

The September Letter

Dear Friends,

Those of you who faithfully read the Bradford Diocesan inset to this magazine - or perhaps other parts of the church press - will be aware of significant changes ahead for the structure of church organisation in "West Yorkshire and the Dales". For those of you who sit lightly to these matters, suffice it to say that this title - West Yorkshire and the Dales - will be the descriptive one for a new large Diocese that will encompass most of the present Diocese of Bradford, plus those of Ripon & Leeds, and Wakefield. As we move towards the time when this will begin to be put into place, it seems appropriate to ask what difference, if any, it will make to us here in Fairweather Green.

The blunt answer, at least in the early days, is "not a lot". In which case, you might ask, why do it? Especially when it has already taken up a lot of time and energy in considering such a change, and some people have been very opposed to it, notably though not exclusively some of the powers that be in Wakefield Diocese. There are perhaps two main reasons for this change; firstly, the sensible one of reviewing our structures to see if they are still in the best shape for serving our communities, and secondly, looking at where scarce and valuable resources, given largely by the people in the pews, can be used most effectively to extend the mission of the church. Put another way, are we all spending money on maintaining separate structures, when we could save in that area in order to fund mission work better? After about five years of research, review and consideration, the General Synod on July 8 2013 voted overwhelmingly to go for this change - three dioceses into one new one.

People in parishes on the existing boundaries will see a difference. One of the oddities that had developed with our old structures is that Leeds, a hugely significant city in terms of the whole UK, was split between four dioceses, because it had grown massively since the old structures were put in place. One of the things the church needs to be able to do is speak clearly on all sorts of issues to the secular community within which it functions - that is not easy, when four church teams may

operate in slightly different ways. The new structure will enable that to happen. But there are some parishes on the outer edges of the new large diocese that will be moving out, and that will be painful for some. No change is wholly pain free for everybody.

Those of us working, as I do with Mothers' Union, across the whole span of the existing diocese, know that there is internal uncertainty for some, as they will find themselves in separate Areas within the big diocese - the sub divisions to help it to work. Each of those will have a Bishop looking after them, and because we don't have a second Bishop assisting Bishop Nick, it feels odd. But we are already used to a sub structure of Archdeaconries, and cross those invisible boundaries all the time.

Most of us are comfortable with knowing our own parish church, and don't spend a lot of time worrying about other layers of responsibility - that will not change. But for those who do get involved at a wider level, some degree of apprehension at this stage is understandable, though I firmly believe - and know from my Mothers' Union contacts - it is a wonderful opportunity to get to know a wider circle of fellow Christians.

As I write this, it has been confirmed that the new Diocese of Leeds, also to be known as West Yorkshire and the Dales, will come into effect at Easter 2014. By then we will know who its Bishop will be, and he will take up his post in the summer. Before then, there is much work to be done, and there will be much more after that date. Please hold especially in your prayers all whose responsibility it is to get the work done, while still fulfilling their primary role of leading mission, worship and pastoral care. Pray especially for the staff of all three current dioceses, who will feel most acutely the changes to come.

God's blessing be with us all,

Yours,

Jean Bailey

SEPTEMBER PARISH DIARY

SUNDAY 1ST FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (<i>Rev. Ian Slater</i>)
Tuesday 3rd	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion at Crossley House
	7.00 p.m.	Prayer meeting in vestry
	7.30 p.m.	Adult tap dancing
Wednesday 4 th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion at St. James's
	6.15 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Thursday 5th	9.30 a.m.	Morning prayer
	6.00 p.m.	Beaver Scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Scouts

SUNDAY 8TH THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (<i>Rev. Richard and Mrs. Jean Bailey</i>)
Tuesday 10th	7.30 p.m.	Adult tap dancing
	7.30 p.m.	Social Committee meeting
Wed 11th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	11.30 a.m.	Ings Way Lunch Day
	6.15 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Thursday 12th	9.30 a.m.	Morning prayer
	4.30 p.m.	K:Ing's Way Club
	6.00 p.m.	Beaver Scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Scouts

SUNDAY 15TH SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY/Dedication Festival

	10.00 a.m.	Parade Service and Holy Communion (<i>Rev. Ian Slater</i>)
Tuesday 17th	7.30 p.m.	Adult tap dancing
Wed 18th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion at St. James's
	6.15 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Thursday 19th	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	4.30 p.m.	K:Ing's Way Club
	6.00 p.m.	Beaver Scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Scouts
Saturday 21st	7.30 p.m.	Concert by Steeton Male Voice Choir

SUNDAY 22ND SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (*Revd Ian Slater
and Revd. Alistair Helm*)

Tuesday 24th	7.30 p.m.	Adult tap dancing
Wednesday 25th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	6.15 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Thursday 27 th	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	4.30 p.m.	K:Ing's Way Club
	6.00 p.m.	Beaver Scouts
	7.30 p.m.	Scouts

SUNDAY 29TH ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (*Revd. Ian Slater*)

Visit from St. Paul's, Manningham

On Sunday 22nd September, we will be delighted to welcome members of the congregation of St. Paul's, Manningham, to our 10.00 a.m. service. As a small Christian community in a largely Asian area of Bradford, the people of St. Paul's work hard to maintain a Christian presence and to work amongst the whole community of Manningham. We were pleased to visit them in February to show our support and look forward very much to returning their hospitality.

K:Ing's Way Club

The K:Ing's Way Club will be up and running again on Thursday 12th September from 4.30 to 5.30 p.m. with its new leader, Karen Wheelhouse. We look forward to seeing former members and to welcoming those who haven't been before. It's open to all primary school age children so please come along and join in the fun.

An 18th Century Prayer Book From Bingley.

Ian Mc Alpine.

About 10 years ago I visited a second-hand bookshop in the Piece Hall in Halifax. It was a fascinating place and could always be relied upon to produce something old and interesting. This time it certainly did! Hidden in a dusty corner I discovered a small and very worn copy of the "Book of Common Prayer", bound in black leather, crudely repaired and with the back cover missing. The yellowed title page revealed that it had been printed by Thomas Baskett, the King's Printer as far back as 1746. A bloody year in our history which saw the last ever battle fought on British soil when Bonnie Prince Charlie's army was defeated at Culloden. Further investigation showed that during its early life the little prayer book had belonged to several members of the Rhodes family. At the beginning of the Psalms I discovered the name of the book's first owner:-

Jonas Rhoads
Com man prayer
Book 1747

This is Min and
non of thin thir

This left me in no doubt as to Jonas' determination to hold on to his prayer book but after more than 250 years I was sure he had no further use for it. 30 years later the book had passed to another member of the family - probably Jonas' son - who had written "Joseph Rhodes Book 1778 th18 February" on an endpaper. Even more interesting was a long inscription on a blank page before the Psalms:-

Richard Rhodes born
at nine a Clock at 30
Minits past Decr 11th
In 1796

Sarah Rhodes born
March 24th 1798
For none (i.e. forenoon)

Martha Rhodes born
Novemer 1th 1799

John Rhodes born
June 12th 1801 at night

Marey Rhodes moder
of the sa[i]d Childr

Departed this life Aut 16th at hlf past four a clock at morn In 1804

Needless to say £3.90 soon changed hands and the little book soon had a new home in Bradford.

"Childr" most likely stood for "Childer" the old plural form of "child" still occasionally heard in northern England, rather than "children". Unusually the mother of the four children was named but there was no father. And where had the Rhodes family lived 250 years ago? Recently I decided to research the prayer book's history.

Nowadays family historians often use the International Genealogical Index to help them in their research. This, very briefly, is an online facility at www.familysearch.org which provides, among other things, indexes to parish registers. I thought it likely that the Rhodes family had lived in Yorkshire and searched the IGI for possible baptisms in Yorkshire for Richard, Sarah, Martha and John Rhodes. The result was quite remarkable. The prayer book had helpfully given the birthdates of the four children as 11th December, 1796, 24th March, 1798, 1st November, 1799 and 12th June, 1801. The IGI revealed that the parish registers of All Saints in Bingley had recorded the baptisms of all four children when they were a few weeks or months old. The IGI even corroborated both the girls' dates of birth although it gave Richard's as a week later and John's as a day later. Birthdays must have been somewhat confusing in the Rhodes household! Their father was Joseph Rhodes, who had signed the prayer book in 1778. Three more of Joseph and Mary's children, not mentioned in the prayer book, John (born 1793, who had presumably died in infancy), Elizabeth (born 1800) and Moses (born 1803) appeared in the index.

Thanks to the Yorkshire Archaeological Society in Leeds where I work I was able to obtain digital images of the baptism entries of all seven children in the original Bingley parish register. John Rhodes' 1793 baptism revealed that his parents were living at Harden, just to the west of Bingley. Over the next decade the Rhodeses were sometimes described as of Harden and sometimes as living at "Height", apparently a remote farm on Heights Lane to the north of Bingley. Joseph Rhodes was variously described as a farmer, a butcher and a weaver.

And so the little prayer book now 267 years old, finally revealed something of its life-long association with West Yorkshire. So next time I attend a Deanery Synod at All Saints in Bingley I will certainly remember the Rhodes family who worshipped there more than 200 years ago. They could never have imagined that their treasured prayer book, admittedly worn out and falling to pieces, would still survive just a few miles away from Bingley after more than two and a half centuries.

Wartime Golf Rules Richmond Golf Club: Temporary Rules 1940

1. Players are asked to collect Bomb and Shrapnel splinters to save these causing damage to the Mowing Machines.
2. In Competitions, during gunfire or whilst bombs are falling, players may take cover without penalty for ceasing play.
3. The positions of known delayed-action bombs are marked by red flags at a reasonably, but not guaranteed, safe distance therefrom.
4. Shrapnel and/or bomb splinters on the Fairways or in Bunkers, within a club's length of a ball may be moved without penalty; and no penalty shall be incurred if a ball is thereby caused to move accidentally.
5. A ball moved by enemy action may be replaced, or if lost or destroyed ball may be dropped not nearer the hole without penalty.
6. A ball lying in a crater may be lifted and dropped not nearer the hole, preserving the line to the hole, without penalty.
7. A player whose stroke is affected by the simultaneous explosion of a bomb may play another ball from the same place. Penalty one stroke.

Out of the Mouths of Babes

A little boy told by his mother that he might go on a picnic she had previously forbidden sighed, "It's too late Mummy, I've already prayed for rain."

Dear God: This is my prayer. Could you please give my brother some brains. So far he doesn't seem to have any. *Angela,*

Dear Lord: Thank you for the nice day today. You even fooled the TV weather man. *Hank,*

A mother asked her son what the lesson was about in Sunday School that morning. "Cherry Coke," he answered confidently. "Cherry Coke?" his mother asked. "Are you sure?" "Oh, yes," he replied. "We even sang a song about it. 'Joshua fought the battle of Cherry Coke, Cherry Coke, Cherry Coke.'"

A Gradely Prayer

Give us, Lord, a bit o' sun,
A bit o' work and a bit o' fun;
Give us aw in th' struggle and splutter
Eaur daily bread an' a bit o' butter;
Give us health, eaur keep to make
An' a heart to spare for poor folks' sake;
Give us sense, for we're some of us duffers
An' a heart to feel for aw that suffers;
Give us, too, a bit of a song,
An' a tale, and a book to help us along;
An' give us a share o' sorrow's lesson,
That we may prove heaw grief's a blessin'.
Give us, Lord, a chance to be
Eaur gradely blest, brave, wise and free,
Eaur gradely best for eaurself and others
Till aw men larn to live as brothers.

"Gradely" is an old Lancashire word meaning something like "fitting" or "suitable"; "Eaur" = "our". It is one of those little prayer cards that Mowbray's used to print and sell and a note at the bottom of the card says it was found on the wall of a country inn in Lancashire.

46TH BRADFORD NORTH SCOUT GROUP SUMMER CAMP 4TH - 9TH August 2013

One Beaver, 18 Cubs, 10 Scouts, 6 Explorers and 8 leaders spent a very busy and exciting five days at Sconce campsite, Baildon. We were joined on Monday over to Tuesday by seven Beavers who came for an overnight sleepover.

All the children were divided into 4 teams and these had a pirate themed name: Crimson Blades, Emerald Cutthroats, Yellow Scallywags and Blue Buccaneers. 'Treasure' was handed out by the Captain for good boatmanship including sweeping the decks, for winning games and basic good behaviour. The pirates had to hide this in their team treasure chests in case other pirates (or the scheming Captain) came to steal it!

The first wide game, played in the drizzling rain, was our beloved *Vanishing Postbox* which is a must on any camp or pack holiday experience. Children have to find a postcard, attach a stamp (these carried by adults who are constantly moving around) and then post it in the postbox which is also never in the same place twice! Great fun and a marvellous way to wear the youngsters out!

There were numerous pirate themed activities including building pirate ships and treasure islands from lego, making paper boats, composing a team song, making pirate hats and eye patches and building a flag pole to hoist their team flag using mini-pioneering equipment.

The *Pirate Banquet* was fun and the magnificent feast was soon gobbled up by the hungry little pirates. Everyone received a goody bag at the end that included a tub of bubbles - this culminated in a half-hour unplanned bubble blowing contest! The simple things! Unfortunately half a dozen pirates had failed to please our Captain during the day and, after being 'flogged' with the cat-o-nine-tails, they had to 'walk the plank' - hands behind backs straight into the pirate paddling pool!! Fortunately they all survived to tell the tale...

During the week we visited Baildon village to complete 'the Bigger Picture Quiz'. Teams had a sheet with a selection of photos - these were of various shops, pubs and other landmarks - but only part of the whole 'bigger picture'. The task was to identify where the part photo was from and photograph the whole thing. We also enjoyed comparing St. John's church with St. Saviour's. It's very different: much older, made of stone, has a lych gate and graveyard. Sue, our guide, was able to explain various objects including their new Jubilee stained glass window which is a must to see!

Mid-week a session at Keighley Swimming Pool was followed by a fish & chip lunch in Ilkley before visiting the Manor House and Toy Museums.

The Scouts enjoyed a canoeing session at Riva Reservoir on Wednesday evening. Thoroughly enjoyed by all, they then returned to camp on foot - but alas as the light was fading, and with the lack of artificial light (i.e. the leader forgot to take a torch!) they got lost! Thankfully, however, this was a temporary issue, and they eventually returned to warm up beside a blazing fire with a drink of hot chocolate and cookies.

During the week our six Explorer Scouts completed a practice challenge for their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. They hiked, with full kit on their backs, from Baildon to Curly Hill Camp site at Ilkley where they had to pitch camp, cook their own tea, supper and breakfast and sleep over night before returning to Baildon on foot the next day. A great achievement, despite four of them going slightly off course near Shipley Glen. As a reward for such a gallant effort they feasted at Webster's Fish & Chip restaurant on their return. Well done to Connor, Alex, Danny, Isaac, Rohan and Ethan.

Bev Howard—Group Scout Leader (To be continued next month)

'Love in A Shoebox' - Operation Christmas Child.

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is the world's largest Christmas project. It has grown from 3,000 boxes collected in the UK in 1990 to over 8 million annually across the world. OCC is part of Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief organization working in more than 100 countries providing aid to victims of war, famine, disaster, disease, poverty and persecution.

Shoeboxes are given unconditionally to needy children without regard to race, faith, nationality, ethnic background or political affiliation, and with nothing required from them, their families or their communities in return.

Last year St. Saviour's filled over 30 shoeboxes. Can we make it 50 this year?

To enable everyone to help we would like you to cover an empty shoebox with wrapping paper and either:

1. Choose a boy or girl & an age group, and fill it with a selection of gifts for your child, add a donation to cover transport costs and bring it to church; or
2. Bring the empty wrapped box & a few gift items to church before the October Parade service, 20th October; or
3. Bring knitted items and other gifts to fill boxes during the October Parade Service;
4. donate money to cover transport costs.

Suggested gifts.

1. *Toys:* Soft toy, puppet, puzzle, yo-yo, ball, doll, toy car, small musical instrument, skipping rope, travel size game, etc.
2. *Educational:* Pens, pencils & sharpener, crayons, felt tips, pencil case, notebook, colouring book, stickers, etc.
3. *Hygiene Items:* Soap, flannel, toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush, comb, hairclips, ribbons, etc.
4. *Sweets:* Sell by date March 2014 or later.
5. *Other items:* Hat, scarf, mittens or gloves, bag, sunglasses, jewellery, sewing set, craft kit, plastic cup, etc.

Please include something from each group in every box.

We cannot send:

Food, except non-chocolate sweets;

Medicine or vitamins of any kind;

War related items - toy guns, soldiers or knives of any kind;

Clothing, except hats, scarves & gloves/mittens.

Fragile items - glass containers, china ornaments, mirrors.

Liquids, including blow bubbles, shampoo, bubble bath, aerosols.

Dangerous items - sharp objects, scissors, razors.

Novels. Anything political.

Stuffed hand knitted toys.

Please help to bring happiness to a needy child this Christmas.

Margaret Baker.

Steeton Male Voice Choir

Saturday 21st September

7.30 p.m.

Tickets £8 in advance

£9 on the door

to include glass of wine/juice and nibbles

(Children half price)

Available from 01274 540600

Notes from the PCC

The PCC met on Tuesday 13th August to look at a variety of things.

As the last advert for a House-for-Duty Priest didn't result in an appointment, the Archdeacon is considering the best way forward for St. Saviour's and has offered to come to talk to us to discuss the various options.

We are moving on with the application for the grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund to enable us to carry out the repairs that were highlighted in the last Quinquennial Inspection report. We had a very helpful meeting with the architect and have made a start on filling in the forms - though there is much work to be done and your prayers for guidance would be much appreciated.

As mentioned elsewhere in the magazine, we are truly fortunate to have found Karen Wheelhouse to carry on the work at the K:Ing's Way Club and we look forward very much to working with her. As part of our plans we intend to establish Messy Church sessions, which will hopefully involve whole families, not just the children. We are grateful to the Deanery for awarding us a grant of £500 to help to start these sessions and once Karen has found her feet, we hope to get these up and running.

As a small church, we need to look urgently at ways we can attract more people into our services and Ian, the Vicar, outlined a few ideas for reaching out to people who do not normally come to church. We arranged a Worship Committee meeting to look at these, and perhaps think of other ways in which we can appeal to more people. Please have a word with any member of PCC if you have any suggestions. There is also a prayer meeting in the Choir Vestry on the first Tuesday of each month from 7.00 to 8.00 p.m. where Ian leads prayers to ask for guidance on the way forward for St. Saviour's. Anyone who would like to join in will be most welcome.

Hilary Davis - PCC Secretary

September Roll of Remembrance

6th	Doris Cooper	(1987)
7th	Mabel Holdsworth	(1978)
9th	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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Answer to cryptogram: *In the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the word was God. JN 1:1*