

Welcome to our Newsletter

News from the Friends...

Sadly, we have to start by recording our sadness at the recent loss of two of our most valued members. Liz Quine, who made a major contribution to the Friends as Treasurer and Trustee, died during February after a long struggle with cancer. Kate McDonald, a greatly appreciated member of our Events group, also died during February, again, after suffering from cancer.

The efforts and enthusiasm of Liz and Kate helped immensely in the launch and success of the Friends during the last three years. We extend our condolences to the families of both.

Our re-arranged AGM will take place on Monday, 8th May at 7pm in the Church. This will be immediately followed by a regular meeting. Anyone who is interested in the long term use and preservation of the Church is invited to join us and enjoy a wide array of refreshments provided by our members in the way of a finger buffet "Jacob's join".

It is good to see the many developments in the Church over the last two years, brought about by the sterling efforts of the Friends and the PCC. These include the new indoor WC, the sale and removal of organ and utilisation of the resultant space for Church and community use, provision and continued improvements to a new heating system and a new "Brew point" which will soon be brought into use.

Our efforts will continue and we hope to assist the PCC soon in acquiring new and improved

lighting and sound systems together with several more (comfortable) chairs.

From the archives....

Our Treasurer, John Holt, has been trawling through the PCC meeting minutes which date from 1905. In those days only the main annual meetings were minuted. Here are some extracts:

1905 ~ Average attendance 36

1918 ~ Vestry meeting:

Expenses: £36.15s.51/2d.

Organist salary £8. Insurance £2.12s.6d.

Coke-biggest expense- £9.6s.0d.

117 on Electoral Roll.

1925 ~ Renewal of Heating Apparatus: £38.00

1948 ~ Ted(Edmund) Parker elected Sidesman.

1967-April 3rd ~ Mrs Holt elected to PCC.

Friends of the Church 100 Club

.....now has 104 members.

To the end of March the Club has raised a total of £7661.50 & has paid out £4358.50 prize money.

A big thank you to all who have supported us. The money raised has enabled us to put in a new water main, contributed towards the WC in the Vestry, refurbished the North Aisle's wooden floor, provided new carpets and now the installation of the "brew station" which should be completed soon.

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 contact Sue Wood on: 07703 848 430.

The leaflet can also be downloaded from the Church website: www.lowertathamchurch.co.uk

Recent Events

On **Sunday, 26th February**, the Church provided the perfect setting for Levens Choir to perform their programme of "Music in Quiet Places" under the baton of musical director, Ian Jones.



The Choir took full advantage of the Church's wonderful acoustics, bringing the spirit of this historic building alive with virtuoso performances of some of the world's greatest choral pieces. From Gabrielli to John Rutter, the Choir shared beautiful moments with the "sell out" audience, giving joy to the soul with their uplifting sound and made the afternoon a truly memorable occasion.

Everyone enjoyed refreshments and a chat after the performance with delicious home baked cakes provided by Mrs Veda Gardner, and went home "Well Fed".

The Events Committee of the Friends of St. James the Less are grateful for Veda's continuing support & generosity.

Finally, to friends and neighbours who attended our Event....

...a big thank you...

Forthcoming Events

On **Sunday, 23rd April** our Church will, as usual, be catering in the Village Institute during Wray Scarecrow Festival.

We would welcome any offers of soup, cakes & tray bakes. Also, any help on the day would be much appreciated. Please contact Linda Kirkby on: 015242 21486.

At Wray Fair on **Monday, 1st May**, we will be holding our ever popular Bric~a~brac Stall. If you have any items &/or plants you wish to donate please bring them along on the day or contact Linda Kirkby on: 015242 21486.

Upholstery Classes...

....are now taking place in the Church and are proving very popular.

We now have 12 people who are having fun with their projects.

Some are making a new footstool or even a bed headboard, whilst others are re-covering their dining chairs, side chairs or footstools.

Anyone is welcome to join us either on Wednesday mornings or afternoons.

For further information please contact Sue Marsden on: 07836 500091 or sue@tuffett.co.uk



Looking for a meeting room?...

The Church, with its greater space and comfortable facilities, is now available for use by any community group and for meetings.

If anyone is interested in forming a new community group to pursue such activities as arts and crafts, book club, family history or arrange exhibitions of art or photography, why not consider the Church as a venue?

If you want to discuss these possibilities further or look at what is available please contact Linda Kirkby on: 015242 21486.

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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