

## The October Letter

Dear Friends,

We all know the psalms - well, we know roughly where to find them in the Bible and that they are a collection of songs. Most of us could recite Psalm 23 at a push in one or other of its many forms.

I've been thinking about the psalms recently, and although we use them very seldom on Sunday mornings, they form a regular part of Morning Prayer on Thursdays. It has been noticed that some psalms are used frequently at that time and many others never seen. Their listings in the Lectionary appear arbitrary.

If you follow the scheme in the Book of Common Prayer, all the psalms are covered in a calendar month and allocated to morning or evening; this gives a simple way of working through them all, but not necessarily all in the same month. But why would you?

Most of the psalms are reasonably short, (and the longer ones are often split into bite-sized pieces) and between them cover all manner of moods and situations; praise and prayer of every sort are there and familiarity brings with it the ability to find the one most appropriate to the situation. Appeals for help in times of need or distress, accusations against adversaries, calls for redress and assertions of innocence are all there, in fact anything which you might bring before a court or judge, for that is what God is. If you can't find the words for a prayer, the psalms are there to fulfil your need. And singing them brings more meaning to me.

Sing up!

*Patrick*

## OCTOBER 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

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### SUNDAY 5TH SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (*Revd. Betty Pedley*)  
2.00 p.m. Messy Church

Tuesday 7th    11.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Crossley House  
                    7.30 p.m. Adult tap dancing  
                    7.30 p.m. PCC meeting

Wednesday 8th    9.30 a.m. Holy Communion  
                    11.30 a.m. Ings Way Lunch Day  
                    6.15 p.m. Cub Scouts

Thursday 9th    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 11th    10.30 a.m. Councillors' Surgeries

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### SUNDAY 12TH SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

Tuesday 14th    7.30 p.m. Adult tap dancing

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

Thursday 16th    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 19TH HARVEST FESTIVAL

10.00 a.m. Parade Service & Holy Communion  
*(Revd. Betty Pedley)*

Tuesday 21st    7.30 p.m. Adult tap dancing

Wednesday 22nd	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	6.15 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Social Committee meeting
Thursday 23rd	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	10.30 a.m.	Bring and Fill Coffee morning
	4.30 p.m.	K:Ing's Way Club
	6.00 p.m.	Beaver Scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Scouts
Saturday 25th	7.00 p.m.	Jesus' journey through the Holy Land
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<b><u>SUNDAY 26TH</u></b>	<b>LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>	
	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion ( <i>The Ven David Lee</i> )
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	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
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Jesus' Journey through the Holy Land  
 an illustrated talk by  
 Revd. Gordon Dey

Saturday 25th October 2014

7.00 p.m.  
 To include Pie & Pea supper

There is no charge for this event, but donations would be appreciated. For catering purposes, please sign the sheet at the back of church or email [admin@stscavioursfwg.org.uk](mailto:admin@stscavioursfwg.org.uk) if you would like to come.

## **October 18th: Thank you, Dr Luke!**

*Canon David Winter, Former Head of Religious Broadcasting, BBC*

'Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, bless the bed that I lie on' - my grandma taught me that one. At least it meant I never forgot the names of the writers of the four Gospels. This month Luke, the writer of the third of them, has his feast day – 18th October.

He was, we learn from St Paul, a 'physician' - an educated man and probably the only one of the writers of the New Testament who was not a Jew. In modern terms he was Turkish. Paul took him as one of his missionary team on a long journey around the Middle East, and they clearly became close friends. Under house arrest later in his life Paul could write, 'only Luke is with me'. However, it is his Gospel which has established him as a major figure in the history of the Christian Church. Mark's Gospel may have more drama, Matthew's more prophetic background and John's a more profound sense of the mystery of the divine, but Luke offers us a Jesus who is utterly and believably real. This man turned no one away, reserved his harshest words for hypocrites and religious grandees, cared for the marginalised, the poor, the persecuted, the handicapped and the sinful. His Gospel is full of people we can recognise - indeed, in whom we can often recognise ourselves.

He was also a masterly story-teller. Try, for instance, the story of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). Read it (this time) not as a sacred text but as a brilliant piece of story-telling: subtle repetitions ('your son, this brother of yours'), believable characters, drama and profound emotion. There is the older brother, so cynical about his sibling's alleged reformation, the 'prodigal' himself, so hesitant about throwing himself on his father's mercy after the folly of his earlier behaviour, and there is the father, of course, abandoning the dignity of his role in the family and actually running to welcome his wretched son's return.

There are more women in Luke's Gospel than in any of the others, but also more poor people, more lepers, more 'sinners' and tax-collectors, more 'outsiders' who are shown to be 'inside' the love of Christ. This, for many of us, is the great Gospel of inclusion and compassion. Here is a Jesus for the whole world and for every one of us. Thank you, Dr Luke!

## **Harvest Festival**

Each year, we give thanks for the bounty of the earth and celebrate all the goodness which God has given. In rural communities, food production is a factor of daily life and people's livelihoods depend upon the careful tending of the crops and animals, and on the right amount of sun and rain at the critical times. In cities, we are less aware of this, only noticing the difference with the price and availability of items in the shops - but we are still dependent upon it.

On **Sunday 19th October**, we will be giving thanks at our Harvest Festival, when we think of all the people who, in these difficult financial times, don't have enough to eat. Your gifts of tinned, dried and non-perishable goods for the Bradford Food Bank (*suggestions for what is needed are below in the Foodbank letter*) would be most welcome or, if you prefer, monetary gifts to enable them to replenish their stocks. We support the Food Bank throughout the year, not just at Harvest, and there is always a box at the back of church for your donations. In a recent letter, they wrote:

*"In July we gave out over one thousand ..... yes you did read it correctly ... over one thousand bags of food. Now more than ever we are relying on the goodwill of all our donors to provide even more food for which we are very grateful. We even had to BUY tins of baked beans for the first time last month after running out and following discussions at our last committee meeting it was agreed that we would only put one carton of milk in each bag instead of two.*

*Our main needs are tins of meat, long life milk, jars of pasta sauce, tins of vegetables, tomatoes, baked beans and spaghetti, tins of rice pudding, sponge puddings and fruit, jars of jam, marmalade peanut butter etc. "*

Please support this worthy cause.

## The Origins of Crossley Hall.

*Ian Mc Alpine.*

It hardly seems 12 years since I first saw 183, Thornton Old Road advertised in an estate agent's window in Bradford. The photograph showed that the house was obviously part of a much larger building which was described as late 17th century. I went in to learn more, was extremely impressed and arranged to see the house the following day. The property had three floors and was part of Crossley Hall which had been divided into no fewer than seven separate dwellings. The west wing of the Hall was around 1750 and another of the seven houses was clearly an early Victorian extension. However, the main part of the Hall, including no 183, looked about 1680. I immediately fell in love with the place, bought it and moved in on 20th January, 2003. I'd always wanted to live in a really old house and no 183 was certainly that!

I was very fortunate to find a treasure trove of documents relating to Crossley Hall at Bradford Record Office and am grateful to the Archivist, Mr Anthony Hughes, and his staff for making these available. I was delighted to find a schedule of the earlier deeds of the property which showed that it was even more ancient than I thought - apparently most of it was built between 1647 and 1659! The 1659 deed appeared to describe parts of the building which exist today whereas the 1647 document clearly referred to an earlier structure on the same site. So my house was about 350 years old! This, however, was only the beginning.

I had recently completed a course at Bradford University on the history of domestic architecture in Yorkshire and by chance met my tutor, Dr George Sheeran, at the University Library where I used to work. I told him about my "new" house and as I expected he knew all about Crossley Hall. Most of the surviving structure was certainly 17th century but there had been a building there since long before that. George told me that the site had been occupied since at least as early as the 14th century! The site of the Hall had previously been occupied by a preceptory or local headquarters of the Knights Hospitaller of St John of Jerusalem, a military order founded as far back as the 11th century. George said that the outline or footprint of the present Hall fitted well with that of a mediaeval preceptory. My own researches into the standard published histories of Bradford confirmed George's story.

The Hospitallers probably began as a group of individuals associated with a hospital (originally a place of refuge for the needy, infirm and aged) in Jerusalem which was dedicated to St John the Baptist to provide care for poor, sick or injured pilgrims to the Holy Land. After the Western Christian re-conquest of Jerusalem in 1099 during the First Crusade, the organisation became a religious and military order under its own Papal charter, and was charged with the care and defence of the Holy Land. The Order became immensely rich during the Middle Ages, benefiting considerably from the disbanding of the better-known Knights Templar in the early 14th century and acquiring many of their estates. The Templars had been established at Jerusalem in 1118 for the defence of pilgrims to the Holy Land. Templars Way near St Saviour's was probably named because of confusion between the Templars and the Hospitallers. The Hospitallers owned large tracts of land in Yorkshire and my reading of modern reprints of William Cudworth's well-known *Round about Bradford* (1887), John James' *The history and topography of Bradford* (1841) and other sources confirmed that in the Middle Ages the Hospitallers held the Manor of Crosleia - modern day Crossley. The modern name of Fairweather Green first occurs only as late as 1617 and my research into its origins continues. The Hospitallers were dispossessed by Henry VIII around 1539 as part of his Dissolution of the Monasteries and the preceptory at Crossley passed into the hands of the Crown. However, the Order was revived in England in 1834 and still survives today after nearly 900 years as the St John Ambulance Association. Strangely the Hall does not seem to have been wrecked or made unusable during the Dissolution as so many of the Yorkshire monasteries were but was eventually sold to William Whitmore and Jonas Verdon in 1615. I hope to cover this and the mid-17th century rebuilding in another article.

*To be continued next month*

# Bring and Fill Coffee Morning

Thursday 23rd October

10.30 a.m.

In support of Operation Christmas Child's appeal to send out shoeboxes of toys, stationery, hygiene items etc. to children all over the world who would otherwise receive nothing (or very little) at Christmas, we have been asking people to bring in small items for inclusion in boxes since last month. On Thursday 23rd October, we are inviting you to come along to bring in any extra items you may have and to spend some time making up and filling boxes with the stocks we have built up. Tea, coffee and cakes will be on sale and the proceeds will go towards helping with the cost of transporting the boxes. It is great fun sorting out suitable items, completing the boxes and imagining the joy of the child who eventually opens it, - so please come along and join in, whether you can stay for 2 hours or 10 minutes! Of course, whether or not you are able to come on the 23rd, we would welcome small items or completed boxes in church at any time.

## **What would Jesus do?**

While waiting in line to check out at a Christian bookstore, a man in front of me asked the clerk about a display of hats with the letters WWJD on them. The clerk explained that WWJD stands for "What would Jesus do?" and that the idea is to get people to consider this question when making decisions.

The man pondered a moment, then replied, "I don't think he'd pay £17.95 for that hat."

## **Noise**

The wheel of my shopping trolley was making a horrible scraping sound as I pushed it round the supermarket. Nevertheless, when I finished my shopping and saw a lady without a trolley, I offered it up, explaining, "It makes an awful noise, but it works."

"That's okay," she said cheerfully, taking it. "I have a husband at home like that."

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## The Weekly Shop

*Trolleys groaning  
Children moaning*

*As we push through crowded aisles  
Loud pronouncements  
'Staff announcements'  
Give us little cause for smiles*

*'Three for two' here  
'Two for three' there  
Offers easy to be found!  
Bargains seeking*

*But critiquing  
Makes your head go round and round!*

*Undefeated  
Shop completed  
We must find a place to pay  
Now your smile's gone  
Queues are miles long  
We'll be waiting here all day!*

*Try self-service?  
But we're nervous  
Of that most unpleasant choice.  
It's no quicker  
It's no slicker  
And that disembodied voice!*

*With a deep groan  
We return home  
It has been a busy day!  
No time for drinks  
As our heart sinks -  
We must put it all away!*

By Nigel Beeton  
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## **Kingdoms rise and wane**

*Canon David Winter, Former Head of Broadcasting, BBC*

Two hundred years ago this month a British historian, Edward Gibbon, was visiting Rome. He stood entranced as a group of friars sang their prayers on the Capitoline Hill in the city. Musing on the event afterwards, he reflected on the meaning of what he had seen - a group of devout men who had renounced wealth, power and status singing at the very heart of what had once been the world's greatest empire. The experience led him in due course to write his famous historical work (even those of us who have never read the book know its title) - *The Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire*.

I'm writing this piece during the Commonwealth Games. I wonder what Gibbon would call his book had he been writing about the end of the British Empire, the most extensive and powerful the world has ever known - remember all those globes with the 'British' bits coloured red? It certainly 'rose', driven by explorers, missionaries and trade - child of a strange combination of religious revival, nautical adventure and the industrial revolution. But it didn't exactly fall. Instead, in a wonderful way, it changed itself over a couple of fraught decades from an empire with an emperor, the British monarch, into a voluntary association of sovereign states. They were united in the values they stood for, in democratic governance, the rule of law and in a shared history. Many of those countries chose to retain the British monarch, not as an emperor but as their titular constitutional head of state.

Now I'm sure Britain has done many bad things in the past, and is probably doing a few now. But let us chalk up the Commonwealth as a wonderful and benign achievement of which our nation and all the members of it can be justly proud. As the only hymn\* (so far as I know) to mention it prays: 'For young and old, for commonwealth and nation, Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer'.

\* 'Lord for the Years', Timothy Dudley-Smith

## **Do we take the Bible for granted?**

As we approach Bible Sunday, on the 26th October, we remember our debt to those who first translated the Bible into English. In a series of articles last year, we highlighted the work of several men who risked much to bring the Bible to us in a language understood by ordinary people.

We have so many different translations and paraphrases to choose from today, but the Bible had never been in our vernacular until John Wycliffe's translation, completed with the help of others in about 1382. For this and criticism of the Church and its teaching, Wycliffe and his followers, the Lollard lay preachers, were condemned as heretics. It was not until 1525 that William Tyndale's translation of the Gospels into English was completed and printed, though still in defiance of the law in England. For this Tyndale was condemned and eventually burnt at the stake, in Antwerp, where he had worked in exile. Myles Coverdale continued Tyndale's work and the whole Bible in English was printed in 1535, and eventually the English Bible became accessible to everyone who could read. It is a freedom we in Britain take for granted now. Though in parts of the world where Christians are persecuted minorities this freedom can still be denied.

Even in Uganda in 1972, a largely Christian country, a crisis arose in which the use of the Bible in public worship seemed under threat. President Amin had recently expelled all Israeli citizens because he suspected Israeli military advisors of subversive activity. Soon afterwards a Bible reading during Thought for Today, on Radio Uganda, quoted from the Old Testament that the People of Israel were coming into their Promised Land. Amin saw this as a modern day threat, and banned the name 'Israel' from being spoken in Uganda. The Archbishop of Uganda, Erica Sabiti (the first Ugandan to be Archbishop), went to confront the President who repeated that the name Israel was never to be spoken. The Archbishop replied, 'But your Excellency, the Children of Israel in the Bible is not the same as the State of Israel today.'

'I forbid it!' the President repeated.

'Your Excellency, if you forbid us to speak the name Israel, you are forbidding us to use this book. The name Israel is written in the Bible from beginning to end.'

‘I forbid it!’

The Archbishop, who was small in stature and quite frail, held up a copy of the Bible in front of the towering form of the President. ‘Your Excellency, down the centuries Christians have been willing to die to defend the right to read this book. We are ready again.’

The President backed down. Thought for Today, however, was banned.

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**Messy Church  
Sunday 5th October  
2.00 to 4.00 p.m.  
Fun for all the family**

**Games, activities, Bible stories, songs and food  
And it's free!!  
Please come to join us.**

#### **Ing's Way Lunch Day**

Our next lunch day will be on Wednesday 8th October from 11.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. Please come and join us for a FREE lunch of homemade soup, sandwiches, biscuits and tea/coffee—and meet friends old and new. Having monitored our footfall over the past years, we have found the majority of our customers come between 12 and 12.30, so we have adjusted our times accordingly, and will now close at 1.00 p.m.

#### **Christmas Fair**

Looking ahead to next month, our Christmas Fair will be on Saturday 15th November from 11.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. There will be all the usual stalls—cakes, books, Christmas gifts, cards and wrapping paper, toys, jewellery etc, plus a raffle, tombola and games. Lunches will be served throughout and we have written to Santa to see if he can spare time in his busy schedule to be with us. Do, please, keep the date in your diary and come along to support us.

# **Laid to Rest**

Gary Peter Hutchinson

15th September 2014

## **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)

## Notes from the PCC

The meeting was on Wednesday 3rd September when we heard the latest news about the interregnum. There has been some recent interest in the post, but as yet there is no news as to whether an appointment will be made. We continue to provide a full range of services and are most grateful to Richard and Jean Bailey who lead at least 2 services a month for us, plus all the visiting clergy who have kindly agreed to come along to help us out.

Work to provide estimates for and accurate forecasts of the amount of work needed to complete the repairs detailed by the Quinquennial Inspection continues. We have had an asbestos survey of the roof, which proved satisfactory, and an investigation of the wall cavities to see if they are suitable for insulation. Once all the investigative work is completed, we hope to move forward to the next stage.

In addition to this, we have had a new boiler installed in the kitchen, which should hopefully result in much more pleasant temperatures in future. Ivan Robinson and a colleague carried out the work for us and Ivan has cleared out all the radiators and pipes to ensure they are working efficiently. We are, as always. most grateful to him for all he does for us.

We are looking forward to the return of Messy Church on Sunday 5th October. The Revd. Betty Pedley, retired Children's Work Advisor to the Diocese of Wakefield, will be coming to talk to us at the 10.00 a.m. service that day and we hope she will have some advice and ideas to help us move forward with this project.

A small sub-committee, under the leadership of Jean Bailey, has been formed to look at environmental matters, to see how we, as a church, can lessen the negative impact we have and look at ways we can make a positive difference. They have had their first meeting and agreed to start slowly with one or two projects which can be easily achieved. News will appear in the magazine from time to time.

*Hilary Davis - PCC Secretary*

## **Scout Group Fundraising**

In order to raise much needed funds, the Scout Group have teamed up with the EcoKids textile recycling project and are collecting good quality, dry, clean clothing, soft toys, pairs of shoes, handbags, jewellery, bric-a-brac (no books, please) and bed linen. Items can be brought to church during a pack meeting by 30th October.

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