

The Friends of Tatham Church

Chair – Paul Whatmough
Secretary – Margaret Whatmough
Trustees – Rita Murphy, Mel Winstanley

The Friends hope to resume our regular meetings in January to make plans for future activities.

The 100 Club has 112 members and is drawn each month with prizes of 1st £112, 2nd £56 and 3rd £28. The results of the draw are posted on the church website each month. This gives an income of £364 per month (£4,368 per annum) which can be put to good use by the church.

Thank you to all members for your continued support and if you would like to join the 100 Club for just £5 per month please contact Sue Wood
suewood200@gmail.com

Church Services

Sunday 5th December
Holy Communion 11am

Friday 24th December
Crib & Carol Service at 6.30pm

Sunday 2nd January
Holy Communion 11am

Sunday 23rd January
Plough Sunday Service 11am
Followed by Bacon butties

Future service will be scheduled once Revd Jane arrives in January/February.

If you have any contributions for the next Newsletter – anything from recipes, announcement, news or anecdotes please email to
tathamchurchnews@gmail.com.

We can't promise we will print them all but we will give it a go! We apologise if anyone has submitted photos, articles, etc. to the email in the Summer Newsletter. There was a printing error in the address so please send again to the correct email above.

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Church Website

www.lowertathamchurch.co.uk

The church website has been updated to be more user-friendly so do take a look when you have time. This has a **“Contact Us”** page, which you are most welcome to use, should you have any queries.

St James the Less Church

Lower Tatham



Winter Newsletter

2021 - 22

Welcome to this Winter Newsletter

It is hard to believe that we are writing the Winter Newsletter already. We hope you like the aerial photo presenting a different view of our Church.

Services have continued through the summer and autumn and the Winter services schedule is listed later in the Newsletter. We are still adhering to the covid safety regulations. We look forward to the Crib Service on Christmas Eve when we can all join to celebrate this special occasion.

You may have noticed that we have a new figure of Remembrance in the Church grounds surrounded by poppies. With enormous thanks to Wennington Hall School for donating the time and machinery to cut the silhouette for us. It is a poignant symbol of all those who lost their lives in the two World Wars and others since, providing us with an opportunity to reflect.

We would like to thank everyone who has helped with church flowers, readings, cleaning and coffee in recent months. A rota is being put together for 2022 and we would welcome any help with flowers, cleaning and/or coffee. The rota will be at the back of the church for you to sign or contact Linda Kirkby3@gmail.com.



Plans for a new vicar

We are pleased to report that a new Vicar has been appointed for the six churches in the Benefice. Revd Jane Lee is currently Assistant Curate at West Pendleton and has been appointed as the Vicar of the Benefice of East Lonsdale. We hope that this appointment will start at the end of January or early February. During the appointment process several of our PCC members have met Revd Jane and all agree that she will be an excellent fit in our community as well as having a good sense of humour! We hope to give more information in our next Newsletter.

Recent events

The annual Church picnic after the Service on 25th July was well attended and fine weather encouraged everyone to enjoy playing boules and a very competitive croquet game. Congratulations to the boules winners - Paul Whatmough and Olive Beard, and to the croquet winners - John Parkinson and Margaret Whatmough (pictured over)



The Church looked beautiful for the Harvest Service and everyone enjoyed a good sing at last. There was a brilliant response for the collection for the Food Bank. Remembrance Sunday was another special occasion which was well attended.

Christmas Carols

This year Wenning Voices will be singing Carols in our Church on Thursday 16th December. We will start at 7.30pm, hopefully sing some Carols outside, but also inside as we will have the piano to help us along!

Please join us and help swell our numbers, singing some traditional Carols in a lovely Christmas setting. We shall be serving tea and coffee afterwards for those that would like to quench their thirst from all the singing!

For further details please contact Lucy Leather - wenningvoices@markleatherphysiotherapy.com

Stitch and Chatter



Stitch and Chatter (more accurately 'Chatter and Stitch') resumed in September after the Covid lockdown. The group meets once a month on a Friday morning from 10.00-12.00. Some of the group are experienced stitchers and some are refreshing their memories of simple stitches. All are enthusiastic, willing to share their knowledge and eager to help and offer assistance.

If you would like to meet us do join us at 10.00 on Friday 10 December and enjoy refreshments, conversation and an opportunity to create your own piece of work.

I'll let the group speak for themselves - *'A wonderfully welcoming and relaxing couple of hours chatting with friends while at the same time being invigorated by new learning and inspired by each others' work. A winning combination'*.

If you have any queries please contact Mel Winstanley on 015242 21277 or melandmike73@gmail.com
Look forward to seeing you there.