

Thurstonland Parish News July—August 2024



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In Feb 2020 General Synod voted for the whole of the Church of England to achieve net zero carbon by 2030. The vote recognised that the global climate emergency is a crisis for God's creation and a fundamental injustice. The Synod asked for a plan to be made, setting out how to get to net zero carbon. That plan of action, called the Routemap, was approved by General Synod in July 2022 in a Motion that asked for the Routemap to be endorsed, requested every Diocesan Synod to debate the Routemap as it applies to them.

Have you ever heard of Eco Church?

A Rocha is a global family of conservation organizations working together to live out God's calling to care for creation and equip others to do likewise. A Rocha UK is part of that international family, a network of Christian organisations present in more than 20 countries in six continents. A Rocha UK is equipping churches to care for God's creation through their worship, buildings, land, community engagement, and individual lifestyles.

A Rocha resources Christians for environmental action in countless ways, including hands-on conservation projects, written materials from blogs and sermons to academic theology, teaching in churches, seminars and conferences and by involvement in global networks. The organisation works with church leaders to raise awareness, build relationships and raise vision for action.

A Rocha UK's Eco Church programme equips churches in England and Wales to care for creation. St Thomas' has been engaging across the team parishes with a Green Journey environmental agenda. One of the resources highlighted to us all by

the Rev Canon Debby Plumber the area green church champion was Eco Church. So, we took Debby at her word and had a look on the website. What we discovered was a whole treasure trove of ideas, resources, events and an opportunity to join in. In fact as we drilled down into the weeds we realised that many of the suggestions for improved sustainability were things we were already working on. The PCC have registered interest and intend to work through an extensive questionnaire.

The online survey, allows churches to be considered for an Eco Church Award at either Bronze, Silver, or Gold level. As of the end of 2022, there were 1155 Bronze, 401 Silver, and 23 Gold Church of England Eco Churches. The scheme is a fantastic resource for encouraging churches, cathedrals, and dioceses to embody the fifth mark of mission: ***"To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth."***

The questionnaire covers five areas that a church must demonstrate environmental engagement with to receive an award:

- Worship and teaching
- Management of church buildings
- Management of church land
- Community and global engagement
- Lifestyle

There is so much to learn and discover and there is a great deal to dig into both at home in the UK and across the world when we start looking at the webpage.

<https://arocha.org/en/>

Can I encourage you to look and maybe think about registering yourself for items of interest, or attend an event, or even plan one in the community. There is just so much to go at.

Sean

VILLAGE DIARY July 2024

Sun 30 June	No Service at St T's Team Service at St David's, Holmbridge	10am
Weds 3 July	St Thomas' Day Safeguarding Training for PCC members at the school	7pm
Thurs 4 July	General Election Day <u>Please note</u> - the church will be in use as a Polling Station and so there will be no coffee morning today. Please remember that pho- to ID is required in order to vote	7am – 10pm
Sun 7 July	Family Service & Baptism Thurstonland & Stocksmoor Gala (including a Messy Church stall)	10am 2pm
Weds 10 July	Women's Institute Meeting @ SVH	7.30pm
Thurs 11 July	Community Cards Group	2-4pm
Fri 12 July	School Leavers' Assembly	
Sat 13 July	Coffee Morning in the church room (proceeds to general church funds)	10am-12noon
Sun 14 July	BCP Holy Communion Service (Celebrating St Thomas)	9.30am
Sun 21 July	No Service at St T's Taizé Service at Christ Church, New Mill	11am
Weds 24 July	Mothers' Union "Mystery Trip" meeting time & venue to be con- firmed	Please note change of date
Thurs 25 July	Community Cards Group	2-4pm
Fri 26 July	No Community Lunch this month	
Sun 28 July	Family Holy Communion Service	9.30am

VILLAGE DIARY August / September 2024

Thurs 1 August	Coffee Morning	10.30am-12noon
Sun 4 August	Family Service	10am
Thurs 8 August	Community Cards Group	2-4pm
Sun 11 August	BCP Holy Communion Service	9.30am
Weds 14 August	Women's Institute Meeting at SVH	7.30pm
Sun 18 August	Family Holy Communion Service	9.30am
Thurs 22 August	Community Cards Group	2-4pm
Sun 25 August	Family Holy Communion Service	9.30am
Weds 28 August	Mothers' Union Meeting	7.30pm
Fri 30 August	Community Afternoon Tea Booking essential	2pm
Sun 1 September	Family Service	10am
ADVANCE NOTICES		
Mon 9 September	PCC Meeting	7pm
Sat 14 & Sun 15 September	Heritage Open Weekend The church will be open this week-end The theme for the weekend is "Connections, Routes & Networks" There will be a Messy Church "Walk in the Woods" on Sunday afternoon. More details will be released nearer the time.	

STOCKSMOOR WOMENS' INSTITUTE

The WI meeting on Weds 10th July 2024 will be "To Coin a Phrase" – and the speaker is Noel Mooney. The meeting on Weds 14th August 2024 will be "50's, 60's and 60's songs" with Kim and Dave. The meetings start at 7.30pm and are held in Stocksmoor Village Hall

Visitors are always welcome to meetings. If anyone is interested in joining the WI, please contact Lynne Kershaw on Tel no 07958217177 (Email – lynnekershaw18@hotmail.co.uk) for further information.

THURSTONLAND CRICKET CLUB

As I write we are just two weeks away from the longest day but it appears that the weather has not been informed. Because of the wet autumn and winter ground preparations were limited to say the least and the league re-scheduled the fixtures due to be played on the last two weekends in April for later in the season.

At least there have been no interruptions in play since then although most matches have had to contend with overcast conditions and temperatures for the most more reminiscent of mid-October than late spring or early summer.

The club's first team has welcomed promising teenage wicketkeeper-batsman Bryce Jose from South Africa and he has already given evidence of his capabilities although runs from his teammates have so far been in relatively short supply. This makes the task of the bowlers all the harder but a couple of wins have been enjoyed despite that.

The busy summer schedule of games at all age levels has seen increased participation by the thriving female section, the Thurstonland Thundercats. Adult teams have both soft and hard ball matches whilst there are growing numbers of players at Under 13 and under 15 levels.

As ever the club is grateful to individuals and businesses offering sponsorship support as well as the support offered by the wider local community, not least the parents and families of our junior players.

Events to celebrate the club's 150th anniversary are already underway and there is the usual invitation to any readers to call in and see us, particularly on a match day. You do not have to be cricket fanatics but our ground and clubhouse facilities are ideal for passing some time with friends.

Andrew Pearson

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

This year Christian Aid Week ran from Sunday 12th May - Saturday 18th May 2024. There was no house to house collection, but we held a coffee morning on Saturday 11th May to raise funds and collection envelopes were available in church. A huge thank you goes to all who supported the collection, as we raised £160. THANK YOU!

COFFEE MORNINGS AND COMMUNITY LUNCH CLUB

The coffee mornings continue to be held on the first Thursday in the month - from 10.30 am to 12 noon. The aim of the coffee mornings is to provide a friendly place to come for a chat, meet friends old and new and enjoy some coffee and cake. However, please note that because of the General Election which is to be held on 4th July, the church is not available for the coffee morning that day. As the village gala is on the following weekend, **it has been decided to hold the coffee morning on Sat 13th July 10am to 12noon instead. Please, just drop in! No charge but donations are welcome.**

The April and May Community Lunches were well attended. As mentioned previously, there would be no lunches in June & July as the ladies were taking their holidays. Our next venture will be the **Afternoon Tea** normally held in August, which will be held on **Friday 30 August at 2pm**. The September, October & November lunches 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 the coffee mornings and the Community Lunches, 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 for the lunches, or to host a coffee morning. 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, and the money raised from the coffee mornings goes into general church funds.

Many thanks, Janet Tel 663123 or 07710588275

BRIAN & BARBARA LIGHTOWLER

As many of you will know, we held an open afternoon in church on Sat 27th April 2024 to bid farewell to Brian & Barbara who moved back to Burham at the beginning of May to be near their family. Over 60 people came along to enjoy a glass of wine and a lovely buffet provided by the church ladies. There was a guest book to sign and Carole & Brian Scollick took lots of photos of Brian & Barbara with their friends, which they made into a photo book as a keepsake. At the beginning of June, a "Tea & Treats" Gift bag and a Fruit Basket were sent to them. They have let us know that they are settling into their new home (but are still unpacking boxes!), are meeting old and new friends and were thrilled with the surprise gift. They send their thanks and best wishes to every-

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GALA**

Sunday 7th July 2024

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please!) of anything
from shampoo to
champagne, soft drinks,
toiletries etc.**

**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!

The view from Haw Cliff top is impressive, even without the beacon! The highest point is 972 feet above sea level, 145 feet above the Rose and Crown, so well done to all those who climbed it on June 6th to see the lighting of the beacon as part of the “D-Day 80” events. There weren’t quite as many as two years ago for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee, and definitely not as many as Victoria’s Diamond Jubilee in 1897 when a fire was built on the “top of Pike Style and consisted of 5 tons of railway sleepers, two tons of coal, and a barrel of tar”. At that event, thirty other bonfires could be seen burning! A firework display “brought proceedings to an end about 11pm – one of the most enjoyable meetings ever held in Thurstonland!” This time there were songs from the Community Choir at the Rose & Crown as well as a speech from Richard, the landlord. Thanks to Dave Harrison for lighting (and making!) the beacon, Robin Carmichael for organising the choir, Angela for overseeing whole event, and Chris Holmes for permission to access the site.



For the first time, this email will be received by over 200 villagers - I’m not sure, but I have read somewhere that there are 642 people living in Thurstonland, and most have access to a computer. There are still a few who don’t receive village emails – if you meet one, tell them to join thurstonlandva@gmail.com and even the village Facebook page for up-to-date news and events. We look forward to the Gala on July 7th. Let’s hope the weather is fine again for another great village get-together

* The Monday Meetings at the Cricket Club are on July 8th followed by a summer break. They start again on September 23rd.

* Next two TVA Meetings **at the Cricket Club – 7.30pm 2nd September and 2nd December. (No August meeting)**
All villagers very welcome



@ThurstonlandVillageAssociation



St Thomas Parish Church
Thurstonland

Thurstonland Community Choir News

What a great end to our season we have had! Firstly, the D Day celebrations up at the Rose & Crown went very well and were pretty well attended considering it was a week night during school term. The Choir had worked really hard to memorise their 4 songs and that paid off with rousing performances at the pub and no distractions from bits of paper. We handed out words to allow those watching to join in the choruses so I think everyone enjoyed the evening. Thanks to Richard for making it so easy to set up.



Our final event happened on Saturday the 15th June, when we hosted the Batley Community Choir in St Thomas'. Rev. Sean gave an excellent welcome which set the relaxed tone for the day. Both choirs sang their current repertoire and we finished coming together to sing two great rousing songs: New York, New York and Amarillo conducted by the two MDs. It was a truly fun afternoon for singing followed up by refreshments and lots of home made cakes provided by our choir while we all mingled. It went so well and everyone had such fun that we are planning next summer already, when the Thurstonland Community Choir will go over to Batley to join them in their annual summer 'Great Get-Together' event to remember Jo Cox.

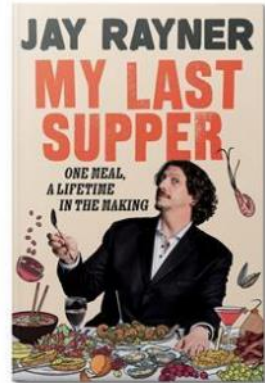
We have now finished for the summer break, excepting of course our annual summer party. We just have to find some Summer for that! We will start rehearsing again in September so more about that in the next issue.



Summer Reads

My Last Supper - Jay Rayner

Jay Rayner's *My Last Supper*: One meal, a lifetime in the making, a gloriously, funny and energising celebration of food in life, inspired by the question: "You're about to die. What would your final meal be?" Christians, are familiar with last suppers. Eating and drinking is central to our faith. Why not try it?



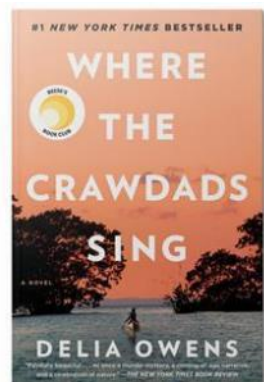
The Book of Common Courage - KJ Ramsey

Is a mixture of prayers, photography, poetry and prose. The book is a word-for-word journey through Psalm 23, exploring the comfort that Jesus, our good shepherd, brings to our hurt, confusion and weariness. It's a book you can dip in and out of for courage, hope and beauty, and will be a balm to your soul.

Where The Crawdads Sing - Delia Owens

Where *The Crawdads Sing* will not disappoint. This bestselling novel, set in 1950s-60s North Carolina, follows a young girl named Kya Clark growing up in poverty on the marshes. Faced with isolation and discrimination after she is abandoned by her parents, Kya turns to her natural habitat for solace. She learns to raise herself in the wild and becomes an expert ethologist in the process.

This plotline runs parallel to one following the investigation into the apparent murder of Chase Andrews. The two converge in the concluding chapters, in which a morally dubious ending leaves you feeling ambivalent towards the protagonist.



THURSTONLAND MOTHERS' UNION

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

meets on the last Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in St Thomas' Church Room

Jenni Wohlman writes:

As I write, the forecasters are predicting warmer weather on the way. It does seem to have been a long time coming this year. Still, the advent of summer means we can look forward to some favourite events. This month we hold our Strawberries and Fizz gathering to raise funds for Mothers' Union's Summer of Hope which in 2024 focuses on expanding MU Literacy Circles in the Democratic Republic of Congo enabling women to acquire vital life skills that help them support their families and gain status in their communities.



Please bring along family and/or friends at 7.30 on Wednesday 26th June. Just let me know numbers so we have enough strawberries and cream (01484 663996).

In July we will enjoy another Magical Mystery Tour aboard Peter's magnificent old Routemaster bus. PLEASE NOTE THIS WILL BE 24TH JULY – **NOT** 31ST.

August finds us welcoming a Mothers' Union speaker who will tell us about all the wonderful work that is accomplished by our members across the diocese.

May I personally express my thanks to Brenda Vale for organising a very successful Meal Out in April.

Unavoidable circumstances meant a number of members could not be present when Donna, Natasha and Tiffany visited us in May and passed on some valuable tips about caring for our feet. I am pleased to be able to tell you they would be happy to return next year with more information so watch this space.

Have a happy, reinvigorating summer.

ST THOMAS' CHURCH SERVICES

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

July 2024

Date	Service & Time	Saying Hello	Interces- sor	Reader	Read- ing	Coffee
7	Family Service 10am (GALA)	Vernon	Jenni	Jenni	Mark 6: 7-13	Jackie
14	BCP Communion 9.30am	Brian	-	Brian	Ephe- sians 1: 3-14	Carole
21	TAIZE SER- VICE 11:00am At New Mill					
28	Holy Com- munion 9.30am	Jo	Mari- anne	Mari- anne	Ephe- sians 3: 14- 21	Richard

Brass cleaning in August— Joy Sharrock

August 2024

Date	Service & Time	Saying Hello	Intercessor	Reader	Reading	Coffee
4	Family Service 10am	Lynda	Jenni	Jenni	2 Peter 1: 16-19	Sue
11	BCP Communion 9.30am	Vernon	-	Vernon	1 Kings 19: 4-8	Jo
18	Holy Communion 9.30am	Lynda	Marianne	Mari- anne	Prov- erbs 9: 1-6	Gilly
25	Holy Communion 9.30am	Jenni	Michelle	Michelle	Joshua 24: 1-2, 15-18	Richard

Praying for our neighbours

During July:

Whitestones, Timberwood, Wood Lane, Grange Lane

During August:

Top o' th' Hill, Bank End Knoll, Thurstonland Bank Road



“What does the Spirit say to the Churches, what does the spirit say to you, if you have ears then hear from the Spirit, do what the Spirit tells you to do.”



Messy Church Celebrated Pentecost in the Community Garden on Sude Hill on the 19th May. Here are some pictures from the event which was enjoyed by all ages.

Please visit the Messy Church Tent on the Cricket Field at Thurstonland Gala on the 7th July and help make a village mosaic using words or pictures that represent faith and whilst you are doing that find out a little bit about the ‘Friends of St Thomas.’



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.

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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)