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St Andrew's Church Kildwick

**News & Views
From Kildwick, Farnhill &
Cross Hills**

A very happy Christmas to all our readers

December 2002

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The Vicar's Letter . . .

Dear friends,

Christmas is fast approaching and the pace of life is hotting up as we prepare for important times spent in the company of family and friends. But first the Church invites us to spend some time in careful and thoughtful preparation as we keep the season of Advent.



Advent is a time of waiting, of careful preparation for the coming celebration of Christmas. It is a time when we hear again the wonderful Old Testament prophecies that speak of the coming Messiah, God's anointed one. Our Lord is coming and we must be ready to welcome him when he comes.

But the nature of God's coming to his people is not what our human logic would expect. The Sunday before we begin the season of Advent the Church calendar invites us to celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The one whose birth we will celebrate at Christmas is a King, but not in worldly terms.

Our King was born in the most humble of surroundings, where even the learned and the wise came to worship him. He grew up and went about proclaiming the good news of God's love and forgiveness. He spoke out against all that was evil and unjust in the world. He challenged the authorities of the time and for that he was killed on the cross.

The mystery at the heart of the Christian faith is that we worship God who is enthroned in splendour and light, yet reveals the power of his love in human weakness. The child whose manger we gaze at with joyful sentiment is the man whose cross we kneel at with heartfelt sorrow and whose tomb we run to in wonder and thanksgiving.

As we come to sing our Christmas carols and light our Christmas candles let us remember whose birth it is we celebrate, whose life, death and resurrection we glory in and whose coming again we long for.

In the midst of all the busyness, take time to ponder and wonder at the mystery that lies at the heart of our world and be ready to welcome God in Christ into your heart anew. Come and join with others as we offer our worship to the one who is our King.

I look forward to welcoming you to St Andrew's during the seasons of Advent and Christmas.

May you find peace and joy and Christ in your celebration of Christmas.

Robin

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Baby back-pack with rain-hood, also stands as chair.
Very good condition £20
Travel Cot £15
Tel Mrs Smith 635176

Seasonal smiles

Children's version of the Christmas story

- When the three wise guys from the east side arrived, they found Jesus in the manger.
- When Mary heard that she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta
- Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.

What do you call Santa's helpers? - Subordinate Clauses.

What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire? - Frostbite.

The 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 Writing of Silent Night

Christmas Eve morning, 1818, the little Bavarian village of Oberndorf, and there was panic in the church of St Nicholas.

Mice had eaten through the bellows of the great organ. There would be no music for that Christmas Eve service.



The organist Franz Gruber rushed to tell Father Joseph Mohr, and both men paced the floor in consternation. Then Father Mohr stopped and pulled himself and his faith together. "What can we do?" he asked. "We can PRAY." And so the two men prayed before Father Mohr trudged off in the heavy snow on his rounds of visits to the poor and ill of the village.

In one poor, humble cottage on the outskirts of the village, a woodcutter's wife had just given birth to a child. So Father Mohr paid them a visit, to welcome and bless the new baby.

It was early evening before he got back to the church, still deeply moved by the tiny face of the woodcutter's 'Christmas Eve child' nestled happily in its mother's arms. Father Mohr thought back all those centuries to another baby, sleeping soundly in his mother's arms.... He longed to share this tender, tranquil scene with his congregation. On impulse, the priest sat down at his desk and took up his pen.

A short time later, Father Mohr called for Franz Gruber: "Here - please write a simple tune to this poem, something we can sing tonight to a guitar." Franz Gruber protested there was not enough time, but as he read the poem, he began to concentrate. He began to hum, and soon Father Mohr picked up the simple melody that had come to him.

A few hours later, that Christmas Eve, the congregation of St Nicholas, Oberndorf, were taught a new Christmas carol by candlelight and by guitar.

Silent Night! Holy Night! All is calm, all is bright!
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child,
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent Night, Holy Night...
With the Angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born.

This Christmas, hundreds of millions of people around the world will sing this lovely answer to a priest and organist's prayer for musical help on that Christmas Eve so long ago.

The Bellringers wish everyone a very happy Christmas

WE NEED BELLRINGERS

If you are interested in ringing please contact
Peter Ford 01535 655441
Practise night is Wednesday 8pm - 9pm See you there.

Our exploration of the Parish Mission Statement continues this month with a look at the second line of the statement. The first line says *who* we are, as God's people gathered together in this parish. The second goes on to say something about *why* we are here.

Christians believe, first and foremost, in a God of love. At the start of every marriage service the following words are said: 'God is love, and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them'. We are to live in communion with God, the God who created us. But we are also to live in communion with our fellow human beings.

In the First Letter of John we read, 'Dear friends, since God loved us, we also ought to love one another...if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us'. Jesus himself talked often of love. 'My command it this:' said Jesus, 'Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no-one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command'.

One day a Pharisee asked Jesus, 'Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?' Jesus replied, 'Love the Lord you God...This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbour as yourself". All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments'.

If we are to know what it is to be fully human we must know what it is to love and to be loved. We must be ready to give as well as to receive love. But this is not always easy, because love is invariably costly. True love demands something of us. True love speaks of sacrifice for the sake of the other.

Someone once asked Jesus how much he loved us. Jesus looked at the person, slowly opened his arms out wide and said, 'This much'!

God's love is a love that challenges our worldly ways, challenges our human logic. It is a love that says there is a better way of living. It is a love that speaks of letting go, sometimes, those things in our lives that we hold dear.

God loves us simply for 'who' we are, he does love us for 'what' we are. Love cannot be dependent on material possessions, on status in the community, on financial well being; love must be dependent only on the fact that we are human, created in the image of God, who wants us to know that love and share it with all people.

Dear friends, let us love one another.

NEWS FROM THE P.C.C.

At the meeting of the PCC on 12th November the major agenda item was finance. The treasurer informed the meeting of a predicted deficit in our accounts for this year of approx. £4000. This is a result of a smaller than expected increase in income, against the forecast increases in expenditure. It was agreed to have a Stewardship campaign in February next year to invite people to review their giving to the church in respect of time, talents and money.

It was also agreed to hold a Gift Day on Saturday 14th December to raise funds for a new church heating system. The present system is somewhat antiquated and will not be repairable should it break down! It is also wrong type of system for an ancient stone building. The PCC propose to install a hot-water radiator system.

Reports were received of two Deanery Synod meetings held in October. The PCC was asked to discuss ideas for future Deanery celebrations. The meeting also gave its support to the proposal to establish a 'Grief and Loss Support Group' across the Cross Hills & District Fellowship of Churches. It is hoped that the costs of initial training for the group will come from money devolved from the Diocese to the Deanery.

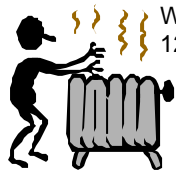
The Social Activities Group reported on arrangements for the Autumn Fair and on plans for the Flower Festival next May. A report was also received from the Young People's Work Advisory Group. The idea of having a space for children within the main body of the church was discussed and approved.

The next meeting in December will include an Advent Meditation. The PCC are keen that its meetings should not always be taken up by matters of business; an occasional spiritual input is important too!

Day of Prayer and Gifts

Saturday 14th December from 9am to 5pm

The church will be open during these times for you to offer prayers for the life and work of St. Andrew's. There will be a list at the back of the church for you to fill in a slot that would be convenient to you. It would be good to have a continuous chain of prayer during the day so please do look at the list if you can.



We will begin at 9am with Morning Prayer then Midday Prayers at 12 and concluding with Evening Prayer at 4.45pm

We invite you to make your gift when you come to pray. As mentioned above we will be using the gifts to help pay for a new (and efficient!) heating system.

Further information will be available soon.

What's cooking in December ?



Sweet dishes for Christmas

Raspberry and White Chocolate Trifle

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| 150g (6ozs) white chocolate | 2 tablesp rasp. jam |
| 7 fl.ozs crème fraich | 2 fl.ozs Sherry |
| 8 fl.ozs double cream | 350g (12ozs) frozen raspberries |
| 4 – 6 trifle sponges | |

1. Break the chocolate into pieces and place in a bowl, heat the crème fraich with 3 fl.ozs of the cream, add this to the chocolate and stir until melted. Cover with cling film and chill for about 2 hrs.
2. Cut the trifle sponges in half and sandwich together with the jam. Place in bottom of a glass serving dish and sprinkle with the sherry; allow to soak then cover with the frozen raspberries.
3. Whisk remaining cream until thick then fold into the chocolate mixture. Spread on top of the fruit and decorate with a few extra raspberries. Serve chilled.



Hot Fudge Sundae

The children may like to make this.

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| 25g (1oz) butter | squeeze of lemon juice |
| 50g (2ozs) soft, brown sugar | 12 scoops Vanilla ice cream |
| 5fl.ozs double cream | 1 X 37g bag of Maltesers |
| 1 banana sliced | crushed |
| | To decorate |
| | cherries or choc flakes |

1. Place butter, brown sugar and cream in a saucepan and heat gently stirring until the sugar has dissolved. Bring to the boil then simmer for 2 mins. Remove from the heat and set aside to cool slightly.
2. Toss the banana in the lemon juice and then divide between 4 sundae glasses, cover with the ice cream and crushed Maltesers. Pour the sauce over and top each glass with a cherry or chocolate flake.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas

Helen

Regular Events

Last month I wrote about the beautiful church at Innellan where George Matheson was minister. This month it is his story and how he came to write a wonderful, well known hymn.

George Matheson was born in Glasgow in 1842. Unfortunately his eyesight was very poor and by the age of 18 was nearly blind. This handicap however did not stop him graduating M.A. with honours in 1862 and twelve years later Edinburgh University conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

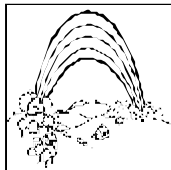
A witty and humorous man he enjoyed life to the full and everyone he met felt at ease in his company. George loved the village of Innellan where the family often spent holidays and in 1869 he was appointed minister there. It was here that his name became almost international as a preacher and writer.

Crowded congregations were commonplace and as George had an excellent memory he was able during his whole ministry to commit to memory not only his sermon but whole passages of scripture, psalms and hymns. Such was his fame that Queen Victoria invited him to preach at Balmoral in 1855 but it was in 1882 that he composed what was to become his most famous hymn, one that is among the best loved of all time.

Whilst attending his sister's wedding in 1882 in Glasgow the same day he consulted an eye specialist in the city, who told him that in a very short time he would be totally blind. This affected him deeply and at the wedding he informed the young lady he hoped to marry of this fact. Evidently she could not bring herself to face life with a blind husband, for she asked to be relieved of the engagement.

He returned home to Innellan in the evening with his life plans broken and his love denied. Gradually the pain eased as the greater love of God brought relief. It was then that he wrote his great hymn. How poignant the words are when his story is known.

O love that wilt not let me go.
I rest my weary soul in Thee.
I give Thee back the life I owe.
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.



O joy that seeketh me through pain
I cannot close my heart to Thee
I trace the rainbow through the rain
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

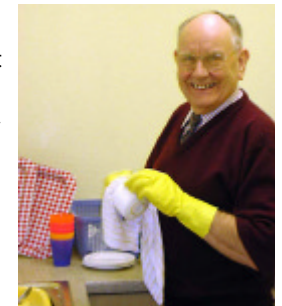


One of the greatest tributes paid to the hymn was in 1904 when representatives of 55 different Christian communions gathered from 26 different nations and sang it together on the slopes of Calvary - a long way from the shores of the Firth of Clyde where it was conceived amidst such pain and disappointment but such a testament to the love of God which never deserts anyone.

Sunday 10am	KICKs in Parish Rooms	
1st Sunday 7.30pm-9pm	CDFC Youth At St Peter's XHills	Ecumenical Youth group for 11+
2nd,3rd,4th 7pm-8pm Sundays (not 5th)	Y@K in Parish Rooms	Church youth group for 11+
Monday 1.30pm	Bible Study at Low Green, XHills	Informal Bible study and fellowship
Tuesday 10am	Pram Service	Short service for preschool children
1st and 3rd 10am Tuesdays	Banner Group in Parish Rooms (upstairs)	Stitching and fellowship group
Wednesday 6-30-7.30pm	Bubble and Laser Jets in Parish Rooms	Primary school children's group
8pm	Bellringing	
Thursday 2pm	Open House in Parish Rooms	Refreshments and items for sale
7.30-8.30pm	Choir practice in church	
7.30pm	Harvesters in parish Rooms (upstairs)	Informal Bible study and fellowship group

Thank you

Thank you to Mary and all her helpers for the magnificent success of the Autumn Fair. The total raised for church funds was £703.50. This has broken previous totals by a large amount. Well done and thanks to everyone who supported the event. (Especially to John for all that washing up!!)



Quiet Morning for Advent

10.00am – 12 noon Wednesday 4th December

Come and reflect on the theme of Advent.

- 10am Coffee in the Parish Rooms
- 10.30–12.00 Reflection in the Church (led by Elizabeth Figg)
- 12 noon Hunger Lunch in the Parish Rooms.

To book phone 633307.

Chernobyl Children

Appeal for help

Many of you will have seen in the Bridge articles and news about the children from Chernobyl. Cathy and Peter Medd have hosted two girls for the past few years during the summer but they have just found out that the two are in “a desperate situation” and the Chernobyl charity want to bring them out of Belarus before Christmas. This poses all sorts of challenges for Cathy and Peter who have been told they’ll have to pay the fares for the girls.



The children are Lena (pronounced Lee-Anna) who is 15 and Katya who is 11, they are very small for their ages which is not surprising when one considers the life they have had so far. They live in very poor accommodation and do not have enough food or clothing to help them through the winter. Cathy and Peter are appealing for help in providing clothing and toiletries for the girls as well as any financial help with the airfare costs that people feel able to give. If you are able to help please phone Cathy or Peter on 01535 636134

Burn’s Night Ceilidh

Saturday January 25th in Farnhill Institute.

Book this event in your diaries now!

Dancing - bagpipes- supper - and of course Haggis!!

Further details to be announced



Out and About In December

The holly and the ivy

When they are both full grown

Of all the trees that are in the wood

The holly bears the crown



Winter is really setting in but there are still routine jobs to do.

Now in mid-November there are, a few plants still blooming and next year's hardy annuals already sprouting where self-sown.

Tie up leaves of yuccas and cordelines to keep damp and frost off growing points.

Clean off leaves from rockeries and renew gravel mulch

Bubble wrap terra cotta post and insulate greenhouses Put grease bands on fruit trees

When you think you have finished all the jobs, clean and oil all tools, including the lawn mover.

As you go for your winter walks look out for colour. On sunny days the landscape becomes quite brilliant.

Children could collect seed heads and grasses

. and spray them gold or silver - they make lovely

Christmas decorations when mixed with some evergreens.

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL GARDENERS, YOUNG AND OLD

Cross Hills Naturalists' Society December Events

Saturday 7th Annual Supper Evening at 1900hours in St Peter’s Church School-room.

This year there will be a choice of jacket potatoes with a variety of fillings to be ordered when buying ticket. After supper members will show slides, give short talks or read some natural history prose or poetry. Tickets £2.

Thursday 12th Microscope Workshop 1845-2100 at the Senior Citizen Centre, North Street, Sutton-in-Craven.

Praying together through December



1. Pray for the Advent Carol Service and all who attend
2. Thank God for the freedom to worship freely
3. And pray for those who have to pray alone and in quiet because of conflict
4. Bless Elizabeth as she leads the 'Quiet Morning' in the Parish Rooms
5. Pray for our church wardens for all the good work they do
6. Remember Edward, Marjorie, Keith and Brenda, and pray for them
7. Pray for Robin, Elizabeth, Matthew, James and Paul
8. Pray for all who attend the 8.15am service today
9. Remember the music group, choir and choirmaster as they prepare for the Christmas period.
10. Let us give thanks to all who worked for Kildwick church during 2002.
11. Pray for the staff and children who attend South Craven and Kildwick school
12. Pray for the staff at Airedale Hospital and local Residential and Nursing Homes
13. Remember our local shopkeepers during this busy period of the year
14. Pray for the staff of the Church Mission Society and Tearfund throughout the world.
15. Pray for John and George Castle and their boys in Uganda
16. Also Remember Stephen & Margaret Tirwomwe in Uganda, who will be having a very different Christmas this year
17. Pray for peace in the Middle East
18. Remember all who are persecuted because of their faith
19. Pray for members of our Armed Forces who are overseas and away from their families
20. And remember their families who will miss them, especially this week
21. Pray for all our children, and the elderly and hope they have happiness during this Christmas period
22. Pray for all people who have to work during this week
23. Thank God for the peace that we have in this country
24. Lord, help us to be calm and patient with our children and family today
25. Remember with pleasure the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ
26. Remember and pray for all who are alone or unhappy today
27. Pray for all Christians throughout the world
28. Let us also pray for all other religions, that they may find peace
29. Let us thank God for all that we have received this week.
30. And remember those who have been hungry and received nothing.
31. Today, a special prayer for peace and goodwill to all during the coming year.

Parish News.....

Sutton-in-Craven Retired Mens Forum

During the months October to April on Tuesday mornings at the South Craven Baptist Church, Holme Lane.

Members arrive at approximately 9.30am, when coffee and biscuits are served. This is the time for convivial conversation with old friends and time to make new friends.

From 10.15am a talk, talk/slide show, or vocal entertainment will be given to the members present. The meetings usually close around 11.30am.

Our members come from Bradley, Cowling, Crosshills, Farnhill, Glusburn, Ilkley, Keighley, Sildsden and of course Sutton.

The cost is only an annual subscription of £2 and then 40p for Tuesday meetings (including coffee and biscuits).

During the months April to October there is one meeting per month, and we have a fortnightly walk programme, nothing too strenuous, but there to be enjoyed.

Why not give us a try? Just turn up, but should you require further information ring Eric Ainsworth on 01535 6302661

Events for December

3rd Maurice Baron How it all started in Yorkshire (talk)

10th Ian Cresswell Birds (slides)

17th Carols with the children of Sutton C.P. School

The Bridge is very pleased to welcome the Retired Mens' Forum as a regular contributor, don't forget if you want to advertise your events telephone the editor

OPEN HOUSE

We have had another year of fellowship and laughter and welcomed a few newcomers to join our faithful regulars.

Many thanks to all who have provided goods to sell and those who have bought them enabling us to raise over £1,000 for Martin House and Missions. We are now helping another charity as we have found an outlet for surplus stock proceeds from which go to the Chernobyl project locally. Open House has been running for over 20 years.

To those who don't know the set up, we meet on Thursdays from 2 - 3 pm. Julie is Welcomer and Treasurer, Dorothy and Betty make the tea, Joyce disposes of surplus stock, John, Leonard and Michael put up the tables and carry heavy boxes and we are very grateful for their help.

We send Christmas Greetings to all our friends.

Services for December

Morning Prayer will be said at 7.30am Tuesday to Friday
 Evening Prayer will be said at 4.45pm Tuesday to Friday
 Pram Service for pre-school children in church Tuesdays at 10am
 Holy Communion Wednesdays at 9.15am

Sunday 1st	1st Sunday of Advent	Readings
8.15a.m.	Said Eucharist (Order 2)	
10a.m.	Family Eucharist	OT Isaiah 64 1-9 G Mark 13 24-37
6p.m.	Advent Carol Service	
Sunday 8th	2nd Sunday of Advent	
8.15a.m.	Said Eucharist (Order 1)	
10a.m.	Sung Eucharist with creche and KICKs	OT Isaiah 40 1-11 NT 2 Peter 3 8-15a G Mark 1 1-8
6p.m.	United Service at Sutton Baptist Church	
Sunday 15th	3rd Sunday of Advent	
8.15a.m.	Said Eucharist (Order 1)	
10a.m.	Sung Eucharist with Baptisms	OT Isaiah 61 1-4+8-11 NT 1 Thess. 5 16-24 G John 1 6-8+19-28
6p.m.	Evensong	
Sunday 22nd	4th Sunday of Advent	
8.15a.m.	Said Eucharist (Order 1)	
10a.m.	Sung Eucharist	OT 2 Samuel 7 1-11+16 NT Romans 16 25-27 G Luke 1 26-38
6p.m.	Carol Service	
Sunday 29th	1st Sunday of Christmas	
8.15a.m.	Said Eucharist (Order 1)	
10a.m.	Sung Eucharist	OT Isaiah 61 10-62v3 NT Galatians 4 4-7 G Luke 2 15-21
6p.m.	No service	

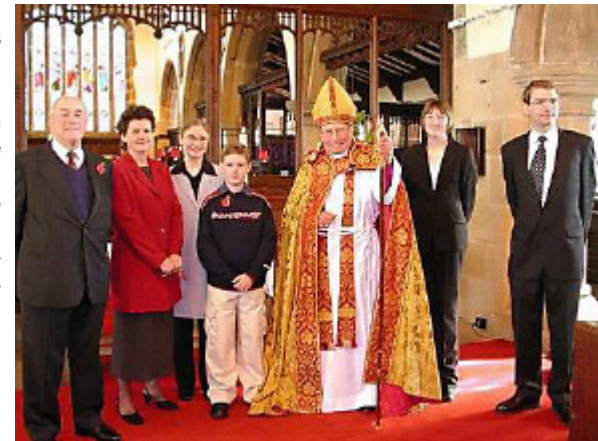
Parish News.....

CONFIRMATION SERVICE AT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, KILDWICK 13/11/2002

3 November 2002 - Bishop David Young, the retired Bishop of Ripon, came to St Andrew's Church, a Service of Confirmation during which seven people took a significant step of commitment in their Christian lives. There were five candidates from St Andrew's Church, Lauren Hartley, Jeffrey Green, Sarah Morton, Hannah Parsons and Charlotte Stirk and two candidates from St Mary's Church, Riddlesden, Walter Holden and Christopher Wordley. In his sermon Bishop David spoke of the importance of such occasions as signs to the wider world that the Church is alive and that God continues to touch many people's lives.

Mrs Sarah Morton, one the candidates said, 'It was a wonderful day which meant so much to me as I took a positive step on my Christian journey. It was particularly special for my husband James and me following our wedding in St Andrew's in August.'

The picture shows Bishop David Young with (from left to right) Walter Holden, Sarah Morton, Charlotte Stirk, Jeffrey Green, Lauren Hartley, Christopher Wordley. (Missing from the picture is Hannah Parsons.



Well done James

Congratulations to James Waring, a pupil at Kildwick School who completed a marathon swim of 3½ miles last month.

He raised over £200 for The Macmillan Cancer Relief fund.





To advertise your local event for FREE on this diary page, phone 01535 633887. Please note that items for next month's magazine need to be with us by December 20th

WI news - Glusburn and Cross Hills

At the October meeting Mrs Dorene White demonstrated Chinese Cookery, making us all hungry with the delicious aromas. She later raffled the dishes she had made, some lucky members taking them home.

Members reported on a WI walking weekend and on the WI Federation Autumn Council Meeting in Harrogate, at which the speaker had been Richard Whiteley.

Coming events included a visit to "Me and My Girl" at Skipton Town Hall, a WI group crafts and produce show at St Peter's Church Hall, Cross Hills, and a "Christmas Evening" meal and shopping at Ostwaldtwistle Mills.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 5th November at 7.30pm. in the Cross Hills Rest Centre, when Jo Whitehead will demonstrate Painting on Silk.

A thought from the Harvesters Fellowship Group

At Harvesters we have been studying the book of Romans, we have been very challenged by some of what we have looked at. A couple of weeks ago we looked at Romans chapter fourteen, the study was entitled Living in Community and it looked at how we can be guilty of making value judgements on fellow members of the Christian family. At the end of the study we were challenged by this paragraph.

"We all come from various traditions. Some people have habits or behaviours that may be very important to them. Whenever possible we need to honour these traditions and the people who practice them. I am not speaking of legalism or areas of weakness, just traditions that others appreciate. For instance, some people love old hymns played on an organ. Others appreciate praise choruses led by a music group. Both are pleasing to God. There is no right or wrong here, no more mature or less mature taste in musical styles.

The problem comes when we insist our way is the best. Some even claim that their personal likes are God's likes as well. They put down and criticize what is rich and precious to others.

Seek an opportunity to bless and affirm someone else's tradition or tastes. It might not be your favourite, but let them know that you respect their tradition and thank God for all that it means to them."

Harvesters meet every Thursday evening at 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms. They would welcome any new members to join in their time of Bible study and Fellowship.

If you are interested in Bible Study and fellowship but don't like coming out in the dark evenings why don't you come on a Monday afternoon at 1.30pm to Low Green Cross Hills.

For further details telephone: Harvesters - Sue Hargreaves 633777
Monday Group - Gill Jowett 632405

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| 3rd | Kildwick School Governors Meeting |
| | KICKs leaders meeting 8pm Parish Rooms |
| | Banner group 10am Parish Rooms |
| 4th | Advent Meditation |
| | Jets trip to Pantomime |
| 6th | School Assembly 3pm |
| 7th | School Christmas Fair 1.30pm |
| 8th | Malsis School carol service 4pm |
| 9th | Guides and Brownies carol service |
| 10th | PCC meeting 7.30pm Parish Rooms |
| 11th | Young People's Advisory group social |
| 12th | Kildwick School Christmas concerts 1.30pm & 6.30pm |
| 13th | Glusburn carol service 6.30pm |
| 14th | Lothersdale Singers concert 7.30pm |
| 22nd | Christmas Carols by candlelight 6pm |
| 24th | Crib service 10am |
| | Midnight Eucharist 11.30pm |
| 25th | Said Eucharist 8.15am |
| | Family Eucharist 10am |

Christmas Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 22nd December 6pm

St. Andrew's Church Kildwick

All welcome





The Lothersdale Singers

present a



Christmas Concert

St Andrew's Church, Kildwick

7.30pm
Saturday 14th
December

*Admission free,
retiring collection*

Refreshments available

In aid of new church heating system

Thank you from Charlotte Stirk.

Thank you to everyone for the good wishes and many cards I received when I was confirmed. Thank you also to Robin for his guidance, Sue for being my sponsor and all my friends at St Andrew's who helped to make it such a special day.

We have been making one or two changes in this month's edition including dropping the church rotas page. Everyone who takes part in any of the activities has their own copy of the appropriate rota and a master copy is available at the back of the church. If you have any comments please let the editor know.

Any astronomer can predict with absolute accuracy just where every star in the universe will be as the clocks chime midnight on Christmas Eve. He can make no such prediction about his teenage daughter. - Anon.



Mission News....
The Castle family writes....

The next 6 months

As you know we are due back in UK early next year for our 6 month break having completed our first (almost) 3 year term. As we hope very much to return to Namirembe in September we are planning to leave Kampala on Feb 242003. That is now only 5 months away!!

Our last 5 months then should be a time of review with the bishop and dean, the opportunity to talk with our regional manager when he visits in October and to begin delegating and preparing for our departure.

For me George, I have returned from holiday to find my midwifery work escalating at a time when I had wanted to be decreasing!! My colleague has been delayed in UK due to serious ill-health but will hopefully return in November although only able to take up a much reduced work schedule.

I would really value prayer as I try to juggle a hugely increased work commitment (there are no other British midwives in Kampala willing to work) with home and packing. A CMS affiliate has just arrived in Kampala, a trained midwife only here for 6 months but she hopefully will be able to take Some of the pressure off.

The boys back at school

Simon has gone into Year 6 with the teacher who taught him in Y4. He has settled very well and generally gets straight down to his hour's homework every night.

Matt and Adam have a new-to-Kabira teacher who is proving more strict and demanding than Mr. Sharpe!

Please pray for them as they try to get used to each other!! All the boys are very much looking forward to returning to UK in 1 t terms time!!

Impending Events

We had a family service at the cathedral shortly after our return from holiday. It was a bit of a shambles as despite planning meetings before we left no-one had done anything about it whilst we were away. Our next family service is on October 27th to coincide with Harvest ...it would be great to see the other Sunday Schoolteachers taking the initiative to organise plan and present the event.

The bishop is carrying out confirmations on October 20th at Namirembe . October is also the month when the bishop moves the clergy to different parishes. They get no warning and the only notification is by the 'Change List' being circulated during his annual diocesan meeting.

We are fearful that the other assistant vicar Rev William Sanga Mulinda will be moved after 4 yrs at Namirembe. This is a very difficult time for the clergy as they cannot appeal and it is a huge upheaval for the family interfering with school studies and jobs.

Many thanks for all your support...we love receiving your letters even if we are slow to respond!

John, George, Simon, Matt and Adam