

## Welcome to our Newsletter

### Friends

The Friends have been active for almost three years and we look forward to our 2<sup>nd</sup> AGM in March 2017. We have had a number of very successful functions, the most recent of which, was the hugely appreciated return performance of the Leyland Brass Ensemble. Thanks to all who supported the event. As a consequence of your fundraising support we have been able to help to finance the installation in the vestry of an assisted disabled inside toilet, and helped to develop the open area made available by the removal of the organ. Individual members of the Friends have also assisted with these projects and other projects such as the new heating system. Regarding the future, the Friends are looking to expand the use of the Church, particularly making use of the space created by the removal of the organ. There will shortly be a new "brewpoint" in the North aisle and wifi facilities have already been installed, courtesy of B4RN. We believe, therefore, that the Church can now offer an ideal location for community activities.

In this regard, Sue Marsden is proposing to commence upholstery courses in the Church from mid January, For more information, please contact Sue: [sue@tuffett.co.uk](mailto:sue@tuffett.co.uk) or 07836 500091.

Other suggestions have been voiced such as a reading group, art classes and exhibitions, but we would like to hear from local residents who may have suggestions of other activities that might be pursued within the Church building.

You can contact the Chair of the Friends~ Colin Burford on 015242 21890 or : [burfordcolin@gmail.com](mailto:burfordcolin@gmail.com) with any suggestions.

The next meeting of the Friends group is at **7:30 pm on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017** at The Bridge Inn, Lower Tatham when you will get a warm welcome.

### 100 Club

The 100 Club continues to flourish thanks to the dedication of Sue Wood.

There are now 104 members.

The last draw took place on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> November and the following prizes were drawn:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize~£104~ Emma Murphy

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize~£52~ Paul & Margaret Whatmough

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize~£26~Ruth Holden

If you would like to join the 100 Club for only £5 per month, pick up a leaflet from Wray PO or the Church or phone Sue Wood on 015242 21170.

Since the 100 Club was formed we have made £6,480 profit and paid out £ 3,490 in prize money with zero expenses.

With 104 members who receive 36 prizes each year, that is a one in three chance of winning, better odds than the lottery!

### The new toilet

There was a cry from St. James the Less, Our old lavatory is such a mess. The PCC and "the Friends" all met, They came together to install a new toilet. It started with drawings to get underway, Time given by many without any pay. Joiners, plumbers, electricians, painters did toil, The diggers, the shovels removed all that soil. You know who you are who worked so fast, To produce a restroom that could not be surpassed. St. James the Less says a huge Thank You, To all who helped make a spectacular loo.



### Recent events

#### Annual Jumble Sale

This raised an amazing amount of £1465. The tables were laden and the atmosphere was buzzing. Many thanks to all the team of helpers.

#### Harvest Service

We were delighted to welcome Sister Sue to her first visit to St James the Less to lead our Harvest Service which was followed by a delicious lunch at The Old Rectory.



### Leyland Brass Band Concert

The Church was filled to capacity and over £1000 raised. Twelve members of the Band entertained a packed audience with a very varied selection of music ranging from a march(Death or Glory) through a musical(Don't cry for me Argentina) to Rock(We are the Champions).

We hope to make this an annual event.



### Forthcoming Services and events

#### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 10:00 am

Can you spare an hour to come along and decorate the Church for Christmas?

We welcome any help.

#### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 6:30pm Christmas Eve Crib and Carol Service

All are welcome at this traditional Service and to join us for seasonal refreshments at The Old Rectory afterwards.

#### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2017 at 11am Plough Sunday Service

Followed by scrumptious Bacon Butties.

### 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:

The Vicar-Rev. Mark Cannon  
The Vicarage, Wray  
LA2 8QF. Tel 015242 21030

or

Phyllis Holt (Church Contact)  
John Holt (Church Treasurer)  
The Old Rectory, Tatham  
LA2 8NH. Tel 015242 21443

You do not have to live in Tatham to be part of our community. We welcome people from the wider area too.



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