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Dear friends,

The journey through December is the journey through Advent towards the great celebration of Christmas. In a few weeks we will celebrate what is known as the Incarnation, the event in history when God became visible in the face of the baby Jesus. This event, with its cosmic significance, challenges our understanding of the nature of God.

In the few weeks leading up to Advent the following words are said each Sunday during the prayer of thanksgiving for the bread and wine to be shared at Communion: "Your love made visible in Jesus Christ, brings home the lost, restores the sinner, and gives dignity to the despised. In his face your light shines out, flooding lives with goodness and truth, gathering into one a divided and broken humanity".

The story of God who comes to us in Jesus is a story of God sharing fully in our humanity, the good and the bad, the highs and the lows. In a world that is still, in too many ways and in too many places, tearing itself apart God comes to offer a new vision; a vision of a new way of being.

Christmas is, of course, about the birth of Jesus and much time and energy is given to retelling this story in our school plays, community nativity pageants and church carol services. This is all fine, but we do need to remember that Christmas is not the most important Christian festival. Interestingly, the birth of

Jesus is told in only two of the four gospels, Matthew and Luke. Also the shepherds only appear in Luke's gospel and the magi only appear in Matthew's gospel; our usual retelling

of the story is a conflation of these two gospel accounts.

Contrast this with the fact that the story of Jesus' death and resurrection is told by all four gospel writers and at some length and we understand why Christians are often called 'an Easter people'; Christians are not referred to as 'a Christmas people'.

It is not the infant Jesus who calls to you and says, 'Come, follow me', but the adult Jesus who went



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about challenging the political and religious leaders of his day and calling for a transformation of the unjust structures of society.

So Christmas links us to a moment in world history, but a moment that we are invited to re-member, to make real again now, in our own lives and the lives of those around us.

God has come, and God keeps coming. God keeps calling and challenging; God keeps inviting us to believe and trust that God's ways are worth following. The way to make a better world is not to seek after power and continually demand "my rights". A better world will come when we all learn to live with humility and grace, recognising our responsibilities towards our fellow human beings.

As one writer put it: 'The Kingdom of God is the world in which peace and righteousness kiss. That is why Jesus' message is so politically explosive and subversive. It's revolutionary because it tears at the fabric of a universe that is structured on other grounds, not because Jesus is advocating revolution'.

The world-wide Anglican Communion has five Marks of Mission. The fourth Mark is: 'To seek to transform unjust structures of society'. Words regularly said

at our Parish Communion service are: 'Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth'.

This is why God came amongst us in Jesus: to show us that a love that reaches out with a genuine compassion for our neighbour is possible. The challenge is to accept that, as one Bishop said recently, 'In the end, there is no one God does not love'.

As we come to celebrate once again the Christmas story, the story of God coming to live a human life, think about the story as being about God choosing to get stuck in amongst the nitty gritty of human life, not staying on the side-line and just watching it all happen.

God comes calling and challenging; God comes inviting us to believe and trust that God's ways are worth following. I hope you will come and join us at our Christmas services this year as we think again about the message of God's radical, inclusive, transforming love for all of Creation and all humankind.

May Jesus find a place in your heart this Christmas.



December

Mists and fruitfulness turn now to frost and fog (or what one forecaster called "fost and frog"). We've celebrated Advent Sunday and are now in that delicious conflict between a prayerful preparation for the coming of Christ and the hectic Getting Ready for Christmas.

Last month, I promised some new things. You'll find the beginning of what will (we hope!) be a regular feature on pages 22 to 25. There won't normally be four pages but we hope that they will be sourced, edited and typeset by the children themselves. This month we start with Year 6, reporting on a recent visit – and some memes from the members of the Creative Writing Club.

January's edition

Most magazines I've been involved with take a break over Christmas...

Not The Bridge! I am aiming to have the January edition on the news stands(!) on New Year's Day. To be fair all round, I think that means:

the deadline for all material needs to be 22nd December.

I'll try to be accommodating, but, bloated with mince pies and the fumes of the Pudding Brandy, I'll make no rash promises.



Standing in the park, I was wondering why a Frisbee
looks larger the closer it gets...then it hit me.



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Christmas shopping with a difference

If you are still looking for that special present for someone here are some ideas that will really help to make a positive difference in someone's life!

The interest in "alternative" gifts has increased greatly which is very good news for people in the developing world. So why not investigate the following Charities and their range of gifts.

	'Oxfam Unwrapped' is, of course, run by Oxfam . Find their website at www.oxfamunwrapped.com
	One of the first to offer a scheme was World Vision . Their website is at www.worldvision.org.uk
	Christian Aid's scheme is called Present Aid and their website is at www.presentaid.org

Ronan Keating, the pop star, said, "I have seen the value small-scale farmers get from keeping goats. So it's the kind of gift I would be really happy to give. To help transform someone's life in one of the world's poorest countries is the right thing to do."

Real gifts that are wanted, not wasted.

Worship Teams in the Care Homes

If you needed care and decided to go into a care home or became confused, requiring total care, would you miss attending worship services?

Locally there are teams from the various churches that visit Townend Close (Tuesday afternoons) Sutton Hall (Wednesday afternoons) and Greenroyd Mill (Tuesday afternoons) for a monthly worship service. The ministers go to Beanlands monthly.

These services are organised and taken by the appropriate team. The ministers attend each one every 3 months for a Holy Communion service. Townend generally holds a Holy Communion service monthly. They last approximately 30 minutes and include some hymn singing and The Lord's Prayer. Many of the residents, even the very confused, show some sign of response to well-known hymns and The Lord's prayer.

The teams would like new members to assist with the service and/or the singing. If you can spare up to an hour to assist or give support some of the months, you would be welcomed very warmly. Please speak with Robin or contact Glennis Attwood on 01535 632880

Perhaps “Viral” Overstates it a bit...

Sandie wrote to me:

“You obviously didn’t anticipate the photo of me laying the wreath at the War Memorial going viral!! My brother in Norwich and two friends from Leicestershire texted to ask if “it was my best side”.”

This refers to a picture on the St Andrew’s Facebook page (which, in the interests of modesty and decorum, we won’t reproduce here...) John Exley spotted it and nominated it for the “The Rear of the Year” Award.

Do keep up with all that is going on at <https://www.facebook.com/Kildwick1> (If you look hard, you might even find the offending photo...)



I hired a new handyman yesterday and gave him a list of half a dozen things to do whilst I was out at work.

When I got back I found that he had only done tasks one, three and five. I realised that this chap was not a handyman at all. He was an odd job man.



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The Parochial Church Council

PCC met on 8th November and as usual, we had a busy Agenda. Robin commented on the good take-up of the Diocesan Vision course "Confident, Growing, Changing" which we had explored during Sunday morning services. We discussed the implications in some depth and Standing Committee is charged with planning how to implement our findings. The real challenge for us all is to answer honestly the question "What can YOU do?"

A small group is looking at how we welcome and then follow up our Baptism families and we looked at some new materials already in use. If you're interested in helping with this task, do speak to Robin.

Robin also warned us that 2020 marks the 700th anniversary of the building of St. Andrew's and suggested we begin thinking now about how we shall celebrate this fantastic milestone.

We received various reports from groups and noted with particular pleasure the strengthening of links with the school. Our work with young people through Chuffs and MiniRingers continues to go well. We agreed to contribute towards gift tokens for a group of Iranian Christians now living in Keighley. Tim Chapman has agreed to become the PCC's representative on the Kildwick and Farnhill Institute Committee: thank you, Tim!

Marie reported that we had paid just under half of this year's Share request and we authorised another payment. We agreed charitable giving recipients for this year: harvest monies will go to Water Aid, the Christmas collections will be split equally between CMS/Jigsaw and St George's Crypt and the Lent collections will go to the Sudan.

Fabric matters both large and small occupied their allotted slot. Chris updated us on his progress with the Health and Safety audit which we are required to complete. The Standing Committee will look at the recommendations of the Quinquennial Inspection, working in tandem with the Repair and Renovation Group, who brought us up to date on their progress so far. We really hope that the churchyard boundary wall will be made good in the next few months – watch this space!

As always, this report skims the surface of our meeting. There is a copy of the draft Minutes available to read at the back of church; if you have questions, ask them!

JW.



I bought a new thesaurus today only to discover all of its pages are blank.

I have no words to describe how angry I am.



Christmas Crib Service

**4.00pm on Christmas Eve
at St Andrew's Church,
Kildwick**

A short child-friendly
all-age service

Come and help to gather
the characters
for the Christmas crib

Christmas Carols by Candlelight

**4.00pm on Sunday 18th December
at St Andrew's Church, Kildwick**

A Traditional service of carols and
readings for Christmas
with a children's nativity tableau

*(all children are invited to come dressed
as shepherds, angels, wise men or
nativity animals and join the tableau)*



Shades of the Vicar of Dibley

I was told an organisation is not replying to "contact me" requests on a website that I host. Here's the gist of the ensuing email conversation:

Me: I think you may not be receiving emails when people use the contact form on your site. Can you check please.

Them: No emails are coming through.

Me: (3 hours later) I've checked everything out and can't find anything wrong. Please check your spam folders and confirm you are not receiving emails.

Them: Sorry, I meant "No, emails *are* coming through"...

ARRRGH!

The Gospel according to Matthew

The pattern of readings from the Bible for use in Christian worship is known as the lectionary. Each Sunday three bible readings are prescribed: a passage from the Old Testament, the Apocrypha, or the Acts of the Apostles; another from either the Book of Revelation or the Epistles; and finally a passage from one of the four Gospels.

The pattern of readings runs in three-year cycles; the gospel readings in the first year (Year A) are taken from the Gospel according to Matthew, those in the second year (or Year B) from the Gospel according to Mark, and in the third year (or Year C) come from the Gospel according to Luke. Portions of the Gospel of John are read at certain festivals every year.

On Advent Sunday (1st December) we begin Year A, so the gospel readings will be from Matthew. Here is a guide to this Gospel.

For convenience, the book can be divided into four structurally distinct sections: Two introductory sections; the main section, which can be further broken into five sections, each with a narrative component followed by a long discourse of Jesus; and finally, the Passion and Resurrection section.

1. Containing the genealogy, the birth, and the infancy of Jesus (Matthew 1; Matthew 2).
2. The discourses and actions of John the Baptist preparatory to Christ's public ministry (Matthew 3; Matthew 4:11).
3. The discourses and actions of Christ in Galilee (4:12–26:1).
 1. The Sermon on the Mount, concerning morality (Ch. 5–7)
 2. The Missionary Discourse, concerning the mission Jesus gave his Twelve Apostles. (10–11:1)
 3. The Parable Discourse, stories that teach about the Kingdom of Heaven (13).
 4. The "Church Order" Discourse, concerning relationships among Christians (18–19:1).
 5. The Eschatological Discourse, which includes the Olivet Discourse and Judgement of the Nations, concerning his Second Coming and the end of the age (24–25).
4. The sufferings, death and Resurrection of Jesus, the Great Commission (26–28).

The one aim pervading the book is to show that Jesus of Nazareth was the promised Messiah — he "of whom Moses in the law and the prophets did write" — and that in him the ancient prophecies had their fulfillment. This book is full of allusions to passages of the Old Testament which the book interprets as predicting and foreshadowing Jesus' life and mission.



Messy Church

Sunday 13th November

A great time was had by all those who came to our recent Messy Church when we explored the theme: 'Jesus the Light of the world'.



Seventeen children came along with parents and grandparents; together with the church helpers, we were over 40 people gathered together.

After singing our welcome song and thinking about how we use different kinds of light (a lighthouse, a searchlight, reflector bands on clothing) to guide us and keep us safe, we talked about Jesus being the Light to guide us through life.

We then busied ourselves with lots of craft activities around the church, before gathering again for some prayers and more songs.

As always at Messy Church, the afternoon ended with everyone enjoying a wonderful tea.

Messy Church is great fun and we hope you will join us for our next Messy Church on Sunday 9th April which is Palm Sunday.



⇒ This Gospel contains no fewer than sixty-five references to the Old Testament, forty-three of these being direct verbal citations, thus greatly outnumbering those found in the other Gospels. The main feature of this Gospel may be expressed in the motto "I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill" (5:17).

This Gospel sets forth a view of Jesus as the Christ and portrays him as an heir to King David's throne, the rightful King of the Jews.

Some believe this gospel was written to the Jewish community, thus explaining all the allusions to passages of the Old Testament, however, see also Great Commission (which is directed at "all nations") and Interpretations of the Sermon on the Mount and Christian view of the Law.

I dreamed I had an interview with God.

"Come in," God said. "So you would like to interview Me?"

"If You have the time", I said.

God smiled and said,

"My time is eternity and is enough to do everything. What questions do you have in mind to ask me?"

"What surprises you most about mankind?"

God answered,

"That they get bored of being children, are in a rush to grow up, and then long to be children again. That they lose their health to make money and then lose their money to restore their health.

That by thinking anxiously about the future, they forget the present, such that they live neither for the present, nor the future.

That they live as they will never die, and they die as if they had never lived."

God's hands took mine and we were silent for a while and then I asked ...

"As a parent, what are some of life's lessons You want Your children to learn?"

God replied with a smile,

"To learn that they cannot make anyone love them. What they can do is to let themselves be loved. To learn that what is most valuable is not what they

have in their lives, but what they have in their lives.

To learn that it is not good to compare themselves with others.

All will be judged individually on their own merits, not as a group on a comparison basis!

To learn that a rich person is not the one who has the most but is the one who needs the least.

To learn that it only takes a few seconds to open profound wounds in people we love, and that it takes many years to heal them.

To learn to forgive by practising forgiveness.

To learn that there are people who love them dearly, but simply do not know how to express or show their feelings.

To learn that a true friend is someone who knows everything about them... and likes them anyway.

To learn that it is not always enough that they be forgiven by others, but they have to forgive themselves."

I sat there for a while enjoying the moment. I thanked Him for His time and for all that He had done for me and my family, and He replied,

"Any time. I'm here 24 hours a day. All you have to do is ask for me and I will answer."

***My time is eternity
and is enough
to do everything***

Sent in by Ellie Barfoot



Bradford Area Map redrawn as new Deaneries come into being

The map of Bradford Episcopal Area has been radically redrawn with four new deaneries coming into being on 1st January 2017.

From the New Year, parishes will be grouped into the deaneries of Inner Bradford, Outer Bradford, Aire and Worth and South Craven and Wharfedale.

The new deaneries replace the five former deaneries of Airedale, Bowling and Horton, Bradford North, Ilkley and Keighley.

The changes will mean similar parishes can work together more effectively, according to the Bishop of Bradford, Rt. Revd Toby Howarth: "We needed to create a new deanery structure, as two of our existing deaneries had been divided across different episcopal areas and were significantly smaller than the others.

"The new model addresses this issue, but also goes further. The new deaneries are not only geographically focussed, but also offer mutual support in mission to parishes and clergy in similar contexts."

The changes have come about after more than a year of discussion and consultation with several different maps under consideration. The final plans were approved in October with a Pastoral Order sealed by the Bishop of Leeds, Rt Revd Nick Baines.

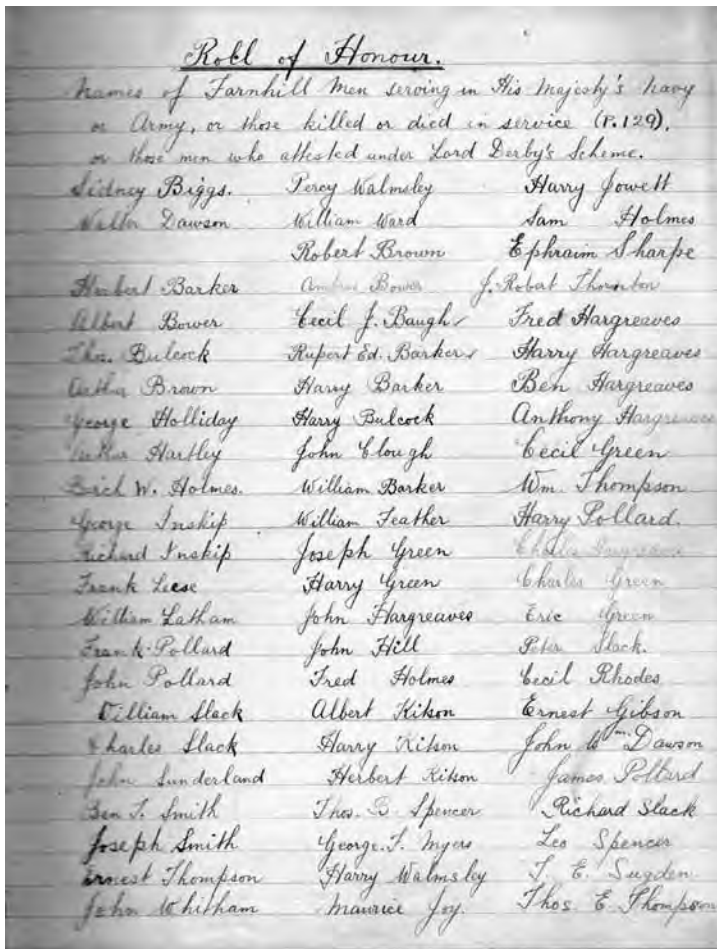
The aim, as stated in the consultation, is "to create a more coherent deanery structure within the Bradford Episcopal Area, with deaneries of similar size and focus, which will offer effective engagement in Church of England governance structures and foster greater learning and partnership in mission and ministry."

The parish of Kildwick will be in the Deanery of South Craven and Wharfedale together with the parishes of Addingham, Ben Rhydding, Burley, Cononley with Bradley, Cowling, Ilkley All Saints, Ilkley St Margaret, Lothersdale, Menston with Woodhead, Silsden and Sutton.

The Area Dean for the new deanery will be the Revd Canon Philip Gray, Vicar of St Margaret's, Ilkley.



Farnhill WW1 Volunteers Project given National Lottery Funding



Kildwick and Farnhill Village Institute has been awarded £8400 by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), through their **First World War: then and now** programme, to fund a project to research the lives of the 68 men from Farnhill who volunteered to serve their country in World War 1.

On the day that WW1 conscription was introduced, early in 1916, Farnhill Parish Council created a Roll of Honour - naming the men from the village who were already serving with the armed forces. Thanks to National Lottery players the Farnhill WW1 Volunteers Project will research the lives of these 68 men: before, during, and after the war; prepare short biographies, and make this biographical information widely available and easily accessible. It will

also explore what life in Farnhill was like 100 years ago, and the social context in which the WW1 Volunteers lived.



Book review

"The Spirit Level: Why more equal societies almost always do better."

Authors : Richard Wilkinson and Kate Pickett

I read this book via the website 'Future Learn', a course called 'The Lottery of Birth'.

Coincidentally, Michael Hardin had just spoken about wealth and poverty at church a little while after I'd read it. He spoke about how some people's views about riches came from the idea that God judged you and blessed you with wealth if you'd been good, or judged you and punished you with poverty if you had sinned.

The content of the book is a real eye-opener. The book's main theme is that the greater the inequality of income within a society, the worse that society is for everyone, not just the poorest.

The idea of a 'spirit level' shown on all sorts of distribution graphs informs us that social and environmental problems – lack of community life, drugs, murder and other violent crimes against people, obesity, ill-health, life expectancy, poor educational achievement and large prison populations are much more likely to be common in an unequal society.

The USA manifests the worst levels of all these issues of society's dysfunctions, (hence Michael's fears for the future of his country). At the other end of the scale are eg Japan, Finland and Denmark. The small discrepancies between rich and poor are evident within the graphs, and as a consequence virtually all the above mentioned problems are considerably fewer. The statistics are given as percentages so it is easier to make comparisons.

The authors suggest that to solve the problems of selfish, self-centred acquisition of wealth and rampant consumerism it is possible to work towards a friendlier, more co-operative/collaborative society. All people need to try and develop more altruistic attitudes leading increased social action/interaction.

Every politician and decision maker should read this book. The ideas it contains show a new and important way of thinking. It asks us how we can change the communities we live in so that people do not see the acquisition of wealth and possessions to be their sole purpose in life.

Margaret Thatcher said 'There is no such thing as society.' (to read the full quote just search these words on the internet).

Jesus said 'Love one another as I have loved you'.

Date			Readings
4 December The Second Sunday of Advent	8.15am 10.00am	Holy Communion Family Communion	<i>Isaiah 11.1-10</i> <i>Romans 15.4-13</i> Matthew 3.1-12
11 December The Third Sunday of Advent	8.15am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion	Isaiah 35.1-10 James 5.7-10 Matthew 11.2-11
18 December The Fourth Sunday of Advent	8.15am	Holy Communion Parish Communion	Isaiah 7.10-16 Romans 1.1-7 Matthew 1.18-25
24 December Christmas Night	11.30pm	Holy Communion	Isaiah 52.7-10 Hebrews 1.1-12 John 1.1-14
25 December Christmas Day	10.00am	Family Communion	Isaiah 62.6-12 Luke 2.8-20

Regular Events at Kildwick

Monday 8.30am	Morning Prayer	In Church
Tuesday 8.30am	Morning Prayer	In Church
Tuesday <i>not in holidays</i> 10.00 – 11.30am	<i>Chuffs Fun for pre-school children and their grown-ups!</i>	In the Parish Rooms
Tuesday 7.30 – 8.30 pm	Choir practice	In Church
Wednesday 8.30am	Morning Prayer	In Church
Wednesday 9.30am	Midweek Eucharist	In the Parish Rooms
Wednesday 10.15 am – 12.30pm	NottheKnot Group <i>Stitching and Fellowship Group</i>	In the Parish Rooms
Wednesday 7.30 – 9.00pm	Bell ringing	In the Tower
Thursday <i>not in holidays</i> 3.15 – 4.30pm	MiniRingers Bell Club	In the Parish Rooms
Friday 8.30am	Morning Prayer	In Church

Readers	Intercessor	Communion	Sidespeople	Tea and Coffee
<i>Reading not used</i> <i>Reading not used</i> Lesley Bannister	Di Halliday	Di Sue	Eleanor Eastwood Sandie Walton June Whitaker	June Whitaker Sylvia Ackroyd
Glyn Evans Chris Wright Katharine Calvert	Peter Bannister	Sandie John	Marie Stinson Peter McNeill	Joyce Bonham (vacancy)
Marie Stinson Sylvia Clark Lesley Hudson	Robin Figg	Christine	Ann Mosley Christine Anderton Michael Baxter	Elaine Carter Jill Wright
Jill Wright Christine Anderton Brenda Brock	Lesley Hudson	Christine Tim	<i>Sign the list in church</i>	
Glyn Evans Sylvia Clark	Peter Bannister	Sue Peter	<i>Sign the list in church</i>	



Flowers

Traditionally, we have no flowers in church during Advent and Lent which are the two "preparation" seasons as we look forward to the great festivals of Christmas and Easter.

No doubt the whole team will be on hand to decorate the church for Christmas Day!



From the Registers

Baptism

Sunday 6th November

Isla Mitchell,
daughter of Lee and Zoe of Campbell Street, Cross Hills

Funeral

Friday 11th November

Betty Smith,
recently of Killinghall, nr Harrogate
and formerly of Farnhill



December

Monday 5th	6.30pm	Glusburn Key Stage 2 Carol Service
Friday 9th	2.45pm	Kildwick School Collective Worship
Sunday 11th	10.00am	Visit by Tim and Kate Lee - Bring and Share Lunch
	4.00pm	CDFC Christmas Pageant in the Park
Tuesday 13th	1.30pm	Glusburn Key Stage 1 Christingle Service
	6.30pm	Kildwick Key Stage 1 Christmas Play
Wednesday 14th	2.00pm	Kildwick Key Stage 1 Christmas Play
Friday 16th	9.30am	Kildwick School Christingle Service
Sunday 18th	4.00pm	Christmas Carols by candlelight
Saturday 24th	4.00pm	Crib Service
	11.30pm	Midnight Communion

Christmas Day

8.15am Holy Communion

10.00am Family Communion

Monday 26th	Stephen, Deacon and First Martyr
Tuesday 27th	John, Apostle and Evangelist
Wednesday 28th	The Holy Innocents

January

Sunday 8th	Epiphany
	10.00am Family Communion
Sunday 15th	The Baptism of Christ
	10.00am Parish Communion with Baptism

Posada – A Project for Advent

Our travelling cribs have set off on their journey around the community

One was spotted a couple of days ago in Class 1 at Kildwick School, nestled in some very yellow "straw"!

The figures in the two cribs are travelling around the parish each day from home to home before arriving back in church at the Crib Service at 4pm on Christmas Eve in time for the first celebration of the birth of Jesus.



Prayers of Preparation



In this season of expectation
 We prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Messiah
 Into the bustle of our lives
 and the hard to find moments of solitude
 We prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Messiah
 Into our homes and situations
 along with friends and families
 We prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Messiah
 Into our hearts, and those often hidden parts
 of our lives
 We prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Messiah
 For beneath the surface of your story
 is an inescapable fact
 You entered this world
 as vulnerable as any one of us
 in order to nail that vulnerability to the cross.
 Our fears, our insecurities and our sins
 all that can separate us from God
 exchanged by your Grace for Love.
 We cannot comprehend the reasoning
 only marvel that Salvation comes to us
 through a baby born in a stable,
 and reaches out to a world in need.

In this season of anticipation
 We prepare to welcome Christ Jesus,
 Messiah.
 Amen

Advent God,
 we journey with you,
 to Bethlehem's stable
 and a new-born King,
 ears attuned
 to the song of angels,
 eyes alert
 for Bethlehem's star.
 Forgive us
 if on our journey
 if we are distracted
 by the tempting offers
 of this world.
 Keep our hearts aflame
 with the hope
 of Christmas,
 and the promise
 of a Saviour.
 Amen

God of hope, who brought love into this world,
 be the love that dwells between us.
 God of hope, who brought peace into this world,
 be the peace that dwells between us.
 God of hope, who brought joy into this world,
 be the joy that dwells between us.
 God of hope, the rock we stand upon,
 be the centre, the focus of our lives
 always, and particularly this Advent time.
 Amen



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Farnhill Parish Council

The Council met on 27th October with four members and reps of NYCC & CDC and Clerk S Harding-Hill.

Community Emergency Plan: The NYCC Emergency Planning Officer spoke about the benefits of such a plan. It involves a group of volunteers under the direction of the Council, who know the risks that the community might face and who have skills that could be of use in emergencies. They act as first responders and provide a point of contact till the Emergency Services arrive. The plan also creates a local information point and a rest centre for an interim period.

The Freedom Wheel Service is a volunteer Car Service which is backed by North Yorkshire County Council's Community Transport Service and managed by Skipton & Craven Action for Disability. A not for profit organization, they are looking at Pilot Schemes which will start with the Southern Area of Craven outside Skipton. They are currently looking for volunteer drivers and it is hoped to start running at the beginning of December. The service is to help people who are struggling to access public transport either through reduced mobility from injury, disability or infirmity or simply because of where they live. Users need to book 48hrs in advance and the charge will be a £1 booking fee per journey and 45p per mile.

Social Care and Support Services aim to support the increased number of people with dementia in their own homes, to improve the quality of life and independence for people rather than them having to go into care.

Recycled Waste: CDC intends to move to a fully co-mingled collection service where paper, cans, glass, cans and cardboard will be collected on the same day in the same container. A consultation is ongoing and closes on the 21st December.

Locally: An application has been made for £250.00 for a defibrillator.

The strengthening of the track and retaining wall at the Arbour has been completed – without any of the wall collapsing.

The play area inspection report shows that the present risk is LOW and no remedial work was needed at the present time.

The website is updated and new articles include

- A consultation on the removal of the village telephone box
- The recent celebrations on the Leeds/Liverpool Canal
- The refurbishment of a bench on Farnhill Moor (Janet's Bench)

The Parish Council agreed that the Clerk would purchase a wreath for Remembrance Sunday and attend the service to lay the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council and residents of the village.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 24th November



News from the Cross Hills & District Fellowship of Churches

Christmas in the Park



An Outdoor Nativity

Sunday 11th December at 4.00pm Sunday 11th December

Come along and enjoy this re-telling of the wonderful Christmas story.

The presentation starts at 4pm, at
The Bay Horse pub in Sutton and moving via The Kings Arms
and The Black Bull to Sutton Park.

All are welcome to join in the procession.
If possible come in simple biblical costume and bring a torch.

Mince pies and mulled wine will be served afterwards
at South Craven Baptist Church.



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Prayers for the Parish & World Church

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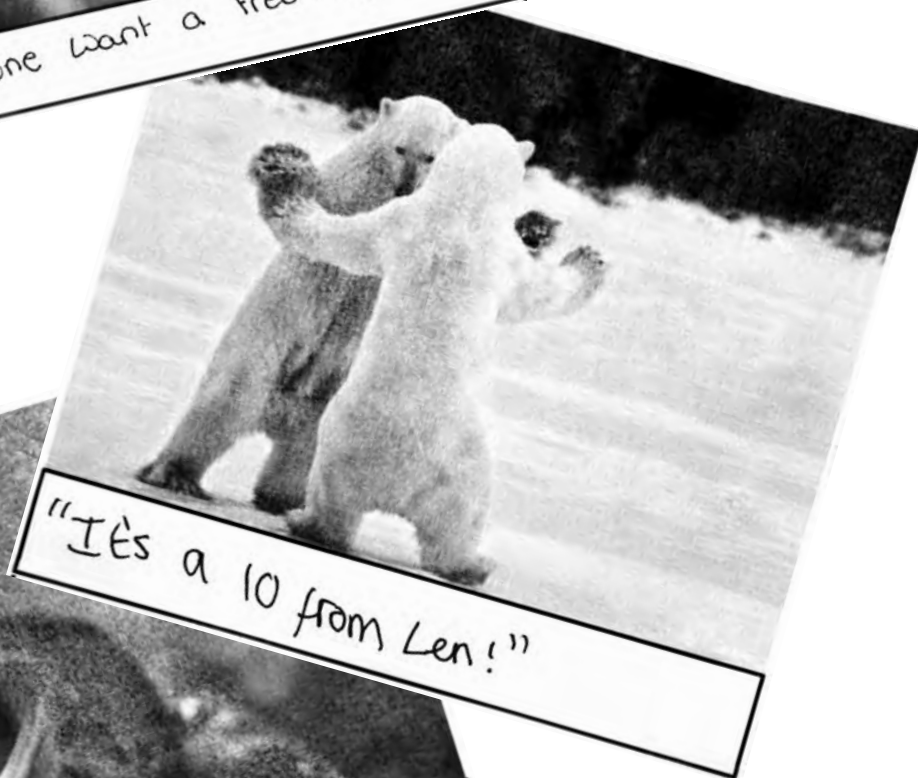
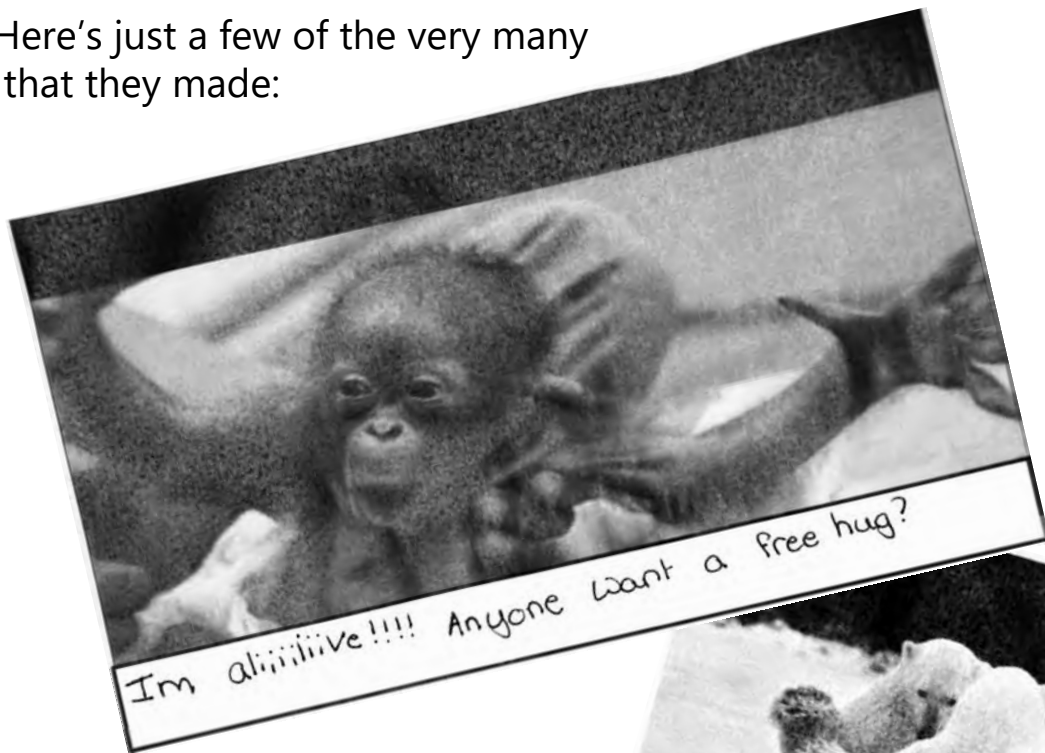
A member of **XLvets**


From Kildwick School

The Creative Writing Club at Kildwick have been making **Memes**.


We are told that a meme is "An image, video, piece of text, etc., typically humorous in nature, that is copied and spread rapidly by Internet users". If you're a Facebook user, you'll be familiar with them...

Here's just a few of the very many that they made:






it's a Saturday. I can do
What I want



Is it a bird? is it a plane?
No It's Superdog!



Ha Ha Ha Ha Ha Ha
What Were We laughing at again

The Industrial Museum

Year 6 children visited the Industrial Museum in Bradford. Dressed for the part, they experienced lessons in the Victorian classroom and explored replicas of both the mill workers' cottages and the mansions of the mill owners as well as seeing some of the mighty cotton and woollen industrial machines.

A small group of Year 6 children have photographed and written about some of their experiences. It is notable that most of them focus on the rigours of classroom life!



Before the Victorian lesson we were all told about some of the old ornaments. The first ornament we were shown was the back board which was shaped to keep posture. This was a real punishment! Also if you got a question wrong then you'd have to stand in the corner with a dunce cap on

After the lesson we went down the flight of stairs. We opened the door there stood many machines for cotton all shapes and sizes. We looked at most of the machines then one man who turned on all of the machines for us to see them working. Some of them were so loud your ears kept on being blocked. We had to cover our ears even though only a couple were on. The banging is still going on in my head. After that, we went down the stairs until we had eventually got to the bottom. We could still hear the bangings from the machines.



When you wear the back board it makes your back straight so you don't slouch in class. The dunce cap shows you are stupid and people laugh at you. The teacher would wip you and then push you in to the corner and stick the dunce cap on your head and point at you. The back board would hurt your back but it was worth it. You would have to wear the back board all the time until your back was straight. The dunce cap was fit for anyone to wear and the children had to face the wall when they wore the dunce cap.



The timetable for Victorians was very hard and instead of playtime you would have drill



The Birds in Your Garden



It is easy to dismiss the Blackbird as just another common, year-round garden resident, but there is more to this familiar bird than you might think!

Blackbirds were originally woodlands birds, but over the years have adapted very well to an urban environment. So much so, that it is thought that urban Blackbird populations may even act

as boosters for less productive woodland populations, which face significantly greater levels of nest predation – despite all the cats in our gardens! The most serious threat to urban-nesting Blackbirds is probably a prolonged period of dry weather, which makes getting at earthworms in a rock hard lawn very difficult and puts their chicks at risk of starvation.

Breeding territories and feeding sites may be used year after year by socially dominant birds, particularly those with food available throughout the year. Blackbirds have a varied diet, not just feeding on fruit and earthworms, and have even been seen taking tadpoles and newts from the shallows of garden ponds.

Information from the BTO Garden BirdWatch reveals a seasonal pattern of garden use, with a reduction in numbers from August to October. This 'autumn trough' is probably linked both to the availability of fruits and berries in local hedgerows and to the post-breeding moult, when they become rather shy and retiring.

The Blackbird is one of a small number of species that sometimes sing during the night, particularly near to street-lighting. They have large eyes relative to their body size, and BTO research has revealed them to be the first species to arrive at garden feeding stations on dark winter mornings. Good vision in low light levels influences when a species is first able to move around and find food.

BTO research has also demonstrated that Blackbirds living in urban areas arrive at garden feeding stations later than those living in rural gardens. This seems to run counter to the influence of light levels on arrival times – since urban areas have more street lights; suggesting that temperature may also play a role. Urban areas have higher levels of heat pollution which raise air temperatures above those in the surrounding countryside, and as birds use their energy reserves to keep warm overnight, those in rural areas will need to find food more urgently in the morning

Surveys have revealed that at least 12% of our winter Blackbirds are immigrants from mainland Europe, their arrival by the thousand during the autumn months going largely unnoticed; primarily because they look the same as those that are here all year round. However, an early morning visit to some berry-laden coastal scrub and hedgerows will reveal these immigrants feeding alongside newly arrived Redwing and Fieldfare. BTO bird ringers have shown that these winter immigrants originate mainly from Scandinavia, The Netherlands and Germany, some of which are just passing through, and will continue on south to winter in Spain, France and Portugal.

Being able to watch several Blackbirds at once helps differentiate between the various plumages, separating the brown females from the black males, and young birds (with some juvenile wing feathers still retained) from older individuals. Birds with one or more white feathers are often seen in our gardens, and are probably 'leucistic' this being due to a local absence of pigment cells.

If you find the lives of our garden birds to be of interest, and would like to join in and count the feathered occupants of your garden, please contact me or visit the BTO Garden BirdWatch website (www.bto.org/gbw). If you know of a local organisation who would like a talk on garden birds call: Mike Gray 07596 366342 or mikegbw@btinternet.com.

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A virgin birth, I can believe – but finding **three** wise men?

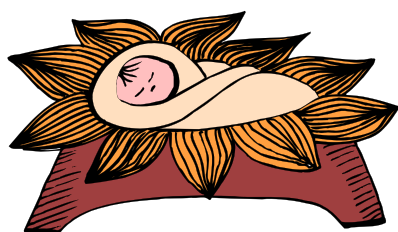
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NATIVITY PLAY

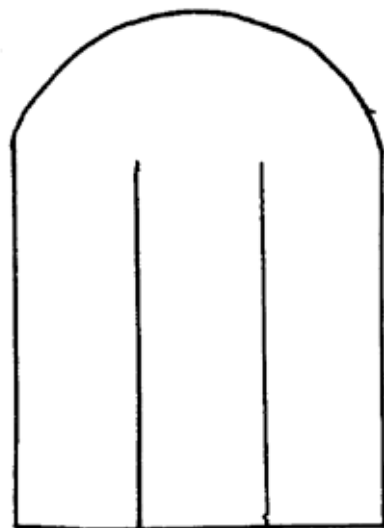
To see the story of the first Christmas through the eyes of little children makes it fresh and new. I like the story of the little boy who so wanted to be Joseph but was picked as the inn keeper instead. All went well until the nativity play started and Mary and Joseph arrived at the inn. The boy playing the innkeeper greeted them with 'Come in Mary love, there's plenty of room for you, but Joseph can get lost!'

Mary may insist that her teddy is the Baby Jesus, the angels may trip over their robes made from sheets, but every nativity play shows the wonder of the story of the first Christmas when the son of God was born a baby, like us. Tea towels used as shepherd's headdresses and angels' haloes made from wire coat hangers only serve to underline the humanity of it all. A baby born in a stable – a simple story that changes the world.



LOTS OF LOVE

Time to make some Christmas decorations? Cut out two shapes like the pattern below, one in red card, one in green card. Don't forget to cut the slits.



Interlock the 2 shapes by weaving the strips under and over their opposite



colour. This will give you a heart shape. Use a little glue to hold them together if needed. Punch a hole in the top at the centre and thread with cord to hang your decoration. You can make lots in different colours and decorate them with sequins or stickers too. Nice symbols of love to decorate your Christmas.

The Cat's Christmas Hymns:

Oh, Come All Ye Fishful
Silent Mice
Joy to the Curled
The First Meow



back
to
the
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"Of all the cheek! Rides up on his sleigh in his flashy red suit, pushes to the front of the queue to the stable shouting 'Ho! Ho! Ho!'... who DOES he think he is?!"

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