

The September Letter

Dear Friends,

This year has seen the church in our part of the world marking a higher number of times of celebration than would normally be the case. Not just the feasts we would always celebrate, around Easter and Pentecost, but the special events associated with the creation of the Diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales. So we have celebrated the life of the former Diocese of Bradford, on 13th April, the Inauguration of the new diocese on 8th June, and the Enthronement of Bishop Nick - again - in Bradford Cathedral on 17th July.

Those of us in Mothers' Union have also celebrated with guests from across the diocese on Lady Day, (March 25th), in Skipton and Bradford, Summer Celebrations in both Birchencliffe and Wetherby, and also marked the birth of our founder, Mary Sumner, with a service and afternoon tea in Leeds Minster. So we've been out and about a lot!

The three "c"s

All this brought home to me the wise words of a priest leading a study day I attended many years ago. "Every Christian," he said, "needs three "c"s - the celebration, the congregation, and the cell." And he went on to describe the "celebration" as the occasional, wonderful, joining together with more people from the wider church than we would normally meet, usually in a cathedral, or minster. The "congregation" was of course to be found in our own parish church - the friends and fellow members of the church we meet weekly, and worship alongside regularly. The "cell" is the forming of a small group of people with whom we can pray, or study, or talk, or meditate.

He was making a point that I've come to value more as time has gone on, and I've tried to put his advice into practice. Meeting, praying, studying and worshipping at these three different levels enables each to enrich the other two, and to help us to develop in strength and depth through a variety of experiences.

Possibilities

Are these possibilities for all of us? Certainly for most of us, living and worshipping in this part of the world. Bradford Cathedral hosts special services throughout the year, not just in the extraordinary times of our reorganisation. Its services are advertised on its website, and in leaflets available in the Cathedral, and it has the resources and talents among its team to provide memorable times of celebration in which we can all share.

St. Saviour's, of course, is our congregation, and is always the place in which we can worship, meet with friends, and offer the Gospel to this community.

But what about the cell? A number of our regular meetings for prayer and study fall into this category - for example, Thursday morning's prayers, and the Lent Course each year, but there are other possibilities. Some of us meet at a Julian Group, spending an hour together once a month, half of which passes in silence, as we consider a Bible passage, or contemplate how God was with us in the day just passed, or simply just "wait on the Lord". Cell groups in other churches meet for Bible Study, or prayer, or just for mutual quiet time together.

Supporting in threes

In terms of faith, and its practice, the three "c"s are a different sort of Trinity. There will be times when we want to celebrate, times when we need to worship regularly and faithfully, and times when we want to explore things in more depth. The experience of each one supports the experience of the others.

As we have become part of a much larger diocese, we will see events and special services offered in St. Saviour's, in Bradford Episcopal Area, in the Diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales, and indeed in the Province of York. All will be opportunities for enrichment and learning. And if you want to know more about cells? Please do get in touch!

With love and prayers,

Jean Bailey

Saturday 13th September
7.00 p.m.

Barn Dance

Tickets £3

To include light supper

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(Bring your own alcoholic/soft drinks)

SEPTEMBER PARISH DIARY

Tuesday 2nd	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion at Crossley House
Wednesday 3 rd	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion at St. James's
	7.30 p.m.	PCC meeting
Thursday 4 th	9.30 a.m.	Morning prayer

SUNDAY 7TH TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (<i>Rev. Dr. Rod Anderson</i>)
Wednesday 10th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	11.30 a.m.	Ings Way Lunch Day
	6.15 p.m.	Cub Scouts
Thursday 11th	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 13th	7.00 p.m.	Barn Dance

SUNDAY 14TH HOLY CROSS DAY/Dedication Festival

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (*Revd. Richard and Mrs. Jean Bailey*)

Wednesday 17th 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at St. James's

6.15 p.m. Cub Scouts

Thursday 18th 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 21ST ST. MATTHEW

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (*Revd. Richard Bailey/ Paul Blakey*)

Wednesday 24th 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion

6.15 p.m. Cub Scouts

Thursday 26th 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 28TH FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (*Revd. Canon Denise Poole*)

Tuesday 30th 7.30 p.m. Adult Tap Dancing

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

We are looking forward to filling shoeboxes again this year. We get as much pleasure from collecting small items, knitting or making things and filling the boxes as the children do from receiving them!

This year, we are getting empty boxes from Samaritan's Purse, which are already coloured red or green and so don't need covering. If you have your own shoebox at home, please still cover it (lid and base separately) with pretty Christmas paper. The boxes will be in church by the end of September so please take one and fill it with small items suitable for a boy or girl in the age ranges 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Please try to include something from each category of: toys, school supplies, hygiene items and others, such as hat & scarf, jewellery, sweets (wrapped, non-chocolate) sunglasses, hair ornaments etc. Please ensure all items are new and suitable for the age group you have selected.

If you feel unable to fill a whole shoebox, we should be pleased to receive donations of any of the items for a box, from the beginning of October to the second Sunday in November, and we will combine them to fill boxes in church. Leaflets giving more information will be at the back of church by the end of September and full details are given on the Samaritan's Purse website at <http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/> - plus knitting patterns and ideas for craft items. In addition, of course, it costs money to send the boxes, so any donations would be most welcome to defray these costs or enable us to buy items to complete boxes.

Seven Types of Pharisee

Recently, in a sermon, I referred to the Seven Types of Pharisee which I had heard about many years ago, and had largely forgotten. With some searching I found them again. The types were defined by the Pharisees themselves, and are these:

1. The Shoulder (or Shechemite) Pharisee;
2. The Wait-a-little Pharisee;
3. The Blind (or Bruised and Bleeding) Pharisee;
4. The Pestle (or Hump-backed) Pharisee;
5. The Ever-Reckoning Pharisee;
6. The God-fearing (or Timid) Pharisee;
7. The God-loving Pharisee.

These phrases were used to describe the motives or attitudes of the various types in relation to God. The "Shoulder" Pharisee, for instance, carried his good deeds on his shoulder for everyone to see. In contrast, the "Wait-a-little" Pharisee always stood back, waiting to see how a situation played out before deciding how to act. He was never quite sure whether he should act, or shouldn't, or even if he wanted to take any action.

The "Bruised and Bleeding" Pharisee was always walking with his head down for fear that he might see an unclean person (that included women, in case it might be the time of their period). As the name indicates, they spent so much time looking down that they risked walking into obstructions.

The "Hump-backed" Pharisee kept his eyes averted for fear of seeing something tempting, but he made sure people could see that was what he was doing.

The "Ever-Reckoning" Pharisee kept a diary of his good deeds, and tried to make sure that they outweighed his bad ones. He was, in a sense, trying to make sure that God was in his debt, and considered that God owed him something for being good.

The "Timid" Pharisee was always making sure that he followed every little precept of the law (the Torah). This was not out of reverence for the law, but out of fear of God's punishment for any small fault.

All these types of Pharisee were criticised by Jesus, and even more

vehemently, even violently, by Hillel and Rabbis like him.

There was only one type of Pharisee praised by the Rabbis, and that was the "God-loving" Pharisee who obeyed God simply out of love. Abraham was held up as a template for this type of Pharisee.

After the destruction of Jerusalem in 70AD, with the destruction of the Temple, Pharisaic Judaism of the school of Hillel, dominated and became the Judaism we know today.

R. W. Bailey

K:Ing's Way Club

After a well-earned rest over the summer holidays, the K:Ing's Way Club will be raring to go again, starting on **11th September**, from 4.30 to 5.30 p.m. each Thursday evening. All primary school aged children are welcome to come along for a fun time of games, songs, Bible stories and craft. Refreshments will be served, so come along and join in!

Messy Church

As the first Sunday in September is before our children's groups start again, Messy Church will return on **Sunday 5th October** from 2.00 to 4.00 p.m. We hope families will join us for an afternoon of games, activities, songs and Bible stories around a set theme, with a meal to round it off.

Travel through the Holy Land

Looking ahead to **October** Revd. Gordon Dey has kindly agreed to give a talk, with slides, on **Saturday 25th**, on his many and varied trips to the Holy Land. All are warmly invited to join us for an interesting evening, along with pie and pea supper.

Parade Service

As our Scout Group will be away at Blackhills celebrating their 70th birthday over the weekend of 20th/21st September, there won't be a Parade Service this month. They will be back in October, though!

Still dreaming of that White Christmas

Irving Berlin, perhaps best known in this country for the iconic evergreen White Christmas, was an amazingly prolific and popular songwriter who wrote an estimated 1500 songs – though he never learned to read or write music. He died 25 years ago this month at the age of 101.

Many of his songs were patriotic, in praise of the USA, his adopted country. God Bless America is often thought of as an alternative national anthem. But he was born Israel Baline in Russia, in what is now Belarus.

His father, who had been a cantor in a synagogue, died prematurely after the family moved to New York to escape Jewish persecution, and the young Israel went out looking for jobs to help his family. In the early 1900s he became a singing waiter, which led him to start composing songs. He never stopped, becoming a workaholic with an instinct for the right lyrics and tunes to grab people's attention.

His songs were loved worldwide. His first major international hit, Alexander's Ragtime Band, was composed as early as 1911. He wrote in an uncomplicated, simple and direct way, saying that he aimed to "reach the heart of the average American".

According to composer George Gershwin he was "the greatest songwriter who ever lived". Another composer, Douglas Moore, calls him a "great American minstrel"– someone who has "caught and immortalised in his songs what we say, what we think about, and what we believe".

He wrote the scores for 19 Broadway shows and 18 Hollywood films, and his songs topped the charts 25 times, many becoming popular themes and anthems.

Irving Berlin supported Jewish charities and organisations and was generous with his money. He was honoured in 1944 by the National Conference of Christians and Jews for "advancing the aims of the conference to eliminate religious and racial conflict".

First World War Centenary Memorial Exhibition.

Ian Mc Alpine.

4th August 2014 saw the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War, sometimes still called the Great War, the most destructive and horrific armed conflict the world had ever known. Its causes were complex and even today historians still argue about them. However nobody can argue about the terrible slaughter, suffering and waste of human life which resulted from the War. When I was a child some 50 years ago many thousands of World War veterans still survived though often badly scarred in body and mind. Almost everyone had a living relation who had fought at Mons, the Somme, Passchendaele or another of the War's many famous battles. However, the last two British soldiers from the War died just five years ago aged an incredible 111 and 113 years. Now they are all gone.

Recently St Saviour's was invited to take part in a national event to mark the centenary of the beginning of the War and honour the sacrifice of the fallen. Poppies were planted in the churchyard and articles appeared in "Parish News". However, the main event took place on the actual anniversary when an exhibition was set up in the church. At the back were two tables displaying reproductions of newspapers from the War and the story of the Bradford Pals who suffered such terrible losses during the War, especially during the Battle of the Somme in July, 1916. I was reminded of my grandfather's cousin, Private Harry Innerdale Sircom of Shipley, who was one of the first to enlist with the Pals. Aged just 23 he was horrifically injured by machine gun fire a few weeks before the Battle and was sent home. However, when his parents arrived in Portsmouth to meet him they learned he had died of his wounds in France several days earlier. No doubt there are many similar stories. A bound 1917 volume of "The Illustrated War News" containing hundreds of original photographs from the conflict gave at least some impression of life in the trenches.

Large paper poppies and the names of some WWI battles were fixed around the altar rail which drew visitors' attention to a reproduction of the inscription in Westminster Abbey honouring the Unknown Warrior. Visitors were invited to light candles in memory of soldiers who had fallen during the conflict.

The whole display was beautifully done and was a fitting reminder of the

War and the soldiers who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

“BENEATH THIS STONE RESTS THE BODY OF A BRITISH WARRIOR UNKNOWN BY NAME OR RANK BROUGHT FROM FRANCE TO LIE AMONG THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS OF THE LAND AND BURIED HERE ON ARMISTICE DAY 11 NOV: 1920, IN THE PRESENCE OF HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V HIS MINISTERS OF STATE THE CHIEFS OF HIS FORCES AND A VAST CONCOURSE OF THE NATION THUS ARE COMMEMORATED THE MANY MULTITUDES WHO DURING THE GREAT WAR OF 1914 - 1918 GAVE THE MOST THAT MAN CAN GIVE, LIFE ITSELF, FOR GOD FOR KING AND COUNTRY FOR LOVED ONES HOME AND EMPIRE FOR THE SACRED CAUSE OF JUSTICE AND THE FREEDOM OF THE WORLD THEY BURIED HIM AMONG THE KINGS BECAUSE HE HAD DONE GOOD TOWARD GOD AND TOWARD HIS HOUSE.”

Reproduction of the inscription on the tomb of the unknown warrior

46th Bradford North Scout Group

SOLSTICE CAMP

On Friday 19th July over 400 Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and adults descended on Blackhills Scout Camp. The reason was a District Camp organised to celebrate the opening of several new groups across the city of Bradford.

In the warmth of the evening sun we pitched camp and the children enjoyed games and exploring the woods before supper and settling down. We awoke on Saturday to rain - of the persistent kind - i.e. that never once stopped all day long! Undeterred however, the children had a great time participating in sports and crafts, learning how to drum, practising their archery and shooting skills, climbing and enjoying the zip wire and bouncy castles - which quickly became paddling pools. Eventually the sun came out - just as activities came to an end! This late evening lull, however, enabled us to dry out the equipment and ourselves before we had a fish and chip tea supplied by Becksid Fisheries in Cottingley.

After tea the younger children enjoyed a campfire singsong whilst the older members prepared the Commonwealth Carnival. Foods from

across the globe were on offer as were arts and crafts and plenty to learn about the nations. The festivities ended with a superb fireworks display.

On Sunday everyone assembled after breakfast in full uniform and marched with their groups to the outdoor chapel for a Celebration Worship led by Sam Coley from Bradford Cathedral. In attendance was Wayne Bulpitt the UK Chief Commissioner for Scouts who was delighted to be part of the event. During the service several awards were made by Wayne including the Medal of Merit for our Scout Leader Colin Ambler. The event was brought to an exciting, noisy finale with whistles being handed out and giant party poppers as our District Commissioner thanked everyone for their efforts and wished all a safe journey home.

GROUP SUMMER CAMP

Twenty-seven excited young people aged between 8 and 17 together with seven leaders met at church on Sunday 10th August raring to go on the adventure of the summer. Alas the rain poured as we packed up the mini buses and cars and three of our leaders were soaked to the skin after carefully loading the roof rack with rucksacks!

Our destination was Birch Hall Camp Site, located on the edge of the Dalby Forest some six miles from Scarborough. We had joked on our pre-camp visit that it resembled Stalag 17 from World War II but we learned during the week that in fact it had been home to Italian Prisoners of War!!

The younger children slept inside in the bunk rooms and took turns to camp out whilst the Explorers camped out all week.

The rain continued as we arrived so we had to revert to our indoor events programme. This included watching a movie after lunch before the youngsters embarked on making group posters, learning about the Countryside Code, creating electrical circuits to illuminate the lighthouses that they made and creating a mini-beast collage. Fortunately the rain eventually stopped and we were able to explore

the site and play 'pooh sticks' down by the stream the bottom of the camp (the stream by now a raging torrent of a river!) Alas this brief respite in the weather didn't last long and we had to escape indoors where we played team games for two hours before supper. Following a game of 'stand-up bingo' the younger members trudged begrudgingly to bed - though, alas, not sleep for several hours!

The weather for next two days improved with no rain - just gale force winds on the beach on Monday. However the children enjoyed rock pooling at Scarborough and picnicking in Peasholm Park where they also sailed on the dragon boats. In the afternoon we went to Scarborough indoor swimming pool. Filey Country Park was our destination on Tuesday followed by time on the beach and in the sea. Tea at McDonalds gave us all respite from cooking and washing up duties.

We also enjoyed a walk through the Forge Valley although non-existent and blocked footpaths made this a challenge for us all as did the unexpected deluge that caught us all out some three miles from our destination. (did nothing for my hair!)

There were also wide games - the Vanishing Postbox and POW (Prisoner of War), several games of rounders - why are our members so competitive - it's just a game! I don't know where they get it from! A highlight for the children was a visit to the fair and amusements at Scarborough on Thursday evening.

A very successful camp - enjoyed by all.

BEV HOWARD Group Scout Leader

When Adam met Eve

The topic for my class was palindromes, which are of course words or sentences that are the same read forward and backward. I asked the question 'What is the first thing Adam said to Eve?' I was expecting 'Madam, I'm Adam', but one student had a better reply: "Wow!"

Heaven?

My sister's dog had been deaf and blind for years. When she started with painful tumours, it was time to put her down. As I explained this to my seven-year-old son, he asked if Dotty would go to heaven. I said I thought she would, and that in dog heaven, she would be healthy again and able to do her favourite thing: chase squirrels. Jacob thought about that for a minute, then said, "So dog heaven must be the same as squirrel hell."

Budget

I have enough money to last me the rest of my life, unless I buy something.

Cheese

They say cheese gives you nightmares. Ridiculous! I'm not scared of cheese

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Hymn: the Story Behind ... Abide with Me

One of the most famous hymns in the world came out of Brixham, near Torbay, Devon, in 1847. In those days it was a poor, obscure fishing village, and the vicar was the Rev Henry Francis Lyte. It was a discouraging place to be a pastor, but Henry felt that God wanted him there, and so he stayed, though it was lonely work, and he suffered constant ill health. By the time he was 54, Henry had contracted tuberculosis and asthma, and he and his family knew he was dying. It would have been so easy for him to look back on his life and feel a complete failure. What had he ever much accomplished? And yet – and yet – Henry knew that in life it is not worldly success that matters, but how much we respond to Jesus Christ, and how much we follow him.

In September of 1847 Henry was preparing to travel to the south of France, as was the custom for people with tuberculosis at that time. One day before

he left, he read the story in the gospel of Luke about the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. They were met by Jesus on the day of his resurrection, and they invited him to stay with them because it was getting late. “Abide with us”, they said “for it is towards evening.”

“Abide with us - for it is toward evening.” These words struck a chord with Henry, who knew that it was getting ‘towards evening’ in his life. So he sat down and wrote this hymn as a prayer to God (*See inside front cover for the lyrics*). Shortly afterwards, he preached his last sermon. He was so ill he practically crawled into the pulpit to do so. A few weeks later, in Nice, France, he died, and so of course he never knew that his hymn would go on to become world famous, and that nearly 100 years later it would be the last hymn played by the brave musicians on board the Titanic the night it went down.

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Laid to Rest

Mary Veronica Blackburn

29th August 2014

August Roll of Remembrance

2nd	John Brooksbank	(1935)
4th	Clara Willis	(1979)
	Stanley Percival	(1984)
	Elsie Spencer	(1988)
8th	Davina Roberts	(1987)
	Norman Morgan	(2007)
9th	Florence Jenkinson	(1985)
11th	Herbert Wilkinson	(1952)
	Norman Wilkinson	(1985)
	Lena Place	(2003)
12th	John William Teale	(1947)
	Winifred Jennings	(1978)
14th	Edgar Hudson Jones	(1992)
15th	Russell Stead	(1982)

16th	Emily Robertshaw	(1982)
17th	Alice Newsome	(1992)
18th	Dorothy Williamson	(1971)
20th	Haydn Alpin	(1989)
24th	Emily Size	(1975)
	Herbert Curtis	(1984)
	Josephine Singleton	(1984)
26th	Dorothy Smith	(1980)
	Hilda Mary Jones	(2004)
27th	Amy Ridgway	(2010)
29th	Jane Marsh	(1981)

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