

# **St Andrew's Church Kildwick**



## **Annual Report Booklet 2016**

**Part One**

## **Our 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 the world,  
through the power of the Holy Spirit.

### **The Five Marks of Mission**

*The Mission of the Church is the mission of Christ*

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.
2. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers.
3. To respond to human need by loving service.
4. To seek to transform the unjust structures of society.
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation,  
and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

## The Vicar's Report

*"Our call is to create a vibrant diocese (vibrating in the tension between the wind of the Spirit and the wind of the world) equipping confident clergy to enable confident Christians to live and tell the good news of Jesus Christ in our region."*

**Nick Baines, Bishop of Leeds**

THREE years ago, our new diocese came into being on Easter Day 2014 and Bishop Nick offered the above vision for the people of the diocese. As Bishop Nick said at the time, the vision simply sought to articulate the core vocation of the Christian Church. The Anglican Communion speaks of Five Marks of Mission, with the first one being, "To proclaim the good news of the Kingdom". This is the call to each of us by virtue of our baptism into the fellowship of faith, the family of all God's people. Early in 2016 the vision was simplified into:

***Confident Christians – Growing Churches – Changing Communities***

The diocese produced a short course to enable churches to explore these themes; in our parish a small group did this during Lent and then we used the material on 3 Sunday mornings during October. Using the open space at the front of the nave, we were able to sit in small groups for extended conversation and reflection on the themes. It is important that each local church engages with the vision of the wider diocese.

IN the autumn of last year another review of the vision statement took place because the Communications team was made aware that people outside the Church were not quite sure what the Church was trying to say. The need was to find words that were easily picked up on by people outside the life of the Church. So a new way of expressing the vision was found:

***Loving, Living, Learning***

**We aim to:**

**Love** God, the world and one another.

**Live** in the world as it is, but, drawn by a vision of something better, we want to help individuals and communities flourish.

**Learn** when we get things wrong, by listening and growing together.

As we think about these 3 key words, Bishop Nick invites us to ask how should the Church behave, prioritise its resources, demonstrate its commitment to all people, looking something like the Jesus we read about in the Gospels and whose 'body' we are told we are? This applies to manifestations of the church anywhere and at any level – parish, diocese, nation, Anglican Communion.

So this question is one for us to reflect on as we prepare to gather once more for our annual meetings. How well have we "looked something like the Jesus we read about in the Gospels"? How well have you "looked something like the Jesus we read about in the Gospels"?

During last year in my magazine letters I quoted a number of times the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, Bishop Michael Curry. He has a wonderful way of reminding us that we are part of "the Jesus movement"; we are part of a movement that strives to live out in our daily lives the good news revealed to humankind by the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

In many and various ways, I hope that we can look back over the past year and affirm that we, at St Andrew's Church, Kildwick, have been part of the Jesus movement, seeking through our life together as God's people in this place "to proclaim the good news of the Kingdom".

We have travelled through another busy year, with its joys and sorrows, for individuals, families, church and secular communities, and globally.

**O**N the world stage, 2016 saw some significant surprises. In June, just after the nation had celebrated our Queen's 90th birthday, many were shocked when, by a small majority, the UK voted to leave the European Union. Then in November, many in the world were shocked by the election of Donald Trump as the President of the United States of America. Both these votes have brought more uncertainty and anxiety to an already troubled world. Last year saw the killing of many in a park in Lahore on Easter Day, bomb attacks in Brussels, the murder of the MP Jo Cox; just a few of so many violent atrocities.

It is easy to despair, but the Christian Church is called to proclaim a message of hope, of new life, of resurrection life. The Church is called to proclaim, and live, a message of Love and Light in the midst of all the darkness around us.

**T**HIS is the calling we express continually through our life of prayer and worship, which is the central feature of our life together. Every time we come together to celebrate the Eucharist, we renew the covenant between God and us and we are sent out "in peace to love and serve the Lord". Our life of worship acts as the hub of the wheel, supporting and enabling all the other area of our mission and ministry.

Whilst our worship is centred on the Eucharist, the family meal of the Church, we have sought to offer variety within our pattern of worship. Through our choice of hymns, use of Celtic and Taizé music, Celtic liturgies, 'liquid' worship (having several zones around the church to visit), use of seasonal material, we seek to enjoy services which are carefully planned and presented. Using such variety does mean, of course, that not everyone will always find a service, or parts of a service, helpful.

**D**URING the year we enjoyed some very special services. In June the Epiphany Singers came to sing Choral Evensong in celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday; the choir returned in July to give a wonderful concert. In November, the Archdeacon of Bradford, the Venerable Andy Jolley, preached at our Patronal Festival Eucharist on St Andrew's Day. Other visiting preachers were Margaret

Barker and Michael Hardin, both making welcome return visits to Kildwick.

Margaret Barker was here in April to lead a seminar exploring 'Temple Themes in Christian Worship'. We have been fortunate to have someone of Margaret's standing coming to teach at Kildwick. It is a privilege to host seminars that draw others from across the diocese. Similarly, it was good that Michael Hardin was able to make another trip to the UK from his home in the United States. Michael gave talks on the message of St Paul and then led a day seminar on 'Being a Peace Church'. Again, a good number of people came from elsewhere to enjoy Michael's challenging teaching.

Another significant feature of our ministry of nurturing confident Christians was our continued use of the *Pilgrim* course. Two groups continued to meet throughout 2016 and completed the eighth and final module in early 2017. For several people the *Pilgrim* journey proved to be transformative in deepening their faith and their understanding of scripture.

**I**N our ministry of outreach to the wider Church and wider community, the most significant change concerned our link with Kildwick School. In April Debbie Cooksey moved to a new post in Bradford and Richard Hunt, Headteacher of Glusburn Primary School, came as the Interim Head teacher for the summer term. The recruiting process for a new Head teacher was a good experience, with a very strong advertising pack prepared, including a strong emphasis on the Christian ethos of the school. This led to a very good number of applicants and the excellent appointment of Tim Whitehead, who took up the post in September. With Tim in post, the Church-School link has been re-energised and is now extremely healthy. Nigel Dickinson will step down as a Foundation Governor in July 2017, so we will be looking for a new Foundation Governor from September. Thank you, Nigel, in advance, for your service as a governor.

**A**NOTHER key area of outreach is our monthly magazine. Last summer Lesley Hudson stepped down as the editor of *The Bridge* and passed on the mantle to Chris Wright. Lesley served as editor for over 15 years, so a big thank you to Lesley. We print over 300 magazines each month and distribute them free around the community and to every family at Kildwick School, so this is a major point of contact with a good number of people.

**T**HE annual Summer Fair is another significant point of contact and we continue to enjoy sharing the planning and running of the fair with people from Kildwick School and Kildwick & Farnhill Institute. We are always grateful for all the hard work that goes in during the months leading up to the event and to all the helpers on the day itself. The day is a wonderful example of the community coming together and showing that 'the whole is greater than the sum of the parts'. Our own St Andrew's Fair each autumn is also an important outreach event and connects us with the community around us.

We have continued to enjoy our support of the Jigsaw Kids Ministry in Manila in the Philippines and it was a joy to welcome Tim and Kate Lee and family back here in December. Tim was able to update us on the situation in Manila following a recent visit. The really good news is that Kildwick School is keen to establish a link with Jigsaw and Tim was able to visit again in March this year to speak at the school Friday collective worship in church and meet the children in the school; this is a wonderful development.

**OUR** work with young people continues with our Chuffs Toddler Group meeting each Tuesday during term time and being much enjoyed by children and adults. A new initiative during 2016 was a MiniRingers club for children from Kildwick School. A small, dedicated band has been formed and quickly reached a standard of being able to ring before the monthly collective worship in church; in March this year they also enjoyed great success in the Skipton Music Festival. We also continued to have one Messy Church each term on a Sunday afternoon and these are always much enjoyed by those who come along.

Pastoral care is an important area of ministry of every local church and I am grateful for all the quiet work that goes on, often unnoticed. We continue to support, as we are able, the elderly and infirm and others in need from time to time.

**A**S always a lot of time and energy has been spent from a few in the care of our church building and churchyard. During the year we had to deal with the car park gates, the church porch roof, the church clock, the churchyard boundary wall as well as the regular maintenance tasks. A small group also worked hard through the year making preparations to submit a grant application to the Heritage Lottery Fund (Grant for Places of Worship scheme) to enable the repair of the church ceiling and roof. This will be progressed during 2017 and it is hoped, if a grant is awarded, that work will start in 2018. A presentation about the proposed scheme of works will be made at the forthcoming annual meeting.

**WHILST** we face significant challenges in seeking to repair and renovate our church building, we also face challenges in shaping the future mission and ministry of the parish. This is following the retirement in March this year of John Peet as Vicar of Cononley and Bradley. Given the changing demands on the available stipendiary clergy of the Church of England, conversations have begun with our Area Bishop and Archdeacon about the Vicar of Kildwick also being the Priest-in-Charge of Cononley and Bradley; it is possible that a House for Duty priest will be appointed to share in the ministry across the parishes. A first informal meeting of our PCC and the PCC of Cononley and Bradley has recently taken place and further meetings will be happening in the coming weeks and months. This means that both parishes face significant changes in the coming months.

We have seen changes in others areas of our church life. In January Peter Ford stepped down as Tower Secretary and he and Joan decided to stop ringing here. Thank you to Peter and Joan for their many years of service ringing for services and weddings; thank you to Peter for all his hard work as Tower Secretary.

**A**S I draw this report to a close I want to say thank you for all the good work that has been done in so many ways during the year. Thank you to those who have:

- \* organised and led the various groups and activities that make up our life;
- \* attended and supported these;
- \* helped in the planning, preparation and leading of worship;
- \* shown care and concern to friend and neighbour in need;
- \* provided a listening ear to someone and offered words of counsel;
- \* quietly got on with your task of cleaning, gardening, visiting, etc. without fuss and without looking for any reward.

All these activities come together as the mission of God's Church and we must go on striving to engage with our mission and ministry as best, and as faithfully, as we can, drawing on the gifts each of us has been given and sharing those gifts for the good of God's Church and God's Kingdom.

During the year we have, of course, had the deaths of a number of dear friends to us at St Andrew's. In April last year Marjorie Gee died; Marjorie was a great saint of the Church encouraging and supporting many through her ministry of pastoral care and hospitality. In July Geoffrey Myers died; Geoffrey was a faithful supporter of the church and a great encourager to many. In August Ian Busby died; Ian, of course, served the church here as Vicar for 18 years between 1974 and 1992 and was much loved by many. Then in January of this year Ruth Ward died; Ruth was deeply rooted in the life of St Andrew's from childhood and was a great servant of the church here. Marjorie, Geoffrey, Ian and Ruth will all be greatly missed. May they each rest in peace and rise in glory.

**FINALLY**, I want to express my thanks to all those who have shared the leadership of the parish during the past year and especially to the key officers. So, thank you Lesley Hudson and Sandie Walton for your service as Churchwardens. Thank you also Marie Stinson, our PCC Treasurer, Jill Wright, our PCC Secretary, Brenda Brock, our Planned Giving & Gift Aid Secretary, and to all other members of the PCC. Thank you also to Peter Bannister, Di Halliday and Edward Gee, our retired clergy.

Thank you all.

**M**AY the risen, crucified Lord bless us in all we say, in all we do and in all we are now and always. *Alleluia. Christ is risen.*

*Robin Figg*

## Deanery Synod Report

It is not very easy to give a detailed, point-by-point summary of the Deanery Synod meetings through the past year. Meetings have been divided between two different constituencies. There have been meetings of the Deanery Synod proper; and there have been meetings of the Bradford Episcopal Area Forum. This is an amalgamation of all the Deanery Synods within the Bradford Episcopal Area to which we belong.

Some Deanery Synods have a proud record of action and of fellowship. I have only seen the Keighley Deanery Synod acting as a rather sad rump of anything that went before because, at the turn of the year, that grouping of parishes that ran roughly up and down the western border of the Diocese in this area was disbanded in favour of a new group that runs east and west across to top of Bradford Met. This new deanery basks in the name, "South Craven and Wharfedale Deanery" and, sorry, I still need to look it up every time to be sure I get it right!

Meetings of the old Keighley Deanery were not well attended. There was little to discuss as we had been firmly told that the Deaneries had no direct input into the process of devising and creating the new structure. A meeting of the new "SCAW" Deanery in February was better attended; but the bulk of the business was to elect new officers and Standing Committee with the single purpose of arranging the next meeting which, after all the parish elections, will be... electing new officers and Standing Committee! The House of Laity was unable to persuade anyone else to stand as a Standing Committee member so, for the time being, that's going to be me. I have already stated that I have limited time to devote to this work and will be looking to pass this mantle on asap.

The Area Forum is a bit of a different case. This (so far as I am aware) has no legal standing at all so it can only be a Talking Shop. It may prove to be an important talking shop if it is seen to influence the thinking of the Powers That Be – but it is hard to see how, in these rather large gatherings, it will be possible for many people to express their opinions, thoughts and ideas. The new South Craven and Wharfedale Synod does, however, show signs that it has a positive reason for its existence and I hope to see great things developing!

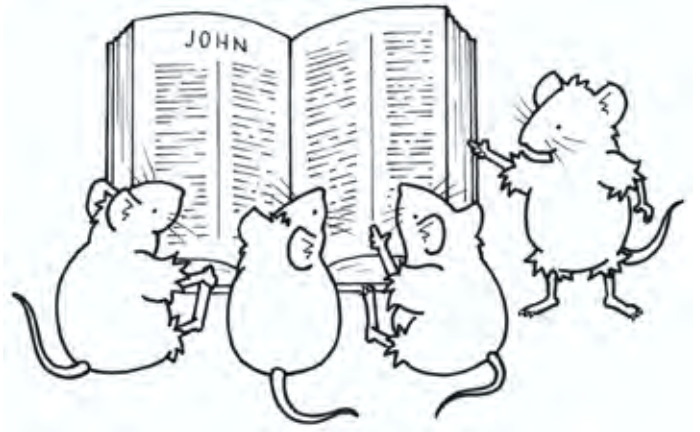


*Chris Wright*



## Readers and Intercessors

At Kildwick our congregation is privileged to be able to provide assistance to the celebrant at the main Sunday morning service. This takes several forms, two of which are via the reading of the set passages from the Bible and leading the intercessions. As there are usually three readers and one intercessor required at the 10am service, we currently need (and have) a good number of people willing to assist in this way – some 18-20 in all.



However, we always welcome new readers and intercessors, so if anyone feels a calling to assist in this way, please speak to me, Robin, or one of our churchwardens. Thank you very much to all those who are currently on the rotas – your commitment and contributions are greatly appreciated.

*Lesley Bannister*

## Home Communion Eucharistic Ministry



In 2016 I have, once again, administered Home Communion for two of our parishioners who are no longer able to attend church.

On arrival and once the table is set up with the wooden cross, candle and the pyx which holds the intincted wafers, we have a short time of fellowship so that any specific prayer needs can be included in the service. The Pastoral service material is taken from the Common Worship and includes Scripture readings, intercessions and prayers before and after distribution of the communion wafers. It is such a spiritual and special time that we share together and I feel privileged to be able to carry out this ministry.

*Sandie Walton*

## Townend Close Residential Home

St Andrew's Kildwick provides a team for Cross Hills and District Fellowship of Churches to lead a service at Townend Close Residential Home every month. It usually includes 2 or 3 hymns, prayers, a lesson and sermon in the context of a communion service. About 15 to 20 residents attend and we spend time afterwards talking with them. The staff of the home are very welcoming and supportive of our efforts.

*Peter Bannister*

## Prayers for the Church and the World

On the fourth Monday of every month, a meeting is held between 7.00 and 8.00 p.m. in the Parish Rooms, where prayers are offered for the church, the parish, the needs of the worldwide church and related matters. We share a time of fellowship, followed by the prayer needs which have been brought to light in our time together.

We are a small and informal group, and it would be wonderful if more people felt able to join in with this valuable part of our church life.



*Sylvia Clark*

## Communion Assistants



Christine Anderton, Sue Hargreaves, Sandie Walton, Di Halliday, John Exley, Tim Littler and Peter Bannister assist Robin by administering the Chalice at all main Communion services. The team has all undergone training by Robin for this role and some members of the team are to participate in a Diocesan Training morning shortly.

It is a privilege to be able to take part in assisting at services in this way.

*Christine Anderton*

## The Pilgrim Course

A group of people met together on a Monday afternoon and Wednesday evening over the course of the past two years to participate in the Pilgrim Study Group. Pilgrim is a course for the Christian Journey produced by the Church of England. It has been a journey of shared experience.

Each year was divided into four modules for enquirers and new Christians, but all of us found we were able to learn something.

### ***The first year modules were:***

Turning to Christ

1. The Lord's Prayer
2. The Commandments
3. The Beatitudes.

### ***The second year modules were:***

The Creeds

1. The Eucharist
2. The Bible
3. Church and Kingdom.

These provided much material for discussion and questioning in a safe and friendly group. We didn't always agree with the material or always have the same viewpoint on specific issues. We didn't always stick to the actual study guide. However we travelled together as pilgrims willing to learn and share and it was the travelling together that made this pilgrimage well worthwhile.

*Sue Hargreaves and Sandie Walton*

## Head Teacher's Report

I am pleased to be making my first annual report to the PCC. My first interaction with the church was at last year's summer fair. I enjoyed meeting church members, the local community and staff and pupils from Kildwick CE Primary school. It was a sunny day in many ways for me, albeit a slightly wet one (from a splash in the stocks) and the start of very productive, yet daunting, first year as Head Teacher.

In this short space of time a lot has happened. I initially met with Robin in the summer term before taking up post. This was a good opportunity to discuss and share ideas to strengthen the link between church and school. This was followed by visiting another local school to see how their collective worship in school was organised and planned.

The summer passed very quickly and the training day arrived. This was an opportunity to discuss and share ideas on our school vision and ethos. All school staff attended and a collection of governors were able to attend. I felt a sense of purpose moving forward in this area, however it has taken some time to get to the point where we feel ready to share this vision in terms of a mission statement and core values. To further aid this process we had a visit from Jan Hesselwood from Riddlesden St Mary's who came to lead a staff meeting in January on "the school ethos". This was very positively received and I have had initial discussions with Robin surrounding the possibility of incorporating "Jesus Shaped people" within our core values curriculum.

Collective worship continues to be held in church on the second Friday of each month at 2.45pm and parents are invited to attend. Classes are invited to take part within the service and this has taken on a variety of forms including reading poems, bible verses or performing drama. The children have definitely enjoyed taking part in the church collective worship. The children have also enjoyed taking part in the Harvest Festival service, Armistice Day memorial service and a variety of Christmas services including a nativity (Reception & KS1) and a Christingle service. These were well attended and the children performed beautifully. Chris Wright was on hand to produce a DVD of the performance for parents to purchase for a small fee. A donation to church will be made once all the monies have been collected. The travelling crib (Posada) was also gratefully received and moved from house to house, eventually arriving back at church for the Christmas Eve service. School was also invited to take part in "The Transforming Power of Love". During Lent, each class took a turn to nominate a child who had shown kindness, compassion or love towards others. They then took out a toothpick from the crown of thorns and replaced it with a flower. Gradually over the days, the cruel crown of thorns was transformed into a crown of flowers. This was then used within the Easter collective worship in church.

Collective worship in school has followed a "big question" for each term with the core values (Trust, Forgiveness, Respect, Peace, Courage, Friendship) being linked into this question. Term 1 was "Who is my friend?" and Term 2 was "What does

home mean to you"? Visiting speakers into school have been Robin, Paul Gamston (South Craven Evangelical church), Ruth Crompton (Silsden Methodist church), Adele (CLiKS), Peter Thomas (Craven Schools Partnership), Rob Harris (South Craven Baptist Church) and John Froud (Shipley Baptist Church). Paul Gamston led the bible experience again this year, the theme being Pilgrims Progress. Class 4 and Class 2 attended and enjoyed this experience. Adele has led Rewind to Christmas for year 4 pupils and Rewind to Easter for Year 5 pupils. During the second half of the spring term pupils have been studying Islam and have listened to a visiting Muslim speaker, visited a mosque in Bradford and taken part in a Wonderful Worship Day. Children had the opportunity to learn about the 5 Pillars of Islam, make mosques, taste food and also design Mehndi patterns. The children loved the experience of working in mixed aged groups.

The foundation governors have met together and then altogether with the Head Teacher on a number of occasions. Amongst other things, the focus so far has been on the rewriting of the Collective Worship Policy, the reintroduction of the collective worship baskets, monitoring of collective worship in school by foundation governors and gathering feedback from pupils on collective worship in church. These meetings have been purposeful, are minuted and are reported back as an agenda item within the full governing body meetings.

Chris Wright has set up and run a bell ringing club called 'MiniRingers'. This takes place on a Thursday after school in the parish rooms and involves eight year 5 and 6 boys currently. They have enjoyed great success and have visited another bell club at Oxenhope and taken part in and won their event at the Skipton Music Festival. They now also ring as the children walk into church for collective worship. The school has also been actively encouraged by Robin and Chris to provide content for the church magazine.

One thing that was highlighted during our mission statement discussions was that we wanted to be an outward looking school. One aspect of this was fundraising and helping those less fortunate than ourselves. We have held a number of fundraising events; these have included

Macmillan coffee morning . . . . .	£116.95
Children in Need . . . . .	£258.82
Poppy appeal . . . . .	£186.57
Christians against poverty . . . . .	£78.58
Aidan Hudson appeal . . . . .	£798.25
Children's heart surgery . . . . .	£333.00
Jumper Day (Save the Children) . . . . .	£53.00
Fairtrade Coffee Morning . . . . .	£168.62
NSPCC . . . . .	£799.00
Comic Relief . . . . .	£128.00
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>£2919.84</b>

The school is also currently developing a link with Jigsaw Kids Ministry in the Philippines and Tim Lee spent a day in school on Friday 10th March before heading across to church to take part in the collective worship. He explained to parents the charity and his work in the Philippines. School is hoping to sponsor a child and hold a pyjama day where children will provide soap, toothpaste and other toiletries to send to the Philippines.

We are also thankful for the church–school helpers that come into school on a weekly basis and also the offer of help from church members (I will be in touch! ... I have not forgotten!)

I would like to express my thanks to the church community for making me feel so welcome and I look forward to working with you over the coming months and years.

*Tim Whitehead*  
Head Teacher

### Cross Hills and District Fellowship of Churches



CDFC has been involved in Christmas and Easter pageants, Good Friday and Ash Wednesday Services and Good Friday Walk of Witness, Praise in the Park, Harvest Supper, Lent Course, Hunger Lunch and One World Week Service



- \* St Andrew's hosted this year's **Hunger Lunch**.
- \* **Christmas and Easter Pageant:** members were involved in the Pageant and provision of refreshments.
- \* **Lent Course and Easter services:** members were involved in organisation and hosting of these events.
- \* **Harvest Supper:** members were involved in planning and hosting.
- \* **One World Week Service:** members were involved in planning and participating in the service.

Christine Anderton and Glyn Evans are St Andrew's representatives. Most churches have two representatives on the Council although there are vacancies. Meetings are held four times a year with the AGM last June. This year it will move to October after the One World Week Service. This year a Safari Style Supper is planned for summer to encourage social interaction between the Churches.

*Christine Anderton*

## Foundation Governors' Report



From September 2016, it has been a real joy to be involved in supporting the new Head Teacher, Tim Whitehead into post. Tim has shown a real enthusiasm for the church-school link and has developed strong working relationships with the Foundation Governors, including the vicar. A new schedule of meetings between the Foundation Governors has been established so that meetings take place early in each term. About three weeks later an extended Foundation Governors' meeting takes place which includes the Head Teacher. This gives the Foundation Governors opportunity to seek support and contribution from the Head Teacher for programmes of work which are then

discussed with the Full Governing Body. It has been good to have these meetings in a variety of places, not just in the school, such as at the vicarage and in the Foundation Governors' homes.

Perhaps the key achievement over the last year has been to develop new, productive relationships between the church and school, with a Head Teacher for whom the church link is clearly a very important one. As part of this process we noticed that the Church/School Collective Worship Policy was long out of date, so this has been re-written through the Foundation Governors' Meeting. The Policy now provides clearer guidelines for Collective Worship taking place in Church and School, setting clear standards and describing monitoring arrangements by Foundation Governors. It also enables collective worship themes to be coherent between church and school, thus ensuring that pupils experience a message that develops and makes sense across the two settings.

A further aspect of the Collective Worship Policy is that collective worship baskets are being re-instated in classrooms, ensuring that basic resources such as children's Bibles, candles and books of prayers are available in all collective worship settings. The Diocesan Education Department provided a training day for staff on collective worship at the January inset day, at the request of the Head Teacher.

The Summer Fair, which was once again held within the church grounds and the church, demonstrated a productive community event from which the Church, the School and the Institute benefit.

Nigel Dickinson, one of the Foundation Governors will step down from summer 2017 when his term comes to an end. We will really miss Nigel and the excellent contribution he has made over a number of years, We will therefore be looking for a new Foundation Governor to join the team, who is keen to support and promote the links between the church and the school.

*Geraldine Sands*

## The Bell Ringers

A small team of bell ringers under Peter Ford's leadership has faithfully rung for Sundays and has formed the core of the bands that ring for weddings.

The aim of the band has been to ring simple rounds and call changes to an acceptable standard. This band has decided to take a break and so for now, bell ringing has stopped. We hope that will only be for a short time!

In the meantime, we are fortunate that several years ago, Peter restored the manual "Ellacombe" chiming apparatus and that is in good order, so the sound of bells has rung out, albeit rather quietly, on most Sunday mornings.

Recently, a recruiting drive has produced an encouraging group of would-be new ringers and training has begun. This is not a quick process, but we hope that we'll be able to resume normal ringing again, sometime towards Christmas.

*Chris Wright*



*"Alright, who's the ringleader?"*

## Flowers

We have a rota for flowers in church on which there are several vacant weeks at the moment. Flower arranging skills are not necessary so please ask me if you would like to provide flowers and I will put them in church if you are unable to do so.

At all special occasions such as Easter, Harvest and Christmas several of us come together to decorate the church. These are always enjoyable times together and all are welcome.

No expertise is necessary!

*June Whitaker*



## Chuffs (children under five)

We meet every Tuesday morning during term time upstairs in St Andrew's Parish Rooms. Numbers can vary, anything from 6 children and carers to twice that many! We did actually get to 20 children, the noise was amazing!!!

Children are brought by mums, dads, grandmas and childminders.

Each week we have a different craft activity usually themed with the story. The children are encouraged to do the crafts themselves with help from their carer; or sometimes the carer does the craft with occasional help from the child (especially Libba's crafts!!!) Crafts involve such things as glue, paint (Peter loves that) play dough and all sorts of bits and pieces so that the children can enjoy producing a masterpiece they can take home! I'm sure many car seats are liberally sprinkled with glitter on the homeward journey! The emphasis is on having fun and generally making a mess! Making things that are edible is particularly popular. The children sit for story time then snack time is next. We always start with some fruit and then bring out the biscuits! There are cups of tea and coffee for the carers and water or juice for the children. Sitting on the carpet for singing time is probably the noisiest session of all! The children have their favourite songs, all with actions, and we encourage them to join in enthusiastically, sometimes with percussion and shakers. We always acknowledge each child's birthday with a small present, a card and the chance to wear the birthday hat and we sing "Happy Birthday!" We hope that everyone who comes enjoys the time.

If you have or look after a pre-school child why not come and join us? Babies are especially welcome so we can all have a cuddle!! Call Lesley on 01535 523291 for more information.

### **Comments from Chuffs parents.**

*Chuffs is the friendliest and most inclusive playgroup we go to. Everyone is made to feel welcome. We do a lovely themed craft every week which is enjoyed by the children and the adults!*

*We really enjoy coming to Chuffs. We like doing the crafts, listening to the story and singing at the end. Everyone is very friendly and the atmosphere is lovely.*

*We love coming to Chuffs, my grandchild loves the craft work and playing with the other children.*

*We have been coming to Chuffs for years. We love it, always lovely crafts to take part in, it has such a friendly atmosphere.*

*Fabulous friendly play group. Love coming.*

*I have been bringing many children over the years. We love coming and love the crafts.*

*It is lovely seeing the children enjoying themselves and the mums having to help with the crafts!*

Lesley Hudson



## Messy Church

We have been doing Messy Church on Sunday afternoons for several years now at Kildwick. We have got into the pattern of 3 times a year, the spring, summer and autumn terms. The events are supported by an average of 15 families. Invitations go to all the baptism families, Chuffs, Kildwick and Glusburn school children.

The emphasis is on the children and parents/carers having fun in church, singing listening to the story and making crafts to take home. We begin with welcoming everyone and explaining the plan for the afternoon. We have a favourite song to start; 'Our God is great big God', sung with much enthusiasm and actions; we then have a story from the Bible and then after another song go off and start the craft session. There are several different craft activities themed around the story and the children and adults are encouraged to do as many of the crafts as they like; some do something from every table others settle for just one! We then gather together again for another song and the children come up the front to show what they have made. A short time of prayer is followed by the 'Messy Grace' and a delicious tea, a very popular part of the afternoon! It would not be possible without the help and support we are given by Robin and faithful members of the church family who regularly give up their time to help, willingly getting covered in glue and such like! It has become a very important part of our mission and ministry to children and families at Kildwick.



*Lesley Hudson*

## The MiniRingers Bell Club

The beginning of the September term saw the launch of the new school Bell Club. Initially, just three children signed up but numbers have grown steadily to eight – which we felt was as many as we could safely and usefully occupy. Our once-a-week "hour" (actually, rather less than that because it takes time to get out of school!) simply flies by!

Sadly, we've not attracted any girls yet but the boys have "performed" regularly as they ring the school in to Collective Worship each month and they have rung elsewhere too. They played two carols to a full church in the Carols by Candlelight service and they took part in two separate classes in the Skipton Music Festival. In the Small Ensemble class, they were awarded a "Commended" certificate – and carried away an enormous cup!

We'll complete our "year" next term with some other exciting activities and I really look forward to seeing how this group develops as it moves into its second year.

*Chris Wright*



## Summer Fair

The 2016 summer fair was once again a collaboration between St Andrew's Church, Kildwick Primary School and Farnhill & Kildwick Institute. The fair was held on Saturday the 25th June and was blessed with sunny and warm weather (just!), which meant a great turnout from villagers, school children and their families as well as visitors from beyond.

The theme was centred on the Canal and Waterways Trust 200th anniversary. A fabulous knitted canal was produced and placed on the church green as a centre piece for the fair. Dales Jam once again provided wonderful jazz music entertainment during the afternoon.

There was more emphasis in 2016 on the fair stalls being organised and run by the committee to encourage greater profits. The new stalls run by the committee included additional children's games and a sweet & drink stall. A number of private stalls that have supported the fair previously were also in attendance as well as new private stalls.

For the first time in many years Kildwick Primary School was opened to display the children's competition entries. The staff and children were also involved in running stalls that each class had created.

A highlight of the afternoon was when the children had the opportunity to wet sponge vicar Robin Figg, Richard Hunt (interim head of Kildwick Primary School) and the school's new headmaster, Tim Whitehead.

National and local companies supported the raffle which led to prizes totalling over £1000. Prizes included generous donations from Keighley Cougars, High Adventure, Bolton Abbey Estate and Manchester Utd., to name just a few.

The fair was a great success and was very much a community led event which also raised much needed funds for the three organisations.



*Katharine Calvert*

## After-service refreshments



We have served tea and coffee at the back of church after morning service for a number of years now. It has been a time of relaxed friendship and catching up which many find very valuable. We use fairly traded tea, coffee and sugar and, when we can, fairly traded biscuits. We are also lucky enough to enjoy home-made scones and cakes, too.

We organise a rota to serve the refreshments – and we need at least one more person and preferably more! Please speak to me if you can help – we need you!

*Ann Mosley*

## Church Choir



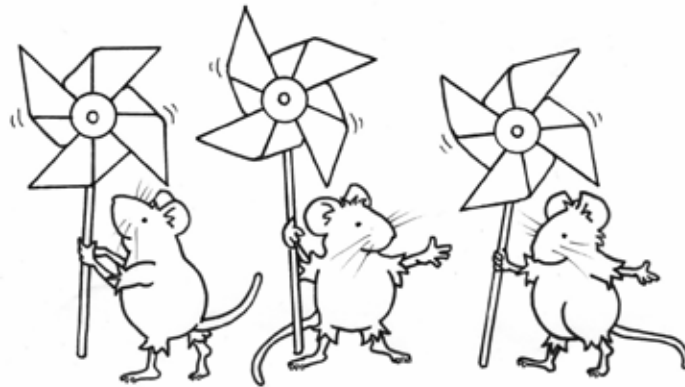
The church choir continues to meet regularly on a Tuesday evening at 7.15.

Our numbers are respectable, but we don't have enough men now to manage the more complex 4-part anthems we have enjoyed in the past. However, members are loyal and committed and agree with me, that, with sensible and attractive choices, we can still offer something special for special services. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the choir members for their hard work. They lead the singing every week and do an excellent job.

*Glyn Evans*

## St Andrew's Fair

St Andrew's Fair was held on Saturday Nov 26th 2016. It was planned by a small committee chaired by Lesley Hudson with Katharine Calvert as secretary.



The fair occurred over lunchtime when soup and a roll was served as refreshments as well as coffee and mince pies. The soups were homemade and vegetarian. Outside stall holders were organised by Libba Utley eg crafts, Jewellery, Aloe Vera, cards, needle craft and hand knitted items were on sale. Stall holders paid £10 per table.

Other stalls organised by church members included The Vicar's stall, cake stall, jams and pickles, tombola, raffle, bric a brac, Mary's stall (handcrafted items), guess the number of sweets, toys etc. Considering the time of the year when so many other fairs are on and the poor weather, it was felt that we had a good number of visitors and that it was an important social event for our community.

The sum of approximately £650 was raised.

*Libba Utley*

## Fair Trade

We have run a Traidcraft stall once a month since September, providing a service for the congregation, making money for the church and, most importantly, fighting poverty through fair trade and supporting overseas producers.



The stall is out on the second Sunday of the month, but catalogues are always available to borrow and I can order for you at any time. Please support us if you possibly can and help us change lives!

*Jill Wright*



## Kildwick and Farnhill Institute Report 2016

The Institute has had a busy year. Arrangements have been made to accommodate the Methodists in the Institute, following the closure of the Wesleyan Chapel in Farnhill and to enable the continuation of Village Pump meetings and the coffee mornings.

The rolling programme of repairs and improvements has continued with a new kitchen installed on the ground floor and the redecoration of the ground floor rooms.

This year's calendar was acknowledged to be attractive and of a high standard but sales were disappointing. Due to a reduced minimum print run, next year's calendar should be more profitable.

There have been two particularly popular events. First in September was a talk by Mike Clarke, the Secretary of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal Society, to mark the opening of the canal between Skipton and Kildwick 250 years ago. The second event (early this year) which also drew a full house, was the magic lantern show, launching the World War 1 Volunteers Project of the Institute's History Group, with Lottery funding. The Project hopes to complete biographies of the 66 Farnhill men who volunteered for military service before conscription was introduced in 1969. The announcement of the Project has met with an enthusiastic response and a good number of volunteer researchers have come forward. Further researchers would be very welcome. Please contact Graham Taylor at [graham@tscribe.demon.co.uk](mailto:graham@tscribe.demon.co.uk)

Looking to the future, a talk by Isobel Stirk, on Lake District authors, has been arranged for 12 May 2017 (£5 to include refreshments). Her last talk on the Brontës, a couple of years ago, was very well received. There will also be a traditional Bingo Night on 9 June 2017.

*Tim Chapman*  
(PCC representative on the Committee)

### Not The Knot!

We are a small friendly group who meet on a Wednesday morning from 10.15am until 12.00pm. We either work on the "I Am" banners for church (two more should be ready before the next Annual Meeting!!) or we work on our own needlework – cross stitch, embroidery, knitting, greeting card making etc.

There is always time for a chat and a coffee. We always welcome new members



*Joyce Bonham*

## Tea and Scones

From the beginning of May until the end of September we serve a pot of tea and a home made scone and jam every Sunday afternoon in the Parish Rooms.

*(Editor's note: I can assure you that they serve a great deal more than just a single pot of tea and a scone – with or without jam!)*

We have our regular customers who have been coming for many years and look forward to the start of the season. Other customers call in when they are out for a walk, bike ride or visiting the church. The church is also open to visitors and they can also enjoy some organ music whilst they look around. I haven't counted how many scones are made by our volunteers but it must be well in to three figures! It is a valuable part of our ministry and mission to the local community and beyond.

*Lesley Hudson*



## **Together we pray for the growth of the church**

**God of Mission,  
who alone brings growth to your Church,  
send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning,  
wisdom to our actions  
and power to our witness.**

**Help our church to grow in numbers,  
in spiritual commitment to you  
and in service to our local community;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*We pray:*

- For all areas of our mission and ministry as we work together for the proclamation of the Kingdom
- For generous support of our church life in terms of time, talent and treasure
- For those who worship with us as visitors, that all will feel welcomed and included
- For members of our church community not able to attend services
- For our Churchwardens and members of the PCC
- For all children being baptised at St Andrew's, for their parents and godparents
- For all couples being married at St Andrew's, for their families and friends
- For the life of the Cross Hills and District Fellowship of Churches
- For the community of Kildwick Primary School: for their head teacher, all staff, governors and pupils
- For the work of Jigsaw Kids Ministry in the Philippines and for their developing link with Kildwick Primary School

