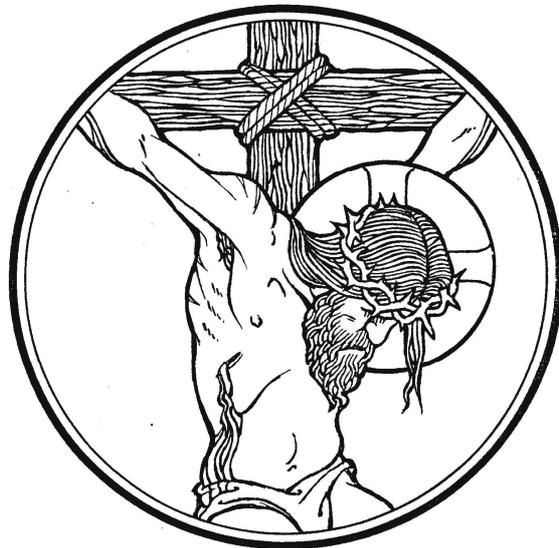


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Dear Friends of St James

As I write this letter for the April magazine, it is half way through the second week of Lent – and what a good start we have made to this year's Penitential Season. It started with an excellent turnout at our Ash Wednesday Eucharist and continued on to the First Sunday of Lent, when we re-introduced our Sung Evensong. In what was a rather wet and windy night overhead, it was wonderful to welcome almost 30 people to our BCP Evening Prayer. I have been struck by the excellent feedback we have received and we all look forward very much to our next Evensong on April 2nd – the clocks will have gone forward and lighter evenings will be on the way at last!

It has been good too to see healthy numbers at our Stations of the Cross and Lent Course, in which we are considering the first two chapters of the Acts of the Apostles. People can join the Lent Course at any time – just bring along your Bible. As we journey on through Lent, so our minds will gradually turn to Holy Week during mid April. Elsewhere in this magazine you will see our detailed programme for this Week of all Weeks and our journey with Jesus to the Cross and then triumphantly to the Empty Tomb at Easter. How wonderful too that we will be celebrating Holy Baptism following our 10.45am Sung Eucharist on Easter Day.

When you come to read this I will have been inducted as the Vicar of St James and St Thomas. It is hard to believe that it is just over three months since my licensing here in early December. Thank you for all your love and support to me and my family. It has been a very busy three months and I look forward with real confidence to the future, as we make St James more widely known in Haslingden and beyond.

On a lighter note, if you missed the Beetle Drive in late February, then you missed a real treat! What a wonderful evening it was! Almost 40 people in the Church Hall, all having a great time and making a din! Talking of din, a big thank you must go to the organiser on the night, Julie Davis. As she shouted out her instructions, you could probably hear her in Helmshore! On a serious note however, it really is good for the soul when we socialise together. What we need is a new Social Committee. Why not sign up on the form at the back of Church? It would be wonderful to see more people coming forward – new ideas are welcome. We look forward to hearing from you.

So enjoy the remainder of Lent, and may the eternal joy of Easter fill our hearts with all the love and joy that Jesus brings into our lives. To Him be all Glory, Honour and Majesty – the One who came and who conquered, that we may all have life and have it to the full – yes, eternal life with Him – for ever.

**With every blessing,
Your Friend,
FATHER TERRY**

"Love consists in sharing what one has, and what one is, with those one loves. Love ought to show itself in deeds more than words"

Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola

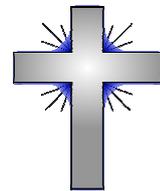
Thou mastering me
God! giver of breath and bread;
World's strand, sway of the sea;
Lord of living and dead;
Thou hast bound bones and veins in me, fastened
me flesh,
And after it almost unmade, what with dread,
Thy doing: and dost thou touch me afresh?
Over again I feel thy finger and find thee

Gerard Manley Hopkins

Thou Mastering me God.....

Do you know this building?

The building is on an ancient site and a windswept one. The present structure, built in 1780 retains a 16th century tower which was rebuilt and extended in 1827. There are seven bays of arched windows in two tiers.



I am sure you've guessed already, of course it is St James. The description is from a revised edition of a famous book on architecture in England by Nikolaus Pevsner who wrote in the early 20th century. His books were detailed records and covered most of the important buildings in the country. The description continues;

There are three Victorian galleries which were refurbished in 1878. The font is octagonal with boldly carved shields and a grotesque face. The pulpit was made by George Shaw of Saddleworth and purchased at the Great Exhibition of 1851. It is perched on a high stalk with a flight of steps. The stained glass is early 20th century and contains many unusual subjects, including Esther and the Queen of Persia. Also mentioned are the East window and the blind arches which once contained the Ten Commandments and the Lord's Prayer.

The churchyard is mentioned as having a good collection of 18th century and a few 17th century slabs.

The descriptions are taken from "The Buildings of England LANCASHIRE:NORTH by Clare Hartwell and Nikolaus Pevsner", published in 2009.

Oat Parkins

Ingredients

1. 1 cup flour
2. 2 cups oats
3. 1 tablespoon black treacle
4. 1 cup sugar



5. 4oz (110g) margarine
6. 1 level teaspoon of bicarbonate of soda
7. 1 Level teaspoon ginger
8. Pinch of salt
9. 1 Table spoon of water

Heat the treacle, margarine and water slowly together (do not boil). Mix the dry ingredients together and stir into the treacle mixture. Roll out onto a floured board and cut into rounds with a biscuit cutter. Bake at 350 degrees F (180 degrees C) for 10 to 15 minutes.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

After the success of the Beetle Drive we would like to re-form the Social Committee. Anyone interested in being on the Committee please put your name and contact details on the poster on the table in the Hall.

First Aid

Is there anyone in the congregation who holds a current First Aid Certificate? If so please inform the Churchwardens. There is a refresher course to be held in St James Day School on 14th June at 9.0am.

Raft Food Bank

A big 'Thank You' to those who donated clothing, hats, gloves, socks, waterproof jackets and sleeping bags for the six homeless people they were helping in the Rossendale area. These were nearly all distributed the next day after delivery. Thank you also for the continuing gifts of produce.

Joint Lunch

Lowri, the Churchwarden at St Thomas, is organising a Joint Parish Lunch on 7th May at Rossendale Golf Club at 12.30pm. The price will be £18.50. This is for all members of St James, St Peter and St Thomas. There is a list on the table in the Hall for anyone interested. Please come and join in the fellowship.

CHRISTIAN AID

Please remember that Christian Aid Collection is in May. Anyone willing to help please let Kaye Ridings know.

Flowers

Please note that there are no flowers in Church in Lent but donations towards the Easter Flowers would be gratefully received.

More Memorable Dates in Rossendale

1907—Opening of Rawtenstall Library.

1908—Corporation Motor Bus accident near Burnley.

1909—Old age pension Act came into force.

1909---Opening of Rawtenstall Corporation Electrical Tramways.

1910---Fire at Ashworth's Woollen Mill, Stacksteads.

1911—Great fire at Ashworth's Felt works at Waterfoot.

1911—Severe thunderstorms in Rossendale, heavy floods, much damage in Lumb valley.

1912—Rawtenstall Infirmary opened.

1913—Visit of King George V and Queen Mary to Rossendale.

1913---Accident at Stubbins Railway Station, 1 killed, 1 seriously injured.

1913---Explosion at Rawtenstall Bleach Works, a young girl killed and blown into the adjacent lodge.

A Prayer for Springtime

In the lengthening of days,
Snowdrops emerging,
from winter's frozen ground.

WE SEE THE CREATOR'S HAND

In the sight of a tiny lamb
joyfully bounding
across hillside farm

WE SEE THE CREATOR'S HAND

Creator God, forgive our moments of ingratitude,
the spiritual blindness that prevents us
from appreciating the wonder that is this world,
the endless cycle of nature,
of life and death and rebirth.

Forgive us for taking without giving,
reaping without sowing.

Open our eyes to see,
our lips to praise,
our hands to share,
and may our feet tread lightly
on the road that, together, we travel.

Odds and Ends

Here are a number of selected advertisements which were published in newspapers in England and America in times gone by.

“To let—Furnished apartment suitable for a gentleman with folding doors.”

“Wanted—A coachman to look after two horses religiously inclined”

“Respectable woman wants washing on Tuesday.”

“Lost—Near Highgate Archway, an umbrella belonging to a gentleman with a bent rib and a bone handle.”

“M Brown, Furrier, begs to announce that he will make up gowns, capes etc for ladies out of their own skins.”

“Bulldog for sale, will eat anything, very fond of children.”

Roman Remains

Some years ago we were lucky enough to visit the beautiful city of Bath. As we left the station to walk to the Roman Baths we were surprised to encounter a group of 6 people dressed in costumes of the Jane Austen period.

The Roman Baths were amazing with lots of photo opportunities including the deep green water and many statues. Afterwards we toured the nearby Bath Abbey. On our way we encountered many more of the “Jane Austen” dressers.

Next we saw the River and went into the little shop where Bath Buns are made. They were not what we expected at all. In fact a Bath Bun is more like a white tea cake, made of light dough but about twice as high as our teacakes. They can be filled with either sweet or savoury fillings. Bath Buns are sometimes called Sally Lunns. As we walked around the city we met more and more “Jane Austen” dressers. In fact there were hundreds. We discovered that there was to be an attempt on a record for the most “Jane Austen” dressers for the “Guinness book of Records”. They were successful!

Jane’s parents were married in Bath but Jane was born in Steventon, Hampshire. However, she moved to Bath with her parents in 1801. Despite her modern-day fame, her first novels were published anonymously and brought her little fame. She wrote only six novels in her short life. You may have seen the recent adaptation of “Pride and Prejudice” on TV.

The story follows the life of Elizabeth Bennet as she deals with issues around manners, morality, education and marriage amongst the Landed Gentry. The story involves the five daughters of Mrs Bennet and two suitors Mr Bingley and Mr Darcy. This is her most highly praised and best-known work which she published in 1813.

Jane died over 200 years ago, aged 41.

Spring Song

January, February –
Both are left behind,
Mad March winds are often chill,
And sometimes seem unkind,
But everywhere the earth awakes,
Green shoots are breaking through,
And April soon comes dancing in,
And all our hopes renew.

Across the country, life appears,
In valleys, farms and fells,
Young lambs are calling in the fields,
And spring weaves magic spells,
And we rejoice in heart and mind,
As days grow light and long,
And with all nature celebrate,
And share her springtime song!



Just a Give-away or worth a fortune

You may remember from a previous article that the 17th century artist Caravaggio, although extremely talented and appreciated during his life time, lived a very eventful life. He handled his success badly, turning to drunkenness. He was responsible for the death of a man in a drunken brawl and even had a price on his head at one time.

After his death his paintings became unpopular and many described them as too brash theatrical and distasteful. His works fell out of fashion in the middle of the 17th century. Consequently, many paintings ended up in local museums, stately homes, castles and in private collections. One such painting is “The Supper at Emmaus” which was given to the National Gallery in London in 1839, as a buyer could not be found at Christies. This wonderful example of Caravaggio’s work illustrates the story below.

Two of Jesus' disciples were walking to Emmaus after the Crucifixion, when the resurrected Jesus drew near and went with them, but they did not recognise him. At the supper, "He took bread and blessed it and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened and they knew him and he vanished out of their sight" (Luke 24:30-31). Christ is shown at the moment of blessing the bread and revealing his true identity to the two disciples.

Caravaggio's innovative treatment of the subject makes this one of his most powerful works. The depiction of Christ is unusual in that he is beardless and great emphasis is given to the still life on the table. The intensity of the emotions of Christ's disciples is conveyed by their gestures and expressions. The viewer too is made to feel a participant in the event. The artist was to paint several other slightly different versions of this picture.

In the autumn of 2016, nearly 50 of the artist's works were gathered together for a special exhibition at the National Gallery. The pictures mostly have dark backgrounds and brightly lit figures which add to the drama. Another of Caravaggio's famous paintings is "Salome with the head of John the Baptist. He did several slightly different versions of this scene, one being designed as an altar piece. During restoration in the 1950's one version was found to contain a signature which read "I, Caravaggio did this". Some think that this was an admission of his involvement in the death of the man in a drunken brawl.

Dates for Your diary

- April 3 6.00pm. Confirmation Class. at St James
5 2.00pm. Men's Forum, "Gallipoli" by Ann Cheetham
6.15pm. Lent Course
6 2.00pm. Mothers Union talk on Jakarta
9 10.45am. Sung Eucharist. Followed by
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
All are asked to attend
11 12.00. Eat & Meet Lunch
April 10 - 15 HOLY WEEK SERVICES, Please see Fr Terry's letter for details of services.
16. EASTER
19. 2.00pm Men's Forum, Summer Quiz with cakes (Graham Fletcher)
22 & 23. WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE
24 6.00pm Confirmation Class at St Thomas
25 12.00 Eat & Meet Lunch
May. 2 12.00. Extra Eat & Meet Lunch
3 2.00pm Men's Forum, "Inner Hebrides", talk by Hylton Craig
4 7.30 pm Archdeacon Visitation at All Saints, Clayton-le-Moors
5 Lunch in Hall
6 11.00am. SPRING FAIR

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The money we make at the Fair is more vital than ever at this time. Please come and support your Church. We are all working hard with preparations for the Fair. Boxes are in the Hall for donation for the Tombola & jewellery, toiletries, bric-a-brac and books. Any donation will be gratefully received. Arnold will be pleased to receive donations for the Raffle. Our excellent CAFE will be open on Tuesday 2nd, Friday 5th & Saturday 6th. Why not invite your friends to come with you on these occasions? This is a good action for mission. Anyone willing to help in any way, serving in the Cafe, helping on a stall, helping setting up and most important, clearing away afterwards, please let Kaye Ridings know. Hoping to see you all.

Men's Forum

Cllr David Stansfield was our speaker on 22nd February. David gave us an insight into his work on both Rossendale Council and Lancashire County Council. His talk led to a lively discussion about the roles of these two bodies. David suggested that a small group might like to visit County Hall in Preston to watch a County Council meeting and we hope to arrange this.

On March 8th we welcomed Jean Harrison for a return visit. Jean's illustrated talk on "Austrian Lakes and Mountains" showed us something of the magnificent scenery to be found there. We were shown places of interest in Salzburg, the birthplace of Mozart and Innsbruck, which hosted the Winter Olympics in 1964. Jean has spent many holidays in Austria and has a wealth of information to share about its culture and history.

Our future meetings are as follows;

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5 th April	Gallipoli	Ann Cheetham
19 th April	Summer Quiz with Cakes	Graham Fletcher
3 rd May	Inner Hebrides	Hylton Craig
17 th May	Alexander the Great (joint with MU)	Michael Jackson

Any contributions to the May magazine would be very welcome. The closing date for items will be Sunday 16th April so that printing can be done on Friday 21st April. Please e-mail if possible to hylt.sylv@btinternet.com Sylvia Craig.

