

January Letter

Dear Friends,

It's tempting at the start of a new year to look back over the previous 12 months and or look forward to the coming year. If, like me, you aren't blessed with a good memory or the gift of prophecy that process won't take long. We can, however, be fairly sure that 2011 will bring anniversaries of several historic events.

It is 400 years since the publication of the King James Bible, also known as the Authorised Version (although never formally authorised by king or parliament). King James VI of Scotland, who succeeded to the English throne in 1603, was interested in biblical study but showed a Puritan dissatisfaction with earlier English translations so promoted a new edition in 1604. He appointed about 50 men to undertake the work and after a slight delay, the revision was rapidly put together and was published in 1611. The Preface acknowledged several sources including the Coverdale and Tyndale translations as well as the Geneva Bible and French, Italian and Spanish bibles.

The early editions were not short of printing errors which were slowly weeded out over the years until what became the *standard* version appeared as late as 1769. By the mid 17th century, the KJV was beginning to displace the Geneva Bible in private and liturgical use so that amendment to the text became almost impossible.

During the course of this year, we will surely hear of events and exhibitions to celebrate this anniversary. And while we are waiting for these, have a look at a copy, compare a passage with a modern translation, note the richness of the language and how obscure the meaning can sometimes be.

Happy New Year!

Patrick Preston

January Parish Diary

SUNDAY 2ND EPIPHANY

	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Tuesday 4 th	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion at Crossley House
Wednesday 5th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion at St. James's
Thursday 6th	9.30 a.m.	Morning prayer

SUNDAY 9TH BAPTISM OF CHRIST

	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion & Junior Church
Tuesday 11th	7.30 p.m.	Adult tap dancing
Wednesday 12th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	11.30 a.m.	Ings Way Lunch Day
	6.15 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Worship Committee
Thursday 13 th	9.30 a.m.	Morning prayer
	6.00 p.m.	Beaver Scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Scouts

SUNDAY 16TH 2ND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

	9.30 a.m.	Parade Service & Holy Communion
Tuesday 18th	7.30 p.m.	Adult tap dancing
Wednesday 19th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion at St. James's
	6.15 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Thursday 20th	9.30 a.m.	Morning prayer
	6.00 p.m.	Beaver Scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Scouts
Saturday 22nd	12.30 p.m.	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service

SUNDAY 23RD 3RD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion & Junior Church
Tuesday 25th	7.30 p.m.	Adult tap dancing
Wednesday 26th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	6.15 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Thursday 27 th	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer

SUNDAY 30TH PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE
TEMPLE/CANDLEMAS

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion & Junior Church
3.00 p.m. Christingle service

Christingle Service

At St. Saviour's we have traditionally held this service on the feast of Candlemas, rather than at Christmas as in many churches. This year we are maintaining that tradition, but holding an ecumenical service with the other members of Churches Together in Allerton and Fairweather Green, on Sunday 30th January, and it will be a separate service at 3.00 p.m. rather than part of the morning communion service. All are welcome to join us for this lovely service which commemorates the purification of Mary 40 days after the birth of Christ - a ritual all Jewish women must undergo after childbirth before being allowed to take part in religious services again. On this day, all the church's candles for the year were blessed (hence the name) and many people put lighted candles in their windows on Candlemas Eve.

Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair was held this year on Saturday 20th November and was opened by the Lord Mayor of Bradford, Councillor Peter Hill, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress. The Lord Mayor was welcomed by our Churchwarden, Eric Heywood, who mentioned that, although we were few in number, we all worked together very well enabling us to put on such an event. The Lord Mayor responded saying how important church events like this were in helping to foster community spirit and draw the community together.

The Lord Mayor cut the ribbon to officially open the fair and proceeded to be escorted around the various stalls by Eric. Santa had been booked and surprisingly he was on time despite being so busy at this time of year! He was supported by one of his little elves as the others were said to be too busy to come. A grotto had been prepared for them which looked really magical for the younger children.

After the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress had spent up we gave them lunch of soup, sandwiches, sausage roll and a cup of tea with a mince pie.

They clearly enjoyed their short time with us and we were very grateful for them sparing us some time in their busy schedule.

The stall holders were kept quite busy, especially the tombola (as usual!). It was evident that the lean times were causing people to spend carefully but nevertheless we still raised over £600 for church funds.

Many thanks to all who helped prepare for the fair in advance, man the stalls, prepared food in the kitchen and tidied away afterwards. Special thanks to Santa (Ivan Robinson) and his elf (Betty Barnes) and to Rudolf who waited patiently outside.

James Muff

And, our “Elf”, Betty Barnes, writes:

“The Christmas Fair was a very enjoyable day for everyone. The children enjoyed visiting Santa and the elf. What got me was two little girls coming into the grotto with great big smiles on their faces. They were asking all sorts of questions about Lapland. It was great listening to them. They asked where was the sleigh? - I said there’s no snow here like in Lapland, so we had to come by helicopter. The younger child wanted to come back with us. I said it would not be possible at the moment. They then got their present from Santa and opened it. To my surprise, one of them said that the picture was exactly like Santa! The magic was so good.

A big “Thank you” to everyone who gave their time and efforts to make it a lovely day.”

Crossley House

In 2011 we will continue with the monthly service at Crossley House Care Home—885 Thornton Road. In January it will be on Tuesday 4th at 11.00 a.m. and everyone is invited to go along for the informal service and to chat to the residents.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

At least once a year, many Christians become aware of the great diversity of ways of worshipping God and people realize that their neighbours' ways are not so strange. The event that touches off this special experience is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Traditionally celebrated between 18-25 January (in the northern hemisphere) or at Pentecost (in the southern hemisphere), the Week of Prayer enters into parishes all over the world. Pulpits are exchanged, and special ecumenical worship services are arranged.

Ecumenical partners in a particular region are asked to prepare a basic text on a biblical theme. This year's theme is chosen by the Church in Jerusalem and is :

“One in devotion to the apostles’ teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread and prayer.” based on Acts 2:42-47.

The church in Jerusalem, yesterday, today, tomorrow

Two thousand years ago, the first disciples of Christ, gathered in Jerusalem, experienced the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, and were joined together in unity as the body of Christ. In that event, Christians of every time and place see their origin as a community of the faithful, called together to proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. Although that earliest Jerusalem church experienced difficulties, both externally and internally, its members persevered in faithfulness and fellowship, in breaking bread and prayers.

It is not difficult to see how the situation of the first Christians in the Holy City mirrors that of the church in Jerusalem today. The current community experiences many of the joys and sorrows of the early church; its injustice and inequality, and its divisions, but also its faithful perseverance, and recognition of a wider unity among Christians. The churches in Jerusalem today offer us a vision of what it means to strive for unity, even amid great problems. They show us that the call to unity can be more than mere words, and indeed that it can point us towards a future where we anticipate and help build the heavenly Jerusalem.

As in previous years, services will be held during the week, beginning at 12.30 p.m. (unless otherwise stated) , followed by a simple meal of soup

and sandwiches. The venues and times known so far are:

Wednesday 19th	St. Peter's Church, Allerton Road
Thursday 20th	Bethel Baptist Church, Sandy Lane
Friday 21st	St. Matthew's, Saffron Drive
Saturday 22nd	St. Saviour's
Sunday 23rd	Allerton Congregational Church (starts 6pm)

All are most welcome to as many of the services as they can manage.

Christmas/New Year Bus Services

From Friday, 24 December 2010 to Monday, 3 January 2011 there are changes to bus services with no services at all on some days and significant changes on other days. Leaflets giving details are available from Bradford Interchange or you can phone me on 833424.

May I mention that on Friday, 24 December, Wednesday, 29 December, Thursday, 30 December and Friday, 31 December a Saturday service will be operated. However, service 505 Four Lane Ends-Thornton-Halifax will operate as normal on these days (usually the 505 operates Mondays-Fridays only)

John Mawdesley

Stamps and Cards

A little reminder that Val Muff is collecting used postage stamps in aid of Leukaemia Research. Please consider donating the stamps from your Christmas post to this worthy cause. There is a box in the narthex to receive them. Christmas cards can be recycled at Marks and Spencer and TK Maxx, with money raised going to the Woodland Trust to plant more trees.

1st January - The naming of Jesus

It is Matthew and Luke who tell the story of how the angel instructed that Mary's baby was to be named Jesus - a common name meaning 'saviour'. The Church recalls the naming of Jesus on 1 January - eight days after 25 December (by the Jewish way of reckoning days). For in Jewish tradition, the male babies were circumcised and named on their eighth day of life.

For early Christians, the name of Jesus held a special significance. In Jewish tradition, names expressed aspects of personality. Jesus' name permeated his ministry, and it does so today: we are baptised in the name of Jesus (Acts 2:38), justified through the name of Jesus (1 Cor 6:11); and God the Father has given Jesus a name above all others (Phil 2:9). All Christian prayer is through 'Jesus Christ our Lord', and it is 'at the name of Jesus' that one day every knee shall bow.

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Panto Visit February 2011

We are thinking of planning a visit to the Keighley Amateurs' Panto in February 2011 for their version of Red Riding Hood and we are thinking of Saturday 5th February at 2.15 pm. Adult tickets are £11 with concessions at £9 for the rear tiered (and padded!) seats. If there is sufficient interest we will arrange transport by minibus at an extra cost of approx £3.

It features the hilarious combination of Peter Whitley as 'Simple Simon' and Steven Clark as 'Dame Grannie Hood', ably supported by Tim Steere, Matthew Kirby and Julian Freeman. Jane Steadman is 'Colin', the Principal Boy who, in panto tradition, falls in love with Principal Girl 'Jill' played by Lyndsey Griffiths. Tony (Boo! Hiss!) Howley is the baddie 'King Wolf' wreaking havoc as usual, but maybe, just maybe 'Fairy Silverleaf' played by Angela Lindley will save the day. Lynne Howell is 'Zara' Queen of the Gipsies and last, but not least, is 'Red Riding Hood' played by Alice Chapman, with Natalie Bennett playing the role at some performances. An enthusiastic kiddies chorus, dancers and ensemble will provide lots of colourful routines with a guaranteed 'feel good factor' built in!

James and Val Muff

Putting Jesus back into Easter

It's hard to believe that, out of the whopping 80 million chocolate Easter Eggs sold each year, not one of them mentions Jesus on the box. Until now that is .

The Real Easter Egg has been developed by Manchester-based The Meaningful Chocolate Company, working in consultation with a number of churches and Dioceses. The Real Easter Egg explains the Christian understanding of Easter on the pack and is made from high-quality Fairtrade chocolate. The recommended retail price of the egg is £3.99. 30 pence from each egg will be donated to Traidcraft Exchange and a further 10% from profits will go to Baby Lifeline.

Traidcraft Exchange is a development charity which helps small-scale farmers and producers gain the confidence, knowledge and opportunities to work together effectively, find markets for their products, and trade successfully - resulting directly in increased incomes and improved livelihoods. It also lobbies and campaigns for trade policies and practices that help - rather than harm - people in the developing world, and encourage those who feel powerless to speak up for their rights.

Baby Lifeline supports new mothers and new-born babies in the UK. It supplies hospitals with life-saving equipment such as incubators and helps to give specialist training to doctors and midwives. Further afield, the cocoa and sugar farmers earn a Fairtrade Premium to invest in community projects that they choose, from chickens to fresh water.

Supermarkets are not yet convinced that this is a viable product, so it is important to establish a demand to make this happen. Eggs can be bought by individuals or groups via the website—
<http://www.realeasteregg.co.uk/order-eggs>

Interesting new meanings ...

Ad-verse reactions: negative responses to commercials that feature irritating poems or songs.

Altar Ego: a super-spiritualised persona; adopted for performing religious rituals.

Alligat-ions: accusations of crimes that Florida police investigate.

Architects: those who know where to draw the line.

Bagony: waiting at a carousel, hoping that your luggage has come on the same flight as you.

Baited breath: what cats have if they eat cheese.

Balanced diet: a plate of food in each hand.

Barbecue: a line of men waiting for a haircut.

Beauty salon: room for improvement

Brine damage: mental illness that's caused by swimming in the ocean too frequently.

Cairopractor: an Egyptian masseur.

MacAnnick: a Scotsman who fixes cars.

Manual: a book of instructions that real men never need.

Massacre: over-use of dark eye make-up

Middle-age: when you open your mouth – and you hear your parents doing the talking

Multi-asking: the verbal torrent from any inquisitive four-year-old child.

Wabbaly: a small, unsteady kangaroo.

In search of a New Year's Resolution?

As well as your New Year diet, here is another resolution for the year ahead. Everyone has heard of it – but who do you know that has really tried it? It is found in the Sermon on the Mount, and is one of the most famous things that Jesus ever said. It is also without parallel in all the teachings of the world.

Several religions urge followers to refrain from harming others. That is a first step towards building a just society. But only Jesus said that we should live our lives actively seeking to do good to others. It is an attitude warm with generosity, with kindness, brimming with quiet graciousness and compassion. We are to go out of our way to encourage the depressed, to forgive those who have harmed us, to help those in need.

To refrain from doing injustice takes strong self-control. To live caring for others takes something more – a life-attitude of self-sacrificial love. Such love we see first in Jesus, in his death for our sins on the cross. When we follow him, our Heavenly Father wants to see his Son's characteristics grow in our lives. If we are his children, he expects a family likeness! So – here is a challenge for 2011: 'In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.'

The alternative is not an option!

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The Tablecloth

The brand new pastor and his wife, newly assigned to their first ministry, to reopen a church in suburban Brooklyn, arrived in early October excited about their opportunities. When they saw their church, it was very run down and needed much work. They set a goal to have everything done in time to have their first service on Christmas Eve.

They worked hard, repairing pews, plastering walls, painting, etc, and on December 18 were ahead of schedule and just about finished.

On December 19 a terrible driving rainstorm hit the area and lasted for two days. On the 21st, the pastor went over to the church. His heart sank when he saw that the roof had leaked, causing a large area of plaster to fall off the front wall of the sanctuary just behind the pulpit, beginning about head high. The pastor cleaned up the mess, and not knowing what else to do but

postpone the Christmas Eve service, headed home. On the way he noticed that a local business was having a market type sale for charity so he went in. One of the items was a beautiful, handmade, ivory coloured, crocheted tablecloth with exquisite work, fine colours and a Cross embroidered right in the centre. It was just the right size to cover up the hole in the front wall. He bought it and headed back to the church.

By this time it had started to snow. An older woman running from the opposite direction was trying to catch the bus.. She missed it. The pastor invited her to wait in the warm church for the next bus. She sat in a pew and paid no attention to him while he got a ladder, to put up the tablecloth as a wall tapestry. It looked so beautiful and it covered the entire problem area.

Then he noticed the woman walking down the aisle. Her face was like a sheet. "Pastor," she asked, "where did you get that tablecloth?" The woman asked him to check the lower right corner to see if the initials, EBG were crocheted into it there. They were. These were the initials of the woman, and she had made this tablecloth 35 years before, in Austria. She explained that before the war she and her husband were well-to-do people in Austria ... When the Nazis came, she was forced to leave. Her husband was going to follow her but was captured, sent to prison and she never saw him or her home again.

The pastor wanted to give her the tablecloth; but she made him keep it for the church. He insisted on driving her home, that was the least he could do. She lived on the other side of Staten Island and was only in Brooklyn for the day for a housecleaning job.

What a wonderful service they had on Christmas Eve. The church was almost full. The music and the spirit were great. One older man, whom the pastor recognized from the neighbourhood, continued to sit in one of the pews and stare, and the pastor wondered why he wasn't leaving.

The man asked him where he got the tablecloth on the front wall because it was identical to one that his wife had made years ago when they lived in Austria before the war and how could there be two tablecloths so much alike. He told the pastor how the Nazis came, how he forced his wife to

flee for her safety and he was supposed to follow her, but he was arrested and put in a prison.. He never saw his wife or his home again all the 35 years in between. The pastor asked him if he would allow him to take him for a little ride. They drove to Staten Island, to the same house where the pastor had taken the woman three days earlier.

He helped the man climb the three flights of stairs to the woman's apartment, knocked on the door and he saw the greatest Christmas reunion he could ever imagine.

Who says God does not work in mysterious ways.?

Wise Words

Love your neighbour, yet pull not down your hedge. *George Herbert.*

Our days are happier when we give people a bit of our heart, rather than a piece of our mind.

Speak your kind words soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late.

Go on, mutter away to yourself

Do you ever talk to yourself? Don't worry – it is good for you. You are not going mad, but actually helping yourself to stay in control of your life.

“We give ourselves messages all the time, with the intent of controlling ourselves, whether that's telling ourselves to keep running when we're tired, or to stop eating even though we want one more slice of cake,” says a psychologist from Toronto University. “We found that people act more impulsively when they can't use their inner voice, or talk themselves through a demanding task.”

So – perhaps you should only worry if you have to stop and ask yourself to repeat what you just said – because you didn't catch it!

The Scout Group did their VERY Best

Last November, the Scout Group decided to try something different - so, instead of the monthly Church Parade Service, they held a celebratory service, with the theme of “Do Your Best”, in church in place of one of their regular pack nights. Families, friends, members of the Scouting community and members of the congregation were all invited and it was lovely to see the church full.

We were welcomed by the Beavers, who began proceedings with their Beaver Promise and then did a presentation on the first of 3 people who had been chosen because they “Did their best” in life to help others. The Beavers had chosen Dr. Barnardo, who established a chain of homes for abandoned children. This was especially fitting as the proceeds of the previous Sunday’s Toy Service, to which the Scout Group contributed at their service, were partly destined for a local Barnardo’s home.

The Cubs followed this with a talk about their founder, Robert Baden Powell outlining the amazingly rapid spread of his scouting idea - and the Scouts ended with a piece about the new Chief Scout - Bear Grylls.

Our Vicar, Andy, gave a short talk and then the Beavers and Cubs treated us to a rendition of “He’s got the Whole World in His Hands” (with actions) to round off a very enjoyable service.

We were all then invited into the hall for a supper of chilli and hot dogs, a quiz, raffle and a chance to unwind.

As time goes by!

King David and King Solomon

Led merry, merry lives,

With many, many lady friends

And many, many wives;

But when old age crept over them,

With many, many qualms,

King Solomon wrote the Proverbs

And King David wrote the Psalms. *James Ball Naylor*

Holy Baptism

Emma Nicola Greenough

5th December 2010

Laid to Rest

Sheila Farren

6th December 2010

January Roll of Remembrance

1st	Grace Barnett	(1972)
2nd	Sarah Jane Tonge	(1953)
3rd	Tony Hayes	(1997)
4th	Frances Dare	(1969)
	Clarence Cooper	(1969)
5th	Elsie Davis	(1984)
	Charles Edward Cooper	(1945)
	Alice Robinson	(2001)
6th	John Hodgson	(1957)
	Rebecca Wigglesworth	(1968)
7th	Donald Arthur Jackson	(1986)
11th	Walter George Hartley	(1961)
14th	Arthur Jones	(1960)
17th	Edith M. Jones	(1951)
18th	William Sadler Stannard	(1978)
19th	Harry Butterfield	(1968)
20th	Gladys Gwendoline Richards	(1980)
21st	Alice Ferguson	(1981)
	Winifred Dare	(1985)
22nd	Bernard Norton	(1992)
23rd	Ritty Hill	(1966)
	Jack Blackburn	(1996)
26th	John William Barratt	(1939)
	Albert Hammond	(1970)
27th	Harold Potts	(1982)
29th	John Ayres	(1971)
	Hilda Dennett	(1978)
	William & Emily Spence	(1998)

30th	William Dennett	(1978)
31st	Doris Gibson	(2001)

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