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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

Church Website: www.kildwick.org.uk Twitter: @Kildwick1 Facebook: St Andrew's Church, Kildwick Dear friends,

The month of May brings us to the two great days in the Christian calendar that conclude the season of Easter. On Thursday 14th we celebrate Ascension Day, followed 10 days later on Sunday 24th by the celebration of the Day of Pentecost. Being midweek Ascension Day can easily pass us by, which is a shame, because it is a very important point in the story of Jesus.



Ascension Day is a day of movement, but also a day of waiting. As the risen, crucified Jesus moved to be no longer constrained by time and space, so the first followers of Jesus found themselves in a period of time in which they had to wait for a promise to be fulfilled, for an event that they were anticipating to take place. Ascension Day speaks of a time of transition. As the risen Jesus took his leave of the earthly realms he told the disciples to return to Jerusalem and wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit: the Spirit, or power, they would need to go on as witnesses to the Jesus message in Jerusalem, in Judea and all of Samaria, and ultimately to all the nations of the world.

The Day of Pentecost celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit that continues to empower God's people today to live as witnesses of God being present in the world, living and working through those who seek to be Love and Light in the world today.

This is God's call to all who long for the healing and renewing of the nations, for the healing and renewing of creation. God, who is true Love and true Light, calls us, in all our dealings with one another to strive to speak the language of love, which is the language not of destruction but of creation, not of self-interest but of self-sacrifice, not of acquisition but of self-giving and generosity.

Such is God's way; sadly it is all too often far from the human way. The evidence of this is all around us. As I write we are just a week away from the General Election which will conclude a long six weeks of campaigning, a campaign which has left much to be desired in its content and conduct. As Bishop Nick said recently, "The election campaign is not about hope, but about fear. Which, incidentally, is what the bishops were drawing attention to (and warning about) in the pastoral letter we put out ahead of the campaign". Bishop Nick continued, "The rhetoric – amid the daily eclectic throwing out of new and disparate 'offers' in what sounds like a playground competition – represents not a proclamation of vision or an awakening of (prophetic) imagination, but a play on fear. It basically comes down to: vote for X and terrible things will happen to you; vote for me and you will be 'safe'. The politicians clearly think that we will vote out of self-interest to avoid negative terrors, rather than vote for a positive vision."

The Christian message of Easter is the message of a positive vision of the possibility of new life, of resurrection life, of light shining in the darkness, of hope driving out fear. The Easter story is subversive because it reveals the truth of our human violence and calls us to let go of the old ways of maintaining order through the sacrifice of others.

As we come to exercise our democratic right, and citizen's responsibility, to vote in the general election on Thursday 7th the following paragraph in a letter to the *Church Times* is worthy of reflection: "We might be asking: how might Jesus' message inform our perspective on issues such as the economy, foreign policy, war, immigration, the national debt, and how we look after the sick, disturbed, unemployed and the undeserving. Deep reflection on this begins to reveal how radical, political and

upsetting the Way of Jesus is. I suspect Jesus would be no friend to any of our modern political parties."

When I try to wrestle with matters political I often call to mind the words of the Brazilian Archbishop Dom Helder Camara: "When I give food to the poor, they call me a saint. When I ask why the poor have no food, they call me a communist".

What are looking for in our elected politicians? People who will serve our own selfinterest, or people who will serve our neighbours in need? As another writer asked: "Are we prepared to vote for neighbours who don't look like us?"

Jesus embodied and taught a subversive message of compassion, mercy, justice and welcome to the despised. These must be the values that will inform the difficult decision of where to put your X.

May the God of Love and Light guide us and bless us.

News from the PCC

Annual Church Meetings – Sunday 26^h April

The meeting heard that there are now 60 people on the church electoral roll. It was also reported that the average Sunday attendance in 2014 was 58; the average number of visitors included in these figures was 18.

The number of occasional offices in 2014 was 15 baptisms, 9 weddings, 1 blessing of a marriage, 8 funerals and 6 burials of cremated remains.

Following the elections at the meetings the Parochial Church Council membership in the coming year will be:

Vicar: Robin Figg

Churchwardens: Lesley Hudson

Deanery Synod: two vacancies

PCC: Di Halliday, Sue Hargreaves, Shirley Hoskins, Kathryn Morris, Dorothy Reithermann, Marie Stinson, Sandie Walton, June Whitaker

CDFC Council: Christine Anderton

Thanks are expressed to John Mitchell who stepped down as Churchwarden and member of the PCC.

The new PCC meets together for the first time on 12th May and will begin with a celebration of the Eucharist. During the coming year the PCC will continue to explore the theme of church growth, with the introduction of the Pilgrim course; manage the award of a contract for the reordering of the central area of the church and explore grant funding for the re-plastering of the church ceiling. Members of the parish and local community are invited to raise matters of interest and concern for discussion by the PCC by contacting the Vicar, Churchwarden or PCC Secretary (see back page for contact details).

Reordering of the central area of the church

We received the Chancellor's Judgment during Easter week. The good news is that he has approved all parts of the proposed reordering scheme except the removal of the 8 rows of pews at the east end of the south aisle. A copy of the Judgment can be found on the parish website at <u>www.kildwick.org.uk/news</u>, and then scroll down to 'Reordering of the central area of the church'.

We have asked our architect to prepare the tender document in order to seek quotes for the work, before we appoint a contractor for the work.



Church ceiling

The debris netting beneath the nave and chancel ceilings will be installed during the week commencing 18th May. Having the debris netting in place, together with a monthly tactile inspection of the north and south aisle ceilings, will allow the whole church to continue to be available for services and other activities.

The debris netting and monthly inspections is an interim measure until a complete re-plastering of the ceiling can be carried out. This will be an expensive project will be reliant on the successful application for major grant funding from bodies such as the Heritage Lottery Fund. Other grant making bodies will be investigated and there may be the necessity of some local fundraising as well.



A Weekend with Margaret Barker,

The Revelation of Jesus Christ to John

Twenty-five people gathered in the Parish Rooms on Saturday 18th April for another extremely stimulating seminar led by renowned bible scholar Margaret Barker.

During four talks Margaret present a fascinating overview of the Book of Revelation and highlighted some of the more significant theme and ideas presented by the writer of the book.



Those who heard Margaret on Saturday or heard her preach on Sunday were greatly appreciative of her gentleness in teaching and hugely impressed by her depth of scholarship. Comments made by those involved in the weekend included:

- Thank you for organising these one day/weekend theological seminars. I think it's excellent that these are made available for lay folk to listen and explore in depth what scholars are discovering and thinking. It was an excellent seminar which I thoroughly enjoyed and found it immensely valuable. I'm going to buy one of her works for my kindle.
- Many thanks for organising yesterday's seminar. We were privileged to have such an erudite presentation. I have ordered a couple of Margaret's books in order to delve further into this interesting study.
- Thanks for arranging this very enjoyable & thought provoking.

In addition to the main teaching of the weekend, Margaret also told some of us about her work with a group investigating what are known as the Jordan Lead Books, a collection of 70+ small lead books found about 6 years ago. On 17th March this year 'The Centre for the Study of the Jordanian Lead Books' was launched in London. You can read more about this on the Jordan Codices Facebook page which includes a Podcast of the launch. Those present at the launch included the Rt Revd Richard Chartres, Bishop of London, and Sir Tony Baldry, recently retired MP and Second Church Estates Commissioner. During this speech the Bishop of London spoken warmly of Margaret Barker, saying "With enormous excitement at being here at this 'little dawn' and gratitude to...Margaret in particular – she's one of the most gifted teachers of our time, she is an extraordinary elemental influence and I simply in the spirit of humility, the spirit of careful scholarship, wish this venture well, whatever the conclusion." These words serve to remind us what a privilege it is to be able to meet Margaret in the flesh and benefit from her teaching. We are delighted that Margaret will be returning next again to lead a seminar on "Temple Themes in Christian Worship" on Saturday 17th April and preach on Sunday 18th April.



What is Pilgrim?

Pilgrim is a major new teaching and discipleship resource from the Church of England. It aims to help every local church create a place where people can explore the Christian faith together and see how it can be lived out each day.

Pilgrim takes a different approach to other Christian programmes. It approaches the great issues of faith not through persuasion, but participation in a pattern of contemplation and discussion with a group of fellow travellers.

Pilgrim is comprised of two stages: the Follow stage for those very new to faith, and the Grow stage for those who want to go further. Each stage contains four short six-session courses which focus on a major theme of Christian life.

	What do Christians believe?	How do Christians know & worship God?	How do Christians behave?	What is the Christian vision for the world?
FOLLOW STAGE 'Do you turn to Christ?'	1 TURNING TO CHRIST	2 THE LORD'S PRAYER	3 THE COMMANDMENTS	C THE BEATITUDES
	Available October 2013		Available January 2014	
GROW STAGE 'Will you continue in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship?'	1 THE CREEDS	2 THE EUCHARIST	3 THE BIBLE	4 CHURCH & KINGDOM
	Available Se	ptember 2014	Available Ja	anuary 2015

Find out more at a launch event... 2.00pm or 7.30pm Wednesday 8th July in the Parish Rooms

Then starting in September...

BIBLE HISTORY written by Michael Baumber THE GOSPEL STORY: THE EMPTY TOMB POSSIBLE EXPLANATIONS



he proper evaluation of the different theories about why the body of Jesus disappeared is impossible because the sorts of evidence which would carry conviction to an historian have not survived. All I can do therefore is list the main ones and comment on their likelihood. The usual practice was to postpone treating the body with herbs and spices for three days because in ancient times it was difficult to know whether a person was dead or not. I treated this issue in my articles on the Raising of Jairus' daughter and Lazarus. Consequently stories have circulated that Jesus survived the crucifixion alive. I do not know a reputable historian who thinks that this is a possibility and the synoptic gospels make it quite clear that the delay was due to the Sabbath intervening between the crucifixion and the visit of the women to the tomb. Otherwise the body would have been treated earlier. John says it was anointed immediately.

The group which would benefit most from the disappearance of the body was the disciples as Matthew was all too well aware. There is no evidence one way or the other here and few modern sceptics favour this explanation. Curiously I have seen no comment on another possible scenario. The Temple priests might have intervened fearing that the tomb could have become a centre for pilgrims. The murder of Thomas Becket for instance made Canterbury the most famous pilgrim centre in Europe during the 12th and 13th centuries. There are other more unpleasant alternatives. Mark and John do not say that the tomb actually belonged to Joseph of Arimathea. The owner may have found out and ejected the body or it could have been the work of tomb robbers.

Most sceptics reject the Empty Tomb story altogether. They say that the usual Roman procedure would be to throw the body into a pit so that it would have got mixed up with others like the two criminals who were crucified with him which explains why the body disappeared. This is far too sweeping a comment. The Roman Empire lasted as long as it did because it allowed great latitude to its subject peoples to have their own laws. Jesus was prosecuted by the Temple Priests not by Pilate and the procedure described in Mark followed Jewish practice. It was also the usual Roman custom to leave the bodies hanging on the crosses until they almost rotted away as a deterrent to others and to show that the actual criminal was dead. English medieval practice was to exhibit the heads of executed traitors on Temple Bar in London for all to see. The failure of Pilate to carry out this standard practice both showed how unimportant an event the crucifixion of Jesus was and opened the way for stories about the Resurrection. But this supernatural explanation is best considered in a subsequent article in conjunction with the stories of Jesus' appearances to his disciples and others.

Christian Aid Week 10th – 16th May



Afraid, alone, in pain



Photo credit Christian Aid/M Gonzalez-Noda

Be the answer to Loko's prayer this Christian Aid Week.

This Christian Aid Week, you can help transform the lives of women like Loko.

From 10-16 May, churches the length and breadth of Britain and Ireland will come together to pray, campaign and raise money to improve the lives of people like Loko.

Every year, 100,000 volunteers demonstrate God's love for the poor by taking part in house-to-house collections for Christian Aid. This fantastic witness is a chance to take the mission of the church into your community.

Loko's choice in life is simple: 'If I can't collect firewood, my children will die.'

Four times a week, in a remote corner of Ethiopia, Loko makes a back-breaking eight-hour trip to gather wood. It's a task she dreads, but she steels herself to do it because if she doesn't her

children will starve.

She prays to God as she walks. 'I ask him to change my life and lead us out of this,' she says.

Just £5 could give Loko a loan to start her own business buying and selling tea and coffee, freeing her from her desperate task and allowing her to spend more time caring for her family.

Why Christian Aid?

We know Jesus challenges us to love our neighbour. At Christian Aid, we believe he meant our global neighbour too.

Because of God's commitment to justice and love for the poor, we can't sit back and allow poverty to thrive. So together, as thousands of Christian Aid churches, supporters, partners and staff, we work hard to save lives now and inspire lasting hope for the future.

We each bring what we have – our energy, our voices, our influence, our money, our time, our talents, our prayer and our worship – and use them to work towards a world that looks more like God's Kingdom.

Coming together really works

We continually witness how giving, acting and praying brings about great transformation in Africa, Asia and the Middle East, and Latin America and the Caribbean.

In emergency situations and committed, long-term development, we tackle the causes and the symptoms of poverty across the globe.

We choose our partners on the ground carefully, working with all kinds of local groups who see great need, and are innovative and effective in helping communities to change their situations.

How we spend every pound

For every pound we raise, we put 86p directly into **fighting poverty**. Another 13p goes back into fundraising, so we can raise the next pound. The last penny pays for our governance costs, associated with the general running of the charity, ensuring we can keep going to help more people out of poverty for good.

We want to help equip your church to be Christ's hands and feet in the world today. With everything from small group discussions, sermon notes, prayers, and youth group sessions to trained speakers, we're ready to support you in any way possible as you seek to love your global neighbours as a church.

Could you provide the gift of hope?

£15 could provide blankets for refugee children to protect them from bitter night-time temperatures.

£40 could provide enough good quality and nutritious food for two refugee children for a month.

£150 could help us provide specialist emotional support for a child deeply traumatised by the horror of war that they've witnessed or experienced.

Be an instrument of God's peace. Give, act and pray this Christian Aid Week. www.caweek.org

Chancellor announces details of church roof grants

Nearly 400 Church of England parishes are to receive grants for urgent repairs to their church roofs in the first round of awards from the Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Fund, Chancellor George Osborne recently announced.

ChurchCare, the buildings division of the Church of England, welcomed the grants for 372 parish churches and said that this would make an "immeasurable" difference to local communities.

The total funding package for the first round of the scheme announced by the Treasury is £30 million, which will go to a total of 502 listed places of worship, with Church of England parishes receiving just over £19 million. Extra funding announced in this Spring's Budget will enable a second round of grants to be awarded next year, to the value of an additional £25 million.

Around 12,000 of the Church of England's 16,000 parish churches are listed and 806 of these were included on the 2014 Heritage at Risk Register prepared by English Heritage. This highlighted the impact of leaks from roofs as the principal cause of decay in historic churches.

Saints and Such

May 16: Caroline Chisholm - helping the emigrants to Australia

If you want an example of someone who can show you their faith through their works, Caroline Chisholm is a saint for you. This doughty little 19th century English woman had such a compassionate heart that she helped tens of thousands of people, from India to Australia.



Caroline was born in Northamptonshire in May, 1808. Her father William was a pig dealer, and already had 15 children, by four wives. When Caroline was about five, her father brought a poor maimed soldier into the family home, and urged his children to look after the wretched man well, as he had fought for their freedom. This disinterested compassion for poor struggling 'outsiders' would become the lodestar of Caroline's life.

When Caroline was 22 in 1830 she married Captain Archibald Chisholm, of the East India Company Army. Out in Madras, Caroline grew alarmed for the young girls growing up in the barracks. She founded the Female School of Industry for the Daughters of European Soldiers, to provide a practical education.

After having two sons, and working on the Indian subcontinent for a number of years, Captain Chisholm was granted a two-year furlough in 1838 on grounds of ill health. The family moved to the sunshine of Australia, near Sydney. Here Caroline was appalled at the conditions that faced emigrants, especially female, arriving in the colony. Many ended up working the streets, just to survive. Caroline stayed for seven years in Australia, placing more than 11,000 people in homes and jobs, and in all, her Female Immigrant Home helped more than 40,000 people. Highly respected by the government, she gave evidence before Legislative Council Committees, but accepted money from no one. When Archibald left the army in 1845 he and Caroline toured Australia at their own expense, collecting more than 600 statements from emigrants that detailed the truth about the problems of emigration.

Back in England, the statements caught the attention and respect of Charles Dickens, the House of Lords Select Committees, Lord Shaftesbury, Sir Sydney Herbert, Wyndham Harding FRS and even Pope Pius IX. Caroline and Archibald went on to help more than 3000 people *safely* emigrate to Australia, before moving back there themselves, where they both died in 1877. In his novel Bleak House, Charles Dickens is said to have partly based the character of Mrs Jellyby on Caroline Chisholm.

Prayer page

Eternal and gracious God, we believe your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to have ascended with triumph into your kingdom in heaven;

may we also in heart and mind ascend to where he is,

and with him continually dwell;

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ Who, before ascending into heaven did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that He may perfect in my soul, the work of Your grace and Your love.

Grant me...

- the Spirit of Wisdom that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal,
- the Spirit of Understanding to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth,
- the Spirit of Counsel that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven,
- the Spirit of Fortitude that I may bear my cross with You and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation,
- the Spirit of Knowledge that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints,
- the Spirit of Piety that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable, and
- the Spirit of Fear that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him.

Mark me, dear Lord with the sign of Your true disciples, and animate me in all things with Your Spirit. Amen.

Almighty and ever-living God, you fulfilled the Easter promise by sending us your Holy Spirit.

May that Spirit unite the races and nations on earth to proclaim your glory. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you and

the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessed are you, the God of our ancestors, worthy to be praised and exalted for ever. Blessed is your holy and glorious name, worthy to be praised and exalted for ever. Blessed are you, in your holy and glorious temple, worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you who look into the depths, worthy to be praised and exalted for ever. Blessed are you, enthroned on the cherubim, worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom, worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you in the heights of heaven, worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Church Rotas

Date	Sidespersons	Intercessor	Communion
3 May Fifth Sunday of Easter	Eleanor Eastwood Sandie Walton June Whitaker	Marie Stinson	Christine and Sue
10 May Sixth Sunday of Easter	Marie Stinson Peter McNeill	Sue Hargreaves	Sandie and Tim
14 May Ascension Day			
17 May Seventh Sunday of Easter	Kath Morris Ann Mosley	Di Halliday	Christine and Michael
24 May Day of Pentecost	Christine Anderton Alison Roland	Peter Bannister	Sue and Peter
31 May Trinity Sunday	John Mitchell Joyce Bonham Elaine Carter	Michael Baumber	

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3/5	Mrs. Peake	
10/5	Mrs. Roberts	
17/5	Mrs. June W	
24/5	Mrs. Whitele	ey and the second se
31/5	Mrs. Hought	ton

Readers Rota

3 May Fifth Sunday of Easter	Acts 8.26-40Kathryn Morris1 John 4.7-21Reading not usedJohn 15.1-8Brenda Brock	
10 May Sixth Sunday of Easter	Acts 10.44-48 1 John 5.1-6 John 15.9-17	Marjorie Gee Marie Stinson Tim Littler/Kathryn Taylor
14 May Ascension Day	Acts 1.1-11 Ephesians 1.15-23 Luke 24.44-53	CDFC service Readers arranged sepa- rately
17 May Seventh Sunday of Easter	Acts 1.15-17, 21-26 1 John 5.9-13 John 17.6-19	Glyn Evans Christine Anderton Lesley Hudson
24 May Day of Pentecost	Acts 2.1-21 Romans 8.22-27 John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15	Lesley Bannister Sylvia Clark Michael Baumber
31 May Trinity Sunday	Isaiah 6.1-8 Romans 8.12-17 John 3.1-17	Kathryn Morris Brenda Brock Marjorie Gee

Church Spring Clean & Churchyard Tidy Up

We will again be giving our churchyard a grand spring clean and tidy up during **Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd May**. Please help if you can; the more helpers the easier the work will be. Refreshments will be provided.

Please look out for the list in church to indicate if you are able to help at any time during the two days.

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



Prayers for the Parish & World Church

The next monthly meeting to pray for the parish and worldwide Church will take place on Monday 25th May in the parish rooms from 7.00pm until 8.00pm. For more information contact Robin Figg, 633307.

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	



p.m.	Tour de Yorkshire passing through Cross Hills and Kildwick
6.00pm	Easter Service of Thanksgiving for Departed Family &
	Friends
7.30pm	Archdeacon's Visitation (All Saints Church, Horton)
9.30am	'Peace & Justice through Easter Eyes' with Graham
	Bettridge (Parcevall Hall)
16 th May	Christian Aid Week
6.30pm	PCC meeting (Parish Rooms)
ASCENSIO	N DAY
7.30pm	Holy Communion
9.30am	Work commences to install debris netting in nave &
	chancel
9.30am	Churchyard tidy-up
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DAY OF PE	ENTECOST
10.00am	Parish Communion with prayer for renewal
7.00pm	Prayers for the Parish & World Church (Parish Rooms)
TRINITY S	SUNDAY
7.30pm	CDFC Annual Meeting (St Peter's Church, Cross Hills)
7.30pm	Deanery Synod meeting (Wilsden)
2.45pm	Kildwick School collective worship in church
2.30pm	Messy Church
	6.00pm 7.30pm 9.30am 16 th May 6.30pm ASCENSIO 7.30pm 9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 9.30am DAY OF PE 10.00am 7.00pm TRINITY S 7.30pm 7.30pm 2.45pm

Sunday Services at Kildwick

Morning Prayer will be said in church at 8.30am Monday to Wednesday & Friday Midweek Eucharist on Wednesdays at 9.30am (in the Parish Rooms)

3 May	8.15 am	Holy Communion
Fifth Sunday of Easter	10.00am	Parish Communion with baptism
10 May	8.15 am	Holy Communion
Sixth Sunday of Easter	10.00am	Parish Communion
14 May Ascension Day	7.30pm CDFC Service	Holy Communion
17 May Seventh Sunday of Easter	8.15 am 10.00am	Holy Communion Family Communion
24 May	8.15 am	Holy Communion
Day of Pentecost	10.00am	Parish Communion
31 May	8.15 am	Holy Communion
Trinity Sunday	10.00am	Celtic style Parish Communion

Summer Fair, 11.00am - 2.00pm Saturday 27th June.



Planning is well under way for this year's event, but we do need lots of offers of help; please complete the helpers' form to indicate how you can help. **We especially need people to offer to help on the day.** We also need prizes for the tombola, bottle stall, etc, as well as books and toys, as well as gazebos. Items can be delivered to the church or to the Parish Rooms; collection can be arranged.

If you would like to be involved please complete a helpers' form or contact Lesley Hudson, 523291 or <u>churchwarden@kildwick.org.uk</u> or Katharine Calvert,

katharine.calvert@yahoo.co.uk.

Summer Fair Raffle Tickets. Raffle tickets are now ready to take away and sell. Please take as many as you can to sell to family, friends and neighbours.



Kildwick and Farnhill Village Institute



Contact: Robert Clark or Andrew Bowness 01535 633488 / 01535 652918



Maggie Tookey is a resident of Farnhill and works for Edinburgh Direct Aid, a charity delivering humanitarian aid in areas of conflict and disaster.

In February she was on the Syria/Lebanon border.

Excerpts from her blog:

27th February

My plan to leave today for Baalbeck gets shelved. We're not sure about the situation in Labweh and I'm persuaded to stay another day. I make the necessary psychological adjustment and stop packing. I was planning to spend the very last dregs of my cash before I left this morning anyway so now I can do it at leisure. Leisure! When did that word ever apply to anything I do here! The team come and pick me up later in the morning – it's Friday so it's a holiday here – a day for prayer. The team pray at 12 noon and then come to collect me.

Today is about relaxation for them – a day or at least part of it to spend time with family and friends.

My team have received another desperate call. Three families living in a large store room are being evicted tonight at 8pm because they can no longer raise the 100\$ needed for one month's rent – twenty two people will be on the street - there are eight children and four of them are under the age of five.

I enter the store room – it's squalid and another heart breaking sight. These families had all been farmers in the Qalamoun region of Syria, a rich fertile area. One family had owned 3,000 apricot trees – a wealthy and healthy life but now all gone. They are reduced to this – a dirty store room – just the few possessions they've managed to salvage from the ruins of their former life.

This is abject misery – where do they all sleep? I really can't imagine. The women look gaunt and hollow eyed.

This is another 'no brainer' – EDA must pay their rent for another month until our Homs team find a permanent solution and they most certainly will.

These families had been registered with UNHCR but because there were young men of working age in the group they were struck off the list – but there is no work - they receive no aid apart from what our team provide.

UNHCR can't take any blame – what do they do? They can't help everyone and they too have to make difficult decisions. It's just that they perhaps don't see the 'sharp end' in Arsal.

In order to pay their rent up to now these families had not been able to purchase enough heating oil through the winter snows.

It must have been freezing – apparently EDA had provided some oil to them through a payment sent out to the Homs Commission during the blizzard emergency. Now we pay their rent – I'm glad to do it – it's 100 - £60 to keep three families sheltered for another month – this will take them into warmer weather but we also go and buy them some heating oil – they have none and it's still very cold at night – it's cold in their store room. The women cling to my arm in gratitude. They repeat their thanks endlessly. I don't want it – I've had my fill of this misery.

I want to see this Lebanese landlord – the one who is prepared to throw these families onto the street at 8pm tonight.

I want to ask him how he can do it. The team say this is not a good idea – if he sees

me he may demand more rent - I might get violent!

Maybe he too is struggling – lost his job at the stone quarries out in the buffer zone. Maybe he has a large family to support – this store room could be his only asset. We pay and go – the Homs team will monitor.

So the final evening is spent saying my goodbyes to the families of the team members – succumbing to the pressure to eat more food, drink more coffee, teach more English words, learn more Arabic words and then finally head off to my store room for the last night.

We had one final task – to check on the small camp where we had supplied the four new water tanks. It was dark and late by the time we entered the camp but all was well – the tanks were all in place and full of fresh, clean water.

We slipped away before people emerged to thank us all over again.

As with each evening, I was escorted up the dark stone stair case to my store room – the stove was lit for me but the power was off – it's always off at this time of night but at least I could make a nice cup of tea before bed.

Epilogue – Saturday 28th February

There's been some loud shelling this morning – it's not in Arsal but it's close.

I plan to be away by 10am but it doesn't happen – people keep coming to say goodbye and bring me small presents.

The team have bad news. They tell me that yesterday around 50 families fled the nearby village of Wadi Medh about ten minutes from here because militants attacked one of the fortified army posts. The army shelled the village and there has been a lot of destruction. The residents were terrified and have sought shelter in Arsal – our team will offer what help they can and provide whatever might be useful from our EDA stock at the warehouse.

We're also sending stuff out beyond the far checkpoint to the few small camps still left out in the buffer zone. One Syrian worker has special permission to pass through the checkpoint with his car and IS give him no trouble.

He will deliver to those who need it – he himself, like many others, has brought his family into the town for fear of army shelling.

He's also able to tell us that around 40 -50 young men from these outside camps, the same camps I distributed food to last August, have been recruited by the Islamic State. This is the danger in this region. It's happening.

Finally, Rashid the Lebanese truck driver is ready to leave and I'm having a lift down the mountain with him. He is going to Beirut to pick up a big load of blankets from the main Dar al Fatwa warehouse in the city.

Another truck is coming with us so that I can send the final consignment of EDA goods up from Baalbeck.

I say my final goodbyes but it's hard – it's best done quickly for all of us. Rashid roars the engine and we go. We sail through the checkpoints without trouble – Rashid has no English but he's proud of his ability to negotiate these checkpoints with such silky smooth ease – I try to ask how he manages this but communication is difficult. I give up – I don't want to talk. I want to absorb all that has happened although there are parts I want to forget.

Soon I take my first shower and put on the first clean clothes in 12 days.

This month the Church celebrates the Ascension of Jesus, the sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, and the fact that our God is a Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. After the Resurrection, Jesus was seen on the road to Emmaus, by the Sea of Galilee, in houses, etc. He encouraged his disciples, and said that He was sending them to all corners of the earth, as his witnesses. 40 days after Easter, Jesus ascended into heaven; his work on earth was done. The disciples returned to Jerusalem, and on the fateful morning of Pentecost, there was suddenly the sound as of a mighty rushing wind. Tongues of flame flickered on their heads, and they began to praise God in many tongues – to the astonishment of those who heard them. That morning the Holy Spirit came to indwell all those who believed in Jesus: the Church was born. And so we have a triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Ascension Blessed LWF ΝΝΤΕΝ E F (- Taken Jerusalem F CM Α Μ () () Wait R R Κ F Prayer Power F Υ One Room Ν **Disciples** Δ S G Tongues 5 Flame Joy () Praise R F Δ Confusion Languages N Ρ $\boldsymbol{\varsigma}$ Δ Earth Peter S S Κ () Holy Κ Spirit Trinity G F G Δ S Father Son EWBWDR Ρ R () Triune

FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL SUMMARY OF DRAFT MINUTES

The meeting of Farnhill Parish Council was held on the 14th April 2015 in Kildwick/ Farnhill Institute. The meeting was chaired by Counc. G Harling. Five members of the council were present plus the Clerk. No members of the public were present. The minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd March were approved by the Council and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

An e-mail was been received from a member of the public regarding parking issues at Main Street and complaining about the Institute booking both floors of the Institute in the same evening. Clerk to reply stating that Parish Council has no authority to deal with parking problems and that the Institute is run by a separate Institute Committee and not in the Parish Council's control.

Highways have responded to the Parish Council's request for signing on the approach to Kildwick roundabout from Skipton direction, warning that there is traffic approaching from the roundabout and turning to their immediate left. They say that with regard to drivers coming from Skipton, they cannot see any way of signing or marking this. With regard to opening the bus route into Kildwick to other vehicles, they say that some residents from Kildwick have expressed concerns about the effect this would have on Kildwick village.

North Yorkshire County Council have informed the Parish Council that warning signs for the A629 Cononley Crossroads that state 'pedestrians crossing' can only be placed where there is no formal provision (such as a refuge) and there is no legal sign to warn motorists of traffic islands. Consequently, they never provide warning signs for islands in the road. They also stated that the island is programmed for May/June. Clerk to ask which traffic directive or regulation states that warning signs that state pedestrians crossing can only be placed where there is no formal provision (such as a refuge)

Highways have assessed Main Street for a further grit bin in accordance with their policy and it reaches a score of 80, it needs to be over 100 to qualify. The parish do have the option to fund a grit bin for the location if they wish. The costs for this have been issued to all parish councils in the past. The matter was closed for the time being with the possibility of reviewing in late autumn.

The Parish Council have had to appoint a new internal auditor due to the retirement of the previous internal auditor. It was resolved that Andrew Bosman (chosen from a list of internal auditors provided by YLCA) be appointed to carry out the role. He has an Honours Degree in Business Studies and has been internally auditing for around 15 years with SLCC approval status. He is also a Parish Clerk to Brodsworth a relatively small but active Parish to the North of Doncaster.

The Receipts & Payments Account & Supporting Statement for year ended 31st March 2015 were presented to the Council by the Clerk and the Accounting Statement for the Annual Return was approved and signed by the Council.

Kildwick Parish Meeting have responded to a request for permission to have a light near the steps at Parson's Bridgeand have said the recommended site would appear suitable, however in order for them to consider granting permission for the light to be installed they would require a letter of agreement from Farnhill confirming that Kildwick Parish meeting will not be liable for any installation, running or maintenance costs including any costs of removal or making good the site in future should the light be no longer required. The letter should also include agreement to seeking Kildwick Parish Meeting's prior approval regarding the size and style of column/lantern to be installed including any replacements in future. The Parish Council resolved that they would take full responsibility. Clerk to write to Kildwick Parish Meeting and confirm along with details of the light.

Four lights have been reported as being out to NYCC (Lights No 23,24,8 &29) NYCC engineers have been out to repair the lights but found that the fault was with the electric supply. YEDL have been informed of the fault.

Confirmation has been received from Representatives from NYCC & CDC that they will be present for the Annual Parish meeting and also somebody from CDC Waste Management, but unfortunately the Police Commissioner is not available that evening but has stated that she would be willing to visit another time.

The flyers for the Annual Parish Meeting have been printed and were given to Councillors to distribute around the village. It was agreed that the Council would provide light refreshments for the meeting.

Matthew Hart from the Canal & River Trust has responded re the license for feeder pillar for Christmas Tree connection stating he has_passed this to the Utilities Team who will be making contact shortly. At the moment the Surveyors are quite busy as they approach the year end and he apologies for the delay.

A request was put forward, that when the track at Arbour Top is being repaired by the residents it is made slightly wider. The Parish Council had no objections to the proposal. The plants have been received for the planting at the Arbour and most of the planting carried out. The Parish Council were very pleased with the amount of volunteers who gave up their Sunday to help with the planting and would like to thank everybody who took part. Clerk to write to the contractors who began the clearance work at Lower Arbour and ask them if they can now remove the debris which was previously left behind from the clearance when they were interrupted from completing the job. This will then enable the planting work to be completed as previously agreed from the original plans. Some of the trees are to be kept back for the time being to see how the other plants perform once the clearance is completed.

Farnhill Parish Council have been provisionally awarded a community grant from CDC for the Arbour Project, but the grant may be subject to terms and conditions and they may need to provide further information before the grants are finally confirmed. The Parish Council thanked the Clerk and the residents of the village who gave their support in the process of the application. The work to the path at the Arbour was discussed and it was agreed to amend the plan and reduce the section of wall needed by the steps and to regrade the bank more and to consider making a small area at the top for a seat to be placed for residents to enjoy. Clerk to ask the Contractors to meet up with the Parish Council to discuss the changes and supply amended quotes.

The Parish Council expressed their thanks to Counc R Bramley for the excellent job he has done with the website. Counc R Bramley reported that the website has had 440 hits from Feb to March and 986 hits from the 3rd March to 7th April, this was very

pleasing.

A Representative from the Asset Inspection team at the Canal & River Trust met with the Clerk to discuss several local concerns and reported the following. With regard to the retaining wall leading to the road tunnel and the loose gate at Redmans Footbridge. As discussed, as part of CRT's AIP (Annual Inspection Process) all assets are inspected on a Cyclical, monthly basis. Any concerns are passed onto the area engineer for review and prioritization for repair works. If during subsequent inspections any changes have occurred these are passed on to the Area Engineer for reprioritising the defect. He confirmed that the retaining wall in question is being monitored for any masonry movement and seepage and pointing works have been identified as being required and will be prioritised within the works programme. Unfortunately he cannot confirm where this currently sits on the prioritised list of works. He will suggest that a top latch be fitted to the gate at Redmans Bridge to hopefully increase the likelihood of it being closed. He confirmed that CRT are aware of the condition of the deck of Redman swing bridge, and are prioritising repairs accordingly.

CDC approved the implementation of a Collection Point Policy in September 2014 which means that they need to make changes to the way they collects wheelie bins form certain properties. They recently wrote to the Parish Council stating that they were about to pilot the changes in 2 areas (Ingleton and part of Cowling) The Parish Council have now been made aware that they are about to start with collection points in Newby Road, Mary Street, Back of Mary Street and South View, Farnhill. Apparently letters have been sent to residents on Thursday 9th April stating that it will start on Monday 20th April along with instructions regarding collection points. Clerk to write to waste management to ask why the Parish Council have not been made aware of this and to complain about the short period of notice.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 5TH MAY 2015 IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL INSTITUTE AT 7.30PM All members of the village are welcome to attend

When Children and RE mix...

When children meet the Bible, the result can be unpredictable. As in these answers to a school chaplain's efforts to teach RE....

The main purpose of the prophets was to set up the lights for when Jesus came on the stage.

The Kingdom of God is no ordinary place like the bathroom at home.

Jesus said: If you want to divorce your wife leave a note for her on the table. Jesus healed a man with a weathered hand.

Some of the seed from the sower was curried off by Satan.

The last verses of Mark's gospel were written later by a unanimous person.

Jesus first proclaimed the gospel to the Jews: He told them to make love to each other.

An altar is a stall for candles.

An example of Holy Orders are the Ten Commandments.

An epistle is the wife of an apostle.

The Birds in Your Garden



The Cuckoo



There is much folklore surrounding the Cuckoo. For example; your state of health when you hear its first call will continue for the rest of the year. It is said too, to foretell the time you will marry, the arrival of your next child and how much longer you have to live. Apparently, kept so busy, the cuckoo does not have time to build its own nest and so uses a host's.



Photo by Edmund Fellowes

This idea that the Cuckoo "adulterates" the nest of another led to a connection between cuckoos and cuckoldry. Shakespeare wrote

The cuckoo then on every tree Mocks married men, for thus he sings: Cuckoo!

To reality! I'm sure everyone remembers when the Cuckoo's unmistakable call was heard every year. But no longer: their numbers have fallen by around half over the last 25 years.

We know what Cuckoos do to when they are with us, but what happens when they set off back to Africa? It was to learn more that the BTO decided in 2011 to use GPS tagging to track them.

So far 31 birds have been tagged, of which 14 are still active. One of them, Chris, is



on his fourth migration!

We have learned that Cuckoos leave the UK earlier than thought, starting in early June. By the end of the month half of them have left. We regard the Cuckoo as a "British" bird, but they are here only two months of the year, compared with six months in Africa and four getting there and back.

Most migrate through Italy, stopping to feed in the Po delta. Others use a previously unknown route through Spain, stopping off north of Madrid.

This fattening up is crucial to enable them to cross the Mediterranean then the

Sahara.

Most birds end up in the Congo where they stay until return time, so by watching birds that chose different strategies we can find the critical factors for survival. Their return routes are to the west of the outward ones and start in West Africa, probably because they follow the movement of the rainfall, and hence available food, in a north-westerly direction, setting the time for their return to the UK. The journey back takes less time than the outward one: they need to find a mate and ensure that there is plenty of food for the young. Laying times for most British birds have moved forward over recent decades, producing another pressure point in their survival.

This is a long term project, and data needs to be built for example on how juveniles behave on their first migration, on the importance of the host species, and on how weather variations affect them. There is much still to learn, but a solid foundation has been laid.

To learn more visit the BTO website; it is regularly updated, and you can watch as they return. If you agree that this is vital work, then why not sponsor a bird?

www.bto.org/science/migration/tracking-studies/cuckoo-tracking

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 (<u>www.bto.org/gbw</u>). If you know of a local organisation who would like a talk on garden birds call: **Mike Gray 07596 366342** or mikegbw@btinternet.com.



Proof-reading needed!

The following true-life headlines found in local newspapers make you wonder: is proofreading a dying art?

Man Kills Self Before Shooting Wife and Daughter Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over Miners Refuse to Work after Death Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant War Dims Hope for Peace If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last Awhile Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures



Sunday 14th June 2.30-4.30 pm

Your family is invited to

Messy Church!

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



ENTEC05

24th May

Do you know what happened on the first Pentecost? On that day what really amazed all the people was that everyone there heard the message of the Good News in their own language. You can read about this in Acts, chapter 2.

How many languages can you speak? We all speak English but most of us know at least a few words in more than one language. I bet you know some French, even if it is only 'bonjour' or 'merci', perhaps you know some Urdu, Spanish or Polish too.

There are so many languages in the world we couldn't hope to learn more than a few of them – but Jesus knows our language... He can speak everyone else's language too. His gospel can be translated into every possible dialect and tongue because, whatever words are used, that gospel is the same. It is for all people, everywhere. Jesus speaks to everyone in His own language.

P - QUIZ

All the answers in this Bible quiz begin with the letter P - can you find them all?

- 1. Paul wrote to the people of this town.
- 2. The Roman Governor who washed his hands.
- 3. Where the last book in the Bible was written.
- 4. Short stories Jesus told.
- 5. Goliath was one.
- 6. What Amos and Hosea were.
- 7. To begin with he was called Saul.
- 8. The Egyptian ruler who argued with Moses.

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Where would you look for a lost vicar? The Bureau of Missing Parsons.

What is wet, round, and taste of peppermint? Water Polo.

What did the policeman say to the naughty frog? Hop it.



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ANSWERS: 1.Philippi 2.Pontius Pilate 3.Patmos 4.parables 5.Philistine 6.prophets 7.Paul 8. Pharaoh



Dennis spent a long time in church looking for his forbears

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.

The Village Pump

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

Farnhill Methodist Church (in the foyer)

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