

Welcome to our Newsletter

News from the Friends...

The first annual general meeting of the Friends will be held in the Church on May 9th when draft accounts for 2015 and a draft of our first Annual Report will be presented for comment.

We have now been in existence for over two years, our first meeting being held at the Bridge Inn on March 11th 2014.

We have so far raised over £8000 for church funds which will be used in due course for improvements to the church facilities.

At the AGM each of the officers/trustees will be stepping down from their positions, although each of them are making themselves available for re-election if the meeting so wishes.

The meeting will start at 7.30 pm and all members are welcome to come along. Following the AGM we shall be holding our normal two-monthly meeting and again all are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be available.

We now have over 40 members in the Friends. We invite all those interested in this historic Church and the community that support it to join the Friends of St James the Less, Tatham, Lancashire, registered charity no.1161272.

Membership is free and open to all those agreeing to support the aims and objectives of the Friends as set out in our Constitution: to preserve and protect St James the Less Church for the benefit of the public as a place of worship

and for such other charitable purposes as the Trustees deem appropriate.

All Friends will be updated regularly on projects and events taking place in the Church and in support of the community.

Please complete the application form which can be found on the Church website: www.lowertathamchurch.co.uk and return to The Secretary, Friends of St James the Less Church, Coach House, Wennington, Lancaster, LA2 8NW; email: maggie.whatmough@gmail.com.

We hope that you will support us at the events that will be held later in the year and which are subject of a separate article in the Newsletter.

The 100 Club continues to flourish thanks to the dedication of Sue Wood who has written a separate article on the 100 Club's progress.

Thank you for your support and encouragement during the last two years.

Friends of the Church 100 Club

.....now has 98 members.

The last draw took place on Sunday, 10th April.
1st Prize £98.00 - Kate McDonald
2nd Prize £49.00 - Sue Dawson
3rd Prize £24.50 – Desmond O'Brien

Since the Club started in January 2015 it has paid out £2,224.25 in prize money and has raised £4,130.75

If you would like to join our 100 Club for only £5 per month, please pick up a leaflet from Wray Post Office, the Church or phone Sue Wood on 015242 21170. The leaflet can also be downloaded from the Church website: www.lowertathamchurch.co.uk

Forthcoming Events

Sunday 12th June- The Queen's 90th Birthday

Instead of making the journey to London and joining the crowds in the Mall, why not join the Friends of Lower Tatham Church in the grounds of Wennington Hall School? We invite you to join us in celebrating the 90th Birthday of Her Majesty the Queen, 64 glorious years on the throne.

1pm-5pm. BBQ lunch + first drink free. Delicious puds. Birthday cake. The Red Rose Band. Entertainer. Bar.

Tickets: £15-children under 12 free.



Saturday, 9th July- Jazz & Fizz Evening

With the "High Society Jazz Band" at Station Farm, Wennington, by kind invitation of Jackie & Willis Harrison. Further details to follow nearer the time.

October-Last Night of the Tatham Proms.

A musical celebration in the Church of the nation's favourite tunes performed by the orchestra of Queen Elizabeth School, Kirkby Lonsdale. Lots of familiar music and enthusiastic flag waving!

Date and time to be confirmed.

Wenning Voices-Singing for fun

This singing-for-fun group meet every Thursday at 7:30 pm in the Church. We sing under the expert guidance of Lucy Leather and really do have a lot of fun. We welcome new voices so why not come along, join in, and see for yourself?

Pew seats

We would like to have some comfy pew seats made for the Church and hope we can find sponsors who would like to fund an upholstered cushion which would cover an entire pew.

The cost per cushion is £90 and this includes a discreet embroidered acknowledgement of the sponsor or in memory of a loved one, if required.

If you would like to sponsor a cushion or find out more, please email Sue Marsden, Secretary of St James the Less PCC, at: sue.marsden@virgin.net

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

Offers of help and enquiries to:

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