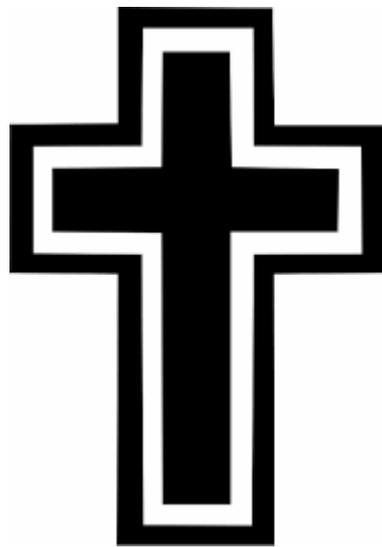


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## The (Associate) Vicar's Letter

March 2018

I am delighted to be able to write the letter for this edition of the Parish Magazine. I am even more delighted to be working in the parishes of St James and St Thomas as the Associate Vicar. I have received a tremendous and generous welcome to Haslingden and Musbury and I am sincerely grateful for that. I look forward to getting to know as many people as possible from both the church family as well in the town and parish.

As you will most likely know by now, I have just finished my curacy at St Peter's, Darwen – another former Lancashire mill town. I have lived in Lancashire for the last 8 and a bit years having moved from Hertfordshire. My career before ordination was as a secondary school music teacher first in Harpenden and then in Bolton. I worked for a number of years at St Albans Cathedral in the Education Department with a little bit of music thrown in. I read music at the University of Huddersfield where I studied voice and musicology. My family comes from a farming community in Lincolnshire where I grew up with 3 brothers.

I feel that I've moved around over the years but very much enjoy life in Lancashire even if the weather is perhaps a bit on the damp/cold side. The people though ... the straight talking and the humour make it a pleasure to be here.

I am passionate about social justice, the environment and about community and its heritage. I love music and liturgy - worship and prayer must be at the very heart of all we do as a church family. Over the coming months I look forward to us all working together, drawing on the gifts, experience and talents we all have, to help make St James a pulsing heart in the Haslingden community. Fr. David

God of community, through our diversity you enable us to enrich one another. Give us wisdom to recognise and rejoice in what is good and true, and to walk in your light all our days. Amen.

### **General Prayer**

Almighty and everlasting God,

Increase in us your gift of faith that,

Forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what is before,

We may run the way of your commandments,

And win the crown of everlasting joy,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

## Yorkshire Parkin

### Ingredients

1. 225g medium oatmeal
2. 125g self-raising flour
3. 125g moist brown sugar
4. 75g margarine
5. 225g golden syrup
6. 1 tablespoon black treacle
7. 200ml milk
8. 1.5 teaspoons ground ginger



Melt the margarine in the syrup and treacle and add to the dry ingredients. Add the milk. Pour the mixture into a lined 20cm baking tin and bake at gas mark 3, 325F, 160C for 2 hours.

## The Blame Game

Do we always have a need to look for a villain? “It’s her fault!” or “It’s not fair!” are among the first sentences that most children learn. Something has been broken or someone’s in tears and the Blame Game has begun. The awful truth is we don’t grow out of it. Look at any newspaper or watch daytime TV and you’ll see it played out endless

A Christmas message from the Archbishop of York, John Sentamu urged people not to blame others for misfortune but instead to look people in the eye and see a brother or a sister. He said that he hoped that in this great country, people would have a more positive view about each other. He suggested that there had been a lot of frustrated hope in the country and that this had made many people vote for Brexit, but repeated again that Britain is a great, great country.

Every time we say the Lord’s Prayer we ask for forgiveness, but add “As we forgive those who sin against us”. It may well be their fault, but we are not seeking a penalty for it. That seems a healthy, if radical, alternative to the Blame Game.

## Radar traps its Inventor

Sir Robert Watson-Watt, the inventor of radar was caught speeding in a radar trap and had to pay a fine. This took place in 1963. Following this incident, he composed the following poem;

Pity Sir Watson-Watt, strange target of this radar plot,

And thus with others I can mention, the victim of his own invention.

His magical all-seeing eye enabled cloud-bound planes to fly,  
But now by some ironic twist it spots the speeding motorist,  
And bites, no doubt with legal wit, the hand that once created it.  
Oh Frankenstein who lost control of monster man created whole,  
With fondest sympathy regard one more hoist with his petard.  
As for you courageous boffins who may be nailing up your coffins,  
Particularly those whose mission deals in the realm of nuclear fission,  
Pause and contemplate fate's counter plot and learn with us what's  
Watson Watt.

### **Grotesques and Gargoyles**

I recently read about a team of about 14 stone masons who work to replace the stone carvings which can be seen high up on the outside of York Minster. These talented craftsmen repair the figures by copying where possible but if that is not possible make up something which they think will fit in amongst the other grotesques and gargoyles. A grotesque is a carving usually of a beast or famous face while a gargoyle serves the useful purpose of directing water from the building.

This reminded me of a visit we made to St Bartholomew's church, Whitworth. The church stands on a rise above the village and has magnificent stone carvings, both grotesques and gargoyles on its exterior.



These were carved by a local man, Mr Egglemere, a deaf mute. Although some were sold after a fire in 1984, a good number still remain. Some represent members of the family of the first priest, Rev I Gaitskill, others local characters.

Jacob Gaitskill and John Gaitskill can be seen. Also "Owd Barns" can be found with a child in his arms. It is said that he went every day to watch the progress of the building, leaving his wife toiling at home and at work. On the west wall is a carving of Edmund Lord who was for many years Singer in the Chapel and Music Teacher. Many angels can be found, one overcoming Satan and displaying his severed head. Also there are doves, lambs and other mythical beasts.

The tower is of special interest because instead of the usual pinnacles there are carvings of seated beasts.

If you normally just pass through Whitworth, on your way somewhere, like many, maybe you could take a detour and look at this lovely church.

## **1964**

Where were you in July of that year? A newspaper dated 20<sup>th</sup> July 1964 recently came into my possession. I had been kept because of the photos of the devastating floods which occurred all over East Lancashire.

The front page showed shots of the house and shop on Blackburn Road, Rising Bridge as they fell into the river. I actually saw this happen from my home which was a farm on a hill up towards Farmer's Glory. It was breath-taking. An old mill lodge above Northfield Road had burst its banks because of heavy rain and a huge wave of water had cascaded down the hillside. A culvert took water beneath Blackburn Road and the water had then washed away the foundations of buildings. A Ford Anglia car was swept under the road and deposited 300 yards down-stream. Many other incidents of flooding were mentioned in the newspaper.

It was interesting to read the TV and radio programmes which were available. There were 2 TV channels; BBC and ITV. The whole advert took up a 6 inch square. BBC started with "Blue Peter" at 5.10 pm and shutdown was at 11.00 pm. ITV ran from 5.00 pm to 11.40 pm and included "Coronation Street" at 7.30 pm. It makes one wonder if we really need all the channels we have today and as for TV on demand....

The small ads were fascinating. Greyhound Racing took place at Blackburn and Bolton racetracks at 7.45 pm, Monday and Friday. You could rent a 19 inch TV for 8 shillings and 1 penny per week or a 17 inch for 5 shillings and nine pence.

Car ads were particularly interesting. A second-hand Ford Cortina De Luxe was for sale at £450, whilst a clearance bargain of a 1953 Austin A70 could be had for £15!



Houses were for sale at prices such as a 2 bedroom terraced property in Bacup for £700, whilst a luxurious semi-detached property in Knott End was £2500.

## **Let there be light**

You may have visited Canterbury Cathedral and marvelled at the beautiful stained glass windows. A dedicated team of restorers is responsible for their upkeep.

The Great South Window is an example of their skill. The window was built between 1425 and 1430. It is 55 feet high and is made up of 197 panels. The window was not due to be

restored but some years ago a large piece of stone fell from the window onto the concrete floor. It was decided that this would be a good time to repair the glass as well as the stonework. The leader of the team of restorers is a Leonie Selinger.

First the scaffolding was built, then the lead and lime mortar which held the window in place was carefully scraped out. The glass was removed in individual panels which were taken to a workshop to be cleaned. They were then cleaned with a fine sable brush with the help of a microscope. Some parts were mended with copper wire or resin and then a clear protective coat was applied.

The process took 7 years and when the window was finally returned, it was dedicated in a special ceremony by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The head restorer remarked that if they had done their job well no one would notice that anything had changed!

### **Eric Mizon**

We send good wishes to Eric Mizon who reached the grand age of 90 last month. He raised £250 from donations received which he has donated to Macmillan Cancer Relief. Well done Eric.

This month sees another of our congregation reach 90, Mrs Eunice Potts. Although now living in Tottington she and her sister are still avid supporters of St James.

We wish them both Many Happy Returns.

### **From a church Magazine 1963 - 55 years ago**

An article from that issue reads as follows;

ALAN WORSLEY. From being a Public Health Inspector at Burnley, he is flying out to Nairobi to serve a two year contract with the City Council there. He is anxious to help the Africans to find their feet and it is very creditable that he should be willing to go and serve, especially in the unsettled atmosphere of that area where it could be difficult for such as Alan who is merely anxious to serve.

This spirit is what is largely needed to aid these new countries. We wish him well, and follow his period of service with great interest. He could be comfortable and settled at home - instead he chooses to help forward those who for the time being need that help. Very good work. Canon Bamber

Unfortunately Alan is no longer with us. R.I.P.

### **Alec**

This year Alec Taylor celebrates 30 years as our Verger. His work is greatly valued in the Church. He spends many hours helping to look after the Church and preparing for services.

He has a great knowledge of the history of St James'. This is helpful to us all. We thank him most sincerely for this dedicated service .

### **Diary for March**

1. 2.00. MOTHERS UNION, speaker Mrs Carole Whitling. Open meeting All welcome
- 7.30. Service of Celebration of Fr Roger's 70th birthday  
With Bishop Philip. All welcome
4. 8.00 Said Eucharist
- 10.45. Sung Eucharist
6. 10.00. Eucharist.
7. 2.00. Men's Forum, County & Local Roles by Cllr David Stansfield
8. 7.00. Standing Committee
- 11 10.45. Sung Eucharist
13. 10.00. Eucharist
- 12.00 Eat and Meet lunch. All welcome
18. 8.00. Said Eucharist
- 10.45. Sung Eucharist
20. 10.00. Eucharist
21. 2.00. Men's Forum, Cornwall to Lancashire-a Life's journey, Canon Roger Smith
22. 7.00. Parochial Church Council. It is important that all members attend. Fr David will chair the meeting.
24. Visiting bell ringing team

CLOCKS GO FORWARD 1 HOUR

- 25 PALM SUNDAY- HOLY WEEK
- 10.30. Meet at the School Car Park for procession to Church (weather permitting)
- 10.45. Sung Eucharist and Reading of the Passion

For all other HOLY WEEK services please see the poster on the back page of this magazine.

- 1 April. EASTER SUNDAY - HE IS RISEN , ALLELUIA!
- 6.00am. Dawn Liturgy (this is at St Thomas's Church)

10.45am. SUNG EUCHARIST for EASTER DAY. This is the only service in the year that the Church says every Christian should attend. Will you be there? We hope to see you.  
(Please note that there is no 8.00am service on Easter Sunday)

A VERY HAPPY and PEACEFUL EASTER from Fr DAVID and the CHURCHWARDENS

## **Spiritual MOTs** on special offer this Lent

Lent is a time traditionally associated with self-reflection and examination. It's a good time to take stock of our own spiritual journeys as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter. If you would like a conversation to talk about spiritual matters - prayer life, matters of conscience, suggested reading or anything else - then please contact Fr David.

## **NEW ENVELOPES**

New envelopes are due at St James on 1st Sunday in March. It is hoped that you will receive the new ones sometime during the week previous. If anyone would like to join the envelope scheme and help our Church to cover our outgoings, please see any of the Wardens or Adrienne Taylor. Thank you

## **MOTHERS UNION**

At our meeting in February we were pleased to welcome County Councillor David Stansfield. He spoke of his life before he became a Councillor and what led him into politics. It was very interesting and amusing. He also answered many questions. We thank him for entertaining us.

This was followed by our A.G.M. when the Officers and committee were re-elected.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 1st March when our speaker will be Mrs Carole Whitling who will demonstrate and explain the art of Lace making. This is an open meeting and everyone is welcome to come and be entertained for a couple of hours. Come and have a pleasant afternoon with friends, enjoy an interesting talk and a cup of tea.

We have lost a lot of our members through death or going into a home. We do need your support.

Once again, thanks to the ladies of the Mothers Union who so kindly brought all the indoor members delicious Christmas presents. A big "Thankyou" for giving their precious time to visit and have a chat.

Madge Tennent

## **St James Men's Forum**

Welcome to our meetings from March to May 2018. We meet in the Church Lounge at 2.00pm on alternate Wednesdays. £2 per meeting. Why not bring a friend along to one of our meetings.

We have had two photographic excursions so far this year. At the end of January David Mathias took us on another of his "Rail Rambles". David showed us some of the interesting places that he visited last summer ranging from the iconic Forth Railway Bridge to Alston-

one of the highest towns in England. Stopping at various places, we saw something of the local architecture and history. This was another excellent presentation by David. This was followed by “My Photographic Journey through 2017” by Keith Hughes. Keith travels the country in his motor home so is able to visit many different places. He took us to Bodnant Gardens in Wales, Mablethorpe on the east coast, Youlgreave in Derbyshire and nearer to home, Skipool Creek and Blackpool. Keith is an accomplished photographer who often takes a view from an unusual angle to add more impact. We thanked Keith for a very enjoyable tour.

### **Wednesday**

7 <sup>th</sup> March	County and Local Council Roles	Cllr David Stansfield
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Cornwall to Lancashire-a life’s Journey	Canon Roger Smith
11 <sup>th</sup> April	Grand Austrian Tour	Jean Harrison
25 <sup>th</sup> April	Skye and the Small Isles	Hylton Craig
9 <sup>th</sup> May	Lancashire’s Cotton Industry	Michael Jackson
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Quiz	

Any contributions to the April magazine would be very welcome. The closing date for items will be Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March so that printing can be done Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Please e-mail if possible to [hylt.sylv@btinternet.com](mailto:hylt.sylv@btinternet.com) Sylvia Craig.