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The Vicar writes...

We possibly all know the hymn '*All things bright and beautiful*', written at a time when the world was slightly different place. It is regularly chosen for weddings and funerals; it's either a favourite or perhaps just well-known.

If you've sung the hymn recently you may have noticed that some verses have been removed from various hymn books. Even then not all of the verses printed are usually sung. But what a wonderful hymn to remind us of all that is good. Joan Senior, one-time verger at Delph, once shared with me that she thought it must have been written in Saddleworth because of the purple-headed mountains which is how she described the moors when covered in heather.

With the opening verse and chorus being...

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:
The Lord God made them all.*

...we get a feel that God has made this world for us to enjoy, that every single thing about it is for us. From the depths of the earth itself, with lichen deep underground in caves to the starry night, God has offered something for us to be amazed at in his creation. From the depths of the oceans with its profusion of strange and incredible animal and plant life to the planets and stars, God has provided wonders for us to behold and when ...

"God created it he saw that it was very good"
(Genesis 1 v.31).

In his letter to the Church in Rome Saint Paul writes that God is evident in creation (*Romans 1 v.20*) and the final verse of '*All things bright and beautiful*' emphasises that God has given us the ability to not just see the wonders of the world but to tell the story of God's wonder.

As we go about our daily business in Saddleworth we have the wonder of God's creation in our sights. Let us each share, not just the beauty of where we live, but also the majesty of God and the goodness of God in providing the world that we live in.

John



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Wellsprings El Tular

Wellsprings El Tular is a Saddleworth-based charity of largely church-based people who hold justice for the world's poor and caring communities as priorities.

Our work has been centred on a longstanding friendship link with El Tular, a poor rural community in El Salvador, for more than twenty years with surprising results.

We provide financial support, primarily towards development activities and education, and share friendship through visits in both directions.

To hear more about the activities of Wellsprings El Tular, and how you could take up an exciting opportunity to visit El Salvador in April/May 2020, we will be sharing in the 9:30am service at Christ Church Friezland on Sunday 27th October.



Maize fields surrounding the village of El Tular

For more information:

visit www.wellspringseltular.org
or email rosiebanham@live.co.uk

Rosie Banham
Chair, Wellsprings El Tular

Regular Sunday Services

St Thomas Delph

1st Sunday 8:00am Holy Communion (said)
10:30am Service of the Word

2nd Sunday 9:30am Informal Service
10:30am Holy Communion

3rd Sunday 8:00am Holy Communion (said)
10:30am Service of the Word
6:30pm Prayer for Healing
with Holy Communion

4th Sunday 9:30am Informal Service
10:30am Holy Communion

5th Sunday 8:00am Holy Communion (said)
10:30am All Age Holy Communion

Christ Church Denshaw

1st Sunday 10:30am Holy Communion (BCP)

2nd Sunday 10:30am Holy Communion (BCP)
6:00pm Evensong (BCP)

3rd Sunday 10:30am Holy Communion (BCP)

4th Sunday 10:30am Morning Prayer
6:00pm Evensong (BCP)

5th Sunday 10:30am Holy Communion (BCP)

Holy Trinity Dobcross

1st Sunday 9:30am All Age Eucharist (CW)
10:30am Holy Communion (BCP)

2nd Sunday 10:30am Morning Praise
and Sunday School

3rd Sunday 9:30am Little Fishes
10:30am Eucharist (CW)

4th Sunday 10:30am Family Eucharist (CW)

5th Sunday 10:30am Morning Prayer (BCP)

Christ Church Friezland

1st Sunday 9:30am Eucharist (CW)

2nd Sunday 9:30am Children's Eucharist (CW)

3rd Sunday 9:30am Morning Prayer

4th Sunday 9:30am Eucharist (CW)

5th Sunday 9:30am Eucharist (CW)

St Mary Greenfield

1st Sunday 9:00am Early Church ¥
10:30am Eucharist (CW)

2nd Sunday 9:00am Early Church ¥
10:30am Morning Prayer (CW)

3rd Sunday 9:00am Early Church ¥
10:30am Eucharist (CW)

4th Sunday 9:00am Early Church ¥
10:30am Eucharist (CW)

5th Sunday 9:00am Early Church ¥
10:30am Eucharist (CW)
6:30pm Eucharist

¥ 'Early Church' for children and young families.
On special occasions (e.g. Mothering Sunday,
Easter Day, Harvest, Christingle, Nativity, etc.)
we have just one service at 10:30am.

St Anne Lydgate

1st Sunday 8:00am Holy Communion
11:00am Children's Eucharist (CW)
(including Church Parade)

2nd Sunday 8:00am Holy Communion
11:00am Eucharist (CW)

3rd Sunday 8:00am Holy Communion
11:00am Morning Prayer

4th Sunday 8:00am Holy Communion
11:00am Eucharist (CW)

5th Sunday 8:00am Holy Communion
11:00am Eucharist (CW)



Permission to use 'Fall display with wheat for Harvest Altar' was granted by Connie Sprunger of Berne, Indiana, USA.

Connie said,

"I would be honoured to have you use our Thanksgiving altar for your magazine. Our family have been members of a small town United Methodist church. I believe that it is important to share our talents in order for others to experience a meaningful worship experience. My only request is that you send me a copy. God bless you in your ministry!"

St Chad Saddleworth

On the 5th Sunday all three of the worship centres worship together. The venue is rotated.

29th Sept 9:30am Eucharist at Parish Centre

St Chad Saddleworth - Parish Centre

1st Sunday 9:30am Children's Eucharist

2nd Sunday 9:30am Eucharist and Sunday School

3rd Sunday 9:30am Eucharist and Sunday School

4th Sunday 9:30am Morning Prayer and Sunday School

St Chad Saddleworth - Parish Church

1st Sunday 11:00am Sung Eucharist

2nd Sunday 11:00am Sung Eucharist

3rd Sunday 11:00am Sung Eucharist

4th Sunday 11:00am Morning Prayer

St Chad Saddleworth - Kilngreen

1st Sunday 9:30am Family Worship

2nd Sunday 9:30am Eucharist and Sunday School

3rd Sunday 9:30am Eucharist and Sunday School

4th Sunday 9:30am Eucharist and Sunday School

Regular Weekday Services

Christ Church Friezland

Tuesday 9:30am Eucharist (CW)

Thursday 7:00pm Eucharist (CW)
non-alcoholic wine

St Mary Greenfield

Wednesday 10:00am Eucharist (BCP)

St Anne Lydgate

Wednesday 6:00pm Family Worship

Friday 10:00am Eucharist (CW)

St Chad Saddleworth - Parish Centre

Tuesday 9:30am Eucharist

† Whit Friday United Service Uppermill †



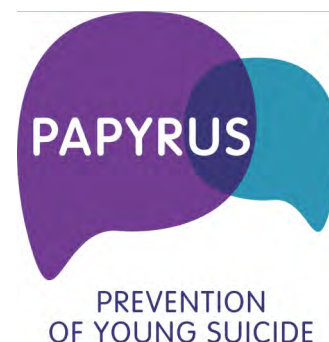
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The Whit Friday Walk of Witness street collection raised £1,162.64 for PAPYRUS

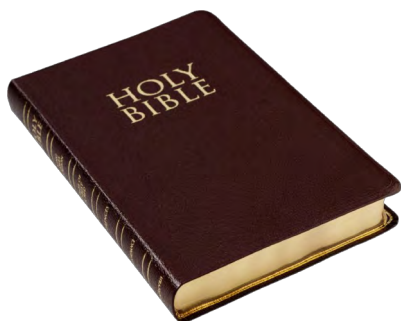
The churches included: St Anne Lydgate; Christ Church Friezland; Ebenezer Uppermill; Uppermill Methodist; Family Church Saddleworth; Sacred Heart & St William; St Chad Saddleworth; Kilngreen Mission Church; Holy Trinity Dobcross.

PAPYRUS provides confidential support and advice to young people struggling with thoughts of suicide.

PAPYRUS were also our featured charity in Issue 10 of The Grapevine.



A-Z of Discipleship - 'T' is for Taxes & Tithes



We're working our way through the alphabet looking at what it means to be an active follower of Jesus Christ.

There has never been a popular tax inspector! None of us really enjoys paying a quantity of hard-earned cash to the Government.

Taxes have been paid for many a century. Jesus was someone who courted controversy by spending time with the hated tax collectors. Hated, because someone like Matthew was a Jew working for the occupying Roman rulers. He would, perhaps, like many others, set his own rates so that any excess income went into his own pocket. No wonder it caused a stir when Jesus went for dinner!

Jesus doesn't seem to see any difficulty when it comes to considering whether to pay taxes
'to Caesar or not'
(Matthew 22 v.15-21).

If there is a ruling power which requests tax to pay for its services, then you pay. If you consider that rulers are put in place by God and nothing is by accident then it's clear. What you do have to do as well, though, is to work out what honour, gifts, offerings go to God in the way you live your life. One doesn't cancel out the other.

It's similar when Paul writes to the Roman people.
⁴Everyone must be subject to the governing authorities for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities which exist have been established by God.

⁶This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants...

⁷Give everyone what you owe: if you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honour, then honour.'
(Romans 13 v.1,6,7)

Of course the problems come when we're not able to see that the authorities govern well or even have the best interests of their people at heart. Many would then say that we work out how to honour God first, as the highest authority and if that includes civil disobedience, there is precedent for that. Personally, in this country, I would never advocate that final resort.

If we disagree with how the taxes are applied, then we must do as we are often bid to do:

'I urge that requests, prayer, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone, for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness'
(1 Timothy 2 v.1-2)

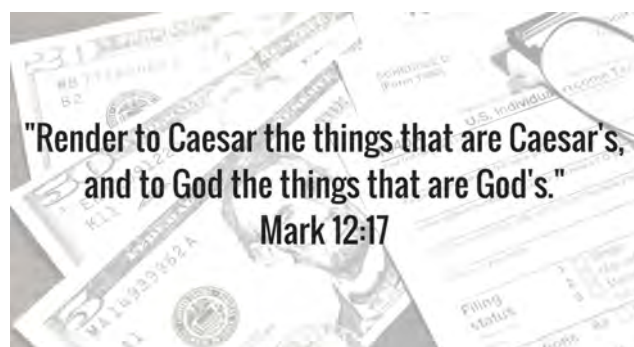
It's a tough job. Pray for those who do it.

So much for the proportions we are required to give. The Bible tells us about how a system of tithes, way back, proposed generous giving in thanks to God. When the crops emerged in the new land given to the Israelites by God, the very first portion (not the last, or the bit that was not so good as the rest and you didn't want to eat) was to be given to God

'A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees belongs to the Lord. It is holy to the Lord'
(Leviticus 27 v.30)

Later, in Malachi's words, people are said to be showing their contempt for God by withholding the best parts of their goods rather than recognizing the generosity of a good God in their lives and showing it by trusting him to give all they need by their readiness to give a sacrificial gift and share what remained with others.

In generous thanks or in respectful duty, our wealth is not our own to be hoarded or spent on ourselves, but is God's gift to be shared for the good of all.



INCLUSION CONFERENCE COMES TO MANCHESTER

St James and Emmanuel in Didsbury is hosting a conference designed to challenge and inform churches who are on a journey towards becoming more inclusive. The parish is part of Withington deanery which became the first inclusive deanery in the Church of England last year.

As the national Church wrestles with issues of inclusion, the 'Church for Everyone' conference will bring together prominent voices seeking to lead the Church of England into greater inclusivity, particularly in relation to sexuality.

Revd Nick Bundock, Team Rector, said "At St James and Emmanuel we have been exploring the many facets of inclusion since one of our own young people, Lizzie Lowe, tragically took her own life in 2014 – in part because of a perceived gap between her faith and her emerging identity as a gay woman.

"At the 'Church for Everyone' conference we will hear more about Lizzie's story and the legacy of transformation she released. We will also hear how a whole group of 12 churches took up the baton of inclusion together."



Bishop David, who is supportive of the conference, said I hope that this day will help Christians widen and deepen our welcome to those who God is calling to journey with us.

Tickets are on sale at
[www.stjamesandemmanuel.org/
church-for-everyone/](http://www.stjamesandemmanuel.org/church-for-everyone/)



This article was published in CRUX September 2019

Difficult Days - 'Not every disability is visible'

"Today was a Difficult Day," said Pooh.

There was a pause.

"Do you want to talk about it?" asked Piglet.

"No," said Pooh after a bit. "No, I don't think I do."

"That's okay," said Piglet, and he came and sat beside his friend.

"What are you doing?" asked Pooh.

"Nothing, really," said Piglet. "Only, I know what Difficult Days are like. I quite often don't feel like talking about it on my Difficult Days either.

"But goodness," continued Piglet, "Difficult Days are so much easier when you know you've got someone there for you. And I'll always be here for you, Pooh."

And as Pooh sat there, working through in his head his Difficult Day while the solid reliable Piglet sat next to him quietly swinging his little legs, he thought that his best friend had never been more right!



Westminster Abbey - 750th Anniversary

On Sunday 13th October, Westminster Abbey will celebrate the 750th Anniversary of its consecration.

This famous church is in the part of London known as the City of Westminster, close to the River Thames, and its full name is the 'Collegiate Church of St Peter in Westminster'. It became known as the 'minster' church in the west, in contrast to St Paul's Cathedral in the east.

Westminster Abbey is very old. In the 11th century Edward the Confessor built a church on the site of a Benedictine Monastery, but the building we see today was mostly built during the reign of Henry III (1216 - 1272) with a later chapel added in the Tudor era.

All crowned English monarchs since William the Conqueror have had their coronations in the Abbey and many are buried there. The shrine of St Edward the Confessor stands behind the high altar.

Just inside the west door, which is the usual entrance to the Abbey, is the most famous grave in England – that of the Unknown Warrior.

The body of an English soldier, whose name is not known, was taken from the battlefields of France in World War One and buried in the Abbey in 1920 to commemorate all the soldiers who have died in battle. The stone is a flat slab with an inscription and is usually surrounded by poppies.



Poets' Corner is a favourite with visitors to see the graves of Chaucer, Tennyson, Browning, Dickens, Kipling and others. Also from time to time the ashes of famous people, such as statesmen, soldiers, writers and scientists are interred.

Many Royal Marriages have taken place including that of Elizabeth II and Prince Philip in 1947.

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7th July Annabelle Blackman
4th August William James Skelton
Mason-Hall

St Mary Greenfield

31st August Jack Oliver Cornell

St Anne Lydgate

13th July Gemma Clark and
Christopher Thompson
14th July Eliza Ivy Kelly and
Max Joseph Painter
21st July Phoebe Harvey
28th July Harvey and Grayson Prescott
25th August Lola Dufeu

St Chad Saddleworth

28th July Remi Sky Dorothy Brown
4th August Thea Joy Dyson Whitehead

Shine as a light in the world

Funerals

Christ Church Denshaw

9th August Mary Helliwell

St Anne Lydgate

20th August Geoffrey Machan

St Chad Saddleworth

16th July Mona Jefferson
1st August Norman Christie
7th August Brian Gregory
8th August Joan Whelan
14th August Noel Bernard Buckley
29th August Phillip Carroll

Interment of Ashes

Christ Church Friezland

20th August Terence Worrall
At rest in the presence of God

Renewal of Marriage Vows

Christ Church Friezland

3rd August Duncan and Tina
Dickinson-Rhodes

Marriage Blessing

Christ Church Friezland

7th September Joseph Alexander James Donmall
and Ann Lucia Arigoni de Souza

Marriages

Christ Church Friezland

26th July Nathan Knowles and
Rosalind Kirkbride
24th August Alan Wragg and Sarah Davies

St Mary Greenfield

29th June James Alexander David Wright
and Hanyuan (Helen) Zhang
17th August Aaron Paul Brierley and
Sarah Elizabeth Booth

St Anne Lydgate

20th July Joshua Heywood and
Natalie Pollard
10th August Richard Ollerton and
Claire Buckley
30th August Charles Hayes and
Faye Orford
31st August Anthony Hall and Colette Astin

To love and to cherish



A view behind bars - 'Segregation'



I've often tried to give a view from behind bars of situations that bring hope or which cause sympathy where perhaps there has been none before. Those qualities are sometimes harder to find though.

Whilst being able to have time alone may feel like a gift to some, segregation in prison is only enforced under certain special circumstances and is where some of the grittier side of prison life is found.

In a few cases, a prisoner will have come to our establishment with a trail of bad relationships behind him. Perhaps, in difficulty, he was pressed into 'holding' a phone for someone, or he 'grassed' someone else. Maybe he needed something to smoke so badly that he ended up taking what he was offered for a high price and got into debt.

There is a real and frightening danger for some men when they find themselves incarcerated near to others who can hold a price on their heads. In some situations the only way people feel safe is to be segregated for their own good.



However, most others 'down the block' are deemed to have broken the prison rules: by being a threat to the 'good order' of the prison or be pending an adjudication of some alleged misbehaviour.

Their cell is stark. Besides the bed, toilet and basin, there is only a small table. They may have a radio but no TV. They spend all day and night locked up, apart from a period in the (small) exercise yard, a shower, a permitted phone call, or collecting their meal from a trolley. They are let out one by one to reduce the time for contact with others.

It doesn't stop them being ingeniously creative though. If you feel like lying on the floor, a small hole near the heating pipes is a good place to have your voice carry next door. Two prisoners, two cells apart, played chess by each making a board and pieces from paper and then shouting coordinates to explain their moves to each other.

But 'Seg' is not comfortable. For every one prisoner relieved to be there for their own safety, there are nine others, any of whom can be angry, mentally unstable and wanting to be noticed.

On many occasions I've entered 'Seg' to hear prisoners shouting and bellowing, doors being kicked, or abuse being hurled (sometimes at me). One memorable line was...

*"You're not fit to be a ***** chaplain"*

... which was roundly condemned, I'm glad to say, by the prisoner next door who couldn't fail to hear.

I've witnessed one man being 'restrained' as he kicked and aimed punches at staff; and there have been numerous times I've been told not to approach someone's cell in case he spits through the broken observation panel or because the 'bus shelter' (perspex door cover) is there to prevent officers and staff being targeted by whatever may be thrown as the door is opened. When a prisoner is being moved to 'Seg', officers are sometimes waiting in full body protection suits with plastic shields....just in case.

The prisoner acting as Orderly in 'Seg' could not be more pleasant. He permanently smiles and jokes but he, too, at times gets thoroughly fed up. Having taken a course in industrial cleaning at a previous prison, he's now called upon (and paid) to clean cells which have housed prisoners on dirty protests or cutting themselves. It's not worth imagining.

Keeping this little block of ten prisoners remotely happy are a band of officers who somehow maintain a black humour through it all, as they also deal with the daily required visits of Governor, chaplain, healthcare staff and others who note the issues of the day.

And yet....I've also met men wanting to share Communion, say prayers, talk about the Bible, do the crossword, colour pictures and keep hoping.

It's a strange life.

*Hilary Edgerton
HMP Buckley Hall, Rochdale*

St Thomas Delph

Summer Successes

Over the summer period we've had many successes to celebrate with young and old alike.

In the Delph Scarecrow competition Sheila Beresford was awarded 3rd prize with her 'Stick Man'; this is no mean feat with over twenty scarecrows competing. This year the standard was higher than in the previous two years so an especial well-done to Sheila.

Amongst our young people we've had GCSE, A Level and students graduating from university. As you can imagine those graduating have been job searching and looking to the next stages of their lives. Congratulations go to:

- † Edward Anchor had 9 good passes in his GCSEs and will be studying Geography, History and Chemistry at The Blue Coat School Sixth Form.
- † Isaac Thompson completed his A Levels in Geography, Mathematics and Physics, getting AAC respectively. Isaac commented that a B in Physics would have been preferable! Isaac is off to University of Lancaster to study Human Geography.
- † Thomas Anchor obtained three As in German, French and History. Thomas will be living at home whilst studying German and French at the University of Manchester.
- † James Lait has gained first class honours in Interior Design. As this article is written, on 3rd September James is starting his first job which is related to his degree.
- † Tom Rosedale gained an upper second class honours degree in Philosophy, Politics and Economics. Having graduated on a Friday Tom started work the following Monday in the Co-op call centre in Manchester. Although enjoying the training and the job, Tom is already considering how this position might be a stepping stone into the next job.
- † Izzy Woods gained an upper second class honours degree in The History of Art at the University of Warwick. Izzy is currently considering her future, investigating work opportunities and/or continuing her studies for an MA.

'Well Done' to everyone.

Richard Lambert Ordination



On 9th July 1979 I made a conscious decision to become a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ. So it seems very fitting that almost exactly 40 years later on 30th June 2019 I should have been ordained deacon in Manchester Cathedral. For me it had the feel of a confirmation of promises made long ago.

For most of my Christian life I had no sense that I was called to be a priest and then suddenly I did sense it. I use the website 'Pray-as-you-go' for my daily prayers and, day by day, I felt I was being asked, *'Do you feel the Lord is calling you to a special ministry?'* We were in France on holiday and one morning I decided to pray for a sign. The same afternoon, in the local cathedral, I came face to face with a large banner saying,

'A priest, why not you?'

I thought that, at the very least, this was something that should be checked out. It's quite a claim to say that you feel that the Lord God wants you to be one of his priests and the Church has a long and complex process of examination.



I thought that in view of my age the process might be speeded up but this was not to be, and in fact, when I'm ordained priest next year I'll be just short of my 70th birthday.

Richard Lambert

Congratulations Richard!!

Vera Bardsley retirement

2010 was a very eventful year. It was the year that John, Jacqui and Tom came to us; you could say that it was Glossop's loss and Saddleworth's gain. The people from Glossop who came to John's Induction Service were lovely, they sang beautifully and they gave some off-the-cuff advice:

*"If John asks for volunteers, don't look at him,
because if he catches your eye,
you'll find you've got the job!"*

It was also the year that as a church we started to read the Bible in a year using The One Year Bible. Leviticus was informative as I had shingles at the same time as reading the chapter on 'skin diseases'. I obeyed the word and dutifully stayed away from church until I was better. Funny how I listened to Leviticus and not the people of Glossop.



It was also the year that I stood in for Richard Lambert to lead a Monday 8:00am Morning Prayer. Richard had unexpectedly been called away and so I stepped in as a favour, something anyone would do for a friend. John noticed that my signature was in the service register, and I can almost hear the people of Glossop going "Ooooooh Nooooo!"

That's all it took, before I knew it I was leading 10:30am Service of the Word and my name was put forward to start the Authorised Lay Ministry (ALM) course commencing in 2011. The course taught me many things and experience taught me more. I met some smashing people who were enthusiastic to play their part in their own churches; they all had excellent credentials. My credentials were that I was on the cleaning rota and my position in church was, sitting at the back of church enjoying mint imperials during the sermon! If our pew was full we must have created a heavenly minty fug that floated around us.

Now that I'm retiring from leading services I can look back over the past eight years and say that on reflection I've enjoyed it. Each service has been different; each has had its own flavour, feelings and emotion. Once or twice I've felt something happen that I can only call a divine shift in the service. I can't pinpoint it or explain, but I knew that I wanted to hold on to it. I would find myself praying really hard that every word I would say would be God-inspired and that I wouldn't mess up.

I've done things that I never expected or thought I could do such as leading and singing 'The Custard Cream Song' or 'Jesus You're My Super Hero' *with actions*; I loved it, if only I'd had the cape!

I'm pleased to have been involved in many 'off shoots' of being an ALM such as planning services, working with young people on Confirmation courses, the privilege of leading Evening Prayer at Heights, lighting candles for loved ones on Christmas Eve and much more.

Of course you don't need to be an ALM to do many of these things. For me the training and having the Bishop's authorisation and therefore becoming answerable to him was important. It gave me assurance that I was on the right path and would keep my feet firmly on the ground. There are now nine electives to choose from on the ALM course; they are well worth taking a look at. You can find them at www.manchester.anglican.org

I would like to thank John who is also our ALM Chaplain for his support, patience, laughter and encouragement and to Richard Lambert who, by chance, unknowingly played a part in this story.

Vera Bardsley

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Christ Church Denshaw

Heritage Weekend

Like most other churches in the area, we were open for Heritage Days on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd September.



The open days gave the Eco team the opportunity to demonstrate the progress that had been made since they achieved bronze status in 2018. The church grounds have been improved further, thanks to the work of willing members of the congregation who came in over the summer to tidy the area and also clean up the gravestones that were to be used for the heritage days.

Denshaw is the burial place of several notable and interesting characters. A Heritage Trail was planned out and a route handed to visitors outlining the places of interest both inside and outside the church building. A great deal of interest was shown in the graves:

- † Morgan Brierley laid to rest in the village of his birth which was at Old Tame Mill (behind The Barracks Row);
- † James Booth (the first person to be buried at Denshaw);
- † Brandon Platt;
- † Alfred Turton;
- † and, of course, The Gartside's.

The West window was also of great interest. A most beautiful window in memory of actor Henry Gartside Neville. He was a member of the family responsible for the building of the church in the 1860s and who died in 1910 after an outstanding acting career.

The window was designed and installed by W J Pearce of Manchester, a prolific and notable stained glass studio in Manchester. Although their windows can be seen throughout the country, the Denshaw window is considered of note as it was reproduced on their advertising literature for some years after its installation. This fact created much interest, especially the 'All-seeing Eye' shining forth from the top of the window. This was well described by Mike Buckley in his 'History of Denshaw Church' copies of which were sold over the weekend.

The Gartside tomb also attracted the attention of visitors, being set to the right of the altar in a gated area with their family crest of a greyhound carved into the wood of the gate. The area is now used as a vestry.



Morgan Brierley, a well-known local historian, married Susan Gartside, who was gifted Denshaw House on her marriage to Morgan. He published several books and, as with Ammon Wrigley, we can discover much about the history of our area from his writings, which are sadly not always readily available these days. If anyone gets the chance to obtain one of his books, it would prove well worth the money to anyone interested in the history and environs of our area.

James Booth died on 3rd April 1864 and was the first person to be buried in the churchyard, interestingly at the expense of the Gartside's.

As always the war memorial caught visitors' interest and prompted visits to the graves of those who gave their lives in the two World Wars. Although Brandon Platt was laid to rest in a war grave in France, his parents set up a memorial for him in the village cemetery. Alfred Turton came from a well-known Denshaw family, he was killed in World War II and is listed on the War Memorial.

Eco progress was also on show which included the Eco Garden with bird boot making and of course dry stone walling all helping to make the days real family occasions, rounded off with tempting home-made cakes, and tea and coffee in church.

“Replace or Repair?”

With some of the older items in church and its environs, the question arises...

“Do we replace or repair?”

Often the repair can work out more expensive and less eco friendly than the replacement.

We recently had this dilemma when sprucing up the churchyard. Two hardwood benches on the church path, donated as memorials to families who had played a big part in church life over thirty years ago were in a poor state. The frames were still pretty good, so it was decided to look at repair.



Thanks to the skill of one of our newer members of the congregation who came forward with an offer of help, the frames were strengthened and new seat laths fitted, the whole thing was re-varnished. The end product looks set to be good for another ten years or so, thanks to people giving their time and using skills to help both the budget and the environment.

Autumn Activities

Looking forward to Autumn, the Eco Group are planning to lay a new section of hedge to improve the density for nesting birds next Spring. The present hedge is becoming open in the bottom and leggy and is less attractive both for humans and wild-life. For every square metre of well-laid hedge there will be at least one nest, something to look forward to through the dismal winter months.

Science and Faith Fair

No sooner were the children back in school than they were enjoying participating in the Science and Faith Fair, an excellent start to the academic year. Our main congregation also participated in the Fair during a service held on Sunday 15th September led by Revd John Rosedale.

Working with our Primary School



This Autumn we are hoping to work with Christ Church School and United Utilities to set up a practical demonstration of how much time and effort is involved in places where there is no piped water. This effort will highlight the volumes of water we all use on a daily basis and take for granted.

We will all learn how best we can conserve this precious resource. We are hoping this can also be used as a fundraiser with the children (and adults if they wish) carrying buckets of water from the lychgate up the church path to see just how heavy a bucket of water can be and how much effort is needed to carry it that short distance. Sponsorship per bucket has been suggested. We wonder what will be the most buckets anyone can manage to carry right to the top?

Freedom from Torture

The congregation would like to thank Dr Mike Johnson for coming to talk to us at Morning Prayer about his work with ‘Freedom from Torture’. Most of those attending were not familiar with the organisation and were most impressed with the admirable work carried out, especially the psychological help available for victims.



Despite the serious topic being discussed it was a pleasant morning and Mike and Bev Johnson were able to meet up with one or two of Mike’s old patients from his days at Saddleworth Medical Practice. Among the topics planned for our Morning Prayer are ‘Help for Asylum Seekers’ and ‘Saddleworth Street Pastors’.

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Holy Trinity Dobcross

Harvest Thanksgiving Services

*"All good things around us
are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord
for all his love."*

The well-known hymn "We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land" gives thanks to God for the fruits of the earth and the abundance of nature at harvest time.

This favourite hymn with its cheerful melody has a clear and positive theme. For many people, the hymn has been so much part of growing up, singing it in school and church and not needing a hymn book because we knew the words off by heart.



Harvest services have only been a feature of the Church of England for 150 years and yet it seems to play an important role in the Church's life, whether we live on the edges of farmland, as we do, or in the inner cities.

Every year we support local organisations, such as donating Harvest gifts to Oldham Food Bank, Oldham Asylum Seekers and charities for less fortunate families.



As part of our Mission Action Plan, we join with Holy Trinity Primary School to financially support WaterAid who believe that together clean water, sanitation and hygiene education provide the key to poverty reduction. By focusing on projects that combine these three elements, health benefits are maximised and the results are long-lasting and wide-reaching.

WaterAid reports that progress is being made but progress takes time. Its goal is that by 2030, everyone, everywhere will have clean water from hand pumps, wells and dams.

Our links with School play a big part in the Harvest Thanksgiving and we welcome everyone to two services:-

School Harvest Service

Thursday 17th October, 9:30am in Church


Headteacher Miss Travis, Governors, Staff and pupils wish to invite parents and friends from the community to the school service when harvest gifts will be brought to Church. There will also be an opportunity to listen to the wonderful choir and other items by the children.

Family Harvest Eucharist

**Sunday 20th October, 10:00am in Church
followed by Harvest Lunch.**

The Harvest Eucharist will be taken by Revd. Aaron Jackman. The gifts of fruit, flowers and tinned goods brought to Church will be distributed to elderly friends in the community as well as donating to Oldham Food Bank and Oldham Unity for asylum seekers.

We hope that you will stay on after the service to join in a shared Harvest Picnic Lunch. Please bring a contribution.

 There will be an opportunity to donate to WaterAid at either service.

Remembrance Sunday

Service of Remembrance

Sunday 10th November, 10:45am

This is the occasion when we have the chance to explore the theme of remembrance for the nation, for families and communities. We give thanks for those who have lived and died for freedom.



The service will be taken by Graham McGuffie. We will be joined by Dobcross Youth Band and by members of the Royal British Legion. We are delighted to welcome the new musical director of the Youth Band - Seth Livingstone who lives in the village and is an ex-chorister of Holy Trinity.

Congratulations to...

Adam and Sarah Wooding who were married at Saint Laurence Seale (Surrey Hills) on Saturday, 31st August. Proud parents, Paul and Beverley, and brother and best man, Richard shared in the celebrations with family and friends.



Adam was a pupil at Holy Trinity School, The Blue Coat School and graduated from the University of Warwick in 2011 with a Masters in Mathematics. Sarah graduated from University of Nottingham in 2012 with a BA in French and German and from University of Surrey in 2018 with a BSc in Adult Nursing. They met in 2013 at Woking Rotaract (Rotary for 18-30 year olds). Each Christmas, Adam returns to join the church choir at the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.

All at Holy Trinity send their love and best wishes to Sarah and Adam for a happy life together.

New Musical Director at Dobcross Youth Band

Seth Livingstone, a former pupil at Holy Trinity Dobcross Primary School and Crompton House, and graduate of Royal Northern College of Music, has recently been appointed Musical Director of Dobcross Youth Band.



A top class euphonium player, Seth worked with the beginners and training band whilst completing his teaching qualifications. The next generation of young banding talent in Dobcross is in safe hands. Best wishes for future successes, Seth, from everyone at Holy Trinity Church.



“Pledges on Justice and a Fairer World”

Last January, one of the three village services for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was held at Holy Trinity. During the services in Dobcross, Uppermill and Greenfield, members of the congregation were requested to make pledges for action towards a more just and fairer world.

The aim was to identify a list of twelve for each individual church to take on board. We decided to identify one pledge each month for prayer and action and to include it in the weekly pew sheet. Where possible the chosen pledge might be linked with church, local or national events e.g. October and Harvest gifts for Oldham Food Bank.

My Pledge for October - I will buy something extra each week for the Food Bank.

My Pledge for November - I will pray on a regular basis for politicians and leaders.

Holy Trinity Dobcross **HTD**
The Parish Church of Holy Trinity, Dobcross in the Benefice of Saddleworth, in the Diocese of Manchester, in the Province of York

Christmas Craft Fair
 at
Holy Trinity Church
 on
Saturday 30th November
 from 10:00am to 2:00pm

Crafts include:
Pottery, Textiles, Jewellery, Artisan Stationery, Woodturning, Photography, Rug-making, Antiques
 also featuring musical entertainment

Admission including Entry to Raffle: 50p
 (accompanied children free)

Refreshments: Tea, Coffee, Mulled wine, Mince pies

The Church of England in Saddleworth
“Celebrating God’s presence in all people.”

The parishes of St Thomas Deep, Christ Church Dewsbury, Holy Trinity Dobcross, Christ Church Farnfield, St Mary Greenfield, St Anne Lyggett, St Chad Saddleworth

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Christ Church Friezland

Ralph Vaughan Williams and Church Music

In spite of my musical upbringing, it wasn't until I joined Friezland choir in 1983 and sang hymns every week, that I came to understand how much Vaughan Williams had done for church music.

Born October 1872 in Down Ampney in Gloucestershire, his father was vicar of All Saints in the same village and his family were related to the Wedgwoods and to the Darwins!

He was the founder of the nationalist movement in English music and his large body of work (as many know) include operas, ballets, orchestral and chamber music, nine symphonies and lots of songs and choral music - a lot of which was strongly influenced by Tudor music and traditional English folk songs. In 1890 he went to the RCM. His teacher was the composer, Sir Hubert Parry and he developed a great respect for English choral music.

His first published work was the song "Linden Lea", written in 1901 and despite his agnosticism, he composed many works for church. In addition to arranging many existing hymns and creating hymns based on folk songs, he wrote several famous original hymn tunes, including: For all the Saints; Come Down O Love Divine (known as "Down Ampney"); He Who Would Valiant Be (known as "Monks Gate"); I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (known as "Kingsfold"); The King of Love My Shepherd Is; Teach Me My God and King; and O Little Town of Bethlehem.

He went on to select and edit The English Hymnal in 1906, which became the main hymn book of the Anglican Church at the time.

It is said - *"His music often leaves the listener with memorable melodies and rich harmonies that create a feeling of expansiveness and mysticism."* Many of his orchestral pieces have become (mine and) national favourites: The Lark Ascending is nearly always No.1 in the Classic FM charts! Fantasia on a Theme of Thomas Tallis is also well known. But for me, his work means much more; it often uplifts the spirit, evoking images of classical English landscape, with tremendous power to move our emotions and take us nearer to God, enabling music to provide a true religious experience, open for us all.

Howard Wrigley

Harvest Queen - Lexy Clark

Although it doesn't seem possible, my year as Harvest Queen is nearly over and Amelie Betts will soon be crowned as the new Harvest Queen.



I have really enjoyed representing our church at all the various events held at different churches throughout the year. I have been trying to raise funds for our church and for the charity "Crohn's and Colitis UK", who provide advice and support for those with Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis as well as helping to fund research into these debilitating conditions.

My fundraising activities have included a concert, cake sale, and the production of a "Favourite Recipes" book with recipes collected from members of the church congregation; the book should be on sale soon. I hope that Amelie enjoys her year as Harvest Queen as much as I have enjoyed mine and I would like to wish her good luck for her crowning and the year ahead.

Harvest Queen - Amelie Betts

I am very much looking forward to taking over as Harvest Queen this year. We are busy planning things for the crowning and thinking about what I'd like to do during the year ahead.

Everyone is welcome to join us for the Crowning on the afternoon of 12th October.

Afternoon Tea Dance



Sunday 13th October

1:00pm to 4:00pm

Friezland Church Hall,

Oaklands Road,

Greenfield, OL3 7LQ

Cost £6 per person

includes hot food, cakes, tea & coffee

For Tickets contact:

Jill Barrett on 07837 406104

Elaine Cartwright on 07764 658349

Baptism - 4th August

William James Skelton Mason-Hall was baptized by Revd Mike Donmall on 4th August at Christ Church Friezland.

It is interesting to note that Revd Mike is using the portable font from Kilngreen Mission Church.

The photograph of the baptism party is opposite.

Eco Tips

Fast Fashion Fading?

Fast fashion or 'inexpensive clothing produced rapidly by mass-market retailers in response to the latest trends' is a real problem for our environment as well as potentially hindering ethical and fair trade.

Our local Emmaus Community do a fabulous job of recycling any clothing items you are fed up of wearing and you can probably pick up something to replace them! From school uniform bits and bobs to ball gowns - you can pick up a bargain bag of four items for £5 or choose to pay a little more for vintage or designer labels, albeit still a bargain!

Why not have a bargain snack and a drink in Lucie's café while you shop?

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St Mary Greenfield

Village Cricket

Our churches all play an important role in the heart of our communities, but in this issue of The Grapevine I want to 'sing the praises' of another focal point in our village, and that is Greenfield Cricket Club (GCC).

The club has a fascinating history, having originated as Bentfield (named after the nearby woollen mill) Cricket Club in 1865, and becoming Greenfield Cricket Club in 1899. Since then it has been home to countless local players and officials and has hosted many exciting matches. The club has a long and proud record of success in both league and cup matches, and in more recent times, its children and youth teams have particularly flourished. It's the club's encouragement of young people and their achievements on which I wish to focus, as several of them are or were members of our church and school.



All Greenfield Cricket Club coaches are qualified at English Cricket Board levels 1 to 3 and all are certificated First Aiders, have enhanced DBS checks, and have undergone child protection training. These high standards of professionalism and the club's progressive ethos of developing their young cricketers have contributed towards them being awarded the prestigious CLUBMARK.



Between April and September, the ground and its facilities are seldom empty, with training, competitions, matches and social events all taking place. The juniors practise on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings whatever the weather. They are recruited through the club's involvement with the two village schools and from the wider community in Saddleworth and beyond.

After the end of the season, 'winter nets' training takes place between November and Easter using the indoor facilities at Saddleworth School; there is no rest from raising champions!

Children are encouraged to start at the club from the age of five. Between the ages of 5 and 8 they can become a member of Greenfield Cricket Club All Stars for an annual fee of £40.00. They receive a shirt with 'All Stars' and their name on it, a cap, rucksack, water bottle, and a bat and ball, and also an hour per week of tuition and coaching over an eight-week period.



The club's achievements with its young people is incredible. In the last season it had seven teams of young people, both boys and girls, and it currently has three girls who train with the Lancashire Women's/Youth squad. In addition, two GCC boys play for the Lancashire Youth Team and the highly successful Under 11s Oldham Boys' Team includes five GCC lads.

The Club is justifiably proud of its record of success, such as the momentous year when all five of its youth teams, according to their age groups, won either the league trophy or another cup. In fact in every year since 1992, one or more of the club's teams of adults and younger people have won one or more trophies.

Whatever their age when they joined, many of the children and young people remain with the club, and several members of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd eleven adults' teams have been with the club since they were small. It seems to me that the young and not-so-young all love the game and they love GCC. Playing cricket, making friendships, and supporting the club in so many ways, mean that they all enjoy having fun together. Indeed, the social side of the club encompasses whole families and not just the individuals who play the game.

Every aspect of the club's life was brought together on 7th July this year when they hosted a match, between the touring Australian Girls' Team (from Newcastle, New South Wales) and Lancashire's Regional Development 2nd Team, which the Lancastrians won! It was a wonderful day for the whole village when so much was shared and enjoyed, including spontaneous games of rounders and football being played after the cricket match, between the visitors and those connected to GCC, all of which have made some many happy memories.

I am grateful to Fred Bottom, the club's Junior Section Coordinator for the information he provided for this article, but the final word must go to some of the young people who enjoy this wonderful facility in our midst, and who gain so much from being a part of Greenfield Cricket Club.

Lucy Johnson told me: *"I like playing cricket at Greenfield because it is a chance to make new friends and play in a team sport. Also cricket is considered a boys sport and so it is nice to show that girls are just as able and helps to promote equality and inclusivity."*

Keziah Cooke said: *"Cricket is a really nice team game because everyone gets to have a go at everything and you all get a hot dog when you play a match at Greenfield. And you get to meet lots of different people you haven't met before."*



Alexander Harrison said: *"I absolutely love playing cricket at Greenfield and I've made lots of friends. The coaches are really good and make the training fun. The games for under 11s and under 13s are great. And we get to see other cricket grounds. Sometimes the games are quite intense, but this is a good thing because it makes you try really hard"*.

Greenfield Cricket Club is a credit to all those involved and a valuable asset to our village.

Thank you...

...to everyone who supported our afternoon tea and handbag sale, which was accompanied by the melodious sounds of our recently repaired organ. Over £700.00 was raised, for which we are very grateful.

Remembering

At 10:30am on Sunday 10th November, we will be holding our annual service of remembrance, when we will honour all those who have suffered and died in war and conflict, including those whose names are on our memorial tablets.



During October and November we will also be remembering all those connected to our church who have died and whose names are written in our Book of Remembrance for these two months. They are: Patricia Kathleen Cuff, Arnold Loveridge, Richard David Sands, Meg Jones Taylor, Albert Warren, John Andrew Cleverley, and Bernard Shelbourne.

***May they all rest in peace,
enfolded in the eternal love of God.***

With my love and all God's blessings,

Barbara

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St Anne Lydgate

Gardening with Anne

My garden has produced better this year, perhaps due to the fact we had a little more rain than last year along with the hot summer sun on several days.



I have lots of lovely tomatoes, many are the golden variety which are so sweet and tasty, nothing beats picking a warm tomato fresh from the greenhouse. They are not so difficult to grow and I can promise you it's worth giving it try. My garlic was fabulous and should be planted in October as it needs cold frosty weather to develop.

I also grew chillies; they can be easily grown on a window sill if you don't have much room. It's easy to make Chilli Apple Jelly, you just need some chillies, apples and sugar; 'Google' the recipe, so easy!



The courgettes, potatoes and onions have been a great success - easy to grow in pots or bags.

I thank God for our wonderful seasons helping me to grow my fruit and vegetables; we need the lovely summer sun, the rain and the cold to produce our crops to enjoy throughout the year.

Anne

May Queen Events

Our May Queen, Katie, and her retinue will be hosting the following events to raise funds for their nominated charities (RSPCA & Church Funds):

Saturday 12th October, 6:00pm

Family Race Night in the Parish Hall.

Tickets £5 per adult and £2.50 per child which includes supper.



Saturday 16th November, 7:00pm

Tropic Party in the Parish Hall

(Skin & hair care & makeup products).

An opportunity to purchase lovely Christmas presents as well as treating yourselves.

Tickets £5 per adult and £2.50 per child (under 18).



Everyone welcome!

Tickets can be purchased from Sam Lowe on 07725 535622.

Love Lydgate Events

7th October, 2:30pm

Refresher First Aid Course

in the Parish Hall. £3.00 per person.

All proceeds towards the refurbishment of the Parish Hall.



15th October, 10:30am to 12 noon

Coffee Morning at the White Hart Lydgate (always on the 3rd Tuesday of the month).



3rd November, 12:30pm for 1:00pm

Tenth Anniversary Love Lydgate Lunch

at the White Hart, Lydgate.

Lydgate Band will be playing.

All welcome. £27.50 per person.



4th November, 2:30pm

Recycling! in the Parish Hall. Tickets: £3.00

Joanne Stanley from Oldham Council will give a talk about recycling.

Did you know if one resident puts the incorrect item in the recycling bin the whole truck load is contaminated?

Come and find out how YOU can help the planet.



Please join us! We would love to see people from neighbouring villages and churches.

Please contact Jennifer Greenwood, lovelydgate@btinternet.com

The Festive Fayre

Sunday 24th November, 12 noon to 3:00pm

Raffle, various tombola stalls, home-bake, Christmas cakes, cards, café.

Other assorted stalls too.

Free entry.

Come and join us. All very welcome.

Contact Kath on 0161 624 1905 for further information

Lydgate Band

The Band meets in the Parish Hall on a Monday night from 7:30pm to 9:30pm.

If there is anyone who is interested in joining us please ring John Yates on 01457 873048.

Recycling for Church funds

We are now in a position to collect various ICT equipment which includes, but is not limited to:



PCs, Laptops, PC Monitors, Servers, Tablets, Photocopier & Printers, Mobile Phones, Mice, Games Consoles, Routers, Keyboards, Cables, Smart Devices, EPOS Systems, etc.

Please bring them to the church or parish hall for storage until collection.

For more information please contact Sue Willett on 0161 425 7909 or 07808 474743

MAY QUEEN KATIE AND HER RETINUE PRESENT

FAMILY RACE NIGHT

SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM, 1ST RACE 6:30PM

ST ANNE'S CHURCH HALL, LYDGATE

TICKETS £5.00 INCLUDES SUPPER

(CHILDREN UNDER 12 £2.50)

ALL PROCEEDS TO GO TO RSPCA & CHURCH

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St Chad Saddleworth - Parish Church

'Save Saddleworth Church'

On behalf of the 'Save Saddleworth Church' team, I hope sincerely that this is the first of many letters I write to you. As a St Chad's Parishioner of some 30 years or more I am confident that we can come together to save our iconic and historic Church.

That aside, saving historic buildings is, so it seems, not easy and thus far things have not gone entirely to plan. After a few false starts the building still requires serious work with estimates over £1million.

Following the consultation held at the Parish Church in March, a plan has been developing and the 'Save Saddleworth Church' (SSC) team has now taken shape. The team has begun to really understand the challenges ahead and we have the right people in the right roles. I am the chairperson, and the team is now an official sub-committee of the PCC. I do not pretend to understand all the issues that lie ahead but as a Chartered Civil Engineer and a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors I understand well, some of the technical problems that we face.

I share the vision given to us by Canon Sharon, though we do need to clearly define what we would like to ultimately achieve. Part of this process will be to develop a business plan to use in funding applications, alongside promoting active community fundraising projects that have and will be taking place. Accordingly, the team will provide further consultation to allow everyone to contribute and share a common vision.

In parallel, the detailed design work required to save the East Window is ongoing and ideas for further fundraising are in development. Fiona Ward has undertaken huge amounts of preparatory work for the group to build upon.

We still need fresh ideas, approaches and funding though and I'd ask that as many people as possible attend the forthcoming events and consultation. Please contact myself or Fiona Ward for more information or if you'd like to get involved.

Until next time, thank you.

Peter Greenhalgh

All Souls Service

An All Souls Service will be held at 4:00pm on Sunday 3rd November at the Parish Church where all who have died will be remembered. All welcome.

Summer in the Parish

Summer is always a busy time in our Parish. The schools visits and services, concerts, Yanks weekend and Rushcart keep us on our toes. The Celebration of Youth concert, arranged by Saddleworth School, was superb.



To accommodate the brass bands the choir pews were moved back to make a large performance space. The four youth bands were fantastic, two from Norway, Dobcross Youth Band and Saddleworth School Band.

We then had a beautiful arts exhibition for a week. Visitors enjoyed the many, varied styles of the very talented locals. Thank you to Kilngreen Art Group for organising it.



Art Exhibition Organisers
Left to Right: Kath Airey, Carol Whittle, Janet Iles

At the end of the week there was a wonderful brass quartet concert as part of Uppermill Music Festival.

Almost all of Saddleworth School visited the Church over four days in July as part of a walk around Saddleworth visiting special buildings. At the Parish Church, Dr Eileen Bentley gave a short talk and

demonstration of the organ and at the Parish Centre they viewed and discussed an art exhibition.

During Rushcart, we enjoyed a glorious sunny day when the Morris Men took part in the service and strewed rushes and herbs on the church floor as would have happened years ago to keep the church warm. It is always an uplifting service; around 300 people attended with many sat up in the gallery. Thank you to all who helped to make the service and afternoon so successful.



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The Rushcart banners stayed up for Heritage weekend as well as a display about the connection of Saddleworth to Peterloo.

Alison Coates

St Chad's Ramblers - Glasson Dock

Our third outing of 2019 was on Saturday 13th July when 15 of us met at Condor Green near Lancaster for a walk along the Lancashire Coastal Way to the remains of Cockersand Abbey.

The weather was perfect. It was dry with sunny intervals and a gentle breeze. The route took us along the old railway into Glasson Dock, a small active port connected to the Lancaster Canal.

From here we walked up to Tithe Barn Hill at all of 48 feet above sea level, but offering wide views of the Lune Estuary. Then we were soon on the shore line which we followed to Cockersand Abbey.

Here we ate our picnic whilst watching a whole variety of sea birds feeding on the sandbanks being exposed by the fast retreating tide.



The 'Manxman' Isle of Man ferry also put in an appearance from over the horizon as it made its way into Heysham Harbour. Following our break we continued along the coast for a further half a mile to Bank Houses before turning inland to return to the start where we finished with light refreshments in the Lune Café.

Andy and Tracy Waller.

Harvest Services



We look forward to the Harvest Services at each worship centre on Sunday 6th October, where gifts are received for the Booth Centre for the homeless in Manchester and for the Oldham Food Bank.

All are welcome at the services: 9:30am at the Parish Centre, 10:00am at Diggle Allotments, and 11:00am at the Parish Church.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 3rd October, 10:00am
St Chad School Harvest Service



Saturday 12th October
St Chad's Ramblers Walk



Sunday 3rd November, 4:00pm
All Souls Service



Remembrance Sunday 10th November
Service of Remembrance at 'Pots & Pans'



Monday 11th November
Service of Remembrance at memorial in Uppermill Park

St Chad Saddleworth - Parish Church, Church Lane, Uppermill, OL3 6LW

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St Chad Saddleworth - Parish Centre

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Travelling Crib

For those not familiar with the custom, a crib is passed amongst families within the parish each day between Advent Sunday and Christmas



Eve. The crib travels on a journey, just as Mary and Joseph travelled to Bethlehem before the birth of Jesus. With the crib comes a candle, prayer and a book telling the Christmas story. Also there is a diary to record the visits made, in which families may write, draw, or stick in photos etc.

We have three travelling cribs for the youngsters in our parish:

- † Kilngreen Sunday School
email sarah.barlow@talk21.com
- † Parish Centre Sunday School
email lizzierooke@gmail.com
- † Seeds Group
email lizzierooke@gmail.com

All families in the parish are welcome to participate in these journeys. It is not restricted to members of our congregations - friends and neighbours who do not attend are also invited to join in.

All the cribs will begin their journeys by being blessed in church on Advent Sunday 30th November and will return to the Parish Church for the Crib Service on 24th December.

Please get in touch with the contacts if you would like the crib to visit your home this year.

Coffee Mornings for Charity

Almost every other Saturday
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Admission £1.



We have delicious homemade refreshments (including gluten free), a raffle, a bookstall and information about the charity we are supporting.

If you are in Uppermill and would like to pop in, we would love to see you... the kettle will be boiling!

Saturday 5th October
Prevent Breast Cancer



Saturday 18th October
Save Saddleworth Church



Saturday 2nd November
Church Urban Fund



Saturday 16th November
Save Saddleworth Church



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Monday 11th November
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Saturday 23rd November
Craft Fair in Parish Centre



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Thanks to Hilary who recently saw a reference to OLIO in a newspaper.

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Big Picture Discussion Group

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hilaryedgerton@cofeinsaddleworth.org.uk

or Val Stocker valstocker61@gmail.com



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St Chad Saddleworth - Kilngreen

Kilngreen Art Group

Kilngreen Art Group meets at Kilngreen on Tuesday mornings from 10:00am to 12 noon and is led by local artist Sheila Dewsbury. In the summer several members of the group decided to hold an 'Art and Craft' exhibition at the Parish Church in order to raise funds towards the restoration of the Church; this took place on the first week of July.



The exhibition was the brainchild of Kath Airey and Carol Whittle from the Art Group, along with Janet Iles. The plan was to do something positive towards the extensive repairs needed to save the Parish Church and hence the idea of an art and craft exhibition was born.

The event offered a chance for people to see the work of the art group, the beautiful interior of the Church and to demonstrate how it could be used more to benefit the local community.



Alongside work by members of Kilngreen Art Group and some local invited artists, Janet Iles displayed a range of banners that she has made for Café Church, which is held bi-monthly at the Parish Centre.

Local crafters were also in attendance such as Carol Calvert from Knitted Novelties and Janet Hanley, who displayed some lovely knitted "afternoon teas".

In addition, Mike Donmall, a member of our clergy team, displayed his expertise as a violin and cello maker, a hobby that has meant over 8 years of work to create one instrument!

Exhibition visitors were entertained by several musical groups and individuals over the art weekend including:

- † "UKAN Do It", a local Ukelele group which meets at the Satellite Centre in Greenfield;
- † "Sound Souls of Saddleworth", a lively group of local ladies who enjoy singing soul music;
- † Martin Holbrook on Saxophone;
- † local youngsters Hannah, Tom and Ruby with some lovely viola and cello playing;
- † Eric Kirkbride, organist from Holy Trinity Dobcross also entertained everyone on one of the afternoons.

Janet Iles also provided craft activities for children, including painting stones and small key rings and canvases.

A grand raffle was also held during the event, which raised £800 towards the total of £2,000 for the restoration fund.

A big thank you to everyone in the Art Group, parish congregation members for helping with refreshments and the raffle and everyone for their contribution to the event.

Diggle Diamonds

All older residents of Diggle are welcome to the regular 'Diggle Diamonds' coffee mornings at The Gate Inn. There is a small entrance fee, followed by coffee, friendship, and a raffle.



We have a summer day trip each year and a Christmas dinner and party at Kilngreen in December.

Coffee morning dates are: 12th October, 16th November

The Christmas Party will be held on 7th December at Kilngreen.

Family Services at Kilgreen

Family Services are all-age worship, so everyone is welcome. The September Family Service was led by Sarah Barlow and Geoff Iles.

This was a service designed for school children as they go back to school but was relevant to us all.



We looked at three themes of: clean slate; starting out; and new year new me. We used Bible readings from the Old and New testaments along with Nutella, lemons, play dough and prayers to think about starting afresh.



God will mould us into the people we need to be, if we let him!

Family Service Dates

6th October Diggle Allotment Service
 3rd November Janet and Geoff Iles
 1st December Advent Family Service
 15th December Sunday School Nativity

Christmas Fair

Saturday 9th November

2:00pm to 4:00pm

Don't forget to come along to the annual Church Christmas Fair.

There will be tombola, raffle, home-baking, bottle stalls and others; lots of competitions and Christmas items on sale, plus refreshments. We will be having a visit from Father Christmas; children are encouraged to visit him in his Grotto with their Christmas lists!



If you have any items for the fair or could bake for the day, please do let us know. Items can be left at the Church or also at either the Parish Church or Parish Centre. All enquiries to Chris Bocking.

Diggle Harvest at The Allotments.



This annual outdoor service will be held on **Sunday 6th October at 10:00am**. Diggle B Band will assist us in our singing.

All welcome!

All gifts received will be taken to the Booth Centre for the homeless in Manchester and for the Oldham Food Bank.

(If it's really wet, you are likely to find us in The Gate instead.)

St Chad Saddleworth - Kilgreen Church, Lee Side, Diggle, OL3 5JY

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Dad Aaron tells us that the children count down the days until they are booked to come for respite stays like 'waiting for Christmas'.

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Hannah said:

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"Massage is an excellent way to increase connection and bring comfort to an individual and can be a great way to enhance the time you spent visiting."

Hannah has worked with people aged between 14 and 100 and can deliver workshops or work on a one-to-one basis for anyone caring for a sick or elderly relative, as well as working in a care home setting.

From an article by Tony Bugby, Stalybridge & Mossley Correspondent.



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