

Welcome to this Newsletter

It has been a busy few months for everyone associated with this Church.

In this newsletter, you will find details of various events & services, both in the past, and in the future.

It is hoped that you will find it of interest and we look forward to seeing you.

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

Jazz & Fizz Evening

On 14th July, over 100 people were welcomed to the home & garden of Willis & Jackie Harrison.

The High Society Jazz Band performed all evening to their usual high standard, accompanied by a delicious Summer Buffet.

The weather was perfect, which, of course, helped the event to be such a success.

The picture below shows the Band "in action":



The Jumble Sale

The annual Grand Jumble Sale took place on Saturday, 8th September, co-ordinated, as usual, by Linda Kirkby, who, with the fantastic team she got together, made the event a great success.

A goodly sum of money was raised, thanks to the efforts of the helpers & the incredible generosity of the local people who donated so many items.

The picture below shows the event in full flow:



Harvest Service

On Sunday, 23rd September this annual celebratory service took place. It was well attended, and, over 30 members of the congregation enjoyed a soup & cheese lunch after the service at The Old Rectory.

A picture of the decorated font is on the front page.

"Let there be light"

Thanks to the persistence & "connections" of John Parkinson, the street light by the Church car park has been replaced by the council with a "halo/mini spaceship" style one.

Not only does it look pretty "cool"; it illuminates the Church car park as well as the road, which the council initially said they wouldn't do.

Many thanks, John.

Future events and services

Movies in the Pews

It has been a long time planning and a big learning curve with the hired professional equipment but finally, Movies at St James the Less has started with its first showing on 5th October. We had a great audience and everyone enjoyed the evening very much.

Films will be on the first Friday of every month through the winter, 7pm for 7.30pm start. Under the terms of our licence we are not allowed to advertise the films, so please email:

moviesinthepews@gmail.com if you would like to receive information.

Leyland Brass Band

Members of this Band return to perform in the Church on:

Saturday, 20th October, at 19:30pm.

For the few remaining available tickets (£15 including light refreshments) contact:

Sue Wood on 015242 21170 or

Rita Murphy on 07862 710078.

Remembrance Sunday

On **11th November**, commencing at **10:30 am**, there will be the usual commemorative service.

One of the service's themes will be the treatment of women in war. This year, it is hoped that a group of local bell-ringers will render an appropriate "ring" of this Church's relatively heavy bells.

Christmas carols & songs round the Christmas Tree

On **Thursday, 20th December**, at **17:30pm**, the Church's singing-for-fun group, the Wenning Voices, will be repeating their usual pre-Christmas sing-a-long event on Wennington Green.

Complementary mulled wine & mince pies & soft drinks will be available. We hope to see you there.

Christmas Eve Crib & Carol Service

On **Monday, 24th December at 18:30 pm.**

Followed by seasonal refreshments at The Old Rectory.

Joint Benefice Holy Communion Service

On **Sunday, 30th December at 11 am.**

The Friends report:

As we see an end to a glorious summer, and are now well into autumn, we look back on a period when many of the Friends have been involved in supporting the PCC in two very successful events covered elsewhere in this newsletter.

A superb evening of jazz and good fayre in the lovely setting of Willis & Jackie Harrison's garden was followed in September by the annual jumble sale at Hornby Village Institute.

It was great to be part of and to support both of these events.

We look forward to welcoming back the Leyland Brass Band (see before for event details); we are expecting an exceptional evening of music. Our Events team are now looking at activities for 2019, details of which will be in the next newsletter. We would like to thank everyone for their continued support of our events, which has enabled several improvements to the Church's facilities, resulting in it being used increasingly for community activities. Finally, our next meeting will take place in the Church on **Monday, 12th November at 7.30 pm.**

100 Club

The Club currently has 106 members, and it raises funds for improvements to the Church. To date, it has raised £21,359.50, paid out £7,475.50 in prize money, and given £13,884 to the Church. Members donate £5/month minimum and every month 3 prize winners are drawn at random.

The current total prize fund is £185.50/month and this equates to a 1 in 3 chance of winning a prize. Leaflets and Application Forms are available in Wray Post Office and in the Church, or contact:

Sue Wood - email: sue@lavenderblue.uk.com
tel: 07703 848430 or 015242 21170.

The Quinquennial (5 yearly) report on the condition of the Church has just been received. It is over 60 pages long, but it appears that no major faults have been revealed. Meanwhile, urgent plans are under way to prevent a repeat of the flooding of the cellar containing the boiler during heavy rain.

Regular Church Services:

1st Sunday in the month: 9am - Holy Communion
2nd Sunday in the month: 11am - Morning Service
3rd Sunday in the month: No service
4th Sunday in the month: 11am - Holy Communion.
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

Offers of help and enquiries to:

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