

## March Letter

Dear Friends,

I wrote in January about the King James Bible. Subsequently, though not as a direct result, the Worship Committee decided that it would be interesting to use the KJV once a month for the whole year. At the same meeting they asked if we could have Old Testament readings on Sunday mornings, so on the first Sunday each month we are now hearing the OT reading, as Andy does not have to rush off to Thornton and time is not an issue.

I may have said this before but I fear that we don't know our Old Testament as well as we should, and this helps in small measure to familiarise us. But on reflection, we probably know rather more than we realise as the Hebrew Bible (our Old Testament) is very frequently quoted in the New Testament. Hebrews is packed with OT references and while we often find it hard going, 1<sup>st</sup> century Jews would recognise these references and their context and therefore more fully understand what the writer is driving at.

We might think of Jesus as being revolutionary in his religious observance but his challenge was against the religious practice of the hierarchy to the exclusion of the underlying message. In his teaching, he is often quoting the OT. 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and love your neighbour as yourself' is straight from Deut. 6:4 and Levit. 19:34. His hearers would know their scriptures well enough to realise that Jesus was not teaching new ideas but putting a different mind-set on what was already there. Similarly, the idea in the Sermon on the Mount to 'love your enemies' echoes Proverbs 25:21 which urges us 'If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink'. I'm not suggesting that so much is repeated on the NT that we needn't bother with the OT. I think the context is important and adds so much to the OT quotation.

Dip into it. You will be rewarded.

*Patrick*

## MARCH PARISH DIARY

Tuesday 1st	7.30 p.m.	Adult tap dancing
	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion at Crossley House
Wednesday 2nd	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion at St. James's
	6.15 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Social Committee meeting
Thursday 3rd	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	6.00 p.m.	Beaver Scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Scouts
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 p.m.	Women's World Day of Prayer
		Service at St. Matthew's Church, Saffron Drive

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<u>SUNDAY 6TH</u>		SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT
	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion & Junior Church
	11.00 a.m.	Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 p.m.	Adult tap dancing
Wednesday 9th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion with imposition of ashes
	11.30 a.m.	Ings Way Lunch Day
	6.15 p.m.	Cub scouts
Thursday 10th	9.30 a.m.	Morning prayer
	6.00 p.m.	Beaver scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Scouts

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<u>SUNDAY 13TH</u>		FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion & Junior Church
	11.00 a.m.	Hall meeting
Tuesday 15th	7.30 p.m.	Adult tap dancing
	7.30 p.m.	Worship Committee meeting
Wednesday 16th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion at St. James's
	6.15 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	6.00 p.m.	Beaver Scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Scouts

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<u>SUNDAY 20TH</u>		2ND SUNDAY OF LENT
	9.30 a.m.	Parade Service & Holy Communion

Tuesday 22nd	7.30 p.m.	Adult tap dancing
Wednesday 23rd	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	6.15 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Thursday 24th	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	6.00 p.m.	Beaver Scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Scouts

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<u>SUNDAY 27TH</u>	3RD SUNDAY OF LENT	
	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion & Junior Church
Tuesday 29th	7.00 p.m.	Holy Communion in chapel
	7.30 p.m.	PCC meeting in vestry
	7.30 p.m.	Adult tap dancing
Wednesday 30th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion at St. James's
	6.15 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Thursday 31st	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	6.00 p.m.	Beaver Scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Scouts

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### **Lent**

Ash Wednesday falls on 9th March this year. There will be the usual service of said Holy Communion at St. Saviour's at 9.30 a.m. that day and the imposition of ashes will be available for anyone who would like to receive it.

The Revd, Richard and Mrs. Jean Bailey have kindly agreed to lead a Lent group, following the York Course entitled "Rich Inheritance - Jesus' Legacy of Love" on Thursday evenings from 17th March to 14th April. Please have a word with Andy, or Fiona Graham if you are interested.

### **Thornton Events**

St. James's Church, Thornton have started a new fellowship Group which meets on the 2nd Monday of the month from 2.00 to 4.00 p.m.. On each 3rd Saturday of the month, there is a coffee morning and Booksale from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon. All are welcome at either event.

## **2011— year of the Bible that shaped our culture**

The King James Bible—the Authorised Version—was published 400 years ago this year. Its appearance marked the moment that a regally endorsed English translation was available for all and there is no doubt that it had a significant influence on the language, culture, literature and spirituality of our land. Now more people than ever before could read or listen to the words of this special book for themselves and understand them. It also meant that individuals could meet the Lord of that book for themselves, and respond to his love and purposes for their lives.

The ups and downs of the struggle to produce an English translation of the Bible occupied the hearts and minds for many years before 1611 and they are a fascinating record of faith, endurance and intrigue in themselves! William Tyndale's story in particular stands out; he literally put his life on the line because he wanted 'even the boy who pushed the plough' to be able to read God's word for himself.

Today we take it for granted that we can have easy access to the stories of the people of God and of Jesus, but it was not always so. In fact, there are still groups in the world today who have no Bible in their own language and indeed there are also places where, as in Tyndale's day, Bibles have to be smuggled in at great risk to those involved.

It is amazing what an influence the Authorised Version had once it became available in the language of its day. It shaped the thinking of generations of Christians who responded to its stories and truths by founding new movements for social justice; charities and missionary work that reached out across the globe; as well as sparking revivals and new denominations, which in their turn touched the lives of more and more people with the story of God's inclusive love. There are countless stories of how reading even a few lines of the scriptures have turned individual lives around to bring in God's kingdom in new and surprising ways.

And this Bible has had a huge cultural and literary heritage too. Its words have shaped the poetry, hymns and thinking of countless writers, even up to the present day. Individual words and phrases, now part of our everyday speech, come directly from its pages—'a man after my own heart', 'a two-edged sword' and 'the eleventh hour' to name but a few!

## **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

The Church's annual meeting will take place after the service on Sunday 6th March. At this meeting, we elect Churchwardens, Deanery Synod Representative, Sidespeople and PCC members for the coming year - so if you feel you would like to stand in any of these capacities, please sign the lists at the back of church. It's also our chance to look at what we have done over the past year and discuss our plans for the coming 12 months. And - not wishing to miss an opportunity to eat together, we have decided to hold a Faith meal after the meeting. Everyone is invited to bring along some food to share - coffee, tea and soft drinks will be provided.

## **Holy Week and Easter**

Looking ahead to Holy Week and Easter - which are quite late this year - we again have a full range of services throughout the week.

We begin on Palm Sunday, 17th April, with our communion service incorporating the Liturgy of the Palms and we move through the week with services on each day as follows:

Sunday 17th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Monday 18th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (said)
Tuesday 19th	7.00 p.m.	Holy Communion (said)
Wednesday 20th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion at St. James's
Thursday 21st	7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion with Stripping of the Altar Agape meal at St. James's
Friday 22nd	1.00 p.m.	Walk of Witness at St. James's
	4.00 p.m.	Meditation
Sunday 24th	6.30 a.m.	Dawn Service at the Bell Chapel, Thornton Followed by breakfast at the Tyke
	9.30 a.m.	Easter Day communion

Everyone is welcome to as many of these services as they can manage. Booking for the Agape meal and the breakfast at the Tyke is essential. Please contact John Mawdesley on 833424 for more information.

As always, after the penitential period of Lent when we have no flowers, we will be brightening up the church with floral displays. Any contributions towards the cost will be gratefully received by Kaaren or Margaret.

## **A bit of fun!**

### **Beautiful**

The English test had only one question: "Write an essay on 'The Most Beautiful Thing I Ever Saw.'" One of the students finished his essay in less than a minute. It read in its entirety: "The most beautiful thing I ever saw was just too beautiful for words." He got the only A in the class.

### **Marriage advice**

'I'm in a terrible fix,' moaned Mark. 'I'm in love with both Susie and Maria and I don't know which to marry.' 'No problem,' said Sean, his Irish friend, 'I know you're not a Catholic but I Dear God...

A little boy's prayer: "Dear God, please take care of my daddy and my mummy and my sister and my brother and my doggy and me. Oh, and please take care of yourself, God. If anything happens to you, we're gonna be in a big mess."

I think the Church could help you. Call in St Patrick's on the way home tonight, kneel down and ask God for help - that should solve your problem.' Next morning Sean found Mark grinning from ear to ear. 'It worked. It's a miracle,' Mark enthused. 'I walked in, knelt down and there it was written in red across the altar cloth: AVE MARIA!'

### **A Parent's Prayer**

*Anonymous*

Now I lay me down to sleep,  
I pray my sanity to keep.  
For if some peace I do not find,  
I'm pretty sure I'll lose my mind.

I pray I find a little quiet,  
Far from the daily family riot.  
May I lie back and not have to think  
About what they're stuffing down the sink,

Or who they're with, or where they're at  
And what they're doing to the cat.  
I pray for time all to myself  
(did something just fall off a shelf?)

To cuddle in my nice, soft bed  
(Oh no, another goldfish--dead!)  
Some silent moments for goodness sake  
(Did I just hear a window break?)

And that I need not cook or clean  
(well heck, I've got the right to dream)  
Yes now I lay me down to sleep,  
I pray my wits about me keep,  
But as I look around I know,  
I must have lost them long ago!

### **A Wise Thought**

It is a great deal better to live a holy life than to talk about it. Lighthouses do not ring bells and fire cannon to call attention to their shining – they just shine! *D L Moody*

### **Interesting facts**

The 12 disciples were not allowed to carry food, money, or extra clothing.

John was the only apostle who witnessed the crucifixion of Jesus.

There are more than 10,000 distinct religious groups in the world.

Dogs are mentioned 14 times in the Bible, and lions 55 times, but domestic cats are not mentioned at all.

The Bible is the world's most shoplifted book.

The word "Christian" appears only three times in the Bible: Acts 11:26; 26:28; 1 Peter 4:16.

Job is the oldest book written in the Bible – it was written by an unknown Israelite around 1500 BC.

Malachi, written about 400 BC, is the youngest book in the Old Testament.

James, written around 45 AD, is the oldest book in the New Testament.

Revelation, written about 95 AD, is the youngest book in the New Testament.

The word "Lord" appears 1855 times in the Bible.

The word "God" appears in every book except Esther and Song of Solomon.

St Paul wrote 14 (of the 27) books of the New Testament.

The covering for the tabernacle was made out of ram skins and sea cow hides: Exodus 36:19.

## **46<sup>th</sup> Bradford North Cubs**

At the District Games Tournament held in January our Cubs walked away with fourteen trophies between them.

We have recently been learning about the work of Save the Children and in particular we have been focusing on the lives of those less fortunate in India. Activities and games have included identifying the 'needs' versus 'wants' of children; Children's rights; Child labour; Health and Safety, and Education.

The 22<sup>nd</sup> World Scout Jamboree was the theme of a joint meeting we had with the Beavers and Scouts. The jamboree will be held in Sweden in June and we hope to follow the preparations and camp itself via the internet.

From the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> March three of our Cubs, Eryn, Jessica and Connor, will be performing in the Bradford "Let's Do It Again!" gang show. This is at Bingley Arts Centre at 7.15pm with a matinee on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> at 2.15pm. Tickets are £7 - phone 01274 570913 for tickets.

Our spring Pack Holiday is being held at Blackhills Scout Camp from 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> April. We have yet to finalise plans but there will be lots of outdoor Scouting activities including archery, rifle shooting, crate climbing and hiking.

We currently number twenty-one boys and girls with five due to join the Scout Troop in summer.

***Bev Howard* GROUP SCOUT LEADER**

## Women's World Day of Prayer: 4th March 2011

This year's service has been prepared by women from various churches in Chile and men, women and young people in over 170 different countries will be united in prayer as they bring the needs of the people of Chile before the Lord. Through the theme '*How many loaves have you?*' the Chilean women challenge us to consider the gifts we all have and to think about how we can share them, bringing God's love and care to others and especially to those in need.

Chile is a long strip of land stretching from Peru to Antarctica, 2640 miles long by 110 miles wide. Chileans suggest that when God created the universe he found, left over, a little piece of each element he had used: fire, cold, sun and snow, lakes, seas and rivers, burning deserts, massive mountain ranges, majestic volcanoes, leafy trees, a variety of minerals, animals, fruits, birds and fish. God then took them and left them in the farthest corner of the world, creating Chile - a land of incredible contrasts and great natural beauty.

Until the Spanish arrived in the 16th century Northern Chile was under Inca rule. The Mapuche inhabited the central and southern regions and strongly resisted the invaders and even today there are disputes over land ownership. Chile declared Independence in 1810. In 1970 a Marxist President was democratically elected leading to some economic and political turbulence. A violent coup d'état under General Pinochet resulted in a new highly repressive regime costing the lives of over 5,000 Chileans and an incalculable number of 'disappeared'. In 1990 a new freely elected president was installed. The official language of Chile is Spanish.

Despite the economic growth of the past 20 years the gap between rich and poor is very wide. 20% of Chileans own 80% of the nation's wealth and at least 12% exist in extreme poverty. The country is rich in natural resources but their misuse and the activities of multinational companies are creating serious environmental issues. Education is free and compulsory in Chile for 5 -18 year olds and further education is available but it is not all state-funded and therefore limited. Women make up just over one third of the workforce but tend to work in the less prestigious and less well-paid jobs.

Chileans enjoy freedom of worship; the majority are Roman Catholic; 10% are Protestant with 1% belonging to Jewish, Orthodox Christian, or Muslim communities, plus other indigenous beliefs.

In our area, a service to mark Women's World Day of Prayer will be held at St. Matthew's R. C. Church, Saffron Drive, Allerton at 7.00 p.m. All are most welcome to come along.

### **25th March - Lady Day - the Annunciation**

This beautiful event (Luke 1.26-38) took place in Nazareth, when Mary is already betrothed to Joseph. The Archangel Gabriel comes to Mary, greets her as highly favoured, tells her not to be afraid, that she will bear a son Jesus, and that her elderly cousin Elizabeth is already pregnant (with John the Baptist).

The church calendar is never quite as neat as some would like it. To celebrate the Annunciation on 25 March does indeed place the conception of Jesus exactly nine months from his birth on 25 December, but the latter part of March almost inevitably falls during Lent. But the birth and death of Jesus are intrinsically linked - he was born to die, and thus fulfil God's purposes.

The Annunciation is a significant date in the Christian calendar - it is one of the most frequent depicted in Christian art. Gabriel's gracious strength and Mary's humble dignity have inspired many artists. Certainly Mary's response to the angel has for centuries been an example of good faith in practice - humility, enquiry of God, and trusting acceptance in his will for her life.

## **The Life Story of An 18th Century Bible.**

*Ian Mc Alpine.*

Back in September 2009 I visited York and was intrigued by a dilapidated 18th century quarto-sized King James Version of the Bible for sale in a second-hand bookshop. The Bible was in a dreadful state, the spine and boards were falling off and the pages were brown and stained with age and heavy use. Many had ferns pressed between them which had left their shadow-like images on the paper which had preserved them for centuries. Although the main title page which would have given the date was missing, the long 's' which looks like a letter 'f' without the crossbar was used throughout. This showed that the Bible was almost certainly printed before 1800. Fortunately the title page of the New Testament survived which showed that the Bible had been printed in Edinburgh by one Robert Freebairn, the King's Printer. The date, in Roman numbers, was 1734. Although the first Scottish Bible was printed as far back as 1575 this was one of the earliest Scottish ones I'd seen in England. As an archivist and genealogist I was also intrigued by two and a half pages of inscriptions and various notes on the endpapers and elsewhere which gave details of the Elliott, Holt and Jackson families. Needless to say I bought it.

Later research identified it as no 1024 in A.S. Herbert's Historical catalogue of printed editions of the English Bible, 1525-1961, (1968) and revealed that Fairbairn had received his royal commission to print Bibles in Edinburgh as far back as 1711, just after the Act of Union of 1706 which had decreed that one Parliament should govern both Scotland and England. Although we celebrate the 400th anniversary of the original 1611 edition of the King James or Authorised Version of the Bible this year, the text went through many minor alterations over the next 150 years or so. The "modern" version of it did not appear until as recently as 1769 and it is interesting to note the countless small variations in readings between Fairbairn's 1734 text and the KJV of today.

The Bible contained so many clues about its career over the last 275 years that I decided to investigate its history. Various other religious texts were bound at the end including an index of the first lines of the Psalms, printed in Glasgow in 1795. So the book had been rebound since 1734 and had most likely remained in Scotland until the end of the 18th century. It was just 11 years old at the time of the Jacobite uprising. The earliest note

about the Elliott family referred to "Robt Elliott Born at Castleton in Liddesdale, July 29, 1761". An AA atlas showed that this was a village about 5 miles north of the Scottish border near the B6357. The Bible revealed that four more of the Elliott children were born at Castleton between 1763 and 1769 and that their father John died there in 1788 and was buried in the "Kirk yard" there. By 1819 the Elliotts and their treasured Bible had moved to Langholm, a few miles to the south-west where John's widow died in 1819 and was buried in the kirk yard. More Elliott children were born over the next 30 years. However, we read that "Alice Elliot The Mother of the above Children Died on the 25 February 1844: Buried at Clithero". So by the 1840s, the family had moved to Clitheroe in Lancashire, probably attracted by improved employment prospects from the growth of the textile industry. And five years later - "John Elliot the youngest son of John Elliot of Castleton near Langham [sic] Scotland Died at Clitheroe on the second of May 1849 and Buried at Clithero Church on the 6 of May aged 80 years".

And then the trail runs cold. The book's endpapers refer to John and James Jackson and a "Miss Holt, Green Vale Westhoughton" and a "Miss Jemima Jackson, Lilac Grove Westhoughton" who signed their names in beautiful Victorian copperplate handwriting using the long 's' but their link to the Elliotts, if any, is unknown. "S[t]eal not this book for shame// For here you see the owner's name. James Jackson Lilac Grove Westhoughton Nr Bolton Lee Moors". Westhoughton is between Bolton and Wigan, some 20 miles south of Clitheroe and only a few miles from where I used to live in Eccles. No trace of Lilac Grove or the romantically named Green Vale exists there today.

And after another 150 years or so the Bible somehow found its way to a bookshop in York in 2009! The Elliotts, Holts and Jacksons are long gone and forgotten but after nearly 300 years their treasured Bible, worn and battered though it is, survives today. And surely this has a message for all of us.

## **Notes from the PCC**

The PCC met on Thursday 17th February and, as this was the last meeting before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, the main item on the agenda was the approval of the Annual Report and Accounts. James Muff went through the finances and will present them to the APCM on 6th March. We expressed our grateful thanks to James for all he does to keep a check on our finances and ensure we get the best value for our money. We hope to look at how we support the church, practically and financially, during Lent. Andy will be giving more information in his sermons during Lent, and there will be more in next month's magazine.

For many years the PCC has met every other month, but because we have to share Andy with St. James's, it was felt we needed to meet more often than this. We decided to change the interval to every 6 weeks and will see if that helps.

We also looked briefly at the Diocese Commission's proposals for the restructuring of Diocesan boundaries, which would effectively mean merging the Dioceses of Bradford, Wakefield and Ripon & Leeds into one large Diocese, with the Bishop of Wakefield as the Diocesan Bishop, and area bishops serving the local areas. We felt, at this stage, the proposals are not detailed enough for us to make informed judgments, but will keep them in our sights.

Following the refurbishment of the toilets and the work on the narthex, it would be good to make some improvements to the hall to make it more attractive. There will be a meeting after the service on Sunday 13th March for people to discuss what we can do - come and have your say!

In September this year, the present building will be 45 years old - still in its infancy compared with many churches, but we feel it is something worth celebrating, so we are looking at ideas to mark the occasion. Please have a word with any member of PCC if you have a suggestion.

Hilary Davis  
*PCC Secretary*

## Laid to Rest

Sidney Wytcherley

10th February 2011

### March Roll of Remembrance

1st	Eric Cooper	(1995)
2nd	George Ridgway	(1988)
3rd	Jim Hannay	(1981)
4th	Ellen Milton	(1982)
5th	John Smith	(2001)
6th	Thomas Swales	(1983)
9th	William Henry Willis	(1972)
	Edith Gaygen	(1983)
	Alison Jane Parkin	(2004)
10th	Amy Wilkinson	(1945)
16th	Maurice Cheetham	(1997)
17th	Amy Dennet	(1981)
	Sadie Marlow	(2006)
19th	Elsie Saville	(1982)
21st	Martha Marlow	(1948)
24th	Gordon Spence	(1988)
25th	Bernard Hugh Preston	(1959)
	Albert Edward Jacques	(1981)
	Edith Sutcliffe	(1980)
	Thomas Flood	(1997)
26th	Ethel Eales	(1980)
28th	Cynthia Smith	(1975)
29th	Robert Errington	(1976)
31st	Chris Gibson	(2008)

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