

Welcome to our Newsletter

Friends

The Friends of St. James the Less Church, Lower Tatham, has been in existence for 18 months and has been registered with the Charity Commission since earlier this year.

It is a very active organisation which has already raised over £5000 to be used in due course for the benefit of the Church. How it is spent will depend very much on the PCC who are currently focussed on the possible removal of the organ and utilisation of the resultant space.

In the meantime, the Friends will continue with their fund raising activities. In addition to the very successful 100 Club ably managed by Sue Wood (see separate article), the Friends have organised several very successful events and have a number of others in the pipeline. Our most recent event was, of course, the opening of "Wennington & Tatham's Secret Gardens" early in July. We were overwhelmed and delighted with the number of visitors and, thanks to the generosity of several residents in Wennington and Tatham, we were able to provide an interesting and informative day to all who came along. Furthermore, we raised £1500 during the day, so well done to all who were involved.

Our next event will be held on 31st October when we will be hosting members of the Leyland Brass Band (see separate article). Persuading the Band to come and play in the Church is quite a coup and consequently tickets are going very quickly. Special thanks to Claire Danz for her very persuasive talents. We are also delighted with the success of the Wenning Singers, a regular Thursday evening activity organised by Lucy Leather. Encouraging a greater use of the Church is one of our main objectives and the singing group, open to anyone who wants to come along, is an ideal initiative. The Singers are now turning their attention to Christmas when we hope that they will be coming out into the community with carols and festive cheer.

The next meeting of the Friends will take place at The Bridge Inn, Lower Tatham on Monday, 9th November 2015 at 7:30 pm.

Anyone wishing to join us and assist with the preservation and development of the Church and promoting the Church's greater use by the community will be made very welcome.

100 Club

The Friends have launched a "100 Club" in order to raise funds for the development & maintenance of the Church buildings.

For those who are not familiar with 100 Clubs, the idea is that people give a monthly amount, and, depending on the amount they give, are allocated one or more entries into a prize draw each month. 35% of the total raised is returned in prizes each month to lucky winners chosen at random.

There are now 84 members and the last draw took place at the Harvest Festival on 27th September when the total prize money was £145.25.

The first prize of £83 was won by Rita & Jim Murphy.

The second prize of £41.50 was won by Dorothy Gibson and the third prize of £20.25 was won by Mel Winstanley.

The next draw will take place at the Brass Band Concert on Saturday, 31st October.

We would like to reach our goal of 100 members by the end of the year, so if you or anyone you know would like to join, please pick up a leaflet from Wray Post Office or from the Church or contact Sue Wood on 015242 21170 or download one from the Church website:

www.lowertathamchurch.co.uk

Thank you for your support.

Recent events

Annual Jumble Sale

This raised an amazing amount of £1176.14. The tables were laden and the atmosphere was buzzing. Many thanks to all the team of helpers.

Harvest Service

This service on Sunday, 26th September was well attended and the music supported by the first public performance by the newly formed "Wenning Singers" under the skilled leadership of Lucy Leather. It was quite amazing to hear what can be done with a group, many of whom do not regard themselves as musical, with a good leader and practice. The group started the service with an Introit "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" (also known as the Doxology) and finished with "Donna Nobis Pacem" sung as a "round". This certainly contributed much to the service and was well received and applauded. Thanks are due to the skill and work by Lucy and we look forward to future performances.

The service was followed by a delicious lunch of home-made soup, bread & cheese at The Old Rectory. The Church was beautifully decorated and the celebration of Harvest was enjoyed by all.



Forthcoming Services and events

Saturday 31st October at 7 pm

Leyland Brass Band Concert- hosted by The Friends. We are delighted and privileged to welcome members of this famous Band who will be performing a selection from their repertoire. The concert is entitled "10 Piece in Tatham" as there will be 10 Band members in the ensemble and will include popular pieces to tap along to. The Band are internationally renowned and have performed all over the UK and far beyond so we are sure of a fantastic evening with music of an exceptional standard.

Tickets are £15, which will include supper and a glass of wine and are available from Sue Wood-015242 21170 and Rita Murphy-015242 21537.

Thursday 24th December at 6:30pm Christmas Eve Carol Service

All are welcome at this traditional Service and to join us for seasonal refreshments at The Old Rectory afterwards

Sunday 10th January 2016 at 11am Plough Sunday Service

Followed by scrumptious Bacon Butties.

You do not have to live in Tatham to be part of our community. We welcome people from the wider area too.

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 from the Church website ~ www.lowertathamchurch.co.uk

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