St Andrew's Church Kildwick

News and Views from Kildwick, Farnhill and Cross Hills

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Parish Mission Statement

Called to be the body of Christ,
we are here to share God's love with all people,
through outreach and service,
in our community and in the world,
through the power of the Holy Spirit

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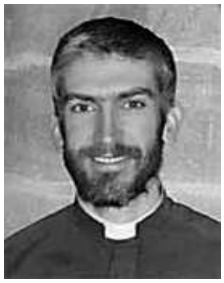


Dear friends,

February moves us on quickly from our celebration of the Incarnation (God coming to share our life in the person Jesus) to our journey through Lent towards Holy Week and Easter when we will celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus.

It is important that our reflection on the story of Jesus moves from the Crib to the Cross; it is easy to forget that Christians are 'Easter people', not 'Christmas people'. Our eyes must gaze ultimately on the Cross, rather than on the Crib. The wood of our Christmas tree becomes the wood of our Lenten cross; the child lying in the manger becomes the grown adult hanging on the cross.

Our journey to the Cross begins on Wednesday 10th February, Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. This day begins the period of six weeks when we reflect deeply once again on the mystery of our Lord's death and resurrection. It is time to open our hearts and our minds so that God may speak to us afresh of God's love and forgiveness for us all.

Lent is a time for us to reflect on our lives, both as individuals and in community with others. As we walk with Jesus the Way of the Cross, so we need to reflect on how well our lives are in tune with the life of Jesus, the One who came to show us what it how to live abundantly in relationship with others.

During recent weeks two groups have been exploring the Christian life by looking closely at the Ten Commandments as part of the ***Pilgrim*** course. One of the core texts of the Christian faith, the Commandments are not so well known and understood today, but remain important as we work out what it means to live a Christ-like life.

Jesus summarised the Old Testament law in his call to love God and love our neighbour as ourselves. As Christians we cannot focus on love of God and neglect the way we behave towards our neighbours. Nor should we focus on the way we behave towards our neighbours and neglect our love for God. The two need to be held together. Our lives need to be shaped in a rhythm of worship and service: love for God and love for others.

We also need, in the words of the introduction to the Commandments module, "a new heart and a new Spirit, to be transformed from within. We need the love and support of a Christian community, however imperfect, to show us the meaning of the Commandments as they are lived out in the reality of our lives today".

In early January the senior Archbishops of the worldwide Anglican Communion gathered together in Canterbury to talk about some of the issues that are causing significant tensions between different parts of the Communion. You may have seen the reports about the diverse positions held across the Communion on matters relating, especially, to human sexuality and marriage.

For many the issue comes down to how we interpret our scriptures; how we understand the nature of the authority of the bible. As I listened carefully to different Archbishops speaking about their input into the conversations, it seemed that there are those who bring everything back to what they see as the ultimate authority of the bible and there are those who bring everything back to the ultimate authority of the teaching of Jesus.

At St Andrew's we have been greatly helped in our understanding of what it means to be Christian by people such as Michael Hardin who have shown us what it means to read the bible through the lens of the person of Jesus, rather than the other way

round.

Keeping Jesus at the centre, rather than the bible, is the way to ensure that we will travel in the right direction towards a life that is ever more Christ-like.

As I listen to debates about issues of Christian belief and teaching I always ask myself, "Where do I see grace at work?" Listening to the Archbishops I found myself, along with many others, drawn to the words of Michael Curry, the new Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church in the USA. Bishop Curry said:

"Our commitment to be an inclusive church is not based on a social theory or capitulation to the ways of the culture, but on our belief that the outstretched arms of Jesus on the cross are a sign of the very love of God reaching out to us all. While I understand that many disagree with us, our decision regarding marriage is based on the belief that the words of the Apostle Paul to the Galatians are true for the church today: All who have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male or female, for all are one in Christ."

As you travel through this season of Lent gave on the Cross and let God speak to you words of love, joy and peace, words of grace and mercy, words that drawn everyone into the circle of God's presence.

Peace and blessings to you.

The Season of Lent

Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday** on 10th February. This is one of the Principal Feasts in the church calendar and everyone is encouraged to attend a service on this day. At St Andrew's there will be a service at 9.30am in the parish rooms. The evening service at 7.30pm will be at St Peter's Methodist Church, Cross Hills. Both services will include the imposition of ashes.

Lent is a time for prayerful reflection on the meaning of our Lord's Passion. A popular aid to this reflection is the service of **Stations** of the Cross. Each of the stations stands for an event that occurred during Jesus' Passion and death at Calvary on Good Friday. The service lasts 30 minutes and will take place each Friday at 12.30pm in church. All are encouraged to experience this service at least once during Lent.

A Feast for Lent

FAST from criticism and FEAST on praise
FAST from self pity and FEAST on joy
FAST from ill temper and FEAST on praise
FAST from resentment and FEAST on contentment.
FAST from jealously and FEAST on love
FAST from pride and FEAST on humility
FAST from selfishness and FEAST on service
FAST from fear and FEAST on faith

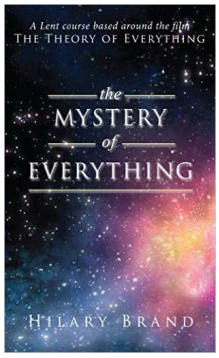
Taken from *My Mother's BOOK OF HAPPINESS*

Parcevall Hall - A Weekend Away Friday 27th to Sunday 29th May

Parcevall Hall is the Diocesan Retreat House, situated near Appletreewick. It has excellent facilities, offering the comfort of an old house, the peace of a rural situation and the scenic beauty of Wharfedale.

The programme for the weekend will be based around following a 5 session course titled **The Mystery of Everything**, which takes the multi-award winning film about Stephen Hawking, ***The Theory of Everything***, as its starting point.

The course explores ways in which the mysteries of the universe and of everyday life - and the acceptance that we have more questions than answers - can reinvigorate our faith and spiritual journey.



The course is based around five sessions titled:

1. The experience of wonder;
2. The enigma of weakness;
3. The complexity of relationships;
4. The encounter with frailty;
5. The hope beyond brokenness.

Each session includes an extract from the film, group discussion questions and a meditation.

The programme for the weekend will also include worship, fellowship and free time. The cost will be £136 full board, from Friday supper to Sunday lunchtime. Day visitors will be welcome on the Saturday; the cost will be £28, to include morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea.

Some discretionary grants are available to assist those for whom the full cost may be difficult; please speak in confidence to the Vicar is appropriate. No one should be prevented from attending the weekend because of financial need.

Pick up a booking form in church or the Parish Rooms or contact the Vicar, Robin Figg, 633307 for more details or to request a booking form.

A Weekend with Margaret Barker, Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th April

Temple Themes in Christian Worship

Following last year's successful visit, we are looking forward to a return visit by bible scholar Margaret Barker. Margaret will lead a seminar on Saturday looking at Temple Themes in Christian Worship. Margaret will also preach at the 10am Parish Communion on Sunday.

The seminar will begin at 9.30am and Margaret will give 4 talks during the day on the themes of Bread, Wine, Water and Oil.

Margaret lectures and teaches widely in this country and in the United States. Her visit here is a wonderful opportunity to hear a renowned teacher of Christian texts.

The cost of the Saturday seminar will be £10 (drinks provided, bring your own lunch). To book pick up a leaflet in the church or parish rooms or contact the Vicar, Robin Figg, 633307.

News from the PCC

The PCC met on Tuesday 26th January and worked through a wide ranging agenda.

It was noted that the ***Pilgrim*** course is progressing well and being much appreciated by the participants. The diocese has produced a 5 session course titled ***Confident, Growing, Changing*** which will help parishes engage with the vision for our diocese, 'To equip confident clergy to enable confident Christians to live and tell the good news of Jesus Christ in West Yorkshire & the Dales'.

It was agreed to include an article about **Inclusive Church** in the March magazine with a short presentation at the Annual Meeting for consideration by the church here.

The news of the forthcoming departure of Debbie Cooksey as Headteacher of Kildwick School was received. It was noted that 2 foundation governors will be involved the selection process for a new Headteacher.

An update was given on several building matters. The rebuilding of the **car park entrance gates** will begin on 4th April. The work to renew the **porch roof** should take place during March. It was agreed to consider further reordering of the south aisle (west of the prayer space) and the nave platform area. A working group has met to begin work on grant applications to HLF and other bodies for the work required on the church roof and ceiling.

Two **motions from the Diocesan Synod** meeting in October were received and it was agreed to publicise them to the parish in the magazine.

Motion on blood donations:

"That this Diocesan Synod requests:

1. Every church in the diocese to encourage its members to consider as part of their Christian giving:

(a) becoming a blood donor;

(b) registering as an organ donor upon their death and making their wishes known to their families."

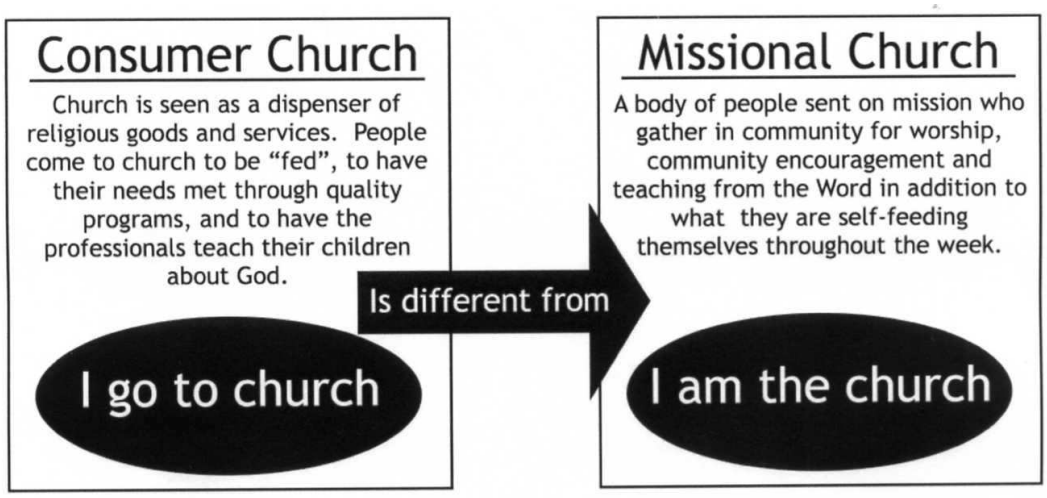
Motion on the refugee crisis

"That this Diocesan Synod, recognising the unprecedented migration from North Africa and the Middle East and the consequent refugee crisis, requests:

that every church in the diocese considers:

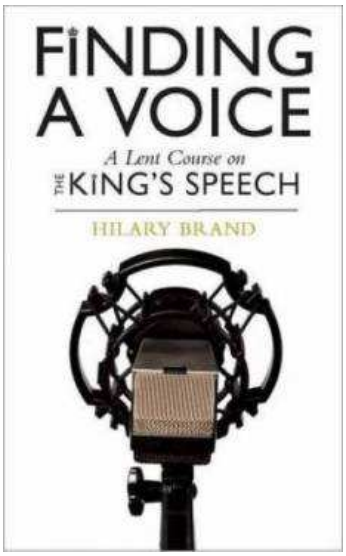
(a) how they might support refugees locally;

(b) how they might join in the debate about refugee support in the UK; (c) how the Leeds diocese might respond in conjunction with local authorities and charities."



NEWS FROM THE CROSS HILLS & DISTRICT FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES

Lent Course 2016 – *Finding A Voice*



This year we will again be meeting each week on Wednesday evening when we will be following a course based on the Oscar winning film ***The King's Speech***.
Each evening will take place in St Peter's Church, Cross Hills and will begin at 7.30pm. After opening prayers we will watch a 30 minute episode of The Passion and then have time for reflection discussion. Refreshments will then be served and the evening will conclude by 9.00pm.
The first evening will take place on Wednesday 17th February.

Followers of Christ are described in the New Testament as a royal priesthood and inheritors of the kingdom people with incredible potential and enormous responsibility. Yet the selves we see in the mirror are flawed and failing, all too often tongue-tied and terrified. *The King's Speech* is such a success because it holds that mirror to our world and offers hope of overcoming the difficulties. It shows hope built out of friendship, trust and supportive love, and courage in the face of gathering evil.

Lent is a time for strengthening resolve, bringing believers together in trust and encouragement as they strive to follow their calling. The purpose of this course could be summed up in the words of the King's speech therapist: To give them faith in their voice and let them know a friend is listening.

This course will help you find your authentic identity and voice in Christ. ***Finding A Voice*** brings together words from the bible, the story and characters from the movie and the fears that can drive us to withdraw from everyday life.

With a compelling and popular film as its point of reference, this is the Lent resource for those who love film but might not otherwise consider a course of Lent Bible study.

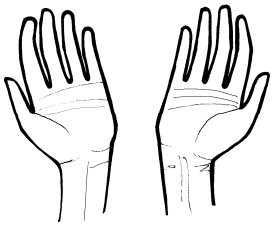
Reviews of the course include:

- It covers important subjects, such as: Overcoming fear, Finding what our vocation is, The Need for Perseverance, and The Gift of Encouragement. Our weekly House Group has thoroughly enjoyed following it and has derived great benefit.
- The use of the King's Speech film to illustrate how doubts and fears can hold

us back, was an excellent idea. The biblical references used show that, as a child of God, we don't need to be led by these fears, but rather by our Heavenly Father, who has given us everything we need to step out in faith and serve him wholeheartedly. The reminders of who we are in Christ are life-changing, and discussing these with others in the group was helpful and encouraging. I would recommend this to anyone who is struggling with a lack of confidence, but also as a whole-church Bible study - I think everyone would grow through applying the truths it contains to their everyday lives.

- One member of the congregation has recently stood up for the church in a local meeting and said afterwards, "I wouldn't have done that before, The King's Speech has given me a voice.
- If you are looking for a Lent course with a difference this is the one. Based on the film the King's speech it takes us on a journey with Bertie and the struggles he faced learning to speak in public. Engaging with the scriptures it invites us to find our voice in sharing our faith. A Great study which led to many positive comments and stories from the group I was in.
- This is an excellent course, giving some imaginative and useful ideas for application to church life. It cleverly brings out the issues from the film and provides easy to use ideas for group use. The session on bad language was particularly engaging. The suggestions for worship/prayer are also very helpful.

Prayers for the Parish & Word Church



The next monthly meeting to pray for the parish and worldwide Church will take place on Monday 22nd February in the parish rooms from 7.00pm until 8.00pm. For more information contact Robin Figg, 633307.

A prayer for church growth

God of mission,
who alone brings growth to your Church,
send your Holy Spirit to give
vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions,
and power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
in spiritual commitment ot you,
and in service to our local community;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Fairtrade Fortnight
29th February to 13th March

What is Fairtrade?
Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world. By requiring companies to pay sustainable prices (which must never fall lower than the market price), Fairtrade addresses the injustices of conventional trade, which traditionally discriminates against the poorest, weakest producers. It enables them to improve their position and have more control over their lives.

What is the Fairtrade Foundation?
The Fairtrade Foundation is the independent non-profit organisation that licenses use of the FAIRTRADE Mark on products in the UK in accordance with internationally agreed Fairtrade standards.
The Foundation is the UK member of Fairtrade International, which unites over 20 labelling initiatives across Europe, Japan, North America, Mexico and Australia/New Zealand as well as networks of producer organisations from Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean. Test

What is the FAIRTRADE Mark?
It's an independent conumer label you see on a product that meets the international Fairtrade standards. It shows that the product has been certified to offer a better deal to the farmers and workers involved. It does not endorse an entire company's business practices.

What are Fairtrade standards?
Fairtrade standards comprise both minimum social, economic and environmental requirements, which producers must meet to be certified, plus progress requirements that encourage the continuous improvement of develop farmers' organisations or the situation of estate workers.

How big is the UK Fairtrade market?
The UK is one of the world's leading Fairtrade markets, with more products and more awareness of Fairtrade than anywhere else. Almost one in three bananas sold in the UK is Fairtrade. Fairtrade sales in 2012 were £1.57bn.

How much of the price we pay for Fairtrade products goes back to the producers?
Whatever the price of the product on the shelf, only the FAIRTRADE Mark ensures that the producers have received what is agreed as a

fairer price, as well as the Fairtrade premium to invest in the future of their communities. The Fairtrade price applies at the point where the producer organisation sells to the next person in the supply chain (usually an exporter or importer). It is not calculated as a proportion of the final retail price, which is negotiated between the product manufacturer and the retailer.

Sit down for breakfast, stand up for farmers!

As Martin Luther King famously said, 'before you finish eating breakfast in the morning, you've depended on more than half the world'. Despite our dependence on farmers and workers for the foods, drinks and products that we love, about 795 million people are undernourished globally.

It's a scandal that the people who grow the food we take for granted can't always feed their own families. We can support farmers and workers to put food on the table for their families by harnessing the power of a Fairtrade breakfast.

When people are paid a fairer price, they can have more control over their lives when times are hard, and worry less about how they will feed their families. Whether it's the extra cash in their pockets or being able to expand their farms to grow more food to eat, Fairtrade means many farmers and workers are able to fulfil a basic human need – to put enough food on the table for the people they care about, all year round.

To find out more go to: www.fairtrade.org.uk

Fairtrade Breakfast

Kildwick School will be holding a Fairtrade Breakfast on as part of *Sit down for breakfast, stand up for farmers*

Thursday 3rd March at 9.15am
for families and members of the local community

Church Rotas

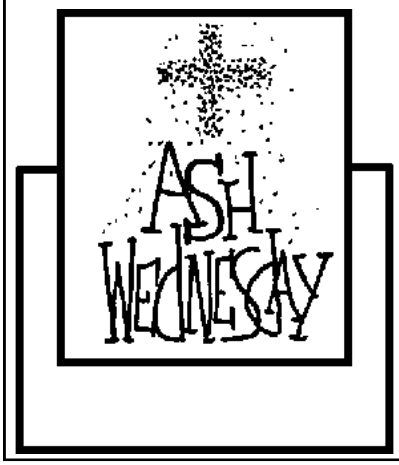
	Sidespersons	Intercessor	Communion
7 February **Sunday before Lent**	Eleanor Eastwood Sandie Walton June Whitaker	Marie Stinson	Di and Christine
14 February **First Sunday of Lent**	Marie Stinson Peter McNeill	Peter Bannister	Christine and Sandie
21 February **Second Sunday of Lent**	Ann Mosley Christine Anderton Michael Baxter		Sue and Peter
28 February **Third Sunday of Lent**	Kath Morris Lesley Hudson	Di Halliday	Christine and John

Flower Rota
7th February David Baxter
LENT

Brass Cleaning
January/February
Elaine Carter and Adam Lee

Sunday morning Tea and Coffee Rota

1st: June Whitaker and Sylvia Ackroyd
2nd Joyce Bonham (vacant)
3rd Elaine Carter and Alison Roland
4th Ann Mosley and Christine Anderton
5th Maureen Vink and Katharine Morris



This is one of the Principle Feasts of the Church calendar. Everyone is encouraged to attend a service on this day, Wednesday 10th February

There will be services at 9.30am (in the Parish Rooms Kildwick) and 7.30pm (at St Peter's Methodist Church, Cross Hills); both will include the imposition of ashes.

Readers Rota

7 February **Sunday before Lent**	*Exodus 34.29-35* *2 Corinthians 3.12 - 4.2* Luke 9.28-43a	*Reading not used tbc* *Reading not used* Tim Littler/Kathryn Taylor
14 February **First Sunday of Lent**	Deuteronomy 26.1-11 Romans 10.8b-13 Luke 4.1-13	Kathryn Morris Christine Anderton Sylvia Clark
21 February **Second Sunday of Lent**	Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18 Philippians 3.17 - 4.1 Luke 13.31-35	Marie Stinson Katharine Calvert Jill Wright
28 February **Third Sunday of Lent**	Isaiah 55.1-9 1 Corinthians 10.1-13 Luke 13.1-9	Glyn Evans Chris Wright Brenda Brock

Chuffs

Fun for under 5 and their grown ups!

If you care for pre-school children why come and join us at Chuffs?
We meet on Tuesday mornings in term time from 10.00 till 11.30am upstairs in St Andrew's Parish Rooms.
It isn't just for mums and children — dads, grandparents, aunties and uncles and childminders are all welcome!!
We start with a free play session, then have a story and snack time finishing with some singing.
It only costs £1.00 for the first child and then 50p per subsequent child attending, this helps to cover the cost of refreshments and craft materials. However, no one will ever be turned away for lack of funds!
If you would like to know more call Lesley Hudson on 01535 523291 email lhhudson@talktalk.net

Regular Events at Kildwick

Monday 2.00pm	5 Beanlands Drive	Informal Bible study and fellowship, all welcome.
Tuesday 10.00-11.30am	Chuffs (not in school holidays) in the Parish Rooms	Fun for pre-school children and their grown-ups!
Tuesday 7.30-8.30 pm	Choir practice in the parish rooms	
Wednesday 10.15 am-12.30pm	NottheKnot Group in the Parish Rooms	Stitching and fellowship group.
Wednesday 7.30 pm	Bell ringing	

Sun 14th Feb	12 noon	CDFC Fellowship Lunch (South Craven Baptist Church)
Wed 17th Feb	7.30pm	CDFC Lent Course *Finding a Voice* begins (St Peter's Methodist Church, Cross Hills)
Sat 20th Feb	10.00am	Coffee morning in aid of CMS/Jigsaw (Parish Rooms)
Mon 22nd Feb	7.00pm	Prayers for the Parish & World Church (Parish Rooms)
Mon 29th Feb	Fairtrade Fortnight begins	
Fri 4th Mar	7.30pm	Women's World Day of Prayer service at Kildwick
Sun 6th Mar	Mothering Sunday	
Fri 18th Mar	2.45pm	Kildwick School collective worship in church
Sun 20th Mar	PALM SUNDAY (Holy Week begins)	
	2.30pm	Messy Church
Sun 27th Mar	EASTER DAY	
Sat 16th Apr	9.30am	Margaret Barker seminar, 'Temple Themes in Christian Worship"
Fri 27th to Sun 29th May		Weekend Away at Parcevall Hall
Fri 11th Jun	t.b.c.	Parish Social to mark the Queen's 90th birthday
Sat 25th Jun	11.00am	Summer Fair

Sunday Services at Kildwick

Morning Prayer will be said in church at 8.30am Monday to Wednesday & Friday

Midweek Eucharist on Wednesdays at 9.30am (in the Parish Rooms)

7th February **Sunday before Lent**	8.15 am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion
14th February **First Sunday of Lent**	8.15 am 10.00 am	Holy Communion Parish Communion
21st February **Second Sunday of Lent**	8.15 am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion with prayer for healing.
28th February **Third Sunday of Lent**	8.15 am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion

CMS/Jigsaw Kids Ministries Fundraising Coffee Morning

Jigsaw

Kids Ministries

Charity no/ 1116602

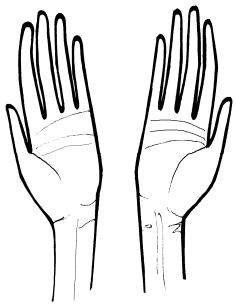
10.00am – 12 noon
Saturday 20th February
St Andrew's Parish Rooms

CMS

Come and help raise funds in support of the Church Mission Society and Jigsaw Kids Ministries in Manila.

Admission free, donations accepted!
For more information contact Sue Hargreaves, 633777.

Prayer page



Your Word reveals to us a simple truth,
that sin entered this world
through human folly
in believing we could be like you,
and permeated history
through envy, selfishness and greed.
Yet sin, which holds us tight
within its grasp
cannot resist a heart that is touched
by your grace through Jesus Christ,
cannot contend with Living Water
pouring into hearts and souls.
Your Word reveals to us a simple truth,
that sin is defeated
and we can become
the people we were always meant to be,
by your grace through Jesus Christ.
Amen

Come, all who are thirsty
says Jesus, our Lord,
come, all who are weak,
taste the living water
that I shall give.
Dip your hands in the stream,
refresh body and soul,
drink from it,
depend on it,
for this water
will never run dry.
Come, all who are thirsty
says Jesus, our Lord.
Amen

Forty days alone,
a wilderness of thoughts,
tempting and inviting thoughts,
which could so easily have distracted you
from your task, your mission,
your vision.
Yet you emerged, stronger and more attuned
to all that had to be done,
despite a time constraint
that to our eyes would have seemed hopeless.
We too live in stressful times.
Demands are made of our time,
that leave so little
for the important things of life.
We are easily distracted
in the wilderness of our lives,
by every call to go this way or that,
to turn stone to bread
leap from mountains,
and do all that would keep us from the truth.
We listen to the voices of this world,
and ignore the one who endured all this
and so much more,
and emerged triumphant,
that we might not have to suffer so.
Forgive us, Father,
when we get distracted from our task.
Forgive us those times when we try
to be all things to all men,
and fail to be anything to anyone.
Amen

Woman's World Day of Prayer
(International and Interdenominational)

Receive the children. Receive me.

Woman's World Day of Prayer is an international, ecumenical, prayer movement that invites women, from a different part of the world each year, to prepare a worship service through which their hopes and fears for their country may be brought before the whole world in prayer.

On Friday 4th March an estimated 3 million people in over 170 countries and islands will gather to observe the day of prayer, suing an order of service written by Christian women in Cuba and translated into over 60 languages and 1000 dialects. In British isles alone over 6,000 services will be held, The day begins as the sun rises over the island of Samoa and continues until it sets off the coast of American Samoa, some 35 hours later.

The theme 'Receive the children. Receive me.' reflects St Mark's Gospel., chapter 10 verses 13-16, which is the focus of the service and a reminder that everyone is a child of God and equally worthy of our love and respect.

The Republic of Cuba is the largest Caribbean island at the entrance of the Gulf of Mexico and is called the 'Key to the Gulf'. Politically at odds with the USA, Cuba suffered greatly due to there embargo imposed upon it in 1960 but has found strength within itself to move on and overcome many of its problems.

This is not a day of prayer just for women - everyone is welcome to attend the service. This year it is being held in St Andrew's Church, Kildwick at 7.30pm on Friday 4th March

Sunday 20th March

2.30-4.30 pm

Your family is invited to

Messy Palm Sunday!

Messy Church has become very popular at Kildwick and is a way of being church that families and others can enjoy together. It's all very relaxed for all-ages lots of fun, music, making things together to explore the Bible, then celebrating Jesus in a short time of story, action songs, puppets, prayer and sharing a wonderful tea together.

It's noisy, happy and very messy!

We hope your family is able to join us for the afternoon, there is no need to book but it is helpful if you let us know you are coming.

(so we need to work out how much cake we need!!!!)

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Thank goodness for our debris netting !!! Judgement?

This true story concerns the visit of a visiting preacher to a little village chapel… 'He was a few minutes into his sermon when, without warning, about twenty square feet of thick and decayed Victorian plaster fell from high on one wall and crashed into a group of empty pews below. As the dense fog of dust began to settle, and it became clear no one was in injured, the minister prepared to resume his sermon.

Then he paused, and looked heavenward and in a slightly pained voice, asked: "Was it something I said?'"

Saints and Such

Memorial to Cædmon, St Mary's Churchyard, Whitby. The inscription reads, "To the glory of God and in memory of Cædmon the father of English Sacred Song. Fell asleep hard by, 680.

11th February
Caedmon - the poetic shepherd

Caedmon (d 680) should be the patron saint of all farmers who enjoy humming to themselves as they do the lambing this Spring. For Caedmon of Whitby was a bit like David in the Bible – he grew up as a simple herdsman out on the hills who enjoyed composing songs and poetry for himself while watching his flocks.

Like David, Caedmon also had a keen awareness of God, and used his creative gift to express his devotion and love for his Creator. When his poems and songs became known to others, they liked them so much that soon Caedmon left his sheep in order to become a monk. This gave him time to compose many poems based on the stories in the Bible: from Creation and Genesis, to the Exodus and entry of the Jews into the promised land, to the birth, passion and resurrection of Christ, and finally to the future Last Judgement, Heaven, and Hell.

Then one day Caedmon suddenly announced that he knew he was going to die soon. And so he did, in a state of charity and peace with everyone. There was great mourning.

Sadly, only nine lines of his poetry has survived, and we have the great historian, Bede, to thank for even that much. But in his time, Caedmon's gift of telling Christian stories in the vernacular must have been of great value in evangelising the common folk.

Modern English translation of hymn of Caedmon

Now [we] must honour the guardian of heaven,
the might of the architect, and his purpose,
the work of the father of glory
as he, the eternal lord, established the beginning of wonders;
he first created for the children of men
heaven as a roof, the holy creator
Then the guardian of mankind,
the eternal lord, afterwards appointed the middle earth,
the lands for men, the Lord almighty.

FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL SUMMARY OF DRAFT MINUTES

The meeting of Farnhill Parish Council was held on the 5th January 2016 in Kildwick/Farnhill Institute. Five members of the Council were present plus Paul Florentine(Waste & Recycling Manager) CDC, Counc Richard Foster (Leader of CDC), NYCC & CDC Representative Counc P Mulligan & CDC Representative Counc P Fairbank, 4 members of the public & Clerk S Harding-Hill.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 1st December 2015 & the extraordinary meeting held on the 11th December 2015 were approved by the Council and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

Members of the public were present and raised issues regarding flooding. Problems reported were the flooding on Main Street caused by blocked drains and the situation made worse by traffic diverted through the village due to problems on the main road. It was stated that the amount of traffic was causing the water to be forced towards properties and although only one property was flooded others were close to being. People did not appear to see the signs for the one way system which resulted in gridlock. They said they understood the difficulties faced by the exceptional weather recently but could we make an urgent request for the drains to be cleaned to try and prevent further problems. Questions were also raised about the plans for the Arbour and it was requested that the steps at the bottom of Lower Arbour be restored to provide access by the washing lines and connect to the recently improved path. Another member of the public put in a request for a defibrillator for the village and the Council agreed to put the item on the agenda for next month.

CDC Counc Richard Foster & Paul Florentine attended the meeting to discuss items relating to policy making procedures and the recent policy for waste collection points. The Council stated that the waste collection policy was not 100% factual and the Parish Council were concerned about the way the facts were presented to the Councillors. When voting to implement policies information should be accurate and Officers should not present data and make representations to mislead Councillors into making decisions. The Parish Council had been lead to believe that the collection point policy had been implemented as a result of advice from HSE but this was only one of the options advised by them. It was also stated the Craven District Council's Manual Handling Risk Assessment did not relate to Mary Street but referred to cobbled areas. The implementation of the Collection Points in Farnhill was not carried out according to the Policy and was introduced 3 days after the letter was circulated. A member of the Council referred to the hazards caused by the collection of bins at the back of Mary Street and Newby Road and the problems with the wind blowing the bins into the road and spilling the contents. Some of the spillage contained glass which was a hazard for anyone clearing the mess. The matter was made worse due to the bins not always being emptied on the correct day. It was also expressed that this matter was no reflection on the service provided by the bin men who carry out an excellent service.

Counc Foster responded by stating that the information was not inaccurate and that they were acting upon an improvement notice issued by HSE and the Collection Points were the option that CDC chose to implement in order to reduce risk of injury

to the bin men. He accepted criticism of the way the collection points had been introduced in Farnhill and stated that Farnhill should not have been included in the trial. Other areas which were included in the trial had gone through the correct procedure and proved to be a success and it was now being implemented across Craven. Counc Foster explained that when wheelie bins and re-cycling were introduced ten years ago no long term plans were implemented. The global price for re-cycling had dropped which meant the service had to be cut back and the decision was made to drop to two weekly collections. The result of two weekly collections caused severe consequences with bin men being off sick due to dragging the heavy bins and repetitive strain injuries. The Council then carried out an extensive in house manual handling risk assessment with the help of HSE which took into account the balance of risk between injury to employees and risk to the public. This resulted in the introduction of the collection points and provision of an assist scheme for people elderly or infirm that would struggle with taking their bin to a collection point.

The Parish Council explained that Mary Street was very steep and some people did not like asking for help and what was the rational for choosing to implement the scheme there. They also asked Counc Foster what the consequences would be if somebody injured themselves or caused injury to someone else or property when taking the bins to the collection points, who would be responsible and would Craven District be covered on their insurance. Counc Foster stated that he would look into matters regarding the criteria for which areas were selected for collection points and insurance issues and that they would also review the position with Mary Street.

An e-mail was received by a member of the public regarding the deep potholes that had developed under the Culvert during the recent floods and that they had come off their bike as a result. Clerk to inform them that the Parish Council are not responsible for highways and they need to get in touch with NYCC Highways. A temporary repair was made by filling with gravel. Clerk to forward the e-mail to NYCC and ask them to repair the potholes as a matter of urgency as the gravel would soon get washed out.

Part of the problems with the flooding related to the drains only being able to cope with so much water, but some of the drains appeared to be blocked. Clerk to ask NYCC to clean them as a matter of urgency and to clean on a more regular basis to stop a repeat occurrence. Counc P Mulligan informed the Council that NYCC had funding in place for people that had been flooded and information on what to do at times of flooding is available on NYCC's website or contact Yorkshire Water. If problems occur out of hours on flooding or service issues the Police can be called.

CDC Counc P Fairbank reported on the Licensing Committee and stated that the taxi men want more spaces made available for them to park. There are 147 taxis across Craven but they cannot stop people applying for a license and at certain times of the week in some area they are all out and you cannot get a taxi.

NYCC & CDC Counc P Mulligan reported that an order been raised to clean one of the gullies on Main Street which would be done by the end of January. He stated that there had been two major incidents concerning NYCC with recent weather and

flooding the first being the bridge at Tadcaster which had collapsed. The second issue being at Blubberhouses. The hillside undergoes regular inspections to check for movement and recent checks have shown cracks which has led to the road being closed for the unforeseeable future till further inspections are carried out and the necessary repairs made. The road at Kildwick Bridge was closed for a short time to inspect cracks on the parapet. Highways carried out a structural survey which showed the bridge to be safe but they want to carry out further investigative work. There is also some question over who is responsible for the bridge Highways or the Canal & Rivers Trust. Counc P Mulligan also reminded the Council about the NYCC Localism fund for Community projects which originally had £5000.00 available and that there is still about £3000.00 left to be spent by the end of March.

Counc M Scarffe informed the Council that he had not had chance to take the levels at Lower Arbour to enable a plan to be made for the steps due to the recent weather but he would try to provide the levels for the next meeting. Clerk to remind D Callaghan about removing the remainder of the brash pile.

The Parish Council resolved to explore other options regarding Christmas Decorations as we did not seem to be making any progress with obtaining the license for a Christmas Tree near Redmans Bridge and the costs were increasing. Clerk to ask the solicitor to put checking of the draft lease on hold for the time being. An idea was put forward to put some form of decoration in the Play Area. Members to bring ideas to the next meeting prior to asking permission from CDC.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2016 IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL INSTITUTE AT 7.30PM

All members of the village are welcome to attend

Smile Lines!

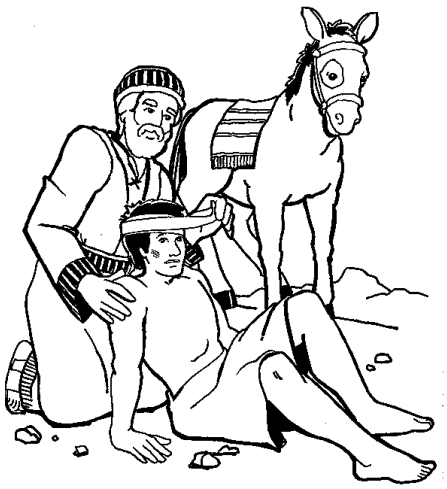
Sick

During a church service my young niece had to go outside, as she did not feel well. She returned a few minutes later and admitted: 'I have been a little sick. But it doesn't matter, there's a box at the door marked 'for the sick'.

In a sack

Seen in a church magazine: 'Bring your old newspapers (and your neighbours), put them in a sack and tie them if possible.'

The top 10 Bible stories:
no. 6 The Good Samaritan



This month's *Must Know Story* is the familiar story of the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37). The story tells of a man who is mugged on the road and rescued by a Samaritan. Jesus tells this story in answer to a lawyer's question, *'What must I do to inherit eternal life?'* or *'What must I do to go to heaven?'*

Jesus responds by calling for a life of total love towards God and neighbour. The lawyer responds with another question, *'and who is my neighbour?'* to which Jesus answers with this story.

The story tells of a dangerous journey between Jerusalem and Jericho. The plight of the man and the indifference of the priest and Levite would horrify Jesus' hearers. They assumed the hero of the story would be an ordinary Jew. Yet Jesus presents the Samaritan, a sworn enemy of the Jews, as a model of integrity and an example to follow. The challenge of the story is that often our neighbour can be our worst enemy, yet these are the people that we are called to love as ourselves.

Of course, all of us will be able to think of people who are *Samaritans* in our lives ie those we try to avoid and don't want to help. If we are honest, we know that we do not have it in ourselves to love as Jesus says here. We need somebody who will be a Good Samaritan to us, to rescue us and enable us to love others as ourselves. Jesus is our Good Samaritan.

'By depicting a Samaritan helping a Jew, Jesus could not have found a more forceful way to say that anyone at all in need - regardless of race, politics, class, and religion - is your neighbour.' (Tim Keller).

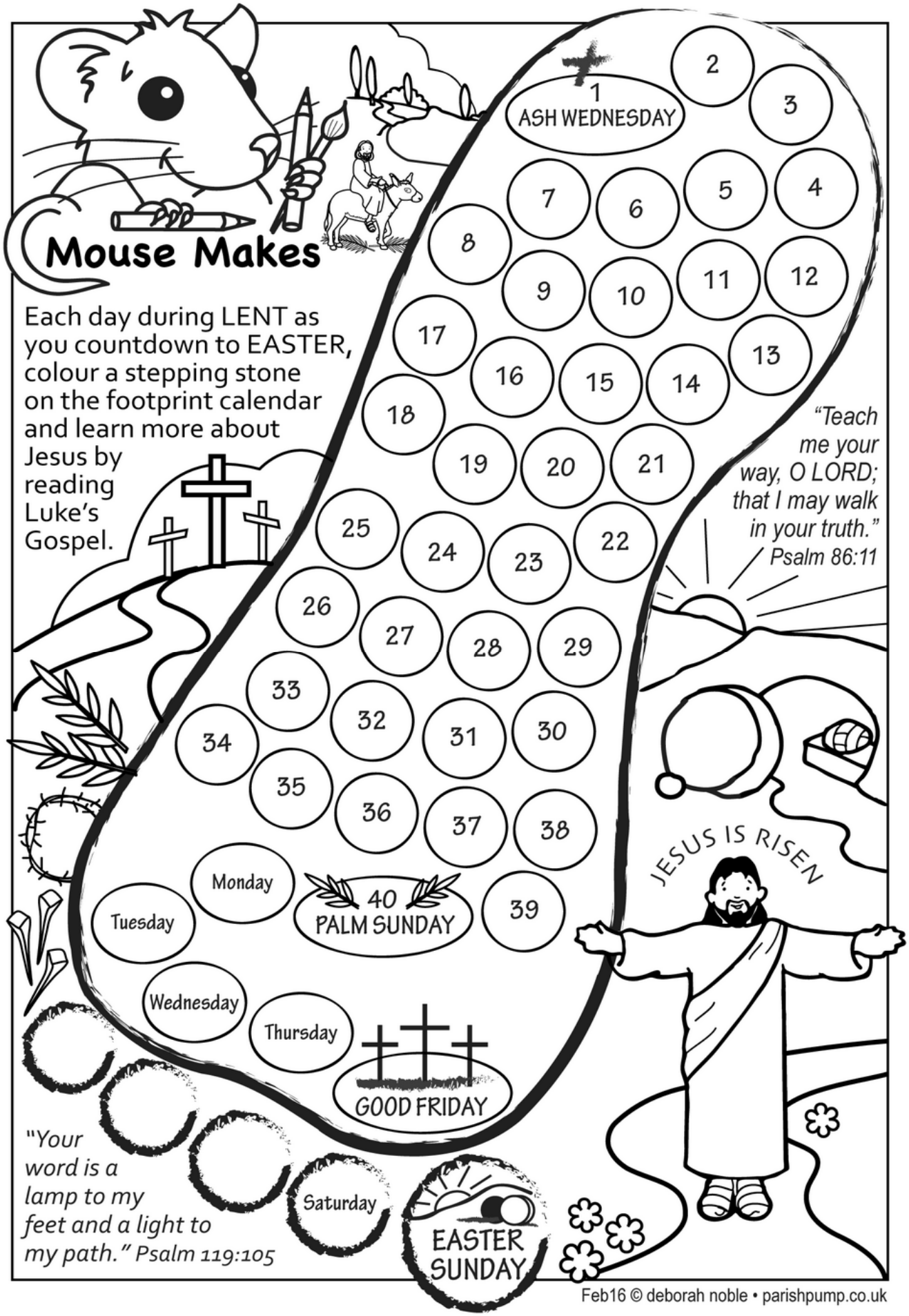
Miscellaneous observations on life…

The old forget, the young don't know. – German proverb

Adversity makes a man wise, not rich. – Anon

When a man grows angry, his reason rides out. – Anon

The one things that hurts more than paying an income tax is not having to pay an income tax. – Lord Dewar


Mouse Makes
Each day during LENT as you countdown to EASTER, colour a stepping stone on the footprint calendar and learn more about Jesus by reading Luke's Gospel.
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40 PALM SUNDAY
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GOOD FRIDAY
Saturday
EASTER SUNDAY
"Teach me your way, O LORD; that I may walk in your truth." Psalm 86:11
JESUS IS RISEN
"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119:105
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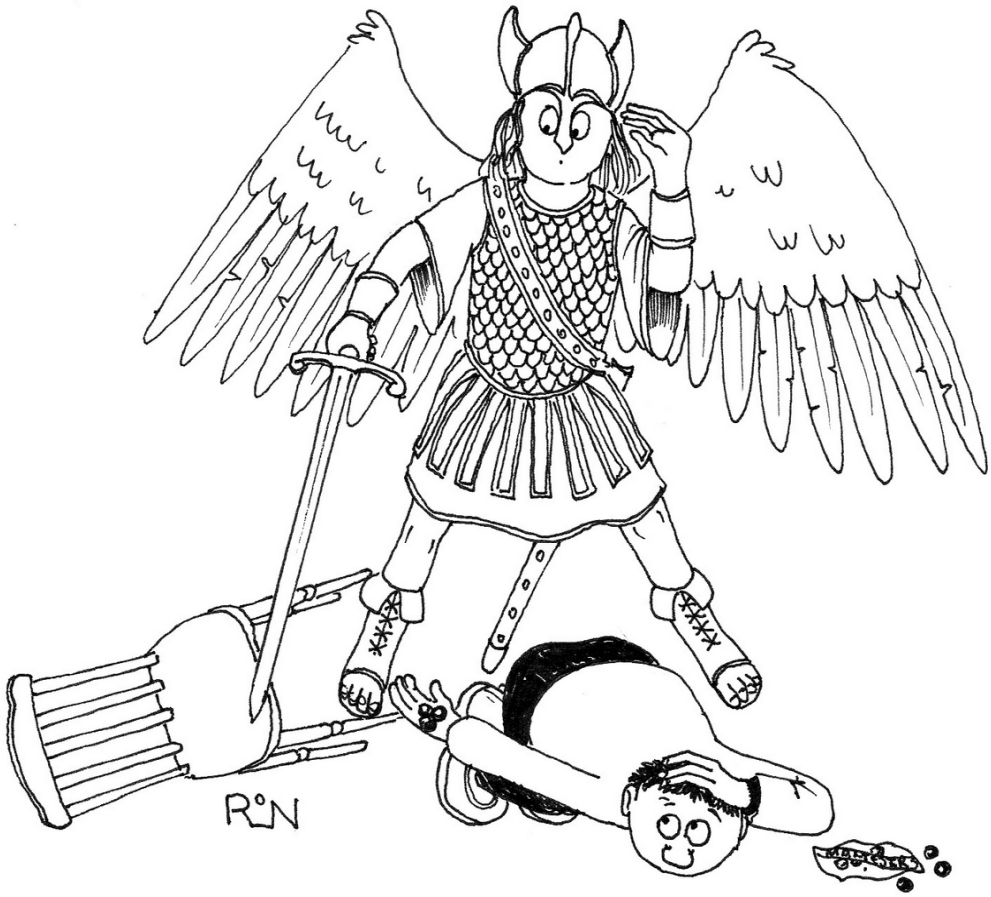

"But look", said Martin, "Maltesers have hardly any chocolate on"

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