

The June Letter

Dear Friends,

As I write this I see all around me - in the shops, on television, in the newspapers - evidence that the first of this year's great national celebrations is drawing very close indeed. By the time you read this, you may already have enjoyed marking the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, in some way or another. We seem to be being encouraged to wear a lot of red, white and blue, to cook - or at least, buy - a lot of extra food, and to think about holding a street party for our family, friends and neighbours. Some of you may remember doing this for the Queen's Silver Jubilee. Some of you may find it all rather over the top.

But it's a good thing to recall what we actually *mean* by Jubilee - a cheerful sounding word, with associations that might surprise us. The 25th chapter of the Old Testament book, Leviticus, describes the year of jubilee as understood under the laws of the Israelites. It was marked every 50 years, and it was a law which emphasised that "ownership of land is vested in God rather than man." Jubilee saw the return of land which had changed hands, often in times of difficulty or debt, to the ownership of the family who claimed it 50 years previously. The land itself was allowed to lie fallow for the year. Jubilee marked a point of fairness for all - a point of new beginning.

The Roman Catholic church also marks a (Holy) Year of Jubilee, but it is more an extension of the pilgrimage movement and the system of indulgences, and was first observed in the year 1300. It was intended to be celebrated each century, but has seen some early adjustments to this timescale. The second Year of Jubilee was called for 1350, after which the interval was reduced to 33 years, and then in 1470 to 25 years, the present interval.

In royal terms, the term Jubilee is used to mark the monarch's anniversary at the same intervals that people tend to celebrate marriage - silver, golden, diamond, and - who knows - platinum? It is of course a matter of personal choice whether we get involved with such

celebrations, but for many, a reason to meet up with neighbours, share food together and set aside daily cares is a welcome break from routine.

But let's not forget the element of new beginning too. As we say farewell to Andy and Debbie Greiff and their family, we move into new beginnings for St. Saviour's parish at the same time. And it's a good time to think back to some of those ideas from earliest times - that fundamentally we belong to God, and respond to his love for us in our service to this community. So we pray that we listen to hear God's word for us in this time of change, and move forward into a future of continued service, right for our time, and building for the future.

God's blessings be on us all,

Jean Bailey

JUNE PARISH DIARY

SUNDAY 3RD TRINITY SUNDAY

	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Tuesday 5th	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion at Crossley House
Wednesday 6 th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion at St. James's
Thursday 7th	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	7.00 p.m.	Worship Committee meeting

SUNDAY 10TH FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Monday 11th	7.30 p.m.	Fabric Committee meeting
Tuesday 12th	7.30 p.m.	Adult tap dancing
Wednesday 13 th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	11.30 a.m.	Ings Way Lunch Day
	6.15 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Thursday 14th	9.30 a.m.	Morning prayer
	6.00 p.m.	Beaver Scouts
	7.00 p.m.	Bowls evening
	7.30 p.m.	Scouts

SUNDAY 17TH SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

	9.30 a.m.	Parade Service & Holy Communion
Tuesday 19th	7.30 p.m.	Adult tap dancing
Wednesday 20th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion at St. James's
	6.15 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Thursday 21st	9.30 a.m.	Morning prayer
	6.00 p.m.	Beaver Scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Scouts
Saturday 23rd	2.00 p.m.	Summer Fair

SUNDAY 24TH JOHN THE BAPTIST

	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Monday 25th	7.30 p.m.	Licensing service for Andy
Tuesday 25th	7.30 p.m.	Adult tap dancing
Wednesday 26th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	6.15 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Thursday 27th	9.30 a.m.	Morning prayer
	6.00 p.m.	Beaver Scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Scouts

Children's Worker

We are looking for an enthusiastic children's worker to run our weekly K:Ing's Way Club for primary school children. The successful candidate will be a committed Christian with experience of working with children, including those with special needs. The main duties will be to plan and lead a weekly Bible based children's club in the church hall on Thursdays (term time only), beginning on Thursday 6th September and to develop strategies to reach out to families and children in the community.

The hours of work will be 5 per week (based on the session times of 4.30 – 5.30 p.m.) at £12 per hour. If you would like further information, a job specification or application form, please contact Fiona Graham (sgraham4@toucansurf.com).

Diamond Jubilee: Elizabeth - pt 5. The New Queen and the New World

Canon David Winter, former Head of Religious Broadcasting, BBC.

The reign of Elizabeth II began in the last shadows of post-War austerity - food rationing finally ended in 1954. But it quickly moved into a new world, largely born out of the traumas of the previous decades. The Commonwealth, of which she became Head, numbered among its 54 members many nations that now felt ready for independence from the old colonial relationship. The fifties and sixties were a major era of change everywhere in the so-called 'developing' world. Indeed, things 'developed' very fast - too fast, it sometimes seemed, for the Foreign and Colonial Office to keep up with them.

Queen Elizabeth stood, for the most part, carefully distanced from the more controversial developments. Her role, as she presently saw it, was to provide mortar to hold things together, not semtex to blow them apart. She and Prince Philip set out with youthful energy to visit many parts of the Commonwealth, as well as the United States and other friendly countries, seeing themselves as ambassadors of a renewed and forward looking United Kingdom. The 'wind of change' was blowing through Africa, as Prime Minister Harold Macmillan memorably put it, and the Queen was at pains to present herself not as the bastion of the old order but as a symbol of the new one.

At home, the nation became accustomed to its new Head of State. She followed her father's practice of broadcasting to the nation on Christmas Day, a task which she approached with some trepidation - her nervousness was palpable - but quickly mastered. In those distant days many a family Christmas lunch was put on hold to listen to 'the Queen's speech' - my father ordered silence during it! Truthfully, the speeches usually said very little of consequence, and at that time the Queen's accent was almost painfully 'royal', but it was an annual opportunity for the people to see and hear her, and for the Queen herself to speak to her people not only in Britain but across the world.

The actual broadcasts were, of course, 'live' in those days, which

placed a considerable responsibility on the speaker - and on the engineers, whose task it was to ensure that the royal words were not interrupted by technical problems. I once read with astonishment the lengthy brief given to them and the details of the back-up required in those days to ensure a trouble-free broadcast.

Slowly the aura of seclusion which had for centuries surrounded the monarch began to give way to a new accessibility. The British people felt comfortable with their Queen and her ever-attentive consort. As her children were born, there were informal family photographs - a million miles from the carefully posed portraits of earlier years. As Britain entered the Swinging Sixties the monarchy may not have been rocking and rolling, but it was dipping the royal toes into the waters of the incoming tide of change.

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Our new Organist

Just a word to introduce myself as organist of St. Saviour's. Having played many times as "deputy" during the past three years, I have grown to enjoy the atmosphere and friendship at Fairweather Green. Margaret and I look forward to a long relationship with the church.

We are sorry to be losing Andy, but look forward to the challenge ahead. I was organist at St. Oswald's, Leathley, from 1995 to 2008, and established a Benefice Choir to sing at special occasions, beginning at the time the Revd. Peter Winstone retired.

Joyce and I would like to increase the size of the choir at St. Saviour's, so if you know anyone who loves singing, do let them know that we are awaiting their arrival! There's no audition, but a good singing voice is required—even better if they can read music.

Thanks to Joyce for her help and encouragement. I look forward to continuing to work with her in the future.

Bob Baker

The Transit of Venus

On June 6th, the planet Venus will transit across the face of the Sun. It will be seen as a black disc; but that is to start at the end of the story.

At Epiphany this year, BBC 4 broadcast a service from Castel Gandolfo, the Pope's summer residence. What is less well known is that it is also the site of the Pope's observatory, the second oldest in the world. It is staffed by Jesuit priests, who are also astronomers. One of the most important things they said was that they were employed to do research without strings. In other words, they did not need to adopt the begging-bowl approach in which there is a need to show how research can help some profit-making concern before funds are forthcoming. The Jesuits at the Pope's observatory are simply told to get on with whatever they feel needs to be investigated.

It surprises people to discover how long the Church has been involved in astronomical research. Most people are brought up on the story of the "wicked treatment the Church gave to Galileo". There is a feeling that the Church should have rolled over and said, "Yes, you're obviously right, how could we have thought differently?" It has long been my feeling that very few people understood what Copernicus, Tycho Brahe, Kepler and Galileo were doing. (It is rather like the remark a fellow student made, while I was at University, that there were probably only ten people in the world who understood Einstein.)

What is even less well known is that Galileo had a friendly relationship with Pope Urban VIII, who had encouraged him to write about this theory that the earth was a planet revolving round the Sun. Unfortunately, Galileo made a fatal mistake. He wrote his book as a dialogue between someone who knew all the details and someone who knew nothing. The know-nothing was an Aunt Sally, put there to ask simple (and even foolish) questions. The trouble was that the readers felt that Galileo had made the simpleton look rather like the Pope! Big mistake! The Pope took offence, and the rest is, as they say, history.

The result of this unfortunate incident was that for a long time, all advances in astronomy were made in the Protestant parts of Europe. This is where we meet an Englishman, Jeremiah Horrocks.

The Horrocks family originated near Bolton, but at the time of Jeremiah's birth they were living in Toxteth Park, just outside the boundaries of Liverpool. This was of great advantage to Jeremiah, because Liverpool was becoming a busy port, with many mariners who were reliant on astronomical instruments to find their ways across the oceans. Jeremiah's other advantage was that all his male relatives were watchmakers, and they taught him the skill of making scientific instruments of great accuracy.

About 1630, Jeremiah moved from Toxteth to Hoole. (Hoole is now a village to the east of Southport, though Southport is a much later settlement.) It was here that Jeremiah's most important work was done. His study of Kepler's astronomical tables convinced him that the planet Venus would cross the face of the Sun on 24th November 1639. (We would call it the 4th December by the calendar we use now.)

Jeremiah set up his instruments on November 23rd, and settled down to wait. Suddenly, he was called away on urgent business. We can imagine how frustrated he was, and he hurried back as soon as he could. To his delight he saw a great black disc silhouetted against the Sun.

A little further away, in the village of Broughton, a friend, William Crabtree, was also attempting to observe the transit, but was frustrated by the weather! Then suddenly the clouds cleared, and he too saw the transit.

These were the very first observations of the Transit of Venus. Other astronomers might have made the observations, but good fortune, tenacity and skill favoured Jeremiah Horrocks and William Crabtree. On June 6th raise a glass to them!

R. W. Bailey

Summer Fair

Saturday 23rd June

2.00 to 4.00 p.m.

Entrance free

Andy's Licensing

Andy will be licensed into his new parish at a service at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Carr House Road, Shelf, on Monday 25th June at 7.30 p.m. Anyone who would like to go along to support him will be most welcome. We send our best wishes to Andy, Debbie and family and wish them every good fortune and all happiness in this new chapter in their lives.

Table Top and Car Boot Sale

This is advanced notice that we will again be holding a Table Top (indoor) and Car Boot (outdoor) Sale on Saturday 21st July from 11.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. Tables/pitches are available at £10 each (to include tea/coffee and a free bacon butty). Please contact James Muff on 01274 560400 to secure your place. Entrance for buyers is £1, to include tea/coffee and biscuits. There will be other refreshments available and some stalls in aid of church funds. Do please come along and support - and tell your friends.

Come Bowling!

This event is becoming a regular in our calendar, and we look forward to trying our hand once again and seeing if there has been any improvement since last year! We are invited to go along to the West Bradford Bowls Club, Prospect Place, Duckworth Lane on Thursday 14th June for a prompt 6.45 p.m. start. There will be the usual pie and pea supper to revive us after our efforts and the cost is £3 per head. The competition is fun and light-hearted. One or two participants are seasoned bowlers, but the majority are enthusiastic beginners, so no one need feel inadequate. Entry is by ticket so please contact the wardens if you would like to go.

Plant Stall

We are hoping to have a plant stall at our Summer Fair on 23rd June. As you are sorting out your plants for the summer, please consider propagating some extra ones and donating them to our stall. Any contributions would be most welcome!

OLD IRISH BIBLES.

Ian Mc Alpine

The first complete Bible printed in England was the famous Coverdale version of 1535. Many other translations appeared over the next 80 years, notably the Geneva Bible originally published in Switzerland in 1560 and in England from 1576 and of course the King James Version of 1611.

I was therefore very surprised to learn that it was not until as late as 1699 that any Bible was printed in Ireland. Although both Ireland and Scotland were less developed both economically and technologically than England in the 17th century, Bibles had been printed in Edinburgh since as far back as 1575. It seemed extraordinary that Ireland, a nation with such a rich cultural and religious heritage and which had been a centre for Christianity from a very early period, should have relied for so long on Bibles imported from England. However, the Catholic King James II who had been deposed in 1688 had fled to

Ireland where he had been defeated by the Protestant King William III in 1690 and eventually driven into exile. Consequently by the 1690s Anglo-Irish relations were scarcely at their best and perhaps this provided the impetus to produce the first ever Bible printed in Ireland. In 1699 a New Testament, almost certainly a Catholic Rheims translation originally produced as far back as 1582, was printed in Dublin. However it was so full of misprints that it seems to have been suppressed by the Church and not a single copy is known to have survived. Various other editions are supposed to have been produced in Belfast between 1702 and 1714 and again not even one copy is known to exist today.

It was not until 1714 that a King James Version was produced in Ireland when one A Rhames of Dublin produced a folio edition. In 1722 Rhames produced two other editions of the KJV. Only one single fragment from Genesis survives from the smaller one. After 1722 the history of Irish Bibles becomes more complicated, partly because of the production of Protestant and Catholic versions. All 18th century Irish Bibles are very rare today, probably because they were produced in small numbers and had such heavy use.

I was therefore very fortunate about 40 years ago to find in a bookshop in the Shambles in York a battered New Testament, with missing front cover, published in Dublin in 1784 by the Royal Printers in Ireland. £1.50 changed hands and the little Bible accompanied me back to Eccles. The small quarto text had been crudely printed with no page numbers, and the coat-of-arms of George III on the title page had been made from a printing plate so badly worn that it was almost illegible. There were various inscriptions inside which revealed that it had belonged to three ladies early in its career. Mary Barrington of Cork Street, Dublin and her relation Susanne had written their names at the back and "Anne Dalton her Book 1793" was written in beautiful copperplate on the flyleaf. Cork Street still exists to the south-west of central Dublin. A brief internet search indicated that the Barringtons were well connected in Dublin in the 18th and 19th centuries and the educated handwriting suggested that all three women had some status in Dublin society 200 years ago. It is very likely that the Bible was still

in Dublin at the time of Wolfe Tone's nationalist rebellion of 1798 and I wondered what violent scenes it might have witnessed. Tone was tried in Dublin where he committed suicide in prison before he could be hanged.

But somehow the little Bible survived, found its way to York by the early 1970s and is now here with me in Fairweather Green. And perhaps I'll find one of the lost 1699 editions one day!

Egyptian this and that

A group of tourists was watching the re-enactment of an ancient Egyptian religious ritual. One pointed to the statue that was being praised, and asked a nearby local for the name of the god. "Why do you ask?" the local man replied.

The tourist shrugged. "Oh, just idol curiosity!"

Doctor

Two children were deciding what game to play. One said, "Let's play doctors."

"Good idea," said the other. "You operate, and I'll sue."

Smile

Reason to smile: Every seven minutes of every day, someone in an aerobics class pulls a muscle.

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46th Bradford North Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

54 members of our group thoroughly enjoyed the West Yorkshire Scout Big Camp that was held at the Great Yorkshire Showground, Harrogate, from the 4th to the 7th May.

The Friday evening entertainment for the Scouts began with a disco and live music from several bands. Even freezing temperatures and a brief snow storm didn't stop the enthusiasm as all the zones opened on Saturday at 10 a.m. in glorious sunshine. The whole site was a hive of activity with young people milling about enjoying the scores of events on offer, including: go karts, play stations, a climbing wall, zip wire, ice skating, laser zone, zorbing, pioneering, bouncy castles, water slide and mountain biking. In the Survival Zone our Cubs enjoyed learning how to make shelters, cooked sherbet apple, made popcorn and did some woodland cycling. They also learnt how to make different types of fires and were shown how to skin and then cook a rabbit ! (the former didn't do much for one or two of the children!)

Inside Hall number 2 children were busy putting their creative skills to the test by making various items of jewellery, peg dolls, clowns - using old DVDs, shoulder bags, trinket boxes and photograph frames. Our female members loved having their nails done too!

On Saturday evening the entertainment on offer ranged from discos and karaoke to a magic show, fairground rides and live music from another band.

Wayne Bulpitt, the UK Chief Commissioner for Scouts, visited camp and whilst there presented five of our Cubs with their Chief Scouts Silver Award: Well done to: Harris Ambler, Joseph Hartley, Owen Peacock, Emma Pearson-Parker and Louis Fisher.

On Sunday the camp was invaded by thousands of Beaver Scouts for a one-night sleepover. 'Beaverland' had been created to cater for our youngest members with fairground rides, sports, creative and skills challenges. Congratulations to Rohan Ogier who won two gold medals in the Olympic events arena.

The whole event was an experience our young people will never forget!

Bev Howard GROUP SCOUT LEADER

Notes from the PCC

We met on Tuesday 15th May for our last meeting with Andy as our Priest-in-Charge. As he has been instrumental in setting up the K:Ing's Way Club for primary school aged children, his leaving means it will shortly be without a leader. The good news is that we have been awarded a grant from the Diocesan Mission Grants Committee for money for the next two years to employ a youth worker to continue and develop this important and exciting work. Please pray that the right person will be found - and in time to re-start the club as the children return to school after the Summer holidays. The club is temporarily suspended until a leader is in place. Thanks go to Andy, Fiona, Joshua, Matthew, Sarah and all who have helped so far to make the Club such a success.

Stan Brooksbank has been an important member of our church family for over 40 years but, sadly, the time has come when he can no longer drive and rather than relying on others or struggling to get here, he has decided to join St. Martin's, Haworth Road, which is within walking distance of his home. The contribution Stan has made over the years has been immense and his departure will leave a huge hole. We are planning a farewell party for him in the near future, to which all are welcome. In the meantime, we wish him every happiness in his new church and send our love and thanks for all the hard work, love and friendship he has given over the years.

As was mentioned in last month's magazine, we are facing a potentially huge bill as we work our way through the list of work required following the Quinquennial Inspection. The Fabric Committee will meet shortly to devise a list of priorities and a strategy for dealing with them. Fundraising in the coming months will be vital, so please pray we can find the funds from somewhere and publicise our events as much as possible to friends, neighbours, colleagues and support them whenever you can.

Much prayer is also needed as we move into the interregnum and begin the process of working out what is the best way forward for St. Saviour's.

Hilary Davis, PCC Secretary.

June Roll of Remembrance

2nd	Thomas Varley	(1975)
3rd	June Love	(1978)
	Jessie Trigg	(1979)
4th	Jack Hartley	(1980)
5th	Herbert Vivian Bamford	(1985)
6th	Joyce Whitham	(1971)
10th	Horace Dixon	(1956)
	Margaret Lee	(1983)
13th	Winifred Deacon	(1983)
14th	Lily Hodgson	(1994)
17th	Alfred Ainsworth	(1971)
	Alicia Booth	(1978)
18th	Laura Shewan	(1977)
19th	Annie Whittle	(1981)
22nd	Edna Stubbs	(1984)
	Dorothy Ward	(1985)
	Ronald John Critchley	(1996)
24th	Thomas Brocklehurst	(1958)
25th	Kath Pasterfield	(2001)
26th	Sidney Lake	(1981)
29th	Ada Fox	(1980)
	Ethel Cromley	(1982)
	Frances Teale	
	Walter Teale	
	Emily Holmes	

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