

Church Services

Services are usually on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month.

27th November at 11.15am

– Advent Sunday Holy Communion

11th December at 11.15am – Morning Service

24th December at 6.30pm

– Christmas Eve Crib and Carol Service

8th January at 11.15am

– Plough Sunday Service followed by bacon butties.

22nd January at 11.15am – Holy Communion

12th February at 11.15am – Morning Service

26th February at 11.15am – Holy Communion

Future Events

Saturday 26th November at 7.30pm – Tatham History Society Lecture. Mike Winstanley – ‘A Traditional Grocer : T D Smiths of Lancaster (and Tatham)’.

Monday 12th December at 10.30am – We are trying something new this year as a PCC initiative to involve various groups in the decoration of the Church for Christmas. We will be decorating each window ledge with various Christmas decorations as well as the traditional greenery of Christmas. Everyone is welcome so if you would like to join in the decorating of the Church just turn up with a packed lunch and some greenery/decorations that you would like to use.

Thursday 15th December at 7.30pm – Wenning Voices Open Evening of Christmas Carols and Songs followed by light refreshments.



Stitch and Chatter continue to meet at the Church on Friday mornings each month. For dates and further information please contact Mel Winstanley email melandmike73@gmail.com or Sandy Hutchins email hutchins_sandy@yahoo.com

We are always looking for new volunteers to take a turn in serving teas/coffees after the services, cleaning rota for the Church and flower arranging. There are rotas for these at the back of the Church if you are able to help.

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

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Church website

www.lowertathamchurch.co.uk

The church website is a good source of information about the Church and is updated regularly

St James the Less Church Lower Tatham



Winter Newsletter

2022

Welcome to the Winter Newsletter

We hope this Winter Newsletter finds you all well. We have been lucky with recent mild weather albeit plenty of rain. The Church is getting busier again and some lovely things are planned for the future as well as the services.

The PCC are looking into the costs of repairing the Church Roof but as it is a Listed Building it is taking longer than expected. They are also investigating the expansion of the Churchyard beyond the West wall.

The vacancy for Secretary of the PCC due to Sarah Rycroft moving away has now been filled and we welcome Margaret Wilson to this post. Once again we thank Sarah for all her work and wish her and the family well in their new home.

Recent Events

The Jumble Sale at Hornby Institute on 24th September was a great success following a gap of two years. We made a grand total of £1361 – amazing teamwork from everyone. There were so many buyers and a great atmosphere leading to everyone going home with lots of bargains. A very big thank you to all the volunteers, especially the Friends for all their help.



The Harvest Festival Service on 9th October was well attended with 45 people in the Church. There was an excellent collection of food for Morecambe Bay Food Bank. After the Service a delicious ploughman's lunch was enjoyed by all during which time the monthly 100 Club winners were drawn. We would like to thank the Friends and all those who helped in preparing the Church for this special service.

Wenning Voices at the Harvest Festival

As a choir we are always a little nervous when we have a performance. When we meet to practice it is as much for fun as it is for learning. We joke and laugh and mess up our lines a lot... but we keep trying. We are always so grateful to Lucy for her patience in teaching us to improve our voices and giving us the confidence to use them. We are all so happy when it comes together at the end.

Performances are where we show what we have learned. We all want to do Lucy, ourselves and our community proud so we all get way more serious! As we arrive at the Church early to warm up we chat about which lines we are struggling with and we get a bit of stage fright. You will often hear one or two of us quietly singing our part so it is firm in our head. But as soon as the music starts our love of singing takes over, the nerves disappear and we just enjoy the moment. Hopefully the congregation enjoyed hearing our rendition of 'God's World' as much as we enjoyed singing it.

Tatham is a small community but clearly one with a big heart! The steps by the font were laden with food donations and the congregation gave generously. It made us proud to be part of it.

We were touched by the invitation to join in with the Harvest Lunch. What a lovely spread it was. Chatting and breaking bread with the congregation made the day even better. We are all so grateful to St James the Less and their congregation for supporting Wenning Voices.

Thank you.
Suzanne Wakeman, member of Wenning Voices

The Friends of Tatham Church

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

Members of the Friends met in July for their bi-monthly meeting but the meeting scheduled for September was cancelled due to it falling into the period of mourning for our late Queen Elizabeth II.

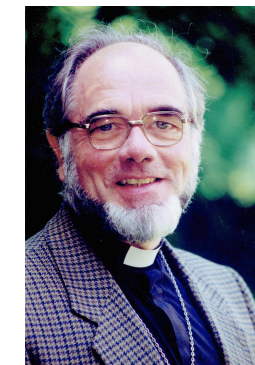
The Friends were delighted to host a return concert by the Leyland Brass Band that took place on Saturday 22nd October. This concert had been due to take place in October 2020 but had necessarily been postponed due to the pandemic. It was a pleasure to see 11 members of the Band and their Conductor, Thomas Wyss, return to entertain us and they offered a varied selection of music, each piece ably and amusingly introduced by Thomas. After the concert the audience partook of a glass of wine and light refreshments and the opportunity to socialise with friends and neighbours. We raised £565 from the event and thank you to all of you who supported this event.

The draws for the 100 Club have continued to take place monthly. Winners are contacted directly by the Administrator, Sue Wood. Members can now choose to receive their prizes by bank transfer or cheque. The Treasurer was able to report at the July meeting that the 100 Club alone, since its inception, had raised in excess of £46,000, of which over £16,000 has been paid out in prize money. The Trustees and members of the Friends are so grateful to you all for your continued support. There are various projects in the pipeline and being discussed with the PCC for improvements to the Church so all your contributions will be put to good use.

Should you require further information regarding the Friends please contact me at friendsofstjamesthelesschurch@gmail.com or Mobile 07796 661891.

Margaret Whatmough
Secretary to the Friends of St James the Less Church

Canon Norman Dawson



Our whole community has been deeply saddened by the loss of Canon Norman Dawson MBE who passed away peacefully at home. A funeral service was held at St James the Less on 14th October, followed by a private committal. The Church was full to capacity and showed how much he was loved by the whole community.

Our condolences to Ann and family. He will be greatly missed.