

October Letter

From the Curate's Corner

It was only a few hours ago that we were going through the Bay of Biscay. The weather was dreadful, torrential rain and such high winds. Everyone was dashing to seek shelter. It had come on so suddenly, only a short while previously everyone had been sunbathing and enjoying a glass of wine or two and now the clouds were black and the storm was getting worse.

Eventually it blew itself out. The morning was clear, the sky was blue and once more we were on our way: this time on the road. As we approached the next left we knew it was our turning, it was always busy here, a familiar place to us and suddenly there it was: The wonderful panoramic view. From left to right you could see as far as the horizon, colours of every shade of green. So much to see. If you looked carefully you could see a farmer on his tractor getting ready for harvest time. To the left were horses frolicking in the fields. Hamlets of houses were dotted around and as far as the eye could see there were hills and fields: a mass of greens, and yellows and the trees were glistening in the sun light. Across, if you looked very carefully, you could see windmills turning. The whole sight made you glad to be alive.

Where were we, on our way to the West corner of France maybe or the North of Spain? No - on the way to the hairdressers in Shipley!!!!

Down Sandy Lane, turn Right on through the Bay of Biscay and turn left into Ridge Road to go down towards the golf course and St. Peter's Church and the roundabout at the bottom.

God's wonderful creation and so close to home. If we take time and look around us we see lots of things which in our busy life we often miss.

When I got enthusiastic about the view to a friend he said he felt sorry for me if that view was so special to me when there were so many more much more spectacular in France and other Countries.

But for me, it is God's handiwork right here on my doorstep.

How Great is our God and we have so much to thank him for.

God Bless

Revd. Gloria

OCTOBER PARISH DIARY

Tuesday 2nd 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Crossley House
7.30 p.m. Adult tap dancing
Wednesday 3rd 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (*Revd. Gloria Hardisty*)
6.15 p.m. Cub Scouts
Thursday 4th 9.30 a.m. Morning prayer
6.00 p.m. Beaver Scouts
7.30 p.m. Scouts

SUNDAY 7TH EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (*Revd. Dennis Shaw*)
Tuesday 9th 7.30 p.m. Adult tap dancing
Wednesday 10th 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (*Revd. Gloria Hardisty*)
11.30 a.m. Ings Way Lunch Day
Thursday 11th 9.30 a.m. Morning prayer
6.30 p.m. Scout Group Open Evening

SUNDAY 14TH NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (*Revd. Richard & Mrs. Jean Bailey*)
Tuesday 16th 7.30 p.m. Adult tap dancing
Wednesday 17th 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (*Revd. Gloria Hardisty*)
6.15 p.m. Cub Scouts
Thursday 18th 9.30 a.m. Morning prayer
6.00 p.m. Beaver Scouts

7.30 p.m. Scouts
Saturday 20th 7.00 p.m. Jigsaw Challenge & supper

SUNDAY 21ST HARVEST FESTIVAL

9.30 am. Parade Service & Holy Communion
(Revd. Gloria Hardisty)

Tuesday 23rd 7.30 p.m. Adult tap dancing

7.30 p.m. PCC meeting in vestry

Wednesday 24th 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Revd. Gloria Hardisty)

Thursday 25th 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

SUNDAY 28TH ST. SIMON AND ST. JUDE

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Revd. Denise Poole)

Tuesday 30th 7.30 p.m. Adult tap dancing

Wednesday 31st 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Revd. Gloria Hardisty)

2012 JIGSAW
CHALLENGE

and Harvest supper

Can we complete a 2000 piece jigsaw?

How to play:

⇒ *Buy a bag of pieces for £1*

⇒ *Each bag will make a rectangular section*

⇒ *Carefully carry your completed section to the main table and pop it into place.*

Saturday 20th October 20th from 7.00 p.m.

Cost of supper £2

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

This year, the 100 millionth shoebox, full of Christmas love, will be delivered to a child in a deprived area of the world. That is an amazing achievement and illustrates the success of this simple, but effective idea. If you would like to be part of this effort, please fill your shoebox with items from the list on the leaflets in church (or on the OCC website at www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk), or bring in individual items we can group together to make up a box. Boxes and items can be brought into church any time up until **18th November**—as can donations towards the cost of sending boxes overseas.

If you have some time to spare in November, volunteers are needed to work in the warehouses sorting through the boxes to make sure they are packed correctly. Please have a word with Margaret Baker if you can help—it's usually good fun, with lots of chatter and fun as well as work.

Need a tonic this autumn? Join a choir

When did you last sing, or even hum to yourself? Almost certainly on a day when you were feeling pretty good. Singing, it seems, goes along with contentment, even happiness.

It feels good to sing in a choir. Some experts even believe that joining a choir could improve the symptoms of several health problems, including depression and some lung diseases. As one voice specialist has explained, singing uses the vocal muscles, and when you exercise them, a lot of other good things happen, too. Your posture improves, as does your respiratory stamina. These can mean fewer chest infections and improved sleep.

Music is also a great mood enhancer. A recent Swedish study suggested that singing not only increases oxygen levels in the blood, but triggers the release of happy hormones, which can lower stress levels and blood pressure. Researchers in mental health found that some 60% of people with depression had less mental distress within a year of joining a choir.

The Bible often urges us to sing and be happy – to enjoy the fact that we are loved by God. 'Speak to yourself in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord...'

(Eph 5.19) We have something to sing about! St Paul would have approved of choirs.

Our choir here at St. Saviour's would love to welcome new members. If you would like to give it a try, please have a word with our organist, Bob Baker, or Joyce Ashton.

Fitting God in

A little girl said to her mother: "The minister's sermon this morning confused me." Her mother was surprised, so the little girl continued: "He said that God is bigger than we are. Is that true?"

"Yes, that's true," the mother replied.

"He also said that God lives within us. Is that true, too?" Again the mother agreed.

"Well," said the girl. "If God is bigger than us and he lives in us, wouldn't he show through?"

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The Putney Debates

Putney Church must have felt that it was the centre of the world! And for ten days at the end of October and into November 1647, it was! At least, if not the centre of the world, certainly the centre of England. It was the scene of a great conference of the Parliamentary Army with the purpose of agreeing a political settlement of the governing of the country following the final defeat of Charles I. This conference has gone down in history as *The Putney Debates*.

Nothing like it had ever happened before, for it drew together the senior officers of the Army ("the Grandees") and members of the rank and file, who were known either as *Agents* or *Adjutors* or *Agitators*. (These words were interchangeable, and *Agitators* doesn't have the meaning it has now.) There were two *Agents* from each regiment and they were to act as representatives or delegates of the common soldiers.

It was a time of political turmoil; many groups of activists were producing pamphlets putting forward various ways of moving forward to a stable government. A group known as *The Levellers* was particularly active and put forward many ideas. Many *Levellers* were to

be found among the soldiers. The soldiers were particularly angry over their arrears of pay, which ran into many months for some regiments, and were even more angry that they were being given no say in the new forms of government. The Levellers latched on to these two annoyances, and encouraged the soldiers to elect two "Agents" for each regiment to represent their views.

While this was happening, the soldiers produced a sprawling document called *The Case of the Army Truly Stated*. It had all the features of a document produced by a committee, and a committee of people who were of poor literacy, not used to expressing themselves on paper.

In preparation for the Debates, the Levellers took over the soldiers' submission and produced a remarkable document called *The Agreement of the People*, which refined the soldiers' thinking. A Leveller called John Wildman (probably with the co-operation of John Lilburne) set out the soldiers' feelings in some 200 words. It was a plain expression of the Army's feeling that it had marched up and down the country for five years, being shot at, and was now to be deprived of any say in the form of government of the country.

When the Debates opened on October 30th, the Agreement was soon put forward. Henry Ireton, Cromwell's son-in-law, countered with his own document *The Heads of the Proposals*. In the debate that ensued Colonel Thomas Rainsborough, the most senior supporter of the Levellers in the Army, made a statement which still stands today as a powerful statement of English radicalism. He said: *I do believe that the poorest hee that is in England now hath a life to live as the greatest hee.*

The Debates went on for ten days, the sticking point being Ireton's insistence that only those (men!) who owned property above a certain value should qualify for the vote, while the Agents and the Levellers wanted the vote to be given to all free men. This was not universal suffrage, for the Levellers excluded women, servants and vagrants as voters. It was not possible to resolve the impasse, and Cromwell brought the Debates to an end by moving a series of procedural motions to send the soldiers back to their regiments.

The discussion of the political settlement went on for the next few years, with a number of suggestions being made. Some of them divided up the country into defined constituencies and provided for regular elections to parliament, to give a House of Commons of 400 members. We can see here the seeds of the constitution we know today.

The story has an interesting conclusion. When Giles Fraser (the canon who resigned from St Paul's) became vicar of Putney, he discovered that there was no mention of the Debates in the church. He remedied that, and today Rainsborough's words are prominently displayed.

R. W. Bailey

Songs of Praise

On Sunday 9th September, in place of our normal Holy Communion service, we had a "Songs of Praise" where people had been asked to choose their favourite hymns and tell us a bit about why they were special. We had a lovely service, with lots of joyful singing, readings and prayers and then adjourned to the hall for refreshments to restore our flagging voices!

Valerie Priestley submitted the following

'Having looked through "Hymns Old and New", I listed 34 that I was especially fond of. Along the way I circled 6 of them, all beautiful hymns.

But the one that stood out was No. 380, "O, Lord, my God, when I, in awesome wonder, consider all the works thy hand has made"

As a keen walker and nature lover, my experiences of "awesome wonder" include a fantastic meteor shower, dramatic mountain top vistas and the amazing colour and perfume of carpets of bluebells in spring.

I love, also, the tiny perfect hands of babies and the expressions on children's faces as they discover all things new.'

Harvest Festival - we plough the fields and scatter!

It is traditional at harvest services to sing this well-known hymn, and we do it with great gusto, but few of us who live in the town will have done any ploughing - even if we have done the odd bit of scattering! Many of us will know the satisfaction of producing a small crop of peas, carrots, onions, beans or whatever on our small vegetable plot or allotment, but we would all be lost without the local shop, market or supermarket to supply the majority of our needs. On Sunday 21st October, we will be holding our Harvest Festival to give thanks to God for the bounty of the earth and for the efforts of those who produce the food we eat.

We will also be thinking of those who do not have sufficient food to meet their daily needs and should be grateful for gifts of tinned, dried or non-perishable food suitable for use by the Bradford Food Bank.

46th Bradford North Scout Group

**Open Evening
Thursday 11th October**

6.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.

Presentation of awards and badges

Investitures

Raffle & Quiz

Supper

Please come along. EVERYONE is invited.

Christmas Fair

Looking ahead to next month, we will be holding our Christmas Fair on Saturday 10th November from 11.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. This is our major fundraising event of the year, so please come along and support us. More information will be available in next month's magazine, but please keep a note of the date and sort out any unwanted gifts, books etc we could sell.

No newspaper

I was visiting my son and daughter-in-law last night and asked if I could borrow a newspaper. "This is the 21st century, dad," he said. "We don't waste money on newspapers. Here, you can borrow my iPhone."

I can tell you, that fly never knew what hit it!

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46th Bradford North Scout Group Summer Camp 11-18th August 2012

The following is a 'snapshot' of our summer camp -to include everything would require a book several pages long:

7 Beavers, 14 Cubs, 6 Scouts and 4 Explorers were met by eight adults at Blackhills Scout Camp, Cottingley. First on the agenda was to pitch camp and everyone got well and truly stuck in with erecting their 'home' for the week. Some two hours later, all were truly exhausted and ready for a drink, before playing a couple of 'wide games'. That evening the younger members completed some elements of the Scientist badge whilst the older ones erected hammocks and made a 'bivvi' for sleeping in.

Some of the Emergency Aid, Personal Safety and Scientist badge requirements were covered on Sunday morning; archery, rifle shooting, team building challenges, and the 'bungee run' were activities for the afternoon followed by an Olympic Celebration. Parents and guests joined us for tea and a toast to our wonderful

Olympians and following this we had some races including the egg & spoon, sack, 3-legged and relay.

The Scouts embarked on their Bikeability cycling awards on Monday morning whilst the younger members headed to Bingley School pool for a swimming session - eleven badges of varying stages being gained. In the afternoon it was the turn of the Cubs to start their Bikeability training and the Scouts to gain further swimming awards. Bikeability sessions continued and we went to Frankie and Benny's with the younger children on Tuesday morning. They learned how to set a table; about health and safety when cooking; chose ingredients for a cocktail and designed and made their own pizzas. In the afternoon the Scouts and Explorers had a fantastic time at Laser Quest in Bradford. Some of the younger members enjoyed a nature walk to the 'folly' which lies just outside the Blackhills boundary.

On Wednesday the Bikeability training continued. Kaaren joined us for the day and helped with the water & personal safety talk in the morning. In the afternoon we had to retreat indoors whilst an electric storm developed and torrential rain pounded our camp. However the children were unperturbed and enjoyed using the mini-pioneering poles and elastic bands to make flag poles and picture frames. There was also a team challenge to make as many things to do with the Olympic games using lego with some remarkable creations. Indoor games followed tea and we all enjoyed a night sleeping indoors.

The sun shone to welcome Thursday in and we spent the morning at The Star Centre at Keighley College. There the children learned more about space and thoroughly enjoyed dressing up in astronauts gear (even the 13 plus year olds!!) . We then ventured to Haworth for a picnic lunch and a play in the park before doing the Railway Children's Walk of 2.5km.

We spent Friday morning at Fan Wood Campsite where there were several activities on offer: crate climbing, indoor caving, the night line and the low ropes course. After lunch the children really enjoyed canoeing and rafting at Doe Park - for a change it wasn't freezing cold and no-one was on the verge of suffering hypothermia as in the past. On Friday evening we had a birthday party for Jack who had turned nine and sixteen year old Daniel.

Camp was 'struck' on Saturday morning and we all left the site at 1pm.

A superb camp enjoyed by all and thanks to the eight leaders who forfeited a week of their holiday entitlement to give our youngsters an experience they will always remember.

Bev Howard GROUP SCOUT LEADER

A REAL-LIFE JANE EYRE - FROM LANCASHIRE!

Ian Mc Alpine.

“The marriage cannot go on”, Charlotte Bronte, *Jane Eyre*

We all know that Charlotte Bronte, authoress of 'Jane Eyre' was born in Thornton just a couple of miles away from St Saviour's in 1816. The novel contains a famous scene in which Jane's wedding to Mr. Rochester is prevented just minutes before it is to take place on the grounds that Rochester is already married. The wedding could of course also have been stopped if someone had attended a service at the church when the banns were being called and declared the existence of an impediment.

However, in real life the banns are just a formality and nobody ever actually uses them to stop a wedding. Or do they?

Recently in the course of my family history activities I discovered the strange case of the marriage of my 4 x greats-grandfather's brother

William Guest (1796 - 1854) to Mary Horrox (1799 - 1860). William was born in Prestwich near Manchester where the Guests had lived since at least 1532. In 1819 he wanted to marry Mary Horrox who was already seven months pregnant. A register of marriage banns for Prestwich - not many as old as this have survived from anywhere - shows that the banns were called on 6th June, 1819. However, the entry had been scored through after the first calling and underneath I read “Xd [crossed] off by orders of her Father”. So it appeared that Mary’s father had intervened, presumably at the service on 6th June to put a stop to the proceedings. William and his young fiancée must have been furious!

Unfortunately, Mary’s baptism and parents have not yet been identified. However, Mary was buried at Prestwich on 11th January, 1860 aged 60. If this age is correct she would have been only 19 or 20 when the banns were called and so could not legally marry without her father’s consent. While Horrox was within his rights to prevent his daughter’s wedding, his behaviour seems selfish and unreasonable when we consider Mary’s advanced pregnancy. Her first son Robert was born out of wedlock in August 1819. A year later, when Mary had presumably reached the age of 21 and in circumstances which are outside the scope of this short article, she married William at last in the nearby parish church at Middleton on 23rd July, 1820. Her second son Richard was born just eight days later! Another 13 children were born, the last in 1842. Tragically eight of the total of 15 died when they were babies or before the age of 5. Mary herself reached the surprisingly advanced age of 60.

And so love eventually triumphed - as it usually does!

October 18th: St Luke the Evangelist (1st century)

To St Luke, a Gentile, we owe the beautifully written Gospel of Luke, and the Book of Acts. He was a Greek physician, a disciple of St. Paul, a companion on some of his missionary journeys, and an inspired writer.

Luke's gospel focuses on the compassion of Christ. His gospel contains some of the most moving parables, such as the Good Samaritan and Prodigal Son. This, with his emphasis on poverty, prayer and purity of heart, make up much of his appeal to the Gentiles, for whom he wrote.

Women figure more prominently in Luke's gospel than any other: look out for the extended story of the Virgin Birth, and stories of Mary, Elizabeth, and the woman who was a sinner.

In Acts, Luke is remarkably good at linking sacred and profane history, as subsequent archaeology has shown. A principal theme of his Acts is how the early Christians moved away from Jerusalem into the pagan world, and especially on to Rome.

Luke is the patron saint of doctors, surgeons and artists (due to his picturesque style of writing). His symbol is an ox, sometimes explained by reference to the sacrifice in the Temple at the beginning of his Gospel. In England 28 ancient churches were dedicated to him.

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Diamond Jubilee: Elizabeth - pt 9. : ‘Annus Horribilis’

Canon David Winter, Former Head of BBC

The Queen looks as though she's enjoyed 2012. The Jubilee went well, the Olympics were 'simply fabulous'. She has looked at home in all kinds of situations, with international leaders, heads of State, crowds in the streets and even when being apparently whisked away by James Bond to descend on the Olympic Stadium by parachute. So perhaps 2012 will make up for 1992, because that was the year, exactly twenty years ago, which she dubbed her *annus horribilis*, her 'horrible year'. And by any standards, it was. It seemed that the Queen's immediate

family was simply disintegrating before her eyes. Secure in her own life-long and life-enhancing marriage to Prince Philip, she could only watch and grieve as the marriages of three of their children began to break up.

Clearly the marriage of her eldest son, Charles, to the wildly admired Princess Diana, was heading for the rocks. The marriage of her second son, Andrew, to the flame-haired and unpredictable Sarah ended in divorce, as did her daughter Anne's marriage to Mark Phillips - and all within the space of that single year. Then, in November, as though all of that was not horror enough, a disastrous fire destroyed much of Windsor Castle, the oldest of the royal residences.

Later that month, in a speech marking the fortieth anniversary of her accession, the Queen acknowledged, in a remarkable moment of self-exposure, how painful it had all been, using that Latin phrase to describe its impact. For a person who had always carefully protected the private lives of her family and her own feelings from public exposure, it was a defining moment. Monarchs, too, can hurt. Royalty is no impenetrable defence against 'the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune'.

More was to follow, sadly. The month after that speech Charles and Diana separated, and inevitably, it seemed, divorce followed in 1996. Christmas 1992 may not have been the happiest occasion at Balmoral as the Queen and the Duke surveyed the devastating events of the past year. As we shall see, that was not even the end of their family sorrows, which makes the genuinely happy mood of the Summer just ended a wonderful bonus for the year of Jubilee.

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Laid to rest

Jeremy Gamma

26th October 2012

October Roll of Remembrance

1st	George Singleton	(1945)
	Albert Edward Nichols	(1967)
2nd	Ethel Butterfield	(1979)
	Bernard John Lowde	(2003)
3rd	Ethel Rhodes	(1981)
4th	Ivy Sollis	(2001)
5th	Francis Garbutt	(1978)
	Arthur Marlow	(1942)
8th	Lucy Alice Holdsworth	(1973)
9th	Tommy Smith	(1981)
10th	Ronald Brown	(1990)
12th	Dorothy M. Larking	(1974)
13th	Doris Hester	(1984)
14th	Betty Presland	(2000)
	Josephine Lowde	(2003)
16th	William Preston	(1980)
20th	Sidney Holgate	(1980)
21st	Alice Hartley	(1979)
26th	Ida Emsley	(1987)
28th	Win Brooksbank	(1999)
31st	Arthur Chilvers	(1982)

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