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St Andrew's Church Kildwick

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

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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,

October invites us to give time to reflect on our relationship with God, with our neighbour and with creation. We do this as we celebrate three important Sundays in the life of the Church: Harvest Festival, One World Week and Bible Sunday.

This year we will be blessed in our celebrating these occasions as we do so in our newly reordered nave; see a full report on pages 7 and 8. Suffice to say that we are excited that after many years patiently struggling to find a scheme that was achievable the first significant reordering in the church for over 100 years has now happened. We are confident that the new space at the front of the nave and in the north aisle will benefit our regular worship as well as many other occasions in the life of the church.

Having achieved this reordering the hope is that we can now consider other ways to make the church building more suitable as a resource for the community in the 21st century. We also hope to resume holding occasional concerts in the church; events which have been much appreciated in past years.

Given that any reordering is done with the future well-being of the building in mind, it is wonderful that the first occasion in the new space is the Kildwick School harvest collective worship. The link between school and church is very important and it is good that our young people will be the first to gather and use the new space.

Harvest Festival exhorts us to remember our stewardship of the creation and challenges us to think about what we must all do to ensure future generations have a good world to enjoy.

In June Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment titled *Laudato Si* (Italian for *Praise Be to You*) was published. With the subtitle *On Care For Our Common Home*, the encyclical critiques consumerism and irresponsible development, laments environmental degradation and global warming, and calls all people of the world to take "swift and unified global action".

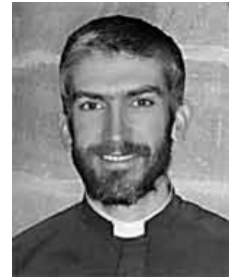
Interestingly, the title of the encyclical is an Umbrian phrase from St Francis of Assisi's 13th century 'Canticle of the Sun' (also called the Canticle of the Creatures), a poem and prayer in which God is praised for the creation of different creatures and aspects of the earth.

St Francis' Day falls on 4th October when we remember the 'poor man of Assisi' who, as he surrendered everything to follow Christ, 'saw anew'. In holy poverty Francis discovered reconciliation with creation and with the least of society. He crossed boundaries and became an instrument of peace. Together with his compatriot, St Clare of Assisi, Francis showed how a divided humanity can be reconciled as sisters and brothers with God our creator and the earth. His life became a prophetic gift to the world.

A prophet is not someone who simply predicts the future, but someone who speaks truth into the present situation and so warns of the consequences of choosing to remain blind to what should be seen. In this way, perhaps Pope Francis is offering a prophetic gift, a prophetic voice to the world today. In the encyclical Pope Francis' thinking is clear as one commentator describes:

"The warming of the planet is a symptom of a greater problem: the developed world's indifference to the destruction of the planet as they pursue short-term economic gains. This has resulted in a "throwaway culture" in which unwanted items

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and unwanted people, such as the unborn, the elderly, and the poor, are discarded as waste. This subtext makes the document "more profoundly subversive" than it appears on the surface.

"The real problem, according to Francis, lies in the fact that humans no longer see God as the Creator. Thus, we see "other living beings as mere objects subjected to arbitrary human domination" and do not realize that "the ultimate purpose of other creatures is not found in us." Francis says that instead of viewing man as having "dominion" over the earth, we must see that everything is interconnected and that all of creation is a "kind of universal family." Nature cannot be seen as something apart from humanity, or merely the place where we live. He says that our social and environmental crises are thus one complex crisis that must be solved holistically."

Let us listen carefully and attentively to the prophetic voices of our day.

May the God of all creation bless you.

Robin



The journey has begun

We have begun to use the *Pilgrim* course and two groups are enjoying exploring **What Christians Believe** as they work through Book 1. In the first module people have been exploring the questions asked when people become a follower of Jesus: Do you turn to Christ? Do you believe and trust in God the Father? Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ? Do you believe in the Holy Spirit? Do you repent of your sins? Do you renounce evil?



The Monday afternoon group.



The Wednesday evening group.

We asked those on the groups to give us a short summary of what the course has been like so far. The responses have been extremely encouraging, as you can now read:

- ♦ I'm thoroughly enjoying the *Pilgrim* course because it revisits some of the Christian basics in a stimulating way and encourages questions and discussion. As a relative new comer to St Andrews, I'm also enjoying the opportunity to get to know the course members.
- ♦ It is good to feel part of a group; I feel I am learning new things; I enjoy the walk home in the dark (time to reflect).
- ♦ It is good to go "back to basics" - new lights are somehow shone into "dark places".
- ♦ It has been good to open up and share and hear others thoughts on each section of the course.
- ♦ I am really enjoying the *Pilgrim* Course. It is refreshing and encouraging to realise that others share the same questions and thoughts that I sometimes feel uncomfortable with on my own.
- ♦ Thought Provoking.
- ♦ I feel that I am beginning to see things in different ways through the discussion of other peoples' ideas, which I find very helpful
- ♦ I am finding the course challenging but at the same time uplifting. Sharing fellowship with the others and learning from them is helpful.
- ♦ It is a back to basics course but I'm getting a lot out of it.
- ♦ It is wonderful to spend time in reflection and fellowship with other people. It does feel like a real journey of faith where I am questioning and revisiting my beliefs and values.
- ♦ Interesting course - going back to basics is helpful
- ♦ Thank for the chance to participate in the *Pilgrim* course. It has been such a positive experience of learning, sharing and listening to our group talking about our faith and journey.
- ♦ The groups are valuable because you obtain different insights on the topics under discussion.
- ♦ Pilgrim is a challenge to me to find out more about the workings of the Holy Spirit.
- ♦ It is a back to basic course but you learn something new each week.
- ♦ *Pilgrim* is a wonderful opportunity to meet with others and share the joys, the challenges and the mysteries of the Christian faith. It gives opportunity for fellowship with others and open discussion about the journey we share together; it is encouraging and helpful. I am sure it will help us enrich the life of our church and also help us as individuals to grow in faith and understanding.
- ♦ I have found the course to date really stimulating. It allows you to explore your faith at your own pace with insightful support of others in the group. I find myself looking forward to this thoughtful space during the week.

The second module of the course will explore **How do Christians know and worship God?** by using one of the greatest Christian treasures, **the Lord's Prayer**, to explore prayer and reveal more about what God is like.

Groups for this module will begin in the week commencing 2nd November and continue for 6 weeks. Each module stands alone so there is no requirement to have attended the first module to attend this one. Look out for flyers and invitation cards coming soon.

News from the PCC

Reordering of the central area of the church

Work began on Monday 14th September and the team from Enoch Harrison builders have made excellent progress. By the time you read this the work will have finished and we will move back into the nave for the Kildwick School Harvest Festival collective worship on Friday 9th October. The Harvest Festival celebration on Sunday 11th October will be the first Sunday back in the nave.

It has been exciting to watch the work progress and see the new space opening up at the front of the nave and in the north aisle. We now look forward to exploring how to use these new spaces within our regular worship and also when we have events such as Messy Church, the St Andrew's Fair and the Summer Fair.



For some people it was a shock seeing what is involved in such a reordering; a church building is normally a place of order and tranquillity, not a noisy, dusty building site! But such changes do not come without a little disturbance for a short period of time.

As we followed this reordering project we thought it would be interesting to look back a little over 110 years to the last major restoration & reordering project. Then the east end of the church was partitioned off for a full 12 months as the chancel was effectively rebuilt and the nave pews were put on the present wooden platform. The following pictures remind us what a major project involves:



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For those who are not able to join us on Friday 9th or Sunday 11th October to experience the new space, we will hold two open afternoons between 2pm and 4pm on Sundays 18th and 25th October. We hope many will come to see what a great improvement has been made to our church building. We will have a display of photographs telling the story of this project and some photographs telling the story of other periods in church's life. Refreshments will be available.

Pews at the west end of the nave

A year ago we were granted a Licence for a Temporary Minor Reordering to allow us to remove the row of pews at the west end of the nave. This meant we could move the large table and the chest onto the pew platform, thereby enlarging the gathering space near the font.

The benefit to the congregation has been significant, such that the PCC has decided to apply for a faculty for the permanent removal of these pews. The necessary paperwork has recently been submitted to the Diocesan Advisory Committee for its consideration and it is expected that the formal Public Notices will be displayed towards the end of October for the statutory 28 day period during which any interested person may submit a letter of objection.



Repair of the church porch roof

Discussions have been ongoing recently to appraise the options for the repair of the porch roof. Given the ongoing risk of further thefts if lead is used again for the roof, the PCC has decided to apply for a faculty for the repair of the roof using terne-coated stainless steel.

This material has received support around the country as an alternative to lead on account of its appearance and performance on traditional buildings.

The PCC has submitted the necessary paperwork to the DAC for its consideration and it will be consulting with the appropriate amenity societies and local authority. The formal Public Notices will be displayed in due course; they will be displayed for a period of 28 days during which any interested person may submit a letter of objection.

'Love is more important
than anything else.'

Colossians 3.12-17



Bible Sunday - Sunday 25th October

Supporting the work of the Bible Society

Bible Society is working to circulate the Scriptures across the world, in the church and through the culture just like air conditioning circulates air through a building.

The strategy of Bible Society (how we achieve our mission) centres on Bible availability, accessibility and credibility. It's what we call the 'lifecycle' of the Bible. These strategic approaches encompass all of our activity: translation, production, distribution, literacy, engagement and advocacy.

We believe this work can be transformative

The lifecycle of the Bible

- ♦ **Translation:** making the Bible available in new spoken and signed languages, and revising existing Bibles to bring the language up-to-date, so that everyone can experience the Scriptures in their 'heart language'
- ♦ **Production:** printing physical copies of the Bible and producing visual, audio and digital forms of the Scriptures in order to meet the demands of the millions around the world who want a Bible of their own
- ♦ **Distribution:** taking the Bible to places it might otherwise be hard to come by, in formats that people can use
- ♦ **Literacy:** helping people to read and to read well, using the Bible as a resource
- ♦ **Engagement:** helping people grapple with the Bible, read and respond to it wisely
- ♦ **Advocacy:** giving the wider culture a reason and opportunity to encounter the joys of the Bible



For more information go to www.biblesociety.org.uk

Making the Bible affordable

A billion people in our world **live on just 60p a day**. That makes owning a Bible a luxury they can't afford.

More than that, it is among these poor communities that the Church is growing fast – including **China, Nepal, Vietnam and many parts of Africa**. This creates an urgent need for the Bible at a price people can afford. For some, like prisoners and

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refugees, that means free of charge.

Demonstrating the Bible's relevance

In our own country the Bible is readily available and affordable. But the **Bible is no longer shaping the nation** or enriching its life.

Landmarks include 'Winterval' replacing Christmas, 'faith' words omitted from a children's dictionary and fewer people knowing the Bible's stories. And the Bible is no longer seen as a reference point for everyday life.

This is why we are:

- ♦ **Working with key influencers** – in the media, education, politics and the arts – to help them see the Bible's connection with today's issues.
- ♦ Running initiatives designed to **make the Bible, rather than religion, the issue** and for it to be taken seriously and viewed positively.

Equipping the Church

Many assume Christians are avid Bible readers and well able to live out what it has to say. The reality is that most churchgoers:

- ♦ Seldom read the Bible.
- ♦ Lack confidence in their knowledge of the Bible.
- ♦ Struggle to apply the Bible's message to their daily lives or the decisions they make.

From the registers

Baptisms

Sunday 7 th September	Evelyn Marrow, daughter of Ben & Ceri, of Mill Street, Cross Hills
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Funerals

Friday 18 th September	Michael Baumber, formerly of Main Street, Sutton-in-Craven
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Burials of cremated remains

Monday 14 th September	Kenneth Johnson, formerly of Bank Road, Cross Hills
Saturday 19 th September	Winnie Smith, formerly of Kirkgate, Farnhill



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



**United Service for
One World Week**



HOPE IN ACTION



**10.30am
Sunday 18th October
at
St Andrew's Church,
Kildwick**

Preacher: The Reverend Rob White

Rob White lives in Wilmslow, Cheshire, near Poynton, where he was Senior Minister of the Baptist Church until May 2004. Previous to that he was National Director of Youth for Christ in the UK & Vice-Chairman of the International Board. Together with his wife, Marion, he is church-planting in Wilmslow. He still spends some time fulfilling a wider ministry, giving input to leaders, leadership teams & churches of all denominations, much of which is shared with Marion.

Rob & Marion were involved in Spring Harvest (arguably the largest interdenominational event in Europe, if not the world, attracting some 40,000 people each year) speaking & leading for 29 years. He is co-founder & chairman of Hope for Justice, an organisation whose mission is to rescue the victims of human trafficking here in the UK.

Please note the start time of the service on this day.

St Andrew's Fair

Saturday 28th November

10.30am -1.30pm

**St Andrew's Church
Kildwick**

Bargains galore including:

Toys

Books

Bric-a-Brac

Handmade Crafts

Christmas Gifts

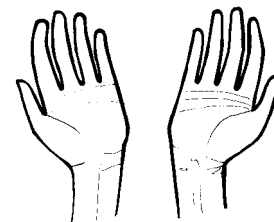
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Prayer page



Lord, thank you for walking with us through the seasons of our lives.

for the winter, when we are held safe in Your arms through the darkness.

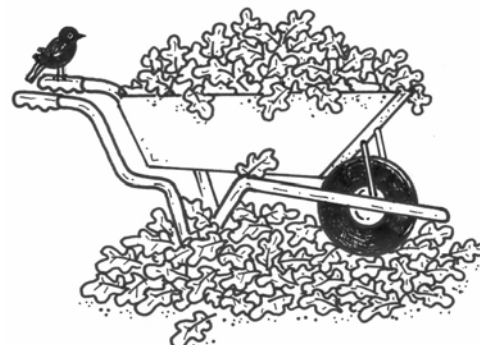
for the hope of spring, as we are filled with new promise and life.

for the summer time, full of warmth and colour

And for these autumn days as leaves fall to seed new growth

You are always with us,

AMEN.



Creator God, we thank You for a harvest of plenty,

small seeds that multiply to feed many,

trees that blossom and produce abundant fruit.

Creator God we thank you for abundance overflowing.

We thank You for the seeds You have planted in our hearts,

seeds yielding goodness and mercy,

seeds of love yielding justice and peace,

seeds of compassion yielding healing and renewal.

Creator God, we thank You for the bread of heaven

Christ our Saviour planted in our lives.

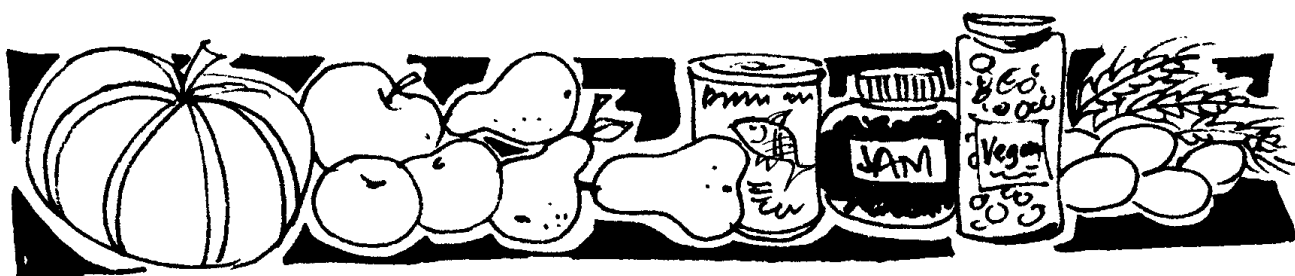
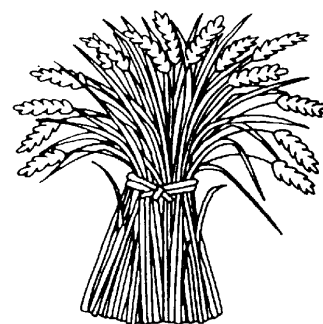
We thank You for the gift of life.

Like water poured on thirsty ground,

spring and autumn rain that revives and brings life.

We thank You.

Amen.



Church Rotas

	Sidespersons	Intercessor	Communion
4 October 2015 Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity	Eleanor Eastwood Sandie Walton June Whitaker	Peter Bannister	Sandie and Christine
11 October 2015 Harvest Festival	Marie Stinson Peter McNeill	Sue Hargreaves	Sue and John
18 October 2015 Luke the Evangelist	Ann Mosley Christine Anderton Michael Baxter	Marie Stinson	<i>United Service</i>
25 October 2015 Bible Sunday	Kath Morris Alison Roland		Christine and Peter

Sunday morning Tea and Coffee Rota

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

Flower Rota October

4th
11th Harvest
18th Rev. Halliday
25th Mrs. Reithermann

Brass Cleaning October

Pauline Underwood and Sylvia Ackroyd

Autumn Church Clean & Churchyard Tidy Up

We will again be giving our churchyards a tidy up during **Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th October**. 9.30am–12.30 pm.

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.



Readers Rota

4 October 2015 Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity	Genesis 2.18-24 Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12 Mark 10.2-16	Glyn Evans Kathryn Morris Sylvia Clark
11 October 2015 Harvest Festival	Amos 5.6-7, 10-15 Hebrews 4.12-16 Mark 10.17-31	2 readings only tbc Tim Littler/ Kathryn Taylor Brenda Brock
18 October 2015 Luke the Evangelist	Isaiah 35.3-6 2 Timothy 4.5-17 Luke 10.1-9	CDFC One World Week service: Readers from other CDFC churches
25 October 2015 Bible Sunday	Isaiah 55.1-11 2 Timothy 3.14: 4.5 John 5.36b-4	Marie Stinson Christine Anderton Marjorie Gee



Sunday 8th November
2.30-4.30 pm
Your family is invited to
Messy Church
for Autumn

Messy Church has become very popular at St Andrew's. It's a very relaxed event for all-ages with lots of fun, music, making things together to explore the Bible, then celebrating Jesus in a short time of story, action songs, prayer and of course an extra special tea!

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

Lesley 01535 523291 lhudson@talktalk.net

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	



Mon 12 th Oct	6.30pm	Kildwick School governors meeting (School)
Sun 18 th Oct	10.30am	CDFC Service for One World Week (St Andrew's, Kildwick)
Sun 18 th Oct	2.00pm	Church open to see the reordering
Mon 19 th Oct	10.30am	CDFC Care Homes Worship Teams meeting (St Peter's, Cross Hills)
Fri 23 rd Oct	9.30am	Churchyards tidy-up
Sat 24 th Oct	9.30am	Churchyards tidy-up
Sun 25 th Oct		Bible Sunday
Sun 25 th Oct	2.00pm	Church open to see the reordering
Sun 1 st Nov		ALL SAINTS DAY
Mon 2 nd Nov		ALL SOULS' DAY (Commemoration of the Faithful Departed)
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer
w/c 2nd Nov		<i>Pilgrim</i> module 'The Lord's Prayer' begins
Sun 8 th Nov		Remembrance Sunday
Sun 8 th Nov	2.30pm	Messy Church
Tue 10 th Nov	6.30pm	PCC meeting (Parish Rooms)
Fri 13 th Nov	2.45pm	Kildwick School collective worship in church
Sat 28 th Nov	10.00am	St Andrew's Fair (Church & Parish Rooms)
Sun 29 th Nov		ADVENT SUNDAY
	6.00pm	Advent Carol Service
Mon 30 th Nov		ANDREW THE APOSTLE
	7.30pm	Patronal Festival Eucharist with Baptism, Confirmation & Affirmation of Faith. Officiant: The Bishop of Bradford

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)

4 October 2015 Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity	8.15 am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion
11 October 2015 Harvest Festival	8.15 am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion
18 October 2015 Luke the Evangelist	8.15 am 10.30 am	Holy Communion CDFC United Service for One World Week
25 October 2015 Bible Sunday	8.15 am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion with prayer for healing

Harvest Festival Celebration



Join us for our Harvest Festival
on **Sunday 11th October**
10.00am Family Communion
to be followed
by the auction of produce.

Proceeds from the
services and the auction
will be given



Non perishable items
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Saints and Such

October

22nd Donatus - and the danger of exploring an unfamiliar church

When you are out and about on the road far from home, ever feel tempted to pop in and explore an unfamiliar church? If so, think of Donatus as your patron saint – and beware. You don't know what you may be letting yourself in for....

In 829 Donatus, an Irish monk, had completed a prayerful pilgrimage to Rome, and thought his adventures were over. Now there only remained the long road home to Ireland. He had got as far as the beautiful little town of Fiesole, which sits high above Florence in Tuscany, when he saw a lot of people milling about the cathedral. Curious, he decided to look in.... as he entered the cathedral, the bells rang, the lamps were lit and wham! Without any diocesan paperwork at all, he was acclaimed to be the new bishop the people had been praying for.

Donatus was very surprised, but accepted that this turn of events must be God's will for his life. So he became bishop, in a time when bishops did even more dangerous things than they do nowadays. Instead of verbal forays into the national press, Donatus was given the job of leading Pope Louis the Pious' troops against the Saracens. Safely back in Fiesole, Donatus settled down as a scholar and teacher of his new flock. But he never forgot his native Ireland, and so did the 9th century equivalent of 'twinning' his diocese, for he opened a little hospice where any Irish pilgrims passing through Tuscany could stay in safety. He died in 876, and 12 centuries later, his relics lie in the present cathedral of Fiesole.

24th Felix of Thibiuca - the man who would not give up his Bible

Do you value your Bible? If so, Felix of Thibiuca (247 – 303) is a good patron saint for you. The year was 303, and Diocletian was emperor in Rome. In February he decided that Christians were NOT a good thing. So he issued an edict: all copies of the Christian scriptures and all liturgical books were to be surrendered and burnt. Diocletian had decided to 'wind up' this upstart religion.

The persecution began in Rome. By June of that year, the edict had reached North Africa, and Thibiuca, where Felix was bishop. Felix was arrested and interrogated. Yes, he said, he did have a copy of the Scriptures. No, he said, he would not hand them over.

Felix was a highly respected bishop, and even the authorities were loath to take immediate action against him. So they gave him three days grace to see sense, and back down. But Felix prayed and became only more certain that this was a conflict

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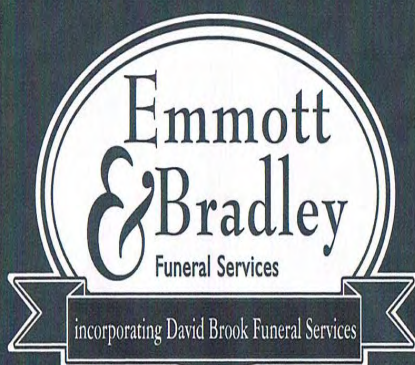
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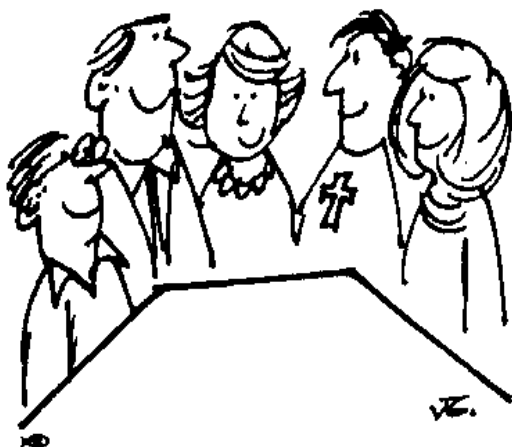
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Need a
listening ear?

Most popular Bible Stories:

Editor: Paul Hardingham continues his series on Top Bible Stories . This is the second in his series. (from The Parish Pump)

2. Adam and Eve

This month we will look at the story of Adam and Eve (Genesis 1-3), reflecting on God's question to Adam: *'Where are you?'* (Genesis 3:9).

These chapters remind us that *God is our creator*. He created Adam and Eve in his image (1:27), to steward the earth and enjoy an intimate relationship with each other and Himself. This remains God's purpose for our lives, despite living in a fallen world, where things have gone wrong.

We also see that *God calls us to obey His commands*. Adam and Eve were told not to eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (2:15-17). This command was for their benefit and protection, so that they could continue to enjoy fellowship of God. The story shows that disobeying this command and eating the fruit brought separation and death. When God questioned Adam and Eve they were hiding in the garden from their loving Father.

God asks us all *'Where are you?'*, for we all share Adam and Eve's story. The universal condition of humanity is that *we have all sinned* and are separated from God's love and life. Yet this story points to a second Adam, Jesus Christ, who came to bring us back into relationship with the Father. His death and resurrection enables each of us to know God personally in our lives.

The story is told of an estranged Spanish father and son. Having searched for his son in vain, the father finally puts an ad in a local newspaper. The ad read: *'Dear Paco, meet me in front of this newspaper office at noon on Saturday. All is forgiven. I love you. Your Father'*. On the Saturday, 800 Pacos showed up!

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between the commandments of God and the commandments of men.

At the end of the three days Felix was referred to the proconsul. He still refused to hand over his Scriptures. His last words in public were memorable "God, I thank you. I have passed 56 years in this world. I have preserved my chastity; I have observed the Gospels; I have preached the faith and the truth. Lord God of heaven and earth, Jesus Christ, I bend my neck as a sacrifice for you, who abides for ever." He was condemned to be beheaded at Carthage, and became one of the first martyrs to die under Diocletian.

Needless to say, Diocletian did not succeed in destroying the Scriptures. Today there are hundreds of millions of copies around the world, and this month, Sunday, 23rd October, Christians will thank God for the Scriptures when they celebrate Bible Sunday.

*Editor: Richard Bewes considers this ancient festival that follows Harvest...
(from The Parish Pump)*

HALLOWE'EN? Try another way!

Across the centuries there have been two traditional feast days that signal the end of Harvest and the beginning of Winter. They were known under the name of 'Hallowtide.' All Saints Day, on November 1, is followed in some traditions by All Souls Day on November 2. Both, to a large degree, have been held to commemorate the lives of past saints and martyrs of Jesus Christ. They are preceded on October 31 by Hallowe'en – a derivation from 'All Hallows Evening.'

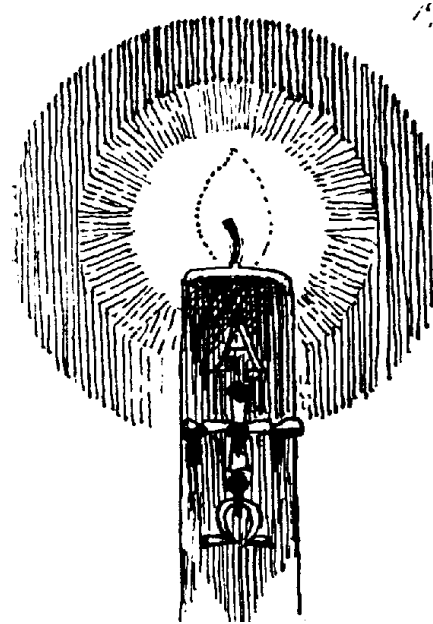
Partly because Hallowe'en heralded the dark days of Winter, it steadily came to adopt a 'darker' feel, featuring – along with the traditional carved pumpkins and apple-bobbing – a party atmosphere, geared to children, with play-acting along the lines of goblins, witches and broomsticks. This ethos has been dramatically fed in recent years by films and books teetering on the magical and the occult, to the extent that Hallowe'en today, with the help of massive commercialism, has become Britain's third biggest festival of the year.

In earlier times these antics could perhaps be accommodated, even adopted, as a piece of fun within the life of a village. But with the growing influx of cultures that are alien to the traditional Christian West, we now have on our doorstep heathen ritual malpractices, 'honour killings' and sub-human hatred and terrorist plots that echo Solzhenitsyn's diagnosis: "The demon of evil like a whirlwind triumphantly circles all five continents of the earth." What genuine place can Hallowe'en have in all this?

It is timely that churches and Christian groups are now putting on their own creative fun nights on October 31. Just click to the internet to devise yours!

True; evil can feel fun! But - emphasised the French philosopher Simone Weil

- it is only FICTIONAL good that is boring and flat, while it is FICTIONAL evil that is attractive and profound. By contrast - she insists - real life turns the tables: "Nothing is so beautiful and wonderful, nothing is so full of sweet and perpetual ecstasy as the GOOD; no desert is so dreary, monotonous and boring as EVIL"



All in the month of OCTOBER

It was:

- ♦ 600 years ago:- on 25th Oct 1415 that the Battle of Agincourt (France) took place. It was a British victory.
 - ♦ 200 years ago:- on 15th Oct 1815 that former French Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte arrived on the island of St Helena to begin his British-imposed exile. He died there six years later.
 - ♦ 125 years ago:- on 4th Oct 1890 that Catherine Booth, the 'Mother of The Salvation Army', died. This British preac and social worker was the wife of William Booth, founder of The Salvation Army.
 - ♦ 100 years ago:- on 12th Oct 1915 that Edith Cavell, British Nurse and WWI heroine died. She saved the lives of injured soldiers regardless of which side they were on. Executed for helping British soldiers escape from German-occupied Belgium.
 - ♦ 80 years ago:- on 20th Oct 1935 that The Long March ended. Chinese Communist leader Mao Zedong and 8,000 followers arrived in Yan'an after a year-long 6,000 mile march.
 - ♦ 75 years ago:- on 9th Oct 1940 that during the Blitz a German bomb destroyed the high altar of St Paul's Cathedral.
 - ♦ 65 years ago:- on 7th Oct 1950 that Mother Teresa founded what would become the Missionaries of Charity, in Calcutta, India.
 - ♦ 60 years ago:- on 31st Oct 1955 that Princess Margaret announced she had called off plans to marry Group Captain Peter Townsend. She would have had to renounce her royal status to marry him, as he was divorced.
 - ♦ 50 years ago:- on 8th Oct 1965 that the Post Office Tower in London (now the BT Tower) was officially opened. It was the tallest building in the UK until 1980.
 - ♦ 40 years ago:- on 30th Oct 1975 that British serial killer Peter Sutcliffe (the Yorkshire Ripper) killed his first victim in Leeds. In 1981 he was convicted of murdering 13 women.
 - ♦ 30 years ago:- on 6th Oct 1985 that the Broadwater Farm housing estate riot in Tottenham, took place. Metropolitan Police constable Keith Blakelock was killed – the first constable to be killed in a riot since 1833.
 - ♦ 25 years ago:- on 3rd Oct 1990 that East and West Germany were officially reunited as the Federal Republic of Germany.
 - ♦ 15 years ago:- on 17th Oct 2000 that the Hatfield rail crash took place. Four people died when a high-speed passenger train derailed due to a cracked rail.
 - ♦ 10 years ago:- on 8th Oct 2005 that the Kashmir earthquake killed almost 100,000 people and injured 138,000. A further 3.5 million were made homeless when the quake hit Kashmir, Pakistan, India, Afghanistan, western China and Tajikistan.
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Editor: We continue our occasional series looking at the stories BEHIND some of our favourite hymns. Here are the first three verses of the hymn.

HYMN: The story behind ... O God, our help in ages past

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home!

Under the shadow of Thy throne
Still may we dwell secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure...

A thousand ages in The sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night,
Before the rising sun.

Isaac Watts (1674 – 1748) is often called the 'Father of English hymnody'. Certainly before his hymns came along, congregational singing was a tedious business.

Watts was born in July 1674 in Southampton. (At the time of his birth, his father, an educated deacon in a dissenting Congregational church, was briefly in prison for his non-conformist beliefs.) As a boy, Watts showed outstanding ability with language (learning Greek, Hebrew, Latin and French). He also had an unusual ability for easy rhyming in English. (At the age of five, when scolded for giggling in family prayers, it was because he had seen a mouse on the bell-rope, and instantly composed the line: *'There was a mouse, for want of stairs, ran up a rope to say his prayers!'*)

Watts' literary ability, combined with his interest in theology, made him very unhappy with the congregational singing of the day, which focused almost entirely on strict metrical versions of the psalms. One Sunday after church, Isaac complained to his father about this. His father challenged him to write something better. Though only 18, Watts accepted the challenge, and produced his first hymn – which was duly sung the following Sunday.

It was such a success that he wrote new hymn texts every Sunday for the next two years. In all, he went on to write more than 600 hymns. Some of them are still well-loved today: from this one, 'O God, Our Help in Ages Past', which is a paraphrase of Psalm 90, to 'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross', and the Christmas carol 'Joy to the World'.

BIBLE HISTORY

written by Michael Baumber



THE GOSPEL STORY: THE ASCENSION

As with the Resurrection appearances a comparison of the accounts in the four gospels throws doubt upon its historicity. The scribe who filled in the empty spaces on the Mark scroll does not give it a location. Matthew and John agree that the Ascension took place on an unspecified mountain in Galilee. Luke on the other hand puts it on the Mount of Olives near Bethany outside Jerusalem. Matthew, Mark and Luke all treat it with remarkable brevity. Only John gives it top billing by adding the appearance of Jesus by the lakeside, the miraculously large catch of fish and the last meal together.

So was it all an illusion? I do not think so. There is an account far nearer in time than any of the gospels. Paul probably composed his first Letter to the Church at Corinth around 52 or 53 AD. In Chapter 15 he writes, 'that he (Jesus) appeared to Peter and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, and all the apostles, and last of all to me, as one abnormally born.' Indeed the conversion of Paul who had been a persecutor is far and away the most important witness to what had happened. So were all those who sacrificed their lives to spread the gospel like James, Peter and Paul himself-not to mention Stephen a Greek speaking Jew who was not a member of the inner circle at all.

Luke provides us with a possible solution. In Acts chapter 8 he describes Paul's epiphany on the road to Damascus as a vision but we have to be careful. It was in Paul's interest to characterise the other appearances as visions too, because that placed his own witness on the same level as theirs. Nonetheless it seems to me that this is the best explanation available. Just think of the situation. The arrest of Jesus had come as a great shock to the Twelve. They had fled for their lives and hidden in the Upper Room, because they feared that they would be next. Then the women returned to tell them that Christ's body had disappeared. Every human society has believed that the body of the dead person had to be put to rest; many believed that when this did not happen that the dead came back to haunt the living. As I write these words there is yet another investigation taking place into the deaths of so many Liverpool football fans in the Hillsborough disaster of 1989, because their grieving relatives cannot put it to rest. The way the human body of Jesus disappeared is the chief reason why he has become much the most important influence on the development of Western Civilisation. We cannot put him to rest so he continues to question our behaviour just as he did in Palestine over 2,000 years ago.

Sadly Michael died very suddenly at the end of August. We will be continuing to publish his final 2 articles

FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL SUMMARY OF DRAFT MINUTES

The meeting of Farnhill Parish Council was held on the 1st Sept 2015 in Kildwick/Farnhill Institute. Four members of the Council were present plus the Clerk and four members of the public.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 4th August 2015 were approved by the Council and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

Graham Taylor attended to discuss possible changes to the running of the web site which he runs for the history club. He is now also a member of the Institute Committee and he would like to combine the history club website with the website for the Institute, but felt that he should seek permission from the Parish Council as they provide support with the funding for the website. The Parish Council gave their full support and thanked him for providing the service.

Some members of the public had concerns about the positioning of the seating area which the Parish Council intend to provide at the Arbour and hoped that it would not be intrusive for the homes below the Arbour. The Parish Council confirmed that the seat would be at the top of Lower Arbour near the footpath which goes down the middle of the Arbour.

Concerns were expressed by two members of the public regarding the proposed works to the path at Lower Arbour, it was thought that by removing the steps and extending the path it would create a steeper gradient making it more difficult and slippery. They also stated that the proposed work would involve unnecessary disruption of the Arbour ecology and planting. If anything they would like to see improvements to the upper section of the path with an improved handrail. It was pointed out that the Council considers the steps to be hazardous, the replacement path would be no steeper than the path above the steps and the existing planting would not be affected. A complaint was also received about what they say is unauthorized use of weed killer on the Arbour. The Parish Council agreed to discuss the issues and take the necessary action.

Highways at NYCC responded to the Parish Council's request for a tall refuge beacon for the Cononley Lane Ends pedestrian island, by stating that a tall refuge beacon could be an option but they are removing these wherever they can because they are an on-going maintenance liability. They think the visibility is acceptable and considering the amount of traffic that use this road the island doesn't appear to be causing any issues.

It was reported that on recent occasions vehicles have been parking at the junction of Grange Road & Main Street where the road was widened some time ago to allow vehicles to turn into Main Street or Grange Road more easily. Clerk to contact NYCC to ask them if they could provide a sign saying No Parking Turning Area.

A reply has been received from HSE regarding the waste collection point policy introduced by Craven District Council. They state that there have been general concerns with the Waste Collection Service on a national basis due to the hazardous nature of the job and the high accident rate. An employer has a duty of care to their employees and it is the duty of HSE to ensure they do so. HSE carry out inspections

with employers and their Inspector carried out an Audit at Craven District Council. When they did the audit on the manual handling policy at Craven District Council it was found to be below standard. Craven were the only Council in the UK that did not operate a kerbside collection service. Craven have a legal obligation to reduce the risk and were asked to review their policies and consider implementing the kerb side collection service. Failing this they would have to discuss other ways of reducing risk to their employees. It is not the job of HSE to say how it is implemented and perhaps Craven could consider introducing only where appropriate or make changes to the assisted collection service. Counc G Harling to arrange a meeting with CDC Representatives Councs. P Mulligan & P Fairbank & possibly Alan Sutcliffe from CDC regarding the way the policy has been implemented and to discuss the Parish Councils concerns.

The Parish Council discussed the concerns of members of the public regarding works to the path at Lower Arbour and concluded to accept a quote from R Ellis and ask him to start the work as soon as possible but no later than the 1st November. It was agreed that he should start by proceeding with the seating area and then meet up to discuss the best way of achieving the removal of the steps.

Counc M Scarffe reported that the draft policy for maintenance of the Arbour is not yet completed and he needs to add to it before the Council considers adopting it.

The external auditor reported that on the basis of their review of the annual return, in their opinion the information in the annual return is in accordance with proper practice and no matters have come to their attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

Clerk to ask NYCC to remind YEDL that the new light at Parson's Bridge is still to be connected. A Councillor reported that a couple of branches on the trees by the light needed to be trimmed back as they were dangling down and blocking the light Clerk to contact CDC to see if permission is needed to trim them back.

The Canal & River Trust have stated that their engineers will not incur a charge on the Parish Council for their involvement in granting permission for a feeder pillar, but there will be a charge from the lawyers for drawing up the license. They will ask the lawyers for an estimate of the costs involved in doing so.

Counc Bramley reported that the grass has been cut and the hedge trimmed at the Plat Area and there were no issues of concern. The annual inspection ROSPA is due to take place in September. The gate at Redmans Bridge was repaired by the Canal Trust and they engaged a contractor to repair the woodwork on the bridge. The contractor has repaired the bridge with plywood which is now lifting and creating trip areas and the Canal Trust are not happy about this and have asked them to resolve the situation.

Counc R Bramley reported that a new page had been created under "Village" entitled The Year in Pictures It is hoped to add a picture for every month. **Contributions would be appreciated.** A link has been inserted from the Home Page to the NY Police website.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 6th OCTOBER 2015 IN
KILDWICK/FARNHILL INSTITUTE AT 7.30PM
All members of the village are welcome to attend**



The Skylark is an icon of the British countryside and has been the subject of more research and environmental schemes than most other species, but it is still declining.

The story of farmland bird declines is not new. The BTO's Common Birds Census revealed declines beginning in the 1970s, and over the next decade research quantified the problems and suggested, not surprisingly, that they were due to changes in agriculture practices.

Skylark and Yellowhammer numbers have dropped by almost two thirds, and Lapwings by a third, despite all our conservation efforts.

Various schemes were introduced in the early 2000s whereby farmers could sign up to receive payments for environmentally beneficial actions such as creating grass strips around fields to protect hedges and streams, retaining weedy, seed-rich stubbles over the winter, managing hedges for the benefit of wildlife, and putting out seed to help bridge the between season "hungry gap" in late winter and early spring. Uptake was high; nearly three-quarters of English farmland was involved at its peak, but while the numbers of some species stabilised, increases in others, such as Skylarks, Yellowhammers, Lapwings and Grey Partridges have yet to be reported.

The various schemes have been tinkered with, but the hoped for improvements in farmland bird numbers have still not followed.

Responses to these continuing issues have included 'it's all the farmers' fault', and blaming increased predator populations.

But whilst it's true that many farmers perceive a conflict between wildlife and profit, they are after all businessmen in a competitive market. The best management can only be delivered when farmers are fully engaged, and demonising the farming community is not going to help.

Similarly, whilst populations of several key predators did increase during the main period of farmland bird decline, research continually failed to find clear evidence for direct links, and Sparrowhawk and corvid populations have since stabilised while songbird numbers continue to decline.

Nevertheless, the response of predators to new management methods could be critical. If prey species are attracted, predators will follow, so we need to avoid 'ecological traps' by creating habitats that allow predators to coexist with prey, as they do in natural systems.

Evidently some environmental schemes are working and others are not. We need to



understand these problems and fix them – for example, why are the various initiatives not benefiting Skylarks? With cuts in funding meaning that future measures will need to do more for less, we need to know how to protect our wildlife, for example farmland birds, whilst delivering wider benefits for society. BTO research is never going to solve all of these problems alone but, with the help of our supporters, we can make an important contribution.

If you'd like to know more about farmland birds and for details about the Farmland Bird Appeal go to www.bto.org/support-us/appeals/farmland-bird-appeal.

Photo by Jill Packham

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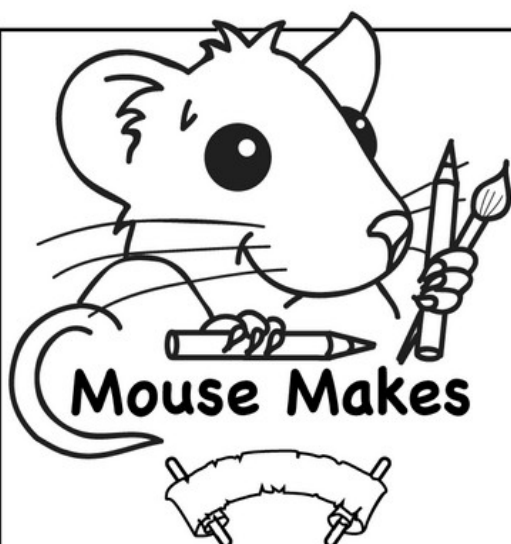
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are perfect.

*They give **strength**
to his people.*

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be **trusted**.

*They help even the
foolish become **wise**.*

The Lord's laws are **right**.
*They make people **happy**.*

The Lord's commands
are **good**.

*They show people the
right way to live.*



from Psalm 19:7--8

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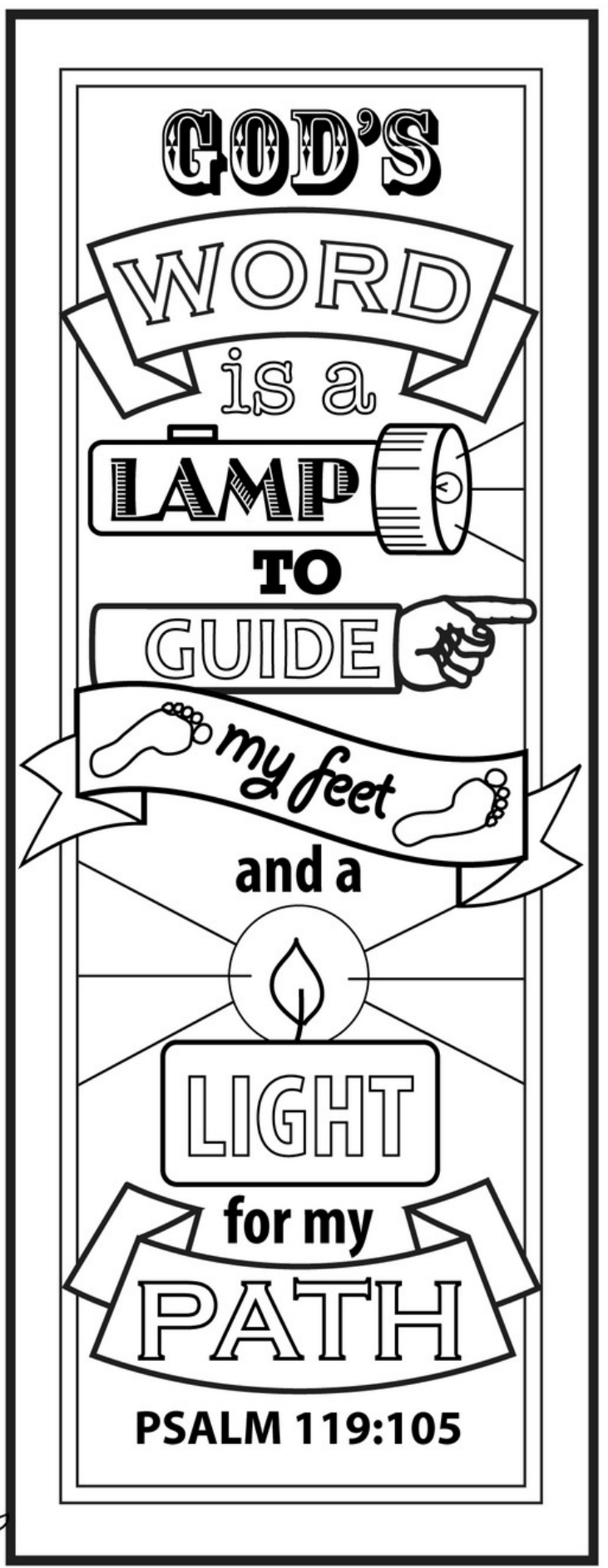
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back to work



"Er... Vicar?... you're a praying man, aren't you?..."

Tea and Scones

Thank you to everyone who has supported
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Thank you scone bakers, hosts, church sitters and organist.

This we have raised £730 to support the
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We look forward to welcoming you again
on the first Sunday in May 2016

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