

## Welcome to our Newsletter

### Report from the Friends:

It doesn't seem so long ago since the publication of the last newsletter and yet, so much seems to have taken place during that time, dominated, of course, by Christmas. Talking of which, the Friends were pleased to support & assist the Wenning Voices when they sang carols around the tree on Wennington Green a few days before Christmas. In February we were delighted to welcome again the Levens Choir for their second visit to St. James the Less Church. We also co-sponsored the World War 1 exhibition during March. Both events were very successful & very well attended and are reported on more fully elsewhere in this Newsletter. In addition, the 100 Club continues to distribute cash prizes every month as well as generating additional funding for continued improvements at the Church.

During this recent period, we have been pleased to finance improved lighting in the main body of the Church and add further to the sound system.

We now look forward to the talk on JMW Turner and his local art legacy in April.

Finally, on **May 14<sup>th</sup>** the Friends will hold its AGM in the Church commencing at **7 pm**. This will be followed by a "Jacob's Join" and then a regular meeting. **All are welcome!**

### Recent Events & Services:

On **Christmas Eve**, around 130 people filled the Church for the usual **Crib & Carol Service**.

To experience this beautiful old Church, so well decorated (including over 50 lit candles) & filled with so many people, singing carols at the top of their voices, was very moving.

A retiring collection plate was made available and received £600, which was divided between St John's Hospice, Lancaster & The Lancaster & District Homeless Action Service.

On **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February**, almost 100 people enjoyed the company of the members of the **Levens Choir**, under their musical director, Ian Jones. Singing unaccompanied, and appreciating the acoustics imparted by our lovely old Church, they enthralled the audience with their delightful repertoire entitled " Music in Quiet Places". Light refreshments were served afterwards.



On **Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> March**, there was an Exhibition in the Church about **World War 1**.

We were delighted to welcome the Mayor & Mayoress of Lancaster to this event, which was sponsored and organised jointly by the Friends & the Tatham History Society. Over 80 people attended and heard talks about the roles played by people on the Roll of Honour and viewed many exhibits including army uniforms, medals & weaponry.



### Forthcoming Events:

On **Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April** from **2pm-4pm** there will be a talk on **JMW Turner** in the Church given by art curator, Rhian Addison. She will explore JMW Turner's life & the legacy of his painting " Hornby Castle from Tatham Church".



Enjoy light refreshments afterwards.

Tickets: £10

Contact: Sue Wood - 015242 21170  
or Rita Murphy - 07962 710078.

On **Sunday, 29<sup>rd</sup> April** our Church will, as usual, be catering in the Village Institute during **Wray Scarecrow Festival**. This will take place from 9 am onwards until clearing up at 5 pm.

We would welcome any volunteers to help with this and with providing soup, cakes, tray bakes etc. Please contact Linda Kirkby on 015242 21486: email: [lindakirkby@aol.com](mailto:lindakirkby@aol.com).

At **Wray Fair Day** on **Monday, 7<sup>st</sup> 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 please contact Linda Kirkby on 015242 21486; email: [lindakirkby@aol.com](mailto:lindakirkby@aol.com).

## Campanology sessions:

Calling all potential campanologists!  
Mark Rowland from Wray has kindly agreed to lead & train potential bell-ringers at the Church.

Sessions have started on a Thursday evening at St. Margaret's Church in Hornby, as the bells there are lighter & easier to pull than the bells at St. James the Less. The intention is then to move to "our" Church in due course.

For further details please contact: Linda Kirkby at [lindakirkby@aol.com](mailto:lindakirkby@aol.com) or Margaret Whatmough at [maggie.whatmough@gmail.com](mailto:maggie.whatmough@gmail.com) or on 07796 661891.

## Upholstery sessions:

These classes take place in the Church every Wednesday morning & afternoon (9.30am to 12.30 pm and 1.30pm to 4.30pm), but you can start anytime. If you are interested, further information is on the Church website and you can call Sue Marsden on 07836 500091 or Email: [sue@tuffett.co.uk](mailto:sue@tuffett.co.uk).



We are all very sad to hear that Edmund(Ted) Parker died very suddenly and peacefully on 17th March at his home, Rectory Cottage, where he had lived for 87 years. After his retirement following thirty five years working at Raw Ridding, he spent many hours looking after the church yard. His interest in its appearance never diminished and his advice was invaluable.

## Regular Church Services:

1st Sunday in the month: 9am~Holy Communion

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in the month: 11am~Morning Service

3rd Sunday in the month: No service

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month:

11 am~ 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](http://www.lowertathamchurch.co.uk)

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