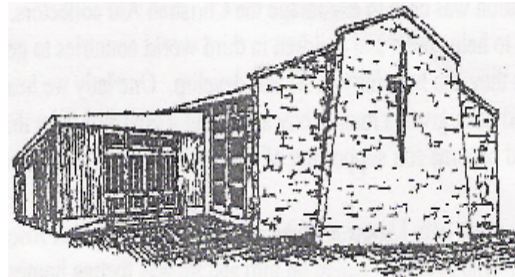


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Churches Together in Cowling



Dear Friends

At a recent Harvest Festival we heard about some of the memories of farming life in our area and also some of the problems of modern-day farming. The recent outbreak of the Foot and Mouth disease has brought anxiety and financial difficulties to our farming community.

I'm not a farmer and don't profess to fully understand all farming methods. What I do know is that for many farmers this is the time of year when a large part of the annual income is realized, but now great hardship is being experienced due to the consequences of the national ban on livestock movements. Many of our dales farms are largely where livestock is reared for breeding, to be sold on for the production of fat-stock which in turn enters the food chain. The growing season is short and surplus livestock has to be sold.

The restrictions do not ban livestock going for slaughter and the food chain. But many of our animals are not bred for that purpose. Some will eventually go that way, but the greater majority will never end up on your dinner plate. The markets are closed and even if there's a real relaxation of livestock movement, in say six weeks time, who will want to buy breeding sheep in November, for a lambing time in May onwards?

Then there's the suckler herd and their calves. Tens of thousands of store cattle and calves must be moved off hill land in the next month. Most will be too young to move into the food chain; there isn't the cash to feed them on hill farms nor the buildings to house them.

These are, again, uncertain times for our farmers. Please support them by word and encouragement – and by your prayers:

*Lord of All,
We pray for livestock farmers during yet another time of difficulty,
stress and despair with this second outbreak of foot and mouth.
We cry 'not again Lord' as we ask your blessing on those
whose harvest this year is grief and sorrow.
We pray that the willing and loving support of friends
and the wider community will be known by farmers.
Grant them endurance and strength to see them through this time.
Restore their faith and hope for the future.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*



Michael Cowgill

Early morning alarm call! Service times at Holy Trinity!

Please note changes in
All services there, including
at 9.30 a.m. See in-



service times at Holy Trinity.
cluding joint services will now
side for details.

This issue of the Messenger is for two months only to allow us to publish in December with full details of Christmas events.

In Memoriam

Molly Pickles

On June 22nd 2007 Holy Trinity Church lost one of its longest serving members. Molly was born in Cowling and had lived all her life here and was a well respected member of the community. She had attended Sunday school, youth group, was a member of the choir and enrolling member of the Mother's Union serving for over 20 year. She was also a loyal member of the PCC and will be sadly missed for all her valuable service.

Molly also served on the committee of Cowling Companions for many years and was a member of the Women's Institute. Along with her husband Kenneth she enjoyed many happy years attending dances held at St Andrew's chapel.



Although suffering for many years from ill health she never grumbled and con-

Two beautiful new public seats, of different designs, and made here in the village by Freegate Metals, have recently been erected in the Bar Chapel Graveyard and the Recreation Ground, in loving memory of Rufus and Marjorie Benson, having been very kindly donated by their family for the people of Cowling.

from Joan Tindale



In the past three weeks we have been truly blessed with the sound of music. This began with the Memorial Concert staged by Keighley Vocal Union in memory of Alice Smith, a very enjoyable event which set the rafters ringing and a fitting tribute to Alice.

The next week we held a joint harvest songs of praise with an augmented choir conducted for the first (hopefully not the last) time by our young conductor Hester Benson. She had come up to choir practices a few times before to learn from Alice and felt we should have a musical event worthy of Alice this harvest. Thank you Hester! What's our next event? She also brought with her a talented singer, Imogen Stubbs, who had sung solo before and was even better this time. She is now off to London to study music but we hope to hear her again.

Finally we enjoyed a concert from a group new to us—the Palm Court Quintet and Singers from Calverley. It was a real treat to hear them. They had a varied programme of lively familiar music and we were also astounded by the virtuosity as Barry Jordan managed to compeer, conduct the choir, play the piano and play the violin, his wife sang, played the cello and the piano, a soprano stepped forward to entertain us with flute solos. This was the last event organised by Alice and one we will repeat next November, so if you missed this time, come next year. All this and a delicious cream tea were available for £5!

At the last harvest practice Joan Tindale read out a letter from Mary Whittaker (mother of Alice Smith) dated 14th July 1946 including this excerpt.

“Alice is very happy now this day is over. It has been arather an ordeal conducting for the Feast, but she has got through very well, and the choir has sung well. There has been a lot od singers from away, who have never been to a practice and they seemed to be doing their best, they must have felt nervous when there was only a girl to conduct them”

What's on?

Holy Trinity

1st Sunday Holy Communion (Traditional)at
9.30

Without music

2nd Sunday All Age Service at 9.30

With music

N.B. Holy Communion in October

3rd Sunday Holy Communion (Modern) at
9.30

With music

Alternating with St Andrew's

3rd Sunday at St Andrew's at 10.30

4th Sunday Holy Communion (Modern) at
9.30

Without music

5th Sunday Joint benefice service rotating
between Cowling (9.30), Sutton (10.30) and
Lothersdale (10.00 a.m.)

Mothers Union

First Monday of the month at 7.30

PCC

Nov 21st & Dec 12th at 9 Bannister Walk

Standing Committee

Oct. 30th 7.30 at 5 Ling Crag Gardens

St Andrew's

All Age Worship every Sunday at 10.30

3rd Sunday with Holy Trinity see below

Prayer group 1st & 3rd Tues 9.30

Coffee Morning Fridays 10.00—11.00

Regnal Tuesdays 2.15 Bancroft Room

Choir Thursday 7 p.m.

Coffee Morning for Leprosy Mission
Sat 13th Oct, Crosshills OAP Centre —
see Anne O'Shaughnessey for more
information

Organ Recital , soup, stalls, exhibitions
Saturday 3rd Nov from 11 am

Regnal Anniversary Service
Sun 28th Nov at 10.30

Joint Services and Activities

Tues Oct 2nd

Joint planning group in the Bancroft Room 7.30

Oct 21st

CDFC Service for One World Week at Sutton Baptist Church

Preacher: Sam Randall (Both churches here—ask for lifts)

Nov 11th

9.30 Remembrance service at Holy Trinity

All Age Service followed by refreshments then Act of Remembrance at the War
Memorial (toilets available at the school)

Nov 18th

10.30 Joint Service at St Andrew's

Dec 16th

9.30 Joint service at Holy Trinity

Update from St Andrew's

A few words from our new minister, Charlotte Common.

New Beginnings All Round

The most fascinating aspects of Alberta in Western Canada are the contrasts of this exciting province. There are the magnificent Rocky Mountains to the West of Calgary. To the East the prairies rest under the huge sky. Apart from the odd farm, small town, pronghorn or gopher there are vast areas of nothingness. The winters in the prairie are long and cold. The coldest I experienced was minus 45 degrees Celsius. The summers are long and hot. The contrasts in Alberta remind me of the contrasting feelings brought about my new beginnings. Every new beginning is accompanied by a certain amount of fear of the unknown but also by thrilling excitement and curiosity. I wonder how the first disciples felt when Jesus called them to follow him. Surely they must have experienced apprehension and at the same time deep peace in the company of their Master and friend.

A new era has begun at St. Andrew's. Nigel has moved on and I have arrived. Both our ministries vary, our backgrounds, gifts and experiences are different. This means for all of us at St. Andrew's that we are in a phase of transition. Slowly we need to get to know each other and form relationships, hopefully long lasting, fruitful relationships. It will require gentleness, patience, love and time.

I am looking forward to hearing your stories. Here is mine:

I was born in Germany, my Father was German and my mother is Dutch. My hometown is Iserlohn in Westfalen, approximately 100 km from Düsseldorf. After school I worked in the Deutsche Bank in Hamburg and later on as a PA for one of the managers of Philips in Düsseldorf. In 1978 I became a full time mum and I brought up three children, the youngest is now 19 years old. In 2004 I began my studies for a degree in Theology and Ministry at York St. John University and graduated in June 2007. It is amazing; you **can** teach an old dog new tricks!

Not in my wildest dreams did I ever think that I would one day have a degree in a foreign language and become a Methodist Minister. My Eng-

lish was so poor when I moved to the UK in 1983. In 1996 I had a conversion experience and in 1997 I had a distinctive call into the ministry. Since then my life has changed completely. How true the words are in scripture and how relevant still today in the 21st century: 'What no one ever saw or heard, what no one ever thought could happen, is the very thing God prepared for those who love Him' (1 Cor. 2:9).

Over the past 11 years I have experienced first hand what the term 'renewal of the mind' means. God's wisdom and love can be trusted. God is alive, the Spirit moves constantly, encouraging and healing those who diligently seek the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ. In the company of the divine we are challenged, our human limitations brought to light and a new life is offered through the Gospel. The Spirit empowers and provides, the Spirit awakens the thirst for a full life lived out in love.

Due to my profound experiences I am an evangelist at heart. Telling the story of Jesus and encouraging somebody to seek the Lord enriches not only the Kingdom but also those who share these precious moments. There is nothing more fulfilling than being a witness of the conversion of another fellow human being. Our world is a sacred place, created by the Almighty. Our churches are God's holy temples and so are we, His children. Meditating on these scriptural truths we realize how much work there is to do.

In fellowship and love we can make a difference.

Deep peace of the running wave to you
Deep peace of the flowing air to you
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you
Deep peace of the shining stars to you
Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you.

Charlotte

From the Mouths of Babes and Sucklings

The young granddaughter of one of our congregation has just been learning about St Bede and the Holy Island of Lindisfarne.

And do you know, daddy, he lived with a lady called Linda-in-a-farm.

St Andrew's
presents



Organ Recital



Saturday November 3rd

stalls 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Exhibitions

Various organists **Soup and sandwiches**

Praying for the people of Cowling each week

Please let us know of any prayer requests.

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Sept 30	Acre Meadow, Laycock Fields , all homes on Keighley Rd & Colne Rd
Oct 7	Pinnacle View, Old Oakworth Rd & outlying homesteads
Oct 14	Winkholme, Middleton, Ickornshaw, Nan Scar, Park Lane, Lumb Lane
Oct 21	Stone Head Lane, Warley Wisw Lane & surrounding dwellings Sandyforth Lane, Reedshaw Moss
Oct 28	Lane Ends Estate, Wainman's Close, Bannister Walk, Dick Lane, Earl Crag View, Old Saw Mill, Lane Ends Lane and farms
Nov 4	Cowling Hill Lane, Tom Lane & outlying areas
Nov 11	Low Lane (Norwood), Long Lane & all surrounding dwellings
Nov 18	Collinge Road, Lingcrag Gardens, Mill Croft
Nov 25	Springwell Close, Green St. Hartley Place, Spring Gardens, Walton St, Cross St. Queen St
Dec 2	Sun St, Manor Park, Fold Lane
Dec 9	Woodland St, Gibb St, Queen Square
Dec 16	Park Road, Scar View, Royd St
Dec 23	Acre Meadow, Laycock Fields , all homes on Keighley Rd & Colne Rd
Dec 30	Pinnacle View, Old Oakworth Rd & outlying homesteads

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