

Letter from the Vicar

In this month's magazine a warm welcome is extended to everyone as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the presence of the new St Saviours Church in Fairweather Green. As the relatively new Vicar of St Saviour's, I do not have first-hand knowledge of this church, indeed all I know of old Bradford are vague memories of my Registered Nurse Training here in the very early 1970's. This certainly did not include any experiences of the churches in Bradford so writing this possibly historical article is a trifle strange. I have reflected on the historical writings that have been gathered together over the life of this church, along with the memories and experiences of the more senior members of the congregation. Various members have faithfully delved into the history of the church, its contents and the surrounding community, which is constantly changing.

There are many aspects of this building which fascinate me; there are the various architectural highlights such as the numerous windows; the stark yet beautiful structures within the church and chapel, especially in bright sunshine; the unusual angle of the altar in relation to the seating of the majority of the congregation. These all serve to emphasise the original demands of the commissioning Bishop of Bradford, the vision and determination of execution of the Architect Mr Pace; the financial and good will support received from St Saviour's churches around the world; the donations of furniture from redundant or re-ordered churches in Bradford. Above all is the continuing and invaluable dedication of a small congregation, many of whom are quite senior in years.

I have met many of our former and current neighbours who talk with fondness and pride of the fact that they were baptised, confirmed or married at St Saviour's. Occasionally I am driven to ask why they stopped attending but a sense of loyalty to others long past restrains me.

This month we are starting a new chapter in the church's history. We have our anniversary programme which commences with the Festival of Crosses on the 10th of September. Our Anniversary Service on the 18th September will be led by the Bishop of Bradford, The Right Reverend Toby Howarth, in the presence of the Lord Mayor and a number of other honoured guests. A concert by the celebrated Steeton Male Voice

Choir will take place on the 24th of this month.

September also sees the commencement of a new selection of services which the PCC, our planning team and the congregation pray will offer a range that will support our faith and reach out to all ages and a variety of churchmanship.

Please keep each and every event in your prayers as we seek to express the kingdom of God and our love and concern for our community. Do come and join us.

With love and prayers

Revd Dorothy

Our New Services

It probably seems quite fitting that as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the consecration of this building, we should start our new programme of worship. We hope everyone will find something to suit them in the range of services - from traditional to informal. There are bound to be teething problems before we are happy with how things work, but we hope you will bear with us and come along to give the services a try.

The schedule is:

First Sunday:

- 9.30 a.m. Said communion
- 10.00 a.m. Tea, Coffee, toast and biscuits
- 10.30 a.m. All-age worship (not communion)

Second Sunday

- 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion - with Baptism if needed

Third Sunday

- 10.00 a.m. Parade and Family informal communion service

Fourth Sunday

- 10.00 a.m. Shortened sung communion service
- 11.00 a.m. Messy Church - fun for all the family with Bible stories, crafts, games, music and food.

Fifth Sunday (when there is one!)

- 10.00 a.m. Communion service based on a theme or season as appropriate

Everyone is welcome to ALL the services.

50th Anniversary Celebrations

We are really looking forward to the celebrations for our 50th Anniversary. We do hope lots of friends, colleagues and former parishioners will join us for any or all of the following:

Saturday 10th September

2.00 to 4.00 p.m. Afternoon Tea to launch Festival of Crosses

Sunday 11th

11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. Festival of Crosses open

Monday 12th

6.00 to 8.00 p.m. Festival of Crosses open

Tuesday 13th

12 noon - 2.00 p.m. Festival of Crosses open

Wednesday 14th

10.00 a.m.- 12 noon Festival of Crosses open

11.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. Ings Way Lunch Day

6.00 to 8.00 p.m. Festival of Crosses open

Thursday 15th

6.00 to 8.00 p.m. Festival of Crosses open

Friday 16th

12 noon to 2.00 p.m. Festival of Crosses open

Saturday 17th

12 noon to 2.00 p.m. Festival of Crosses open

Sunday 18th

10.00 a.m. Anniversary Communion service led by the Bishop of Bradford and in the presence of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Bradford

11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. Festival of Crosses open

11.30 a.m. Faith lunch in hall

Saturday 24th

7.30 p.m. Anniversary Concert by the Steeton Male Voice Choir (Tickets £7)

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Thursday 1st 9.30 a.m. Morning prayer

SUNDAY 4TH

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.30 a.m. Said Holy Communion

10.00 a.m. Refreshments in hall

10.30 a.m. All-Age Worship

Monday 5th 7.30 p.m. Messy Church meeting

Tuesday 6th 10.45 a.m. Holy Communion at Crossley House

12 noon Knit and Natter

2.00 p.m. All-age worship planning meeting

7.30 p.m. Adult Tap Dancing

Wednesday 7th 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at St. James's

6.15 p.m. Cub Scouts

Thursday 8th 9.30 a.m. Morning prayer

6.00 p.m. Beaver Scouts

7.30 p.m. Scouts

Saturday 10th 2.00 p.m. Festival of Crosses launch

SUNDAY 11TH

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion & Baptism

11.00 a.m. Festival of Crosses open

Monday 12th 6.00 p.m. Festival of Crosses open

Tuesday 13th 12 noon Knit and Natter

12 noon Festival of Crosses open

7.30 p.m. Adult Tap Dancing

Wednesday 14th 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion

10.00 a.m. Festival of Crosses open

11.30 a.m. Ing's Way Lunch Day

6.00 p.m. Festival of Crosses open

6.15 p.m. Cub Scouts

7.30 p.m. Bible Study group

Thursday 15th 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

6.00 p.m. Festival of Crosses open

6.00 p.m. Beaver Scouts

7.30 p.m. Scouts

Friday 16th	12 noon	Festival of Crosses open
Saturday 17th	12 noon	Festival of Crosses open

<u>SUNDAY 18TH</u>	DEDICATION FESTIVAL	
	10.00 a.m.	Family and Parade Service (<i>Bishop of Bradford</i>)
	11.00 a.m.	Festival of Crosses open
	11.30 a.m.	Faith lunch in hall
Tuesday 20th	12 noon	Knit and Natter
	7.30 p.m.	Adult tap dancing
	7.30 p.m.	PCC meeting in vestry
Wednesday 21st	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion at St. James's
	6.15 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Thursday 22nd	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	6.00 p.m.	Beaver Scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Scouts
Saturday 24 th	7.30 p.m.	Steeton Male Voice Choir Concert

<u>SUNDAY 25TH</u>	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	11.00 a.m.	Messy Church
Tuesday 27th	12 noon	Knit and Natter
	7.30 p.m.	Adult Tap Dancing
Wednesday 28th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	6.15 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Thursday 29 th	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	6.00 p.m.	Beaver Scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Going for growth meeting

Bible Study

The next Bible Study Group will be on Wednesday 14th September at 7.30 p.m. when they will be looking at John's Gospel, Chapter 6. Please contact Richard Bailey on 01274 483344 for more information

TTIP

Anyone who is of similar age to me will recognise the initials TTFN (Ta Ta For Now) a catchphrase from ITMA (It's That Man Again) the comedy show starring Tommy Handley that kept us sane during the war. "TTFN" we often said when parting from a friend. (My father took me to Liverpool Cathedral for Tommy Handley's memorial service in 1948. The Cathedral was packed.)

But TTIP is a far more sinister acronym. It stands for Transatlantic Trade and Investment Policy. The sinister aspect of this treaty is that it was being negotiated in secret, and included a proposal that businesses would be allowed to sue governments if they felt that the enactment of laws affected their profits, and those who would judge the case would not be High Court judges, but other business people. Fortunately leaks and investigations by *The Guardian* among others have alerted us to the risks involved in this agreement.

"One of the biggest complaints about the TTIP corporate power grab is the inclusion of Investor State Dispute Settlements, which are designed to allow multinational corporations to completely bypass national democratic and judicial institutions in order to sue nation states in secretive transnational tribunals. These appalling ISDS rules have already been written into countless so-called free trade deals across the world, allowing corporations to sue countries whenever their democratically elected governments introduce policies that might reduce their profits. From the introduction of plain cigarette packaging, through bans on toxic petrol additives to environmental laws to stop the corporate destruction of the natural environment multinational corporations have been using ISDS rules to sue governments all over the world". [Another Angry Voice 3 May 2016]

John Hilary of War on Want had this to say about the TTIP leaks: "We have long warned that TTIP is a danger to democracy, food safety, jobs and public services. Now we see it is even worse than we feared. Today's leak shows the European Commission preparing to sell us down the river, doing deals behind closed doors that will change the face of European society for ever. It is simply unacceptable that a group of unelected officials should be allowed to contemplate such a thing

without any public scrutiny." [Another Angry Voice 3 May 2016]

A petition against the adoption of TTIP had collected 3.4 million votes by the beginning of May. You can find out a great deal about TTIP from the Internet (type "ttip trade agreement" into the search box to access Wikipedia and many other sites, many of which warn of the dangers of these proposals some of which have been moderated due to popular, and press, pressure.)

This item from The Economist may be of interest *"If you wanted to convince the public that international trade agreements are a way to let multinational companies get rich at the expense of ordinary people, this is what you would do: give foreign firms a special right to apply to a secretive tribunal of highly paid corporate lawyers for compensation whenever a government passes a law to, say, discourage smoking, protect the environment or prevent a nuclear catastrophe. Yet that is precisely what thousands of trade and investment treaties over the past half century have done, through a process known as 'investor-state dispute settlement', or ISDS."* *The Economist, October 2014*

I have spent many years studying the radical movements which have done so much to make sure that we all can enjoy freedom to live our lives without fear of oppression (the Peasants' Revolt of 1382; the Levellers of the late 1640s; the Chartists of the 1830s and 1840s; the early Christian Socialists of the 1850s). Multinational corporations are trying to override our hard won freedoms in their search for ever increasing profits and power. We need to be on our guard.

R. W. Bailey

Cucumber

A small boy asked his mother for a cucumber to take to Junior Church. Slightly puzzled, she complied, but later asked what it had been used for. 'Sorry, mum,' he said. 'I got it wrong. We were supposed to bring a newcomer.'

Not all

Dear Minister: I know that God loves everyone but He has never met my sister. Love Peter (aged 7)

Golf

'I play Second World War golf,' one clergyman confessed to another. 'You know – out in 39 and back in 45.'

Concert By Steeton Male Voice Choir

Saturday 24th

September

7.30 p.m.

Tickets £7 (to include wine/juice and nibbles)

1066 and All That - 950 years on

950 years ago this month, on 27th September, a fleet of ships full of Norman soldiers set sail for Kent. Led by the Norman duke William, their aim was to defeat the Anglo-Saxon army of King Harold and seize power in England. Just over a fortnight later they achieved their purpose at the battle of Hastings. King Harold was killed, reportedly hit in the eye by an arrow, and the English army defeated.

1066 is a date everyone knows. It's one of great significance, because Anglo-Saxon England was to be radically changed, culturally, linguistically and racially. Yet again immigrants (definitely illegal in this case!) would bring a whole new world with them. Probably more than in any other way, it was our language that changed.

Over the next 200 years the guttural sounds from northern Europe and Scandinavia mixed with the softer tones of the Mediterranean to produce what we would recognise as English, probably the most versatile and expressive language in the world – the language of Shakespeare, Milton, Charlotte Bronte and T.S.Eliot.

We take it for granted. Just consider, however, this line of Shakespeare's (from Macbeth): 'the multitudinous seas incarnadine, making the green one red'. The two longest words are the playwright's concoctions from across the Channel. The short words are from our more northerly intruders centuries earlier. Together they make a memorable, brilliant and unique verbal picture, possible only in our strange but wonderful language. Thank you, William!

46th Bradford North Scout Group

Summer Camp was a fantastic success. Based at Blackhills for the week beginning 1st August our theme for most of our activities and challenges was the Olympic Games. Teams: Brownlee, Adams, Enniskill and Farah competed for the customary gold, silver and bronze medals. Who would win?

After pitching camp on the first morning the teams built shelters and also fires on which to cook their lunch. As per usual the rain came down and put a bit of a damper on the proceedings but we carried on - as you do. A carousel of activities were planned for the afternoon and, with adjustments due to the constant interfering drizzle, the young people had four challenges: build Olympic themed lego models; make an olive wreath (the prize for winning events in ancient Greece); construct a pioneering tower/flag pole and make a flag; plan a journey to Keighley including reading maps and bus timetables. In amongst all this, children also baked some buns for our tea. All this done, we had our evening meal and then it was onto adventurous activities: crate climbing, shooting and archery. As part of their Duke of Edinburgh tasks eight of our Explorer Scouts (aged 13-17) set off on a hike to Sconce campsite at Baildon at half past seven. The two groups of four had to follow a map and carry all the equipment they needed for an overnight stay. The first group reached Sconce by 11pm and then went to assist the other, much younger, team. After pitching their tents, they made a fire and cooked supper before retiring to bed. Back at Blackhills we enjoyed time chatting around the campfire and supper before bed at 11pm. Phew and that's just day one.

On Tuesday we walked over the golf course down to Bingley and boarded a bus to Keighley (an extremely nice driver let us on for free!) and then went from the bus station up to Cliffe Castle. In the afternoon we went swimming at the leisure centre, played games on the field and went to the park before having a scrumptious carvery at the Beeches Toby Inn. The two groups of Explorers had walked down to Bingley and boarded the Keighley train to meet us at the swimming

pool. Once back at Blackhills, via another bus journey (this time - very grumpy driver...) and walk up to camp, the children continued their adventurous activities.

Olympic Day was Wednesday and the weather, albeit a tad breezy (almost gale force actually), was dry for the most part. Our younger members arrived at 10am – three little but extremely lovely Beaver Scouts - then we all trundled to the top field and competed in seven different sports including the long jump; hammer throw (ball in sock!); skipping race; javelin and the world famous welly wanging! Then it was 4-way tug-o-war – brilliant fun.

After lunch the children had to create a banner for their team on a cotton sheet using fabric pens - they worked very cooperatively indeed. Next they had to build a chariot constructed of poles and ropes in order to carry one of their team members in a race against time. The ensuing chariot racing was very competitive (only one minor injury though) and no one was thrown to the lions for losing! After tea the climbing wall was the evening challenge before time to play in the woods, visit the tuck shop and eventually bed. Our Scouts enjoyed sleeping in hammocks and all ten of them survived the night. 'Brave souls' is all I can say!

Beavers and Cubs spent the morning at Doe Park Water Activities Centre kayaking and rafting on Thursday. Meanwhile the Scouts and Explorers hiked from Blackhills over the hills to Doe Park – a distance of about four miles. They all agreed the walk was difficult in places but the views were terrific and the final stretch was mainly downhill making it more palatable. After a picnic lunch it was their turn to enjoy the water activities. Back at Blackhills, the Beavers and Cubs competed in the Speed bounce competition; played charades (sporty themed); went on a scavenger hunt and played 'ball in the bucket'. There were more opportunities to play in the woods after tea and some children had the chance to go crate climbing. Teams also prepared an 'act' for 46th Talentless competition – very amusing! After hot chocolate laced with mini marshmallows and squirty cream (yuk!) the Cubs went off to bed (our Beavers had left after tea) and the Scouts, Explorers and leaders enjoyed time around the fire reviewing

the week.

The sun shone for us on Friday enabling us to strike camp (i.e. take all the tents etc down) and put everything away in a totally dry state. We held our closing ceremony and totalled the number of medals won:

Team	Gold	Silver	Bronze	
Adams	26	16	8	
Brownlee	34	25	13	Runners-up
Ennis-Hill	26	13	9	
Farah	36	6	15	Winners



As you can see it was a very close affair but Farah won the day and we all sang the National Anthem to mark the occasion. The children played wide games and ate all the left over food before heading home at 4pm. Totally exhausted, our team of leaders agreed that the whole camp had been worth all the hard work with lots of badges being gained along the way.

We are very grateful for the support we received from friends and parents who either came along to help for a day or two, provided meals or transported children and kit around. Thank you:

Kaaren Raistrick, Pat Clarke, Linda White, Dawn Richardson, Stephen Rawlinson, Karen Cairney, Alison Ward and Matthew Thomas.

Bev Howard, Group Scout Leader

All Age Worship

St Saviour's Fairweather Green

Please come and join us, you will be very welcome.

First Sunday of the Month Starting 4th September

10.00 a.m Tea, Coffee, Toast and Cookies

10.30 a.m. an informal service of worship and song

The Gospel Writers

This is the second of four articles that look at the writers behind the four gospels in the New Testament.

Part 2 – The Gospel According to St Luke

Luke, the writer of the third gospel, was also the author of the Acts of the Apostles. He is linked to Paul as a ‘fellow worker’ (Philemon 24) and is also described as ‘the beloved physician.’ (Col. 4 :14) Both of Luke’s writings have an introductory dedication to someone called Theophilus from whom Luke appears to have received patronage for his work. The name ‘Theophilus’ literally translates as ‘lover of God’ which links neatly with the universal appeal of both books.

Luke was a Gentile and has the unique distinction of being the only non-Jewish New Testament writer. He probably wrote his gospel sometime during the last two decades of the first century. Tradition suggests he was part of a Christian church in Antioch. In his introduction to the gospel, Luke acknowledges the existence of a number of sources that were available to him as a gospel writer. One of these was Mark’s gospel upon which he draws heavily and often verbatim. Another was, probably, a collection of oral and written tradition which was also available to Matthew. About two hundred verses, in some form or another, of Luke’s gospel can also be found only in Matthew’s gospel. Scholars have, not too creatively, identified this source material as ‘Q’! Luke’s third source appears to have been material known only to him and is unique to his gospel. This material includes Luke’s account of the birth of John the Baptist, the witness of the shepherds and the ancient Christian hymns we know as the Magnificat and the Nunc Dimittis.

As a gentile writer, Luke demonstrates little interest in particularly Jewish matters, though he sees Jesus’ birth as part of a divine plan revealed through the Old Testament. He comes across as a keen historian of that time and anchors his gospel in the mainstream of Roman history. However, for Luke, history is a vehicle of theological interpretation and not an end in itself. He has been described as ‘the gospel of the poor and disadvantaged’. While Matthew writes *Blessed are the poor in spirit*, Luke, significantly, writes *Blessed are the poor!*

The feeling is that this concern for the poor was not just a feature of Luke's gospel but of the Christian community in which he lived. Luke's gospel is universal and he, alone among the gospel writers, portrays the Samaritans in a favourable light. (Luke 10:25 - 37 and 17:11 - 19) Although Luke puts women in the traditional roles of prayer, almsgiving and supporting the missionary labours of men, he, nevertheless, has a special place for them in his gospel as the interplay between Mary and Elizabeth in chapter 1 illustrates.

Unlike the ending to Mark's gospel, Luke clearly identifies a number of resurrection appearances by Jesus, including the full account of the story of the appearance on the road to Emmaus, which are unique to his gospel. However, he goes even further and includes a reference to the Ascension at the end of his gospel and at the beginning of the Acts of the Apostles.

The gospel of Luke has been called 'the loveliest book in the world'. Luke himself has been adopted as the patron saint of both doctors and artists. Tradition clearly identifies him as a physician while legend suggests he was a skilled painter. There is a portrait of Mary in a Spanish Cathedral which is said to have been painted by him. However, it is as the writer of two books that remind us of the basis and origins of our faith that we shall remember him.

Alan Jones

Family Fun: Everybody Welcome!

Messy Church

Every 4th Sunday of the month

Starting 25th September

11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Games

Food

Songs

Stories

Crafts

Operation Christmas Child 2016 – time to pack those shoeboxes!

Earlier this year, thousands of children in Liberia were delighted to receive Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts, especially following that country's widespread trauma over the Ebola crisis. The Operation Christmas Child yearly campaign is all about providing some joy to deprived children in the developing world. "A simple Christmas shoebox gift is a 'treasure chest' for a child who has never received such a gift before. It is a powerful symbol of hope that someone, somewhere, cared enough to pack a gift meant just for them."

At St. Saviour's, we will again be playing our part. Please consider providing a shoe box filled with small items:

Toys: Include items that children will immediately embrace such as dolls or stuffed toys (with CE label), toy trucks, harmonica, yo-yo, skipping rope, ball, small puzzles etc.

School supplies: Pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons or felt pens, stamps & ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks & paper, solar calculators, colouring & picture books etc.

Hygiene: Toothbrush and toothpaste, bars of wrapped soap, comb or hairbrush, flannel.

Other items: Hat, cap, gloves or scarf, sunglasses, hair accessories, jewellery set, wind up torch, wrapped sweets (best-before-date must be at least March of the following year).

Please don't include: Used or damaged items, war related items; chocolate or other food items; liquids; hand-made or knitted stuffed toys; anything of a political, racial or religious nature; sharp objects; glass containers, mirrors or fragile items; playing cards of the 4-suit variety; clothing other than as listed above.

If you are unable to provide a complete box, we would be most grateful for any small items in the above categories you can donate. We are holding a "**Bring and Fill**" day in the hall on **Tuesday November 8th** from 10.00 a.m. to about 4.00 p.m. (or when we have run out of boxes/items!) Drinks will be provided; please bring your own food. We would also be grateful for any empty boxes you can bring in—and donations towards the cost of transporting them to the children. Thank you!

September Roll of Remembrance

6th	Doris Cooper	(1987)
7th	Mabel Holdsworth	(1978)
9th	Laura Dare	(1982)
	Bill Holdsworth	(2004)
10th	Lynton Ward	(1995)
12th	Beatrice Marshall	(1991)
13th	Annie Bell	(1983)
	Margaret Alexandra Watson	(1986)
17th	Walter Jennings	(1974)
	Dorothy Lloyd	(2005)
23rd	Philip John Chater	(1988)
	Albert Bateman	(1992)
24th	Fred Ingham	(1981)
28th	Harry Wilkinson	(1962)

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