

The November Letter

Dear Friends,

How can we forget that early November brings Plot Night. The impatient will be lighting their fireworks long before the appointed day, startling some and frightening pets. I haven't been a fan of fireworks since I suffered a minor, but painful, burn from a sparkler when I was quite small. It's just a bit of fun these days though the whole celebration is centred round burning a human effigy on a bonfire which is barbaric when you think about it.

As we know, its origins stem from the attempt of Guy Fawkes and his cronies to blow up the king at the State Opening of Parliament in 1605 - an attack by a Roman Catholic faction against the fairly new Church of England. We don't do it like that these days; even fundamental differences of doctrine are discussed in a civilised way even if no agreement is reached.

But religious intolerance is still alive and kicking. In recent years there have been skirmishes in Northern Ireland, and much of the unrest in the Middle East can be blamed on tensions between the main branches of Islam, or is this a convenient excuse for belligerent behaviour. I feel that we all should be allowed to hold to our beliefs, at the same time respecting others to hold theirs.

But there seems to be no resentment from our Roman Catholic friends at the festivities, so enjoy them with a clear conscience. I understand, though, that there are no bonfires at St Peter's School, York, on the grounds that they won't glory in the demise of an Old Boy.

Have fun,

Patrick

NOVEMBER PARISH DIARY

SUNDAY 1ST ALL SAINTS' DAY

- 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion
- 4.00 p.m. Service to remember those who have died
- Tuesday 3rd 10.45 a.m. Holy Communion at Crossley House
- 5.00 p.m. Confirmation class
- 7.00 p.m. Social Committee meeting
- 7.30 p.m. Adult tap dancing
- Wednesday 4th 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at St. James's
- 6.15 p.m. Cub Scouts
- Thursday 5th 9.30 a.m. Morning prayer
- 6.00 p.m. Beaver Scouts
- 7.30 p.m. Scouts

SUNDAY 8TH 3RD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT/REMEMBRANCE

- 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (*Revd. Richard Bailey*)
- 3.00 p.m. Service of Remembrance in Ladyhill Park
- Tuesday 10th 5.00 p.m. Confirmation class
- 7.30 p.m. Adult tap dancing
- Wednesday 11th 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion
- 11.30 a.m. Ing's Way Lunch Day
- 6.30 p.m. Scout Group Remembrance service
- Thursday 12th 9.30 a.m. Morning prayer
- Saturday 14th 2.00 p.m. Christmas Fair

SUNDAY 15TH 2ND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

- 10.00 a.m. Confirmation and Parade Service
(*Rt. Revd. Toby Howarth and Revd. Dorothy Stewart*)
- 12 noon Lunch in hall
- Tuesday 17th 7.30 p.m. Adult tap dancing
- 7.30 p.m. PCC meeting in vestry
- Wednesday 18th 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at St. James's
- 6.15 p.m. Cub Scouts
- Thursday 19th 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 6.00 p.m. Beaver Scouts
- 7.30 p.m. Scouts

SUNDAY 22ND CHRIST THE KING

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (*Revd. Richard Bailey*)
Tuesday 24th 7.30 p.m. Adult tap dancing
Wednesday 25th 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion
6.15 p.m. Cub Scouts
7.30 p.m. Bible Study Group
Thursday 26th 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer
6.00 p.m. Beaver Scouts
7.30 p.m. Scouts

SUNDAY 29TH ADVENT SUNDAY

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion

Remembrance

There will be plenty of opportunity to pay tribute to all who have lost their lives or served in wars over the ages. On **Sunday 8th November**, as part of our **10.00 a.m.** Service in church, there will be an act of Remembrance with a 2-minute silence and the Last Post and Reveille. Later that day, at **3.00 p.m.** in Ladyhill Park, Allerton Road, Churches Together in Allerton and Fairweather Green will host a Remembrance service by the cenotaph, led by the Revd. Richard Bailey. All are welcome to either service.

On **Wednesday 11th November**, the Explorer members of our Scout Group will lead their own service of remembrance in church at 6.30 p.m. Again, all are welcome to come along and also to join them for refreshments afterwards.

Modern banking

The new bank officer was welcoming a minister who had just opened an account. "Be assured, to us you are never merely a number. You are two digits, a dash, a letter of the alphabet and three more digits."

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The Children's Society

Please could box holders arrange for their Children's Society box to be brought to church no later than the end of November for emptying and counting. Please give the boxes to me, or a Church Warden for safekeeping.

We have recently received a letter from the Children's Society, and some of the points raised are reprinted below:-

“Your support of The Children's Society is helping those whom society often labels as difficult or troublesome: young people who suffer abuse, neglect and exploitation every day and face a future with little or no prospect. Regrettably with nearly 25,000 teenagers in England identified as being most at risk of abuse or neglect in the last year alone, there is still much to be done if we wish to eradicate this disturbing issue.

This is why your role as Box Coordinator is more important than it has even been. Your commitment will ensure we can continue to reach out and change the lives of those 'troubled' and 'difficult' young people who need us most.

In the last two years alone, we have seen the number of our Box Holders decrease by 5% across the country. This is why we're asking all Box Coordinators to recruit at least two new Box Holders in 2015, or engage your network in other ways such as a Bake and Brew coffee morning.”

The boxes are very useful for the small change in your purse or pocket, and also will be happy to receive 'larger value' coins. To coin a phrase "Every little Helps," and their value really does add up. However, the value the work of The Children's Society does in improving children's lives is worthy of our support.

Please have a word with me if you would like to help by having a house box which is emptied annually.

Thank you.

Val Muff

Do you like to Knit and Natter?

We are looking at the possibility of organising a Knit and Natter session on Tuesday afternoons if we can get enough people interested. It would be an informal afternoon where people could bring along their knitting and sit and natter over tea and biscuits with other knitters. We are just dipping our toes in the water at the moment, but if you are interested, please have a word with Kaaren Raistrick or Jean Bailey (contact details inside back cover) or email admin@stsavioursfwg.org.uk

Confirmation Service

As part of the 10.00 a.m. service on **Sunday 15th November**, four of our young people –Lucy Heywood, Lauren and Rohan Ogier and Oliver Rhodes—will be confirmed by the Area Bishop of Bradford, The Rt. Revd. Dr. Toby Howarth. Please pray for them as they take this important step in their Christian lives, and do come along to support them if you can. There will be a shared lunch in the hall after the service.

Memorial Service for those who have Died

On All Saints' Day, **1st November**, there will be a service at 4.00 p.m. in church to remember all those who have died and to give thanks for their life. Please write your loved one's name on the list at the back of church (or email to admin@stsavioursfwg.org.uk). Those names will be read out on the day and those in church can light a candle in memory of their own loved ones; candles will be lit on behalf of those unable to be there. As always, refreshments will be available in the hall after the service, to which everyone is welcome.

Advent Talks

Dorothy is planning a series of talks for Advent on Tuesdays 1st, 8th and 15th December at 2.00 p.m. in church. All are welcome to join in.

Vintage Lamp Posts in Fairweather Green!

Ian Mc Alpine.

My 17th century house at Crossley Hall in Thornton Old Road has more than its fair share of historical mysteries. Its origins date back to the time of the Crusaders in the 13th century and I am gradually unravelling its long and complex history.

Recently, however, I turned my attention to something rather more mundane - an old lamp post in the garden! This gave very reliable service from 2003, when I bought the house until April 2015 when it went wrong and council workmen came to repair it. It was then that I decided to have a closer look at it and discovered six others exactly the same within a hundred yards or so of my house. It was clear that the upper sections of the lamp posts were later alterations and that the original cross-bars for supporting ladders had been removed. All seven had evidently been modified to run on electricity rather than gas and used fluorescent sodium vapour lamps. I understand that gas lamps more-or-less disappeared from Bradford in the 1960s. The main sections of the lamp posts, made from cast iron, consisted of long, fluted columns which reminded me of Ionic pillars in Classical Greek architecture - very elegant! (*See illustration inside front cover.*) However, most interestingly, all the lamp posts had iron nameplates on their lowest section which read:-

E.& W.H. HALEY
IRONFOUNDERS
BRADFORD, YORKS

Research in trade directories at Bradford Local Studies and enquiries to neighbours revealed that Haleys were a local iron foundry based only about two miles away at Goit Side, near to the junction of Thornton Road and Grattan Road! Originally based in Sowerby Bridge in the 19th century, Haleys sadly closed down about 25 years ago, another of our many worthy local engineering firms to cease trading in the last thirty years or so. The internet revealed that Haleys also made iron covers for gutter drains.

It is difficult to say exactly how old the lamp posts are but I think they probably date from the 1920s or 1930s. In their day they would have been quite attractive but the passage of some eighty years and the failure of the local authority to paint them regularly have taken their toll. The later upper sections, necessary for electrification look incongruous and don't blend in at all well with the attractive original cast iron columns. Unfortunately, all seven lamp posts are now badly rusted with much of their paint flaking off.

Have any more of Haleys' old cast iron lamp posts survived, I wonder. Or are these seven the last remaining ones produced by one of our local firms and perhaps among the oldest working lamp posts in Bradford?

When applying for a job, get your CV right...

(These comments were found in real CVs... wonder how many applicants went on to get the job!)

- ~ I have an excellent track record, although I am not a horse.
- ~ I am a rabid typist.
- ~ My intensity and focus are at inordinately high levels, and my ability to complete projects on time is unspeakable. I was instrumental in ruining an entire operation for a Midland chain store.
- ~ I had exposure to German for two years, but many words are not appropriate for business.
- ~ Personal interests? Donating blood. 15 gallons so far.
- ~ Strengths: My ability is to meet deadlines while maintaining my composer.
- ~ Don't take the comments of my former employer too seriously, they were unappreciative beggars and slave drivers.
- ~ Qualifications: no education. My experience is probably not good to mention.
- ~ Disposed of £2.5 billion in assets.
- ~ Cover letter: "Thank you for your consideration. Hope to hear from you shortly!"

Christmas Fair

Saturday 14th November 2015

2.00 to 4.30 p.m.



Raffle

Santa



Books

Cakes



Tombola



Bottles

Gifts

Games

Refreshments



Entrance Free



Our Bookcase

The Bookshelf in the vestibule has religious books which are available for anyone to borrow (free of charge) and return when finished with. Also, our stock of fiction books has been entirely replaced, so please have a look at the shelves. Books are available at 50p each and the money raised will go towards much needed church funds. Donations can be placed in the wall safe. Have a look and see if you can find a bargain!.

David Suchet reads the Bible

Actor David Suchet has recorded the whole NIV Bible for Torch International. It is for people with sight loss, and is now available on Megavoice and DAISY.

David Suchet commented: "In the preparation of my reading my eyes were opened because I couldn't pick the Bible up and just read it, because that would have been immature and wrong. So I had to study each book as to when it was written, who may have written it, what was its purpose, who were they writing for, and putting it into its context before recording one word of each book. So I gave myself a complete Bible course as well as recording it." Contact: info@torchtrust.org .

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The Mighty Pen

A lion, in a Babylon den,
Was especially partial to men.
But Daniel said "Look!
"I'm writing a book!"
And prodded him hard with his pen!

By Nigel Beeton

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Notice in a farmer's field:

The farmer allows walkers to cross this field for free. But the bull charges.

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46TH Bradford North Scout Group

DISTRICT BADGE WEEKEND 2nd-4th October

This was a huge success with over 150 young people gaining at least four badges each during the event.

INTERNATIONAL / FAITH BADGE / WORLD JAMBOREE

The Cubs have been learning about the United Nations and we played a game that hopefully enabled the children to understand how countries need to work together to be successful and promote peace.

Dominic and Tamara who attended the 23rd World Scout Jamboree in Japan came along to share their experiences with the Beaver Scouts and Cubs. They shared some of the badges and other souvenirs that they'd either swapped whilst there or bought.

Whilst in Japan they stayed for a short while with a Japanese family so that they could fully experience a Japanese way of life. The temperature at times when they were camping was 60⁰ which was 'a bit much for me' confessed Dom who retreated to his tent to sleep! They visited the Peace memorial in Hiroshima: Sadako Sasaki died ten years after the bombing of Hiroshima after contracting Leukaemia due to her exposure to radiation. She had tried to make 1000 paper cranes whilst in hospital as legend said that anyone who did so would be granted one wish (Sadako's wish was to run once more for her school team). She made around 600 before she passed away. Children in Sadako's class decided to raise money for a memorial. It took them 3 years to raise enough money to build the Children's Peace Memorial which is located in Peace Memorial Park, Hiroshima. It has a statue of Sadako on the top, as well as an origami crane. At the bottom of the statue there is a plaque which has a message from the children. It reads: THIS IS OUR CRY. THIS IS OUR PRAYER. PEACE IN THE WORLD.

EXPLORERS

Recently, a visit to the Ministry of Food was enjoyed. They learned how to make burgers from 'scratch'. Also they discussed hygiene, budgeting and ideas for cooking at camp.

Five Explorers have completed their Duke of Edinburgh Assessment Expedition. They had two hikes to complete, carrying all their camping equipment and camping overnight. Well done to: Tamara Vaughan; Paulina Kuca; Ben Rowan; Sentu .. and Josh Capper.

November is a very busy month with our District Bonfire on Saturday 7th November at Blackhills Scout camp. A Remembrance Service will be led by our Explorers on Wednesday 11th. We hope you will be able to join us. The Cubs 5-a-Side Football competition takes place on the Saturday 21st November 2015.

We are very proud that three of our members will be confirmed on the 15th: Cub Scout Rohan Ogier and Scouts: Oliver Rhodes, Lucy Heywood and Lauren Ogier.

BEV HOWARD, Group Scout Leader

The 46th Bradford North Explorers

Would like to invite you to a Service of

Remembrance

On Wednesday 11th November

At 6.30 p.m.

In St. Saviour's Church Hall

There will be a collection for the charity: HELP FOR HEROES

Refreshments will be served in the hall afterwards

HYMN: The story behind ... O God, our help in ages past

*O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home!*

*Under the shadow of Thy throne
Still may we dwell secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure...*

*A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night,
Before the rising sun.*

Isaac Watts (1674 – 1748) is often called the ‘Father of English hymnody’. Certainly before his hymns came along, congregational singing was a tedious business.

Watts was born in July 1674 in Southampton. At the time of his birth, his father, an educated deacon in a dissenting Congregational church, was briefly in prison for his non-conformist beliefs. As a boy, Watts showed outstanding ability with language, learning Greek, Hebrew, Latin and French. He also had an unusual ability for easy rhyming in English. At the age of five, when scolded for giggling in family prayers, it was because he had seen a mouse on the bell-rope, and instantly composed the line: ‘There was a mouse, for want of stairs, ran up a rope to say his prayers!’

Watts’ literary ability, combined with his interest in theology, made him very unhappy with the congregational singing of the day, which focused almost entirely on strict metrical versions of the psalms. One Sunday after church, Isaac complained to his father about this. His father challenged him to write something better. Though only 18, Watts accepted the challenge, and produced his first hymn – which was duly sung the following Sunday.

It was such a success that he wrote new hymn texts every Sunday for the next two years. In all, he went on to write more than 600 hymns. Some of them are still well-loved today: from this one, ‘O God, Our Help in Ages Past’, which is a paraphrase of Psalm 90, to ‘When I Survey the Wondrous Cross’, and the Christmas carol ‘Joy to the World’.

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When they talk about austerity now...

Canon David Winter, Former Head of Religious Broadcasting, BBC

This year we have marked the 70th anniversary of VE Day and VJ Day, memorable days of celebration as the Second World War came to an end. What some of us are now remembering, however, is what followed. It was certainly no instant transfer from the arduous years of war to the joys of peace. Indeed, for many ordinary people in Britain the immediate post-war years were times of acute struggle. It was lovely to welcome back the men and women who had served in the Forces, but – speaking as a teenager at the time – the fruits of victory were hard to identify (though we did get our first bananas!).

Our cities were pockmarked with ugly bomb-sites. There was still rationing of food, clothes and ‘luxuries’. Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, could promise no immediate relief – he was dubbed ‘Austerity Cripps’. Fuel was often in short supply, and we had a couple of very cold winters. If this was what it was like to be the winners, how must it have been for the losers? We learnt later the answer: no worse, and in some cases a bit better!

When politicians speak now of ‘austerity’, we children of the post-war age are tempted to reply: ‘You don’t know what austerity is’.

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Christmas Shoe Boxes

Please can any outstanding shoeboxes for our Operation Christmas Child Shoebox appeal be brought into church by **Sunday 1st November**? Dorothy will bless them on that day, and they will then be taken to the warehouse for checking and final distribution.

Notes from the PCC

There was a full agenda at our meeting on 20th October. Both the Social and Worship Committees had been busy organising events and services for the run up to Christmas and their plans were approved by the PCC. Details will be given in the next magazine and we hope you will support as many as you can.

We are finally reaching the stage with the Heritage Lottery Fund Grant where we will be able to claim the money and we look forward to work starting in the New Year. It has been a long and arduous process, but we are extremely grateful to the HLF for making this money available to us. We would not have been able to do the work without them.

We are looking at the possibility of having the church open one afternoon a month from the New Year so people can come in and sit quietly, pray, light a candle in memory of a loved one, or just look round. We will try to organise a rota of people to be available to steward and talk to people if needed. We would also like to alter the way we pray for the streets in our parish. At present, we pray for a group of streets each week, but in future we will try to organise these into 12 groups and pray for each group during a month. At the beginning of the month, cards will be dropped through the letterboxes of the relevant houses letting them know we are praying for them, and giving details of our church, services and events.

Next year we are looking forward to celebrating 50 years since the consecration of the present building. As part of this, we will hold a Festival of Crosses (similar to the one we held in 2010) so please keep your eyes open for unusual or special crosses as you are out and about. More information will be given as we get nearer the time.

Dorothy is required by the Diocese to keep details of safeguarding certificates for all those working with children who are connected with the church. She is busy getting together all she needs and she will arrange for the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer to come and talk to all who are involved in children's work—and anyone else who is interested. Details will be available in due course.

Hilary Davis, PCC Secretary

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)
30 th	Roland Munby	(1980)

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