

Welcome to this Newsletter

At this time of year, the countryside around the Church is changing significantly and becoming more vibrant.

The Churchyard has been enhanced by the planting of a circle of crocuses last year. As can be seen from the top picture on the front of this newsletter and in the picture below, these put on quite a show a few weeks ago.



We look back on the very successful events and services we have had since the last newsletter was produced and look forward to the ones we will have over the next few months. You will find details of these in this newsletter, which we hope will be of interest.

More information is on the Church website:

www.lowertathamchurch.co.uk

This has a “**Contact Us**” page, which you are most welcome to use, should you have any queries.

Recent events and services:

“Afternoon Tea” event

On Sunday, 17th March, a celebratory “Afternoon Tea” was held in the Church to say A BIG THANK YOU to Friends and members of The 100 Club for their tremendous support over the past 6 years.

Welcome drinks were served as guests arrived and after short presentations from the Chair of the Friends, Colin Burford, and the Secretary of The Tatham History Society, Mike Winstanley, everyone took their seats to enjoy a homemade afternoon tea.

The picture below shows one of the tables set out for the event:



Some of the comments made were:

“All the sandwiches and cakes were absolutely delicious and it was so beautifully presented – a proper tea party!”

“We met friends, old and new, and made some new ones, as did so many. A great community event”

“It was a lovely gesture”.

Mothering Sunday service

On Sunday, 31st March, the usual Mothering Sunday service took place.

The congregation was over 40, including 1 child. Norman and Ann Dawson took a lovely service. The bells were rung and posies were given out. The Wenning Voices sang and the sun shone.

Future events and services:

Wray Scarecrow Week

The PCC are catering in Wray Institute on **Sunday, 28th April** from **9 am** onwards. Offers of help and baking – please contact: Linda Kirkby – 015242 21486 or: lindakirkby@aol.com

Wray Fair

On **Monday, 6th May**, we will have our usual stall at this traditional country fair. Again, for offers of help and to donate the usual bric a brac, books, plants and “Jam Jar Tombola” prizes, please contact Linda – contact details as above.

Joint Benefice Service and picnic

This will take place on **Sunday, 30th June** at 11 am.

Weather permitting, after the service, there will be the usual picnic with croquet and boules in the garden of The Old Rectory.

The Friends report:

After a very successful "Afternoon Tea" occasion in March, which was arranged by the Friends to thank our many supporters for helping us raise over £28,000 during the last five years, we now turn our attention to the next two events.

Firstly, a Summer Supper Social at Raw Ridding House, the lovely home of Richard and Rebecca Sanderson.

This will be a joint event by the Friends and the PCC and will take place on **Saturday, 20th July** with tickets on sale shortly.

Secondly, the ladies of our "Events" team are also working on arrangements for an evening concert of light classical and popular music to be given by Bibi, a delightful soprano with her own accompaniment.

More about that later in the year, but keep the date of **Saturday, 5th October** clear in your diaries.

On **Monday, 13th May**, commencing at **7 pm** in the Church, we shall be holding our AGM, followed by our regular two monthly meeting, to which all are welcome.

Margaret Whatmough, our hard working Secretary, is coming to the end of her current term of office and, consequently, will step down from this role at the meeting.

She is happy to stand again, if that is the wish of the meeting.

However, any other nominations for this position should be forwarded before the meeting to either Margaret (Tel: 07796 661891 email:

friendsofstjamesthelesschurch@gmail.com)

or the Chair, Colin Burford (Tel: 015242 21890 email: burfordcolin@gmail.com)

Our regular Church Services are at either 9 a.m. or 11 a.m. as follows:

On the first Sunday of each month we have a 'said' celebration of the Holy Communion **at 9 a.m.**

On the second and fourth Sunday of each month the services are **at 11 a.m.** with hymns and music. On the second Sunday, we have a Morning service, whereas on the fourth Sunday, we have a Holy Communion.

The 11 a.m. services are always followed by coffee/tea and biscuits when everyone enjoys having time to talk to each other in the true spirit of fellowship.

At present there is no service on the third Sunday in the month.

When there is a fifth Sunday in the month a Joint Service is held at one of the six Churches in the Benefice.

Further information is available on the "Services" page on the Church website ~ www.lowertathamchurch.co.uk

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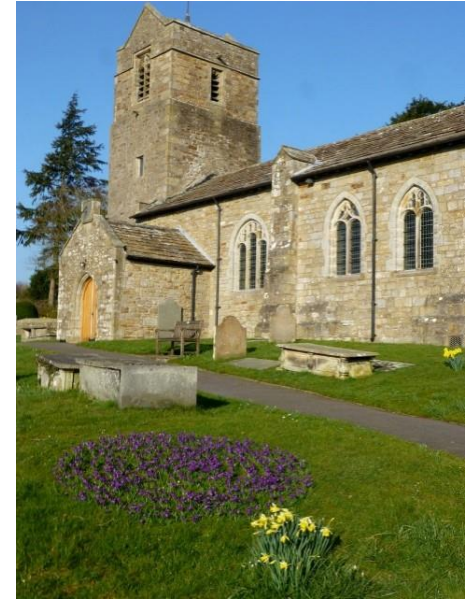
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