

## Welcome to our Newsletter

### REMEMBERING.....VE DAY.....

The Spring of 1945 promised more than Nature's rebirth.

Hope was in the air that War was soon to end.  
Hitler was dead; Berlin had fallen to the Allies and Germany had surrendered.

On May 8<sup>th</sup>, the King and Queen together with Winston Churchill led the Nation's thanksgiving in Trafalgar Square and in city, town and village the people celebrated.

Seventy years on the Nation is again called to remember.

A 2 minute silence will be observed at the Cenotaph at 3 pm on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

And the following day, Cathedral bells will ring out across the country.

On Sunday, a "Service of Thanksgiving" will take place at Westminster Abbey and Church congregations throughout the land will endorse this sentiment.

As the 100+ Beacons are lit, and their light reaches all the parts of Britain, memories of those distant days will be evoked and many will tell the tale.....

### VE night

I'm going to see a bonfire  
A bonfire on a hill  
To celebrate VE night  
The memory lingers still  
It's 70 years ago now  
And many things have passed  
But those celebrations left  
Impressions that will last

We'd never seen a firework  
Or pretty coloured rain  
The only rockets that we knew  
Inflicted deadly pain  
We heard of docksides burning  
Incendiaries in the street  
But to dance around that bonfire  
We thought a wondrous treat  
The searchlights that had chased the planes  
Made patterns in the sky  
The Church bells, hooters, sirens  
We heard on hilltop high  
We sang and danced and laughed and cried  
As we went down the hill  
And dawn was breaking far away  
How memories linger on .....



A typical event to celebrate VE day.

## Recent Events

### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February

On this evening The St Laurence Singers entertained the audience with a concert entitled "Love is in the Air".

This was the first of several fund-raising events to be held this year and was the first event organised by the Friends of St James the Less Church.

The evening was a great success with a full house enjoying the choir's performance and the supper afterwards.

A total of £1000 was raised to go towards the construction of kitchen and toilet facilities.

### PCC AGM

This was held recently. The existing Church Wardens and Officers of the PCC were all re-elected.

## Forthcoming Events

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April

We will be providing catering all day in Wray Institute for the Wray Scarecrow Fair visitors. Helpers are needed on the day to serve/wash up and "man" our stall. Cakes, traybakes and preserves will be required, please.

The service on this day will be a Holy Communion at **9 am.....not** at 11 am.

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May

We will have a Church Stall at Wray Fair selling bric a brac and plants. There will also be the usual "jam jar" Tombola for which contributions will be gratefully received.

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July

#### Open Gardens

At this event, many of the beautiful, but hidden, gardens of Tatham and district will be open to the public.

Parking will be on The Green in Wennington and also at the Church.

On payment of your entrance fee, which will be just £5, you will receive a written guide to help you reach each garden.

Afternoon tea, coffee and delicious cakes and pastries will be for sale.

As there will also be a plant sales table, please could you think ahead when in your garden this spring and help us by propagating and potting on some of your own plants for sale.

**Come rain or shine, all will be very welcome.**

**We look forward to greeting as many people as possible.**

### **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August**

**Summer Barbecue** at Raw Ridding House by kind invitation of Richard & Rebecca Sanderson...put the date in your diaries...further information will become available nearer the time.

### **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September**

**Grand Jumble Sale** at Hornby Institute....help will be needed to stage this annual event.

## **Repairs & renovations**

### **Church Organ**

The future of the organ has been discussed at a recent PCC meeting. In view of the high cost to refurbish it, it was reluctantly decided to try & dispose of it.

### **Church roof**

Urgent roof repairs will be carried out after Easter.

## **Friends of the Church 100 Club**

.....now has 72 members.

The third draw took place on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> March and the total prize money for this month was £115.50.

1<sup>st</sup> Prize £66.00 - No.12 - Wray resident

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £33.00 - No.20 - Caton resident

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £16.50 - No.35 - Wrayton resident

The next draw will take place on Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Sunday - after the Service.

If you would like to join our 100 Club for only £5 per month, please pick up a leaflet from Wray Post Office, the Church or phone Sue Wood on 015242 21170. The leaflet can also be downloaded from the Church website: [www.lowertathamchurch.co.uk](http://www.lowertathamchurch.co.uk)

### **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](http://www.lowertathamchurch.co.uk)

### **Offers of help and enquiries to:**

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