

Welcome to our Newsletter

Friends

The group of Friends of the Church continues to meet regularly at the Bridge Inn, Lower Tatham.

At the last meeting on **2nd June** there was an excellent attendance - the room was filled to capacity and an enthusiastic discussion ensued.

Various topics were discussed including forming a recognised charity with a formal constitution.

A “projects” group has been formed with the remit of looking at the options for improving the facilities at the Church which initially will be looking at the feasibility of providing a more appropriate WC and possibly a small kitchen.

It is felt that these improvements will enable the Church to be more widely used for various community activities.

An “events” group has also been set up. This has already had an initial meeting and has discussed holding various functions in the Church as well as different fund raising activities.

The newsletter was discussed and it was agreed that, subject to there being enough available content, it would become a quarterly rather than a bi-annual “publication” as at present,

The group of Friends are always prepared to warmly welcome any new faces and if you are interested, please feel free to attend the next meeting which will be on **Monday 14th July at 19:30** at The Bridge Inn, Lower Tatham.

Website

A Church website has been set up.
The address is: www.lowertathamchurch.co.uk

Please feel free to have a look at this and if anyone has any suggestions, please do not hesitate to use the “contact us” form on the site.

Repairs & renovations

We expect to be able to undertake the re-roofing of the vestry etc. very soon.
Permission of the Diocese is long awaited but, hopefully, should not be denied.
The materials, slates etc. will all match the existing roofs but wheels turn very slowly.

Recently, new oak porch doors have been installed.
These were made and fitted by Tony & Sheila Sedgewick, who have done a fantastic job.



At a dedication ceremony, the Revd. Canon Norman Dawson made the following address:

Lord Jesus Christ, master carpenter of Nazareth, we give thanks for the skill of all who work with wood. We give thanks for the craftsmanship and care that Tony has shown in making these new doors for this church.

Bless Tony and Sheila in their life and work together and in all that they do in our community.

Bless these new doors.

May all who enter these doors in sorrow find here consolation.

May all who enter these doors in despair find here hope.

May all who enter these doors burdened by guilt find here forgiveness and peace.

Bless all who come through these doors to celebrate their marriage or have their children baptised.

Bless all who will make their final journey through these doors, may they find their rest in you.

Bless us as we enter these doors to praise your name and help us to remember as we leave your house that we can never leave your presence.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Recent events

Wray Fair & Scarecrow Festival

Providing the catering in Wray Institute during the Scarecrow Festival was very busy and successful.

In addition to this we had a stall at Wray Fair which was popular all day, thanks to the high attendance to the Fair, helped by the fine weather.

The efforts of everyone involved with these events were very much appreciated and a significant and record sum of money was raised.

Forthcoming Services and events

Monday 30th June

PCC meeting at The Old Rectory at 7.30 pm.

Saturday 12th July at 7 pm

Strawberry & Fizz Summer Party at the Church.
Music by the talented "Yheti". Tickets:~ £ 10.
Available from: Linda Kirkby ~ 21486
Phyllis Holt ~ 21443

Sunday 27th July

There will be a joint Benefice Family Holy Communion service at 11 am.

We hope the Benefice Choir will come and join us.

Please feel free to bring a picnic lunch to be enjoyed after the service, along with our visitors.

Saturday 13th September

The usual annual Grand Jumble Sale will take place at Hornby Institute from 2 pm.

Sunday 28th September

Harvest Service

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

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