

Thurstonland Parish News May—June 2024



“Little Lamb God bless thee.
Little Lamb God bless thee.”
From the Lamb William Blake

Pentecost Fire

'Working with Fire'



**Christ Church Community
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Sunday 19th May
2 till 4pm
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This is a Messy Church Event. All ages are welcome.
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Ten Years of the Anglican Diocese of Leeds

Events to mark the 10th Anniversary of the Diocese of Leeds on Saturday, April 20 began with a special visit by Stephen Cottrell the Archbishop of York.

Stephen as he prefers to be called met clergy and lay members from communities in different settings across our large and diverse diocese. Members of Christ Church met with Bishop Stephen at the Jo Cox More in Common Centre at Huddersfeild University on 21st April.

Archbishop Stephen said, “The roots of the Christian faith go deep in this lovely bit of Yorkshire where you serve. It's a diocese I know and love. I'm praying that God will richly bless you and that through my visit, God will open doors of opportunity for us to witness to Christ.”

Archbishop Stephen was welcomed to the University by the vice chancellor Professor Bob Cryan and he was interviewed by the Bishop of Huddersfeild, + Smitha. Archbishop Stephen talked to us about prayer and the primary position it occupied in his daily routine. He went on to talk about making space to flourish, and that the Christian story positively encourages restarts and new beginnings.

Archbishop Stephen always encouraging and always smiling reminded us that sometimes life can feel like we running up the down escalator, he suggested that when we stop running we might note there is also an escalator for going down! Always witty and warm he was asked from the floor about government and his work in the House of Lords. He was keen to underline that he is not a politician, but mentioned the many pressing issues we might feel in our daily lives, social media security and scrutiny and conflict across the world. But he pointed to environmental issues as the single biggest issue we are facing as a human race.

Archbishop Stephen reminisced that he wasn't much of a saint nor was he rouge, as he had noted some of his predecessors had been. What he was was down to earth, approachable, understanding, pastoral, informed and attuned. Archbishop Stephen served as a Diocesan Missioner in the former Diocese of Wakefield and said he welcomed the chance to meet the people of our parishes, churches and cathedrals.

VILLAGE DIARY May 2024

Thurs 2 May	Election Day – the church will be in use as a polling station all day (Please note there will be no choir practice or coffee morning in church today)	7am – 10pm
Sun 5 May	Family Service	10am
Mon 6 May	Bank Holiday	
Weds 8 May	WI meeting @SVH	7.30pm
Thurs 9 May	Community Cards Group Choir Practice	2-4pm 7.30-9pm
Sat 11 May	Coffee Morning - proceeds to Christian Aid	10am – 12 noon
Sun 12 May	BCP Holy Communion Start of Christian Aid Week	9.30am
Thurs 16 May	Choir Practice	7.30-9pm
Sun 19 May	PENTECOST (Whit Sunday) Family Holy Communion “Pentecost Fire” Event in the Community Garden @ New Mill	9.30am 2-4pm
Thurs 23 May	Community Cards Group Choir Practice	2-4pm 7.30-9pm
Fri 24 May	School Break up for half term	
Sun 26 May	Trinity Sunday Family Holy Communion	9.30am
Mon 27 May	Bank Holiday	
Weds 29 May	Mothers’ Union Meeting	7.30pm
Thurs 30 May	Choir Practice	7.30-9pm
Fri 31 May	Community Lunch	12 noon



VILLAGE DIARY June / July 2024

Sun 2 June	Family Service	10 am
Mon 3 June	PCC meeting School re-opens after half term	7.30pm
Thurs 6 June	Coffee Morning Choir Practice	10.30am-12noon 7.30 – 9pm
Sun 9 June	BCP Holy Communion Service	9.30am
Weds 12 June	WI meeting @ SVH Churchwardens to be sworn in @ Huddersfield Parish Church	7.30pm 7.30pm
Thurs 13 June	Community Cards Group Choir Practice	2-4pm 7.30 – 9pm
Sun 16 June	Fathers' Day Family Holy Communion	9.30am
Thurs 20 June	Choir Practice	7.30 – 9pm
Sun 23 June	Family Holy Communion	9.30am
Weds 26 June	Mothers' Union Meeting	7.30pm
Thurs 27 June	Community Cards Group Choir Practice	2-4pm 7.30-9pm
Sun 30 June	TEAM SERVICE St David's Church, Holmbridge No service at St T's	10am
Weds 3 July	St Thomas' Day	
Thurs 4 July	Coffee Morning	10.30-12noon
Sat 6 July	Royal British Legion Service to commemorate the 80 th Anniversary of D Day (At Christ Church New Mill)	2-3pm
Sun 7 July	Family Service Thurstonland & Stocksmoor Gala on the Cricket Ground	10am 2pm



THURSTONLAND CRICKET CLUB

As Feste the jester in Shakespeare's 'Twelfth Night' has it in a line from his song at the conclusion of the play, 'For the rain, it raineth every day'. Those words seem particularly apt as soggy spring weather follows the wet conditions which seem to have prevailed since October.

Ground preparations are behind the stage they are usually at with the first senior fixture scheduled for April 20th but it is said that hope springs eternal. It may be that the start of the league schedule is postponed for one week as was the case in 2023 with the opening fixture rearranged but no decision has been made by the league at the time of writing.

The first junior team in action will be the Under 15s on the evening of Monday April 29th with the Under 11s and Under 13s the following week. We then look forward to the Under 9 tournaments which take place on Saturday mornings with each club being involved in seven or eight of them.

Our female section, the Thurstonland Thundercats, also have a full programme at both senior and junior level so we are looking forward to another few months of busy and enjoyable action providing the weather relents.

The club has just taken delivery of items of inscribed memorabilia which form part of the club's 150th anniversary celebrations and will be on sale during 2024. An updated club history is being readied for printing and copies will also be available for sale not too long after the start of the season.

Former players are being invited to join us on June 22nd when the first team is at home to Emley so it will be good to renew acquaintances once more at an event which takes place every two years.

Andrew Pearson

Thurstonland Community Choir News

We are busy rehearsing songs themed around the second world war to tie in with the village D Day Celebrations on 6th June. At the end of March we were also invited to sing in Church on Easter Sunday. Our preparations weren't the best, when one of our ladies took ill during our final rehearsal which resulted in an ambulance being called. Luckily the Choir includes a number of medically trained members, so it was all handled very carefully and efficiently prior to the ambulance arrival. Thankfully, all was OK and our lady has fully recovered!

In addition to the D Day event, the other main event for the Choir in June will see a get-together in St Thomas' with the Batley Community Choir under its Director Gary Skyrme. This is a "get to know" sort of event attended by the Choir, their families and friends alone, where each Choir will perform to the other. This event may lead to a public joint performance in the coming years.

We look forward to seeing a lot of villagers up at the Rose & Crown on D Day when we intend to sing some of the favourite songs from the 1940s



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champagne, soft drinks,
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**Offers of help on the day
would be appreciated**

**Items (including tombola and
other things) can be left in the boxes in
the church room for
distribution**

THANK YOU!

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This aerial photograph from the early 1950s shows many of the oldest houses in the village – Upper and Lower Fold have several properties dating from the mid 17th century. The origin of our village is here on top of the escarpment where a ‘Highroad’ (Baintley) offered a route clear of the woodland lower down the hill. Still fairly compact thanks to a conservation belt, and surrounded by accessible fields, we have the good fortune that our village has maintained a look some of the 17th century residents could still recognise as home.

Visitors to our village often comment that Thurstonland has a good ‘community feel’ about it, which I’m sure is true, but it is a tenuous concept and relies on the good will of, in some cases, just a few folk. If you don’t have children at the school, play or watch cricket, sing in the choir or go to the church or pub, you may not meet many villagers. (The coffee mornings at church and community meetings at the cricket club are a great way to overcome this problem!) The forthcoming Gala in July is run by a handful of helpers and the Village Association also relies on the help of just a few volunteers. Looking at its constitution, some of the TVA’s aims are: To promote the interests and well-being of the village community as a whole; provide a link between different groups in the village by way of newsletters, email and the Thurstonland website and liaise/consult with relevant authorities/bodies as appropriate on behalf of the community.” The website is being reborn soon, but the newsletter only appears once a year at the moment, emailing villagers proving quicker and easier. Even speedier is the village Facebook page, which has the advantage of sharing news with other village groups – this is useful in the case of lost property and raising awareness of local crimes etc.

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@ThurstonlandVillageAssociation



St Thomas Parish Church
Thurstonland

The help of Parish and Kirklees councillors has also proved invaluable in sorting out problems – re-erecting street signs, resurfacing the children's playground and putting hard core down by the Plonking Well on Hawcliff to name just a few recent areas of improvement. * The Monday Meetings at the Cricket Club are on May 13th, 27th, June 10th and 24th followed by a summer break.

*TVA Meetings: 7.30pm Monday, June 3rd at the Cricket Club.

DEDICATION OF FLOWERS AT EASTER

The Dedication of Flowers on Easter Sunday meant the church was once again adorned with roses and lilies, and the plaque showing the names of the individuals to whom the flowers were dedicated is on display in the church and will remain there throughout the year. This project has grown over the years and many thanks to all who dedicated flowers. This project is never meant to raise funds but it invariably does - any profits made have in recent years been donated to the east window restoration fund. This year there was £330 to add to the total and it seems that starting the restoration of the window is almost within our grasp! You can see from the pictures how lovely the church looked and the Gaunt Family children looked even more beautiful in their Easter Bonnets!

**Thank you for your support
Best wishes, Janet Wiltshire**



ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The Annual Meeting was held in church on Tuesday 19th March. Janet Wiltshire and Richard Wood were once again elected as Churchwardens for the coming year. They will be sworn in at a service at Huddersfield Parish Church on Weds 12th June. The work of the Church over the past year was discussed and the church accounts and budget were presented and approved. The evening ended with refreshments being served. Thank you to all who attended.

COFFEE MORNINGS AND COMMUNITY LUNCH CLUB

The coffee mornings continue to be held on the first Thursday in the month. However, as the local elections will be held on 2nd May and the church will be in use as a Polling Station there will be no coffee morning that day. However, the next one will be held on 6th June as normal. In addition, there will be a coffee morning on Saturday 11th May 2024 - 10am to 12noon, with the profits being donated to Christian Aid as this is the start of Christian Aid Week . The money raised from the normal coffee mornings goes into general church funds. If you would be interested in hosting a coffee morning we would be very glad to hear from you, so please do let me know.

The March and April Community Lunches were very well attended. At the March lunch we had an incident with the microwave and we are grateful to Lynda Booth for supplying a new one for us in time for the April lunch. That too was memorable but for a different reason – “Cheesecake Drama Day”! Joy had produced a fantastic chocolate and mandarin cheesecake, however... en route to the dessert table the cheesecake shot off the plate and very nearly ended upside down on the floor! Luckily we were able to rescue it before it did but alas it was not so pretty when we served it up. The menu description was amended to “de-constructed cheesecake” and apparently it tasted fantastic – although the waitress (i.e. me!) almost lost her job!!!

After discussion with the Lunch Club Team, it was decided that once again this year, there will be no lunches in June & July as the ladies will be taking their holidays, but we will be back in August for the Afternoon Tea. September, October & November will run as normal, as will the Festive Afternoon Tea in December. It is always necessary to book, as places are limited.

Thanks to everyone who supports this venture, but particularly the ladies who work hard in the kitchen and produce such fabulous food. We are looking for some new volunteers to join the Team – to cook, wash up or even perhaps just provide a dessert. If you think you could help, please give me a ring.

All profits from the lunches go into the fund for the renovation of the kitchen and toilet facilities.

Many thanks, Janet
Tel 663123 or 07710588275

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

This year Christian Aid Week runs from Sunday 12th May - Saturday 18th May 2024. There will be no house to house collection, but as mentioned already mentioned we will hold the coffee morning on **Saturday 11th May 10am to 12noon** to raise funds and collection envelopes will be available in church.

COMMUNITY CARDS GROUP supporting THE WELCOME CENTRE

We continue to meet in the church room on the afternoons of the 2nd & 4th Thursday in the month, and used greetings cards can be left in the box in the church porch. These are recycled to make new cards which are sold to raise funds for the Welcome Centre. A selection of cards is available to purchase in the church room. Additionally, there is a box for collection of goods for the Welcome Centre in the church porch.

We appreciate your support and welcome donations of used cards throughout the year, as well as any help you can give. However, please note that we cannot recycle any further Christmas cards.

Eileen & Graham Nicholson, Brenda Wayne, Bea Horsfall, Val Wilkinson, Elaine Adler & Marlene Parr

MOTHERS UNION



Our esteemed leader, Jenni, is on holiday as the Parish News goes to print so there is not much we can report except to thank Brenda Vale for organising the April Evening out to the Farnley Cock. 14 ladies attended the dinner and Barbara Lightowler was presented with a small rose bush. All the ladies wished her good luck for the future as she and Brian will be moving away from the area very soon. Barbara will be missed at our meetings. Jenni will give a fuller round up of the MU events in the next Parish News.

GET WELL SOON

We send both Joyce Booth & Brenda Mellor get well messages. Joyce is well on the mend now after having a partial hip replacement after a fall at home, but Brenda is still in hospital. Brenda has broken both her hip and her arm after a fall. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope she will be back home very soon.

ST THOMAS' CHURCH SERVICES

www.thurstonland.org or www.newmillpc.org.uk

May 2024

Date	Service & Time	Saying Hello	Intercessor	Reader	Reading	Coffee
5	Family Service 10am	Brian S	Lynda	Brian S	Acts 10: 44-48	Carole
12	BCP Communion 9.30am	Jenni	-	Jenni	Acts 1: 1-11	Jo
19	Holy Communion Pentecost 9.30am	Gilly	Michelle	Michelle	Acts 2: 1-11	Sue
26	Holy Communion Trinity Sunday 9.30am	Lynda	Mari- anne	Mari- anne	Romans 8: 14-17	Richard

Brass cleaning in June — Lynda Booth

June 2024

Date	Service & Time	Saying Hello	Intercessor	Reader	Reading	Coffee
2	Family Service 10am	Jo	Lynda	Lynda	Corinthians 4: 5-12	Lynda
9	BCP Communion 9.30am	Vernon	-	Vernon	Ephesians 5:15-20	Jackie
16	Holy Communion 9.30am	Lynda	Jenni	Jenni	Corinthians 5: 6-10	Gilly
23	Holy Communion 9.30am	Brian S	Lynda	Brian S	Job 38: 1-11	Carole

Team Service at St David’s, Holmbridge on Sunday 30th May at 10am

Praying for our neighbours

During May:

Shepley Rd, Sunside, Fulstone Rd

During June:

Marsh Hall Lane, Blakehouse, Moor Top Ave.



Pentecost unlike Christmas and Easter doesn't have the same traditions or social events around it which make it stand out in the wider culture. Yet Pentecost is one of the most exciting of the church festivals for it marks the moment when God started the church! It is in effect the Church's birthday, the day that God sent the Holy Spirit to inspire and empower ordinary Christians to do extraordinary things in Jesus' name.

The Holy Spirit is given freely to all as a free gift from God. Jesus promised his disciples that they would receive this gift so they might know God's presence in living out their faith on a daily basis.

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another comforter to help you and be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you..."

- John 14:15-16

Most of us think of comfort when we think of the luxuries of life, or being wrapped up in a warm blanket. We also think of comfort as something that consoles us when we are upset or in need.

Whilst all these things are true the Greek word *paraklētos* used in the New Testament has a completely different meaning. The word comfort is the same word that we find in relation to prodding, strengthening or stirring into action. The Bayeux Tapestry depicts Bishop Odo with club, forcing his men into battle with the abbreviated Latin words: which when translated means: "Here, Bishop Odo comforts his troops." As individuals we might not find such 'comfort' comforting but the Holy Spirit is given to equip and spur us into action! In fact, the word comfort has traditionally also meant to give or add strength to someone or to encourage, urge or exhort. When we see the coming of the Holy Spirit in that way it makes much more sense of both Jesus words and what we see in the book of Acts as the early church begins to emerge.

The Holy Spirit empowers believers to be the people God created and knows us to be, in that sense the Holy Spirit fills us with God's wisdom and power for the tasks which we are called. On the day of Pentecost it is the Holy Spirit that takes the group of timid and bewildered disciples and equips them to declare the gospel message. Jesus before his Ascension had promised them that they would receive the Holy Spirit to equip them as His witnesses throughout the world.

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

- Acts 1:8

This power that comes with the Holy Spirit is very real and is available to us just as it was to the first disciples. It is power to live our lives as God intended, power to encourage us and to strength us for acts of service. It is not to make us feel better, or for our own benefit but it is the power to build one another up and to inspire the Church. So as Pentecost approaches perhaps we need to re-imagine this Christian Festival and celebrate the birthday of the church with a bit more style and flair! Our prayer certainly needs to be 'Come Holy Spirit!'

BARBARA & BRIAN LIGHTOWLER

As many of you know, Brian & Barbara are leaving the area at the beginning of May and returning to Burnham to be nearer their family. They have held many positions in the church during their time in the parish and we wanted to let them know how much they meant to us. An Open Afternoon was held in the church room on Sat 27th April and a wide invitation was sent out to the community and Team Churches. The result was a lovely afternoon when over 60 people came to the church to wish them well and enjoy some refreshments. Barbara has asked us to thank everyone who came along to say goodbye and to all the people who helped organise the event for them. A guest book was available for people to sign and they have received some lovely messages and cards.

If anyone would like to keep in touch with them, their new address is:-
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Usual times of Church Services

10.00am	1st Sunday each month	A Service of the Word.
9.30am	2nd Sunday each month	Sung Holy Communion BCP
9.30am	3rd Sunday each month	Sung Family Eucharist
11.00am	4th Sunday each month	Eucharist @ Christ Church
10.00am	5th Sunday each month	Team Eucharist (see mag for info)