

Please remember in your prayers John and Rosalyn, who were married here yesterday, Emily Smith, to be baptized here at lunchtime, and Jack Henderson, William Lister and John Green, who have died in recent days.

Last Saturday's **Treasure Hunt and Barbeque** raised a marvelous £270 for Church funds, so thank you to all those who organized and supported it. *Tony Hillam*

Lightcliffe Cricket Club are holding their gala on the afternoon of Sunday 6th July, and have once again challenged us to field a tug of war team. Last time, against everyone's expectations, we emerged victorious, but can we do it again? *Fr Peter*

On Sunday 13th July at 4pm there is a special service at Wakefield Cathedral, to mark the **twentieth anniversary of the Wakefield/Mara Link**. We're planning to share cars so we take as few cars as possible to Wakefield, so sign up in the foyer if you can offer, or need a lift. *Ernest Gelder*

We're planning to run a tea room and cake stall at the **Brighthouse Gala on 28th June**. Volunteers to wait on, and offers of cakes and buns both to sell and to serve with tea, will be really welcome, so please sign up if you can help, on the lists in the foyer. Cakes can be brought to the Nyamatara Room anytime between 6pm and 9pm on Friday 27th June. *Tony Hillam*

Tickets are also on sale this morning for a **Wine Tasting evening** on Friday 4th July - American Independence Day, at 7.30pm in the Nyamatara Room. Six fine wines will be introduced by Ben Drury, who certainly knows his chardonnays from his merlots, all for just £6 a head. Its suggested that you bring your own picnic to act as blotting paper! *Katie Savage*

The Friday Lunch Club has proved very successful and is much enjoyed by all our guests. We regularly provide lunch for 24 to 28 people per week but could easily accommodate more. If you are interested in joining our happy band, or know of someone who would appreciate a good meal and companionship, please contact me on 01422 205776, or Susan Taylor on 01422 203781. Transport can be arranged if required. We have six teams of helpers and a reserve list of people to assist us occasionally when a team member is absent for any reason. If you are unable join a team on a regular basis, but would like to help occasionally, we would be happy to put your name on our reserve list. Please contact either myself or Susan on the above numbers. *Lorna Painten*

St Matthew's Lightcliffe

striving to live in worship and prayer
growing in faith and love
serving the community
and so bringing people to Christ



Sunday 22nd June 2008: The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

From wherever you have come, be it just around the corner, or from further afield, a very warm welcome to St Matthew's. We pray that you will find something here to inspire, challenge and comfort you.

Today at St Matthew's

8am	The Eucharist
10am	The Parish Eucharist: 422, 465, 495, 352, 68, 111, 488, 310
12 noon:	Holy Baptism
6.30pm	Evensong

This week at St Matthew's

Tuesday	9.15am: Eucharist
Wednesday	7pm: Eucharist, 7.45pm: Contemplative Prayer
Thursday	9.15am: Eucharist, 4pm: Communion Preparation Class
Friday	12.30pm: Lunch Club, 6.15pm: Family Service
Saturday	1pm: Wedding of Daniel Taylor and Katy Watson

Services next Sunday: St Peter

8am:	Eucharist
10am:	Parish Eucharist, followed by champagne and cake to mark the 25 th anniversary of Fr Peter's ordination as a priest
12 noon:	Wedding of Daniel Wheeler and Hannah Goodman
6.30pm	Evensong

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 20.7–13

Jeremiah cried out: O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughing-stock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, 'Violence and destruction!' For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, 'I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,' then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: 'Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!' All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. 'Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him.' But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten. O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 6.1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he

lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL Matthew 10.24-39

Jesus summoned the twelve and sent them out with the following instruction: 'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.'

Post Communion

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**