



HAPPY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR
TO ALL OUR READERS

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St Andrew's Church Kildwick

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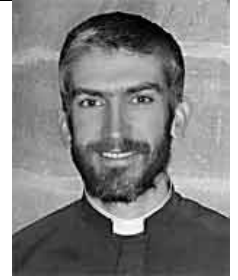
Parish Mission Statement

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 to you. As we enjoy the great celebration of the Nativity of our Lord, I hope you will know something of the deep joy of knowing that God has come amongst us and is present with us now and always. Christmas celebrates God's gift of God's self to us in the Christ-child, God-with-us, Emmanuel.



The Christian faith is that God is not distant, not absent, but present with us now, as Light shining in the darkness of our human world.

The 12 days of the Christmas season (which is followed by the season of Epiphany) includes the turn of the year. This means that as we reflect on the meaning of God breaking into our human world as one of us, we reflect on what has been and wonder about what might be.

What are your thoughts as you look back on 2014? For some it will have been a good year, for others a bad and difficult year. For most of you, I expect, it will have been a bit of both. There will have been times of great happiness and fulfilment; there will also have been times of deep sadness and despair.

The journey through life is rarely, if ever, a smooth ride and I expect 2015 will be no different. This is true for us as individuals and corporately, be it as a family, a school, a local church, village, town, country and even globally. At every level of community there are ups and downs, joys and sorrows to be experienced and shared.

Sharing of experiences is important; indeed, this is part of the meaning of Christmas. God makes God's self present to us in a very real way and, in return, invites us to make ourselves really present to each other.

Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury, said: "Christ took a human body at Bethlehem so that he should always have a Body on earth. The body in the cradle is the first moment of the continuing life of the Mystical Body in which we learn how to be sons and daughters of the Heavenly Father and how to bring his love alive in the lives of our brothers and sisters. Bethlehem is the foundation for our mutual love and giving, and the responsibility we have for one another. And so it does not just inspire love, it makes love possible and actual in our world.

"At this season, let us thank God for the birth of the Word in a human body and soul, the birth which made it possible for us to be united once again with the life of God in unending communion. And let us resolve to live out that life of communion each day in our solidarity with and our work for all who live today in the shadow of the same kind of tyranny that threatened the life of Jesus himself."

The Christmas message – God's message to you and me – is a message of love. As the hymn says, 'Love came down at Christmas'. God comes to earth share in the brokenness and the messiness of human life. Love comes as Light shining in the midst of the darkness, bringing hope where there is despair.

It is by allowing God's story revealed in the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus to engage with your story that the truth of God's love for you and all people will become increasingly real. God reaches out to you and offers you the gift of his love – a radical, inclusive, unconditional love. The challenge is to realise that as with all gifts the choice is yours whether to accept it or not.

The good news is that God never takes the offer of God's gift away. If you don't accept the gift today it will still be available and waiting for you tomorrow! May you know God's blessings today and in the coming year.

Central Nave - proposed reordering

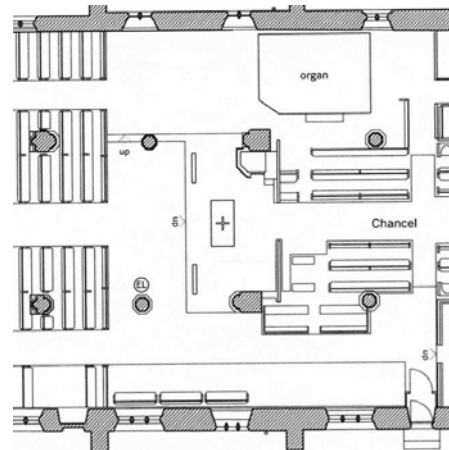
As explained last month, the Parochial Church Council agreed in November to seek the formal advice of the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) with regard to the proposed reordering of the central nave area of the church.

We are very pleased that the DAC decided to recommend the proposed works for approval by the consistory court of the diocese. This means that we are now able to proceed with the publication of the Public Notice for the statutory period of 28 days during which anyone with a due interest in the church may submit objections to the proposed works.

The Public Notice will be displayed as required by the Faculty Rules 2013 on a notice board inside the church and on a notice board outside the church for a period of 28 days. The Public Notice details the proposed works and gives the name and address of the Diocesan Registrar to whom any letter of objection must be sent.

The Public Notice is being displayed from Saturday 20 December which means that any letter of objection must reach the Registrar not later than Saturday 17 January.

Copies of the relevant plans and documents pertaining to the faculty application are available to be examined in the church or at The Vicarage.



It is hoped that everyone will see the benefit that the proposed changes will bring to those who make use of the church and will support the faculty application.

A prayer for the Christmas season

The Kildwick School KS2 Christmas concert concluded with the following wonderful prayer written by Howard Thurman (1899 – 1981) who was an influential African American author, philosopher, theologian and civil rights leader. He was Dean of Chapel at Howard University and Boston University for more than two decades.

Dear Lord, when the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flocks, then the work of Christmas begins:

to find the lost, to heal those broken in spirit, to feed the hungry, to release the oppressed, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among all peoples, to make a little music with the heart, and to radiate the Light of Christ, every day, in every way, in all that we do and in all that we say;
then the work of Christmas begins.

Overseas links on Social Media

WYAD Support for Sudan :



The diocesan Sudan group has been linked to the Episcopal Church in Sudan for over 30 years. Port Sudan is an important Diocese which does not attract the interest of ministry nearer to Khartoum but nevertheless has done good work amongst the communities in the Red Sea States. Over the years we have been involved in joint educational projects, medical support and irrigation initiatives. We have been involved in the agricultural projects of the Diocese for the last two years. We are impressed by the way the Diocese has used the land well and produced good harvests. We have contributed modest support and have been given good feedback both in reports and in pictures.



You can now follow and exchange news with the diocesan overseas links through Facebook and twitter. The Sudan Link has its own Facebook Group page; search for 'WYAD Sudan Link' and Like. Follow on Twitter @WYAD_Sudan.

Bishop Ismail, Bishop of Elobed sent the following message via Facebook.

Three Prayer Requests:

I am here to inform you to tell our friends to pray for the following things -

1. That peace talks which resume in January 2015 with two ASPL groups, Nuba Mountain and Blue Nile plus Darfur, that the dialogue will be successful.
2. On 27th December the Diocese is inviting all the Christian denominations and Muslim people alike to celebrate together this important event of the Birth of Jesus Christ. The governor of the State is invited plus all other government officials. Therefore please pray for me that the Lord will give me the Word to say which will bring our hearts together and to build good relationship between our brothers and sisters. And that they may know the Love of God which makes difference.
3. Pray for suffering people now these days who are fleeing to the diocese in big numbers because of the resumed fighting in three areas.

+ Ismail
Dean and Bishop of Elobed



St Andrew's Fair — 29th November



Another successful St Andrew's Fair was held on Saturday 29th November in the church and parish rooms.

The church was filled with stalls of many kinds, including the Vicar's stall (with lots of gifts kindly brought back from people's holidays), cakes, crafts, cards and, of course, the tombola and raffle.

Having enjoyed all the stalls, refreshments were waiting for people in the parish rooms, including, the many, the first mince pie of the season!

The result of the fair was a marvellous £750 raised for church funds to support our ongoing mission and ministry.

Now we look forward to the Summer Fair next June, held jointly with Kildwick Primary School and the Kildwick & Farnhill Institute, and the next St Andrew's Fair next November.



6th January - The Epiphany of our Lord

Where did the Wise Men come from?

Magi from the East – it isn't a lot to go on. The Magi had originally been a religious caste among the Persians. Their devotion to astrology, divination and the interpretation of dreams led to an extension in the meaning of the word, and by the first century the Magi in Matthew's gospel could have been astrologers from outside of Persia. Some scholars believe they might have come from what was then Arabia Felix, or as we would say today, southern Arabia.

Certainly in the first century astrology was practised there, and it was the region where the Queen of Sheba had lived. She of course had visited Solomon and would have heard the prophecies about how one day a Messiah would be born to the Israelites and become their king.

The Gospel according to Matthew (chapter 2) is clear that the Magi asked Herod: 'Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.' So it is possible that in southern Arabia the Queen of Sheba's story of how a Messiah would one day be sent to the Israelites had survived. Certainly there are a number of other early legends that connect southern Arabia with Solomon's Israel.

To many people this makes sense: that the ancient stories of a Messiah, linked to later astrological study, prompted these alert and god-fearing men to the realisation that something very stupendous was happening in Israel. They realised that after all these centuries, the King of the Jews, the Messiah, was about to be born.

One more interesting thing that gives weight to the theory that the magi came from southern Arabia is this: if you study any map of Palestine as it was during biblical times, you will find that the old Arabian caravan routes all entered Palestine 'from the East'.

What about the gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh?

The story of the coming of the Magi grew in the telling. By the 6th century they had acquired names: Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. By medieval times they were considered to be kings. Whoever they were, we do know from Matthew that they brought three gifts to Jesus.

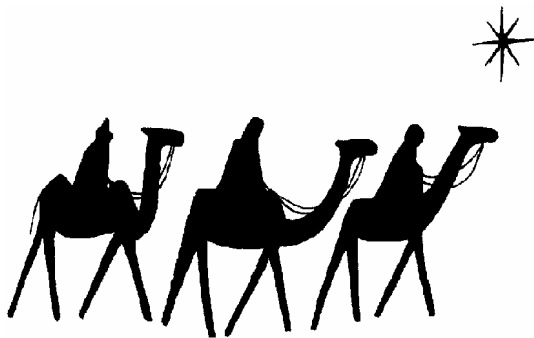
What about their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh? While we cannot know for sure what was in the minds of first century Magi, one Victorian scholar has offered a possible explanation as to the significance of their gifts. He was the Rev John Henry Hopkins, an American Episcopalian minister, who in 1857 wrote his much-loved Christmas carol: 'We Three Kings of Orient Are'.

Gold, said John Henry Hopkins, was a gift that would have been given to a king. Frankincense had traditionally been brought by priests as their worshipped God in the Temple. Myrrh was a spice that the ancients used in preparing bodies for burial.

If that is true, then you could say that the Wise Men, in choosing their gifts for this infant, honoured Jesus with gold because he was King of the Jews, with frankincense because he was to be worshipped as divine; and with myrrh, because he would also become a sacrifice and die for his people.

The Wise Men were the very first gentiles ever to worship Jesus. What faith they had! They travelled for months over difficult terrain, they never saw any evidence of Jesus' kingship, his divinity or his sacrificial death. They worshipped him through faith in God's promises about him. Isaiah foresaw this response to Jesus: 'Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.' The Magi's eyes of faith saw clearly and far into the future.

Compare that with the High Priest and religious leaders whom the Wise Men saw in Jerusalem when they first arrived. These head priests knew all about the prophecies of their own coming Messiah, but NOT ONE Jewish religious leader travelled to look for him in Bethlehem. And it is only six miles down the road!



Come and join us on
Sunday 4th January
at 10.00 am

**The Epiphany
of our Lord**

**Family
Communion**



**Sunday 1st February
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*



NEWS FROM CROSS HILLS & DISTRICT FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES



Incredibly with such weather, the Christmas Nativity came to Sutton. The Archangel Gabriel appeared in the Bay Horse car park and scared the life out of Mary, who only recovered when she understood the tremendous honour being bestowed on her of bearing God's Son. She rushed over to Joseph to tell him the good news, but he thought the worst and sent her packing. Gabriel interrupted Joseph's dream to sort



him out, so that he had to go to Mary and eat humble pie. Needless to say she took her time before accepting him back. They then set off on the long journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Joseph hired a real live donkey at the Bay Horse, found there was no room at the King's Arms and as there was no room at the Black Bull was directed to their stable (the covered seating in the park).

Everyone arrived in the park to find the shepherds sitting around their brazier. They were astounded when Gabriel appeared to them and even more so when the star angel appeared with a host of little angels showing them the glory of God and telling them the good news of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem. The shepherds rushed down to Bethlehem to see this thing that had come to pass and worshipped the baby Jesus.



The Magi came up from the pavilion and offered their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

The highlight of the Nativity for me was to see the little angels excitedly surrounding the shepherds and lighting up the final stable tableau spectacularly. Many thanks to the cast, the pubs, musicians, costume department, stewards, local council and all who gave permissions or were involved in making it such a magical experience; not to forget the audience who supported us in such dreadful weather.

Peter Bannister



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

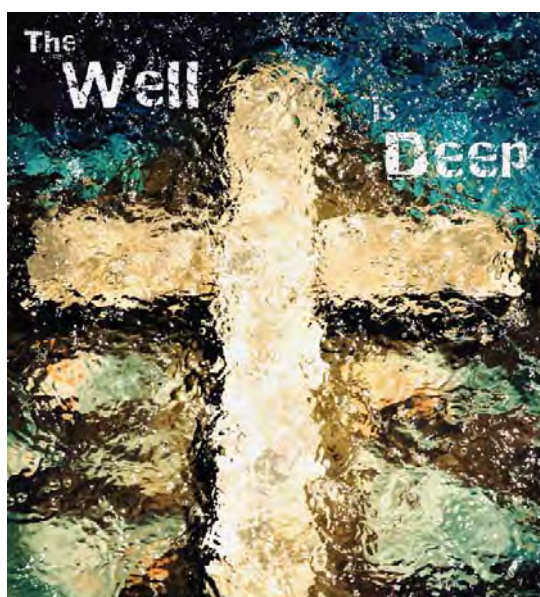
A hot and dusty day, a stranger stops at a well for a drink. A meeting with an inquisitive woman becomes a turning point and a transformative one. It is a meeting where old suspicions, hurts and hatreds are never far away: a Jew and a Samaritan discuss what divides them. It is a meeting where ancient conventions around gender inequality are unexpectedly challenged.

Could this have been avoided? No, for Jesus was compelled to go through Samaria and in that journey he encountered a woman by a well where he asked her for a drink.

Conversations such as these have the potential to change people and how they view one another. One of the most important things we can say about our ecumenical life together is how our pilgrimage together has transformed and deepened our faith and also changed how we view our Christian sisters and brothers from other churches and traditions. Can this journey be avoided? No, because we too are called by God to travel in this direction.

The churches of Brazil have given us a powerful image for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, one that reminds us of what we have learnt on our ecumenical journey, but one that challenges us to go deeper in our understanding of one another as we pray for unity of all Christians as Christ himself prayed.

Revd Bob Fyffe, General Secretary, Churches Together in Britain and Ireland



This year's theme comes to us from the churches of Brazil. Brazilians, who have traditionally been tolerant of their various social classes and ethnic groups, are now living through a time of growing intolerance made manifest in high levels of violence, especially against minorities and the vulnerable - black people, the young, homosexual people, people practising Afro-Brazilian religion, women and indigenous people.

The logic that undergirds this kind of behaviour is competition for the religious market. Increasingly, in Brazil, some Christian groups compete with one another for a place on the mass media, for new members and for public funds.

This situation has affected the life of traditional Christian confessions, which have experienced a reduction in their membership. It has encouraged the idea that a strong and dynamic church is a church that has a high number of members. As a result, there is a tendency among some traditional churches to distance themselves from the search for visible Christian unity.

This market-driven Christianity is investing in party politics and, in some cases, creating its own political parties. It is allying itself with specific interest groups such

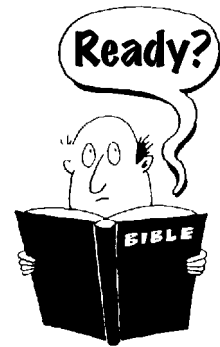
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Editor: This recipe was found in Becket News, No 57, January 2014, Bulletin of the Hamburg Anglican Church. We found www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/ to be helpful when looking up the verses in a hurry! And for really impatient cooks, the answers on page 27!

Biblical Cooking

If you can prepare this dish without looking up the references in the Bible, you should be on Mastermind! It is suggested the Authorised Version is used.



Ingredients :

- 1 ½ lb of Judges 5:25 (end);
- 2 ½ lb of Jeremiah 6:20;
- 3 1 tablespoon of 1 Samuel 14:25;
- 4 3 of Jeremiah 17:11;
- 5 ½ lb of 1 Samuel 30:12;
- 6 ½ lb of Nahum 3:12 (chopped);
- 7 2 oz of Numbers 17:8 (blanched and chopped);
- 8 1 lb of 1 Kings 4:22;
- 9 2 Chronicles 9:9;
- 10 a pinch of Leviticus 2:13;
- 11 1 teaspoonful of Amos 4:5
- 12 3 tablespoons of Judges 4:19

Preparation:

Mix 8, 9, 10 and 11, and put them aside.
 Beat 1, 2 and 3 to a cream.
 Still beating add 4, one at a time.
 Then add 5, 6 and 7 and beat again.
 Then add 12. Bake in a low oven for 1½ hours

From the registers

Funerals

Monday 22nd December Julie Kendrew, formerly of Townend Close, Cross Hills

Prayer page

New Year's Prayers

Lord, You make all things new
You bring hope alive in our hearts
And cause our Spirits to be born again.

Thank you for this new year
For all the potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us
A mighty flame
So that in our time, many will see the
wonders of God
And live forever to praise Your glorious
name.
Amen

What shall I ask for the coming year
What shall my watchword be
What should thou do for me, dear Lord
What can I do for thee?

Lord, I would ask for a holy year
Spent in thy perfect will
Help me to walk in thy very steps
Help me to please thee still.

Lord, I would ask for a trustful year
Give me thy faith divine
Taking my full inheritance
Making thy fulness mine!

Lord, I would ask for a year of love
O let me love thee best
Give me the love that faileth not
Beneath the hardest test.

Lord, I would ask for a year of prayer
Teach me to walk with thee
Breathe in my heart the Spirit's prayer
Pray thou thy prayer in me!

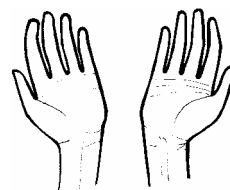
Lord, I would ask for the dying world
Stretch forth thy mighty hand
Thy truth proclaim, thy power display
This year in every land.

Lord, I would ask for a year of joy
Thy peace, thy joy divine
Springing undimmed through all the days
Be thy days of shade or shine.

Lord, I ask for a year of hope
Looking for thee to come
And hastening on that year of years
That brings us home to you.

Prayers for the Parish & Word Church

The next monthly meeting to pray for the parish and worldwide Church will take place on Monday 26th January in the parish rooms from 7.00pm until 8.30pm. We will use material prepared for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. For more information contact Robin Figg, 633307.



Church Rotas

Date	Sidespersons	Intercessor	Communion
4 January Epiphany	(Joan and Barry Houghton) David Baxter	Lesley Hudson	Michael and Christine
11 January Baptism of Christ	Marie Stinson Peter McNeill	Shirley Hoskins	Sandie and John
18 January Second Sunday of Epiphany	Christine Anderton Ann Mosley June Whitaker	Di Halliday	Christine and Peter
25 January Third Sunday of Epiphany	John Mitchell Michael Baxter Sandie Walton Kath Morris	Michael Baumber	Sue and Sandie

Flower Rota January

4th	Vacant	18th	Vacant
11th	Glyn Evans	25th	Michael Baxter

Brass Cleaning January /February	Sandie Walton and Lesley Bannister
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Church Cleaning: January/February

Due to several people leaving the rota due to ill health or moving away it is becoming very difficult to arrange the monthly cleaning of the church.

I think the best way forward is if all the remaining people on the rota agree a date to clean the church on a 2 monthly basis. This will ensure the church is cleaned regularly and will not be too much work for any individuals.

The remaining faithful few on the rota are:

Sylvia Ackroyd, Sylvia Clark Christine Hutchinson
June Whitaker, Mary Peake, Lesley Hudson Christine Anderton

If you would like to help either on a one-off basis or regularly please contact Lesley Hudson. I will be in touch to arrange a time for January's clean.

Readers Rota

4 January Epiphany	Isaiah 60.1-6 Matthew 2.1-12	Sylvia Clark Michael Baumber
11 January Baptism of Christ	Acts 19.1-7 Mark 1.4-11	Katharine Calvert Marjorie Gee
18 January Second Sunday of Epiphany	1 Samuel 3.1-10 Revelation 5.1-10 John 1.43-end	John Mitchell Kathryn Morris Christine Anderton
25 January Third Sunday of Epiphany	Genesis 14.17-20 Revelation 19.6-10 John 2.1-11	Lesley Hudson Marie Stinson Lesley Bannister



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	



Sun 4 th Jan	THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD 10.00am Family Communion
Sun 11 th Jan	THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD 10.00am Parish Communion with Baptism
Mon 26 th Jan	7.00pm Prayers for the Parish & World Church (Parish Rooms)
Tue 27 th Jan	6.30pm PCC meeting (Parish Rooms)
Sun 1 st Feb	THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE 10.00am Family Communion with Christingles
Fri 6 th Feb	2.45pm Kildwick School collective worship in church
Wed 18 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)
Tue 24 th Feb	7.30pm Deanery Synod
Mon 2 nd Mar	6.00pm Kildwick School Governors meeting (School)

Sunday Services at Kildwick

Morning Prayer will be said in church at 7.30am Monday to Wednesday & Friday
Midweek Eucharist on Wednesdays at 9.30am (in the Parish Rooms)

4 January Epiphany	8.15 am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion
11 January Baptism of Christ	8.15 am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion with Baptism
18 January Second Sunday of Epiphany	8.15 am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion
25 January Third Sunday of Epiphany	8.15 am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion

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as big landowners, agro-business and the financial markets. Thus, the ecumenical logic of breaking down the walls of division is replaced by the protection of denominational interests.

Although the 2010 Census shows that 86.8% of the Brazilian population identify themselves as Christian, the country has very high rates of violence. A high rate of Christian affiliation does not seem to translate into a respect for human dignity.

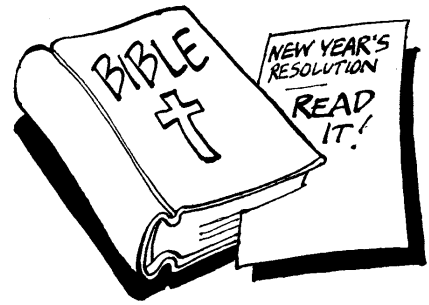
The Brazilian churches have begun to recognise that intolerance should be dealt with in a positive way - respecting diversity and promoting dialogue as a permanent path of reconciliation and peace in fidelity to the gospel. We can share this recognition.

Although the competition between churches is less obvious in our islands than it is in Brazil, as is the level of violence against minorities, we are well aware that competition and violent discrimination lie beneath the surface of our lives together. Jesus challenges us to acknowledge that diversity is part of God's design, to approach one another in trust and to see the face of God in the face of all men and women, whoever they may be.

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

Achieving your resolution in 2015

Every year millions of people do it - make New Year Resolutions. The most common resolves are to give up smoking or to achieve some planned weight loss. They embark on the enterprise on 1st January, but we all suspect that by the end of the month they'll be back on the fags or have resumed tucking into the burgers.



The problem is little to do with a failure of will-power, but simply that in both cases they are tilting at windmills: a serious chemical addiction, and a very natural human desire for rich food - 'marrow and fatness', as the Psalmist called it. Those who do succeed have usually had recourse to vital support, either (where smoking is concerned) medical help from a clinic or surgery, and where dieting is concerned a group like Weight-watchers or the constant vigilance of friends or family. Once achieved, the goal is often then maintained, certainly where smoking is concerned.

So are 'resolutions' useless? Do they simply expect too much of us - indeed, more than unaided human will-power can achieve? I suspect that in the case of smoking and weight loss 'unaided' is the key word. Both resolutions require that external help (though I do have friends who have managed it without). For many people that 'external help' can be prayer - their own, and that of their supporters.

The trouble with failed resolutions is that we may then feel that the cause is lost forever. We've done our best, and it wasn't good enough. We label ourselves hopeless cases, and order the next packet of cigarettes or a box of doughnuts. In truth, taking on smoking or slimming in the context of an individual new year resolution is a bit like swimming the channel - not impossible, but jolly difficult. (And if at this moment you're trying to do it, I salute you and hope and pray that you succeed.)

But what about other resolutions? Experience tells us that there is a better chance of success if we set ourselves, initially at least, more modest but important goals. How about a resolution not to complain about the weather? Or to go to bed at a sensible time? Or to smile at the neighbour who keeps putting his bin where mine should go? Or to say 'thanks' to the bus driver as I get off?

On a slightly more exalted level, why not a resolution to make time every day for reflection, prayer and perhaps a short Bible reading? Or to go back to church (if we've stopped going) or be a bit more positive about it if we haven't?

'Resolution' has two meanings: a 'resolve' to do something, and the result of doing it (the 'resolution' of the problem). Perhaps it might help all of us if we concentrated on the latter rather than the former this New Year, keeping our eyes on that desirable goal rather than the difficulties of getting there. As the RAF motto says, *Per Ardua ad Astra* - through challenge to the heights

The Village Pump

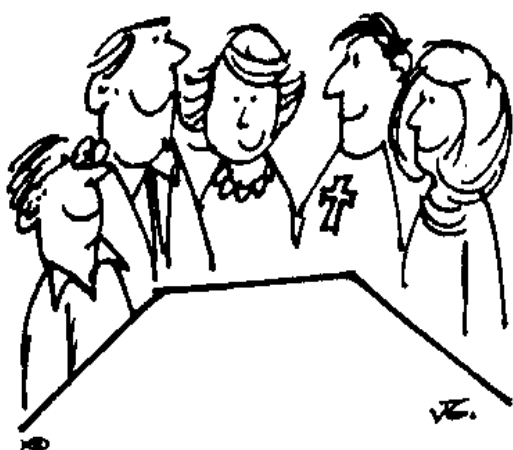
*A meeting Place for over 50's
Every Wednesday 2.00-3.30 pm*

Farnhill Methodist Church (in the foyer)

Farnhill Methodist Church holds a Coffee Morning

from 10—11.30 am on the second Saturday of each month.
There is a cake stall, greetings cards, bric-a-brac and paintings on sale. It is a regular date for many villagers and for visitors from around the area.
All are welcome.

St Andrew's Pastoral Care Group



Want someone
to talk to?

Lonely?

Need some
help?

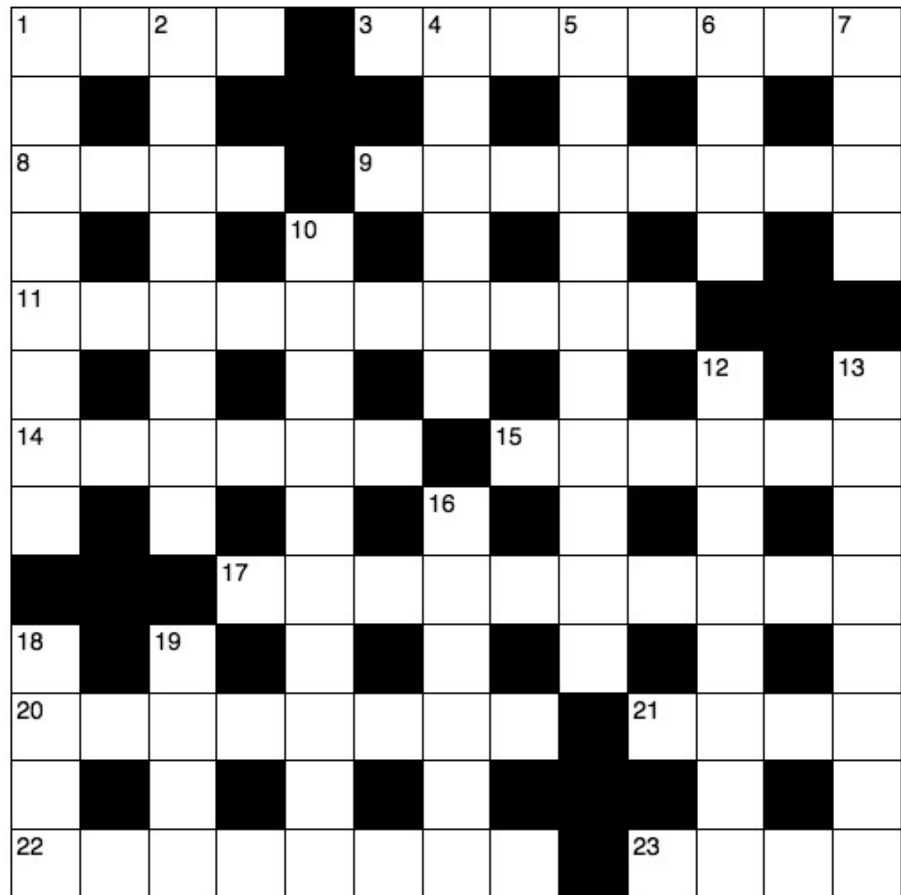
Call June on
01535 655320

Need a
listening ear?

Crossword Clues for January 2015

Across

- 1 'Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a — began to crow' (John 18:27) (4)
 3 Fetters (Job 33:11) (8)
 8 Perform on a musical instrument (1 Samuel 16:23) (4)
 9 Paul describes it as 'the third heaven' (2 Corinthians 12:2-4) (8)
 11 Loyally (Deuteronomy 11:13) (10)
 14 Hens? Me? (anag.) (6)
 15 Not visible (Matthew 6:6) (6)
 17 Predicted site of the final great battle (Revelation 16:16) (10)
 20 Jacob's youngest son (Genesis 35:18) (8)
 21 One of Zophar's eleven sons (1 Chronicles 7:36) (4)
 22 For example, London, Paris, Rome (8)
 23 United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (1,1,1,1)



Down

- 1 Favourite church activity: Fellowship round a — — — (3,2,3)
 2 Divinely bestowed powers or talents (8)
 4 Pile together (1 Thessalonians 2:16) (4,2)
 5 Commanded to justify (John 8:13) (10)
 6 Timothy's grandmother (2 Timothy 1:5) (4)
 7 Killed (Psalm 78:34) (4)
 10 One of Graham Kendrick's best-known songs, — — King (3,7)
 12 Indecency (Mark 7:22) (8)
 13 Unceasing (Jeremiah 15:18) (8)
 16 He prophesied 'the abomination that causes desolation' (Matthew 24:15) (6)
 18 British Board of Film Classification (1,1,1,1)
 19 Pans (anag.) (4)

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FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL SUMMARY OF DRAFT MINUTES

The meeting of Farnhill Parish Council was held on the 2nd December 2014 in Kildwick/Farnhill Institute. The meeting was chaired by Counc. G Harling. Four members of the council were present plus the Clerk and two members of the public. The minutes of the meeting held on the 4th November were approved by the Council and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

The residents of No 36 Main Street asked the Parish Council if they would consider renting them a plot of land at the rear of their property in order for them to keep the area tidy and perhaps have a bench and grow a few vegetables. The plot of land has been let on a previous occasion to earlier occupiers. The Parish Council did not have any immediate objections but stated they would consider the proposal at the next meeting.

Darren Griffiths the team leader for traffic engineering at NYCC has provided a drawing for the proposed pedestrian refuge and has stated that the work will cost in the region of £16,000 but will have to wait until the beginning of the new financial year before implementation. He has requested that we inform him of our thoughts on the proposal and if we are happy with this option, whether we are willing to contribute as discussed on site. The Parish Council resolved that more information was needed on the operation of the junction before a decision could be made. Clerk to ask for the gap analysis and stop analysis reports which were promised after the public meeting in April and also a report on the footage from the camera that was placed at the junction. A decision was also made that we needed to have another meeting with Cononley Parish Council in order to come to a mutual decision and also to ask the views of Kildwick Parish Meeting. An article will also be placed on the website to enable any residents of the village to put forward their comments.

Craven are carrying out a review of the Register of Members' Interest for all Parish Councils and have asked that all Councillors inform them of any amendments required. They would also like to remind members of their duty to keep their registrations up to date and that any changes should be notified to the monitoring officer within 28 days of the change taking place.

The Parish Council were informed that an extra £15.00 was required for the contribution towards the cost of repairing the south facing wall at the Peggy Wilson Trust Playing Field due to a Vat charge which was overlooked. The Parish Council **resolved** to pay the extra amount.

Craven Community Safety Partnership are researching several options on how to deal with nuisance activities and will be discussing issues at a meeting in December. They will inform the parish Council outcome of the meeting.

The Canal & River Trust have agreed to provide a license to install a permanent feeder pillar to supply electric for the Christmas Tree and are in the process of

drawing up a license. The cost of the license will be £100. The Parish Council will then just need to gain permission to install a tree each year, but the Canal & River Trust have said there will not be a problem with this and it will just be confirmed by e-mail to save on costs of drawing up a permanent 12 year agreement for the tree which would cost roughly £1000.00. Unfortunately it will be too late for this Christmas and will hopefully get done for next year.

The yearly inspection of the Play Area has been carried out by ROSPA and there are no items causing immediate concern. A few issues were raised but these were marked as low risk. Counc R Bramley will fill the gaps which have been caused by shrinkage of the wet pour with kiln sand to alleviate the trip hazard.

DTMS who were employed to carry out clearance work at the Arbour have confirmed that when the Parish Council & volunteers have finished the clearance work at the Arbour they will clear away the debris.

A Councillor stated that the Council had adopted and agreed some time ago to follow Dr Canway's report for the Arbour and that the recent plan provided by the supplier for the plants was not in agreement with the earlier report.

The next stage of work at the Arbour is to finish strimming the brambles and to plant the area on the left and to continue clearing the undergrowth from the middle section in preparation for some more planting but leaving the big clumps of ivy. The Council have been informed that they may be able to get a grant from Craven District Council to go towards the cost of work needed to the path, steps and handrail for the path which goes up the middle of the Arbour. Counc M Scarffe to draw up a specification for the work and Clerk to get some quotes for the work.

The builder working at Craglands has rectified some of the damage done at Arbour Top, but has not repaired the edges of the track which were broken away by the heavy vehicles, which he did agree to repair. Clerk to write and ask him to complete the work.

The Parish Council discussed the draft budget account which was prepared by the Clerk and put forward some adjustments. Clerk to make the necessary amendments and pass around before the next meeting to reconsider before setting the precept.
Review of Rents & Contracts to go on the agenda for the January meeting

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 6TH JANUARY 2014 IN
KILDWICK/FARNHILL INSTITUTE AT 7.30PM
All members of the village are welcome to attend**



The Birds in Your Garden



What do a million birds on the move look like?

It must have been spectacular on the other side of the North Sea when an amazing 3,000,000 (yes there are six noughts) Woodpigeons were counted migrating southwards through the Netherlands and Belgium. Even here in the UK, in November, 202,000 were counted in three hours, moving south-west over Portskewett, Gwent.

The crisp, clear conditions and light easterly airflow in late October were perfect for a Woodpigeon spectacular, and those who witnessed it weren't disappointed.

Not only is the number of birds spending their winters in the UK a lot bigger than most of us think, but so is the variety of species involved. Some are quite obvious, such as Redwings or Fieldfares, but others such as Blackbirds, Starlings and Robins involve a more subtle increase in our resident population. Many migratory species are not commonly seen in our gardens, whilst others, such as Redpolls and Waxwings will only visit feeders if they cannot find food in the countryside.

Up to the time of writing, with the temperature relatively warm and few frosts, there haven't been many cold weather movements; we shall have to wait a while to find out what sort of winter lies in wait for us, and how the birds will react.

Nevertheless, given some easterly airflows combined with falling temperatures on the continent we should see more birds on the move. Thrushes, such as Redwings, Fieldfares and Blackbirds, are always favourites, and we should soon see various finches arriving too, hopefully including Bramblings alongside the usual Goldfinches, Greenfinches and Chaffinches. Also on their way will be Robins, Starlings, Goldcrests and Firecrests, and if food is short, Waxwings.

But where were the migrants last winter? Numbers were noticeably lower compared to 2012/13, with Redwings down by half and Fieldfares by three-quarters. No Waxwings were reported, and the migration of species such as Starlings and Blackbirds was much reduced. This was presumably due to the mild weather and a good berry crop across the Continent.

Will this summer's breeding success lead to there being more birds next season?

That isn't an easy question to answer. The fate of our migrant birds is dependent on more than just their breeding success. If the conditions on their wintering grounds are favourable then we'll hopefully see a good number of this year's young returning to breed next year. However, many long-distance migrants are in long-term decline, and we need to understand their ecology outside the UK just as well as we do when they are here. Thanks to the satellite tracking work of the BTO and others, we're

building a better picture of what is happening to them.

With such highs and lows, it'll be exciting to see what this winter brings!

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

Redwing and Brambling photograph by John Harding



bookSWAP: Read It, Swap It

Some will remember the lending library we used to have in St Andrew's church. We would like to have another go at encouraging you to read books that will help you on your journey of faith.



If you are looking for something to read, take a look at the **bookSWAP** table in the south aisle.

If you have books at home that you have enjoyed but no longer need, please bring them to add to the table so others can enjoy them as you have.



BABUSHKA

Once in Russia, there was a woman called Babushka. Her house was perfect because she was always cleaning. One night, a star appeared above the village: everyone rushed outside to see it but Babushka missed it because she was too busy sweeping and polishing.

Three Kings came to the village following the star. Babushka invited them into her house and cared for them very well. As they left, the Kings asked her to join them on their journey. They were following the star to find the new-born King of Kings, the baby Jesus. Babushka wanted to follow them - she promised to catch them up, as soon as the house was tidy. It was days before the house was clean and then she set off, carrying a basket of toys for the baby.

But she was so far behind and when she arrived in Bethlehem, the kings and the baby had gone. So, still to this day, Babushka travels the world with her basket of toys, leaving them as presents for good children, just in case the child is Jesus.

PUTTING THINGS OFF

Sometimes we put things off because other things are more important to us, or because we are too frightened to start something that is different. There is a word for putting things off until tomorrow, it is

PROCRASTINATION

How many words can you make out of the letters of this word? Try today and don't put it off!

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What do you call a magic dog?

A Labracadabrador.

Where does the three legged horse live?

In the unstable.

What's small and cuddly and bright purple?

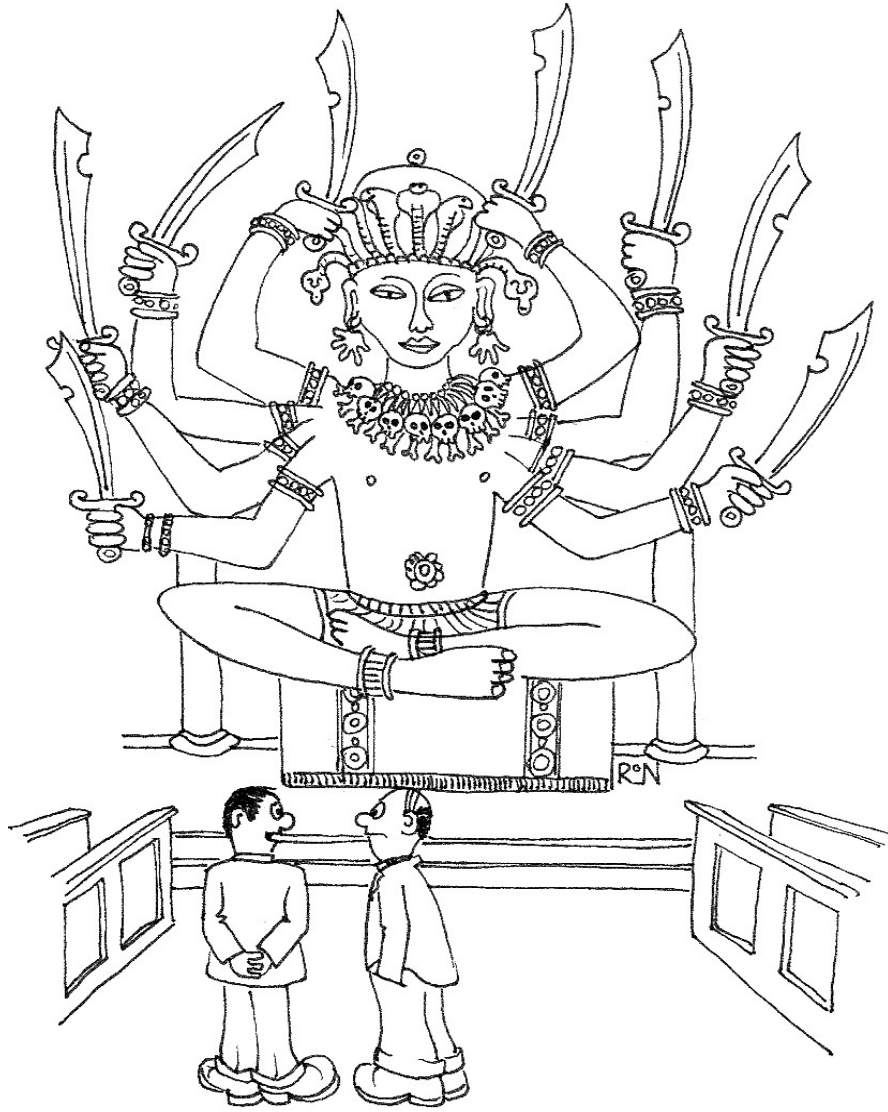
A koala holding his breath!

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Babushka is the Russian word for 'grandmother'. Some Russian nesting dolls are called Babushkas, but mostly they are called 'Matryoshka' which means 'mother'.



back p a r a d i s e



*"Strictly speaking", said the Archdeacon
"You should have applied for a faculty"*

Crossword answers

ACROSS: 1, Cock. 3, Shackles. 8, Play. 9, Paradise. 11, Faithfully. 14, Enmesh. 15, Unseen. 17, Armageddon. 20, Benjamin. 21, Beri. 22, Capitals. 23, USPG.

DOWN: 1, Cup of tea. 2, Charisma. 4, Heap up. 5, Challenged. 6, Lois. 7, Slew. 10, The Servant. 12, Lewdness. 13, Unending. 16, Daniel. 18, BBFC. 19, Snap.

Answers to Bible cooking clues: 1 butter; 2 sugar; 3 honey; 4 eggs; 5 raisins; 6 figs; 7 almonds; 8 flour; 9 spices; 10 salt; 11 Leaven may be taken as baking powder or as yeast; 12 milk

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