

Welcome to this Newsletter

Since the last newsletter was produced, despite the generally rainy weather, we have had some very successful events and services, and we look forward to the events and services planned over the next few months.

You will find details of these in this newsletter, which we hope will be of interest.

The end of May saw the wedding of Charlotte Ormondroyd and Nicholas Brown. The pictures on the front page of this newsletter and below were taken on this happy day and show the Church and churchyard at its best.



More information about the Church and its associated activities is available 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:

Wray Scarecrow Week & Wray Fair

The catering in Wray Institute on Sunday, 28th April & the usual stall at the Fair on 6th May raised over £1000 for Church funds. Many thanks are due to everyone who put so much effort into these events.

Joint Benefice Service and picnic

This took place on Sunday, 30th June. After the service, there was the usual picnic with croquet and boules in the garden of The Old Rectory. The croquet was won by the team of Mark Rowland and our Church Contact, Phyllis Holt, who can be seen “in action” in the picture below:



The boules was won by John Wilson, from Lowgill.

Summer Supper

This took place on Saturday, 20th July at Richard and Rebecca Sanderson’s lovely home, Raw Ridding House.

The rain and wind which had threatened the marquees for the previous two days finally abated as predicted by the Met office bang on 4pm and out came the promised sunshine. By 5.30 our guests had started to arrive. Many came early and took the opportunity to take a stroll round the glorious gardens before joining fellow friends and neighbours to enjoy a delicious "Summer Supper" provided by the PCC and The Friends.

Rebecca's quiz created a real buzz in the marquees, raffle winners were delighted with their prizes and 100 guests left claiming it had been "another really great night". The event raised just over £1600.

Thank you for your continuing support for our events which help to preserve The Church of St James the Less in the Lune Valley.

Future events and services:

Saturday, 21st September at 2 pm

Annual Grand Jumble Sale at Hornby Institute. Donations of jumble and offers of help to:
Linda Kirkby: 015242 21486 or email:
lindakirkby@aol.com

Saturday, 5th October at 7pm at the Church

We hope you will accept an invitation from The Friends of St James the Less to experience the creative and expressive soprano, Bibi Heal, who will enthral and delight us with ‘a friendly romp through centuries and styles’ entitled ‘Don’t Put your Daughter on the Stage, Mrs Worthington’.

Tickets £17.50 (which include refreshments):
Contact: **Sue Wood:** 01524 221170
Rita Murphy: 07962 710078
or email:

friendsofstjamesthelesschurch@gmail.com

Sunday, 13th October at 11am

The annual Harvest Service will take place.

Movies in the pews

Films start again this autumn on Friday nights on the following dates:

11th October, 8th November and 6th December, with a start time of **7.30pm**.

If you wish to go on our mailing list please email us on: moviesinthepews@gmail.com

or contact **Sue** on 07836 500091

or **Helen** on 07802 499934.

The Friends report:

By the Chair, Colin Burford.

Writing this on a day of sunshine following heavy showers last night, I cannot but reflect on how fortunate we were to be untroubled by the weather during the very successful evening at Raw Ridding House, an account of which you will have seen earlier in this newsletter.

The amount raised will, in due course, go towards further developments in and around the Church.

Our Events team are now looking towards our next evening of entertainment, when we will be delighted to welcome soprano, Bibi Heal.

Again, you will have read further details of this event earlier in this newsletter.

Looking forward to 2020, we are planning a concert by the Lancaster Singers and preparing to welcome again members of The Leyland Brass Band.

Further details of both these events will become available in due course, so watch this space!

Finally, the next meeting of the Friends will be on **Monday, 9th September at 7:30 pm** in the Church, to which all will be made very welcome.

PCC:

The next meeting of the PCC will be on **Monday, 2nd September at 7 pm** in the Church.

Our regular Church Services are at 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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