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Parish Mission Statement

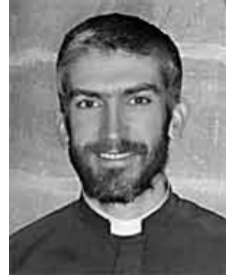
Called to be the body of Christ,
we are here to share God's love with all people,
through outreach and service,
in our community and in the world,
through the power of the Holy Spirit

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Dear friends,

Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

We continue to proclaim this joyful acclamation at every service until we conclude the great 50 days of celebration between Easter Day and the Day of Pentecost (15th May). During these seven weeks the Christian Church proclaims to the world with great joy that we are an Easter people and Alleluia! is our song.



We sing our Alleluia! because we believe that in the death and resurrection of Jesus the world was shown something unique and precious. In the death and resurrection of Jesus the world was shown the meaning of true Love. On the cross Jesus opens wide his arms and says to those who are killing him, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing". To love is to reach out with forgiveness even to our enemy, to the one who would do us harm.

The power of this Love, which is forgiveness, is affirmed in the resurrection. The risen, crucified Jesus, who has been ridiculed and abandoned even by those who journeyed with him through Galilee and to Jerusalem, does not seek revenge and retribution; instead, the risen Jesus says to those he meets "Peace be with you, do not be afraid".

The Love shown to us by Jesus is a radical, subversive love that invites a transformation of hearts and minds; a transformation which moves us from darkness to light, from violence to non-violence, from death to life.

This transformation of each human life, the life of all humanity, is a theme at the centre of our celebration of Ascension Day, which we celebrate 40 days after Easter. But as well as suggesting the theme of movement, Ascension Day also picks up the theme 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 in order to journey on as witnesses to all the nations of the world of the message that Jesus had given them.

The Day of Pentecost celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit, the unseen, but real, presence of the living God 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.

Bishop Nick, our diocesan bishop, wrote recently about the people of God living in the 'in-between time', "living in the here-and-now, grounded in the realities of this world, but fired by the imagination of a different world – a kingdom loved by the Prince of Peace, whose arms are stretched out on a cross, embracing a hostile world and changing the rules".

We live in the 'in-between time'; we must never be content with how the world is, but always be striving to change the world for the better. A wonderful, short prayer for Pentecost is "Come, Holy Spirit, renew the face of the earth".

Renewal and reform need to be themes in many areas of our lives. Following the recent local government and Police & Crime Commissioner elections, our attention in the next weeks will focus on the European Union referendum. What might renewal and reform look like in our relationship with our neighbours in Europe? For many people it is difficult to decide what is best for our long term future. To help people engage with the debate the Church has a blog titled *Reimagining Europe* which you can find at www.reimaginingeurope.co.uk

We have recently had our annual Service of Thanksgiving for Departed Family & Friends at which we remembered those that we love but see not longer. Amongst the departed we especially remembered Marjorie Gee who died on 8th April. Marjorie was one of God's gentle saints who served God's people faithfully throughout her life. We give thanks for her presence with us at St Andrew's.

May our loving, liberating and life-giving God bless you.



News from the PCC

Annual Church Meetings – Sunday 24th April

The meeting heard that there are now 62 people on the church electoral roll. It was also reported that the average Sunday attendance in 2015 was 58; the average number of visitors included in these figures was 18.

The number of occasional offices in 2015 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, Sandie Walton

Deanery Synod: Chris Wright

PCC: Tim Chapman, Sylvia Clark, Di Halliday, Sue Hargreaves, Shirley Hoskins, Kathryn Morris, Marie Stinson, Jill Wright

CDFC Council: Christine Anderton, Glyn Evans

Thanks were expressed to Dorothy Reithermann and June Whitaker who stepped down members of the PCC.

The new PCC met together for the first time on 6th May and began with a celebration of the Eucharist to set its work for the coming year in the context of worship of God. During the coming year the PCC will continue to explore a variety of topics including: church growth, with a review of the church's ministry through the occasional offices of weddings, baptisms and funerals; the application of a Heritage Lottery Fund grant for the repair of the church ceiling and roof; development of the church-school link with the arrival of a new Headteacher in September.

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, Churchwardens or PCC Secretary (see back page for contact details).

A Weekend with Margaret Barker, Temple Themes in Christian Worship

Thirty people gathered in the Parish Rooms on Saturday 16th April for another extremely stimulating seminar led by renowned bible scholar Margaret Barker.

During the day Margaret gave four talks exploring the meaning of water and oil (the key symbols used in baptism) and bread and wine (the key symbols used in the Eucharist).



In the first talk about water, Margaret reminded us that water literally flowed from the holy of holies in the first temple and that tradition remembered the water as fountains of wisdom. Wisdom watered her garden with her teachings, such that those who are washed with the river of living water in baptism are touched with the wisdom of the living God.

The second talk about oil began with a reminder that the Christian means anointed, and anointing with oil in the temple tradition means to be conferred with holiness. Oil also represented the Spirit/Wisdom being poured out and those anointed become angels/children of God.

After lunch Margaret talked about the meaning of bread which for the Christian represents Jesus' body, broken on the Cross. We were reminded that the words of Jesus at the Last Supper, 'Do this in remembrance of me', which are said at every Eucharist, carry the meaning of 'do this to invoke the presence of Jesus'; the bread becomes holy and imparts holiness to those who eat it.

Margaret concluded the day by talking about wine which in the Eucharist represents blood, poured out to represent the renewing of the eternal covenant between God and God's people.

The above is the briefest of summaries of what was a fascinating day. We are delighted that Margaret will be returning next again to lead a seminar on Saturday 1st April and preach on Sunday 2nd April.

The subject of the seminar will be: **An Easter Pilgrimage to Jerusalem in 380 CE**. The day will explore the diaries of Egeria, a Spanish nun who visited Jerusalem in about 380 CE and left a vivid description of the great churches and the services of Holy Week and Easter, and the teaching given to the newly baptised in the week after Easter by Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, a few years before Egeria visited the city.

Christian Aid Week

15th – 21st May



Christian Aid Week: the week we love every neighbour

Picture a young mother of four. Her husband has left. She has no land. No assets. No savings. And the only work she can get is backbreaking manual labour for as little as 74p a day. Her home has been flooded several times, and last August it flooded again. This is Morsheda. She's our neighbour, and she desperately needs our help.

A Home Safety Package from Christian Aid could raise Morsheda's home on an earth plinth, safe from the flood plain, and give her resources to invest in things like farm animals, seeds and a composting kit – giving her the tools she needs to build a better future. A new chance at life for Morsheda costs as little as £250.

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.caweeek.org



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

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



Wordsearch Clues -Rogation Sunday

The first Sunday in May is Rogation Sunday. This is when many parishes still 'beat the bounds'. Rogation means an asking of God - for blessing on the seed and land. The practice began with the Romans, who processed around the cornfields each Spring, singing and dancing, sacrificing animals, in order to get rid of evil. About 465 AD the Western world was suffering from earthquake and storm. Mamertius, Bishop of Vienne, aware of the pagan custom, ordered that prayers should be said in the ruined or neglected fields. Thus 'beating the bounds' became a Christian ceremonial. It arrived in England early in the eighth century. Each Spring, led by the priest, a little party from the parish would set out with a Cross to trace the boundaries of the parish. They'd implore God to keep their corn and roots and boughs in good health, and bring them to harvest. In the days when maps were scarce, 'beating the bounds' helped remind everyone just where the boundaries were. Do you know yours today?

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May
Rogation
Beat
Bounds

Asking
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Romans

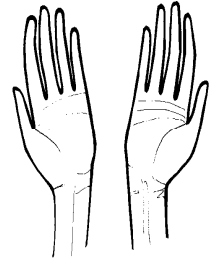
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Cornfields
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Prayer
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Prayer page



We light a candle
and enjoy the flickering light
the fragrance
and warmth it creates.
But without the spark that ignites
there will be no flame
Without the wax
the source of power
the wick will not burn
Without the flame
there will be no fragrance
no warmth, no light.
And so with us, Lord
You are the catalyst that ignites us
and the fuel that sustains us
You fill us with your fragrance
as you enter our lives.
You empower us
to carry your flame in our hearts
To be the fragrance, warmth
and light of your love
in this dark world

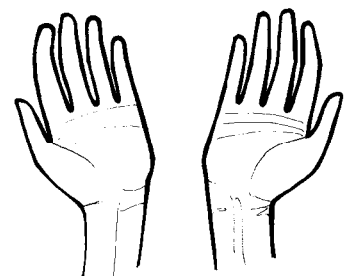
For the Spirit of Peace
that calms our mind
and stills our life,
we give you thanks.
For the Spirit of Love
that touches hearts

and reaches out,
we give you thanks.
For the Spirit of Joy
that lifts our soul
and gives us faith
we give you thanks.
For the Spirit of Power,
that gift of grace
for this your church,
we give you thanks.
We ask for your forgiveness, Lord
when we forget
the power that lies within
and trust instead
upon our human strength.
Remind us of that glorious day
when your Spirit
transformed the lives of those
who hid in fear
into men of power
Renew these hearts which have grown
cold
with flames of fire
as on that Pentecost
that this might be
the church that you desire.

Prayers for the Parish & Word Church

The next monthly meeting to pray for the parish and worldwide Church will take place on Monday 23rd May in the parish rooms from 7.00pm until 8.00pm.

For more information contact Robin Figg, 633307.



Church Rotas

	Sidespersons	Intercessor	Communion
1 May The Sixth Sunday of Easter	Eleanor Eastwood Sandie Walton June Whitaker	Lesley Hudson	Sue and Christine
8 May The Seventh Sunday of Easter	Marie Stinson Peter McNeill	Sue Hargreaves	Christine and Tim
15 May Day of Pentecost	Ann Mosley Christine Anderton Michael Baxter	Peter Bannister	Peter
22 May Trinity Sunday	Sandie Walton	Di Halliday	Christine and Di
29 May The First Sunday after Trinity	Joyce Bonham Elaine Carter	Marie Stinson	Sue and John

Flower Rota MAY

1st. Vacant
8th Mrs. Roberts
15th Mrs. J. Whitaker
22nd. Mrs. S. Whitley
29th Mrs. J. Houghton

Brass Cleaning May/June

Jan Richardson and Libba Utleay

Sunday morning Tea and Coffee Rota

1st: June Whitaker and Sylvia Ackroyd

2nd Joyce Bonham (vacant)

3rd Elaine Carter and Alison Roland

4th Ann Mosley and Christine Anderton

5th Maureen Vink and Katharine Morris



Readers Rota

1 May The Sixth Sunday of Easter	<i>Acts 16.9-15</i> <i>Revelation 21.10,22 - 22.5</i> John 14.23-29	<i>Reading not used</i> <i>Reading not used</i> Tim Littler/ Kathryn Taylor
8 May The Seventh Sunday of Easter	Acts 16.16-34 Revelation 22.12-14,16-17,20-21 John 17.20-26	Christine Anderton Sylvia Clark Jill Wright
15 May Day of Pentecost	Acts 2.1-21 Romans 8.14-17 John 14.8-17,25-27	Brenda Brock Chris Wright Marie Stinson
22 May Trinity Sunday	Proverbs 8.1-4,22-31 Romans 5.1-5 John 16.12-15	Sylvia Clark Lesley Hudson Lesley Bannister
29 May The First Sunday after Trinity	1 Kings 8.22-23, 41-43 Galatians 1.1-12 Luke 7.1-10	Glyn Evans Katharine Calvert Kathryn Morris

From the registers

Weddings

Saturday 23rd April Phillip Hingley & Emily Williamson, of Wesham, near Preston

Baptisms

Sunday 3rd April Grace Pearson, daughter of Stephen & Rachael, of Greenfield Street, Skipton

Hallie Rushworth, daughter of Thomas & Emma, of Aire Close, Cross Hills

Funerals

Monday 25th April Marjorie Gee, formerly of Holme Ghyll, Colne Road, Glusburn

Wednesday 27th April Martin Gray, formerly of Kiln Drive, Long Ashes, Threshfield

Burial of Cremated Remains

Saturday 30th April Yeormin (Khan) Yun, formerly of Kirkgate, Farnhill

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 15 th – Sat 21 st May	Christian Aid Week
Wed 18 th May All day	Interviews at Kildwick School for a new KS2 teacher
Wed 18 th May 7.30pm	Deanery Synod (Keighley Shared Church)
Sun 22 nd May	TRINITY SUNDAY
Mon 23 rd May 7.00pm	Prayers for the Parish & World Church (Parish Rooms)
Fri 20 th May 2.45pm	Kildwick School collective worship in church
Fri 27 th May 7.30pm	<i>The Mystery of Everything</i> , Session 1 (Parish Rooms)
Sat 28 th May 9.30am	<i>The Mystery of Everything</i> Sessions 2-5 (Parish Rooms)
Wed 1 st Jun 7.30pm	CDFC Annual Meeting (St Peter's Church, Cross Hills)
Mon 6 th Jun 1.30pm	Pilgrim group 'The Eucharist' begins (Parish Rooms)
Wed 8 th Jun 7.30pm	Pilgrim group 'The Eucharist' begins (Parish Rooms)
Fri 10 th Jun 2.45pm	Kildwick School collective worship in church
Sun 12 th Jun Various	Queen's 90 th birthday celebration
Sun 12 th Jun 6.00pm	Choral Evensong sung by The Epiphany Singers
Sat 25 th Jun 12 noon	Summer Fair
Mon 27 th Jun 7.00pm	Prayers for the Parish & World Church
Mon 11 th Jul 6.00pm	Kildwick School governors meeting (School)
Fri 15 th Jul 2.45pm	Kildwick School collective worship in church
Sat 16 th Jul 7.30pm	Concert by The Epiphany Singers
Wed 20 th Jul 7.00pm	Bradford Episcopal Area Forum meeting (Immanuel School)

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)

1 May The Sixth Sunday of Easter	8.15 am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion with baptism
5 May Ascension Day	7.30 pm	CDFC Service at St Andrew's
8 May The Seventh Sunday of Easter	8.15 am 10.00 am	Holy Communion Parish Communion
15 May Day of Pentecost	8.15 am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion
22 May Trinity Sunday	8.15 am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion with Celtic style liturgy
29 May The First Sunday after Trinity	8.15 am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion

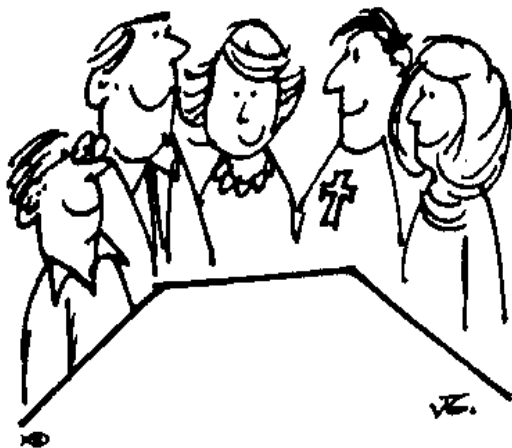


Summer Fair, 12 noon - 3.00pm Saturday 25th June

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 churchwarden@kildwick.org.uk or Katharine Calvert, katharine.calvert@yahoo.co.uk.

Summer Fair Raffle Tickets. Raffle tickets will be available this month to take away and sell. Please take as many as you can to sell to family, friends and neighbours.

St Andrew's Pastoral Care Group



Want someone
to talk to?

Lonely?

Need some
help?

Call June on
01535 655320

Need a
listening ear?

News from Maggie Tookey who is a resident of Farnhill and project director of Edinburgh Direct Aid

Edinburgh Direct Aid works in many parts of the world but over the last few years we have been focusing our efforts on a remote and somewhat dangerous town on the Lebanon/Syria border. The town is home to around 80,000 Syrian refugees, most of them living in informal camps. There are 9,000 refugee children who have missed 2 or 3 years schooling and who still have no access to education. There are also countless young Syrian men who have no hope, no job, no income and no future. Islamic State fighters are just outside the town but have also penetrated the camps and they present a very tempting new life for these young men.

Due to the dangerous presence of IS and also the Al Nusra Front, all western agencies have left the town although they do employ some local Lebanese workers who live there. EDA has not withdrawn and is working hard to build schools and offer vocational training courses and workshops for these young people.

Below is a sample from my 2016 diary of one of my many periods of time working in the town.

MONDAY Feb 21st – Baalbeck, Northern Bekaa Valley.

Today's stressful. It's 11am and there've been many negotiations over the weekend, lots of phone calls by our local Mufti to various essential people – Lebanese army generals, military Intelligence, police contacts, truck drivers working in the border zone.

We finally have a green light. However I'm beginning to realise that although the situation in Aarsal is always difficult and carries certain risks because of IS (Daesh) and Al Nusra being around, this time it's definitely more serious. The security is at a higher level than I've experienced before. It could prove a bit tricky for the work tasks ahead. I guess one of the reasons for this deterioration is the recent suicide bombing and the spate of almost daily security alerts.

12pm. I'm in! I'm so relieved. My 'fixer' got me through the checkpoints. It all happened so suddenly. One minute I was in the Mufti's house in Baalbeck, the next minute I was back at the hotel grabbing my stuff for a holiday in Aarsal!

I can't do all the work I need to do without actually being in the town proper and the camps. So now I'm here I'm staying. However this has resulted in extra negotiation with the army and/or intelligence and/or Hezbollah, to which I'm not party. I know I'm the only westerner here. There's around 35,000 Lebanese and around 80,000 Syrian refugees plus a scattering of Daesh and Al Nusra who seem to move in and out of the town quite freely.

Passing through the final checkpoint into the town is like entering another country – Aarsal is unique - it bears no relation to the rest of Lebanon – it's like the Wild West – it's entirely without any kind of security force – police don't enter – army personnel rarely enter. Once inside the town I'm sort of on my own apart from my Lebanese and Syrian 'minders'. The hills which encircle the town are dotted with fortified Lebanese army posts – even so the likes of ISIS and Al Nusra and various 'bandit' types are able to come and go from their hideouts in the 'no man's land' outside the town boundary.

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Funds raised will go towards supporting maintenance and repairs to this Grade 1 listed building, ensuring its place in the heart of the community for generations to come.

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When you shop through '**Give as you Live**' a donation will be made to St Andrew's Church without costing you a penny extra.

So far 100,000+ '**Give as you Live**' users have raised £6,781,827.37 for 7,500 different good causes.



Sign up using this address

www.give.as/charity/standrewschurchkildwick

and *Happy Shopping!*



It is their presence that gives me the most cause for concern. However it's really best not to think about it and most of the time I don't. I take as many precautions as possible, a managed risk so to speak. The Syrian team around me is excellent and the few people that can most protect me know exactly where I am most of the time.

2pm. So today I've begun work as soon as I've got here. It's great to see old friends both Syrian and Lebanese. Despite the insecurity of being here I feel so welcomed. EDA is doing more work than ever now with its vocational skills training programme and its support for education.

My Syrian team has collected me but we must take safety measures from the start. I'm travelling around in the back of a car with darkened windows. I'm not getting out until we arrive at a camp or a school and I'm wearing my headscarf. The problem is I get very car sick in the back – I guess a small price to pay for added security – I must take my travel sick pills tomorrow.

I also have to move to a different place to sleep every night. These precautions are essential and I'll do whatever I'm asked if it keeps me safer.

So first we head off to my first night's accommodation to dump my rucksack. I'm with a Syrian family I've come to know well. They live in a low cement block not far from the centre of town and I've got a room right on the end. It's fine. Not luxurious but it has the basics – a cold tap and a floor to sleep on. Tomorrow night I'll be somewhere else but I know not where yet.

Now we've come straight to the school across town that EDA has helped refurbish – it's in the 'outer camp zone', and it was badly damaged in the ISIS incursion of August 2014. It's been unusable until a few months ago. Now 260 primary age children from the large attached refugee camp attend daily. It's very impressive as are the team of voluntary Syrian teachers.

They have another classroom they need to get up and running. Can we help? Yes of course we can. That's another 30 kids into schooling or 60 with a double shift. Every child into school is a triumph here. We stay a long time chatting to teachers, and looking at what else is needed. Then I'm ushered into the back seat of the car and driven out of the compound.

25th Feb 11am.

I'm now at our vocational training centre to see how the courses are going. I walk into the first training room and see around 20 Syrian women from the camps and some local Lebanese from the town, engrossed in their basic computer course, their qualified Syrian lecturer illustrating something on the whiteboard. Next door are a similar number of men following a computer graphic design course.

I go from room to room – 20 women mostly Syrian refugees working away on large looms learning to make the most beautiful rugs. They are tutored by a Lebanese woman highly experienced in commercial rug production.

Another 23 women are working on EDA sewing machines with their Syrian male instructor guiding them through the use of these machines newly arrived from Edinburgh.

They are all so happy. I'm very happy. Seeing the results of what EDA's money is doing here in this cut off, dangerous town is very uplifting and I count myself lucky that I'm here and able to witness it.

11pm I'm back in my first cement box for the night. I should be somewhere

different but the team accepted me staying here again – we're all tired and it's cold.

I'm now more confident of my safety at night but this is an illusion. The longer I'm here the more the risk increases – the more chance there is that my whereabouts gets picked up on the radar of dubious groups. I think about this as I check the door is locked and pull up my sleeping bag.

I go to bed with a slight feeling of unease. Maybe I really should have moved.

26th Feb 7am

I'm not sure about last night. I was woken around 2am by some sort of quiet activity near my room outside but I couldn't tell how close it was. Maybe it was just the breeze. I was immediately on edge and was trying to think of what best to do. I had no way out except through the main door. The window at the back was too small but if I really had to.... After 10 minutes or so one of the family, the father I think, called gently to me through the closed window asking if I was OK. He'd also heard some activity and had come out to check on me. I snuggled deeper into the sleeping bag and adopted an ostrich mentality! Often best I find.

Feb 27th 7pm

I walk in to the main family room and find my Lebanese fixer and another Lebanese from the Municipality. Something has changed. They say I must move to a sort of 'safe house' up near the army checkpoint if I want to remain any longer in Aarsal but they seem doubtful even about this.

I'm shocked. It's all happened so quickly. I'm tired, cold and resistant to this sudden move. I try to protest but even the Syrian family offer me no support. They tell me it's a direct instruction from the army. I have no choice. Everyone looks unhappy. Within 20 minutes I'm in a car surrounded by my half packed stuff in lots of carrier bags. Everyone seems in a hurry.

I arrive at the home of a Lebanese family close to the entry checkpoint. Apparently the situation in the town has become too unstable and the army want me to leave. They think I'm now on the radar of the militants. I think back to last night. The disturbance in the early hours.

I suppose I've covered most of the important stuff in my 5 days here but I was planning on 2 weeks.

I'm unhappy but I'm not stupid and must obey. The next time I come could be different again. We have schools to build and workshops to run. I'll be back.

Maggie Tookey (EDA – project Director)

(Maggie leaves again for the Syrian border in 4 weeks – May 2016)

FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL SUMMARY OF DRAFT MINUTES

The meeting of Farnhill Parish Council was held on the 5th April 2016 in Kildwick/Farnhill Institute. Three members of the Council were present & CDC & NYCC Representative Counc P Mulligan & Clerk S Harding-Hill. No members of the public were present.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 1st March 2016 were approved by the Council and signed as a correct record by the Chairman after a couple of alterations.

Counc P Mulligan updated the Parish Council on the Local Plan and stated that Craven District Council's spatial planning committee had agreed to release the draft plan for public consultation until May 17th. He also informed the Parish council that up until the meeting on the 4th April Farnhill and Kildwick had not been included in the housing allocation sites but that changed at the meeting when the planning officer put forward to have 2 houses per year included for Kildwick/Farnhill combined. Craven had an allocation of between 170-374 houses per year and have chosen an in between amount of 256 which they think will get passed. If the plan is rejected due to not enough houses then they will have to start again and it could take another 2-3yrs. The final plan has to be completed by 1st December. If it is not completed by 2017 the government will provide an allocation of houses over a period of 20 years. The draft plan is available, together with a feedback form on the Council's cravendc.gov.uk/newlocalplan website or hard copies can be viewed at Belle Vue Square offices or local libraries.

The Parish Council resolved to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 3rd May at 7.30pm in Kildwick/Farnhill Village Institute. Clerk to draft a flyer with details of the meeting on the front and the Draft Policy for the Arbour on the back and circulate to members of the Council before getting it printed. The Councillors to share the distribution of the flyers the same as last year.

The Parish Council resolved to change the dates of the meetings as from next month so as not to clash with other meetings. They will now be held on the 4th Thursday in the month with the next Parish Council Meeting being on Thursday 26th May 2016

The Clerk provided copies of the Receipts & Payments Account & Supporting Statement for year ended 31st March 2016. The Parish Council completed and approved the Annual Governance Statement 2015/2016 for the Annual Return and the Accounting Statement for 2015/2016 for the Annual Return was completed by the Clerk and approved and signed by the Council.

NYCC Street Lighting have provided the costs for a new lantern to be attached to a NPG Pole to replace Light No 50 at the top of Starkey Lane which has been condemned by NYCC. The estimates for a light are £1120 + VAT for a standard 30W LED lantern, pole box and bracket attached to the existing NPG post, to include NPG connecting their supply to the new pole box and disconnecting and removing the old column. The cost of a decorative lantern (small version of the Windsor Authority) would be £1623 + VAT. The Parish Council resolved that due to the position and the performance of the light the standard 30W LED would be the best choice. Clerk to inform Street Lighting and ask them to arrange for it to be fit. It was reported that

Street Light No 31 (the middle light under the Culvert) was out. Clerk to report to NYCC Street Lighting.

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that it was 3 years since a tree Inspection of the trees owned by the Parish Council had taken place by a qualified Arboriculturalist and that the Insurance recommend it is carried out every 3 years. The Council resolved that an inspection be arranged with ARB Tree Surgeons who carried out the previous inspection.

The Parish Council reviewed the Financial Risk Assessment & Financial Regulations which had been e-mailed to members previously along with NALC updated Model Financial Regulations. It was resolved that the documents were adequate and no alterations were needed. The draft Policy for the Arbour to be put on the reverse of the flyer for the Annual Parish Meeting and to be considered for approval at the next meeting along with policies for Public Participation & Recording of Meetings.

A quote of £672.00 has been received to complete the works at the seating area and the Parish Council resolved to get the work done. Quotes for the work to support the retaining wall at the top of lower Arbour have not yet been received. Clerk to source further quotes. Counc M Scarffe provided some drawings and measurements for the work to the paths at the top of Lower Arbour. These will be discussed at a later stage.

No response has been received from CDC regarding our request for them to assess where a suitable place would be to leave the bins to avoid them blowing into the road. Counc P Mulligan explained that Paul Florentine from Waste Management had now left CDC, but Alan Sutcliffe had done a lot of work and there will be some re-organisation and matters will be addressed.

Councillor R Bramley reported that the grass had been cut at the Play Area and there were no issues of concern. Information about the precept has been added to the website.

The Clerk informed the Council that Airedale Chemicals had offered to contribute towards a defibrillator if we decide to go ahead with it. The item will be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting and the Parish Council will carry out more research before making a decision.

**THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY 3RD MAY
2016 AT 7.30PM IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL INSTITUTE.
ALL MEMBERS OF THE VILLAGE ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING (ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL)
THURSDAY 26TH MAY 2016 IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL INSTITUTE
AT 7.30PM**

All members of the village are welcome to attend



The Birds in Your Garden

The Great Tit



The Great Tit is one of our best known and most studied garden birds. Thanks in particular to their liking for nest boxes we have been studying them for a hundred years or so!

The most important time of year for Great Tits, as for all birds, is the breeding season, which starts in March with pairing and nest hunting. They nest in holes and crevices in walls or trees, as well as in pipes and letterboxes: which is probably why they also like nest boxes with a clear flight path and a hole around 28mm diameter.

The nest is mainly built by the female and consists primarily of moss, lined with feathers. It can take anything from a few days to a couple of weeks to build.

They make only one breeding attempt, laying 7-9 eggs, timed to coincide with the maximum availability of caterpillars which are the primary requirement for their young. Hence their problems last spring when it was so wet and cold that there were too few of them around.

They are the largest of our tits, with a substantial vocal repertoire. At this time of year their characteristic "*tea-cher tea-cher*" song is all around us; other calls abound though, a frequent one being "*cha-cha-cha*", but all are simple riffs.

Great Tits tend to feed lower down in the undergrowth than other tits, presumably because they are larger and less agile, eating invertebrates when available, and seeds when they are not. Although sociable birds, they don't form foraging flocks, and their behaviour around feeders is decidedly hierarchical with the dominant adults feeding on the best feeders (closest to cover) leaving the younger birds to feed on more exposed ones where the risk of Sparrowhawk attack is greater.

The Great Tit is a typical tit and is unmistakable given its larger size. They have a black cap (glossy in males), collar and bib set with white cheeks. The back is green to blue-grey. Underneath they are lemon yellow with a central black stripe running down from the throat which is wider and more strongly developed in males than in females. Sometimes you can see that in the male the black stripe extends across the belly to the base of both legs, while in the female it is not so broad and does not reach the legs. It is this stripe, together with the black head that differentiates them from their smaller cousins, the Blue Tits, and is an indicator of fitness to females.

Great Tits have become susceptible to avian pox over recent years. It has long been endemic in Blackbirds and Dunnocks, but this seems to be a different and more virulent strain leading to unsightly growths on a bird's head. Since Great Tits do not migrate, it is likely to have been brought to the UK by insects. Although birds can recover from the pox virus, the lesions it causes may impair their vision and ability to feed, as well as leaving them susceptible to secondary infections and

predation. To date it does not seem to be species threatening, but if you do see a case please consider reporting it to the BTO or RSPB.

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.



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 in Kildwick and enjoy making and chatting in a friendly atmosphere. The group will be meeting every other Monday at 8pm. Everyone is welcome! Whether you are an experienced knitter or crocheter or someone taking up knitting for the first time. Come along and give it a try....

Dates 9/5, 23/5, 6/6, 20/6, 4/7, 18/7.



Knitted Canal project

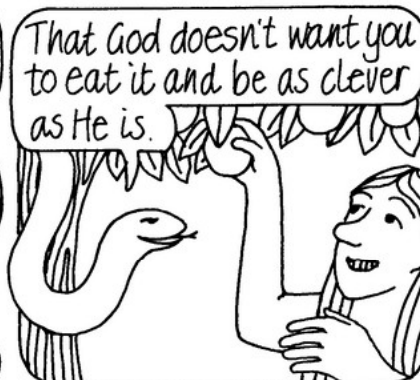
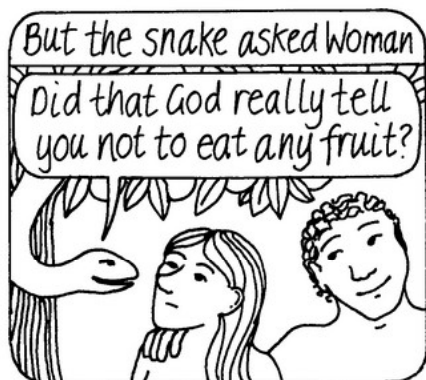
As it is 200 years since the completion of the Leeds-Liverpool canal we would like to celebrate this amazing piece of engineering and create an art and craft piece that anyone in the community can contribute to. Inspired by the water and the wildlife, we are asking all keen crafty people to knit, crochet or stitch squares or rectangles of any size from 6x4 inches in any shade of blue and green. These can be plain or beautifully embellished. You can add frogs, fish, ducks or anything else. Don't stop knitting one, keep going and see how many you can make. Our aim is to complete and stitch together all the pieces of the knitted canal and display the finished work at the Kildwick Summer Fair on 25th June 2016. Spread the word and take part in this exciting community project. Hand in your pieces at Kildwick School or come along to one of the knitting sessions at the White Lion pub. Or get in touch via email: denisafranceis@live.co.uk or mobile 07967708612

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Genesis chapter 2:4-9, 15-25 and ch. 3

This story is about the wonderful start
to the world, and the first mistake...



back to work



"...and then the vicar realised the bellringer-shortage and the problem of providing crèche facilities could be solved in one go!"

*All very
informal*

The Village Pump

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

In the Kildwick and Farnhill Institute

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

- Come and Enjoy:-*
- ◆ *Quoits or Table Skittles*
 - ◆ *A group quiz*
 - ◆ *Boxed Games*
 - ◆ *Shuffleboard*
 - ◆ *Table Tennis*

*Enquiries to Joyce
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