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Happy Easter!

And welcome to this edition of our magazine, where we have some good news.

*“We are pleased to announce that the **Revd Karen Young**, currently serving as Incumbent of the Benefice of Heckmondwike (with Norristhorpe and Liversedge) in the Huddersfield Episcopal Area, will be Instituted and Inducted as Incumbent of the Benefice of Ackworth and Badsworth in the Wakefield Episcopal Area on Monday 23 May 2022 at 7.30pm at St Mary’s Church Badsworth, with the Bishop of Wakefield officiating.”*

This was the announcement that was given several weeks ago, and we look forward to welcoming Karen into our worshipping community here in Ackworth and Badsworth.

One of Karen’s first Sunday services will be Pentecost Sunday, when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. It is also the weekend of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations! So there will be lots to celebrate as she arrives.

We also look forward to working with Karen over the coming years, as we discern what it is to be a church in today’s world. And then of course, get on with it! This is a theme which is occupying the thoughts and prayers of all our churches in Ackworth. We have all been through some difficult times, and there may still be some difficult days to come. But our wish is that our magazine will give you some hope for the future, and a little light relief from the news!



Revd Karen Young

Yesterday

*Yesterday, all my troubles seemed so far away
Now it looks as though they're here to stay
Oh, I believe in yesterday*

I guess most people reading this will recognise these opening words from the Beatles song "Yesterday". Many will have sung this song many times. And many will understand in some deep way what the lyrics are all about.

It is a very common thing to wish for better days, and often that means wishing for things to be the way they used to be. I wonder how many times you have heard someone say, or even said yourself, "things are not the way they used to be", or "things were better in my day"! It is very easy sometimes to look backwards with rose coloured glasses, and wish that we could go back to better days.

Of course, we all know that that is not possible. We are where we are, but not always where we would like to be. We have seen a fast-paced change of situations over recent years, seemingly limping from one crisis to another. Covid-19, and several lockdowns. An energy and fuel crisis, threatening our livelihoods. The war in Ukraine, threatening families, and peace in the world. We have had much to think about, and much to worry about. No wonder we sometimes long for "Yesterday".

But I wonder sometimes, how many times we might long for tomorrow. Long for better days to come. St Paul writing his second letter to the Corinthians says, "We look not for what can be seen, but what cannot be seen" (2 Cor 4:18). We can see the past, but we cannot see the future. Although we can sometimes glimpse what the future might be like.

At the time of writing, Easter is just around the corner. Soon there will be lots of celebrations, with Easter Bunnies, Easter Eggs, Easter Bonnets perhaps. Our churches will be decorated, and we will be celebrating by remembering the Easter story, with its climax being the resurrection of Jesus. All of these things should give us something to

smile about. All of these things should give us something to celebrate. All of these things should give us hope.

If the message of the Easter story is not about hope, then it has little to tell us. If the church does not have this message of hope at its core, then it has nothing to tell us. In order to understand the Easter message, we have to understand hope. We have to believe, and we have to have faith, that the future will bring better days.

So however, you celebrate the Easter Weekend, do it with hope. Look for the positive signs of hope and renewal, and push the boat out as best you can to celebrate the hope that we can all hold on to.

Perhaps we should sing:

*Tomorrow, all my troubles will seem far away
And it will look as though they've gone to stay
Oh, I believe in tomorrow.*

Revd Paul Fox

A message from the Ward Family

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The Ward family would like to thank all those who made John and Corinne's wedding such a joyful and memorable occasion - it was very special for us all that John was able to get married in the church in which he grew up. The service was international, quirky, moving, warm and had a good 'dose' of humour - and Paul's address drew a round of applause! Thank you all.



An Update from the Events Group

Fairs

Thank you to everyone who helped in preparing for, serving and clearing up after the Spring Fair. Also a big thank you to everyone who came and supported the event. At the time of writing we have raised over £950 for church funds.

Further fairs planned for this year are:

Autumn Fair 24th September 2022

Christmas Fair 3rd December, 2022

Thursday Club

We are delighted that we are once again able to meet socially and enjoy entertainment, refreshments and chat with our friends old and new. We are pleased to say that we have a full programme of Thursday Club events planned for this year and we hope that you will come along and support these evenings.

Thursday Club 2022

Date	Content	Who
Thursday 10 th March	Walking the St Cuthbert's Way	Revd Paul Fox
Thursday 14 th April	Maundy Thursday Service	
Thursday 12 th May	A Taste of Honey – from Hive to Jar	Bob Davis
Thursday 9 th June	Treasure Hunt	Car teams
Thursday 14 th July	Cider Tasting	Ian Hall
Thursday 11 th August	Friendly Bingo for all	Judith Rooke
Thursday 8 th September	Flower Arranging Workshop	Michelle
Thursday 13 th October	Concert	St Cuthbert's Music

Other events to look forward to this year include a Benefice Quiz at Badsworth in October and also a flower festival at St Cuthbert's as part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations from 2nd to 5th June, 2022.

We look forward to seeing you at all the above events!

The Events Group

WINTERSETT

Having left the car at Winterset, where at the moment there is a two hour free parking concession as well as free parking after 6 pm – which will come into it's own after the clocks go forward on 26 March, we had our walk at Haw Park Wood.

We decided on returning to the car to visit the first hide situated 300yards from the entrance on the left-hand side. It was 4 pm which we found to be the best time yet to visit this hide.

When we approached the hide, where you have to stand to view the birds they all scattered! But standing quietly for a minute or so they began to return - there being lots of food for them.

We saw female pheasants, chaffinches, goldfinches, greenfinches, great tits, bluetits, a nuthatch, bramblings, siskins, dunnocks, reed buntings, wood pigeons, jackdaws, magpies, crows, robins and a yellowhammer. To our delight a greater spotted woodpecker arrived and proceeded to show his acrobatic skills on the feeder.

Some birds were busy on the feeders whilst others fed on the ground. A half- grown rat., obviously frightened of it's own shadow kept appearing, scuttling away if even the smallest bird approached!

We didn't on this occasion visit the main hide to see the water birds- we will wait and have the binoculars with us for that. As well as the birds there is a pleasant, wheelchair friendly walk (approx. 2 miles). However if contemplating this from late April onwards be warned about the midges and go armed with 'Jungle formula'; or similar repellent.

Once your stay is completed there is an excellent café which serves very reasonably priced food and drinks and if your stay is longer than two hours and you purchased a car park ticket on café purchases.

ENJOY!

Stella and Ian

Olive Tree Florists: Dynamic Duo Pursuing their Passion.

An Olive tree, a symbol of peace and friendship has found a new meaning within local communities, with The Olive Tree Florists exploring their love for floral design through workshoping and selling of floral products. Adele and Caroline are the two creative talents behind The Olive Tree, with a background in floristry these lovely ladies display their talents, decades of floral knowledge and design to create stunning displays all year round. They're highly driven and highly creative individuals that ensure that everything they make is unique, beautiful, and affordable while displaying elegance and individuality. By blending artificial flowers with foliage, this creative duo gives customers long lasting results and ensure that your favourite seasonal flowers are available all year around.

When Adele and Caroline are not creating their stunning stock of wreaths, bouquets and much more, they are supporting local communities through workshops and donations to charities, donating their wreaths or donating money from workshops to charities such as the Yorkshire Air Ambulance and aiding local support events such as the Mid Yorkshire Breast Cancer support group. Their workshops are a highlight, allowing people who participate to truly feel their creativeness flow through their fingertips as they decorate their own wreaths.

I was lucky enough to witness a collection of their work in a stunning floral display shown within All-Saint's Church during one of their coffee mornings. Just by talking to them I could sense the passion and warmth they have for the work they do, not only as a business but within the communities they wish to support, while displaying their talents to others. I was simply stunned by the display they have created, a beautiful balance of colours, perfectly placed, which left me breathless.

Olive Tree florists is truly a dream come true for these two amazing minds, they planted the seed of their business and watched it blossom. Their aspiration for the company is not only to demonstrate their skills but help people within the community to make their very own piece of art that they can be proud of. I hope to go to one of their workshops in the future and learn within a warm and comforting environment and further embrace my creative side and explore the possibilities that floral design can open up.

Caitlyn Thomas

Lent Traditions Around the World:

Lent is a significant season of the year, a time for Christians to have a moment of self-reflection and celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus with Lent spanning 40 days to replicate Jesus' sacrifice and commemorate the days he spent fasting within the desert. The time of Lent has different traditions around the world with individual cultures exploring unique and colourful ways to participate during this important time of the year.



The first Lent tradition I want to explore is one many of us know already. Pancake day! Within England this tradition comes from families wanting to use up ingredients they have left in their cupboards shortly before Lent begins to ensure they do not go to waste when fasting, with the most common of ingredients that was given up for lent being- eggs, sugar and fats. In the current day people tend to replace this with fasting from their favourite foods such as chocolate or by giving up luxury items or uses such as social media.

Now to another part of the world with more sweet treats. Fastelavn is a traditional carnival seen within nations such as Denmark. This holiday begins on the last Sunday before Lent and this fun and festive tradition involves children dressing up in costumes and having delicious treats such as Fastelavnbolle, a cream or jam filled bun. During the weekend of this festival, the children will take part in a traditional event, which when translated to English is called 'Beating the cat out of the barrel', while today the cat in the barrel is a party game for children similar to a pinata from which lovely candy and oranges fall out once the barrel is smashed. One by one, children will try to smash the barrel with a solid swing of a baseball bat. Once the barrel is broken by one lucky child, they are deemed the cat king or queen and the sweets are shared out to all the children.

Our next destination on our small tour of Lent traditions is Mexico. In the Mexican city of Oaxaca located in the southwest of Mexico, this

warm and welcoming city celebrates El Dia de la Samaritana which when translated is called “the day of the Samaritan woman”, where on the fourth Friday of the Lent season people around the city of Oaxaca make fresh fruit juices and ice cream treats to give out to people who pass by/pass through the city.

Finally, we have Rio de Janeiro’s Carnival, originating in the 1600s, this Portuguese festival held before Lent is the biggest carnival in the world. Filled with floats and performances of the samba, the flamboyant celebration of Carnival has become a global event and is the busiest event for the Brazilian people with the creation of masks, music and costumes to create a bright and bold celebration.



The traditions I have explored in this article are just a sample of the interesting and diverse ways cultures around the world celebrate the Lent season, allowing everyone around the world to grow and strengthen their faith and reflect their love for Jesus in their own ways. I hope you have enjoyed this small tour!

Caitlyn Thomas

A BOY HERO

Written and published in our Church Magazine (Children’s section) in 1892

A Good Friday Remembrance

There were seven boys in a boat at Forres in Scotland and by an accident it was upset some way from the shore. Only one could swim, a boy of thirteen, but all managed with his assistance to cling to the bottom of the boat. Then he swam backwards and forward from boat to shore taking one boy with him at a time until he had saved five. He was dreadfully tired but there was still one boy holding on to the boat so he plunged in again to try to save him. Alas the hero who had saved five was too exhausted and he sank before reaching the boat to rescue his

friend. The sixth boy was saved by some men who chanced to pass so the only one who drowned was the boy who had saved 5 others. Was not his love unselfish and would not the five love the memory of the friend who died in saving them? We, too know of One who gave Himself for us. Let us remember His Sacrifice with love and pray that we may be like Him.

A CHICKEN SURPRISE.

A couple go for a meal at a Chinese restaurant and order the "Chicken Surprise".

The waiter brings the meal served in a lidded cast iron pot. Just as the wife is about to serve herself, the lid of the pot rises slightly and she sees two beady little eyes looking around before the lid slams back down.

"Good Grief, did you see that?" she asks her husband. He said "No" so she asks him to look in the pot. As he reaches for it the lid rises again and he sees two little eyes looking around before it slams down again. Rather perturbed, he called the waiter over, explained what he saw and demanded an explanation.

"Please sir," says the waiter "What did you order? The husband replies "Chicken Surprise"

Ah! So sorry says the waiter, "I brought you Peeking Duck by Mistake!"



A Sunday School Discussion

A Sunday School teacher was discussing the Ten commandments with her 5 and 6 year olds. She explained the commandment to "Honour thy Father and thy Mother" and then asked her class "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Quick as a flash one little boy (the oldest in his family) answered "Yes. Thou shall not Kill"

Lindisfarne I 793 (First Raid)

The missionary monks had been so joyful,
setting themselves afloat in their coracles
buoyed up by prayer
and the deep peace of the running wave,
seeding monasteries on the Island,
hermitages like beehives,
and foraging for the honey of Christ's nectar
silently gathering from the sky and the heather.

Each morning the sea, different,
flopping on the rocks
and curling away like the otter,
rising up the inlet
smooth as a seal surfacing,
and the sand-eels flashing clear over the sand ridges.
Each morning another prayer on the rosary
to offer to the Lady of the Sea.

And the winters, beached, away from the swell
and splintered foam sheeting before the wind,
and the kelp-strewn strand,
exchanged for sheets of vellum
stretched, creamy for the cool touch of ultra-marine
and the strokes of vermilion,
pointed with gold for the Good News,
spells against the dark.

At the hour of Prime,
when the iron-grey thread on the horizon
clears in the June sunrise, sea splitting into flakes of light,
(daily covenant of our Lord's love),
its silver is broken by dribbles of black
smudging down from the North.
They grow arms, legs, move rhythmically,
the full sun reflected in the eyes lining the sides.

On shore, the white sand backed by marram,

the monks cluster to greet the strangers
-flee, bloody, back to the cross.
Boar helmets grub out the gold,
smash the sacred finger in its Frankish casket,
rip the jewels from the clasp of the gospel,
leave the words,
leave the boy who has snatched the missal
hiding, three days under the cleft
between dune and dune
and dreams howling, battering
against the spell of the Word,
lying up until darkness is carried away
on the morning tide.

The art of the wind changes.
A sea fret rimes his rough habit.
The book hidden under his ribs
has bent his bones.
He rises, speared with pain, sinews racked,
and limps towards the causeway,
to where the tide recedes
over the broken bodies of his calling.

Cynthia Day

Help with my Cross

I'm often heavy laden and my cross
Is hard to bear.
But I don't carry it alone
there's One who's always there
to see me through my trials
on Him I can depend.
I cast my worries upon Him
my Saviour and my Friend.
He lightens up my darkest hour

with His pure holy love
His everlasting arms surround me
Blessings from above.
Whom need I fear when in His care
all evil flees away?
He'll keep me safe under His wing
Until there dawns 'That Day'
when peace will reign o'er heaven and earth
and sin will be no more.
And God will live among us
On Jordan's holy shore.
He'll wipe away all our tears
and full of joy we'll be
to serve our Lord and Master
through all eternity.

Thelma Millar



Extra / Special Services in April, May and June

Date	Service	Location	Time
Thursday 14 th April	Maundy Thursday	St Mary's, Badsworth	7.00pm
Thursday 14 th April	Maundy Thursday	St Cuthbert's, Ackworth	7.30pm
Friday 15 th April	Good Friday Morning Worship	All Saints', Ackworth	10.30am
Friday 15 th April	Liturgy of Good Friday	St Mary's, Badsworth	2.00pm
Friday 15 th April	Tenebrae	St Cuthbert's, Ackworth	7.00pm
Saturday 16 th April	Easter Eve	St Cuthbert's, Ackworth	7.30pm
Sunday 17 th April	Easter Day Eucharist	All, Saints, Ackworth	8.30am
Sunday 17 th April	Easter Day Eucharist	St Cuthbert's, Ackworth	10.00am
Sunday 17 th April	Easter Day Eucharist	St Mary's, Badsworth	11.00am
Sunday 17 th April	Easter Praise	All Saints', Ackworth	3.30pm
Monday 23 rd May	Institution and Induction as Incumbent of Revd Karen Young	St Mary's, Badsworth	7.30pm
Thursday 26 th May	Ascension Day	St Cuthbert's, Ackworth	7.30pm
Sunday 29 th May	Benefice Service	St Mary's, Badsworth	10.00am
Sunday 5 th June	Pentecost & Platinum Jubilee	TBC	

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- 9.30am Eucharist St Cuthbert's
- 10.30am Morning Worship All Saints'
- 11am Eucharist St Mary's
- 3.30pm Afternoon Worship All Saints'

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