

September Letter

Dear Friends,

There was a time when the news throughout the summer holidays reflected what was known as "the silly season" - nothing of any great importance. Frying eggs on scorching pavements, seaside competitions - you know the sort of thing. Maybe there would be some good news that would normally be squeezed off the front pages. Possibly out of the papers altogether.

Not this year, though; we've had some hard things happen in the last month or so. Economic crises across the world, drought and famine in Africa, the fall-out from the phone-hacking scandal, and then five days of riots in some of our major cities.

Rioting is pretty frightening at a distance, but it's an awful lot worse close to home. Some of you will remember all too well the Bradford riots ten years ago, as I do the riots in Oldham when we lived there. We can empathise with those losing their homes, their work, their livelihoods, and we feel especially for those who've lost loved ones in these outbreaks of violence and lawlessness. The neighbourhood we once knew is suddenly a lot more dangerous and unpredictable.

We can share too the feelings of hurt and outrage so many have expressed. But I wonder if you, like me, listen to the views of the politicians, the commentators, the community leaders, and feel sometimes both frustration and unease at some of the views expressed. That frustration largely centres round the people blaming a particular element of modern life for our problems, and offering dogmatically simple solutions to ensure it "never happens again" - a phrase we've often heard before.

It seems to me that simple solutions hold a great attraction when people are still hurting and in shock. But most riots are the end result of a much more complex set of circumstances with one final "last straw" kicking people over the edge into violence and mayhem. There is a time for simplicity, but there is also a responsibility to discover the truth below the surface noise, however complicated and unwelcome, if we are genuinely to reduce the chances of this happening again. We need to reflect, in public

life, on the knowledge we gain through such enquiry - and the same is true of religious life too.

Radio 4's Sunday programme after the week of riots included an interview with an MP who was placing the blame for the riots on the churches. She was asserting that churches were not working in communities, not giving moral leadership, and far too silent when the riots began. It can be tempting as a member of a Christian church to bridle at what seems to be an unjust series of accusations - and indeed the MP was challenged to remember the part played by the media in what they reported, or more accurately failed to report, of the church's work. However, I've learned over the years that it's better to go back to basics at these times, and far more productive than "huffing and chuffing" about what someone has said. So what does Jesus tell us to do?

Fundamentally, we are to live as people who know the love of God in our lives. This means recognising God's gifts to us as being undeserved, but generous in the extreme. It means looking at those in more difficult situations than ourselves, and doing what we can to help them. It means being held to account for our sins - but being forgiven for them when we repent. It means developing respect for the poor, the orphaned, the widow, as children of God too. It means looking at worth and value in people's hearts, and not at the outward trappings of status. It means following the loving laws of God, but also living peaceably within a society. Jesus shows us his impatience with those who would exploit others when he cleansed the temple; his care for the more disadvantaged was evident at all times. It will not be easy to rebuild communities that have suffered as much as some parts of London have done. But I pray that the response of the powers that be is informed, constructive, and sound for the long term.

As school terms start again, and families go back to work, that sense of a new start could set an example to us all; that it is time to learn, move on, and do better in the future.

God's blessing on us all,
Jean Bailey

Sentence of Consecration of St. Saviour's Church

As we celebrate the 45th Anniversary of the present building, we reproduce part of the original Consecration Document.

WHEREAS WE have received a petition from the Incumbent, the Churchwardens, the Parochial Church Council, and certain Inhabitants of the District of Saint Saviour Fairweather Green in the Diocese of Bradford which states THAT by a Conveyance dated the 18th day of May 1925 and made between Eustace Illingworth, The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical District of Saint Saviour Bradford and the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England a piece of land containing 6.094 square yards or thereabouts situate at Bull Royd Lane Fairweather Green ... had been conveyed to the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners in fee simple as a site for a new Church. THAT by an order made by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second in Council and on the 28th day of July 1966 and published in the London Gazette on the 2nd day of August 1966 the name of the said District had been altered to "The District of Saint Saviour, Fairweather Green". THAT a Church had been erected on part of the said piece of land and completely furnished with a Font Holy Table Pulpit Reading Desk and all other things necessary for the due performance of Divine Service therein. THAT under the provisions of the New Parishes Measure 1943 the patronage of the said new Church would upon consecration of the said Church vest in the Lord Bishop of Bradford for ever. THAT all seats in the said Church were to remain for ever free and unappropriated. THAT the land surrounding the said Church had been properly edged by a kerb and fence and the said Church was then ready for Consecration AND LASTLY the said Petitioners prayed WE would be pleased to Consecrate the said Church by the name of "Saint Saviour, Fairweather Green" forever.

NOW THEREFORE WE MICHAEL by Divine Permission LORD BISHOP OF BRADFORD, DO by our authority Ordinary and Episcopal, SEPARATE AND SET APART the said Church from all common and profane uses whatsoever, AND DO DEDICATE the same solemnly to the Service of Almighty God, as a place of Divine Worship according to the rites and usages of the Church of England... this seventeenth day of September in the Year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and sixty-

six and in the twelfth year of our Consecration. *Michael Bradford*

SEPTEMBER PARISH DIARY

Thursday 1st 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Friday 2nd 9.30 a.m. Garden tidy

SUNDAY 4TH ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Tuesday 6th 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Crossley House

7.30 p.m. Adult tap dancing

7.30 p.m. PCC meeting in Vestry

Wednesday 7th 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at St. James's

6.15 p.m. Cub Scouts

Thursday 8th 9.30 a.m. Morning prayer

6.00 p.m. Beaver Scouts

7.30 p.m. Scouts

Friday 9th 7.00 p.m. Fashion Show at St. James's

SUNDAY 11TH TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion and Junior Church

Tuesday 13th 7.30 p.m. Adult tap dancing

Wednesday 14th 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion

11.30 a.m. Ings Way Lunch Day

6.15 p.m. Cub Scouts

Thursday 15th 9.30 a.m. Morning prayer

6.00 p.m. Beaver Scouts

7.30 p.m. Scouts

Saturday 17th 6.45 p.m. Musical evening

SUNDAY 18TH THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY/Dedication Festival

9.30 a.m. Parade Service and Holy Communion

Tuesday 20th 7.30 p.m. Adult tap dancing

7.30 p.m. Airedale Deanery Synod in church

Wednesday 21st 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at St. James's

6.15 p.m. Cub Scouts

Thursday 22nd 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

6.00 p.m. Beaver Scouts

7.30 p.m. Scouts

SUNDAY 25TH HARVEST FESTIVAL with the Bishop of Bradford

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion & Junior Church

12 noon Faith Lunch in hall

Tuesday 27th 7.30 p.m. Adult tap dancing

Wednesday 28th 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion

6.15 p.m. Cub Scouts

Thursday 29th 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

6.00 p.m. Beaver Scouts

7.30 p.m. Scouts

Fashion Show

On Friday 9th September St. James's, Thornton, will be hosting a fashion show at 7.00 p.m. Tickets at £3 (£2 concessions) to include refreshments are available on the door.

Diocesan Day

This year's Diocesan Day will be on Saturday 8th October at Bradford Grammar School, from 10.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m., with the theme of "Discipleship". There are leaflets at the back of church with more information and a booking form if you are interested - or one can be downloaded from the Bradford Diocesan website www.bradford.anglican.org/diocesanday/

Theatre Outing

James and Val Muff are planning an outing to Keighley Amateurs' production of "Footloose" on Saturday 22nd October at 2.15 p.m. if there is sufficient interest. Tickets are £13 (£10 concessions) and transport will be arranged at £3. As the performers will be using the stalls area, only seating in the tiered section is available, so early booking is advised. Please contact Val or James (01274 560400) if you are interested.

Facsimile Reprint of the First Edition of the King James Bible, 1611.

A beautiful facsimile reprint of the first edition of the King James Bible, slightly reduced in size was published with detailed notes and historical background by Oxford University for the 300th anniversary in 1911. I recently examined a copy of this at the Yorkshire Archaeological Society's Library in Leeds where I work. It preserved the black letter typeface of the original and was most impressive. However even this 1911 reprint is very rare today and I hoped and expected that another facsimile reprint would appear for the 400th anniversary this year. I was surprised and disappointed when Waterstones could find nothing on their database.

Consequently I was delighted when my friend and neighbour Mr Michael O'Leary found two facsimile reprints of the 1611 KJV on sale at Acorn Books on Sunbridge Road! The original 1611 editions were a massive 16" by 11" and the new reprints were reduced to roughly A5 size, about a quarter of the original. They are hardback, 1312 pages long and are finished in quite convincing imitation leather. The Apocrypha is omitted and the red lettering in the calendars at the beginning is reproduced in black. However all the introductory material and genealogies are included and the Bible is essentially a faithful small-scale facsimile reproduction of the original black letter 1611 edition like the magnificent example from Lichfield Cathedral now on display at Bradford Cathedral.

The facsimile is published at only £4.99 by Zondervan, a well-known American Bible publisher, ISBN 978-0-310-44029-1. It is a beautiful book available at a ridiculously low price which I strongly recommend to anyone interested in the King James Bible and the history of English Bible translations in general.

Ian Mc Alpine

Garden

We are hoping to have a morning clearing and tidying the church gardens on Friday 2nd September from 9.30 a.m. All are welcome to come along and lend a hand - whether with the actual gardening, chopping and bagging the debris, or making tea. The more the merrier!

Dilbert's Rules of Order

Tell me what you need, and I'll tell you how to get along without it.

Accept that some days you are the pigeon and some days the statue.

Needing someone is like needing a parachute. If he isn't there the first time, chances are you won't be needing him again.

I don't have an attitude problem, you have a perception problem.

I don't suffer from stress. I am a carrier.

Do not meddle in the affairs of dragons, because you are crunchy and taste good with ketchup.

Never argue with an idiot. They drag you down to their level, then beat you with experience.

You can go anywhere you want if you look serious and carry a clipboard.

If it wasn't for the last minute, nothing would get done.

Did you know?

65% of people in the UK know nothing about the Prodigal Son

About 10% of UK church buildings are used as polling stations

One in five children under 5 in the UK has a TV in their bedroom

10% of the population celebrated Harvest last year -- more than half by taking a tin of baked beans to a church or school.

Do you know where you're going to?

Billy Graham, the great American evangelist, told this story at one of his last public appearances:

'Albert Einstein, the great physicist, was once traveling from Princeton on a train when the conductor came down the aisle, punching the tickets of every passenger. When he came to Einstein, Einstein reached in his vest pocket. He couldn't find his ticket, so he reached in his trouser pockets. It wasn't there. He looked in his briefcase but couldn't find it. Then he looked in the seat beside him. He still couldn't find it.

'The conductor said, "Dr. Einstein, I know who you are. We all know who you are. I'm sure you bought a ticket. Don't worry about it." Einstein nodded appreciatively. The conductor continued down the aisle punching tickets. As he was ready to move to the next car, he turned around and saw the great physicist down on his hands and knees looking under his seat for his ticket. The conductor rushed back in dismay and said, "Dr. Einstein, Dr. Einstein, don't worry, I know who you are; no problem. You don't need a ticket."

'Einstein looked at him and said sadly, "Young man, I too, know who I am. What I don't know, is where I'm going!"

Graham concluded: 'When you hear I'm dead, I want you to remember this: I not only know who I am, I also know where I'm going.'

Flowers

We are hoping to have some interesting floral decorations for the celebrations. If you would like to contribute towards the cost, donations would be gratefully received.

Please join us for all or any of the events. The displays will be available throughout the week whenever the church is open. If you have any items for the displays, please send them to Kaaren Raistrick (contact details inside back cover) by Sunday 11th September, clearly marked with details of the event and your contact details so we can return the item to you.

Saturday 17th September 6.45 for 7.00 p.m.

Musical Evening, with buffet supper. Booking essential (see advert opposite)

Sunday 18th September 9.30 a.m.

Dedication Communion service, followed by bacon butties in the hall

Saturday 24th September 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Open Day. Drop in to look at the displays of photographs and documents. Refreshments available all day.

Sunday 25th September 9.30 a.m.

Harvest Festival, with the Rt. Revd Nick Baines, the Bishop of Bradford. Gifts of non-perishable food for the Bradford Food Bank, or monetary donations to Christian Aid's Harvest Appeal would be welcome. There will be a Faith Lunch in the hall after the service.

Wedding

A couple had been invited to a wedding so they went shopping for a wedding present -- a silver teapot -- in a very posh shop, with their little girl, aged 4. The assistant asked if she could help them, and the man said they needed a wedding present. At the top of her lungs, in a totally shocked child's voice, the little girl asked "Are you and Mummy getting married, Daddy?"

The Way I See It - why we worry so much

David Winter, former head of Religious Broadcasting at the BBC.

If someone asked you whether you thought more children were murdered last year than twenty years ago, what would you answer? Or if the question was, are more people killed on the roads now than fifty years ago? Or, are people over seventy more likely to be mugged, robbed or attacked than people in their middle age? In each case the answer is 'No', though apparently if you read the Daily Mail, the Sun, the Mirror or the Telegraph you are more likely to answer 'Yes'. Believe it or not, children are safer now, roads are less dangerous than in the nineteen-thirties, and older people are less likely to be attacked than any other age group in society. Despite that, we go on worrying!

It's as though human beings are hard-wired to worry—even though we live in the longest lived, healthiest, most secure and, in general terms, most prosperous society that the world has ever known. Doctors' surgeries are full of people they dub the 'worried well' - those who've read a magazine article or seen something on the internet and are sure that they're ill. Anxiety seems to be part of the human condition.

Which may be why Jesus constantly told his followers not to worry - 'fear not', 'don't be anxious', 'peace be with you'. In the Sermon on the Mount he listed some of the things people would be worried about: food, clothes, health, appearance or what might happen 'tomorrow'. The list sounds familiar, doesn't it? Don't be anxious about them, he advised. 'After all', he said, 'you can't add a single hour to your span of life by worrying about it'. He might have added that you could, of course, take a few hours off it that way. He didn't say that we had no need of food or clothes or health - 'your heavenly Father knows you need them' - but that the happy life is the one that has its priorities right. 'Strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well'.

The answer to fear is faith - we all know that, in theory. But the faith needed is not the assenting to this or that proposition - ticking boxes on the Creed. It's trust in the 'heavenly Father' Jesus spoke of. It's the inner conviction that the One who made us loves us, and is with us on our life-long journey through this rather scary existence. 'Fear not', he says. 'I am with you.'

46th Bradford North Summer Camp

Our inaugural Group Summer Camp was held at Blackhills Scout Campsite, Cottingley from the 24th - 30th July.

In the past only the Scouts have attended summer camp but this year they were joined by the Beavers and Cubs. During the week 26 children enjoyed a host of games, activities and worked hard towards a number of badges.

On Sunday evening everyone participated in a hike to Goit Stock waterfalls at Harden. They set off at 8.30pm and returned in the dark around 10pm - very exciting!

Ten children took part in *Bikeability* - a cycling scheme funded by Bradford Council and led by their instructors. For Level 1 children learn to control their bikes, learn basic cycle maintenance and discuss the requirement to wear sensible clothing and safety helmets. Level 2 involves real cycling experiences on the road. The course consisted of three 3-hour sessions.

Meanwhile the leaders put other children through their cyclist activity badge and were also able to teach three youngsters how to cycle.

Archery and rifle shooting, as ever, were popular with all the youngsters.

The Beavers and Cubs also practised their first aid skills and a number of Emergency Aid one and two badges were achieved.

Swimming badge levels one to three were gained at Bingley Grammar School where we had the pool to ourselves - the pool is available for private hire during holidays and some evenings.

The Scouts completed further requirements of the Forester Activity Badge. They also prepared, cooked and served several meals during camp - Chef's badges on order!

A number of the children slept in hammocks on several evenings - again a first for our members!

We went to St. Ives at Bingley; walking up to Druids Altar, where the children used their map reading and compass skills.

At Doe Park Water Activities Centre the Scouts and older Cubs built a raft and then sailed it across the reservoir whilst the younger members had fun kayaking and canoeing.

In amongst all the above there were wide games, karaoke, team building challenges, tug-o-war and pioneering. Air Activities and Bookreader badges were also attained by some children.

The leaders left camp on Saturday afternoon well and truly shattered but we'd had a fantastic experience helped along by great weather and super kids who are a credit to themselves and their parents.

Bev Howard - GROUP SCOUT LEADER

Notes from the PCC

For a change, the meeting on Wednesday 3rd August was held in the hall, so we could fully appreciate the new decorations. Grateful thanks were expressed to all who had worked so hard to achieve this wonderful result - in planning, researching materials, doing the work or any other capacity. We are sure it will make the hall more attractive to hirers - so if you know of a group who needs a venue, please mention our facilities.

For quite a while we have been lobbying the council trying to get a direction sign to the church on Thornton Road. Unfortunately, despite our best efforts, they have remained adamant that one is not needed so this particular avenue is probably not open to us - though if anyone has photographic evidence of the sign that used to be there, we may be able to try again. In the meantime, we are looking at the possibility of a banner strung between the trees in our grounds to advertise the fact that we are a church, and we will try to make the contact details on the noticeboard more prominent. We also feel that the trees around the perimeter need attention, which will have the dual effect of avoiding obstructions and making the church building and sign more visible.

We also looked at ways in which we could boost the circulation of the magazine. We feel it is a valuable resource for outreach, but as people move away or die we are not finding replacements for them. If you know of anyone you feel would enjoy reading the magazine, please feel free to take a copy from the back of church and let them see it. For people living locally delivery can be arranged and a yearly subscription in advance costs only £4 (full price for 12 issues bought individually is £4.80.)

Our Dedication Festival draws near and we looked ahead to the arrangements for that. Please see details of events elsewhere in the magazine, but please do come and join us for all or any of them. You will be most welcome.

*Hilary Davis,
PCC Secretary.*

Laid to Rest

Nancy Taylor

15th August 2011

Holy Matrimony

Gary John Howe

20th August 2011

and Lisa Caroline Ellis

SEPTEMBER ROLL OF REMEMBRANCE

6th	Doris Cooper	(1987)
7th	Mabel Holdsworth	(1978)
9 th	Laura Dare	(1982)
	Bill Holdsworth	(2004)
10th	Lynton Ward	(1995)
12th	Beatrice Marshall	(1991)
13th	Annie Bell	(1983)
	Margaret Alexandra Watson	(1986)
17th	Walter Jennings	(1974)
	Dorothy Lloyd	(2005)
23rd	Philip John Chater	(1988)
	Albert Bateman	(1992)
24th	Fred Ingham	(1981)
28th	Harry Wilkinson	(1962)

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