

Please **remember in your prayers** Ben Oxley, Winifred Hyatt and Pam Bussey who have died in recent days.

A **very big thank you** to everyone who helped to make the celebrations of my 25th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood last Sunday so special; and to you all for my splendid white stole and very generous book tokens. It was certainly a day to remember, thank you. *Fr Peter*

We welcome amongst us today, **James Pender** a USPG/CMS mission partner, who is currently working in Bangladesh. James will be speaking at the 10am Eucharist, and there will be opportunity to talk with him over coffee after that service.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the **tea garden at Brighouse Gala** last Saturday: the tea makers and waiters on, and those who made such wonderful cakes and buns. We have raised in the region of £370 for church funds, a wonderful effort! *Tony Hillam*

A reminder that there will be **no Evensong at St Matthews next Sunday**, as we go instead to take part in the Service of Celebration of the 20th anniversary of the link between the Dioceses of Mara and Wakefield.

Find out more about why the link between the **Diocese of Mara and the Diocese of Wakefield** has grown and is now recognized as one of the ten most successful Diocesan Companion links in the worldwide Anglican Communion. Bill Jones book, *Shoulder to Shoulder*, has been written to celebrate the 20 years of the link's existence. Copies are available to buy in the reception area, or can be ordered from me. *Ernest Gelder*

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 to 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 6 July 2008: The Seventh 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:
6.30pm	Evensong: 402; Ps 122; 176; 178.

This week at St Matthew's

Monday	7.30pm: Lightcliffe VA School Governors
Tuesday	9.15am: Eucharist
Wednesday	7pm: Eucharist,
Thursday	9.15am: Eucharist, 4pm: Communion Preparation Group
Friday	12.30pm: Lunch Club, 6.15pm: Family Service

Services next Sunday:

8am:	Eucharist
10am:	Parade Eucharist
4pm:	Service of Celebration at Wakefield Cathedral

Collect

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Daniel 4.19, 24-27

Then Daniel, who was called Belteshazzar, was severely distressed for a while. His thoughts terrified him. The king said, 'Belteshazzar, do not let the dream or the interpretation terrify you.' Belteshazzar answered, 'My lord, may the dream be for those who hate you, and its interpretation for your enemies! this is the interpretation, O king, and it is a decree of the Most High that has come upon my lord the king: You shall be driven away from human society, and your dwelling shall be with the wild animals. You shall be made to eat grass like oxen, you shall be bathed with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over you, until you have learned that the Most High has sovereignty over the kingdom of mortals, and gives it to whom he will. As it was commanded to leave the stump and roots of the tree, your kingdom shall be re-established for you from the time that you learn that Heaven is sovereign. Therefore, O king, may my counsel be acceptable to you: atone for your sins with righteousness, and your iniquities with mercy to the oppressed, so that your prosperity may be prolonged.'

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 2 Timothy 2. 20-22

In a large house there are utensils not only of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for special use, some for ordinary. All who cleanse themselves of the things I have mentioned will become special utensils, dedicated and useful to the owner of the house, ready for every good work. Shun youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25.31-45

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me."

Post Communion

Lord God,
whose Son is the true vine and the source of life
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory
and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns,
now and for ever.
Amen