

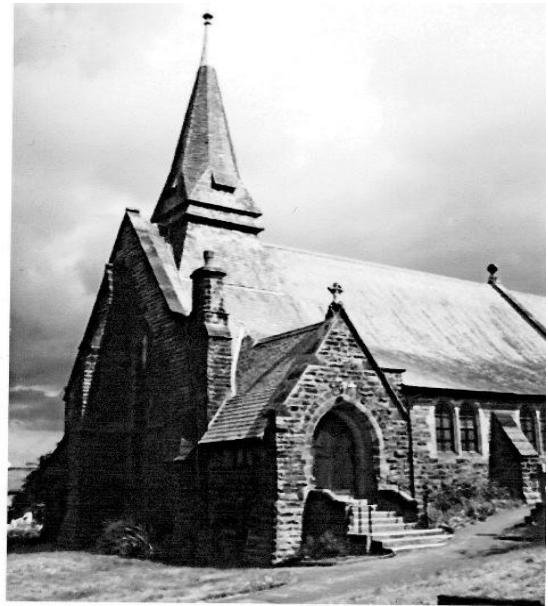
Parish News

For the parishes of :-

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



**St Paul's
Helsby**



September-October 2011

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Priest's Corner September/October 2011

August has been a strange month with the usual holiday period of leisure time being rudely interrupted with the violence of the riots in London and other cities around the country. Perhaps it has disturbed us all greatly to see these events unfolding in our midst, when we are more used to seeing them occur in Middle Eastern countries where the culture is more excitable. There are few people who have not been shocked by the scenes which unfolded before our eyes as we watched on television. One can only imagine the horror, fear, and unbelief experienced by those who were victims of such mindless violence, looting, arson and murder.

We have watched and listened to 'reasons' for those actions; we have watched and listened to the ages and occupations of the perpetrators; we have watched and listened to those whose lives and livelihood have been affected; and we have watched and listened to the work of those involved in bringing justice into the situation.

Perhaps this has raised questions in many of us about the values we promote in our society today or the lack of values among so many who feel disadvantaged for all sorts of reasons. It should certainly make us all think about our own responsibilities of working to ensure that people are cared for, supported and encouraged to make the best of their lives, their situations, whilst at the same time putting in place boundaries for behaviour, and sticking to them.

But please, let us not be overwhelmed by these riots; let us not allow them to cloud the whole of society, to exclude the good that is constantly shown to us through actions of love, care and generosity. We saw much of that in the aftermath to the riots with people of all ages, especially young ones, coming to help clear up, showing that they did not want to be associated with the violence. Many of the people whose lives have been affected have been surprised and overwhelmed at the generosity of time and money shown to them to help re-build their lives.

They will also need help to deal with the emotional scars of this experience, and for those who have been bereaved a long road lies ahead of them. They will all need our prayerful support.

Let us look around our communities with open eyes and see the good work that is going on in them already; the volunteers who put in so many hours to help others; the neighbours who do watch out for one another; the young people who are learning new skills through the various organisations. There are a lot of good things happening in our society all around us, there are a lot of good people in our communities – let us celebrate them.

Let us also think and pray about how we can help others to make changes in their lives, to know their own true worth and to feel they belong and especially to know the love of God which can transform so much in individuals and in society. If we want to see an end to violence, if we want to see people who are disadvantaged growing to their full potential, then we must all play our part and not dismiss them.

Everyone can change and make changes if they have the right motivation and sharing our Christian faith with them is a very influential way of helping. Helping them to know they are loved by God, that they are not alone, that there is fellowship and support in our communities, and that there is more to life than material goods is a very important role for us as individuals to take on. It is a very important role for the church, locally and nationally to promote in our communities, whether we are troubled by this violence or not.

I hope we will all take up this responsibility to help the disadvantaged and to encourage those who are already working in our communities with generosity of time and talents.

God bless your ministry.
Reverend Margaret

NEWS FROM ST LUKE'S

DUNHAM-ON-THE-HILL

Church Draw Winners August

1st I. Ward
2nd S. Beaumont
3rd G. Plevin

Working parties at St Luke's Saturdays 10th and 24th September

Calling all willing workers! We have a list of cleaning and repair jobs that need to be done to make the church and church room ready for our anniversary celebrations in October.

Members of the PCC will be leading working parties on two Saturdays in September. We need YOU to come along to help. We will be there from 10.00 to 16.00, but you will be welcome to join us for as long or as short a time as you can spare.

Tea/coffee will be provided.

REMINDER: an opportunity to explore the Christian faith and to ask questions as we look at what Christians believe. Four sessions before Christmas [yes, it won't be long now!] and four in the New Year. Please come along if you are interested; if you want to know more have a word with me, Reverend Margaret [01928 722151].

Meetings will take place at The Vicarage at 7.30 pm on October 20th, and 27th and November 3rd and 10th, January 19th and 26th and February 2nd and 9th

I look forward to seeing some new faces amongst those who have already shown an interest.

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

Part 7: Church and Chapel in Dunham.

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.

We know from the Report of the Methodist District Development Commission on its visit to Dunham Hill and Hapsford in 1969 that by that date the Methodist churches in Dunham were already by that time holding joint services with St Luke's - although it is not clear how frequent these may have been. It is also stated that, when the Dunham Methodist Sunday School closed in 1968 some children started attending the Anglican Sunday School.

In 1971 Dunham Hill Methodist Church closed, leaving just two churches serving Dunham Hill and Hapsford. By 1990, when my family moved into the village, it had become an established routine for the congregations of St Luke's and Hapsford to attend one another's Harvest celebrations and carol services, which were co-ordinated so as not to fall on the same day. Both congregations also supported one another's social and fundraising events, such as the Annual Church Garden Party.

In 1991 a joint Sunday School was established, St Luke's Sunday School having ceased to meet some years previously and Hapsford never having had a Sunday School. This was staffed by volunteers drawn from Hapsford, St Luke's and Helsby Methodist Church. It met in the Church Room on Sunday mornings while the adult congregation worshipped in Church. Each month there was a Family Communion Service at which the Sunday School would show the congregation examples of what they had been doing. At its high-point the Sunday School had as many as a dozen regular attenders, but numbers dwindled as the original children grew older, and it eventually closed in 2004.

In 1995 serious structural problems were discovered in the Hapsford Methodist Church building. It was decided that renovation would be too costly and that the building would have to be sold. A tentative approach was made to St Luke's PCC to explore the possibility of a "Local Ecumenical Project", which would have created a joint Methodist-Anglican church worshipping on St Luke's premises, but negotiations broke down. Hapsford Chapel closed in September 1995, with the congregation having their membership transferred to Helsby. Some members chose to worship at St Luke's, either exclusively or in addition to attending a Methodist Church.

After Hapsford closed an attempt was made to restore a Methodist presence in Dunham by "planting" a congregation there from Helsby Methodist. The Dunham Christian Fellowship met on Sunday evening in the Village Hall for several years under a Methodist banner before becoming an independent non-denominational group. It now meets at the Dunham Hill Café, where it provides hospitality as well as holding worship services and prayer meetings.

In 2009 the Chester Diocese launched its Growth Action Planning (GAP) initiative, which encourages churches to consider how they can "grow" in order to serve better the communities in which they are placed. St Luke's has adopted as its GAP slogan, "A Church for All. A Church at the Heart of the Community." This proclaims the desire of the members to make St Luke's more inclusive and of greater service to local people.

We are now into the second year of the GAP project. In 2011 we have two objectives: to visit members of the community with flowers from the church; and to celebrate St Luke's 150th Anniversary. Flower distribution and pastoral visiting has been ongoing since May, with a very positive response from recipients. Please contact any member of the PCC if you know of anyone in Dunham or Hapsford who would welcome a gift of flowers and a visit from a church member. Our anniversary celebration will culminate this month with a special service at 9.30 a.m. Sunday 23rd October. We hope that many old friends and new ones will be able to attend.

Dr Judy Ford

**St Luke's Church
Dunham-on-the-Hill
announce their
150th Anniversary Celebration Service
on
Sunday October 23rd 2011
at 9.30 am**

**Guest Preacher
The Venerable Michael Gilbertson
Archdeacon of Chester**

There is an open invitation to all those who live in the parish of Dunham-on-the-Hill and Hapsford and all who have a connection with St Luke's through weddings, baptisms or funerals to join us on this special occasion. If you know someone who has moved away please let them know and encourage them to come along to share this happy time with us. Wine and cake will be offered following the service with an opportunity to chat and share together.

St Luke's Harvest supper

3rd October 7.00 p.m.

Dunham-on-the-Hill Village Hall

- £6 for an adult
- £3 for a child
- £10 for two adults

To book contact:
Heather Boardman on 01244 301 630 after 6pm.

Try our new menu:
pumpkin soup, sausage & mash and apple pie.

The Philippines – a personal view (part2)

By David Knipe

My initial visits to the Philippines were on business, and it was on these that I met and became friends with many Filipinos and their families. Through these people I came to appreciate the good, the bad, the beautiful and the downright crazy aspects of Filipino life.

When I first visited the Philippines its population was around 65 million. It has just passed 100 million (however, I can take no credit for this). This figure is causing alarm in the government, and the President has introduced the “Reproductive health Bill” (RHB) to reduce the birth rate and to halt the spread of AIDS. The objective is to make family planning available to all. The Roman Catholic Church (a legacy of Spanish Colonialism) is against the Bill, arguing if you want to limit the size of your family then exercise restraint. It has spectacularly failed, however, to promote restraint amongst Filipino men. Most young women I have talked with want 2 or 3 children and would support the RHB proposal. Men however, “do not eat sweets with the wrapper on”. When I left opinion was split 50/50 for and against the Bill, but with the view that the church would prevail.

Many of you will remember Mavis Orton who gave a talk at St Pauls in 2007 about her work as a midwife in the Philippines. She had established a “birthing home” within her house for the benefit of those mothers who could not afford a hospital birth. With the support of “Action International Ministries” she was planning a much larger birthing home with facilities for teaching visiting students. In 2007 she had bought the land next to her house on which to build the ‘Shalom Birthing Home’.

I visited Mavis one Saturday morning in April this year. Four babies had been born by 9:45am that morning. They and their mothers were together in the small three-bed birthing room. There was an overwhelming sense of peace and goodness. On the balcony outside, a queue of mothers and babies were waiting for their one-month check-up.

The new birthing home now exists as an empty shell, to be finished internally and equipped when funds are available. Mavis hopes to retire when the new home is completed. She is now 79 years old and is looking for a successor; the requirements are (1) a qualified midwife; (2) a Christian. If I could tick both boxes I would apply !

Many of Mavis's mothers are not married; in conjunction with the pastor of the church next door, she offers a marriage service. Not many take her up on this.



Stroke awareness evening

9th September 7.00 p.m. Dunham-on-the-Hill Village Hall

- What is a stroke?
- What should you do if someone has a stroke?
- How can you reduce your risk of having a stroke?
- What is being done to improve treatment for people who have had a stroke?

The North West Stroke Research Network is an NHS organisation working to support research that will improve stroke treatment. At this event members of the network will be giving a short presentation followed by an opportunity to ask questions, to pick up information leaflets and to have your blood pressure measured.

Light refreshments will be provided by members of St Luke's.

Free admission – donations for St Luke's Church Funds

Parish Profile



This month we introduce you to Chris Ellams, Chairman of Helsby Parish Council.

Chris was born in Helsby, where he has been a resident all his life, and he has one older sister. His father worked at the BICC, and his mother was the first cook at the then newly opened Horns Mill School. So Chris was raised to appreciate the value of village life.

After leaving school, Chris did an apprenticeship in the television servicing industry, with a family-owned firm in Chester. He has since moved on from televisions into computers in his current role as an IT support technician contracted to the Home Office.

Chris has been married to Jean - originally from Frodsham – for 34 years and she is now able to boast that she has been a Helsby resident longer than she was a Frodsham resident! They have two daughters, Lisa and Jocelyn, and the family have had a great deal of involvement in village life, with Jean playing an active role in toddler group, school PTAs and fundraising for the local Brownies.

Both daughters were educated locally, first at Hillside primary School and then at Helsby High. They both attended Universities in Yorkshire and have been involved in local Guide and Scouts groups. Lisa now lives back in the village, where she is an Assistant Scout Leader with 1st Helsby Scouts – whilst Jocelyn, after living in several different countries, has settled in Leeds (at least for the time being!)

Chris is an enthusiastic amateur photographer – he never goes anywhere without his camera!

He is currently working on a project with the Friends of Helsby Library which will include a series of photographs of the village from years gone by which will be complemented by more recent images. He also has a keen interest in web design and maintains the websites for Helsby Parish Council; North Cheshire Rail Users Group and the Helsby Village Action Group.

It was after joining the HVAG some years ago that Chris became further involved in village activities and this prompted him to apply to become a Parish Councillor when a vacancy became available in the Central Ward in 2006.

Chris is passionate about village life and is eager to see residents become more involved in the future of the village. He encourages them to work alongside the Parish Council to achieve the best for Helsby in the years to come. He is extremely proud to have been elected as Chairman of the Parish Council for the forthcoming year 2011/2012, and very grateful to be working alongside his fellow Councillors, who all have the best interests of the village at heart.

Your roving reporter *Patricia Holder*

Come and Sing

There is still time for you to Come and Sing with us; rehearsals for the Concert on October 19th begin on Thursday September 1st at 8.00 pm in St Paul's Church.

The music will be simple to sing though will include pieces by Vaughan Williams, Carl Jenkins, jazz and some African music; the evening will be complemented by some solo performances.

If you are want to know more please speak to Gary O'Neill on 723327.



From the Parish Registers

Funerals

Blacon Crematorium

August 8th Beryl Langhorst aged 72

We praise and thank you, eternal God, that in Christ you have offered us the reassurance that death is not the end of who we are nor the extinguishing of all our hopes.

Holy Baptism

St Paul's

July 31st Daisy Susan O'Brien

August 21st Abigail Sophia Davies

St Luke's

August 21st Asa Alfie Patterson

God of Love, we ask your blessing on these children as they set out on the journey of life in a world fraught with dangers and difficulties. We know that you will watch over and guide them and uphold them with your love.

St Paul's Mothers' Union Diary

September 14th St Paul's Church Hall at 2pm
Speaker: Mr Alex Cowan

October 12th St Paul's Church Hall at 2pm
Speaker: Mrs Sandra Kenyon

November 9th St Paul's Church Hall at 2pm
Speaker: Mrs Margaret Wright - Flowers

Dates for Your Diary

- September 26th St Paul's PCC Meeting 7.30 pm
- September 29th St Luke's PCC Meeting 7.30 pm
- October 3rd St Luke's Harvest Supper 7.00 pm
Village Hall followed by Auction
- October 7th St Paul's Harvest Supper in the Church Hall
- October 19th Music Concert with Tony and The Choir
St Paul's Church at 7.30 pm
- November 6th Memorial Service at Helsby Methodist Church for all
who have been bereaved in the last 12th months
- November 13th Remembrance Sunday Service at St Paul's 11.00 am
- November 13th Healing Service at St Paul's 6.30 pm

**Harvest Thanksgiving will be celebrated at
9.30 am at St Luke's
and at
11.00 am at St Paul's
on
Sunday October 2nd**

Please come along to one of these services and bring some gifts to say
Thank You to God for all the blessings we receive in Harvest.

St Luke's will be auctioning their gifts at their Harvest Supper
on Monday October 3rd at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall.

St Paul's will be donating their gifts [dried and tinned goods please
with a long sell by/use by date] to Save the Family.

We look forward to seeing you all.

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Collects for October 2011

October 2nd Trinity 15

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

October 9th Trinity 16

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

October 16th Trinity 17

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

October 23rd Last after Trinity

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unflinching joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

October 30th 4 before Advent

God of glory, touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit, that we may rejoice to sing your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

November 6th 3 before Advent

God our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit; and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord

Services in October 2011

October 2nd Trinity 15 Harvest Celebrations

St Paul	08.00 am	Holy Communion [BCP]
St Luke	09.30 am	Harvest Festival Service
St Paul	11.00 am	Family Harvest Festival

5th Wednesday Worship at St Paul's 7.30 pm

October 9th Trinity 16

St Paul	08.00 am	Holy Communion [BCP]
St Luke	09.30 am	Holy Communion
St Paul	11.00 am	Sung Communion

12th Wednesday Worship at St Paul's 7.30 pm

October 16th Trinity 17

St Paul	08.00 am	Holy Communion [BCP]
St Luke	09.30 am	Morning Prayer
St Paul	11.00 am	Sung Communion

19th Music Concert at St Paul's 7.30 pm

October 23rd Last after Trinity

St Paul	08.00 am	Holy Communion [BCP]
St Luke	09.30 am	150 th Anniversary Service
St Paul	11.00 am	Sung Communion

26th Wednesday Worship at St Paul's 7.30 pm

October 30th 4 before Advent

St Paul	08.00 am	Holy Communion [BCP]
St Luke	09.30 am	Holy Communion
St Paul	11.00 am	Sung Communion

2nd November Wednesday Worship at St Paul's 7.30 pm

November 6th 3 before Advent

St Paul	08.00 am	Holy Communion [BCP]
St Luke	09.30 am	Morning Prayer
St Paul	11.00 am	Family Communion
Helsby Methodist Church	6.30pm	Memorial Service

Collects for September 2011

September 4th Trinity 11

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

September 11th Trinity 12

God of constant mercy, who sent your son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

September 18th Trinity 13

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

September 25th Trinity 14

Merciful God, your son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you forever, Amen

Services in September 2011

September 4th Trinity 11

St Paul 08.00 am Holy Communion [BCP]
St Luke 09.30 am Morning Prayer
St Paul 11.00 am Family Service

September 7th Wednesday Worship at St Paul's 7.30 pm

September 11th Trinity 12

St Paul 08.00 am Holy Communion [BCP]
St Luke 09.30 am Holy Communion
St Paul 11.00 am Sung Communion
St Paul 06.30 pm Healing Service

14th Wednesday Worship at St Paul's 7.30 pm

September 18th Trinity 13

St Paul 08.00 am Holy Communion [BCP]
St Luke 09.30 am Morning Prayer
St Paul 11.00 am Sung Communion

21st Wednesday Worship at St Paul's 7.30 pm

September 25th Trinity 14

St Paul 08.00 am Holy Communion [BCP]
St Luke 09.30 am Holy Communion
St Paul 11.00 am Sung Communion

28th Wednesday Worship at St Paul's 7.30 pm

October 2nd Trinity 15 Harvest Celebrations

St Paul 08.00 am Holy Communion [BCP]
St Luke 09.30 am Harvest Festival Service
St Paul 11.00 am Family Harvest Festival

5th Wednesday Worship at St Paul's 7.30 pm