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Dear friends,

November begins, in the Church calendar, with the celebration of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day. The Church then helps the nation observe Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday. At the end of the month our parish, with others whose church is named in honour of St Andrew, celebrates our Patronal Festival. These days each invite us to reflect in some way on what it means to live in relation with all the peoples of the world - past, present and future.

This November, as we come to Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday, we continue to commemorate over 100 years

since the outbreak of the Frist World War. This year we have remembered particularly the Battle of the Somme, which started on 1st July 1916 and lasted until 18th November 1916. For many people the Battle of the Somme was the battle that symbolised the horrors of warfare; by the end of the battle some 1,120,000 had been killed or wounded. There were 420,000 British (including nearly 60,000 on the first day alone), 200,000 French and 500,000 Germans. As we remember the past and reflect on the impact of events close at home and far away, we also think about how these



events continue to influence the way the world thinks and behaves today. We call to mind the many conflicts that rage around the world today with seemingly no sign of

These days each invite us to reflect in some way on what it means to live in relation with all the peoples of the world - past, present and future resolution. We think especially of the Middle East – Syria and Iraq, Israel and Palestine; of Africa – Sudan and South Sudan, Central African Republic, northern Nigeria; just to name some of the

many ongoing conflicts.

Each and every conflict is tragic and an indictment on the human reliance on violence as the means to resolve differences and disputes. For the Christian, and every person of faith, the tragedy is compounded by the fact that many conflicts around the world at present claim to be in the name of God.



The former Chief Rabbi, Jonathan Sacks, has written a fascinating book, Not in God's Name: Confronting Religious Violence. Dr Sacks remains a widely respected figure, and is a person of great wisdom, to whom we would do well to listen. He challenges first of all the contemporary myth that religion causes violence and that, therefore, religion ought to be, somehow, abolished. Some very serious research has shown that both in ancient and more recent history, only about 10% of wars have been religious in some way or another. The overwhelming causes of violence are rather to be found in disputes, big or small, over territory, power, nationality, resources or money.

Human culture is, of course, complex. We are helped, though, in our understanding by thinkers, such as René Girard, who have shown us that human culture and society is founded in conflict, rivalry and violence. Yet we remain blind to the truth of our human violence. So we need to hear again and again the piercing words of Jesus from the Cross: 'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing'. Jesus spoke truth into the human situation; those who were killing Jesus did not know what they were doing; we are blind to the truth of our human violence. We are blind to the truth of the ways in which we live over against the other; we live in ways that create a 'them and us' situation, with 'us' being good and 'them' being bad.

Is there a way out? Yes, and Jesus can help us see the answer, but it will require great grace and humility from each of us. The philosopher Merleau-Ponty said, "I live in the facial expression of the other, as I feel [them] living in mine." We are formed through our relationships with the other, producing the possibility of jealousy and violence, but also the possibility of peace. Jesus is the one who created the possibility of a genuine new humanity in imitation of his face of radical forgiveness and love.

As we remember all those who have witnessed to the truth of God revealed in Jesus the Christ may we do all we can in our own lives today to proclaim the love, joy and peace that is God's will for the world.

God bless you at this time of remembrance and thanksgiving.



Why do supermarkets make poorly people walk to the back of the store to collect their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front?

November

"The season of mists and mellow fruitfulness". We've celebrated our harvests and turned the clocks back (did you remember?!) Now we are waiting for Advent and the beginning of the church year. November can be a bit of an interlude. To give you all something to talk about, you may want to let me know what you think of the front cover this month. I've started to make a change – while keeping it recognisable! It's by no means "quite right" yet and I suspect some more photos will be pressed into action!

You'll see one or two other items in this edition. Let me know if you like them – or (of course) not! We have one or two other ideas that might come to fruition. Again; do let me know if there are things in here that you'd love to see no longer as well as things that you would enjoy seeing. I could add a "puzzles" section with crossword, sudoku, maze, wordsearch sorts of things. Is there something more "local" that you'd like to see instead? Of course, if there's something you could write, that would be even better...

It is good to hear your comments (especially when they are nice!) but hearing about things you don't like is just as important.

Be in touch! Chris Wright chris@woodchipcomputers.co.uk

Why is "abbreviated" such a long word?



St Andrew's Fair

Saturday 26th November 10.30am -1.30pm

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Bargains galore including:

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All proceeds support our work in the community and beyond and help maintain this beautiful Grade I Listed church building.



Prayers for the Parish & World Church

The next monthly meeting to pray for the parish and worldwide Church will take place on Monday 28th November in the church from 7.00pm until 8.00pm.

For more information contact Robin Figg, 633307





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Japanese student, Mamiko Moda, wrote "Thanks to my hosts and their kindness, I could spend a nice Christmas here instead of staying at home alone. I am grateful to you all."

Hosting is a voluntary position suitable for all ages and is also available throughout the year with HOST, a charity set up in 1987. To find out more or be put in touch with your local organiser, please visit www.hostuk.org, or call 020 7739 6292.



Traidcraft

I have sent off the orders I have already received – thank you! When your goods arrive, I'll let you know – payment will be due then (cheques payable to Jill Wright, please). If you've finished with your catalogue, could you let me have it back, please, so that others can see it?

There will be a stall in church on Sunday 13 November (after the Act of Remembrance). Some Christmas items will be available to buy, but if you want to order anything from the catalogue, that's the last day I can (almost) guarantee delivery for Christmas.

Jill Wright (01535 634526 or jill@woodchipcomputers.co.uk)

Thanks to Mary for the cartoon idea! Royalty has been paid for this use



PCC Meeting

A summary of the PCC Meeting 13th September 2016

At the September meeting of PCC, we were delighted to welcome newly arrived Head Teacher of Kildwick School, Tim Whitehead. He introduced himself and told us a little about his aim to find a vision for school which looks out into the local community as well. We in turn promised our prayer and support for the school and its staff as we work together to strengthen our links. One tangible way of doing this would be to resurrect the practice of meeting as PCC once a year in school. Robin also told us that the Governing Body will very soon have to grapple with the issue of Academisation.

The main item on the Agenda (after the necessary business stuff) was the issue of Safeguarding. Kathryn Morris is our identified Safeguarding Officer in the parish and takes the lead in ensuring we comply with all that is needed. We adopted the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy and Kathryn will keep us up to date on how it's implemented at Kildwick.

Chris Wright told us about the Bradford Episcopal Area Forum, which had agreed the new structure for Deaneries. We will now be a part of the Deanery of South Craven and Wharfedale in the New Year and Chris and Robin encouraged us to do our best to make this new structure work.

We heard reports about Chuffs and MiniRingers, worship and pastoral care and about the progress of various building projects both inside and outside the building. We are waiting for a report on the harmonium in church – we have no idea where it has come from, so if you know anything about its origins, please get in touch! We also heard that the Repair and Restoration Group is looking



to receive tenders from Architects who will take us through the work to be completed with funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Of necessity, this is but a brief account of our work. If you have any questions, please get in touch with the Vicar, the Churchwardens or me – our contact details are on the back page.

Jill Wright

Hallowe'en

"Ugh! It's that awful American custom next week!" A statement I heard from several people last week. And a mother of a 6 year old in the supermarket was endeavouring to ignore squeals of excitement from her daughter and her pressure to buy gaudily wrapped chocolates and candy, for Halloween.

Yes, the Americans celebrate it big time and we in the UK are following suit, egged on as always by big corporations keen to make money from chocolates, sweet novelties and dressing up gear. But much of the celebration – so-called, originated from our shores in more old-fashioned and gentler times. And in much earlier times than the distribution of "Soul Cakes" to the poor and needy (see the recipe).

The Celts are probably responsible for the timing of Halloween – with their own festival of Samhain. (It's pronounced "SAH-win"). They were essentially farming and agricultural people, originating in Britain, Ireland and north France. Their year was marked with the growing seasons and Samhain marked the end of summer and harvest. Cold and bitter winter weather lay ahead – this they embraced, seeing it as a time of rest for the land and its people. Living on the vegetables and fruit, carefully stored in shelters they constructed. And, for as long as it would last, on the meat of animals who were slaughtered, the carcasses jointed and hung up to dry.

The fat would be rendered and the bones would be burnt in huge fires that lit the land at Samhain.

There was, as always, a cross-over with Paganism and its belief in warlocks, witches, poisons and potions, fairies and things that lived in the green woods. Tales were no doubt told – to scare!

Amongst all of this the Celts believed that on 31st October (Samhain), the ghosts of their dead would visit the mortal world. The large bonfires were, in part, to ward off evil spirits which might also be abroad. It was ensured that every village had hot coals from the bonfire, regarded as a sacred bonfire, in their hearth to ward off evil spirits in the year ahead and to keep the people warm in the long dark months to come.

Then, of course, the Romans arrived. The Celts, as Tony Robinson remarked on the BBC programme tracing the trails followed by our ancestors, were already a very able and skilled race; the Romans didn't have a lot to teach them. But they did absorb many of the Celtic celebrations into their own festivals. Saturnalia, a mid-winter festival was, in turn, absorbed with the arrival of Christianity into Britain by Christmas celebrations.

And as the Celtic church was finally absorbed, or became part of the Roman

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church at the Synod of Whitby, the then Pope was guided to Christianise Samhain into a new Christian festival called "Hallows Eve" or Hallowe'en. People would pray and give thanks for the good souls who had followed Christ – saints with a little or a large "s". All Saints Day on November 1st was established 200 years later.

And so these annual celebrations went on, celebrated with bonfires, lanterns and children's games. Immigrants from other lands brought their own games and traditions – bobbing for apples, dances and rhymes. And... we took them to America followed by the Scots and the Irish. Added to this cauldron were Germans with their folk and witchcraft lore and then Haitian and African immigrants brought their beliefs in black cats, fires and voodoo.

So, keep the good traditions. Tell the tales that scare (just a little!). But be aware of those in our neighbourhood who are afraid of groups who seem to be more like gangs, who gather demanding "Trick or Treat".

Di Halliday

All Souls Day

November 2nd is by tradition the Day of All Souls and it was long believed that the unhappy souls of the dead would return to their former homes. On the eve of All Souls it was customary to keep kitchens warm and to leave food on the table overnight for the visiting spirits. Until 1850 the following "Shropshire Soul Cakes" were distributed on All Souls Day.

There is a similar 'soul cake' tradition in Belgium, Bavaria and the Tyrol.

Shropshire Soul Cakes

- 3lbplain flourSift the flour and work in the slightly softened butter.8ozsoftened butterCream the yeast with a teaspoonful of the sugar.
- 8oz sugar
- 1oz yeast
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp allspice milk

r Cream the yeast with a teaspoonful of the sugar. Mix the flour with the eggs, yeast and enough milk to

make a light dough. Leave to rise, covered, in a warm place for about thirty minutes.

Work in the sugar and spice and form into flat bun shapes. Allow to rise for fifteen minutes then bake at 425°F (Gas 7) for 15 minutes



Visit by Michael Hardin of Preaching Peace

American theologian and author Michael Hardin, the co-founder and Executive Director of Preaching Peace based in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, made a welcome return visit to St Andrew's in September during a 6 week speaking tour including Lancaster (Lancashire!), Leeds, York, Bournemouth, Newton Abbott and Kildwick!



The motto of Preaching Peace is "Educating the Church in Jesus' Vision of Peace" and Michael expounded this vision as he led seminars on The Message of St Paul and Being a Peace Church.

A total of 29 people (15 from St Andrew's and 14 from elsewhere) attended one or more of the seminars and each person was encouraged and challenged by what Michael said.

On Sunday Michael preached at the 10am Parish Communion service.

In his midweek seminars on 'The Message of St Paul', Michael helped us see how Paul came to know God as only *grace*; grace which is for *all*, not just some. The letters of Paul also show him teaching that the way to know God is through Jesus; this is the way of

being converted from violence to non-violence.

The Saturday seminar explored 'Being a Peace Church' and Michael reminded us that each local Christian community is called to speak of God's peace for the



whole world, for the whole of humankind. We do this in many and various ways, including each time to share the meal of the Church, the Eucharist; here we bring our brokenness before God and are given the new life of Jesus' resurrection. The last session explored four areas where we find peace: with God (theological), with others (sociological), with ourselves (psychological), with creation (cosmological).

He was also able to make a return visit Ermysted's Grammar School to speak with groups of Year 12 and 13 Religious Studies students. This was a wonderful opportunity to engage with the students on issues including politics, philosophy and psychology as well as theology and spirituality.

Those who attended the seminars were invited to offer a reflection on their experience of hearing Michael teach. Here are some of their thoughts:

- I found Michael absolutely captivating and I would have really liked to have been able to have seen the course through.
- Wednesday was an inspirational session for me. He captured my attention right from the beginning of the seminar when he suggested that if 'the you of 5 years ago' would not have thought the 'current you' to be heretical, then you're not growing in your faith. I could really identify with this and it helped me to feel more comfortable with the changes in perspective that I have undergone in relation to my faith.



• I liked Michael's honest and straight forward approach and the seminar helped me to think more deeply about Christian Universalism and how the message of St Paul actually confirms this approach, which was a surprise to me. I feel altogether more positive about Paul and it confirmed my recently developed belief in that theological view.

• I enjoyed meeting people from other local churches and having time to chat with others over refreshments.



Recycling for Good Causes

Thank you to everyone who has recycled items into the big red bag at the back of church!

We have sent off the first lot and, though it won't bring in a fortune, it will make a little for St. Andrew's and, just as importantly, we are protecting our environment.

A new bag is already in place for your stamps, postcards, foreign currency, jewellery, watches, cameras, laptops, games consoles, sat navs, mobile phones and the like. Please keep them coming – and tell your friends!

Justus – leading the Church in troubled times

Does this sound familiar? An Archbishop of Canterbury tries to bring unity and calm to a Church split down the middle over seemingly irreconcilable differences, and all the while to promote the Gospel to the wider non-Christian society, in the face of widespread ignorance and even hostility towards Christianity.

This isn't Justin Welby, though. It was Justus, a 7th century archbishop of Canterbury. Like Justin Welby, he had a passion for mission – he began as one of the Roman missionaries sent in 601 by Pope Gregory the Great – to reinforce Augustine. Once in England, he was quickly put to work – becoming the first ever Bishop of Rochester, in 604. It was then that he joined with other church leaders to urge the Irish and British (Celtic) Christians to repair the great church divide of the time – to conform their customs to those of Rome. (They were largely ignored.)

In 616 things got worse. There was a pagan reaction in Kent and Essex, and without any support from the pagan King Edbald, Justus and Mellitus knew it was time to get out – quick. They escaped to France, and the whole English mission seemed in peril. Then – an unexpected breakthrough occurred – the king was converted. So back came Justus, to become Archbishop of Canterbury in 624. Pope Boniface V had faith in his ability and courage – he bestowed on him both the pallium and the power to consecrate bishops in England. When Justus died in 627, he was buried at St Augustine's monastery. Then, in the 11th century, Justus was moved to a site in Canterbury Cathedral, behind the high altar.

Justus, however, lives on in today's more technological times!

In the early days of modern computing – before the Internet existed – there was a huge discussion about making computers "talk" with each other. Brian Read is a Californian Christian who was then working with his colleague, Tim Berners-Lee on a project to help scientific and academic colleagues to work together. These two were in the group that devised the system of "domains" that we know today. In these early days, it was ruled that domains would only be issued to properly constituted bodies. Brian Read, along with some pioneering Christians in the UK joined together to create the Society of Archbishop Justus with, initially, the sole purpose of registering the domain, anglican.org

"SoAJ", as it is called, still administers anglican.org and releases "subdomains" to all relevant authorities. SoAJ has been very important in my life. Those "UK Christians" have become good friends of mine and the activity has spun off into other areas. Here are the roots of the organisation, "Christians on the Internet". Here is the powerhouse behind a great deal of the online liturgy of the C of E, inlcuding that invaluable resource, Oremus (www.oremus.org)

Parish Pump and Chris Wright

Posada – A Project for Advent

This year we will again be sending two travelling cribs on a journey around our community during Advent.

Posada is a Spanish word meaning 'inn'. Posada celebrations originated in Mexico where two young people were chosen to dress up as Mary and Joseph. They used to travel from house to house in their village telling people about the imminent arrival of Jesus and asking them it they would give him a room. On Christmas Eve they would re-enact a community play and bring figures of Mary and Joseph to be place in the crib.



The modern day equivalent is based on this concept, but enables different people to give a home to the nativity figures for a night. Beginning their journey at the 10am service on Advent Sunday (27th November) the figures in the cribs will travel 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.



Posada has been encouraged in this country by the Church Army and many parishes now enjoy sharing in this special Advent project. We look forward to using Posada to help people celebrate more meaningfully the season of Advent.

Look out for the signing up lists in church or parish rooms

or contact Robin Figg. Phone 01535 633307 or email vicar@kildwick.org.uk



Advent Sunday, 27th November

8.15am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion
and the sending out of the Travelling Cribs
6.00pm Advent Carol Service by Candlelight



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Date			Readings
6 November The Third Sunday Before Advent	8.15am 10.00am	Holy Communion Family Communion	Job 19.23-27a 2 Thess. 2.1-5, 13-17 Luke 20.27-38
13 November The Second Sunday Before Advent – Remembrance Sunday	8.15am 9.45am	Holy Communion Parish Communio n	Malachi 4.1-2a 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13 Luke 21.5-19
20 November Christ the King	8.15am	Holy Communion Parish Communion	Jeremiah 23.1-6 Colossians 1.11-20 Luke 23.33-43
27th November Advent Sunday	8.15am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion	Isaiah 2.1-5 Romans 13.11-14 Matthew 24.36-44

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	Chuffs Fun for pre-school children and their grown-ups!	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 Stitching and Fellowship Group	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

November

Readers	Intercessor	Communion	Sidespeople	Tea and Coffee
<i>Reading not used Reading not used</i> Lesley Hudson	Shirley Hoskins	Christine Sandie	Eleanor Eastwood Sandie Walton June Whitaker	June Whitaker Sylvia Ackroyd
Glyn Evans Tim Littler/ Kathryn Taylor Christine Anderton	Marie Stinson	Sue Tim	Marie Stinson Peter McNeill	Joyce Bonham <i>(vacancy)</i>
Chris Wright Brenda Brock Marie Stinson	Di Halliday	Christine Peter	Ann Mosley Christine Anderton Michael Baxter	Elaine Carter Jill Wright
Lesley Bannister Kathryn Morris Jill Wright	Sue Hargreaves	Di John	Sandie Walton	Ann Mosley Christine Anderton

Brass Cleaning

Sandie Walton and Lesley Bannister

Flower Rota		
November 6th	Harvest	
November 13th	Mrs Reithmanne	
November 20th	Revd D. Halliday	
November 27th	Vacant	





Open Air Nativity Play

4.00pm Sunday 11th December

Come and enjoy this creative telling of the Christmas story as we travel through Sutton village calling at the inns and making our way into the park where we meet the shepherds and herald the arrival of the Magi.



November

Tuesday 8th	6.30pm	PCC meeting in the Parish Rooms
Friday 11th	2.45pm	Collective Worship
Sunday 13th	Sunday 13th Remembrance Sunday	
	9.45am	Parish Communion
	10.55am	Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial
Sunday 20th		Visit by Tim Lee
Saturday 26th		St Andrew's Fair
Sunday 27th		Advent Sunday
		Holy Communion
	10.00am	Parish Communion
		and the sending out of the Travelling Cribs
	6.00pm	Advent Carol Service by Candlelight
Wednesday 30)th	St Andrew's Day
	7.30pm	Patronal Festival Eucharist
	-	Preacher: Archdeacon The Venerable Andy Jolley – followed by refreshments in the Parish Rooms
December		
December		
Friday 9th		Collective Worship
Sunday 11th		CDFC Christmas Pageant

Christmas Carols

Christmas Day

Sunday 11th Sunday 18th Sunday 25th





Remembrance Sunday 13th November

9.45am Parish Communion (Note earlier start time)

10.55am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial, to include the 2 minutes silence and laying of wreaths.

Prayers of Remembrance





Yamaha A-55N Electone Organ. Free to anyone who is able to collect. Please contact Joyce Wood, Tel: 01535 635880



Farnhill Parish Council

The Council met on the 29th September with four members along with reps of NYCC & CDC, 6 members of the public and Clerk S Harding-Hill.

- **Waste:** The Council will soon be getting rid of the blue bags. Paper and card will go in the blue bins along with the re-cycling. *Income to CDC from paper and card has dropped from £70 to £20 per ton*. Most Council recycling sites will soon be closed and the nearest one for Farnhill will be Glusburn Institute. The NYCC Incinerator should be operational by the end of 2017.
- **Doctors:** NYCC are looking at ways to manage and improve Doctors Surgeries. A shortage of doctors means some may be borrowed from larger surgeries. Items that can be bought at Supermarkets may no longer be put on prescription.
- **Safe Places:** NYCC and the Police are setting up safe places across the county for those who feel unwell or vulnerable. 120 sites across the County include libraries in Cross Hills and Skipton, the doctors at Cross Hills and Citizens Advice.
- **Grants:** Money is available from the Localism Funding grant. The Parish Council may apply to fund the installation of a defibrillator. Most of the purchase cost will be covered by Airedale Chemicals. The Parish Council agreed to inform the Institute Committee so they could apply for funding of a Wi-Fi Connection.

South Craven Community Library Service need support. A request for £142.00 is based on the number of borrowers From Farnhill. The Parish Council agreed to the funding.

- **Government:** Concerns were expressed over the direction that will be taken since the change of government. Money that was to be spent on better Infrastructure and Transport for the North could be diverted.
- **Locally:** The CDC Local Plan will be out for Consultation in December and then put forward to government in the Spring. The plan has been adjusted from 256 houses for the district to about 220.

There was a disappointing response from Highways regarding the increased road noise from re-surfacing on the A629. A reply will be sent to see if anything can be done.

The work to be carried out on the trees and undergrowth at the Arbour was approved

British Telecom intends to remove the Farnhill payphone. It has been used only 4 times in the last year. A consultation notice has been placed in the payphone.

Street Light Column No 51 at the junction with the Arbour is electrically substandard due to its age. The Parish Council agreed to replace the light with a new column and Windsor Authority decorative lantern and to move the it 1 metre up the hill to prevent it being hit by vehicles turning into the Arbour. The cost of this will be about £2,200.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 27th October.

CAP in our Neighbourhood



How surprised would you be to discover that, within a mile of where you're reading this, someone is cold and hungry because they have no money for food or heating? In beautiful North Yorkshire? Surely not! And yet right here among us there are households where things have gone out of control and they face real hardship. The problems might be caused by debt, by addiction, by lack of employment or by just not knowing how to make the best of what they have.

Bradford-based Christians Against Poverty is working hard to address all of these causes. You probably know that we now have a CAP Debt Centre based in Keighley covering our postcode. Duncan Green has been working for six months with a growing number of people who need help to get out of debt. Many have mental health issues and more than a third of CAP's clients have considered suicide as the only way out of their problems. Duncan reports that one client was unemployed, long-term sick, living in a basement flat where it cost him £50/ week for his electricity. Following CAP's involvement he's managed to get a job, his electricity is now charged at a fair rate, he should be debt free in about a year, and he's been able to borrow from a relative to *buy* the flat he's been renting. What a transformation!

CAP also devised the CAP Money Course, a brilliant course which can help *anyone* do better with their money, and that's also available right here. It's the only part of CAP that's not necessarily about poverty. Those who are comfortably well-off can make much more of their money; those for whom money is tight are given the tools they need to manage better, and those struggling with debt can self-refer in complete confidence for CAP's award-winning debt management services. (I was only able to retire early because I was using the CAP Money system to manage my own finances.) And like all CAP services it's completely free!

The next local CAP Money course is a joint venture between St Thomas's, Sutton and South Craven Baptist Church. The course will be delivered by money coaches from St Mark's, Utley and the Keighley Shared Church. It will be held over three weeks, 7pm to 9pm in Sutton Cricket Club Pavilion on Tuesdays November 15th, 22nd and 29th. To book, or for more information call me on 01535 635620.

If someone you know might be struggling with debt, encourage them to call CAP on 0800 328 0006 or visit capuk.org. Or come on the Money Course.

See you there!

John Fletcher.

One World Week



On 16th October about 100 people from across the Fellowship of Churches gathered in St Peter's Church, Cross Hills for our annual service to mark One World Week. Our speaker was Mark Waddington, the Church in the World Officer for the Diocese of Leeds who gave an introduction to Places of Welcome.



Changing Lives', the network has developed a set of guiding principles, key elements of a Place of Welcome which are known as the 5P's:

Place:An accessible and hospitable building, open at the same time every
week.People:Open to everyone regardless of their circumstances or situation,
and staffed by volunteers.Presence:A place where people actively listen to one another.Provision:Offering free refreshments (at least a cup of tea and a biscuit) and
basic local information.Participation:Recognises that every person coming to a Place of Welcome will
bring talents, experiences and skills that they might be willing to
share locally.

Mark encouraged our local churches to consider setting up a Place of Welcome to serve our community.

During the service the following was read as a challenge to us all.

l was hungry	and you formed a working group and discussed my hunger.	
I was imprisoned	and you crept off quietly to your chapel and prayed for my release.	
l was naked	and in your mind you debated the morality of my appearance.	
l was sick	and you knelt and thanked God for your health.	
l was homeless	and you preached to me of the spiritual shelter of the love of God.	
I was lonely	and you left me alone to pray for me.	
You seem so holy, so close to God; but I'm still very hungry and lonely and cold.		

Taken from Welcoming the Stranger - A Guide. www.liverpoolasyluminfo.org

ACES

22 **Snippets** St Andrew's Day: Wednesday 30th November Why isn't there mouse-flavoured cat food? Patronal Festival Eucharist at 7.30pm Preacher: The Venerable Andy Jolley, Archdeacon of Bradford The service will be followed by refreshments in the Parish Rooms Thank you! Thanks to **Cumbria Clocks** and to several generous members of the community our clock is now ticking away and chiming the hours. The bad news is for the clock-winding team who have more work to do now. The "quarters" winding drum is really very heavy work. The winders need to remember their Kit-Kats. (So they can Take a Break!) The MiniRingers ... are still making great progress! Jane is bringing her handchimes which are bringing a tuneful change into our sessions. Still looking for one or two more members... Why do we leave cars worth thousands of pounds on the driveway and fill our garages with The treasurer still had a trick up his sleeve

Happily, the Church of England still retains some singular parish clergy. Take the parish of St James-the-Least in the county of C- for example. Here the elderly Anglo-Catholic vicar, Eustace, continues his correspondence to Darren, his nephew, a low-church curate recently ordained...

On working with young people

The Rectory St. James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

It is quite natural for you curates to enjoy working with young people in your parishes; church youth clubs were created in order to keep the newly ordained off the streets in the evenings. But be assured you will grow out of it. I consent to baptise babies and prepare teenagers for confirmation, but beyond that my contact with this alien life form is kept to an absolute minimum.

Dear Miss Thrush runs our weekly Pram Service - whose sole purpose seems to be to give young mothers an opportunity to discuss the ever-changing liaisons within the village, while their offspring shred hymn books and destroy the flower arrangements. I drop in from time to time in order to check that the more mobile haven't found where we hide the matches. An infant equipped with that knowledge can so easily become a teenage pyromaniac.

I can give you little advice on your youth group. When I was a curate, the major activity seemed to be to teach them how to wear gas masks, although today I imagine there is more concern about protecting them from other sorts of exotic chemicals. Also, I suspect you are kept busy keeping the young out of the darker corners of the churchyard as they develop their anatomical knowledge – a past-time still enthusiastically pursued by each new generation.

You clearly find your monthly Youth Service a deeply enriching experience. As far as I am concerned, if such a liturgy had been necessary, then Cranmer would have provided us with one. Endlessly repeated choruses accompanied by a guitar would make me warm to the Quakers. I am sure St. Paul's services would have been much enriched with Hymns Ancient and Modern. The disciples in hiding in Jerusalem were not even able to sing accompanied by an organ, which must have greatly dispirited them. I also feel that our Verger would be unable to cope with organising the strobe lighting and dry ice effects. It takes him all his time to remember to light the candles on the altar.

On this matter we must differ. You must worship God in your way, and I in His.

Your loving uncle, Eustace

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For more information on wills and leaving a gift to the Church, visit www.churchlegacy.org.uk

When a train goes through a tunnel and it gets dark, you don't throw away your ticket and jump off. You sit still and trust the engineer. - *Corrie ten Boom*



The Birds in Your Garden





As we head towards the end of an eventful 2016 I thought it might be interesting to look at how the somewhat unpredictable weather has treated our garden birds, using the BTO's Garden BirdWatch data.

The year began with almost biblical floods and continued blustery, wet and variable. As a result most gardens saw more birds than usual taking advantage of any available

berries and seeds, as well as frequenting feeders.

February continued the trend, but then turned sunnier and colder. There were many reports of Long Tailed Tits, Wrens and Pied Wagtails probably due to a shortage of their preferred invertebrates.

March was generally colder and wetter than normal, and several winter visitors such as Bramblings (for the lucky few!) Blackcaps, Mistle Thrushes and Redwings were still around in gardens, as were more Siskins, Coal Tits and Wrens than have been seen for many a year. It is not obvious why this should be. The last time it happened was 2013 after a cold and snowy winter, but 2015/6 was a relatively mild one. Possibly limited availability of seeds in the birds' usual habitats was the cause.

April did not bring much relief, with frosts, late snow on the hills and northerly winds. Many wintering birds were still with us, possibly being prevented from moving out of our gardens to find nesting sites by the damp and cold, or maybe just because there were more survivors than usual after a relatively mild winter. Again, Coal Tits, Wrens and even Goldcrests were often to be seen.

At last spring got under way in May, and whilst by no means exceptional, with the odd heavy downpour, it was a slightly warmer month than usual. As a result, many of the more interesting species set about nesting and the garden bird count dropped away. The normal inhabitants were still there though, particularly Robins which were present in greater numbers than of yore.

Then along came June – oh dear! One of the wettest and dullest on record,

though according to the statistics not the coldest. This when many birds are flat out finding food to rear their young; and it was just not available. Juvenile Blue Tits and Great Tits are normally around in large numbers as they fledge, but this year the numbers were not there. Survival rates were clearly low, and the same was true of Blackbirds, House Sparrows and Starlings. Conversely, Wrens, Coal Tits and Goldfinches all seemed to have found a way round the problems and were reported in goodly numbers.

Birds such as Blackbirds and House Sparrows make more than one nesting attempt and had another chance; certainly my garden has more House Sparrows than ever. But species such as tits making but one attempt per season have suffered.

As for the coming winter, the cold and wet early season may have affected pollination rates and hence the amount of fruit that set, so there could be trouble ahead. Only time will tell, but from my study window I can see that the Pyracantha berry crop is the poorest in many years. I don't know whether this is typical, but I notice that there are not many sloes this year either.

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).

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St MARTIN DE PORRES

Martin was born in 1579 in Lima, Peru, the son of a former slave. He grew up in poverty and was taken in by a religious order as a servant boy. The monks looked down on Martin because he was mixed-race but in time his behaviour led to the Dominican Order stopping their racial limits on admission and he was made a full brother. He worked tirelessly on behalf of the poor, starting an orphanage and a children's hospital.

During his lifetime he was seen in other places. An African slave said Martin came to comfort him and many others. When the same man later saw him in Peru, he was very happy to meet him again and asked Martin if he had had a good voyage; but Martin had never left Lima.

In pictures, Martin de Porres is shown as a young man with a broom, since he thought all work sacred, no matter how lowly. He is also shown with a dog, cat and mouse, all eating in peace from the one dish.

DOG, CAT & MOUSE

St Martin de Porres is often shown with mice because. according to one story, the monastery had problems with rodents and decided to put traps out. Martin was so upset that he spoke to the mice and agreed that if they would leave the monastery, he would feed them at the back door of the kitchen. From that day forward, no mouse seen in the was monastery.

Which of these animals do you think are actually mentioned by name in the Bible?

- 1. Cat
- Horse
- 3. Dog
- Mouse
- 5. Lamb
- 6. Frog
- 7. Monkey
- 8. Lion
- 9. Donkey
- 10. Ox

Answers at the bottom of the page.

How does a group of dolphins make a decision? Flipper coin. How do sheep sign their letters? 'Ewes sincerely.'

Answer: all are in the Bible except numbers 1 and 7, the cat and the monkey.





The vicar got a little carried away with the church's new state-of-the-art PA system

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