

Welcome to this Newsletter

To start with.....something new....

'Stitch and Chatter'



A meeting was held recently to discuss the possibility of starting a Stitch and Chatter group at the Church.

An interesting range of ideas emerged.

Members of the group could initially explore stitches based on those used in the Quaker Tapestries.

We could then go on to use the same stitches to create small, individual embroideries reflecting the lovely carvings at the ends of the pews which could be made into bunting and displayed at events held by The Friends.

Others may prefer to bring along their own project.

Those who have little experience of stitching may enjoy learning how to make a rag rug.

Mel has calico, wools, threads, needles, water soluble pens and a stitch book.

So, we have ideas and equipment.

Why not make a New Year's resolution? to learn new skills or enhance your existing skills.

Whatever your skills, you'd be very welcome.

Members will be invited to make a contribution to any materials used. There will be a donation of £2 per week, £1 for tea, coffee and biscuits and £1 to the Church towards the heating and lighting.

Meeting fortnightly in the New Year from Friday 24 January 2020 10.00 -12.00 at the Church.

If you have any queries please contact Mel on 015242 21277 or melandmike73@gmail.com

Previously.....

The **Annual Grand Jumble Sale** took place on 21st September at Hornby Institute.

As always, thanks to the enthusiasm and energy of Linda Kirkby and her "team", this was a great success.

BiBi Concert

Posters were produced, tickets sold, flowers arranged, candles lit and the Friends of St James the Less welcomed BiBi Heal, the International Soprano, in an uplifting musical evening on Saturday 5th October.

Bibi's beautiful voice reached out to every one of us; she was ably accompanied by Lauryna Sableviciute on the piano and by Jeremy Heal on the saxophone. Mark Cannon, our Vicar, was an excellent compere, the 100 Club Tickets were drawn, raffle prizes won and a delicious supper enjoyed.

It certainly was an evening to remember.

This picture shows Bibi, Lauryna, Jeremy and Mark at the concert:



On 13th October, the **Harvest Festival Service** took place.

This is an important service, which is particularly relevant to our rural Parish. The Ploughman's Lunch in the Church after the service was delicious, and the idea this year of supporting the local Food Bank was a great success. The donations were very well received at the Food Bank.

This will be repeated next year, and maybe Wenning Voices will come along and sing to swell the numbers and enjoy the lunch. Also, a big thank you to those who came along to decorate the Church – very much appreciated.

On 10th November there was the usual **Remembrance Service**.

This service was led by Peter Osbourne.

Looking forward.....

Wenning Voices in Wennington Thursday, December 19th 2019 at 6:30pm:

Wenning Voices invite family and friends from surrounding communities, to join in singing carols and songs round the Christmas tree on Wennington Village Green, exchange seasonal good wishes and enjoy complimentary mulled wine and mince pies. Soft drinks and biscuits for children and grandchildren.

Hope you'll be able to join us again this year.

Song sheets will be provided. Don't forget to bring a torch along.

In case of cancellation, due to adverse weather, there will be updates on the Wennington Village website:

<https://wenningtonparishcouncil.wordpress.com/whats-on-2/>

Wenning Voices meet every Thursday,
7.30pm - 9.30pm at the Church.

Whether you're a nightingale or a corncrake, just come along when you can. There's room in the Wenning Voices' nest for all.

£2 per week includes refreshments and a chat.

On **Tuesday, 24th December at 6.30 pm** there will be the usual traditional Christmas Eve Crib and Carol Service - always a highlight of Tatham's Christmas.

Please join us at Church and at The Old Rectory after the service for a glass of wine and a mince pie.

On **Sunday, 12th January 2020 at 11 am** there will be our Plough Sunday Service, which will be followed by bacon butties.

Movies in the Pews

Come and join us for film nights in the Church on **Fridays at 7.30pm on 10th January, 14th February and 13th March 2020.**

For further information please email:
moviesinthepews@gmail.com

The Friends report

From the Chair ~ Colin Burford:

As we approach Christmas, it is good to reflect on the work of the Friends over the past couple of months, and to tell you a little more about our forthcoming plans.

First of all, you will have read about our Bibi Heal Concert, which was a tremendous success.

Our next event is scheduled for May 9th next year, when the Lancaster Singers will be coming along.

On October 17th, we shall be welcoming back members of the Leyland Brass Band.

These events, together with the 100 Club, generate a steady level of income.

Thank you everyone for your continued support.

My personal thanks go to Sue Wood, who does such a marvellous job organising the 100 Club.

We continue to assist the PCC in improving facilities at the Church and recently allocated expenditure for additional lighting, 30 new folding chairs and the provision of literature display racks, which are shown in this picture:



Why not visit the Church and see for yourselves the improvements that have been achieved.

The 100 Club

The 100 Club has now been running for 4 years and has 111 members.

From when it started in January 2015, up to the end of November 2019, it has raised £29,254.50, and, after paying out £10,151.75 in prize money, has generated a major income source of £19,102.75 over that period.

The next draw will take place on Christmas Eve and we would like to thank all our members for their generous and continued support.

The PCC

The next meeting of the PCC will be on **Monday, 3rd February 2020 at 7pm** in the Church.



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