Award winners camp held at Bradley Woods in September. They slept in the old style bell tents and activities included climbing, outdoor cooking and pioneering.

The Cubs and Scouts came to help chop down the 'jungle' outside church on the 21<sup>st</sup> of September. The shrubs and trees had become rather overgrown so we set about the task with secateurs, hedge trimmers and branch loppers. It was rather an arduous mission with only three adults on hand to help but we managed to complete the job to the delight of the PCC.

Our Beavers had a thrilling afternoon at Blackhills the following day when they participated in '*Animal Magic*'. They were able to learn about animal and insect habitats, life cycles and camouflage. There were snakes and other reptiles to hold and find out about too. The Rivers Commission were on hand to talk about life in the rivers and canals and also water safety. The children went on a 'safari' looking for a variety of wild animals hidden in the woods! A grand day out.

For the second year running we entered a team of Explorer Scouts in the *Night Hawk Challenge* organised by Huddersfield Scout District. Basically, once each individual's kit had been checked and approved, the team were 'dumped' in the middle of nowhere, in the middle of the night, with maps, compasses and their first set of instructions. The task is to avoid being caught by the 'hunters' and make their way to base. Approximately 20 kilometres were walked through the night (crawling through fields and hedgerows at times) and our team were in sight of the finish when they were indeed captured - by their own leader! Naughty Nat! The lads were NOT amused. However they should be very proud of themselves and hopefully the experience will be one to remember for many years.

On Pack nights the Cubs have been completing elements of the Map Reader badge and also practising a play for harvest.

The sixers, who are all girls at the moment (a first!) took part in a forum. They discussed what badges and activities they would like to do in the future. The chef, scientist, air activities and DIY were chosen (the leaders are thrilled - DIY - I ask you!). We are to tackle the Chef badge in November and December - the girls are currently compiling menus.

A number of our children have auditioned for the County Gang Show which will run from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at the Victoria Theatre, Halifax. We await confirmation of those who have been successful. November is a very busy month for us all and starts off with the annual Bonfire and Firework Party at Blackhills on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Tickets are £2 and available from the leaders if you are interested. A variety of refreshments, including a bar, are available on the night.

The Scouts are off to camp the following weekend and the rest of us will be helping with the church Winter Fair. On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> the Beavers and Cubs will attend the Bradford Remembrance parade and service in the city centre. A team of six Cubs will be entering the County Cub Quiz on the 16<sup>th</sup> and the following week another team will endeavour to keep hold of the 5-a-side football trophy that was won last year. The month ends with the Beavers and Cubs enjoying a themed *Winter Wonderland* experience at Bradley Woods.

2014 is the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of our Scout Group - originally the 46<sup>th</sup> Bradford West (Brownroyd) - and there will be a host of celebrations. We hope that some of you may be able to join in with us. Watch out for details in the Parish News and on flyers and posters.

*Bev Howard GROUP SCOUT LEADER*

# Winter Fair

Saturday 9th November 2013

11.00 a.m to 2.00 p.m.

Santa; Gifts; Cakes;  
Tombola; Raffle; Games

Lunches of homemade soup, jacket potatoes (with fillings),  
mince pies and tea/coffee  
will be available.

**Entrance Free**

## **An Evening of Christian Fellowship**

Hosted by St. Saviour's Church  
with Special guest speaker  
**Max Wigley**

Please come and bring your non-church friends.  
You will be inspired by what Max has to say.  
Join us for buffet supper £8 a ticket.  
Contact Revd. Ian Slater

**Wednesday 27th November**  
at the New Tyke Thornton Road  
At 7.30pm

## **Looking ahead to Christmas**

Christmas will soon be upon us and we have the usual range of services, to which everyone is most welcome.

### **Sunday 15th December:**

1.00 p.m. Quiet afternoon, led by Revd. Richard and Mrs. Jean Bailey

### **Sunday 22nd**

10.00a.m. Parade Service with Nativity production

3.00 p.m. Service of readings and carols

### **Tuesday 24th**

11.00 p.m. Midnight Eucharist

### **Wednesday 25th**

10.00 a.m. Family Communion

### **Collecting firewood**

It was April and the Aborigines in a remote part of Northern Australia asked the new minister to ask God if the coming winter was going to be cold or mild. Not wanting to lose their confidence as he had only just arrived, he prayed and looked at the sky, but he had frankly no idea what the winter ahead would be like.

To be on the safe side, he told his congregation that the winter was indeed going to be cold and that the members of the tribe should collect firewood to be prepared. But after several days he had an idea. He walked out to the telephone booth, called the Bureau of Meteorology and asked if the coming winter in his area was going to be cold. The meteorologist responded, 'Yes, it looks like this winter is going to be quite cold.' Over the next couple of weeks, he checked with the bureau and was given the same answer—with increasing severity, so advised the people to collect all the wood they could find.'

“How can you be so sure?’ the minister asked the bureau.

The weatherman replied, 'Our satellites have reported that the Aborigines in the north are collecting firewood like crazy, and that's always a sure sign.'

## Trompe L'Oeil

Last year, while we were spending a little “down time” in Knaresborough, I took the opportunity to photograph a lot of doors for the Quiet Day we were planning on “Doors”. After finding a number of good examples in and around the Castle, we strolled towards the market Square, visiting one or two Charity Shops on the way. Near one of the shops I found a very interesting doorway which appeared to lead through into a garden set with a small table and chairs, ready for afternoon tea! It was in fact an example of trompe l’oeil – a painted illusion on a plain wall. Well, I photographed this, of course. The Quiet Day was held, and some of the doorways I had photographed were used as a prayer station. And there, I thought, the story ended.

But not so! We were in Knaresborough again recently, visiting the charity shops in a leisurely fashion, when suddenly we came across another door, and it was another example of the illusion. Then, we began to see more and more examples of trompe l’oeil in various parts of the town. (I photographed fourteen in all, and a lady I was talking to told me of more which I didn’t see.) One which caught my eye particularly, was painted as an upper window, at which a king stood with a scroll in one hand and a bag of money in the other. A shield behind him showed the royal arms of England, and behind him a cheeky small boy was stealing one of the bags of money laid out on the window sill. Looking closely, I discovered that the scroll bore the date 1210.

That identified the King as King John (1199-1216) and I (erroneously, as it later turned out) assumed that the scroll was the granting of a charter to Knaresborough. King John had granted a number of charters, to Liverpool in 1207, for instance. In fact I was wrong, and Ian will now explain why. Until 1205 Knaresborough had belonged to the Norman de Stuteville family but on the death of Robert de Stuteville in that year King John assumed control of it. He visited the place several times and evidently liked it. About three years ago an extraordinary discovery was made by a local historian in the royal accounts from the early 13<sup>th</sup> century. These revealed that on Maundy Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> April, 1210 the king distributed money and clothing to thirteen poor people at Knaresborough. This is now believed to be the first ever Royal Maundy ceremony, a distant ancestor of those which are still held annually today. There is a local tradition that

when he visited Knaresborough King John stayed in a house with a black and white chequerboard design painted on it. During the Middle Ages, money was often counted using chequered boards or cloths.

Could this have been a way of commemorating the 1210 Maundy ceremony? Even today there are a number of houses in Knaresborough decorated with this pattern, apparently in memory of the king's visit 800 years ago. So perhaps King John wasn't quite as bad as the history books make out!

*Richard Bailey and Ian McAlpine*

### **A Friend on wheels**

Is it strange, or slightly bizarre  
To give a name to a car?  
Can an object of steel  
Know the way that we feel  
As we travel to places afar?

And yet, a lot of us do  
Call them Sarah, or Ruby, or Sue,  
Or Albert or Fred  
Or Harvey or Jed  
Or Bertie, or Billie, or Blue!

But, whether it's scruffy, or smart  
We're always quite sorry to part;  
And we care how it feels  
Our dear friend on wheels  
And we're certain it has a warm heart!

*Nigel Beeton*

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### **30th November: Andrew - first disciple of Jesus**

Andrew, whose feast day ends the Christian year on November 30th, is probably best known to us as the patron saint of Scotland, though his only connection with the country is that some of his bones were reputedly transported in the 8th century to Fife and preserved in a place now named St. Andrew's. In fact, there are so many legends about him all over Europe and the Middle East that it's safest to stick to what the Gospels tell us - though the strong tradition that he was martyred by crucifixion is probably true and is perpetuated in the 'St Andrew's Cross', the 'saltyre' of Scotland.

The Gospels record that he was one of the first disciples of Jesus, and the very first to bring someone else to Christ - his own brother. Like many fervent Jews at the time, Andrew had been drawn to the desert, to be taught by the charismatic John the Baptist, who many thought was the long-promised Messiah. John insisted that he was not. 'I am the voice crying in the wilderness,' he told the crowds. 'Prepare the way of the Lord! One comes after me who is greater than I am.' So when one day John pointed out Jesus to Andrew and described him as the 'Lamb of God', the young man assumed that the next stage of his spiritual search was about to unfold. So as Jesus made off, he followed him.

All the more strange then that when Jesus turned and asked him what he was 'seeking' all he could come up with was a lame enquiry about his current place of residence: 'where are you staying?' Or, perhaps, he was hinting that what he was seeking could not be dealt with in a brief conversation, but needed longer discussion at his lodgings. The reply of Jesus was the most straight-forward invitation anyone can receive: 'Come and see'. Come and see what I'm like, what I do, the sort of person I am. What an invitation!

The results were life-changing. Andrew brought his brother, Peter, to Jesus. The next day Jesus met Philip and called him to 'follow'. Philip then brought Nathaniel. The little apostolic band who would carry the message of Jesus to the whole world was being formed. They came, they saw, they were conquered! And right at the front of the column, as it were, was Andrew, the first disciple of Jesus.

*By David Winter*

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## Cast care aside

Fifty years ago, as part of my training at Theological College, I wrote an essay on the 'Cult of advertising'. In these days 'Persil washes whiter and it shows' and 'Guinness is good for you' readily come to mind. The first, aimed at mothers, showed two little girls in their summer dresses, one in a brilliant white dress washed in Persil and the other child in a dingy dress because her mother had not used the brand.

Guinness used the image of a man carrying an RSJ on his shoulder. (no comment). Today I am always afraid of being attacked by ladies as I walk up the nave because I am using Lynx.

Advertising has reached a new dimension where celebrities are paid thousands of pounds to con people out of their cash. Advertising aimed at little children is an abomination. What do your little ones want for Christmas?

Perhaps we should tell our children that Father Christmas can't afford to give them what they want. Or are we going on year by year with this 'ask and have syndrome' ending up with the inevitable debt crisis and the subsequent worry.

But it's not just advertising. It appears that no one seems to trust anyone any more. I do not believe that every member of parliament, every doctor, every policeman, every journalist, every priest is beyond the pale. We have become disorientated because we have lost our two greatest gifts - common sense and a sense of humour - both of which come from an understanding of the real Jesus.

Someone said recently "It is not that we believe in nothing, but that we believe in anything". Cheer up. I know that most of you are not going to take too seriously the promises of advertisers. It is still safe for me to use Lynx, isn't it?

*Revd. Dennis Shaw*

## **Notes from the PCC**

The latest meeting of the PCC was on 23rd October. High on the agenda was the search for a new vicar. We were able to talk to the Archdeacon, the Ven. David Lee, when he came to lead the Harvest Service in October and he is planning discussions with the Bishop to look at the situation. We will keep in close contact to monitor what is happening. In the meantime, we are immensely grateful to Ian for his ministry and to all the hardworking members of the congregation who are doing so much to keep the church running smoothly.

We heard a report from the K:Ing's Way Club which is becoming established under the new leadership of Karen Wheelhouse and we are most grateful to her and all the helpers who are doing such a wonderful job with the youngsters. They are looking forward with anticipation to the Light Party on 31st October and hope this might attract a few more youngsters to the regular meetings. Karen's involvement in Parade Services for the past couple of months has also been very much appreciated by young and old.

At long last the trees along Bullroyd Lane have been trimmed and the large sycamore has been felled, which opens up the view of the church from that side. This could give opportunities for advertising the church and our services and events.

The damaged fence panel has now been replaced and we are extremely grateful to the Scout Group who did an amazing job in clearing away some of the greenery which was threatening to engulf the pavement! This clears the way for repainting the fence—which the Scout Group have also volunteered to do. Many thanks to them.

We heard plans from the Social and Worship Committees about events and services, which are advertised elsewhere in the magazine, and James gave us a run-down of our finances, about which he is moderately optimistic. We are most grateful to him for keeping us in the black!

*Hilary Davis, PCC Secretary.*

## Holy Baptism

Ella Jane Renshall

29th September 2103

Charlotte Marie Renshall

29th September 2103

## November Roll of Remembrance

1st	Frank Whitham	(1997)
2nd	Alice Stead	(1975)
3rd	Joseph Hill	(1958)
	Thomas Henry Ulley	(1983)
4th	Norman Rhodes	(1950)
5th	Marie Whiteley	(1985)
8th	Mabel Brooksbank	(1977)
	Doris Errington	(1978)
	Ethel Dixon	(1987)
10th	Phyllis Mooney	(2011)
11th	Edgar Wilkinson	(1974)
12th	Ada Lunnon	(1983)
15th	Violet Pearson	(1981)
17th	Florence Munby	(1980)
20th	Thomas Watson	(1972)
24th	Frank Ferguson	(1981)
26th	Martha Brocklehurst	(1985)
27th	Willie Stead	(1978)
	Blanch Grange	(1987)
30th	Roland Munby	(1980)

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