



HAPPY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR
TO ALL OUR READERS

St Andrew's Church Kildwick

**News and Views from
Kildwick, Farnhill and Cross Hills**

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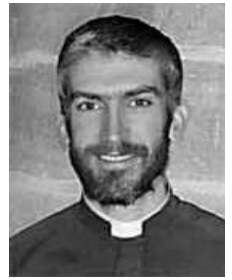
Parish Mission Statement

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,

Happy Christmas and a happy New Year! I hope you are continuing to celebrate with great joy the seasons of Christmas and Epiphany as we rejoice in God's gift to us of the Christ-child, God with us, Emmanuel.



Unlike the world around us, the Church invites us to remember that Christmas Day is not the end but the beginning of the great celebration, which continues for 40 days until we celebrate the Presentation of Christ in the Temple on 2nd February (or the Sunday nearest to this date). As a reminder of this we keep the Christmas Crib and the Christmas tree in the church throughout these six weeks.

The birth of a child is, of course, a sign of new life coming into the world and so the birth of Jesus, the Christ-child is the sign of God's new life that God offers to the world. As the season of Christmas includes the move into a new calendar year, so the hope and expectation of God's new life is offered to all God's people anew for the coming year.

The New Year is a time for us to reflect on the past; not only the year that has just gone, but also as events and people from long ago in our lives come to mind at this time of year. Memories, both happy and sad, rush in as we look back, see what we got wrong (or right!) and resolve to make a new start as we look for the future.

Bishop Stephen Cottrell, the Bishop of Chelmsford, said recently, "The Christmas story is a painfully beautiful human story; and the story of God inhabiting human life and shaping a vision of what it is to be human that can then help us in all the decisions that lie ahead.

"So a good question for Christmas is simply this: despite what may or may not have gone wrong in your life and all the pressures and challenges you face, will you listen to a dream, follow a star, and obey an angel? Deep down most of us know what is right, and know what decisions we need to make. Christmas can be a time to put down our excuses and with Mary and Joseph and shepherds and wise men and women everywhere, say yes to God and yes to God's vision for the world".

What are your hopes for the future; for the coming year, for next week, for tomorrow? What are your dreams; for yourself, for your family and friends, for humankind? What is your vision? And how will you help to make these a reality?

One writer described a person's view of life as a map with which we negotiate the terrain of life. The writer reminds us that we are not born with maps; we have to make them and the making will require effort.

The making of our maps is a life-long task; the challenge is to realise and accept that the work of enlarging and refining and redefining our understanding of the world and what is true continues until the moment of death. Perhaps the biggest problem of this map-making is that we have to continually revise them; the world around us is constantly changing and we have to be prepared to change our maps, our understanding of the world and ourselves, if we are to live authentic lives in the world of 'today'.

Of course, the reality of today's world is one of continuing conflict in so many places, in so many lives. So, rightly, our New Year prayer must include a prayer for peace; the peace of God which is beyond our human understanding.

As you think about the meaning of the peace that God offers to the world reflect on these words:

"True peace is not merely a lofty cause that can be taken up and pursued by good intentions. Nor is it something to be simply had or bought. Peace demands struggle.

"God's peace does not automatically include inner tranquillity, the absence of conflict, or other, worldly estimations of peace. As we can see from the life of Christ, it was precisely by his rejection of the world and its peace that his perfect peace was established. And this peace was rooted in his acceptance of the most harrowing self-sacrifice imaginable: death on a cross.

"Many of us who call ourselves Christians today have forgotten this, if not wilfully blinded ourselves to it. We want peace, but we want it on our own terms. We want an easy peace. Yet peace cannot come quickly or easily if it is to have any genuine staying power."

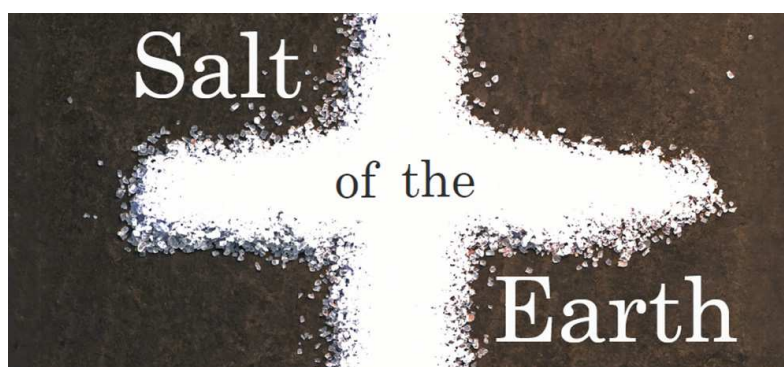
Peace has to be worked at and worked for. In the story of the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus we see God at work reaching out to those who would come and listen.

As we start this New Year, my fervent hope and prayer is that we will hold fast to the ideals set out for us by Jesus the Christ and work together to bring peace to our community, our nation and our world.

I wish you a Happy and a Peaceful New Year!



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th – 25th January



Biblical Text for 2016: 1 Peter 2.9-10

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."

The 2016 material was prepared for worldwide use by the Christians of Latvia, based around the verses 1 Peter 2:9-10. Peter's first letter is an encouragement to the newly baptised to live holy lives and to answer the calling shared by all the baptised to proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord.

Today, Latvia is a crossroads where Roman Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox regions meet. Because of this unique location, it is home to Christians of many different traditions, but no single one of them is dominant. Gathered together by the Archbishop of Rīga, members of a variety of church communities and projects in

Latvia were asked to reflect on the chosen theme and the experience of their work.

The main service is inspired by the verses from Peter's letter and Jesus' metaphors of salt and light which are important cultural themes for Latvia.

Background to the theme for 2016

The oldest baptismal font in Latvia dates from the time of the great evangeliser of Latvia, St Meinhard. It was originally located in his Cathedral in Ikšķile. Today it stands at the very centre of the Lutheran Cathedral in the country's capital, Rīga. The placement of the font so near to the Cathedral's ornate pulpit speaks eloquently of the relationship between baptism and proclamation, and the calling shared by all the baptised to *proclaim the mighty acts* of the Lord. This calling forms the theme of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity for 2016. Inspired by two verses from the First Letter of St Peter, members of different churches in Latvia prepared the resources for the week.



The call to be *God's people*

St Peter tells the early Church that in their search for meaning prior to encountering the Gospel they were *not a people*. But through hearing the call to be God's *chosen race* and receiving the power of God's salvation in Jesus Christ, they have become *God's people*. This reality is expressed in Baptism, common to all Christians, in which we are born again of water and the Holy Spirit (cf. John 3:5). In Baptism we die to sin, in order to rise with Christ to a new life of grace in God. It is an ongoing challenge daily to remain aware of this new identity in Christ.

How do we understand our common call to be "God's people"?

How do we express our baptismal identity as a "royal priesthood"?

Hearing of God's *mighty acts*

Baptism opens up an exciting new journey of faith, uniting each new Christian with God's people throughout the ages. The Word of God – the Scriptures with which Christians of all traditions pray, study and reflect – is the foundation of a real, albeit incomplete, communion. In the shared sacred texts of the Bible, we hear of God's saving acts in salvation history: leading his people out of slavery in Egypt, and *the great mighty act* of God: the raising of Jesus from the dead, which opened new life to all of us. Furthermore, prayerful reading of the Bible leads Christians to recognise the *mighty acts* of God also in their own lives.

In what ways do we see and respond to God's "mighty acts": in worship and song, in work for justice and peace?

How do we treasure the Scriptures as the living Word, calling us to greater unity and mission?

Response and proclamation

God has chosen us not as a privilege. He has made us holy, but not in the sense that Christians are more virtuous than others. He has chosen us to fulfil some purpose. We are holy only insofar as we are committed to God's service, which is always to bring

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his love to all people. Being a priestly people means being in service to the world. Christians live this baptismal calling and bear witness to God's *mighty acts* in a variety of ways:

Healing wounds: Wars, conflicts and abuses have wounded the emotional and relational lives of the people of Latvia and many other countries. God's grace helps us to beg forgiveness for the obstacles which prevent reconciliation and healing, to receive mercy, and to grow in holiness.

Searching for truth and unity: Awareness of our common identity in Christ calls us to work towards answering the questions that still divide us as Christians. We are called, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, to share our experiences and so discover that in our common pilgrimage Jesus Christ is among us.

An Active Commitment to Human Dignity: Christians who have been brought *out of darkness* into the *marvellous light* of the Kingdom recognise the extraordinary dignity of all human life. Through common social and charitable projects we reach out to the poor, the needy, the addicted and the marginalised.

As we consider our commitment to Christian unity, for what should we beg forgiveness?

Knowing the mercy of God, how do we engage in social and charitable projects with other Christians?

Further details can be found at www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer

Christmas Carol Service

Over 180 adults and nearly 50 children enjoyed the traditional Christmas carol service by candlelight on the Sunday before Christmas.

For the first time the tableau formed during the telling of the Christmas story featured an adult Joseph and Mary; thank you Ben and Ceri. They were joined by a good number of children



who took the parts of angels, shepherds, nativity animals and magi.

Drawing on the title of the new Stars Wars film, *The Force Awakens*, in the talk we were reminded that the force of God's love is awakened in us and feels particularly close to us at Christmas as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

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

Parcevall Hall is the Bradford 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 a relaxed mixture of worship, talks & discussions, fellowship and free time.

Look out for more details coming soon. Contact the Vicar, Robin Figg, 633307 with any questions.

From the registers

Baptisms

Sunday 6th December Reuben Thomas Beynon, son of Andrew & Nicola of Cartmel Lane, Steeton
 Laura Pickles, daughter of Ryan & Sarah of Wheatlands Avenue, Cross Hills

Funerals

Monday 21st December William Lynn, formerly of St Andrew's Terrace, Cross Hills

Editor: How many people in your community even know that Jesus really existed? Probably only just over half, if the national statistics are anything to go by... The Ven John Barton considers the evidence that Christians can use when they talk to their neighbours...

Next time someone tells you that Jesus did not exist...

Recent research in England revealed that 40% of people do not realise Jesus was a real person. Among 18-34 year olds, 25% think Jesus was a mythical or fictional character. They probably have no doubts about other famous people from the past. Of course, it matters more when the authenticity of Jesus is questioned. If Jesus was as 'real' as the Christian creeds imply, then the whole purpose and destiny of humanity are changed. There's a lot at stake.

How do we know that Jesus actually existed? For that matter, how do we know any historical figure existed? We need to look for corroborative evidence.

In any other historical investigation we would examine all literary sources. However,

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NEWS FROM THE CROSS HILLS & DISTRICT FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES



Christmas in the Park



Another very successful outdoor presentation of the Christmas story took place on Sunday 13th December.

Following heavy rain and flooding in Sutton on the Saturday which meant an indoor final rehearsal, the weather on the Sunday afternoon was kind to us and over 200 people came out to watch the cast of nearly 20 from the local churches process through Sutton village to Sutton Park.

Christmas in the Park is one of the major outreach events organised by our Fellowship of Churches. This year it will take place on Sunday 11th December; put the date in your diary now!

Church cleaning

We will be giving the church a clean and polish on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th January in the morning from 9.30am until 12 noon. If you are able to help please contact Lesley Hudson or just turn up! All will be welcome.!

We also need one volunteer to assist with cleaning the brass. It would only be once every 4 months and only takes around an hour or so. Please contact Lesley if you are able to help in this way.



All in the month of JANUARY

It was:-

250 years ago:- on 1st Jan 1766 that the Prince of Wales, James Francis Edward Stuart, died. Nicknamed the 'Old Pretender', he had laid claim to both the English and Scottish thrones.

175 years ago:- on 28th Jan 1841 that Sir Henry Morton Stanley, Welsh-born journalist and explorer of central Africa, was born. Best known for his successful search for the missionary and explorer Dr David Livingstone, and for his discoveries and subsequent development in the Congo region.

125 years ago:- on 6th Jan 1891 that the world's first penalty kick was taken by Airdrieonians FC in Scotland. (The first penalty kick in the English football league was taken by Wolverhampton Wanderers later that same year, in Sept 1891.)

100 years ago:- on 9th Jan 1916 that the WWI Gallipoli Campaign ended, with an Ottoman victory.

90 years ago:- on 8th Jan 1926 that Abdul-Aziz ibn Saud became King of Nejd and Hejaz. In 1932 he united four regions and established the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, with himself as the first king.

80 years ago:- on 20th Jan 1936 that King George V of the UK died. He was succeeded by Edward VIII.

75 years ago:- on 5th Jan 1941 that Amy Johnson, pioneering British aviator, drowned in the Thames Estuary near London after bailing out of her plane, which had run out of fuel and crashed in adverse weather.

75 years ago:- on 8th Jan 1941 that Robert Baden-Powell, 1st Baron Baden-Powell, British army officer, died. He was founder of the Scouts and Guides movements.

70 years ago:- on 10th Jan 1946 that the United Nations General Assembly convened for the first time, in Westminster Central Hall, London.

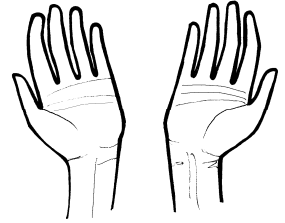
65 years ago:- on 9th Jan 1951 that the United Nations headquarters in New York was officially opened.

60 years ago:- on 10th Jan 1956 that Elvis Presley recorded the song *Heartbreak Hotel*. It was his first single for RCA and topped the Billboard charts for seven weeks, selling more than one million copies.

50 years ago:- on 17th Jan 1966 that the album *Sounds of Silence* by Simon and Garfunkel was released.

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Prayer page



Lord,
At the beginning of this new year, I offer you my life.
Come take my voice, may the words I speak be filled with encouragement and goodness.
Come take my hands, may the work they create be generous and giving.
Come take my feet, may the journeys I walk be led by your Spirit within.
Come take my life Lord, for I love your goodness, your kindness and your leading.
Amen.

God, thank you for a new year.
May everyone in our Church family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate.
We know that you are always ready to forgive us.
Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.
As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires.
Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do.
Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.
Lord, thank you for walking with us through the seasons of our lives.
Amen

For the winter, when we are held safe in your arms through the darkness.
For the hope of spring, as we are filled with new promise and life.
For summer time, full of warmth and colour
And for autumn days as leaves fall to seed new growth.
You are always with us.
Amen.

Come, Holy Spirit,
Spirit of the Risen Christ, be with us today and always.
Be our Light, our Guide, and our Comforter.
Be our Strength, our Courage, and our Sanctifier.
May this new year be a time of deep spiritual growth for us,
A time of welcoming your graces and gifts,
A time for forgiving freely and unconditionally,
A time for growing in virtue and goodness.

Come, Holy Spirit,
Be with us today and always. Amen.

Church Rotas

	Sidespersons	Intercessor	Communion
3 January Epiphany	Eleanor Eastwood Sandie Walton June Whitaker	Shirley Hoskins	Sue and Christine
10 January The Baptism of Christ	Marie Stinson Peter McNeill	Marie Stinson	Christine and Sandie
17 January Second Sunday of Epiphany	Ann Mosley Christine Anderton Michael Baxter	Sue Hargreaves	Christine and Peter
24 January Third Sunday of Epiphany	Kath Morris Lesley Hudson	Lesley Hudson	Sandie and John
31 January Presentation of Christ in the Temple	Joyce Bonham Elaine Carter	Di Halliday	Christine and Tim

Flower Rota

Jan. 3rd Vacant
 Jan.10th Glyn Evans
 Jan.17th vacant
 Jan.24th Michael Baxter
 Jan. 31st. Alison Rowland



Brass Cleaning January/February

Elaine Carter

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



Readers Rota

3 January Epiphany	Isaiah 60.1-6 <i>Ephesians 3.1-12</i> Matthew 2.1-12	Sylvia Clark <i>Reading not used</i> Lesley Hudson
10 January The Baptism of Christ	Isaiah 43.1-7 Acts 8.14 -17 Luke 3.15-17, 21-22	Jill Wright Tim Littler/Kathryn Taylor Kathryn Morris
17 January Second Sunday of Epiphany	Isaiah 62.1-5 1 Corinthians 12.1-11 John 2.1-11	Marjorie Gee Chris Wright Brenda Brock
24 January Third Sunday of Epiphany	Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a Luke 4.14-21	Glyn Evans Christine Anderton Lesley Bannister
31 January Presentation of Christ in the Temple	Malachi 3.1-5 <i>Hebrews 2.14-18</i> Luke 2.22-40	Katharine Calvert <i>Reading not used</i> Marie Stinson



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
lhudson@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	



Mon 18 th to Mon 25 th Jan	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Mon 25 th Jan 7.00pm	Prayers for the Parish & World Church (Parish Rooms)
Tue 26 th Jan 6.30pm	PCC meeting (Parish Rooms)
Fri 29 th Jan 2.45pm	Kildwick School collective worship in church
Sun 31 st Jan	THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE 10.00am Family Communion with Christingles
Wed 10 th Feb	ASH WEDNESDAY 9.30am Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes 7.30pm Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes (St Peter's Methodist Church, Cross Hills)
Sun 14 th Feb 12 noon	CDFC Fellowship Lunch (South Craven Baptist Church)
Wed 17 th Feb 7.30pm	CDFC Lent Course 'The King's Speech' begins (St Peter's Methodist Church, Cross Hills)
Mon 22 nd Feb 7.00pm	Prayers for the Parish & World Church (Parish Rooms)
Sun 6 th Mar	Mothering Sunday
Tue 8 th Mar 6.30pm	PCC meeting (Parish Rooms)
Mon 14 th Mar 6.30pm	Kildwick School governors meeting (School)
Fri 18 th Mar 2.45pm	Kildwick School collective worship in church
Sun 20 th Mar	PALM SUNDAY
Sun 27 th Mar	EASTER DAY

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)

3 January Epiphany	8.15 am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion
10 January The Baptism of Christ	8.15 am 10.00 am	Holy Communion Parish Communion with baptism
17 January Second Sunday of Epiphany	8.15 am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion with prayer for healing
24 January Third Sunday of Epiphany	8.15 am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion
31 January Presentation of Christ in the Temple	8.15 am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion with Christingles

Sunday 31st January
at 10.00 am

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Family Communion with Christingles



*If you have a Children's' Society collecting box please bring it in for emptying. If you would like to have a collecting box please contact
Lesley Hudson 01535 523291*

How to keep those New Year Resolutions

We are full of good intentions at the start of each year. How come we fizzle out by February? Here are some tips to keep you going...



- ♦ *Be realistic.* If you have a number of goals, do NOT attempt them all at once. Research has found that if you stagger your goals, you will have more success. So for example, if this year you want to spend less money, do more exercise and spend more time with your family, start one change this month, another in February, and start the third in March.
 - ♦ *Be specific.* For example, don't tell yourself: Lose weight. Decide exactly how much you want to lose. When do you want to lose it by? How will you do it? If you want more time with your family, how and when will you do that? The more exact you can be, the more likely you are to succeed.
 - ♦ *Write it down.* There's something about committing thoughts to paper that helps to cement your resolve. Why not start some sort of journal this year, to track your thoughts, your hopes, your goals – and your successes!
 - ♦ *Tell other people.* If you intend to do something, tell someone, and therefore you will feel more obliged to get going with it... your pride may keep you going when all else fails!
 - ♦ *Focus on GAIN, not loss.* Ever notice how many resolutions are about giving something up? Why not put it the other way round - instead of saying you will eat less, tell yourself you are headed for those skinny jeans....
 - ♦ *Give yourself rewards.* If you are quitting smoking or sweets, for example, put the money you would have spent in a jam jar, and treat yourself to something nice (and healthy) with it.
 - ♦ *Break your resolution into steps.* Some goals will take months to achieve. So – break each one down into tiny steps, and simply head for each step. Build in some time frames, to prevent you procrastinating.
 - ♦ *Finally, don't let failure defeat you.* You will make mistakes. But the secret is to simply get up again, and keep going. Only if you stop are you *really* defeated. None of us are perfect, and the Bible encourages us to always start again.
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Editor: Paul Hardingham continues his look at the Top 10 Bible Stories. This is the fifth in the series.



The top 10 Bible stories: no. 5: The Ten Commandments

We are now half-way through our series looking at the top ten *Must Know Stories*. This month we look at the 10 Commandments (Exodus 20), the law which God gave to Israel.

The computers that we use on a daily basis have thousands of component parts which can go wrong. We need the Maker's instructions to guide us when things go wrong and show us how to get the most out of them. Human beings are also wonderfully complex, physically, psychologically and spiritually. We also have a Maker's handbook to show us how God wants us to live. This is the 10 commandments, which God gave to Moses on Mt Sinai. *'And God spoke all these words: 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery'.* (Exodus 20:1,2).

If we want to grow to become more like God, we have to take seriously the Commandments in our lives. The rest of the Bible could be described as God's repair manual, spelling out the gospel of grace that restores sin-damaged human beings to relationship with God.

How should we approach the 10 Commandments today? You may say *'I try to take them seriously, but every day I fail somewhere.'* We have to admit our weaknesses, but we can turn to God for pardon and forgiveness. In the power of the Spirit, Christ brings us a new kind of life, in which our heart's deepest desire will be to go God's way and obedience will no longer be a burden.

God says *'I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.'* (Jeremiah 31:33). The word of command becomes a promise of obedience: *'You shall not...'*

40 years ago:- on 5th Jan 1976 that Pol Pot's communist Khmer Rouge regime proclaimed a new constitution in Cambodia and renamed the country Democratic Kampuchea. The regime collapsed in 1979.

Also 40 years ago:- on 12th Jan 1976 that Dame Agatha Christie, crime novelist, short story writer and playwright, died. She was best known for creating Hercule Poirot and Miss Marple, and for the world's longest running play, *The Mousetrap*.

Also 40 years ago:- on 18th Jan 1976 that the Scottish Labour Party was formed as a breakaway party from the UK Labour Party. It was dissolved in 1979.

Also 40 years ago:- on 21st Jan 1976 that the supersonic airliner Concorde went into commercial service in Britain and France.

30 years ago:- on 24th Jan 1986 that the Wapping Dispute began. 6000 newspaper workers in London began a year-long strike against News International. The strike failed, ending restrictive trade union practices in the British newspaper publishing industry.

Also 30 years ago:- on 26th Jan 1986 that Yoweri Museveni declared himself President of Uganda after his National Resistance Movement toppled Tito Okello's government.

Also 30 years ago:- on 28th Jan 1986 that the Space Shuttle Challenger disaster took place. The Challenger exploded shortly after lift-off from Cape Canaveral, killing all 7 astronauts.

25 years ago:- on 17th Jan 1991 that as part of the Gulf War, Operation Desert Storm got underway when US-led coalition forces bombed Iraq and forced it to withdraw its forces from Kuwait.

20 years ago:- on 20th Jan 1996 that the first Palestinian general election took place. Yasser Arafat was elected President of the Palestinian National Council in a landslide victory.

Also 20 years ago:- on 22nd Jan 1996 that a mass grave was discovered near Brcko which contained the bodies of nearly 3,000 victims of Serb ethnic cleansing. They had been killed in May-June 1992 during the Bosnian War.

Also 20 years ago:- on 27th Jan 1996 that International Holocaust Remembrance Day was observed for the first time. (27th Jan marks the date when Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp, was liberated.)

15 years ago:- on 15th Jan 2001, that Wikipedia, the online collaborative encyclopaedia, was officially launched.

Also 15 years ago:- on 31st Jan 2001 that a Scottish court sitting in the Netherlands

convicted Abdelbaset Ali al-Megrahi from Libya of carrying out the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland.

10 years ago:- on 12th Jan 2006 that at least 346 people were killed in a stampede during the annual Hajj pilgrimage in Mina, Saudi Arabia.

Saints and Such

17th January
Anthony of Egypt (251 -356)
the hermit who defied an emperor

If your Christmas and New Year break included just too many people and even a bout of indigestion, then St Antony may be the saint for you. He was a hermit-monk with a reputation for making poorly people feel better.



Antony was born in Coma (Upper Egypt) in 251, and at 20 became an ascetic. He settled down in the complete solitude of a deserted fort in Pispir, where he spent the next 20 years busy fighting the whole range of usual hermit temptations, such as having queenly devils approach you for marriage, and other hazards like that.

In 306 Antony felt able to face the world again, and so he began visiting with some other hermits. One was Paul, and the story goes that the day they met, a raven provided lunch for them by dropping a loaf of bread nearby.

Antony was a godly man, and would pray for people. Stories went round that those he prayed for were healed, and so he became known as a miracle-worker. He was certainly brave: when in 311 the Roman Emperor Maximinus was persecuting the Christians, Antony went to Alexandria to encourage the church there to stand firm. Years later he was stoutly defending the Christian faith in disputes with heretics.

Antony died in 356, but even hundreds of years later he was not forgotten. A medical band of people adopted his name: The Order of Hospitallers of Saint Antony was founded (c.1100, in La Motte). It became a pilgrimage centre for those suffering from ergotism (called St Antony's Fire - a serious form of fungi poisoning).

Antony was a tremendously popular saint throughout the Middle Ages. By then he was seen as the patriarch of monks, and a healer of both men and animals. Antony even gave us the word 'tantony', a diminutive applied to the smallest pig in a litter, and to the smallest bell in a peal of bells.

The early church father, Athanasius, wrote The Life of Antony. This moving biography helped to convert the great Augustine.

FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL SUMMARY OF DRAFT MINUTES

The meeting of Farnhill Parish Council was held on the 1st December 2015 in Kildwick/Farnhill Institute. Five members of the Council were present plus the Clerk.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd November 2015 were approved by the Council and signed as a correct record by the Chairman after requested amendments.

NYCC are carrying out a review of Urban Highway Visibility Grass Cutting for the year 2016/2017 and the Parish Council have a choice of two options:

- a. The County Council will carry out the grass cutting.
- b. The Parish Council can carry out the grass cutting and NYCC will pay them for doing so. The rate they will pay for Farnhill would be a minimum of £28.24.

The Council **resolved** that NYCC to continue with the cutting as they did last year.

Further to an invitation to Cllr Richard Foster (Leader of CDC) being asked to attend a meeting of Farnhill Parish Council to discuss policy Making Procedures, a reply was received on his behalf stating that he could not attend on the 1st December as CDC had a full Council Meeting that evening, but he would attend on the 5th January 2016. Clerk to send him copies of the document pack regarding the Waste Collection Policy and a copy of the agenda for January.

Treatment has now been carried out on the wasps nest at Lower Arbour and D Callaghan has been asked to complete the clearance work. He is hoping to carry out the work in the next two weeks weather permitting.

R Ellis has also been held up with the work to the seating area and the steps due to the weather, but hopes to begin again in the next two weeks. Clerk to ask him to complete the seating area first and then to meet with the Parish Council to discuss the design and construction of the steps and also to identify and discuss alterations which could improve the path further up Lower Arbour. Clerk to arrange an extraordinary meeting at a time convenient to the Contractor and members of the Parish Council to discuss the issues, make a plan and a decision on how to proceed.

The gentleman who has offered to contribute to the purchase of the seat and a plaque has provided the final wording to go on the plaque. This was approved by the Parish Council and Clerk to proceed with ordering the plaque.

Clerk to write to the contractor who did the building work at Craglands earlier in the year and remind him of his offer to contribute towards the cost of repairing the damage caused at Arbour Top and ask him for a contribution of £250.00.

The Canal and Rivers Trust are working to fix Redmans Swing Bridge as soon as possible. They have said that the plywood was installed as a temporary measure, but has become unsuitable quicker than anticipated. They are endeavouring to fix the bridge properly as soon as possible, which means a short term closure will be required to prevent any injuries as the weather conditions get worse. Clerk to write to them stating that the Parish Council informed them of the condition of the bridge at the beginning of August and asked them to repair it. Now that the bridge has been closed they need to make it a priority to repair it and get it open again as this is the route to the bus stop and is used by a lot of elderly people.

The Canal & Rivers Trust have provided a draft license for a feeder pillar to supply

electric to a Christmas Tree and to site the tree from December to January. They originally stated a one off fee for the license of £360.00 but have now decided that it should be £75.00 per annum. The Parish Council agreed to accept the price but resolved to get the license checked over by the Solicitor first.

The draft budget account provided by the Clerk was considered and items for inclusion discussed and after a few changes were made the Parish Council Resolved to accept the amended budget and lower the precept for the year 2016/2017 by 5% compared to last year.

A letter has been received from the YLCA's lawyer regarding an issue related to recording of meetings, but the Parish Council were not happy with the advice given and felt that they had not provided answers to the questions asked. Clerk to contact them again to ask for the necessary information and also to contact our MP to see if he can offer any advice.

Counc R Bramley reported that there were no issues of concern at the Play area and that he has updated the website and has added articles on the attempted burglaries in the village and the closure of Redmans Bridge. Counc D Atkinson provided some photos to put on the website. Counc R Bramley to speak with the Institute Committee and ask why they have given up with the village calendar and to ask them if they would like any help with it in future years.

The Clerk reported that Light No 14 is out and has been reported to NYCC who will attend to it in the next five days. Also that having looked further into the issue regarding designating local green space as part of Craven District Councils Local Plan it was more complex than it appeared and after speaking with CDC the area proposed was unlikely to be accepted as the criteria states it should not be an extensive tract of land. The Parish Council decided not to carry on with the proposal.

Counc M Scarffe provided a draft copy of A Policy for the Arbour to be considered by members to accept at the next meeting.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 5TH JANUARY IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL
INSTITUTE AT 7.30PM**

All members of the village are welcome to attend

*All very
informal*

The Village Pump
A meeting Place for over 50's
Every Wednesday 2.00-3.30 pm

*Finish the afternoon with
tea and biscuits and a
chat*

In the Kildwick and Farnhill Institute

Come and Enjoy:-

- ◆ *Quoits or Table Skittles*
- ◆ *A group quiz*
- ◆ *Boxed Games*
- ◆ *Shuffleboard*

*Enquiries to Joyce Wood
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The Birds in Your Garden

Population changes



I'm writing this piece on a very pleasant autumn day, so I've no idea what the weather will be like by the time you read it! There have been the expected dire predictions for a hard winter from the usual quarters, but in truth none of us really has any idea of what is store for us.

One potential indicator of things to come has been the presence in many gardens, mine included, of more Nuthatches and Coal Tits than usual for the time of year. This could well be the first indicator that seeds, their food of choice at this time of year, may not be plentiful. Only time will tell, but a poor seed crop, particularly of beech mast, will lead to more birds migrating, and if severe, to more and more birds relying on garden feeders. Remember the winter of 2013/4 and all those Redpolls and Waxwings?

On a parallel track, I've talked before about the problems encountered by our sparrow population. With significant declines in both House Sparrow and Tree Sparrow numbers, things have not been looking promising for them. However, Garden BirdWatch data from the last two winters shows that more of them are turning to our garden feeding stations for support.

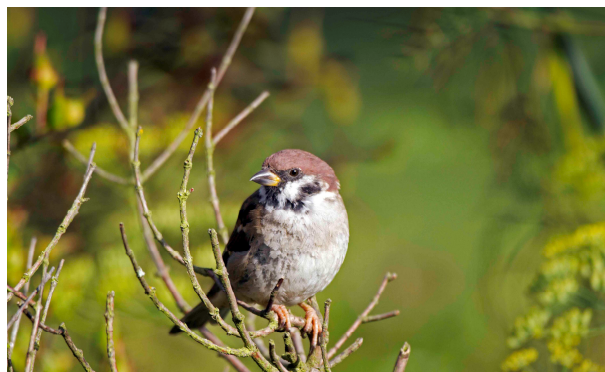
House Sparrow numbers have declined by over two-thirds since the late 1970s, and the Tree Sparrow numbers suffered a dramatic crash in the early 1980s. As a result both species are red-listed birds of conservation concern.

There are many theories behind the decline of House Sparrow, but lack of food in winter due to agricultural intensification and an associated reduction in first-year survival rates have been important drivers behind both declines. The huge losses of these once-familiar sparrows are an example of how land use changes can affect common birds, but garden bird surveys can help us to understand these effects.

While our Tree Sparrow population is a fraction of what it was in the 1970s, results from BTO surveys reveal that numbers at garden bird feeders have been increasing slowly for quite a while. Winter 2014/15 saw the highest number using suburban garden feeders since the survey began in 1970 and on rural garden feeders since 2010. Whether these results show an increasing reliance on the food we put out remains to be seen.

In recent years House Sparrow numbers have fluctuated, but according to BTO results numbers visiting garden feeders have stabilised, and even appear to be showing a slight upturn. Paralleling their arboreal cousins, rural House Sparrow numbers using garden feeders were at their highest since 2005, and at suburban ones since 2009, though again these counts are still much lower than they were in the 1970s.

The boost in sparrow numbers may have been helped by the recent mild winters, but garden bird feeding stations remain extremely important. It will be interesting to see how they fare in the coming winter.



Tree Sparrow – John Harding

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 Bird Watch 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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as sceptics often discount biblical material because they suspect the writers distorted the facts, we look outside the New Testament to non-Christian authors for clues.

First, to Roman historians. Tacitus (56-117 AD) wrote "Christus was put to death by Pontius Pilate, procurator of Judea in the reign of Tiberius". Suetonius (69-130 AD) wrote of "Chrestus" and of his followers having been persecuted by Nero. In 112 AD a Roman Magistrate, Pliny the Younger, sought advice from the Emperor Trajan, having failed to force Christians to renounce Christ whom they "worshipped as a god", when worship was due exclusively to the emperor. The Jewish historian

Josephus (37-100 AD) referred to James as, "the brother of Jesus the so-called Christ." None of these authors questioned Christ's existence.

Even-handed enquirers would also want to know what the New Testament has to say. By comparison with texts of other ancient literature now available, we have infinitely better records. Over 5,000 separate manuscripts are now available. One complete New Testament in the British Library is over 1600 years old. A substantial collection of New Testament documents is dated mid-3rd Century and is split between Dublin, Michigan and other locations. Much of the Gospel of John is in a document dated 200 AD or earlier. Modern translations of the Bible result from studying all these manuscripts. It is false to suggest that they suffer from multiple translations.

Let historian Michael Grant have the last word, "...if we apply to the New Testament, as we should, the same sort of criteria as we should apply to other ancient writings containing historical material, we can no more reject Jesus' existence than we can reject the existence of a mass of pagan personages whose reality as historical figures is never questioned..."



THREE KINGS

Does Christmas seem long gone? Well, Christmas doesn't really end until Twelfth Night, 6th January. In the past all the 12 days of Christmas used to be celebrated with feasting and parties. January 6th is also the Feast of the Epiphany, which is the day on which the wise men, led by the star, arrived at Bethlehem. At Christmas we sang about Three Kings but we don't really know who they were, kings or wise men or where they came from – you can check the details in St Matthew's Gospel, chapter 2.



We do know that they brought very expensive symbolic gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh for Jesus, not the usual things that you would give to a small baby. Traditionally the gifts have a special meaning: gold is for a king; frankincense (sweet smelling incense) is for God and myrrh (a spice used to prepare bodies for burial) for mortal man.

GOLDEN ANSWERS

All the answers to this quiz begin with the letters GOLD (well, can you find any words that began with frankincense or myrrh?). Answers at the bottom of the page.

Can you say which GOLD is ...

1. a small bird?
2. kept in an aquarium?
3. made from sugar and used in cooking?
4. a source of wealth?
5. a tall yellow flower?
6. ate the three bears' porridge?
7. won by a winner at the Olympics?
8. a 50th wedding anniversary?



What do you call a camel that's got three humps?
Humphrey.

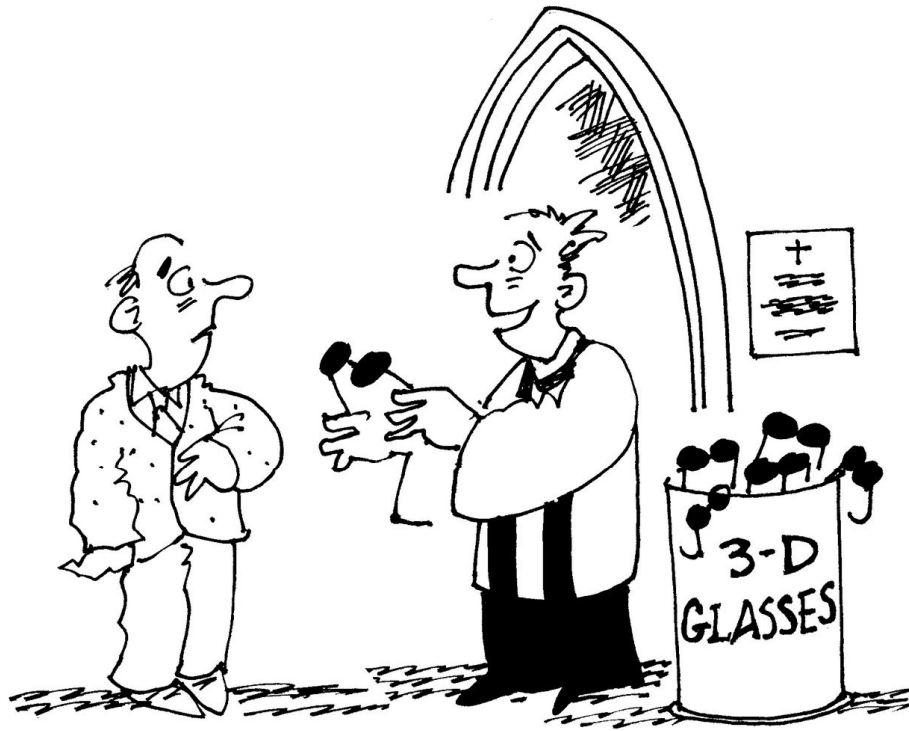
Who rides a camel and carries a lamp?

Florence of Arabia.



Answers: 1. gold finch 2. goldfish
3. golden syrup 4. goldmine 5. golden rod
6. Goldilocks 7. gold medal 8. golden wedding

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*...you will, of course, need a pair of these
if you want the full 'Lord's Prayer experience'...*

The puppy

A clergyman was walking down the street when he came upon a group of about a dozen boys, surrounding a small puppy. Concerned lest the boys were hurting it, he went to investigate. One boy explained, "We just found this puppy, and we all want him. So we've decided that whichever one of us can tell the biggest lie will get to take him home."

The minister was taken aback. "Don't you boys know it's a sin to lie? Why, when I was your age, I never told a lie." There was dead silence for a moment. The minister thought he had got through to them.

Then the smallest boy gave a deep sigh and said, "All right, give him the dog."

Softly

A churchwarden went to the Police Station wishing to see the burglar who had slipped in and out of the church during evensong. "You'll get your chance in court," said the Desk Sergeant.

"I don't want revenge," said the man. "I want to know how he got out of the service early without the vicar noticing. I've been trying to do that for years!"

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