

Letter From the Vicar

Dear Friends

Over the last few years I have become increasingly concerned about the tremendous increase in popularity of celebrating Halloween. It has, like many other questionable activities, made its way across the Atlantic to become a profitable addition to many retail outlets.

The origin of Halloween, however, dates back many centuries and has a number of suggested sources. The Celtic feast of 'Samhain' is one such source and was celebrated at the end of harvest and the beginning of the dark period of winter. The Celts believed that at this time the dead returned to earth and created havoc by playing tricks on people and damaging crops. They would have parties around a huge bonfire designed to ward off evil spirits. This was also thought to be a good time for telling fortunes as the spirit world was more easily reached.

Back in the 7th century, as an alternative to this pagan festival, Pope Gregory created 'the Feast of Saints ' on the 1st November where Christians could positively support spiritual values honouring the saints and martyrs. The 31st October became known as 'All Hallows Eve' which was later shortened to Halloween.

Today's view on Halloween, certainly from the majority of the non-Christian community, but also from some Christians as well, is that it is just a bit of harmless fun for children to enjoy themselves dressing up in what they consider funny costumes. To impersonate witches, devils and other characters of the occult, appears however to be a contradictory message to that of the love and peace of Jesus. The bible warns us on many occasions to steer clear of things that are not of God and I firmly believe that the whole ethos of Halloween, defined in pagan tradition and in modern day expression, is definitely not of God but of the devil. I believe that as Christians we need to ask ourselves the question, should I, or my family, be involved in celebrating so flagrantly opposed views to our Christian faith. What message are we portraying to our children if we encourage them to participate in occult

based traditions passed off as innocent fun?

On Thursday 31st of October here at St. Saviour's we are running a "**Light Party**" as an alternative to Halloween. This will be a party celebrating the light of Jesus instead of the darkness associated with witches and the like. Please encourage any children who you know to come and join us to play games and have fun in the safe environment of a Christian Church. It is for families with children aged 6 to 11 and runs from 4.30 to 6.30 p.m.

God Bless

Ian Slater

OCTOBER PARISH DIARY

Tuesday 1st	11.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Crossley House 7.00 p.m. Prayer meeting in vestry 7.30 p.m. Adult tap dancing
Wednesday 2nd	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at St. James's 6.15 p.m. Cub Scouts
Thursday 3rd	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 6TH NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Tuesday 8th	10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Revd. Ian Slater) 7.30 p.m. Adult tap dancing
Wednesday 9th	7.30 p.m. Worship Committee meeting in vestry 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion 11.30 a.m. Ings Way Lunch Day 6.15 p.m. Cub Scouts
Thursday 10th	7.30 p.m. Social Committee meeting in vestry 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 13TH TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (*Revd. Richard & Mrs. Jean Bailey*)

Tuesday 15th 7.30 p.m. Adult tap dancing

Wednesday 16th 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at St. James's
6.15 p.m. Cub Scouts

Thursday 17th 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

Saturday 19th 7.00 p.m. Barn Dance

SUNDAY 20TH HARVEST FESTIVAL

10.00 a.m. Parade Service & Holy Communion
(*The Ven. David Lee*)

11.45 a.m. Bring and share lunch

Tuesday 22nd 7.30 p.m. Adult tap dancing

Wednesday 23rd 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 in vestry

Thursday 24th 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 27TH BIBLE SUNDAY

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (*Revd. Ian Slater*)

Tuesday 29th 7.30 p.m. Adult tap dancing

Wednesday 30th 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at St. James's

Thursday 31st 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer
4.30 p.m. Light Party for families with children
aged 6-11

Singing in Erfurt

In early May this year, my attention was drawn to a notice that a small choir was planning a trip to Erfurt in late summer but they were short of bass singers. I made contact and was recruited.

I met the rest of the group in mid July when there was a choir practice at St Margaret's, Ilkley. Most of the singers were from their choir, plus 3 people from Baildon and myself. Four rehearsals later, and after some intense note learning, we were on our way; flight from Manchester to Düsseldorf and then by train to Erfurt.

Our first musical event was the following day, when we met with 3 other church choirs, Roman Catholic, Baptist and Lutheran, to rehearse and then perform Schubert's Deutsche Messe - not a setting of the liturgical mass but more a set of hymns for use during a service of Holy Communion. On the next day, Sunday, we had 2 engagements. Firstly we joined with the choir of the Reglerkirche for their communion service. This involved some German pieces as well as the hymns and some English works which they had learnt in advance. It all went very well and was much appreciated. Sunday evening brought us to the Augustinerkirche where Martin Luther spent much time. (It was a monastery in those days) We sang Evensong, mostly in English but with bilingual readings and hymns.

After a day off, we took a trip to nearby Eisenach, where J S Bach did much of his work. We sang several pieces outside the Bachhaus and museum after which we were surprised to find a crew from German radio's 'Radio 3' who interviewed Christopher (the Boss) and seemed to enjoy our efforts. We never discovered who tipped them off! Later in the day, we went to Wartburg Castle, famed for St Elizabeth of Hungary, and where Martin Luther hid while on the run and where he finished his Bible translation. We also sang a chorus from Tannhäuser, the Wagner opera set there, in the castle ballroom.

Our final choral engagement was to sing at a service, loosely based on vespers, all in English, and intended for any English speakers and for students and others learning English, in the Michaeliskirche. It had only been running for a few weeks but attendances were rising and the

congregation joined in the parts they knew with great enthusiasm. The last musical event (not involving the choir) was an organ recital by Christopher in the Predigerkirche. After the usual worthy pieces by Bach, Buxtehude and a couple of his own compositions, Christopher rounded off with Noel Rawsthorne's 'Ilkla Moor' which brought the house down and ensured that everyone left with a smiling face.

Apart from the music, we had a trip to Weimar (20 mins away by train) where Göthe, Schiller and Bach were former residents, a place full of interesting 18th century architecture, not to mention the many pavement cafés with tempting lunch menus.

Erfurt itself is a beautiful city and well worth a visit in its own right. If you ever get the opportunity to go there, I would highly recommend it. I will certainly go again if I get the chance.

Patrick Preston

Hymn or maths?

A father had taken his small son to church. The boy listened attentively without saying a word until the clergyman announced: "We will now sing hymn two hundred and twenty-two: 'Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand', two hundred and twenty-two."

Alarmed the little boy nudged his father. "Do we have to work this out?"

McDonald's

As my five-year-old son and I were heading to McDonald's one day, we passed a car accident. Usually when we see something terrible like that, we say a prayer for whoever might be hurt, so I pointed and said to my son, "We should pray."

An instant later a fervent prayer was heard in the back seat. "Dear God, please don't let those cars block the entrance to McDonald's."

© Parish Pump

Meet our New Children's Worker

Hello everyone;

My name is Karen Wheelhouse and I am the new children's work leader for the K:Ing's Way Club. By way of an introduction, here's a few things you might like to know about me!

I originally come from Sheffield, but my accent is a mixture of Yorkshire, Cumbrian and the North East, as we have also lived in Carlisle and Durham. I am 42 and have been married to my husband, Paul, for 20 years. I currently live in Burley-in-Wharfedale, a village near Ilkley, and worship at St. Mary's Church, Burley. My husband is the Curate at St. Mary's and we have just gone into an interregnum.

I have two lovely children; Bethany, aged 15, and Lewis, aged 12. Both go to Ilkley Grammar School. I have a Springer Spaniel, called Reuben, who is a joy. I love to walk him every day as it gives me time to pray and sing!

My background is mainly in teaching. I taught Art at Buttershaw Upper for 10 years. In Carlisle, I have also taught R.E, a little History and been a Learning Support teacher for children with additional needs. I'm a very creative person, can make or draw pretty much anything and adapt to new things easily. I even enjoy moving house –which is good as our current home is my 17th!

My faith and my family are, to me, the best gifts I have been given. I treasure my children and my walk with God. I find being a Curate's wife immensely satisfying and know that it's a privilege to serve others with all that I am, wherever I go.

I have a big soft spot for my ladies at Burley's Mothers' Union, where I am a Branch Leader. I've also just begun a young mums group, so things are really exciting! I believe that everyone deserves to hear and know that Jesus loves them - and this permeates all that I do, making each day a pleasure because of the joy that the Holy Spirit brings. Without his help, I couldn't do any of this!!

If you could, please would you pray about whether you might get involved and come and share in the K:Ings Way club work, or the forthcoming Messy Church afternoons? I will always work really hard- but I can't do it all without a team of helpers... Could you be one of them?!! Even if you're only thinking "Maybe...." - Ian, Joan, Fiona or myself would be delighted to hear from you...

God Bless x

Karen

Shoeboxes for Liberia.

Have You Wrapped a Shoebox Yet?

Please take a box from the back of Church, cover it (& its lid) with wrapping paper and think what will fit into it for Operation Christmas Child. As you collect things for your box please include something from each group on the leaflet (details can be found at <http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk/landing.asp>)

If you have spare items please put them in the box(es) at the back of church and take any other item you need to complete your box. When your box is full, and labelled, secure it with a rubber band and leave it in the Drop Off Box in the Narthex on or before November 17th. Thank you for donations (over £50 so far) towards the cost of shipping our boxes - each box cost over £2.50 to send.

This year our boxes are going to Liberia, West Africa. Following over 20 years of Civil War and 10 years of occupation by UN Peacekeepers, Liberia lacks much basic infrastructure: few roads are surfaced, much of the country is without mains electricity and only 70% of the population has access to clean-ish water. About 80% of the population live below the poverty line. Life is hard.

Please help fill shoeboxes to bring joy and love to the children of Liberia.

Margaret Baker

Evening of Witness

Please join us for an evening of witness at the New Tyke, Thornton Rd. Tickets are £8 and include a buffet meal. Our Guest Speaker will be Max Wigley who, among other things, is Chaplain at Yorkshire County Cricket Club and ex-Chaplain to the Alhambra Theatre. This will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 27th November and all are welcome. Please bring your non-Church friends. For further information please contact Rev. Ian Slater tel. 01274 831437, email: revianslater@gmail.com

Church Harvest Festival: Sunday 20th October 2013

This year in celebration of Harvest, our church has decided to ask for donations of goods for the Bradford Metropolitan Food Bank. For some time now St Saviour's has supported the Food Bank which is a small registered charity, entirely run by volunteers, who receive donations of non-perishable foods from the community and small businesses, to give free of charge to organisations working with vulnerable people in need of food in the Bradford area.

The Food Bank came about because whilst there are a number of small organisations making and serving food free of charge in Bradford, such services only reach a minority as they are mainly centrally located within the City. There are many more vulnerable people within the large and diverse Metropolitan District of Bradford whose health and wellbeing could be improved by the provision of food when needed within their own local community. Across the district, there is an under-utilised resource of supermarkets, food manufacturers and retailers who hold surplus food that goes to waste. The Food Bank's vision is to provide a link between those who have surplus food and those who need it.

Donations

They need gifts of non-perishable foods, such as

Tins - of MEAT, FISH, soup, spaghetti, beans, vegetables, fruit, rice pudding, custard

Jars - of COFFEE, sauce, jams, preserves, pickles

Packets - of SUGAR, TEA, CEREAL, rice, pasta, cous cous, crisps, biscuits, cereal and snack bars, super noodles, dried fruit

Cartons - of LONG LIFE MILK, custard

(Items in capitals are things that are most needed)

Money: Any amount large or small is welcome to help them replenish stocks.

Food banks rely on the support of local communities and groups like ours. The Bradford Food Bank is giving out more food than ever: in June 2012 they distributed 288 parcels, in June 2013 it was 722! They are, understandably, very concerned they will run out of supplies.

However, they are also supported by local businesses. They have had two collections at Asda stores, and Shipley Asda ran their own collection across a week. Also Haq's supermarket held a collection during Ramadan and close to the recent Eid celebrations. All of these collections proved fruitful in terms of both food and monetary donations, for which they are most grateful. They also sent a group of volunteers to clear up after the recent Leeds festival, which meant that they collected 62 boxfuls of unwanted, useable non-perishable food items from the revellers.

Donations of foods are very welcome throughout the year, and in celebration of our Harvest Festival on 20th October donations to the food bank (as detailed overleaf) would be most welcome, instead of the traditional fruit and vegetables. Thank you for your continued support of this work. Following the service, there will be a "Bring and Share" lunch to which all are welcome.

Winter Fair

Please keep Saturday 9th November free between 11.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. so you can visit our Winter Fair. We will have all the usual stalls of books, cakes, plants, gifts, cards etc, plus tombola, raffle etc. There will be games to have a go at, and lunches to sustain you after your efforts. You may, just, find that perfect present you were looking for - so come along and see what there is.

An Unusual Family Bible From Leeds.

Ian Mc Alpine.

About twelve years ago I visited a second-hand bookshop in Saltaire and saw some old family Bibles on sale. They were all 19th century and mostly looked quite ordinary. However one of them, very worn and battered, had an unusual binding and I was well rewarded when I had a closer look and bought it very cheaply. The faded title page read "The Devotional Family Bible containing the Old and New Testament, [sic] with aspirations on each chapter by George Wilson: Leeds: printed by George Wilson"

Although there was no date of publication the style of the engravings and typeface suggested about 1820. The main point of interest was that it was printed in Leeds and probably had moved only about ten miles in nearly two centuries. A 19th century bookseller's label appeared inside the front cover - J W BIRDSALL, PRINTER AND BOOKSELLER, STANNINGLEY'.

Later research showed that Birdsall had established the "Pudsey and District Advertiser" in 1875 and had published a number of books around that time. Evidently the Bible was about 50 years old when Birdsall sold it, perhaps to a member of the Brook family. 'John Wm Brook Stanningley Nr Leeds' was written in purple pencil and the date 'March 8th 1896' in a later hand. Birthdates between 1888 and 1898 of members of the Brook and Clark families, presumably related, appeared inside the back cover. The book opened with Genesis 17.1 to 19.29 which was followed immediately by Genesis 1.24 to 16.16! The opening twenty-three verses of Genesis had completely vanished. There were no page numbers but Wilson had given his 'aspirations' (commentaries) on entire chapters at the bottom of almost every page as if to compensate for this deficiency. Not only had Wilson produced the Bible in his own workshop in Leeds but he had apparently written his own commentary on it as well! The Bible had been rather crudely printed, sometimes out of register on cheap paper and was very different from those produced at Oxford, Cambridge and London, the main centres for Bible publication at this period. The illustrations were all rather badly done and illustrations from other religious books of the

period had been cut out and glued onto vacant pages, a process known as grangerizing*.

At that time I was still working at Bradford University Library and so had a look for the Bible in their collection of national bibliographies. To my surprise there was no mention of it anywhere although I did find some other religious books and a directory of 1807 printed by George Wilson. More recently I have tried internet searches with similar lack of success. The Bible is also unknown to the Yorkshire Archaeological Society based in Leeds where I now work which has extensive collections of books printed in Yorkshire.

And in twelve years I have failed to find a single reference to George Wilson's Bible! Have any others survived or is mine perhaps the very last one in existence?

* After James Granger (1723 - 1776), an English biographer notorious for treating books in this way.

BARN DANCE
SATURDAY
19TH OCTOBER 2013
7.00 P.M.



Tickets £3
To include light supper
(Bring your own alcoholic drinks)
Available on the door or from admin@st.savioursfwg.org.uk

46TH BRADFORD NORTH SCOUT GROUP

Summer Camp 4th - 9th August 2013

(Continued from last month)

On Thursday teams built a raft using poles and ropes (pioneering) and made a mast for their team flag. Once complete a race was organised. Teams had to carry the raft to the other end of the field, picking up other members of their team until they had 3 passengers. It was manic and certainly a survival of the fittest!

Everyone enjoyed the Pirate tournament (based on the Royal Tournament)- teams had to disassemble their cannons (wooden replicas of the real thing) and attach the pieces bit by bit to a pulley system before re-building them. Great fun. This was followed by a Tug o war contest.

There was also plenty of time for the children to play in the woods and down by the rocks. There was a treasure trail, pirate hunt and the Smugglers wide game. Games of rounders, shoot the rapids, piggy in the middle and football were also enjoyed. There wasn't that much sleep as alas the weary pirates managed to find plenty of energy once dismissed to their bunks (tents) and it was at least midnight before their eyes and mouths finally closed for the brief duration of sleep!

A very successful camp that could not happen but for our wonderful leaders who give of their precious time so generously. We are also grateful to a number of parents who came along to help each day.

Here's what the Cubs thought about it all:

**I like sledging. We went down the hill it was good. Millie
I enjoyed it all. Jonathan**

**I loved the experience of camping with Cubs it was fun
especially when we went swimming. The smugglers game
was cool. Keiron & Luca.**

**This is my first long camp and I loved the games and grass
sledging. Alex**

My favourite part was the campfire and grass sledging and also sleeping in the same tent with my friends. I enjoy camping! Pharren

On camp I enjoyed the grass sledging even though I fell over - also swimming because I can now do handstands in the shallow end. Charlotte

I enjoyed everything we did including the Pirate theme and putting up tents. I learned how to map read - it was fun. Aimee

We really enjoyed the amazing activities like shelter building and grass sledging, swimming and doing the athletes badge. Caitlin and Hannah.

We liked doing the Bigger Picture quiz in Baildon and also the map reading. Sleeping with our mates in a tent was great. Isaac & Oliver

We want to come again! Sam and Caiden

Because this was my first camp I was a bit nervous at the start but after a few days I got to know everyone and really enjoyed it. I liked getting to know Baildon and the church trail was fun. Abby

I loved swimming and learning to read a map the best. Lauren

The best thing was EVERYTHING! I give it 10/10.

Rohan

Bev Howard GROUP SCOUT LEADER

Dead cow

A farmer was trying hard to fill out an extensive and complicated railway company claim sheet for a cow that had been killed on the track. Finally he came down to the very last item: ‘Disposition of the carcass.’

After puzzling over the question for some time, he wrote: “Kind and gentle.”

Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme - GASDS

Since April 6th 2013 we have been able to claim a tax refund on small donations even if there is no Gift Aid declaration in place and even if no tax was paid on the donation. What does this mean for us?

The main guidance defines which donations are eligible, but in short, they need to be cash donations of £20 or less, received during charitable activities with more than 10 attending. The main sources of eligible donations for churches will be cash donations received in open plate collections and in regular giving envelopes on which no Gift Aid declaration has been received. We are allowed to claim on up to £5000 of donations resulting in up to £1250 being returned to the parish - unfortunately such giving at St. Saviour's won't reach this total but it will still be a useful additional source of income for us.

From a practical point of view it means that £50 notes would not be accepted (if only!) and a donation or collection known to be of 3 x £10 notes would not be allowed either. However, we will not be expected to know what individuals have given so would be allowed to assume all £5, £10 and £20 notes have been given by different individuals and therefore will be claiming these amounts. More importantly for us - if a parishioner is ill and does not come to church for a few weeks and then returns having made up their collection either in one envelope or several, and if it comes to more than £20, none of it can be allowed for the claim. In other words it would be better to make sure that it is made up over the next few weeks so that each week's collection does not amount to more than £20.

To enable these claims to be made accurately we need to ensure that written records are kept to justify the claim and this will mean a small change in the way we record weekly collections. The Diocese has been able to offer all parishes a dedicated software package that makes the process of claiming as easy as possible and we have taken advantage of this scheme. Our first claim under this scheme will be made along with the next Gift Aid claim in October.

If any of this is not clear or if anybody needs any further advice please see James our Treasurer who will be happy to explain further.

October Roll of Remembrance

1st	George Singleton	(1945)
	Albert Edward Nichols	(1967)
2nd	Ethel Butterfield	(1979)
	Bernard John Lowde	(2003)
3rd	Ethel Rhodes	(1981)
4th	Ivy Sollis	(2001)
5th	Francis Garbutt	(1978)
	Arthur Marlow	(1942)
8th	Lucy Alice Holdsworth	(1973)
9th	Tommy Smith	(1981)
10th	Ronald Brown	(1990)
12th	Dorothy M. Larking	(1974)
13th	Doris Hester	(1984)
14th	Betty Presland	(2000)
	Josephine Lowde	(2003)
16th	William Preston	(1980)
20th	Sidney Holgate	(1980)
21st	Alice Hartley	(1979)
26th	Ida Emsley	(1987)
28th	Win Brooksbank	(1999)
31st	Arthur Chilvers	(1982)

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