

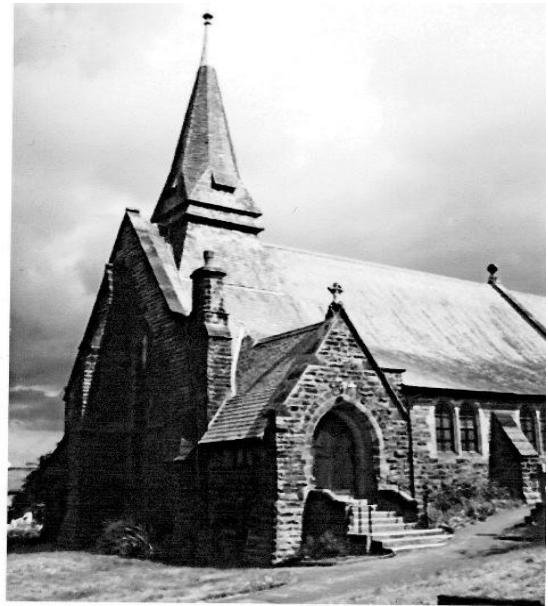
# Parish News

For the parishes of :-

**St Luke's Dunham  
on the Hill & Hapsford**



**St Paul's  
Helsby**



## June 2011

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## *Priest's Corner June 2011*

We have been very blessed this year with a number of people enquiring about baptism for their children; it has been a great joy to welcome them into the church and especially the fellowship of St Paul's. We have two baptisms to look forward to at St Luke's in July – a rare treat for us at Dunham on the Hill!

Baptisms are wonderful occasions as we give thanks for the birth of a new life, bringing the children into a new beginning that can have such a great impact on their journey through life, and giving us, at both churches, an opportunity to show that faith is alive and well.

One of the challenges for us is to help those families develop their faith, keeping in touch with them about all the great things that go on in our churches. We all know that life is very busy for everybody, that young couples are probably both working and weekends become full of shopping, chores, or just relaxing and thoughts about going to church slip off their agenda. So how can we help them to follow through with their promises whilst they strive to maintain their lifestyle?

Perhaps we should be thinking about how much we know and understand ourselves about our faith and our own journey through life. Many people have been going to church for some time, some are more recent church goers but would say that they have always been Christian and have tried to lead a good life. Lots of people enjoy coming to church for different reasons, and go home feeling better. Do they know why?

We sit and listen to sermons from a variety of people, with different styles of explaining what the bible tells us about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the way we should lead our lives.

I wonder how many times there are questions that arise from those sermons, questions that you don't have an opportunity to ask?

Even if you don't go to church to hear the bible read, or listen to sermons, there are probably lots of questions about life, the events happening around the world which raise questions in your mind about God. Is there a God? How can he let all this happen? Why is there so much suffering and pain? What difference can God make to my life or the life of those I love?

These questions keep recurring whether we are new to faith or 'old stagers', that is one of the reasons we began Wednesday Worship at St Paul's. The worship gives all those who come, an opportunity to ask those questions, to say that they find scripture difficult to understand sometimes and together we work through them, strengthening our faith through the doubts and uncertainties.

Later this year we shall be offering a few sessions to help anyone who is struggling with questions, or just wants to explore the Christian faith a little more – all pitched at the level of those who attend so you don't have to know much at all. The sessions are likely to be in Helsby but are open to anyone from the two parishes – details will emerge in the next few months but if you are interested or have any questions, please ring me and let me know.

This is one area where St Luke's and St Paul's can gain benefit – by plugging in to what is happening, by sharing strengths and skills to support one another and to promote the Christian faith. Encouraging one another in spiritual growth whilst encouraging our newer and younger Christians is a very important part of the ministry that we share, whether we live in Helsby, Hapsford or Dunham-on-the-Hill.

Let's show to all who want to be part of the Christian family through baptism, that we are indeed ONE IN CHRIST and offer a welcome and an opportunity to explore what it means to be a Christian in this wonderful world in which we live.

***Wishing you every blessing as you enjoy each new day.  
Reverend Margaret***

# NEWS FROM ST LUKE'S

## DUNHAM-ON-THE-HILL

### Church Draw Winners

#### May

- 1<sup>st</sup> G Bell
- 2<sup>nd</sup> J Wilson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> A&C Roberts

### St Luke's Cookbook

As part of the celebrations of our 150th Anniversary, we are planning to publish a cookbook containing recipes from members of St Luke's congregation and the wider community.

If you have a favourite recipe that has been passed down through your family, or a special dish that you particularly enjoy, and you are willing to share it with us, we would like to hear from you.

If possible, please include a few words telling us why the recipe is special to you. (Perhaps because it reminds you of someone, or because it takes you back to a time or place from your past, or just because it is especially delicious!)

Please email your contributions to St Luke's PCC Secretary, Judy Ford ([judy.ford@lmh.oxon.org](mailto:judy.ford@lmh.oxon.org)) or give a hardcopy to the Vicar or to any member of St Luke's PCC. We need to have all the recipes in by **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July**.

Note: it's important that we don't infringe copyright, so please don't include any recipes copied out of cookery books or downloaded from the internet.

## **A Thousand years of Christianity in Dunham-on-the-Hill and Hapsford**

### **Part 4: St Luke's becomes a parish.**

In 2011 St Luke's Church in Dunham-on-the-Hill will be 150 years old. This series of articles looks back at the history of the Parish of Dunham-on-the-hill and Hapsford.

**The Chapel of Ease in Dunham was consecrated on 18th October 1861 (St Luke's Day), becoming a Parish Church in its own right in 1888.**

The first incumbent, the Revd. Mr Banner, carved the oak framework surrounding a picture of the Good Shepherd, which was painted by his wife and is above the altar. In approximately 1906 an oak carved chancel screen was added and also panelling around the altar and on both sides of the nave.

There is a memorial to the first Churchwarden, Samuel Booth, who held office from 1888 to 1899



The graveyard was opened shortly after St Luke's became a Parish Church, the earliest graves being dated 1892. The early graves feature several prominent Dunham and Hapsford families, many of which are still represented in the community. These include the Littler, Weaver, Dodd and Griffiths families, all of which later featured on the lists of trustees for the two Methodist Chapels in the village. We will hear more about the Griffiths family in Part 6.

Next month we will continue the history of St Luke's Church.

Dr Judy Ford

## **FLOWER FAIRIES REQUIRED**

After the survey carried out by St. Lukes we picked up on one comment which stated St Lukes should put something back into the Parish. One of our PCC members commented on the beautiful flowers that adorn the altar on a Sunday morning then sit there until the next Sunday without giving anyone any pleasure or anyone looking at them.

We intend to change that by taking the flowers to someone who would appreciate a cheery smile, a kind gesture and the knowledge that someone is thinking about them, not necessarily someone who is poorly but someone who just needs a lift if they are feeling down or have fallen on hard times.

This is where the flower fairies come in, we have lots of free weeks where no one has put their name down to put the flowers on the altar and we need more fairies. These fairies come in all sorts of guises, male or female, with a special date, a date with a fond memory, a significant date or time in your lives.

You don't even need to go to church to do this or to arrange the flowers we can do that for you, but it would be lovely to see you. Let us know when you want to do it, and we will arrange for someone to meet you at church to let you in, leave you to arrange the flowers or let you know of a drop off point for your flowers. If you prefer you can even just leave a donation and we will do the rest on your behalf.

You could be cheering someone up and making their day. Go on be a flower fairy!!

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Judy Ford – 01928 723748

**Dunham Hill Village Fete  
In the former CP School**

**9<sup>th</sup> July at 1.00 pm**

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Games  
Bar  
Music

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PHOTO COMPETITION**

**OR**

**TABLE HIRE**

**from Gillian on 01928 726550**

We look forward to seeing you,  
your family and your friends on 9<sup>th</sup> July

## Dates from the MU Programme Diary

June 8<sup>th</sup> Social at 2pm in St Paul's Church Hall

July 13<sup>th</sup> Closed – outing to be arranged

August 10<sup>th</sup> Visit from our Shavington Prayer partners  
For lunch in St Paul's Church hall at 12 noon  
Service in St Paul's Church at 2:00 pm

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*Glance backwards now and then my friends,  
But do not look too long.  
The past is gone, the future waits,  
Step forward with a song.  
Who knows? Tomorrow's sunshine may  
Be brighter than your dreams today.*

# Parish Profile



This month we introduce you to Marjorie Wright of St Paul's Church.

Marjorie was born in Liverpool in the middle of the General Strike of 1926. She had two elder brothers Derek and Henry who were born in New Zealand where her father had a sheep farm. Sadly her father died when Marjorie was eight months old and all the family moved to New Brighton.

When Marjorie was three and a half years old her mother remarried and the family then lived in Kingsley on a poultry farm. The house was called "Rangitata" which means 'The meeting of the Winds'.

Marjorie had a very happy childhood. She attended Miss Atkin's School in Overton until the age of twelve and then went to boarding school in Birkdale for five years. After this she went to Liverpool University for two years but left without a degree – she was too busy enjoying herself!

There then followed a number of short-term jobs – a trainee buyer in the Gown Department at Lewis's in Liverpool ; then she worked at the 'Ministry of Food' office in Frodsham before she joined the WRNS. Marjorie was based in Pembrokeshire and her work involved Pilot Training but after two years she went to work for the ICI at Weston Point as an invoice clerk.

Marjorie met her future husband, Derek, in 1950 at a Conservative Ball at Mersey View. She hadn't really wanted to go to the Ball but was glad she had when she met Derek. Marjorie thought he had a lovely Scottish accent – but it turned out that he came from Belfast!

The real attraction to Marjorie was however the fact that Derek had a motorbike – so she immediately said 'Yes' when he asked if he could he see her again.

Love blossomed, and they were married in March 1952 at Kingsley Church. Derek was an engineer at ICI and after they were married they lived in an ex-army hut in the large kitchen garden of 'Rangitata'.

Marjorie continued to work at ICI until the children arrived – Sheila in 1953, Bernard in 1956 and Robert in 1959. As the family grew they moved house and in 1954 they moved to Weston. Marjorie enjoyed being a mum and spent over twelve years at home looking after the family. They had great times walking, camping and caravanning.

In 1966 Marjorie started a three year Primary teaching Course at the Teacher Training College in Chester. She thoroughly enjoyed it and upon completion of the course got her first teaching post at Overton. Here she completed two terms with the Infants followed by fifteen years at the then newly opened Orchard House School, again teaching infants.

Derek retired in 1981, while Marjorie was still teaching (Marjorie herself retired in 1984). He was a great housekeeper which was a great help for Marjorie. They have four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

After retiring Marjorie has worked for Oxfam and at Sherwood Court – part of this work was taking people to hospital and organising fund raising events. She also does other voluntary work for Social Services working with the blind – tele-friending; walking with the blind and working for the Craft Club for the Blind. In her spare time she loves gardening, reading and generally socialising. She loves people and enjoys being involved with other people.

As a child Marjorie attended Church and Sunday School regularly. She usually walked the one and a half miles to Church with her step grandmother. She was confirmed in Birkdale at the age of fifteen. After leaving school her church attendance was rather spasmodic - more so as time went on.

But when Marjorie retired she gradually started going to Church more frequently. She is now a regular attendee at St Paul's and loves the services and the friendship of the congregation. She feels her life has come around full circle.

Marjorie's mother lived with her and her family for the last twenty years of her life and Marjorie believes that her renewed faith helped her a great deal at this time and then again when her dear husband Derek died in 2007.

Marjorie is a true Christian lady and I thank her for being my Parish profile

Your roving reporter

*Shirley Knipe*

### **St Paul's Church Hall Bookings**

Andrew Meakin has been the Church Hall Booking Secretary at St Paul's for the last 18 months and has done a great job, keeping on top of the requests that come through and the invoicing. The Church Hall is used quite a lot by the local community but there are still opportunities for others to use it if they wish to – our rates are very reasonable!

Sadly Andrew has decided that with a new job and more travelling it is difficult to keep this going at the standard he would like and so has decided to retire from this particular service he gives to the church.

Thankfully we have another volunteer to take over this role – Gillian Walker. Gillian is a fairly new member of St Paul's so it is really good that she feels she can help out in this way. Please direct any future enquiries about hiring the Church Hall at St Paul's whether it is for a one off event or a regular booking, to Gillian on 01928 725370 and I'm sure she will be happy to help you.

Our thanks to Andrew for his time and efforts over the last 18 months.

EXTRACTS from SOLOMON'S DIARY V 984 BC

I have many wives [700 at the last count - Ed] and, of course, I love them all dearly, and they are, naturally, devoted to me. My biographer [1 Kings 11.1] refers to them as "many strange women", I prefer to think of them as an eclectic bunch drawn from all the known world, and representative of the beauty of God's creation. Naturally, being women, they have opinions, and are unafraid, in fact only too willing, to express them. Whilst I do not necessarily agree with them, I feel it is only right to indulge them to some degree. Many of my wives are from lands where other gods are worshipped, and in the interests of multiculturalism, I have built temples for their gods and goddesses, and occasionally I pop along to their temples with them. God, however, is unable to see things as I see them.

by David Knipe



# The Parish Registers

## Funerals

### St Paul's Church

May 11<sup>th</sup> Diana Ross aged 87 years

*God of mercy, Lord of life, you have made us in your image to reflect your truth and light; we give you thanks for Diana Ross, for the grace and mercy she received from you, for all that was good in her life, for the memories we treasure today.*

## Holy Baptism

### St Paul's

May 8th Callum Alfie Maslin  
Connor Bobby Maslin

May 15<sup>th</sup> Finlay George Venables

*God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. May these children walk in this light all the days of their life and shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.*

## Memories

*Memories are the loveliest things,  
They last from day to day,  
They can't get lost,  
They don't wear out,  
And can't be given away.*

# Dates for Your Diary

- June 1<sup>st</sup> Coffee Morning at Pat Holder's home  
4 Rose Farm Court, Helsby 10.00 am
- June 2<sup>nd</sup> Ascension Day Service 7.30 pm  
St Paul's Helsby
- June 4<sup>th</sup> Coffee Morning and Box Opening for  
Children's Society at Harry Haslegrave's  
Osterley, Robin Hood Lane, Helsby 10.00 am
- ALSO** Jig-Saw Marathon in St Paul's Church Hall  
9.00 am until 9.00 pm  
Come and join us to help or encourage  
Refreshments available
- June 15<sup>th</sup> Victorian Tea Party in St Paul's Church Hall  
3.00 pm Tickets £4
- June 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Biblethon at Helsby Methodist Church  
A continuous reading of the King James Bible  
to celebrate the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- June 20<sup>th</sup> St Paul's PCC Meeting 7.30 pm  
June 26<sup>th</sup> Chinese Banquet at Delamere Fortune Palace  
6.30 pm for 7.00 pm Tickets £20  
£5 deposit to secure your place
- June 30<sup>th</sup> St Luke's PCC Meeting 7.30 pm
- July 2<sup>nd</sup> Strawberry Tea at St Paul's Church Hall  
3.30 pm Tickets £4 children £2
- July 10<sup>th</sup> Healing Service at St Paul's 6.30 pm

## **BOOK REVIEW - *Zoo Station by David Downing***

There has been a lot of talk recently around the fact that it is 70 years since the Second World War. This has resulted in a myriad of memories, reminiscences and personal recollections of what life was like during that period and how people having survived the horrors of war went about reclaiming their old lives.

I bought "Zoo Station" on the internet and not only did I not realise it had nothing to do with animals but it was also second hand; perhaps the price should have alerted me to the latter.

It is a very stark and interesting story set in the period leading up to the start of the Second World War as seen through the eyes of an English journalist living and working in Germany at that time. The book is fiction but so well written it is not difficult to picture the scenes played out during that period and feel the overwhelmingly threatening atmosphere as the Nazi Party took an increasingly tighter grip on German politics and it's people.

The main character, a member of the foreign press corps in Berlin in 1939, has an estranged German wife and a small son. Unlike many of his colleagues he remains in Berlin, despite the inevitability of war, in order to be near his son. This gives him a first class view of the brutal machinations of the Nazi Party and Hitler in particular. If all this were not difficult enough he is persuaded by threats and financial pressures to become a spy, firstly for the Soviet Union and then, simultaneously for the British.

The grim streets, the constant fear and the skin-deep glitter of pre-war Berlin form a rich backdrop as our reluctant hero and saviour for some treads an increasingly dangerous path between the Russians, British and the Gestapo.

It is an excellent spy story with an insight into German culture in the 1930's. The plot keeps you guessing and the ending is somewhat surprising; it has a dash of Le Carré about it. And despite being set in the dark days of 1939 there is humour, sensitivity and pathos wound into the plot. Not a book for the beach but for those who enjoy a meaty spy thriller with more than a touch on reality thrown in.

***Bookworm***

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# Collects for June 2011

## **June 5<sup>th</sup>                      Easter 7**

Risen ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

## **June 12<sup>th</sup>                      Pentecost**

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite us with your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **June 19<sup>th</sup>                      Trinity Sunday**

Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## **June 26<sup>th</sup>                      Trinity 1**

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son.

## **July 3<sup>rd</sup>                          Thomas the Apostle**

Almighty and eternal God, who, for the firmer foundation of our faith, allowed your holy apostle Thomas to doubt the resurrection of your Son till word and sight convinced him: grant to us, who have not seen, that we also may believe and so confess Christ as our Lord and our God; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## **July 3<sup>rd</sup>                          Trinity 2 [collect for the week]**

Faithful creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your Living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## *Services in June 2011*

**June 2<sup>nd</sup> Ascension Day**  
St Paul 7.30 pm Sung Communion

**June 5<sup>th</sup> Easter 7**  
St Paul 08.00 am Holy Communion [BCP]  
St Luke 09.30 am Morning Prayer  
St Paul 11.00 am Family Service with  
Holy Baptism

*8<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Worship at St Paul's 7.30 pm*

**June 12<sup>th</sup> Pentecost**  
St Paul 08.00 am Holy Communion [BCP]  
St Luke 09.30 am Holy Communion  
St Paul 11.00 am Sung Communion

*15<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Worship 7.30 pm*

**June 19<sup>th</sup> Trinity Sunday**  
St Paul 08.00 am Holy Communion [BCP]  
St Luke 09.30 am Morning Prayer  
St Paul 11.00 am Sung Communion

*22<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday worship at St Paul's 7.30 pm*

**June 26<sup>th</sup> Trinity 1**  
St Paul 08.00 am Holy Communion [BCP]  
St Luke 09.30 am Holy Communion  
St Paul 11.00 am Sung Communion

*29<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Worship at St Paul's 7.30 pm*

**July 3<sup>rd</sup> Thomas the Apostle**  
St Paul 08.00 am Holy Communion [BCP]  
St Luke 09.30 am Morning Prayer  
St Paul 11.00 am Family Communion

*July 6<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Worship at St Paul's 7.30 pm*