

Dear Friends

A couple of weeks ago I attended a clergy study day entitled, “Change, Transition and the Future” and it really made me think of how the Christian Church has developed over the centuries to make the good news of Jesus relevant to a changing world. One of the speakers at the study day was Pastor Sebastian Feydt who is a church leader in Dresden, the German city that was completely destroyed by allied bombs towards the end of the 2nd World War. He explained how the German Church had to rethink its position during Nazi rule and the aftermath of the war. He also added to that equation the fact that Dresden was in Communist East Germany which added to the issues and difficulties of the Christian Church’s growth during the post war period. Add to that the great revelation of the fall of the iron curtain and the reunification of Germany you can begin to appreciate the enormous task of portraying Jesus in those drastically changing times.

We in Great Britain, in Bradford, in St. Saviour’s, probably can’t identify with such traumatic circumstances but nevertheless we are also entrusted with the task of spreading the gospel and portraying Jesus in a modern day secular society. The way that we execute that task will, to a large extent, determine the growth or decline of the church in this country. It’s not something that we can just lay at the door of our bishops or even our clergy; every Christian is charged with the responsibility to proclaim the gospel of Jesus in a coherent and relevant way to the society in which we live.

Paul, in his letter to the Corinthian Church, says that we are “*Ambassadors for Christ*” (2 Corinthians 5:20). Now, in olden times to be an ambassador was one of the greatest honours a country could bestow on one of its subjects but the office also held great responsibility. They had to know the mind of their king and be utterly faithful to represent only his interests. Loyalty and faithfulness were so critical it was the practice of the kings to recall their ambassadors after only two or three years of service in a country. They feared that if they stayed away any longer they might become too sympathetic to the nation to which they had been sent and therefore be prone to compromise the interests of their homeland. Likewise, we must guard our hearts from becoming more sympathetic to the interests of this present age than to the interests of Jesus. Over recent

years the acceptable norm of spirituality, morality, and honesty seems to have taken a step back from those of Christian values and in many cases the church has appeared to turn a blind eye or even participate in many of those practices. We are asked to walk an extremely fine line between holding on to our basic Christian beliefs and being involved in the every day activities of a secular society.

If we are to reach a society in which many people have not just forgotten about Christianity but have forgotten what they have forgotten, then our lifestyles and our worship must portray the love of Jesus, acted out in a way that the vast majority can understand.

Please pray that God will make us ambassadors who are worthy of representing His name, His word and His kingdom and that we will live out our Christian faith bringing honour to the Name of Jesus.

Ian Slater

JULY PARISH DIARY

Tuesday 2 nd	11.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Crossley House
	7.30 p.m. Adult tap dancing
Wednesday 3 rd	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at St. James's
	6.15 p.m. Cub Scouts
Thursday 4 th	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 6 th	2.00 p.m. Summer Fair

SUNDAY 7TH

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

	10.00 a.m. Holy Communion
Tuesday 9 th	7.30 p.m. Adult tap dancing
Wednesday 10 th	9.30 a.m. Holy Communion
	11.30 a.m. Ing's Way Lunch Day
	6.15 p.m. Cub Scouts
Thursday 11 th	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 14TH SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion

Tuesday 16th 7.30 p.m. Adult tap dancing

Wednesday 17th 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at St. James's

6.15 p.m. Cub Scouts

Thursday 18th 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 21ST EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.00 a.m. Parade Service and Holy Communion

Tuesday 23rd 7.30 p.m. Adult tap dancing

Wednesday 24th 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion

6.15 p.m. Cub Scouts

Thursday 25th 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

6.00 p.m. Beaver Scouts

7.30 p.m. Scouts

SUNDAY 28TH NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion

Tuesday 30th 7.30 p.m. Adult tap dancing

Wednesday 31st 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at St. James's

MP's Expenses!

It is almost fifty years since I stood in a place which I have come to regard as one of the most historic and amazing places I have ever seen. I had the privilege of visiting Westminster Hall.

Westminster Hall is the only surviving part of the ancient Palace of Westminster. When it was built in 1097 it was the largest hall in Europe. Its roof was (probably) supported by a double row of columns, making it a hall of three aisles. Henry III began a rebuilding of the hall in 1245 but little progress was made for more than a century.

Richard II decided to finish the rebuilding and commissioned a revolutionary new design for the roof. The royal carpenter, Hugh Herland, designed a hammerbeam roof which did away with the old columns, and left us with a clear hall 240 feet long and 68 feet wide. Even today it is the most amazing space! Richard was so keen to remind everyone that he had commissioned the work that he displayed his personal badge, a white hart, eighty-three times in the hall, no two being exactly the same.

Westminster Hall came to be used as the place where the important courts met. So we would have found the courts of King's Bench, Chancery, and Common Pleas there, as well as the Court of the Exchequer, and another area ominously called "Receipt of the Exchequer"! The Hall continued to be used in this way right up to 1875. Important trials took place there, including those of Thomas More and Charles I.

On 19th July 1645, William Walwyn was in the Hall with a group of his friends from one of the London Guilds. They were waiting to be called before the Committee of Examinations. Their complaint was against the Speaker of the House of Commons, William Lenthall, and his brother, Sir John Lenthall. (Lenthall was the Speaker who was in the chair on January 4th 1642, when Charles I tried to arrest the Five Members.)

Walwyn and his friends were deeply concerned that both Lenthalls were taking every opportunity to line their own pockets and those of their family. Their particular complaint was that the Lenthalls had contrived to send £60,000 to the King in Oxford.

"Lenthall was a notorious opportunist, addicted to corruption..." wrote H N Brailsford in his history of the Leveller movement, and he listed some of their corruptions. Apart from being Speaker, William Lenthall had demanded and received the post of Master of the Rolls, in addition to being Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. This last post alone brought him in some £12,000. He also received lands around Burford, took bribes for hearing petitions, and salted away £11,000 in the name of a servant. His brother was no better, in fact he was worse. As Marshall of the King's Bench prison he put prisoners in irons (both ankle and wrist) and starved them to extort fees from them.

Nothing came from Walwyn's attempt to call the Lenthalls to order, and they continued in their corrupt ways. But one good thing did come out of that day. It was in Westminster Hall in 19th July 1645 that Walwyn met John Lilburne, and from that meeting came the emergence of the pressure group we now know as "The Levellers". But that's another story!

As far as the recent uproar over MPs expenses is concerned, it has all happened before. We might say with the writer of Ecclesiastes (rather despondently, I feel): "There is nothing new under the sun"!

R. W. Bailey

Solar power

Somebody finally invented a solar-powered laundry dryer. It's called a 'clothes line'.

Baptism

A couple took their five year-old daughter to church. During the service, the minister conducted the baptism of a tiny infant. The little girl watched in wonder as he held the baby, said solemn words, then poured water over its head, and then carefully wiped it dry. Finally she turned to her father. "Daddy, why is he brainwashing that baby?"

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St James the Great (25th July)

Jesus, fresh from his baptism and fired with his new calling, bursts into Galilee. Coming upon four fishermen working on the shore of the lake, he says to them, 'Follow me'. Without further ado or even a second thought, they abandon what they're doing (and two of them, James and John, leave their poor old father alone in the boat with the hired crew), and set off with Jesus, they know not where. That is how Mark's Gospel records the recruitment of four of the apostles of Jesus. Talk about a sudden change of life! All our understanding of human behaviour tells us that this is not how people normally respond to such a peremptory invitation: no questions, no explanation. Take it or leave it. Just 'Follow me'.

That however is on a superficial reading of the text. In fact, we know from John's gospel that one pair of brothers, James and John, and the other two called on the same day, had been disciples of John the Baptist, who had pointed Jesus out to them as the 'Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world'. Subsequently two of them had sought him out and spent some time with him in the Jordan area. This was not quite the instant 'conversion' described by Matthew and Mark, though undoubtedly it evoked an instant response.

For many of us on the journey of faith the experience of James and John - and the other two, Peter and Andrew - mirrors our own experience. First we know about Jesus, perhaps as children at Sunday school, or later as adults. Then we begin to ask questions and look for answers. Finally, there may come a time when we hear his voice, as it were, calling us to accompany him on a life of love, service and commitment.

For James (whose feast day falls this month) this moment was to turn his whole life upside down. He became a leader of the church in Jerusalem after the resurrection and was the first apostle to be martyred, being put to the sword by Herod Agrippa in 44AD. His brother, John, in contrast, lived on as a senior figure in the life of the emerging Church. For all four who were called by the lake that day, nothing would ever be quite the same again. But then all those who set out to follow Jesus wherever he leads them are usually in for a few surprises.

By David Winter

The Bees

Aha! We hear a well-known hum
The bees about their business come
Always active, hour by hour
As they attend each open flower.

Flowers blue, and flowers gold
Each their pollen cargo hold
And tempt the bees about their beat
With summer scents, and nectar sweet.

In country fields or garden beds
Unto the bees they bow their heads
As we look on, enthralled to see
Insect and plant in harmony.

By Nigel Beeton

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Steeton Male Voice Choir

We are once again hosting a concert by the wonderful Steeton Male Voice choir on Saturday 21st September from 7.30 p.m. This is their third visit to us and they seem to get better and better. Tickets at £8 in advance, £9 on the door (children half price) to include a glass of wine or juice and nibbles, will be available in July from James Muff 01274 560400.

Summer Fair

Saturday 6th July

2.00 to 4.00 p.m.



Plants



Cakes



Books

Games

Raffle Gifts

Refreshments

Entrance Free

Yorkshire Bible Translators

Part 4 - Miles Coverdale (C.1488 - 1568)

Ian Mc Alpine.

Miles Coverdale was born in North Yorkshire around 1488. He entered Cambridge University and was ordained priest at Norwich in 1514, subsequently joining the Augustinian Friars at Cambridge. At this period Cambridge was much more open than Oxford to continental ideas on religion and this was perhaps a factor in his conversion to Protestantism in the 1520s. It was of course very dangerous to have these beliefs in those days and Coverdale was forced to flee to Europe to avoid persecution and the possibility of severe punishment.

While in Switzerland he began work on a new translation of the complete Bible with the Apocrypha Bible into English which was published in Zurich in 1535. Although Tyndale had published his version of the New Testament in 1526 this was the very first time that the complete Bible had been translated and printed in English. Coverdale based his work on Latin and German translations rather than the original Hebrew and Greek texts and his Bible ran to three editions. By the late 1530s attitudes towards Protestantism had softened in England and in 1538, Thomas Cromwell, the main architect of Henry VIII's Act of Supremacy and Dissolution of the Monasteries, commissioned Coverdale to produce a fresh translation. The 'Great Bible', as this came to be known, was ordered to be placed in all English churches in 1539. The new Bible was enormous and was printed in beautiful black letter type - sadly very few have survived. For the very first time people could hear readings in English from the complete Bible - one wonders about the effect this must have had on congregations in 1539. It ran to several editions and Coverdale revised it in 1541. Most editions were intended to be read from the pulpit rather than for home use although in April 1540 a scaled-down version - a small Great Bible - appeared which was perhaps meant for private use. Sadly this religious freedom was short-lived and the English Bible was prohibited in 1542, leading Coverdale to seek refuge in Europe once more.

The king died in 1547 and Coverdale's Protestant ideas found far more

support from Henry VIII's son Edward VI (1547 - 1553) during whose brief reign two versions of the English Book of Common Prayer were published in 1549 and 1552. Coverdale's flair for oratory led to his appointment as Bishop of Exeter and he took an active part in national affairs during Edward's reign. However, the king died in 1553 and was succeeded by his half-sister Mary (1553 - 1558) who immediately restored the Catholic faith, burning many Protestants at the stake and forcing Coverdale and many others into exile on the Continent. He worked for some time in Denmark and Switzerland where he and other refugees worked on the Geneva Bible (1557, 1560) described in one of my earlier articles. Coverdale probably owed his life and safe passage to Denmark to the intervention of the King of Denmark. I was amazed to discover that the royal chaplain in Denmark was Coverdale's brother-in-law - a Scottish religious reformer called John Mc Alpine who died in 1557! I must investigate further!

When Queen Mary died in 1558 and was succeeded by her Protestant half-sister Elizabeth, Coverdale was again able to return to England. Although he was not reinstated as Bishop of Exeter he seems to have spent his old age in peace, secure in the knowledge that his work had helped to bring the Bible within the reach of so many of his countrymen. Much of it can still be read in the King James Bible of 1611 and the Psalms in the "Book of Common Prayer" are taken directly from Coverdale's translation made some 480 years ago.

Caedmon, Rolle, Wycliffe and Coverdale were four extraordinary Yorkshiremen whose work did much to make the Bible more available and understandable many centuries ago. How fortunate we are today to have easy access to so many good Bible translations - before Coverdale things were so very different.

Advertising terms explained

ALL NEW - Parts are not interchangeable with previous design.

EXCLUSIVE - Imported product from goodness knows where.

UNMATCHED - Not quite as good as the competition.

FOOLPROOF OPERATION - No provision for adjustments.

ADVANCED DESIGN - The advertising agency doesn't understand it.

IT'S HERE AT LAST - Rush job. Nobody knew it was coming.

FIELD TESTED - Manufacturer lacks on-site test equipment.

HIGH ACCURACY - Unit on which all parts actually fit.

FUTURISTIC - We have no idea why it looks the way it does.

DIRECT SALES ONLY - Factory had a big argument with distributor.

YEARS OF DEVELOPMENT - We finally got one to work.

BREAKTHROUGH - We finally figured out a use for it.

MAINTENANCE FREE - Impossible to fix.

MEETS ALL STANDARDS - Ours, not yours.

HIGH RELIABILITY - We made it work long enough to ship it.

46TH BRADFORD NORTH SCOUT GROUP

At the West Yorkshire Scouts Celebration held at Bradford Cathedral on 8th June our Explorer Scout Isaac Monaghan received his Chief Scout's Gold Award from the County Commissioner. This is a fantastic achievement and the first Gold Award to be gained in our Group since James Howard over fifteen years ago. Alex Barusevicus aged 13 has also gained this award.

The Cubs have been learning about Road Safety including how to cross a road safely, identifying traffic signs, understanding the traffic light sequence and how to behave as a passenger in a vehicle. They also know how to make an emergency phone call from a call box or mobile.

Our Scouts & Explorers enjoyed Bully's 'BIG BASH' held at the Provident stadium on the 22nd-23rd June. Fun events included Axe Throwing, BMX, Zorbing, Climbing and Juggling. There were several creative bases, time to 'chill' and they all enjoyed swimming and sports at Richard Dunns. On Sunday afternoon they watched the Bulls versus Widnes Vikings.

The Beavers and Cubs will be spending the night at Blackhills on July 5th. The focus of activities will be the Outdoor award: wide games; new skills (knotting and tracking); orienteering and pitching camp. 32 children are due to attend.

On the afternoon of 6th July a team of six Cubs will participate in the City Cub Challenge. Each team has to complete as many activities as they can within two hours. Each base awards points. Last year we were overall runners-up but won our District trophy - the flag.

Plans are well underway for summer camp which will be held at Sconce, Baildon from the 4th - 9th August. 32 Cubs, Scouts and Explorers are attending and we'll be joined for an overnight by 8 Beaver Scouts.

Bev Howard GROUP SCOUT LEADER

A new way of protecting our environment.

A generation ago probably few people used the word 'rainforest'. Now it is in common parlance and normally linked with bad news – loss of habitat, loss of bio-diversity, soil destruction and climate change. As a result I was delighted to receive an invitation from the Ambassador of Ecuador to hear about a really positive project underway in her country.

Ecuador has realised that its rainforests are special – indeed in many respects they are unique – and that is why their protection is so important, not just to Ecuador, but to the rest of the world. Tests show that beneath the Yasuni rainforest are huge amounts of oil – enough to fill 846 million barrels to be precise but the country knows that extracting this would move in, and then transport builders and building equipment. Workers would need buildings and homes, their children would need schools etc, etc. Most countries in Ecuador's position would see the financial advantages of the oil they are sitting on and cash in on their good fortune, never mind the ultimate cost. The oil rush is on everywhere, we all need its energy and we are all paying a high cost.

'And who needs rainforests anyway?' – some will say. Well, Ambassador Ana Alban Mora and her colleagues were eager to explain that they will leave the oil where it is and raise the money it would have brought in in other ways from the international community to establish a trust fund to protect the biodiversity, respect the rights of the two last indigenous communities living in voluntary isolation and mitigate climate change.

The initiative will avoid releasing 407 million metric tons of CO₂ stored in the oil reserves and a further 800 million metric tons by avoiding deforestation. So that's a mighty 1.2 billion metric tons of CO₂ that has been kept out of the atmosphere. And if that was not enough – Ecuador's new Constitution is the first to recognize the Rights of Nature and it also recognises the right of indigenous communities to self determination. So there's some great news about rainforests for a change. Let's hope other countries will learn from Ecuador. We may not have rainforests of our own, but we can pray for those who do and for those who are protecting them for the rest of the world.

David Shreeve, Environmental Adviser to the Archbishops' Council

Notes from the PCC

At the PCC meeting on Wednesday 5th June we looked at ways of holding some Messy Church-style activities at St. Saviour's. Plans to establish a Children's Club included thoughts of extending this to provide activities for whole families to enjoy, not just the children. We were kindly invited to a session at St. Margaret's Church, Frizinghall, to see how they are organised and to give us some idea as to what we can manage at St. Saviour's. What we decide on must take account of our limited resources, but we are hopeful we can provide meaningful activities with a Christian theme at some stage.

We received a report on the K:Ing's Way Club and we have been very encouraged by the steady increase in numbers since the Club re-started in February. It was particularly pleasing to have been able to book John Froud, the well-known Christian singer-songwriter, to do a session with the children. The Mission Grants Committee, who kindly approved the grant to enable us to employ a youth worker, requested a report on how the money has been spent so far and how we feel the project is going. We were delighted to be able to tell them that, although still in its early days, there are excellent signs for its success.

At the last Deanery Synod meeting the Rural Dean spoke about church growth and how he felt churches only grew if the congregation was actively seeking to attract new people. We were given a Growth Audit Form in which we were asked to rate our performance in various areas and to say what schemes we were considering to attract new people. We were obviously able to mention the K:Ing's Way Club and plans for Messy Church, but it was more difficult to say beyond that until we have a permanent incumbent.

Sadly, the applicant for the House for Duty post following the advert in April withdrew before coming for interview, but it will be re-advertised in the next few weeks (at the time of writing) so we are hopeful that will be more successful. Your prayers would be appreciated.

Hilary Davis, PCC Secretary.

July Roll of Remembrance

1st	Katherine Harker	(1978)
2nd	Irene Hammond	(1982)
3rd	Marion Dixon	(1999)
5th	Victor Surtees	(1983)
7th	George S. Jones	(1944)
10th	George William Griffiths	(1980)
11th	Sydney Ryan	(1994)
14th	Francis Lloyd	(1981)
	Priestley Waddington	(1968)
16th	Hannah Ayres	(1991)
	Gwendoline Perrie	(2003)
17th	Amy Metcalfe	(1975)
	Margaret Ann Singleton	(1971)
	Jack Birkby Sugden	(1976)
	Richard Hartley	(2003)
20th	Beatrice Alice Renton	(1981)
21st	Philip Chater	(1969)
	Tom Smith	(1983)
	James Ernest Newsome	(1984)
	John Wilkinson	(1970)
27th	Amy Chapman	(1983)
	Beatrice Chilvers	(1992)

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