

Welcome to our Church



This beautiful country church dates back to the 12th century on this site. Most of the church was built in the 15th century and altered in the 19th century. As Lower Tatham has no village or centre and comprises scattered farms and houses the church has been a strong focus for the community for hundreds of years.

In recent years we have made several changes to enable increased community use of this beautiful historic building.

The installation of a new biomass boiler, wc, kitchen area, pew cushions and creation of more open space has provided better facilities for social activities as well as the church services.

Contact us

If you would like to get in touch with us about church services, a wedding, baptism or funeral or about taking part in any of our activities, here are the people to contact:

Vicar – Rev Mark Cannon, Tel 015242 20130, email - markhcannon1@gmail.com

PCC (Parochial Church Council) Chairman – Linda Kirkby, email - lindakirkby@aol.com

PCC Secretary - Sue Marsden, Tel 07836 500091

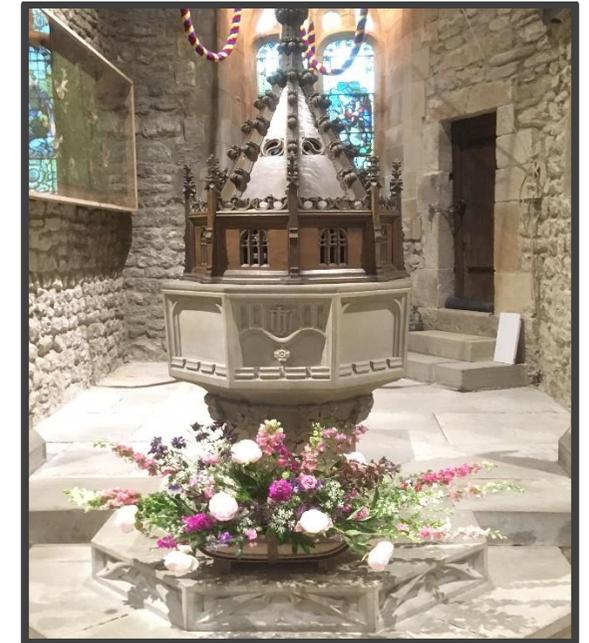
There is a strong support group in the form of the Friends of St James the Less who provide help in many ways including fundraising, organising events and practical help with jobs and projects. Anyone is welcome to register as a Friend, at no charge, and you can contact the Secretary of the Friends, Margaret Whatmough by email: friendsofstjamesthelesschurch@gmail.com

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St James the Less Tatham

CHURCH

LIFE



Information on all the activities which take place in the church

Here is a summary of Church Life

Services

There is a 9am Service on the 1st Sunday of every month, and a 11am Service on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month. Visitors are very welcome and we have coffee and biscuits after the 11am service.

Over the year we have special services for Plough Sunday, Mothering Sunday, Easter, Harvest, Remembrance Sunday and Christmas. Some of these are followed by social events such as Plough Sunday bacon butties, July picnic and games, Harvest Lunch, Christmas Eve wine and mince pies.

Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals

We are always pleased for the church to be used for special services and our vicar is quite flexible on the style and content of service for these very personal occasions.

Social events

There are several social events held in church over the year, organised by the Parochial Church Council or the Friends. These have included brass band concerts, visiting choirs, exhibitions and lectures.

The Friends manage a very successful 100 Club which gives prizes every month (1st prize over £100) and raises money for the Church.

Events held outside church

We have regular fundraising events each year such as the Annual Jumble Sale in September at Hornby Institute, Catering Day in Wray Institute for the Scarecrow Festival, and a stand at Wray Fair with bric-a-brac and jam jar tombola.

Wenning Voices

This is an informal singing group who meet every Thursday evening at 7.30 pm in the church, led by Lucy Leather. Now in its third year there are usually 20 -25 attending each week. We sing all types of music including folk songs, popular songs and hymns. There is no audition, no need for previous singing experience and everyone is very welcome to join at any time.

At Christmas the group sing carols and Christmas songs on Wennington Green, round the Christmas Tree, serving mulled wine and mince pies.

Upholstery Classes

These take place every Wednesday in the church with morning sessions from 9.30am to 12.30 and afternoon sessions from 1.30 to 4.30pm. No experience is required and newcomers are welcome at any time. These are drop-in sessions so you do not have to come every week.

Film Nights

Movies in the Pews are on the first Friday evening of each month starting in October through to March, showing a variety of 'feel good' uplifting films. As numbers are limited and we cannot charge or advertise each film, we ask people to join our email list if they would like to receive information about the programme – moviesinthepews@gmail.com.

Creative Arts Group

Explore the artist within you! An informal group to explore the creative arts: drawing, painting, mixed media, sculpture and visits to galleries and studios to gain inspiration. No experience required, just a willingness to try out new things. Starting in July and continuing weekly.

Special events organised by local groups

We are happy for groups to use the church for activities and events and this year we welcome Wennington & District WI for their Craft Day and a Vintage Fashion Show. Tatham History Society hold an annual lecture and this year they held an exhibition on World War I in association with the Friends group.

Tatham Parish Council, Tatham Church Parochial Church Council and the Friends of St James the Less all hold their meetings in the church.