

## Welcome to our Newsletter

### News from the Friends...

The chair, Colin Burford, is delighted to report: The weather played an important part in ensuring that our "Summer Luncheon" held at Raw Ridding House, the delightful home of Rebecca and Richard Sanderson on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June was a great success. We had a splendid meal, thanks to Veda Gardner and our Events team, who once again excelled themselves, raising a total in excess of £1300. We also took the opportunity during the afternoon to make the June draw of the 100 Club. The Club, so efficiently managed by Sue Wood, has now generated a total of £8794, which has gone into the Friends' coffers and helped finance many improvements that have taken place in the Church over the last couple of years. The latest is, of course, the provision of a new brewpoint which is used regularly after Church services and also by the attendees at various secular activities taking place in the Church.

We're delighted to note that in addition to the very successful Wenning Voices gatherings on Thursday evenings, Sue Marsden has been leading upholstery classes during the daytime on Wednesdays. Wennington Parish Council has also been taking advantage of the new space created within the Church by holding a number of meetings relating to the production of a Neighbourhood Plan.

Finally, at a recent Annual General Meeting, Paul Whatmough was elected as Treasurer/Trustee and Colin Burford was re-elected as Chair/Trustee.

The next meeting is at the Church on **Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30 pm**, to which all are assured a warm welcome.

## Repairs & renovations

As previously mentioned, a brewpoint has recently been installed at the end of the north aisle. This has been made by Tony Sedgwick who was assisted by a team of volunteers who worked tirelessly at every step of the installation. Many thanks to all concerned for their contribution. Like the WC, the brewpoint has proven to be a much appreciated improvement to the Church.

Another recent addition has been the purchase of twenty handsome oak framed chairs which have significantly improved the seating flexibility in the Church.

Improvements planned for the future include: oak doors to replace the curtain across the alcove formed by the unused door in the north aisle which will match the new chairs, additional lighting in the north aisle and a permanent public address system.

The photograph below shows the new brewpoint and the alcove curtains which will be replaced.



## Recent events

### Summer Luncheon

As previously mentioned, on 25<sup>th</sup> June, this event, organised by the "Friends", took place. Here are some photographs taken at the time:



### Wenning Voices

On July 13<sup>th</sup>, the Wenning Voices celebrated their second birthday with an "Open" evening. Family and friends joined the members to listen to the normal Thursday evening meeting, enjoyed refreshments with prosecco, and heard what has been accomplished with the dynamism of their director of music, Lucy Leather.

### Forthcoming Events & Services

**Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> July at 11 am.**

**A Joint Benefice Service with Holy Communion** will take place in the Church followed by a "Bring your own Picnic" and, weather permitting, "jolly" games of Boules and Croquet on "The Old Rectory" lawn.

**Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 2 pm.**

**Annual grand Jumble Sale at Hornby Institute.**

An experience not to be missed.  
Donations of Jumble and offers of help to:  
Linda Kirkby: 015242 21486

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**Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2017- Time TBC.**

**Lancaster and District Male Voice Choir Concert.**

The Friends of St James the Less look forward to welcoming this Choir to the Church. Under their musical director, Derek Walters, there will be a wide selection of light classical and popular pieces in a range of moods and styles along with some hearty "Last Night of the Proms" numbers which it is hoped will encourage the audience to "swell the chorus".

### Friends of the Church 100 Club

.....currently has 100 members.

The July Draw was made at the Wenning Voices 2nd Birthday party Open evening.

The winners were:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize £100 Jim and Rita Murphy

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £50 Oliver Marsden

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £25 Rachel Berry

If you would like to join the 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.

### Regular Church Services

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in the month: 9am~Holy Communion

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month: No service

4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.lowertathamchurch.co.uk)

### Offers of help and enquiries to:

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