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# **St Andrew's Church Kildwick**

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

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## **JUNE 2016**

### **Parish Mission Statement**

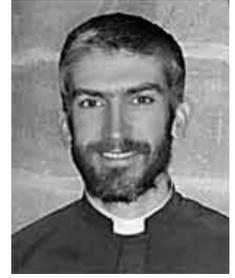
Called to be the body of Christ,  
we are here to share God's love with all people,  
through outreach and service,  
in our community and in the world,  
through the power of the Holy Spirit

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Dear friends,

The month of June brings the Church into what is known as 'Ordinary Time'. After the great 50 days celebrating Easter, the Ascension and Pentecost, with the church adorned with the beautiful Easter garden, the Easter candle lit at every service and the joyful proclamation of 'Alleluia, Christ is risen', our surroundings and our worship return to a gentler pace. The colour of Ordinary Time is green, the colour of nature and the everyday world around us.



But, although we may have moved on from the intensity of the Easter season, this does not mean our life of worship and our activities become ordinary and mundane; far from it! For the Christian Church every Sunday is like a little Easter, a joyful celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. Every act of worship for the Christian community is a time to renew our commitment to explore what it means to be followers of Jesus.

The gentler pace of Ordinary Time is not, of course, reflected in the life of the world around us. The people of God remain rooted in the life of the world with the call to engage in all the busyness and messiness of the world around us.

Right now most of us are wrestling with the big questions concerning the future of the United Kingdom and our relationship with the people of Europe depending on the result of the referendum on 23<sup>rd</sup> June which will decide whether we remain a member of the European Union or leave.

As we draw nearer to the day when each of us must make a decision and cast our vote, it does feel that this is going to be a highly significant moment in all our lives. As we came to vote how will you reach your decision on which way to vote: In or Out? What will be the dominant issues that will sway you one way or the other? Who else will you be thinking about when you mark your 'X'.

It is clear that, like all big political debates, the quality of presentation from both sides of the argument has too often been less than edifying. Bishop Nick has commented: "A decision to remain or leave should at least be informed and based on an assessment of risk, benefit and hope; but, the current trading of untestable assertion and personal ridicule – looked at in astonishment by some of our neighbouring media - simply reinforces outside perceptions of just how impoverished our political discourse has become".

I liked the following statement seen on Twitter: "The best advert for voting Leave is the Remain campaign. The best advert for voting Remain is the Leave campaign."

Because the result of the Referendum will affect each of our futures at an individual, personal level, it is perhaps difficult to take a step back and think about what might be in the best interests of others. How do we make sure we don't lose sight of our being in relationship with all of humankind, not just those near and dear to us?

The Director of the London School of Economics, Craig Colhoun, wrote recently: "We have trouble putting things properly in the focus of attention. We find it hard, I'd suggest, first, to articulate a sense of purpose greater than instrumental self-interest. Second, to articulate a shared identity that is strong enough really to bind us to each other and at the same time capacious enough to recognise differences among us. And third, to articulate our relationship to history and the future, and thus to time beyond the most short-term, immediate and even ephemeral engagements."

Bishop Nick reiterated these points in saying, "Who is articulating a bigger vision for

what the UK might become in the world of which we are inextricably a part – a vision that goes beyond mere self-interest or short-term utilitarian individualism?”

This, surely, is the question. How do we hold on to the bigger picture of our One World? How do we hold on to the message of the Gospel, the good news, of the risen, crucified Jesus whose teaching exhorts us to care for the ‘other’, the stranger, the foreigner, the victim?

What does it need to mean for us to hold on to an understanding of God as the God who is calling us forward into a new life, a new kingdom, new creation and a new identity? In Jesus God comes to meet us and reveals God’s self to us as:

- A God of love, not fear,
- a God of inclusivity, not exclusivity,
- a God of forgiveness, not condemnation,
- a God of adoption, not of rejection,
- a God of community not independence,
- a God who is with us, not apart from us,
- a God who is for us, not against us,
- a God who is relational not autocratic,
- a God who calls us in to partnership, not a god who imposes god’s will on us.

On 23rd June keep this vision of God in mind as you seek to shape our future..

May God bless you now and always.

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## Stitching the Cathedral

Do you enjoy sewing? Would you like to have a go at something new? Would you like to be involved in a project in Bradford Cathedral? Do any of these questions intrigue you even slightly?

If your answer to any of this is “Yes!”, then I may have an answer. I am involved with the Friends of Bradford Cathedral, who have undertaken to complete the final part of the major textiles project of the last two or three years. That project has seen beautiful new altar frontals, pulpit falls etc, designed by Polly Meynell and made specifically for the Cathedral. There is a set for each of the seasons of the church’s year, inspired by Polly’s vision of the city of Bradford. Each set is now in regular use – and they are spectacular!

The final part of the project was overtaken by the departure of Canon Sam Corley to pastures new in Leeds. During a Friends’ Day at the Cathedral, we were invited to do a little stitching of the canvaswork kneelers designed for the high altar. From those few minutes grew the plan for the Friends of the Cathedral to undertake the completion of these kneelers – a project which will take some time!!

A group meets on Tuesday afternoon every fortnight in the Cathedral from 1.00pm till 3.00pm. There are experienced stitchers and those who are making this their debut. There are always at least two people who know what they are doing, so if you are inexperienced, you need not worry, because help and friendly advice is readily available. There are even refreshments!

Part of the vision was for this to be not just a Cathedral Project, but a community one. If you are at all interested, please have a word with me or just turn up at the Cathedral. I can give you a lift if transport is a problem. The next session is 7<sup>th</sup> June and the sessions are planned for every fortnight till 4<sup>th</sup> December. Come and see!

*Jill Wright*

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## The story behind the hymn: Lord, for the years

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,  
 urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,  
 sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:  
 Lord for the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,  
 speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,  
 teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:  
 Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our hopes, the dreams of all our living,  
 Christ and his kingdom one united aim;  
 Rulers and peoples bound in high thanksgiving,  
 Lord of our hopes, our trust is in your Name.



*By Timothy Dudley Smith*

This well-loved hymn was written in 1967 by the Reverend Timothy Dudley-Smith, who later became Bishop of Thetford. He later confessed: "I wrote it on a train when I was very pressed for time. I'm thankful if something I write gets picked up, but I suspect anyone who does something in a rush later regrets that they didn't find time to apply the sandpaper a bit more!"

Dudley-Smith had been asked to write a hymn for the centenary service of the Children's Special Service Mission, now Scripture Union, in St Paul's Cathedral. His commission was to write words that could be fitted to Jean Sibelius's *Finlandia*, as it was to be accompanied by an orchestra with this tune in their repertoire. And so – 'Lord for the years' was written.

Dudley-Smith need not have worried about lack of time – his lyrics were a 'hit' in the cathedral on the day, and went on to become so well-loved that George Carey chose the hymn to be sung at his consecration as Bishop of Bath and Wells, and then again later, in 1991, at his consecration as Archbishop in Canterbury Cathedral.

The hymn continued to be widely sung and loved, until in 2002 Timothy Dudley-Smith was asked to write an extra verse for it so that it could even be sung around the time of the Queen's Golden Jubilee.

Many of the words in the hymn are true for the Queen herself, as she celebrates her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday this month. She does indeed thank God 'for the years your love has kept and guided, urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way'...

And so indeed the 'extra' verse added for the Queen has also held true:

Lord for our hopes, the dreams of all our living,  
 Christ and his kingdom one united aim,  
 Rulers and peoples bound in high thanksgiving,  
 Lord of our hopes, our trust is in your Name.



# Summer Fair

# Kildwick

Church Green

Saturday 25th June

12noon - 3pm

 **Live music by**   
**Dales Jam**

*A community event organised jointly by:*

Kildwick CE  
Primary School



St Andrew's  
Church

Kildwick and Farnhill Village Institute

## All in the month of JUNE

It was:

- ◆ 125 years ago:- on 9<sup>th</sup> June 1891 that Cole Porter was born. This American composer and lyricist was one of the most successful Broadway songwriters of the 1930s. Noted for: Anything Goes, I Get a Kick Out of You, Begin the Beguine, etc.
  - ◆ 100 years ago:- on 5<sup>th</sup> June 1916 that Herbert Kitchener, 1<sup>st</sup> Earl Kitchener (Lord Kitchener), British Army officer, field marshal and colonial administrator, died. He was Secretary of State for War 1914-16 and is best known today for his appearance on the iconic posters which encouraged men to sign up for army service.
  - ◆ 90 years ago:- on 1<sup>st</sup> June 1926 that Marilyn Monroe was born. The iconic film actress, model, singer and sex symbol starred in Gentlemen Prefer Blondes, The Seven Year Itch, Bus Stop, Some Like It Hot, etc.
  - ◆ 80 years ago:- on 14<sup>th</sup> June 1936 that G K Chesterton died. This British novelist, short story writer, journalist, essayist and theologian was known for his stories about the priest-detective Father Brown.
  - ◆ 75 years ago:- from 22<sup>nd</sup> June to 5<sup>th</sup> December 1941 that Operation Barbarossa, the German invasion of the Soviet Union took place. This largest military operation in history ended in a Soviet victory – the German invaders were repelled when they reached Moscow and then driven out of the country by a Soviet counter-attack.
  - ◆ 60 years ago:- on 16<sup>th</sup> June 1956 that British poet Ted Hughes married American poet and writer Sylvia Plath.
  - ◆ 50 years ago:- on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1966 that NASA's space probe Surveyor 1 landed on the Moon to collect data for the Apollo programme. It was the first U.S. craft to soft-land on another extra-terrestrial body.
  - ◆ 40 years ago:- on 16<sup>th</sup> June 1976 that the Soweto uprising took place in South Africa when up to 20,000 black high school students held a protest rally in the streets of Soweto. Police opened fire, killing between 176 and 700 of them. More than 1000 were injured.
  - ◆ 30 years ago:- on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1986 that the 'Hand of God' goal took place when Argentine football player Diego Maradona scored a goal against England using his hand in the quarter-final of the 1986 FIFA World Cup in Mexico City. (The referee mistakenly thought he had used his head, and so allowed the goal. England was knocked out of the World Cup as a result and Argentina went on to win.)
  - ◆ 25 years ago:- on 12<sup>th</sup> June 1991 that Boris Yeltsin became the first directly elected President of Russia.
  - ◆ 20 years ago:- on 15<sup>th</sup> June 1996 that the centre of Manchester was devastated by an IRA bomb. 200 people were injured and the city centre had to be redeveloped because of the immense amount of damage.
  - ◆ 15 years ago:- on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2001 that Tony Blair won a second consecutive landslide victory in the British general election.
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# *Choral Evensong*

*in celebration of  
Queen Elizabeth II's 90th Birthday*

Sung by Epiphany Singers  
Directed by Paul Dewhurst



Sunday 12th June 2016, 6:00pm

St Andrew's Church, Kildwick  
BD20 9BB

All Welcome



## The church clock

Those of us who live in 'earshot' of Kildwick Church may have noticed that the church clock has not been striking for the last couple of weeks.

We have recently had the annual service of the mechanism and the engineer identified a damaged click pawl and barrel assembly which requires removal of the barrel assembly and repair at the company's workshops. Unfortunately this will cost £894.

The PCC Standing Committee have discussed the matter and agreed that this repair is essential given the status of the church clock including its audible striking as part of the fabric of our Grade 1 church building and its setting within the local community.

We are appealing to anyone who appreciates the sound of the clock marking out the quarters, half hours and hours throughout the day and night to consider making a donation to help the PCC pay for the repair.

Donations can be left at the Vicarage labelled 'for the clock' (cheques payable to St Andrew's Church, Kildwick).

Thank you in anticipation of your support.



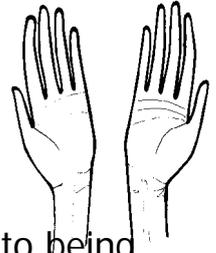
## Tea and Scones



**Tea and Scones** are served in the Parish Rooms, next to Kildwick Church every Sunday afternoon from 2.30pm until 4.30pm until the end of September. A warm welcome awaits our regular and new customers.

**If you are able to help by hosting an afternoon, baking scones or church sitting so that our historic church can be open for visitors please sign the list in church or contact Lesley Hudson on 01535 523291**

# Prayer page



The warmth of the sun's embrace,  
 the gentle breeze swept in by  
 incoming tide,  
 the rhythm of seasons,  
 of new birth,  
 death and recreation.  
 All these speak so clearly of your love,  
 your power  
 and your beauty.  
 All are expressions of your creativity,  
 and more importantly of yourself.  
 As an artist might share his personality  
 within each brushstroke,  
 so within the myriad colours of a  
 butterfly's wing  
 you share the exuberance of your  
 love. Amen

Creator God  
 who breathed this world into being,  
 who is discernible within  
 the harmony of nature,  
 the perfection of a butterfly's wing,  
 the grandeur of a mountain range,  
 the soaring eagle and humming bird,  
 thank you for this world  
 which you have created.  
 Thank you for summer sun,  
 which reminds us  
 that your creative breath  
 is still alive and active.  
 Thank you for the warmth of your  
 love,  
 sustaining this world,  
 your garden. Amen

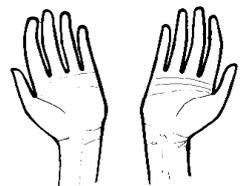
That we can glimpse you within  
 creation  
 is a beautiful thought,  
 but also tells us that you desire to be  
 seen,  
 to be found and known.  
 Open our eyes, Lord,  
 as we walk through this world,  
 feel the wind and sunshine,  
 see the majesty of creation  
 unfolding before our eyes.  
 Help us to see you. Amen



## Prayers for the Parish & Word Church

The next monthly meeting to pray for the parish and worldwide Church will take place on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June in the parish rooms from 7.00pm until 8.00pm.

For more information contact Robin Figg, 633307.



## *Church Rotas*

	<b>Sidespersons</b>	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Communion</b>
<b>5 June</b> <b>The Second Sunday</b> <b>after Trinity</b>	Eleanor Eastwood Sandie Walton June Whitaker	Robin Figg	Sue and Christine
<b>12 June</b> <b>The Third Sunday</b> <b>after Trinity</b>	Marie Stinson Peter McNeill	Lesley Hudson	Sandie and Tim
<b>19 June</b> <b>The Fourth Sunday</b> <b>after Trinity</b>	Ann Mosley Christine Anderton Michael Baxter	Sue Hargreaves	Peter and Christine
<b>26 June</b> <b>The Fifth Sunday</b> <b>after Trinity</b>	Sandie Walton	Peter Bannister	John and Di

### **Flower Rota June**

5th Mrs. D. Reithermanne  
12th Vacant  
19th Mrs. C. Anderton  
30th Mr. D. Baxter

### **Brass Cleaning**

**May/June**

Jan Richardson and Libba Utley

### **Sunday morning Tea and Coffee Rota**

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



## **Life in the Circus**

A couple who worked at the circus wanted to adopt a child. Social workers had doubts about their suitability, but the couple produced photos of their large motor-home, which was equipped with a beautiful nursery. As for education, not only was there a nanny, but also a full-time tutor to teach the child all the usual subjects along with French, Mandarin and computer skills. Finally, the social workers were satisfied, and had only one last question. "What age child are you hoping to adopt?"

"Oh, we don't mind at all," the couple assured them. "As long as he fits in the cannon."

## *Readers Rota*

<b>5 June</b> <b>The Second Sunday after</b> <b>Trinity</b>	1 Kings 17.17-24 <i>Galatians 1.11-24</i> Luke 7.11-17	Lesley Hudson <i>Reading not used</i> Brenda Brock
<b>12 June</b> <b>The Third Sunday after</b> <b>Trinity</b>	2 Samuel 11.26 - 12.10,13-15 Galatians 2.15-21 Luke 7.36 - 8.3	Glyn Evans Tim Littler/ Kathryn Taylor Marie Stinson
<b>19 June</b> <b>The Fourth Sunday after</b> <b>Trinity</b>	Isaiah 65.1-9 Galatians 3.23-29 Luke 8.26-39	Katharine Calvert Brenda Brock Christine Anderton
<b>26 June</b> <b>The Fifth Sunday after</b> <b>Trinity</b>	1 Kings 19.15-16,19-21 Galatians 5.1,13-25 Luke 9.51-62	Chris Wright Lesley Bannister Sylvia Clark



### NEWS FROM THE CROSS HILLS & DISTRICT FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES



**Praise in the Park,  
3.00pm Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July  
in Sutton Park**

Come and sing some of your  
favourite hymns.

If the weather is inclement, the service will  
take place in South Craven Baptist Church.



## Regular Events at Kildwick

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



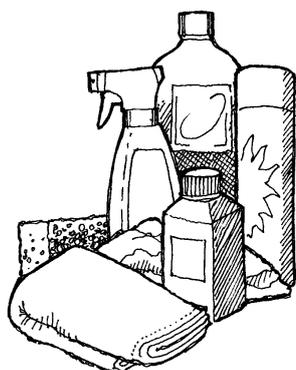
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Jun	6.00pm	Choral Evensong sung by The Epiphany Singers
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> Jun	12 noon	Summer Fair
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Jun	7.00pm	Prayers for the Parish & World Church (Parish Rooms)
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Jul	6.00pm	Kildwick School governors meeting (School)
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> Jul	6.30pm	PCC meeting (Parish Rooms)
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Jul	9.30am	Quinquennial Inspection of the church building
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Jul	2.45pm	Kildwick School collective worship in church
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> Jul	7.30pm	Concert by The Epiphany Singers
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Jul	3.00pm	CDFC Praise in the Park (Sutton Park)
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Jul	7.00pm	Bradford Episcopal Area Forum meeting
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Jul	7.00pm	Prayers for the Parish & World Church (Parish Rooms)
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	7.00pm	Prayers for the Parish & World Church (Parish Rooms)
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> Sep	12 noon	Church open as part of Heritage Open Days weekend
Tue 13 <sup>th</sup> Sep	6.30pm	PCC meeting (Parish Rooms)
Thu 15 <sup>th</sup> Sep	7.30pm	Deanery Synod meeting (St Matthew's Church, Wilsden)
Tue 20 <sup>th</sup> Sep	2.00pm	CDFC Grief & Loss Support Group review meeting (Parish Rooms)
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> Sep	9.30am	Michael Hardin seminar (Parish Rooms)
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> Sep	2.45pm	Kildwick School collective worship in church for Harvest
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	10.00am	Harvest Festival Family Communion
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	7.00pm	Bradford Episcopal Area Forum meeting
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10.30am	CDFC One World Week service (St Peter's Church, Cross Hills)

## 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)

<b>5 June</b> <b>The Second Sunday after</b> <b>Trinity</b>	8.15 am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion
<b>12 June</b> <b>The Third Sunday after</b> <b>Trinity</b>	8.15 am 10.00 am 6.00pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion Choral Evensong with the Epiphany Singers
<b>19 June</b> <b>The Fourth Sunday after</b> <b>Trinity</b>	8.15 am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion
<b>26 June</b> <b>The Fifth Sunday after</b> <b>Trinity</b>	8.15 am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion

## Church Spring Clean & Churchyard Tidy Up



We will again be giving our church and churchyard a grand spring clean and tidy up.

On **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** we will be having a cleaning day inside the church from 10.00am.

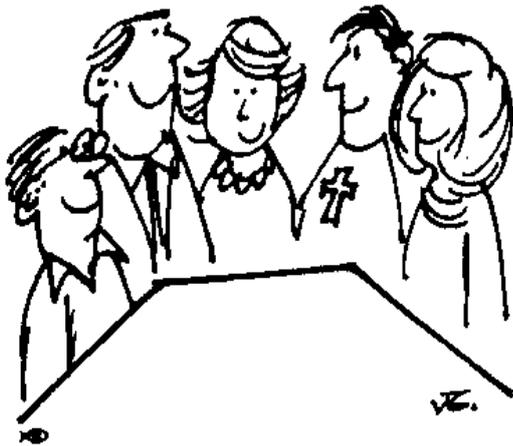
On **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June** from 9.30am we will be tidying outside in the churchyard.

Please help if you can; the more helpers the easier the work will be. Refreshments will be provided.

For more information contact Robin Figg, 633307 or Lesley Hudson, 523291.



## St Andrew's Pastoral Care Group



Want someone  
to talk to?

Lonely?

Need some  
help?

Call June on  
01535 655320

Need a  
listening ear?



# Epiphany Singers

Directed by Paul Dewhurst

A summer evening of radiant choral music from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> century performed in the wonderful setting of St. Andrew's Parish Church

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2016, 7:30pm  
St Andrew's Church, Kildwick  
BD20 9BB

Tickets £7.50 (under 16s free)  
includes interval refreshment

Available from:

Parish Rooms, Kildwick, on Sundays 2:30pm to 4:30pm,  
[www.jumblebee.co.uk/epiphanysingersconcert](http://www.jumblebee.co.uk/epiphanysingersconcert) and on the door





**Sunday 24th July 2.30-4.30 pm**

Your family is invited to

# **Messy Church!**

Messy Church is a way of being church that families & others can enjoy together. It's a relaxed time for all-ages and lots of fun, with music, making things together to explore the Bible, then celebrating Jesus in a short time of story, action songs, prayer and sharing food together.

It's noisy, happy and very messy!

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

Lesley 01535 523291 [lhudson@talktalk.net](mailto:lhudson@talktalk.net)

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# Saints and such

## **Evelyn Underhill** – mystical writer of the 20<sup>th</sup> century

For anyone interested in Christian mysticism, Evelyn Underhill may be a good place to begin. She died 75 years ago this month (10<sup>th</sup> June 1941) after a life full of remarkable achievements: author of more than 30 books that explored the intersection between the spiritual and the physical, the first woman ever to lecture to the CofE clergy, the first woman to conduct spiritual retreats for the Church, the first woman to establish ecumenical links between churches, and one of the first woman theologians to lecture in English universities. Evelyn was also an award-winning bookbinder.



Born in 1875, the daughter of a barrister from Wolverhampton, and then wife to a childhood friend, also a barrister, Evelyn moved in cultured, educated circles, and travelled widely each summer along the Mediterranean – both her father and husband were keen yachting enthusiasts.

Evelyn's inner, spiritual journey was more complex: from agnosticism to theism, on to Neoplatonism and then Roman Catholicism she went, until in 1921 she became an Anglican - with a later fascination for the Greek Orthodox church. Her daily life was one of reading, writing, and doing various forms of religious work, from visiting the poor to counselling people in trouble.

Her spiritual search began in childhood, after a number of "abrupt experiences of the peaceful, undifferentiated plane of reality—like the 'still desert' of the mystic—in which there was no multiplicity nor need of explanation". Trying to understand these mystical experiences sparked her passion and lifelong quest.

Evelyn became one of the most widely read writers on mysticism in the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Her greatest book, *Mysticism: A Study of the Nature and Development of Man's Spiritual Consciousness*, was published in 1911, and is romantic, engaged, and theoretical rather than historical or scientific. While writing it she came into contact with Baron Friedrich von Hugel, who became her spiritual mentor for many years. He gradually steered her away from mysticism and towards a more Christocentric view of reality.

During World War I Evelyn worked in naval intelligence, but in later years became a Christian pacifist.

## Our Servant Queen

The whole country will this month be celebrating the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. She has splendidly fulfilled the promise made on the day when her father, King George VI, died and she came to the throne at the age of 27. On that day she dedicated 'the rest of my life, whether it be long or short' to the service of the nation and the Commonwealth. She has certainly proved that she meant what she said. Hers is already the longest reign of any British monarch.

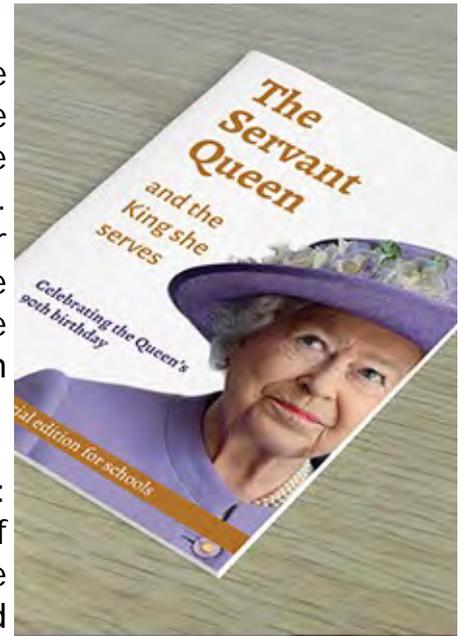
Those years have seen huge changes in the world: the end of apartheid in South Africa, the transition of scores of countries to independence within the Commonwealth, the advent of space exploration and men on the moon, the arrival of the computer and the internet, social media, Twitter and so on. Through it all she has remained a calm, reassuring figure, head of state to 12 different prime ministers and leader of a resilient and growing Commonwealth of Nations.

The Queen has quietly moved with the times. Her rather tortured 'royal' accent of the forties and fifties has broadened into a quietly spoken Received English. Uneasy about it at first, she has made herself an effective performer on television.

And through it all she has openly acknowledged that her own Christian faith is the bedrock of all that she is and has done. In recent years she has been more willing to talk about that faith, notably in her Christmas messages.

To mark her 90th birthday, the Bible Society has published an attractive illustrated book *The Servant Queen*, setting out largely in her own words the essential heart of that faith. The Queen herself has written a Foreword. The aim of the publishers is that the book should be widely distributed, so that people up and down her kingdom can share her evident enjoyment of a committed Christian faith. Its subtitle is 'And the King she serves'. As advertisers say, 'every home should have one'.

The *Servant Queen* is available from the Bible Society in packs of ten for £10, or singly. Go to: <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/landing/servantqueen/>



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**Editor: Paul Hardingham concludes his look at the Top 10 Bible Stories. This is the tenth in the series.**

## **The top 10 Bible stories: no. 10: The Parable of the Prodigal Son**

This month we come to the last of our 10 Must Know Stories from the Bible. The parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32) is one of Jesus' most well-known stories. Yet it also beautifully presents the good news of the Gospel, through the theme of lost and found.

The younger son is lost when he demands his inheritance early, deliberately making himself independent and treating his father as dead! This reflects our own lostness as human beings, when we cut ourselves off from the loving presence and grace of a loving heavenly Father.

After squandering his wealth, he finally comes to his senses: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' (18,19). However, even before he arrives home, his father runs to greet him and welcomes his son back home. The celebrations for the homecoming of this son reflect the 'rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents' (7).

This story graphically demonstrates the amazing grace of God for each one of us. The older son's misunderstanding of the father's actions is a warning not to harden our hearts to the work of God's grace in ourselves and others. 'There is nothing we can do to make God love us more. There is nothing we can do to make God love us less.' (Philip Yancey).

The story is told of a father and son who had become estranged and the father searched for him to no avail. In desperation, he put an advert in a local newspaper: 'Dear Paco, meet me in front of this newspaper office at noon on Saturday. All is forgiven. I love you. Your Father.' On Saturday 800 Pacos showed up!!



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## **From the registers**

### **Baptisms**

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May                      Archie Daynes, son of Joshua Daynes & Hayley Collings, of Weavers Walk, Silsden

### **Weddings**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May                      Christopher McNally & Samantha Haigh, of Collins Road, Cowling

### **Funerals**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May                      Barbara Robinson, formerly of Anderton Street, Cross Hills  
*(at Skipton Crematorium)*



## The Birds in Your Garden



### Starlings

Such is the strength of association between the Starling and humans that are pretty much unmistakable. While the head and body size is close to that of a Blackbird, the overall appearance is of a more rakish, bustling bird, often noisy and flighty. At distance, the adults appear black, but on closer viewing the iridescent nature of the plumage becomes evident. Adults in breeding plumage have a yellow bill. Young Starlings are dull brown in colour, often with a pale throat and can easily be confused with Blackbirds. It is possible to tell the sex of two adults, but only during the breeding season. The male has a more glossy plumage but a breeding male Starling will have a blue blush at the base of his bill whilst female has a pink one.

Watch a group of Starlings probing a lawn and you will soon discover that they spend the summer months feeding mostly on soil-dwelling invertebrates, such as leatherjackets (the larvae of craneflies). From late summer the diet begins to change and the birds eat increasing quantities of plant material.

Starlings show a certain amount of adaptability when it comes to food and feeding. In addition to probing the ground for invertebrates, they will also flycatch or actively pursue insects across the ground. Large food scraps are taken regularly and they have even been known to tackle small lizards, newts and frogs. This resourceful nature is one reason why the Starling has adapted so well to living alongside us within our urbanised landscapes.

The Starlings that visit your garden during the winter are not just your local birds. Their numbers are supplemented by millions from further east in Europe where the winters get too hard for them to remain. These birds start to reach us in late September and keep coming through the whole of October and into November. The return to the Continent starts at the beginning of March and continues through to mid-April, by which time our own birds may already be sitting on eggs.

Starlings are not doing very well at the moment. The abundance of breeding Starlings in the UK has fallen rapidly, particularly since the early 1980s, and especially in woodland. The declines have been greatest in the south and west of Britain. The species' UK conservation listing has been upgraded from amber to red as the decline has become more severe. Strong improvements have occurred in breeding performance, suggesting that decreasing survival rates, particularly of young birds, may be responsible for the observed decline.

Wintering Starlings roost communally and vast flocks may congregate at favoured sites, typically performing amazing aerobatic displays (known as 'murmurations') before dropping into the roost, which may be a reedbed, a group of conifers or a human structure, such as a pier. These vast flocks have more humble beginnings, with small flocks of Starlings coming together as dusk approaches. You can see them in late winter at Portrack Marsh reserve on Teesside.

With the first eggs laid as early as late March, our resident Starlings begin looking for nesting cavities very early in the year. The loss of suitable cavities is thought to be a contributory factor in the decline in Starling populations witnessed over recent decades. Cavities under roof tiles or within barge boards and soffits are now less common than they once were, reducing opportunities for the urban component of our Starling breeding population.

### Starling migration routes. © BTO



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](http://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](mailto:mikegbw@btinternet.com).

### Knitting and craft club at the White Lion pub

If you like knitting, crochet or any other craft activity that you could easily bring with you then come along and join a new creative group Kildwick and enjoy making and chatting in a friendly atmosphere. The group will be meeting every other Monday at 8pm. Evryone is welcome ! Whether you are an experienced knitter or crotcheter or someone taking up knotting for the first time. Come along and give it a try....



**Dates: 6/6, 20/6, 4/7, 18/7.**

# Bible Bite

## A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Luke chapter 2 verses 41 to 51

Every year Joseph and Mary went to Jerusalem for the Passover festival with their family and friends. This year Jesus was twelve.

The women and children went in front to set the pace



Next year, Jesus, you'll be walking at the back with the men.

The Passover feasting lasted eight days...



..and then they set off for home again



but without Jesus.

Mary and Joseph didn't find out until the evening



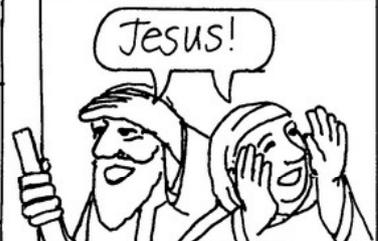
I thought he was with you!

So they walked back to Jerusalem and started searching for Jesus....



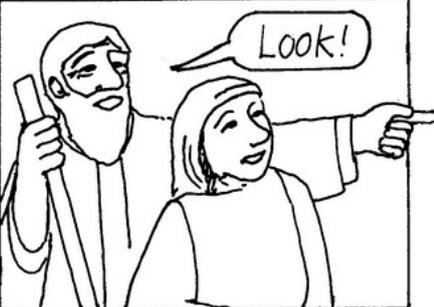
Sorry, I haven't seen him.

..and the next day,



then on the third day

they went to the temple



Look!

He was talking with the teachers.



You must be very proud of your clever son



But Mary was not happy.

How could you treat your father and I like this?

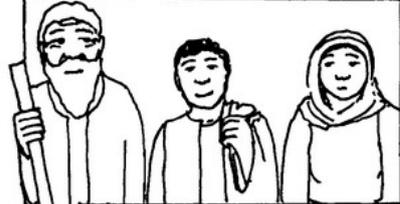


Didn't you know I'd be here?



I needed to be where my birth father, God, is working.

Mary thought about this all the way home



...and all her life.

# back to the pump



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