

1872

LINDAL-WITH-MARTON



Souvenir
Centenary
Programme

1972

THE BISHOP'S FOREWORD

It all began - this Christian congregation in Lindal - not in a Church but in a school. The school, founded in 1860, was from its inception not only a place where children were taught, but where they and their parents and the whole community worshipped together week by week. Thus, I find in the records here at Rose Castle a report addressed to the Bishop by the Vicar of Dalton in 1861 that: "A service is held every Sunday afternoon in Lindal School, conducted by myself and the Assistant Curate alternately". It was not, however, until 1872 that Lindal became a separate ecclesiastical district.

It may be that when that happened the Christian congregation said: "We're on our own now". If they did, and they meant by that that from that moment they could "keep themselves to themselves" they were wrong. If, on the other hand, they meant that from that moment they had to accept the responsibilities for evangelism that are laid upon every Christian congregation they were right. The story suggests that they accepted this latter interpretation of what being on their own really meant.

The mother Church at Dalton had demonstrated its care for people settled in Lindal. Children in Lindal must be taught not only 'the three Rs' but the four Rs; the Gospel must be preached there and opportunity must be given for the people of God there to come together "with one accord in one place" so that they might "continue steadfastly in the Apostles' Doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and the prayers".

Thus it has been ever since. It is good that the Church Council has decided to celebrate this centenary of the acceptance by the people of Lindal of their responsibilities within the whole Church of God for continuing in Christian worship, in Christian witness and in Christian work.

The celebration of this centenary should clearly have in it at least two elements. There should naturally be thanksgiving for all that under God has been accomplished in the one hundred years which have passed since an Order in Council established Lindal cum Marton as an ecclesiastical district. Many have contributed to the work of the Church through those years but the names of only a few are known. The thanks of today is not only thanks to God for what was done by those whose names are still remembered but for hundreds of other faithful people who have received the Word of God with gladness, and expressed their commitment to Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in the witness of word and example and in the corporate worship which is an essential part of that witness. There must be thanksgiving for all that and more. But the moment is not merely one for looking backward in thanksgiving, but one for looking forward in dedication. Every member of the Christian congregation must find in this a challenge to assess the strength and depth of his own personal commitment to Our Lord and His Church and a challenge too to seek, by the Grace of God, to draw others within the fellowship of that Church. Let these then be the key words of your celebrations - Thanksgiving and Dedication.

Amice Caritas:

CHURCH OF ENGLAND MINISTERS AT LINDAL-WITH-MARTON 1872-1972

Rev. John Park	1872 - 1874
Rev. Lewis Owen Lewis, M.A.	1874 - 1905
Rev. A. P. Hayes, B.A.	1905 - 1911
Rev. William Mather	1911 - 1916
Rev. L. H. Marner-Smythe, B.A.	1916 - 1927
Rev. Rev. John J. Jackson, M.A.	1927 - 1954
Rev. Kenneth H. Smith B.A.	1954 - 1960
Rev. Campbell Wilson	1960 - 1970
Rev. David W.A. Gregg, B.D., M.A.	1971 -

CHURCHWARDENS FOR THE PARISH OF LINDAL-WITH-MARTON

On Monday evening April 14th 1879 the FIRST Vestry Meeting was held in the school, Lindal, for the purpose of electing two Churchwardens.

James Brocklebank and H. Robinson, both of Lindal, were duly elected as the first Churchwardens for the Parish of Lindal-with-Martton.

Mr. Brocklebank and Mr. Robinson remained in office until the death of Mr. Brocklebank in 1884.

Subsequent Churchwardens were:

Mr. H. Robinson	1884 - 1892
Mr. J. Polkinghorn	1884 - 1888 and 1895 - 1896
Mr. F. T. Johnson	1889 - 1892
Mr. H. Brenan	1893 - 1894 and 1897 - 1910
Mr. H. Helme	1893 - 1903
Mr. W. P. Holmes	1904 - 1933
Mr. W. Mason	1911 - 1937
Mr. T. Stretch	1933 - 1939, 1960 and 1968
Mr. W. J. Harrison	1938 - 1947
Mr. W. Helm	1940 - 1952
Mr. B. Park	1948
Mr. W. Pattinson	1949 - 1953
Mr. F. Balderstone	1953 - 1958
Mr. J. Smith	1954 - 1957 and 1970 - 1971
Mr. G. Harrison	1958 - 1967
Mr. G. Harvey	1961 - 1964
Mr. J. B. Thompson	1965 - 1967 and 1969 - 1971
Mr. J. Tyson	1968 - 1969

The present Churchwardens, appointed in March 1972, are Mr. Alec Hall and Lt.-Cdr. Alan Roberts.

A MESSAGE FROM THE REV. GEORGE BRASSINGTON, B.A.,

THE PRESENT VICAR OF DALTON

"It is always a pleasure to celebrate a birthday and join in the festivities. 100 years ago the ancient parish of Dalton-in-Furness gave birth to a baby, your parish of Lindal-with-Marton. Now, after 100 years in existence, we join in thanksgiving for God's rich blessings upon such a birthday and pray that we may all have the same mission and vision as our forefathers."

THE PROGRAMME FOR THE CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

24th JUNE TO 1st JULY 1972

- SATURDAY 24TH JUNE 2.30 p.m. CHURCH FETE (on the Green)
- SUNDAY 25TH JUNE 6.00 p.m. OPEN-AIR SERVICE (on the Green)
followed by Holy Communion in the Church.
- WEDNESDAY 28TH JUNE 7.00 p.m. CHILDREN'S NIGHT (in the Buccleuch Hall)
- THURSDAY 29TH JUNE - (SAINT PETER'S DAY)
7.30 p.m. CENTENARY SERVICE (in the Church)
followed by RECEPTION (in the
Buccleuch Hall)
- FRIDAY 30TH JUNE 2.00 p.m. CENTENARY EXHIBITION (in the Buccleuch
Hall)
Open 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
and Saturday morning, 10 a.m. to 12 noon
- SATURDAY 1ST JULY 7.30 p.m. BARBECUE (in the Vicarage Gardens)

There will also be Centenary Floral Decorations in the Church.



PROGRAMME NOTES

Church Fete - Saturday 24th June. (on the Green)

The fete is to be opened at 2.30 p.m. by Mrs. Ewbank, the wife of the Archdeacon of Westmorland and Furness. After the National Anthem and the opening prayer, the 1972 Sunday School Queen, Miss Angela Curtain, will be crowned. At 3 o'clock there will be a display of Country Dancing. From 3.30 onwards, teas will be served in the Buccleuch Hall. The Vickers Shipyard Band will be in attendance, and there will be other attractions, including Stalls, Sideshows and Pony rides, (plus "Knobbly Knees" and "Angelic Ankles" contests!!!) Admission will be 5p. for Adults and 2p. for children.

Open-Air Service - Sunday 25th June (on the Green)

The Service, in which we shall be uniting with the members of the Lindal Methodist Chapel, will commence at 6 p.m. Councillor Alan Miles, the Chairman of the Dalton Urban District Council, and other members of the Council, will be present. The Sunday School Queen and her retinue will also be in attendance. The Rev. Neil Jeffereyes, B.Sc., B.D., Vicar of St. Mark's, Barrow will be the guest preacher, and music will be provided by "The New Creation", a group from St. Mark's Youth Club.

This will be followed by a shortened form of Holy Communion Service in the Church. All those who trust in Jesus Christ, whatever their 'denomination' may be, are warmly invited to join with the congregation at the Lord's Table, for this celebration.

Children's Night - Wednesday 28th June (in the Buccleuch Hall)

The programme for this event, arranged by the teachers and pupils of the Sunday School, will be as follows:

7.00 p.m. Opening, followed by an opportunity to view the exhibition of pupils' work, illustrating the lessons of the past year's Sunday School.

7.30 p.m. Programme of Singing by the children.

7.45 p.m. Dramatised extracts from the Scriptures.

8.00 p.m. Three film-strips, with tape recordings.

"Everyday Life in Palestine"

"Little Leopards become Big Leopards"

"Down to Earth"

9.00 p.m. Epilogue.

Admission will be 5p. for Adults and 2p. for Children.

St. Peter's Day - Thursday 29th June

The main event of our celebrations is the special Thanksgiving and Dedication Service to be held in the Church at 7.30 p.m. The order of service will be found on the centre pages of the brochure. The present Vicar of Dalton, the Rev. George Brassington, B.A., will be the guest preacher, (reminding us of our parentage, 100 years ago!!!) A thank-offering will be taken up during the Service, to further the Lord's work in the parish for the future.

Afterwards, all who attend are invited to a Reception in the Buccleuch

Hall, when there will be an opportunity to meet guests and old friends, and to hear the speeches and greetings from different quarters.

Centenary Exhibition - Friday 30th June (in the Buccleugh Hall)

An exhibition, collected and arranged under the auspices of the Mothers' Union, illustrating life in Lindal and Marton during the last 100 years, will be opened at 2.00 p.m. The exhibits will deal with Costumes and Household items, Communications, Mining, Farming and Gardening, Transport, the Churches, National and Local affairs, Sports and pastimes etc. They will include photographs and mementoes, maps and newspapers, letters and knick-knacks, as well as specimens of bygone articles. The hours of opening are Friday 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., and 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., and Saturday morning from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Admission will be 5p. for Adults and 2p. for Children.

Barbecue - Saturday 1st July (in the Vicarage Garden)

The final event of the Centenary Celebrations will be a Barbecue, commencing at 7.30 p.m. The "Channels" will be providing the music. A whole lamb will be spit-roasted to provide the "victuals", and there will also be some country diversions, and a campfire sing-song. Tickets will be 15p. for Adults and 10p. for children, and will be limited to 120 only. It is hoped that these will be largely taken up by the congregation. They will be available from the Vicarage from 24th June onwards.

Floral Decorations in the Church

During the week the Young Wives Group will be decorating the Church to illustrate the biblical theme of "Light". The different displays will each centre upon one of the following texts:

'And God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light'.

GENESIS chapter 1 verse 3.

'Thy word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path.'

PSALM 119 verse 105

'The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.'

ISAIAH chapter 9 verse 2.

'Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your father who is in heaven.'

MATTHEW chapter 5 verse 16.

'The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.'

JOHN chapter 1 verse 5.

'I am the light of the world'.

JOHN chapter 8 verse 12.

"For you are all sons of light and sons of the day."

1 THESSALONIANS chapter 5 verse 5.

We hope you will find the time to view and enjoy this display, and to spend a few moments of quiet thought on each of the texts.

CENTENARY SERVICE - 7.30 p.m., THURSDAY 29TH JUNE

Now thank we all our God,
With heart, and hands, and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
In Whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath bless'd us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours to-day.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace,
And guide us when perplex'd,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him Who reigns
With Them in highest Heaven,
The One Eternal God,
Whom earth and Heav'n adore,
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

Thanksgiving Prayers - The Lord's Prayer

Psalm 111:

1. I will give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart: secretly among the faithful, and in the congregation.
2. The works of the Lord are great: sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.
3. His work is worthy to be praised, and had in honour: and his righteousness endureth for ever.
4. The merciful and gracious Lord hath so done his marvellous works: that they ought to be had in remembrance.
5. He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he shall ever be mindful of his covenant.
6. He hath shewed his people the power of his works: that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.
7. The works of his hands are verity and judgement: all his commandments are true.
8. They stand fast for ever and ever: and are done in truth and equity.
9. He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever; holy and reverend is his Name.
10. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do thereafter; the praise of it endureth for ever. GLORIA.

Old Testament Reading: "Abraham, man of faith". GENESIS ch. 12 vv 1-9.

Gospel Reading: "Peter, man of faith". MATTHEW ch. 13 vv 13-19.

Epistle Reading: "The righteous shall live by faith". ROMANS ch. 1 vv 8-17.

Lord, for the years Your love has kept and guided,
Urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
Sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.