

February 2010
Letter from our Assistant Curate,
Revd Richard Watson

Dear Friends

Ash Wednesday, 17th February, is the start of Lent.



Lent challenges us to do battle with our failings and weaknesses. It is our time to battle with our shortcomings and with our own selfish wants.

It is God's given time to examine ourselves; the way we live, the things we do, the way we think and the way we pray and meditate. It is a time to find God in our lives again, and to walk faithfully with Him. It is a time for honest reappraisal, as we strive seriously for a change of heart, without pretence or pretentiousness.

Let us remember however that God persists in His love towards us. As someone once said, 'God keeps no rubbish bin'. He discards no-one. He refuses nothing that is offered. Instead, He has a special affection for ordinary people, especially those who are humble of heart.



In Lent, as always, we need to do what Jesus did. We must call upon the power of God; we must speak out His words of truth, both to ourselves and others. Lent is therefore not a solitary event, because we have each other within the family of the Church. We have the Bible, the Sacraments, our sharing in worship and our fellowship in the whole body of Christ.

Commencing on Wednesday 27th January, we shall be offering a short course throughout February called 'Discover more to Life' which will be an opportunity to dig deeper into faith, that will not only be suitable for new enquirers, but which will help all those seeking a closer walk with God. On Thursday 28th January there will be a stimulating and engaging evening with Adrian Plass, an international speaker of repute. And throughout Lent there will be special CTI sponsored groups as well as our ongoing All Saints' Fellowship Groups, to which you are warmly invited. Full details of these will be available from the Weekly Church Notice sheet, so please make sure of your copy week by week.

This year, maybe Lent can open up a new and sudden relationship with God for some of us. Christianity is always in the 'unawares' frame of activity and

being. It is brilliantly put in the parable of the sheep and goats, about the rewarded and the condemned. They are both equally surprised! 'Lord, when was it that we did this?' or 'Lord, when was it that we didn't do that?'

The distinction that we have to get at is the difference between two Greek words *chronos* and *kairos*. *Chronos* is the linear measurement of time; time that stretches before us. But Paul uses the word *kairos*; the time of immediacy and urgency, the significant moment.

This Lent can be a real time of opportunity. Every moment of living is of ultimate significance. If we are casual about God and never put ourselves out too much, never making conscious decisions about what God wants of our lives, we may find that His God-given opportunities may not come our way again.

This then is the challenge of Lent. Not to let the moments of opportunity pass us by. So may we enter into this holy season filled with courage, filled with hope, and ready to grasp the opportunities for deepening our faith, for serving God and for being active in His service.

And then, Easter will bring forth, for each one of us, joys that are both immediate and everlasting.

With love in Christ

Dick



The
Children's
Society

Christmas Eve Christingle Services at All Saints

Wintry weather meant that the congregations were slightly down in Church on Christmas Eve but even the snow outside failed to dampen the wonderful glow from our Christingle Celebrations. Collections from the two services raised the magnificent sum of £851.02

Thank you so much to everyone involved, especially The Mothers' Union, for all their hard work and continued commitment to the Children's Society.

Lynda Margerison

View from the youthattic

With the last magazine being a double month edition, I think some of last year's events may have been missed, so excuse me for a looking back.

In November the Sunday Nighters held a weekend sleep-over. The teaching was around God calling each and everyone of us and how we respond. We used Church, the Oasis cafe and Church House for our activities. On the Saturday we set off on the train to Leeds and visited the Armouries then the Cinema in the afternoon. Joyce and Jen kept us well fed for the weekend, my thanks to them.

Towards the end of November the mid-week youth fellowship, S.N.O.W., went as a group to ChristChurch to see Riding Lights Theatre Group perform 'Origins & Lemons', a well thought-out play around Creation. Pathfinders were invited to St Margarets for the younger Deanery Youth Event again looking at Creation; why we were created and how we look after what God has created for us.



In December Sunday Nighters invited members of the congregation to join in The Big Sing. There were 30 of us who stood by the check-outs one Sunday afternoon singing carols. We had 2 practices and even though the only musical instrument was my guitar I think we did rather well.

We really enjoyed ourselves and raised £55 for Christian Aid.

In SNOW we looked at the central figures of the Christmas story and the part we could play at Christmas. We rounded the year up with a party at Christian Union on the Monday before the schools broke up and Sunday Nighters had their party with the theme of 'Come as someone else' so they had to dress and act as other people from the group. We held our 'mincepies in the youthattic' on Christmas Eve and it was a real pleasure to see 'old' Sunday Nighters back from Uni there.



2010 has set us off with loads of snow and ice, some things already cancelled, some carrying on in spite of the weather. We are already collecting money for Greenbelt and are planning a joint youth football match at the end of January and looking at a course on the 10 Commandments for Christian Union. Thanks

John - Youth Worker

(A review of the Riding Lights Theatre Company production, "Origins and Lemons" staged at Christchurch on November 18th 2009 - somewhat belatedly because of the double December/January magazine issued at the beginning of December – Ed.)

Fact or Fiction

Noah and Darwin debating evolution while downing homemade plonk; the Eurovision Vegetable Contest; an improbably literary chimpanzee and a very frisky alien: if it all sounds rather dodgy - it was! Furthermore, you may be disturbed to read that not one, but both All Saints' Churchwardens were involved, not to mention a retired member of the clergy. No, this isn't an exposé about to hit the Ilkley Gazette but a review of the latest Riding Lights Theatre Company production, "Origins and Lemons" staged at Christchurch on November 18th.

In typical Riding Lights style (funny, deep, slightly irreverent) the play shone a spotlight on the very opening of the Bible; Genesis chapters 1-11. These are the chapters which contain arguably the most difficult passages of the entire Bible, which is ironic as they are the Bible stories probably most often told to children. The difficulty I find with these opening stories is that they are just so unlikely; questions come thick and fast... are they literally true? (many Christians believe so), if so how? If not, how do we interpret them? What do they mean? And does that mean the rest of the Bible isn't true either?

The stories in question are of course, The Creation, The Fall, Cain and Abel, Noah and the Flood and the Tower of Babel (oh and the lesser known story of the Nephilim which is where the frisky alien came in – don't believe me look at Genesis 6:4)

The play had two plots. On one hand it recounted the stories themselves, usually in a humorous, slightly off the wall manner: Adam and Eve were cast out of Paradise by an angel who had forgotten his 'Flaming Sword' (no need to flippin' swear...); the Babelites could only say the word rhubarb before being cursed by God for their arrogance, to each repeat their own separate vegetable; and a Swedish Noah explained how his IKEA stackable animal storage system worked.



The story of Noah and his ark is in Genesis 8:29 - 10:32

So far, so funny: but the play's second, underlying plot was much deeper, attempting to explain the use of these stories as imagery; a means to explain the **why** rather than the **how** of Creation and God's relationship with mankind. It hit back at the modern unquestioning acceptance that 'Big bang'

and evolution were fact rather than theory and that they somehow were mutually exclusive to the Christian faith.

I really enjoyed the evening, it was in parts hilarious, affirming and provoking; tweaking those emotions which only live performance can seem to reach. It was great to see so many All Saints' folks there but I kicked myself for an opportunity missed; it would have been a brilliant event to invite non church friends to and could have sparked many an interesting discussion.

If you missed 'Origins and Lemons' you missed out. Try to make sure you see Riding Lights next time they are within reach of Ilkley or alternatively go and see them at their 'home' theatre in Friargate, York... and better still take a friend.

More info at www.ridinglights.org

Graeme Sproats

CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING

The church floodlighting will be sponsored on the following dates:-

Sunday, February 14th - Anonymous donation

Tuesday, February 23rd - In memory of Nettie

Thursday, February 25th - For Jack Matthews on becoming a teenager

If you would like to celebrate a special occasion in this way or to commemorate a loved one (suggested donation £10), please contact Gill Kingsman via the Church Office.

Church Mission Society

February is the month when our Mission Focus is on CMS.

At the moment CMS and the South American Mission Society are preparing to merge. It is a big venture entered into after much prayer and an overwhelming vote in favour of the merge.

All Saints' special involvement with CMS is with our mission partners Revs Colin and Anita Smith and their daughters Sheila and Sandie in Kenya. Anita is based in Nairobi at the Cathedral and Colin is very involved in the massive slum area in Kibera and is director of the Centre for Urban Mission.

We very much enjoyed Colin and Anita's visit to All Saints last year and their power point pictures illustrating the areas in which they work. CMS' motto is "sharing Jesus, changing lives" and that is what they do by word and action in many parts of the world, working alongside local people rather than imposing projects and ideas. All Saints' has also donated to Potters' Village in Uganda where a CMS Missionary, Rev Jenny Green, is helping local people to provide safe haven for abandoned babies and slowly a village is coming to life staffed mainly by locals and volunteers.

Please pray for the work of CMS and for the merger. Also Colin and Anita have asked special prayers as a terrible drought is upon the area around Nairobi and in many parts of Kenya and Africa.

Barbara Akam

Themes and Readings for February

Sunday 7th February – Second Sunday before Lent (Sexagesima)

Sermon series on “The Sermon on the Mount” (3) – How to be effective in prayer

Reading: Matthew 6.5-14

Sunday 14th February – Sunday next before Lent (Quinquagesima)

Sermon series on “The Sermon on the Mount” (4) – How to love other people

Reading: Matthew 7.7-12

Wednesday 17th February – Ash Wednesday

7.30pm Theme – Finding a fair way to live again

Readings: Isaiah 58.1-12; John 8.1-11

Sunday 21st February – First Sunday of Lent

Theme – Finding God in the wilderness

Readings: Romans 10.8-13; Luke 4.1-13

Sunday 28th February – Second Sunday of Lent

Theme – Finding royal protection

Readings: Psalm 27.1-5; Luke 13.31-end

9.15 am Communion services

Themes and Readings from 31st January to 7th March

31 st January	How to cope with difficult people	1 Corinthians 9:24-27	Matthew 5:1-26
7 th February	How to be effective in prayer	2 Corinthians 11:19-31	Matthew 6:5-14
14 th February	How to love other people	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	Matthew 7:7-12
21 st February	Finding God in the wilderness	Romans 10:8-13	Luke 4:1-13
28 th February	Finding royal protection	Psalm 27:1-5	Luke 13:31-end
7 th March	Finding life before it's too late	Isaiah 55:6-9	Luke 13:1-9

Readers at 9.15am services are requested to announce themselves to the Churchwarden on duty upon arrival in church, so that all are clearly aware who will be going to the lectern to read the appointed scriptures, before the service begins.

DIARY FOR FEBRUARY 2010

Weekly Events:

SUNDAYS	9.30 am	Pathfinder Club (10-13 years)
	10.45 am	Lighthouse & Explorers (3-6yrs & 6-9yrs)
		SMIFF (School yrs 8-10, 2nd and 4th Sundays, Oasis)
	7.45 pm	"Sunday Night" (Young People 13+)
MONDAYS	6.15 pm – 7.45 pm	Brownies (7-10yrs)
	6.30 pm – 8.30 pm	Guides (10-14yrs)
	7.00 pm – 8.30 pm	Rangers (14+) (alternate weeks)
WEDNESDAYS	9.00 am	Morning Prayer – side chapel
	9.30 am	Staff meeting (clergy, wardens, youth worker administrator)
	11.45 am	Holy Communion
	12.30 pm	CTI clergy meeting
	7.30 pm	Bell ringing practice in the tower
	8.00 pm	Sunday Night on Wednesday
THURSDAYS	2.00 pm	Discoverers
FRIDAYS	9.00 am	Morning Prayer – side chapel
	10.45 am	Pause for Prayer in the side chapel
SATURDAYS	10.00 am	United Prayers, Christchurch, The Grove

Full details of all Fellowship Groups, children's activities and other groups available in Welcome Pack

Monday	1	7.30pm	Mothers' Union AGM (preceded by communion)
Tuesday	2	10.00am	Organ Roadshow held by U3A
Wednesday	3	2.15pm	Riverview service
		8.00pm	"Discover More to Life" course – week 2
Saturday	6	10.30am	Music Group practice

SUNDAY 7 SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT (Sexagesima)

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) – Rev. Richard Watson		
9.15 am	Holy Communion (CW) – Preacher: Rev. Richard Watson		
10.45 am	Service of the Word (CW) – Preacher: Rev. Lee Townend		
6.30 pm	First Direct – Preacher: Rev. Lee Townend		

Monday	8		Copy deadline for March magazine
		8.00pm	PCC Meeting
Wednesday	10	8.00pm	"Discover More to Life" course – week 3
Thursday	11		Otley Deanery Synod
Saturday	13	10.00am	Music Group practice

SUNDAY 14 SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT (Quinquagesima)

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) – Rev. Richard Watson

9.15 am Holy Communion (BCP) – Preacher: Mr. Brian Harris

10.45am Holy Communion (CW) - Preacher: Preb. Pat Dearnley

with baptisms of Imogen Rose Hodgson and Nicholas Dennis Wood
followed by Bring & Share lunch in Church House

6.30pm Evensong – Preacher: Mr. Peter Stewart

Monday 15 8.00pm Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday 16 4.30pm Pastoral Visitors Prayers

Wednesday 17 **Ash Wednesday**

7.30pm Holy Communion; Preacher: Rev Graham Smith

8.00pm “Discover More to Life” course – week 4

Saturday 20 12 noon Wedding of Beverley Garrod and Anthony Short

5.00 pm Music Group practice

SUNDAY 21 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) – Rev. Richard Watson

9.15 am Holy Communion (CW) – Preacher: Rev. Lee Townend

10.45 am Service of the Word (CW)– Preacher: Rev. Lee Townend

6.30 pm Third Sunday joint evening service at the Baptists

Monday 22 7.30pm CTI Forum – Ilkley Baptist Church

Tuesday 23 Church cleaning

Friday 26 3.30 pm Friday Xtra – “It’s magic – or is it?”

6.00pm Choir practice

7.30pm Music Group practice

Saturday 27 7.30pm “Uprising” in Church House

SUNDAY 28 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) – Rev. Richard Watson

9.15 am Holy Communion (CW) – Preacher: Rev. Lee Townend

10.45am Holy Communion (CW) - Preacher: Rev. Lee Townend

6.30 pm Healing Holy Communion – Preacher: Mr. Peter Stewart

Monday 1 7.30pm Mothers’ Union - ecumenical

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

(Isaiah 41:10)



- ◆ To Roy Head, for the beautifully worked candleholders for holding the candles given to children at their baptism.
- ◆ To Jane Muncaster, for her work in keeping the brass plaques shining.
- ◆ To those new volunteers who have joined the recently augmented church cleaning rota.
- ◆ To Felicity Phipps and her team of cleaners for their hard work in keeping the church clean over the past few years.
- ◆ To Sybil Mussel for organising yet another successful Christmas Fair.

You may be interested to know that recent campaigns / events /collections have raised:

- ◆ Giving Campaign in November - approximately £10,000
- ◆ Christmas Fayre - approximately £825
- ◆ Collections from Christingle services for
The Children's Society - £851
- ◆ Donations for Matugga from Christmas cards - £216
- ◆ Donations towards the Christmas DVDs - £335

With many thanks to all for your generosity wherever or however you have contributed.



Our AGM will take place on Monday, 1st February in Church House, preceded by Communion in Church at 7.30pm. The Mothers' Union Quiet Day at the Briery will be held on Tuesday, 16th February, from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

Joyce Phasey

Elsa & Betty

Supporting Elsa and Betty has been somewhat of an emotional roller-coaster for everyone involved, but we are all so relieved and delighted that they have been granted official status to live and work in the UK.

Throughout this process we had the opportunity to read correspondence and documents from the Home Office, including the letter giving UK status. It was interesting to note the criteria on which the decision was made:-

- * their strength of connections in the UK
- * their length of residence in the UK
- * compassionate circumstances.

The first reason has a connection with all of us, as it will include all those personal letters, signed letters and petitions, and telephone calls, to various authorities and government departments. Perhaps we sometimes think that such efforts are disregarded by officialdom, but clearly this was not the case, so we can be encouraged that these actions had a considerable bearing on a just and positive outcome.

Elsa and Betty were very aware of all our support, and are profoundly grateful.

Barbara Challoner & Barbara Tyas

The Oasis Café



OPENING TIMES

for February

Students of Bradford College serve morning coffee, snacks and delicious lunches from

10am – 2pm

on Tuesdays & Fridays

2nd, 5th, 9th and 12

Closed for half term from 16th to 26th February

Book in advance on 817098

Creation Care

Monthly environmental news from All Saints Environment Group



The first Green Fair for Ilkley was successfully held on November 7th, at Christchurch. This was supported by Churches Together in Ilkley, the idea for the fair initially being suggested by the cti Mission/Outreach group. The main aims of the fair were to provide more information for people on what we can do about climate change and other environmental problems, and to provide some

Christian perspective on environmental issues. It was felt important to schedule the event in the run up to the Copenhagen summit on climate change.

Ann Cryer MP was scheduled to open the event but had to cancel due to illness, and Cllr Alan Morell of Ilkley Parish Council kindly stepped in at short notice. He highlighted the role of voluntary organisations and young people in dealing with the environmental challenges we face.

Riddings Hall was occupied by 16 stalls from various environmental and voluntary organisations, including conservation organisations like Friends of Ilkley Moor and Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, campaigning groups like Friends of the Earth, Tear Fund and Christian Aid, and energy efficiency advisors Energy Saving Trust and SURE Wharfedale. Yorkshire Water, Metro and Bradford Council provided freebies for us to give out. Brochures from local businesses covering organic food and renewable energy were available for people to browse.

We had a chance to calculate our personal carbon emissions, using a quick calculator obtained from Centre for Alternative Technology. This can be accessed on their website, does not require a calculator and gives an answer in around 2 minutes. Around 45 people added their “carbon footprints” to a chart, ranging from 4 to 25 tonnes per year! We also had postcards from Christian Aid for people to sign in support of a strong agreement on climate change at Copenhagen.

We had three speakers during the day. Colin Robertson from NG Bailey talked about sustainable solutions for reducing carbon emissions from buildings, David Beattie from Christian environmental charity AROCHA spoke about their work, and Keith Thompson, a local environmental campaigner, gave a challenging talk about what is needed to be done about climate change.

We had a good range of children's craft activities and a quiz with answers to be found at each of the stalls. Christchurch Coffee Centre was also opened in the afternoon and this generated income that more than covered the costs.

Thanks must go to all the volunteers from Ilkley churches, including All Saints who helped out on the day. We estimate around 200-300 people visited during the day, and there were many interesting conversations. Generally the feedback from stallholders was very positive and they would attend a similar event in the future. The Ilkley Gazette showed a strong interest in the event, with good coverage both before and after.

We enjoyed working together with other churches on this and it was a good experience in combining the resources of different churches to run a successful event. The organising group will continue to meet to exchange tips on how to make our churches more environmentally friendly, and there are various ideas for what the churches can do together in the future.

Michael Baldwin

cti Churches Together in Ilkley

Lent groups for 2010

During Lent, Churches Together in Ilkley will be running ecumenical seminars following a course on climate change entitled "Hope in God's Future" which will address Christian discipleship in the context of climate change. This is a five week course and there will be a morning and an evening session on Tuesdays 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd March probably at Ilkley Baptist Church and Christchurch with the fifth session being incorporated into the Walk of Witness on Good Friday.

We would encourage as many housegroups as possible to support the CTI study course which promises to be relevant and interesting. However, it is recognised that some groups may wish to continue with their own studies. Although it was mooted initially that housegroups would study the Diocesan 'Future Faithful' material during Lent, Lee and the wardens have agreed that this will now be used in sermons and fellowship groups later in the year.

Mavis Currie – CTI Secretary

Getting religion right is crucial for BBC to meet its public duty, says Church

A proper portrayal of religion that reflects and explores the factors giving people's lives purpose should form an explicit part of the BBC's requirement to "sustain citizenship and civil society", argues the Church of England in its recent response to a BBC Trust consultation on BBC Television.

The Church calls for the BBC Trust to consider amending their television channels' service licences "to give explicit recognition to the fact that religious issues are a matter of general public interest and not just the concern of the religious".

It also says that the BBC's Public Purpose of "reflecting Britain to the world and the world to Britain" should explicitly recognise the significance of religion as part of news and current affairs output, and should be supported by adequate specialist knowledge within the Corporation.

The submission, signed by the Rt Revd Nigel McCulloch, the Church of England's lead spokesman on media issues, is in response to a consultation being held by the BBC Trust into the performance of BBC One, BBC Two and BBC Four against the channels' respective Service Licences, and to inform their future strategy.



Some Dates for your Diary.....

MATUGGA UPDATE EVENING - SATURDAY 6TH FEBRUARY AT 7.30pm, ST JOHN'S CHURCH HALL

Come and enjoy an evening of feedback on recent developments in Matugga following exciting trips to the Revival Centre by Debbie Walker and Sue Boerrigter in September and by Chris and Katie Raybould in November. We will be featuring news of the crucial farm and dormitory projects. We have wonderful pictures, video clips and stories to share with you, so please put the date in your diary now!



Phil & Libby Chappell



DIOCESAN DAY – 2010 Saturday April 17th

MINISTRY FOR MISSION "...to prepare God's people for works of service" With the Rt Rev Robert Paterson & Adrian Plass. A day of fellowship, teaching and celebration as we continue to pursue our Future Faithful vision. Brochures and booking forms will be sent to clergy and PCC secretaries in January or can be obtained from Kadugli House. They will also be available on the Diocesan website.

For more information contact Steve Allen on 01274-482059 or steve.allen@bradford.anglican.org.

The Story of the Holocaust at Ripon Cathedral "6 Million + - Every Person Counts"

An installation to commemorate the industrial scale of the Holocaust and more recent genocides, created by Kirklees Museums & Galleries. To be held from 13 January-20 February 2010 at Ripon Cathedral. Daily from 10am-4pm. This is a resource for encouraging students and adults to challenge racial prejudice and persecution.

<http://www.bradford.anglican.org/mailling/files/09126millionbutt.pdf>

Flower Rota



7 th February	
14 th February	Ilelen Mann in memory of her husband, Alan
21 st February	Hamish Currie
28 th February	Sheila Noble in memory of her husband

(If you would like to fill in a gap on the flower rota by making a contribution for church flowers please contact Margaret Watson via the Church office)

Parish Registers February 2010

Baptisms – *We welcome into the Lord's family*

6th December	Toby Frank Shaw
3 rd January	Rebecca Scarlett Mann

Funerals - *We commend into the hands of Almighty God*



23 rd November	Frank Radcliffe Catterall	Aged 52
1 st December	Kim Jayne Robson	Aged 45
2 nd December	John Foster Graham	Aged 75
4 th December	Gwendoline Hofsass	Aged 83
14 th December	Peter Kershaw	Aged 70
18 th December	Brenda Knibbs	Aged 91
8 th January	Derek Allen Modley	Aged 80

Baptism Anniversaries

In Baptism these children began their journey in faith:

17 th February 2008	Freddie Pitchford
1 st February 2009	Evelyn Lily Martha Higgs

*In Baptism, God calls us out of darkness into His marvellous light.
To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life in Him.*