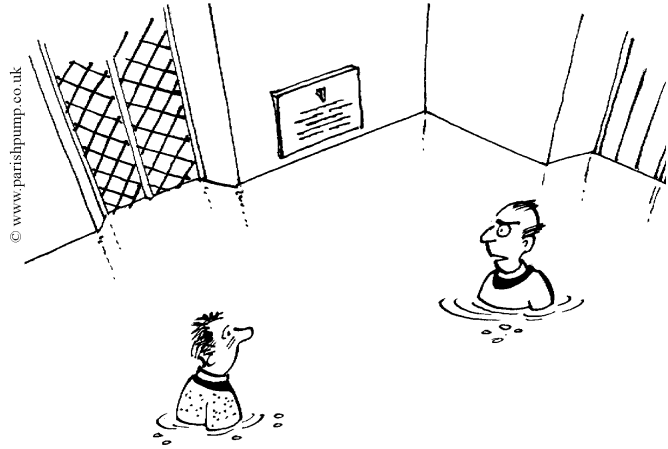
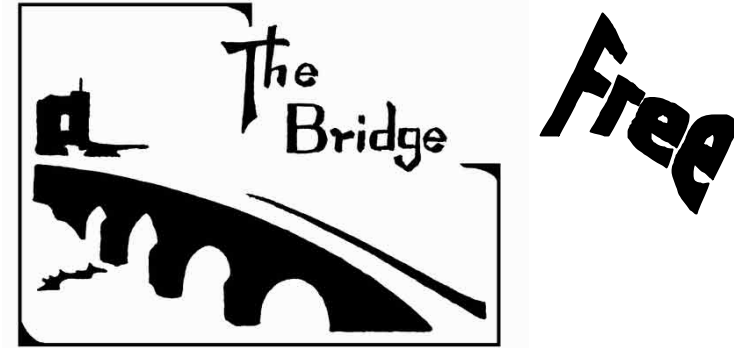


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But I clearly said it was the Curate's job to turn off the tap filling the baptistry!



St. Andrew's Church Kildwick

News and Views from Kildwick, Farnhill and Cross Hills

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and other local outlets*

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The Vicar's Letter...



Dear friends,

Throughout the month of May we continue in a spirit of joyful celebration of the Risen Christ. As God's people, his family on earth, we are called again and again to celebrate the presence of the living Christ with us. Brother Roger, the leader of Taizé community in France, has spoken about the importance of Christ's continual presence through the Holy Spirit; "What astonishes us about Christ is his presence. He is not visible to our eyes and never does he impose himself on us. But, risen from the dead, Christ could say to each of us: 'Are you not aware that, by the Holy Spirit, I live in you? Never forget that you are inhabited.' Even if we often feel nothing of this mysterious presence, it remains there forever."

The Easter season continues until the great feast of Pentecost at the end of the month, when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. Our joy throughout this time, and beyond, is concerned with the promise that goodness will ultimately overcome evil, love will overcome hatred. This good news cannot be over emphasised. The message offered to the world is of freedom and new life. But the message by itself will not change the world. For that to happen we have to respond to it and become part of the process of change.

It has been said that to grow is to change, and to grow fully is to change often. But change, as we all know, is not always easy. Change can often make us feel uncomfortable. But if we are to know the depth of God's love for ourselves and all people we must be open to the changes that God lays before us. Jesus died on the Cross because he challenged the status quo; he spoke the Truth.

I have a postcard with the following words by Dom Helder Camara, a Brazilian Archbishop: "When I give food to the poor, they call me a saint. When I ask why the poor have no food they call me a communist." Challenging, thought provoking words!

Speaking to the people of his diocese this year an Anglican Bishop said: "God is always calling us out of our comfort zones and into risky places. If all our faith does is give us comfort, we have missed half of what God intends for us. If you dare preach a God so forgiving that no one is beyond his embrace, you'll get in trouble too." He asked the people, "What risks are you willing to take for the Gospel?"

If there is to be justice and righteousness in the world people must speak out. When we speak out others are given renewed hope. From the Cross of Calvary Jesus spoke of love and forgiveness. Through his suffering Jesus showed the world that even in death there is hope, of resurrection. May the joy of the Easter message continue to give you hope, for yourself and for the world.

The Easter season ends with the Day of Pentecost (Sunday 30th May). To mark this day this year we are having an open air Pentecost Praise service at 3pm. The preceding nine days (after Ascension Day until Pentecost) are days of prayer and preparation for this celebration of the outpouring of the Spirit. During this time the Church prays 'Come, Holy Spirit, renew your whole creation'.

During this Easter season let us proclaim the message of the Resurrection and sing our Alleluia's with renewed vigour and commitment. May the risen Lord bless you, and those you love and pray for.

Robin

Out and About in May

*March winds and April showers
Bring forth the May flowers*



Spring flowers in the woodlands are at their best at this time of year, especially bluebells before the trees come fully into leaf. For a good display walk along the canal bank towards Skipton or visit Middleton Woods at Ilkley.

We shall all find plenty to do in the garden this month but here are a few tasks to be getting on with:-

- Prune forsythia and other spring flowering shrubs, cutting back flowering stems by one third.
- Plant dahlia tubers
- Treat potted fuschias against vine weevils
- Spray roses against black spot and aphids.
- Re-pot pelargoniums cuttings taken last autumn
- Prepare hanging baskets and keep frost free until the end of the month
Tumbler tomatoes do well in hanging baskets.
- Make sure there are plenty of nectar rich plants in the garden to attract bees and butterflies.

A Curious Epitaph

*Beneath this stone, a lump of clay
Lies Uncle Peter Dan'els,
Who, early in the month of May
Took off his winter flannels*

Cross Hill Naturalists' Society (Founded 1904)

The Society has had two designs for its membership cards. One card, showing ducks in flight first appeared on the 1928-9 Winter Session card. This was drawn by Charles H. Gilbert, a member of the Society who later moved to Welwyn. The Society's badge was the gift of F. Williams of Cross Roads after he had lectured to the Society on Heraldry. The badge is in the form of an heraldic landscape.

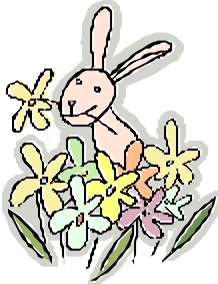
May Events

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| Sunday 9th | Cowling, Lothersdale area (4-5 miles) Meet Co-op car park. Crosshills at 1000 with cars and packed lunch. David Brooke |
| Thursday 13th | Microscope Workshop 1845-2100. Senior Citizen Centre, Sutton-in-Craven |
| Wednesday 19th | Annual Coach excursion to Holker Hall via Cartmel. Crosshills Health Centre 0900 hours. Jean Kendrew |
| Wednesday 26th | Grassington to Thorpe (approx 5 miles) Meet Co-op car park 1000 with cars and packed lunch. Allan Butterfield |

Isobel's Page

On Easter Monday we had a lovely day walking through fields and byways to Lothersdale and back. The countryside seemed to be at its best – the buds coming through, the hedgerows breaking into blossom, the grassy banks covered with primroses and daffodils and in the fields the lambs were gambolling in the spring sunshine.

On our walk we took our time. We could have put our heads down and forged ahead towards our goal but if we had we would have missed out on so much that enriched and entranced us along the way. I know someone who regards walking as something to be undertaken purely for the good of his health and so sets a target of a certain number of miles, strides out purposely, reaches the given point and then strides back. If he had been with us on our walk he wouldn't have stopped to wonder at the marvellous view afforded after the ascent of the Pennine Way, or would not have had time to admire the magnificent house where Charlotte Bronte was for a short time a governess and he wouldn't have stopped to pat the friendly dog as he welcomed each one of us through his property even though we had interrupted his afternoon nap.



Its good to have a goal – ours was to reach Lothersdale, just as it is important to have an aim in life at which we can direct our energies and interest. But whilst we all need something to strive for, something to give us a sense of direction and, although probably enjoying the challenge, we also need to make time to enjoy the many pleasures we come across along the way.

We had last month a day to look back on with pleasure walking in beautiful countryside in good company and I am glad we gave ourselves time to 'stop and stare' because if we had not we would have been so much the poorer.

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When you plan your garden this Spring

Plant three rows of peas:
Peace of mind
Peace of heart
Peace of soul.

Plant four rows of squash:
Squash gossip
Squash indifference
Squash grumbling
Squash selfishness.

Plant four rows of lettuce:
Lettuce be faithful
Lettuce be kind
Lettuce be happy
Lettuce really love one another.

No garden should be without turnips:
Turnip for service when needed
Turnip to help one another
Turnip the music and dance.

Water freely with patience and
Cultivate with love.
There is much fruit in your garden.
Because you reap what you sow.

To conclude our garden
We must have thyme:
Thyme for fun
Thyme for rest
Thyme for ourselves.



GROWING IN FAITH – AN OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDY

As part of our ongoing use of the Emmaus study programme there will be two opportunities to gather in small groups to delve deeper into different areas of our faith. Each short course will be offered on Tuesday afternoons (1.30-3.15pm) and Wednesday evenings (7.45-9.30pm).

The first course will be **Growing in worship – understanding the sacraments**.

There will be 5 sessions exploring:

The worship of the Church

The sacramental life

The Eucharist: Entering the Easter mystery

The healing sacraments

Making worship.

The dates will be as follows: Tuesdays 25th May, 1st, 15th, 22nd & 29th June;
Wednesdays 26th May, 2nd, 16th, 23rd & 30th June.

The second course will be **Life, death and Christian hope**. There will be 3 sessions exploring:

Death and Resurrection

Judgement and eternal life

The coming of Christ.

The dates will be as follows: Tuesdays 6th, 13th & 20th July; Wednesdays 7th, 14th & 21st July.

To book a place on one of these course sign the list in church or contact Robin Figg, 633307.

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St Andrew's Church and Kildwick School

SUMMER FAIR

Saturday 19th June 11.00am to 3.00pm

Grand opening by Calendar Girls!

Raffle, Teddy Bear Parachute Jump, Various Stalls, Brass Band, Dance Display, Children's Entertainer, Bouncy Castle, Ice Cream, Licensed Bar, Cream Teas and more.

Come and enjoy a fun packed day for all the family

Church Rotas for May

Date	Sidesperson	Intercessor	Communion	Tea and Coffee Rota
2nd	Christine Anderton Eleanor Eastwood Joan Houghton			June Whitaker, Betty Hawkins
6 p.m.	Malcolm Newell	Lesley Hudson	Michael Baumber	
9th 10am	Gill Jowett Albert Bonham Joyce Bonham	Revd Robin Figg	Hetty Hutton	Beth Taylor, Marjorie Gee
16th 1amp	Alison McKinney Gary McKinney June Whitaker Beth Taylor	Michael Baumber	Gary McKinney Gill Jowett	Ann Mosley, Christine Anderton
Thursday 20th		Isobel Stirk		
23rd 10am	Cyril Doult Dorothy Ward Christine Hutchinson	Gill Jowett	Tim Littler Christine Anderton	Joyce Bonham
30th	Brian Green Elizabeth Green	Lesley Hudson	Janet Swain Michael Baumber	Maureen Vink, Kath Morris,

Food for thought?

"...Fasting in the Christian life is wholly positive - it is to return his love for us. Here are some very practical suggestions as to how you can fast:-

- Fast from words that pollute the mind. Feast on words that cleanse and heal.
 - Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.
 - Fast from the habit of complaining; feast on appreciating.
 - Fast from bitterness, feast on forgiveness.
 - Fast from self-concern, feast on compassion for others.
 - Fast from idle gossip, feast on silence.
 - Fast from discouragement, feast on hope.
 - Fast from judging others; feast on Christ dwelling in them.
- Fast from emphasising differences; feast on what unifies".

AN INTRODUCTION TO LOCAL CHURCH HISTORY

In this series of articles, Michael Baumber will be exploring some of the more interesting aspects of our local history—church and community

PART 8 ROGER BREARLEY

Many early seventeenth century Kildwick vicars were not resident. Christopher White, vicar from 1623 to 1628 was also the vicar of Hainton in Lincolnshire and in 1626 rector of Fyfield in Hampshire. In such circumstances it was usual to appoint a curate-in-charge. White's rather controversial choice for Kildwick was the rev. Roger Brearley. Brearley was born in 1586 the fourth son of Thomas Brearley of Marland in the parish of Rochdale. In 1615 he became the perpetual curate of Grindleton in the parish of Mitton where his infectious personal holiness made an immediate impact. The people he influenced soon became known as the 'Grindletonians' and their reputation spread throughout Craven.



puritan ones in content and denied that he was attempting to create a breakaway sect. He was supported by the rector of Bolton-by-Bolland, the vicars of Giggleswick, Gar-broughton, Marton, Carleton-in-Craven. Kildwick., Otley and Long Preston among others. The case was not proved and after reluctantly agreeing to subscribe the canons in contention his license to preach was returned.

When he moved to Kildwick he left his more radical reputation behind but his impressive holiness and his mystical streak still made a profound impression. He was a major influence on a later curate John Webster, on Robert Towne perpetual curate of Haworth 1648-53 and his brother, John Towne, minister of Kildwick 1646-58.

The increasingly high church arminianism of Charles I led to clashes with puritans of all kinds, not just antinomians. In 1627 Brearley found himself before the Court of High Commission for a second time and had his license to preach confined to Kildwick itself but again he escaped relatively unscathed, his freedom being restored in August 1628. White resigned in the same year and he was succeeded by John Gifford. Gifford was a supporter of Archbishop Laud which might have led to difficulties but like White he was non-resident holding Broughton, Eynesford in Kent and maybe St Michael's Bassishaw in London at the same time. Brearley stayed until 1631 when he moved to Burnley, dying there in 1637.

What he was doing also came to the notice of the church authorities and in 1617 he was charged at York with non-conformity and heterodoxy. In particular with teaching the views a group known as the Familists who propagated a vague philanthropism of the pantheistic type which was held to be heretical and immoral. Brearley vigorously denied the charge.

He certainly had a strain of mysticism and he did have leanings towards what was called antinomianism which taught that the observation of the strict moral law of the scriptures could in certain circumstances be suspended by the operation of divine grace but he was able to demonstrate that he did not share the more esoteric outpourings of some of his congregation. He also maintained that his views were orthodox

Church Rotas for May

Sunday 2 May, 2004 The Fourth Sunday of Easter 6.00pm	First Reading : Acts 9.36-43 Second Reading : Revelation 7.9-17 Gospel : John 10.22-30	Pam Brown Janet Swain Michael Baumber
Sunday 9 May, 2004 The Fifth Sunday of Easter	First Reading : Acts 11.1-18 Second Reading : Revelation 21.1-6 Gospel : John 13.31-35	Barry Houghton Christine Anderton Kathryn Morris
Sunday 16 May, 2004 The Sixth Sunday of Easter	First Reading : Acts 16.9-15 Second Reading : Revelation 21.10,22 - 22.5 Gospel : John 14.23-29	Gill Jowett Jennifer Roberts John Hudson
Thursday 20 May, 2004 Ascension Day	First Reading : Acts 1.1-11 Second Reading : Ephesians 1.15-23 Gospel : Luke 24.44-53	Marjorie Gee Lesley Hudson Isobel Stirk
Sunday 23 May, 2004 The Seventh Sunday of Easter	First Reading : Acts 16.16-34 Second Reading : Revelation 22.12-14,16-17,20-21 Gospel : John 17.20-26	Brian Charter Pam Brown Michael Baumber
Sunday 30 May, 2004 Day of Pentecost	First Reading : Acts 2.1-21 Second Reading : Romans 8.14-17 Gospel : John 14.8-17(25-27)	Barry Houghton Christine Anderton Janet Swain

Church Cleaning:

May 10th Lesley Hudson and
Jayne Taylor

May 24th Helen Hulley, Sylvia Ackroyd
Rosie Hargreaves,

Brass Cleaning: Miss R. Hargreaves
and Mrs A. Mosely

Flower Rota

2nd Mrs Pratt
9th Mrs Roberts
16th Mrs
Whitaker
23rd Mrs Whitley
30th Vacant



From the Registers

Weddings

Saturday 17th April Andrew Charles Edward Benson and
Gemma Anne Hull

Burial of Cremated Remains

Friday 16 April William Cauthorne



ASCENSION DAY

Thursday 20th May

7.30pm Holy Communion

Preacher:
The Revd Peter Greenwood
Vicar of St James, Silsden

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sunday 30th May

8.15am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion
3.00pm Pentecost Praise
(on the church green)

Followed by bring and share tea

Chaplains on special offer – at ASDA

Shoppers at Asda supermarkets around the UK are responding enthusiastically to the chain's move to make chaplains available to its customers. Many members of the Evangelical Alliance have volunteered for this unusual form of ministry. About 120 stores of the 265 in the UK now have volunteer chaplains, and the feedback from shoppers has been "fantastic", according to an Asda spokesman. The Rev Roger Leigh offers two three-hour sessions a week at the Gloucester store. "I announce over the tannoy that a chaplain is available that day, and I can be found in the foyer area, or walking around the aisles," says Leigh. "I just wear a store badge saying 'I'm the Rev Roger Leigh'. I don't wear a dog collar. "I mix with the shoppers and we have a chat. I've had people bursting into tears on me, and one guy who started off by telling me the idea wasn't going to work, and 20 minutes later, was showing me scars from child abuse." With 80,000 people using that store, and 600 staff, it's a big parish on all its own.

Many Asda stores even make a room available to the chaplain if a shopper wants to talk more privately. "Some stores have a prayer box available near the checkout where shoppers can post requests, and the chaplain picks these up."

Some stores have as many as six part-time chaplains, and new volunteers are joining every week. People don't get time to go to church but they do have to shop. The move was not a directive from US parent company Wal-mart, but a home-grown idea from a store in Kent, where it was found that staff and shoppers appreciated the services of a chaplain following the death of a loved member of staff. Asda has received no complaints about the scheme.

JAZZ CONCERT

With

Harry Long's Good Time Jazz Band

7.30pm Saturday 5th June

St Andrew's Church, Kildwick

Tickets £5, £4 concessions
Available from church or tel 633307

Living life to the full

Christian Aid Week begins on 9 May, and the money raised this year will be used to improve people's lives in more than 50 countries worldwide. One of the places that Christian Aid has recently begun working in is the former Soviet republic of Tajikistan. Here, as in many other poor countries, money raised in Christian Aid Week is being used to help people live life to the full.

Christian Aid Week, 9-15 May

Khurshed Khuinov is 17 and lives in Tajikistan's capital, Dushanbe. He shares one room in a city hostel with his mother and five brothers and sisters. Life in the hostels is bleak and dangerous, so the organisation Zumrad, which is supported by Christian Aid, runs youth clubs to improve the lives of vulnerable children and give them emotional support. They enjoy climbing and camping expeditions, as well as workshops in which they make their own rucksacks and tents.

Zumrad is one of ten partner organisations in Tajikistan supported by Christian Aid. Tajikistan is one of the poorest countries in the world outside Africa, and Christian Aid began to work there quite recently. Situated in central Asia, north of Afghanistan, it was part of the Soviet Union until independence in 1991.

Subsequently the economy has collapsed, and there has been a bitter civil war. One in three workers is jobless, and vulnerable people such as children and the elderly have little or no support. Children are particularly at risk if they are orphaned. Fifty thousand were orphaned during the war, and many more have parents who have been forced to leave home and seek work in Russia. Huge state orphanages provide schooling and shelter, but they are overcrowded and poorly resourced. Children living in these conditions are stigmatised, often do not have enough to eat, and are starved of affection.

In Khurshed's case, his family's situation was made harder because of his poor health. Until he was 12, he had to walk on

crutches. 'After two operations the doctor succeeded in fixing my bones,' he explains. 'My family wanted to buy a house, but they used the money for the operations. Life became very difficult for us. So now we live in a hostel.'

For ten years, Zumrad has given children such as these a richer education and deeper relationships than are possible in an orphanage or hostel. They offer camping expeditions in the mountains, with teenage children learning a range of climbing and environmental skills.

'I thought I would never be able to walk as normal, but I have been hiking with Zumrad for four years,' says Khurshed. 'At first it was really hard. But it is so important for me. When I come on hiking trips, I feel at home. I'm not afraid of the difficulties now. I'm going to be an artist. So I am not just looking around; I am studying the countryside and keeping it in my head.'

By attending local clubs several times a week, the young people also learn the sewing skills they need to make their own rucksacks, tents and clothing. Courses in computing and English mean that they can improve their potential. But perhaps most important of all is that Zumrad provides a safe place where children find genuine care and can develop higher hopes for the future.

A £25 gift to Christian Aid buys the materials for ten young people to make their own rucksacks for a camping expedition. By supporting Christian Aid Week, you are among millions of people who think poverty is a scandal we do not have to accept. Your actions, commitment and contributions will bring about a better life for people in poor communities all over the world.

To find out more about Christian Aid Week, visit www.caweek.org or call 08080 006 006

Christian Aid
We believe in life before death

A GIFT OF HEALING, DAY CONFERENCE, Saturday 8th May.

Subtitled 'Liturgy as therapeutic space & time', this day will be held at Halifax Parish Church, from 11 am-4pm. Cost £8. See noticeboard for more details. Please let Robin know if you are interested.



AN EVENING TO PROMOTE FAIRTRADE IN OUR CHURCHES,

Monday 17th May 7-9pm
All are welcome at Bradford Diocesan Office, Elmsley Street, Steeton on an evening to celebrate the commitment made by Bradford Diocesan Synod to support Fairtrade initiatives.

Volunteer in New Zealand

Richard Jowett and Esther Hudson are taking part in this project during the summer. They have worked hard to raise funds for this trip and are very grateful to their friends at Kildwick who have been so supportive.

The project is located in one of the most picturesque cities in the world. They will be joining one of the small teams of volunteers working to preserve, monitor, and re-establish the natural environment in the Wellington region and beyond. They will be encountering the challenges of environmental restoration in the native forests, along the wild coastline, and on coastal islands.

The Programme

Volunteers will form an integral part of the wildlife monitoring and research projects. The programme area extends from Wellington's south coast through to Northland. There are two separate teams on the programme; both are headquartered in Wellington, but may also participate in programs further a field. Their time on the New Zealand Nature Programme will be spent:

- replanting native bush on several harbour Islands
- removing invasive pest plants
- participating in bird and seal surveys
- taking part in predator control
- monitoring dolphins in Wellington harbour
- exploring coastal inlets on sea kayaks
- dune restoration



New Zealand's capital city, Wellington, is perched on the shores of a deep natural harbour surrounded by wooded hills. The Wellington region encompasses diverse land forms, indigenous plants and wildlife, and an extensive and varied coastline. Wellington is a centre for threatened species management and has a number of captive breeding facilities working with some of the most rare bird, reptile, and insect species.

We look forward to hearing all about their adventures when they return!

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Awaiting confirmation?

The following item appeared on the Faith Page of The Times on 20 March 2004. 'Last week we reported that St Francis Episcopal Church in Stamford, Connecticut, has launched a monthly Communion service for pets and their owners. We would like to clarify that the animals receive a blessing, and not Holy Communion, at these services.'

Praying together through the month

A prayer from the Dominican Republic

*The sun offers its gift of warmth,
the sea offers its gift of water,
the mountains give their coolness and their beauty,
the breeze refreshes creation.*

*And we too bring our gifts so that all may have life.
Lord, use them to fill the world with peace and justice,
so that every home can have its daily bread.
Amen.*



- 1st Pray for all victims of war and violence and for world peace.
- 2nd Give thanks for the inner peace that only God can give
- 3rd Let us seek to be peacemakers wherever we are.
- 4th Pray for all who experience inner turmoil, that they may know God's comfort
- 5th Remember all asylum seekers and refugees
- 6th Give thanks for our homes and remember the homeless.
- 7th Pray for all who feel let down or neglected by society.
- 8th Pray for vulnerable and abused children and all who are exploited.
- 9th Pray for Robin and Elizabeth and the boys.
- 10th Pray for Stephen and Margaret Tirwomwe in Kabale, Uganda.
- 11th Pray for those in Northern Uganda who suffer at the hands of the L.R. A.
- 12th Thank God for the work and witness of the Castles in Kampala, Uganda
- 13th Continue to pray for the people of Israel and Palestine and for peace and justice
- 14th Pray for stability in Iraq and for democratic Government to be established
- 15th Remember Christian minority groups living under Islamic governments
- 16th. Ask God to bless our worship today, pray for Michael and Gill our readers
- 17th Pray for the patients and staff of Airedale General Hospital.
- 18th Pray for those we know who are ill or housebound.
- 19th Pray for all who care for others
- 20th Remember this Ascension Day with wonder and joy.
- 21st Pray for the local clergy of C.D.F.C.
- 22nd Remember the staff of Parcival Hall and all who are there this weekend.
- 23rd Pray that this day may be special as families spend time together.
- 24th Give thanks for the voluntary groups who serve our community.
- 25th Pray for the staff and pupils of our local schools.
- 26th Pray for children who are bullied at school.
- 27th Pray for the work of Northern inter schools Christian Union.
- 28th Pray for the bereaved and those who seek to support them.
- 29th Pray for our Pastoral care team,
- 30th Remember the work of the world wide church as we meet to worship today.
- 31st Pray for strength to love others even as God loves us.

Woman's Institute News -



Glusburn and Cross Hills

The speaker at our meeting on 6th April was Mrs Gloria Catleugh, who spoke about an Asian Wedding at which she had been a guest.

Pat Newton reported on the federation Council Meeting which several members had attended. The WI's Denman College could now be used for public conferences as well as for WI courses etc. The WI will again support the Great Yorkshire Show at Harrogate by providing catering. There will also be an exhibition of WI members' activities.

Many members continue to be interested in following up the Resuscitation demonstration at the March meeting. A course is being run at Keighley Fire Station for two hours on the 3rd Monday of each month.

In the Skipton heat of the Federation Darts Tournament the final was between our A and B teams, with the B team winning. The B team, consisting of Mary Tillotson, Aileen Holmes, Christine Beresford and Jean Cook, will now go to the Tournament Finals in Masham on the 30th April.

Forthcoming Events include a Fashion Show at Ayden Farm, the home of Val Harrison, on Wednesday 14th April at 7.45 p.m. The lunch at the Beeches on the 9th March was enjoyed by all who went. The next lunch is at the New Inn, Cononley on 12th May.

Our next meeting on 4th May will be the Resolutions Meeting, the Resolutions for discussion being Air Ambulance Funding, The Trafficking of Women and Children and The Growing of GM Crops in the UK. At this meeting we shall have a Jacob's Join Supper.

Kildwick with Farnhill

We enjoyed an unexpectedly interesting meeting in April. The business proved quite lengthy with lots of correspondence from both National and Federation. However, the report from our delegate to the 21st Federation Council Meeting held in Richmond on 31st March was very well received since we had netted one of three £100 bursaries to Denman College and scooped the top prize in the 200 Club draw !

Our speaker for the evening rang to say her radiator had 'blown-up' while on the way to the meeting. Profuse apologies were followed by a request to top the list of a future programme. So instead of the work of Macmillan Nurses members heard a bit more about The Michael Elliott Trust and the Donkey Sanctuary at Buxton run by John Stirling who was the speaker at the Council Meeting.

He described how he left the theatre and with his wife and Dame Judi Dench set up the sanctuary 15 years ago. Marti Caine raised the money to build the residence so that children with learning difficulties could spend time looking after 'their' donkey for a week at a time. June Brown - a.k.a. Dot Cotton - has been President since the Trust was set up and the supporters and fund raisers reads like a 'Who's Who' of top entertainers. He recounted many anecdotes about these folk and their donkeys. An inspiring and very entertaining speaker with a soft spot for the WI since it organised the passage of 5 donkeys and children on their sponsored trek from Scarborough beach to Blackpool beach 10 years ago.

The evening was completed with an extraordinary and fascinating story of a

'Barnardo's Baby' and her first - hand experience in tracing her family.

Members were asked to support the Federation initiative in collecting unwanted mobile 'phones, spectacles etc. which can be passed on to Charities who can turn them into cash. Also to put together boxes of toiletries for women and their children forced into refuge plus basic requirements needed to set up a new home. If you can help contact any member of the WI or better still come to our next meeting at The White Lion when the resolutions for the national AGM will be discussed. (Among other things!!)

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16th May Rogation Sunday- time to beat the bounds!

Rogation means an asking of God - for blessing on the seed and land for the year ahead. It is appropriate in any emergency, war, plague, drought or foul weather. The practice began with the Romans, who invoked the help of the gods Terminus and Ambarvalia. In those days a crowd moved in procession around the cornfields, singing and dancing, sacrificing animals, and driving away Winter with sticks. They wanted to rid the cornfields of evil.

About 465 the Western world was suffering from earthquake, storm and epidemic. So Mamertius, Bishop of Vienne, aware of the popular pagan custom, ordered that prayers should be said in the ruined or neglected fields on the days leading up to Ascension. With his decision, 'beating the bounds' became a Christian ceremonial. Rogation-tide arrived in England early in the eighth century, and became a fixed and perennial asking for help of the Christian God. On Rogation-tide, a little party would set out to trace the boundaries of the parish. At the head marched the bishop or the priest, with a minor official bearing a Cross, and after them the people of the parish, with schoolboys and their master trailing along. Most of them held slender wands of willow.

At certain points along the route - at well-known landmarks like a bridge or stile or ancient tree, the Cross halted, the party gathered about the priest, and a litany or rogation as said, imploring God to send seasonable wealth, keep the corn and roots and boughs in good health, and bring them to an ample harvest. At one point beer and cheese would be waiting.

In the days when maps were neither common nor accurate, there was much to be said for 'beating the bounds' - still very common as late as the reign of Queen Victoria. Certainly parish boundaries rarely came into dispute, for everyone knew them. (Do you know yours today?)

Today Christians across the country still give thanks for their local environment and pray for a good harvest and the well-being of livestock. Many do so in new ways. These include whole day tours through the local countryside hosted by farmers using tractors to pull trailer loads of parishioners, visiting places not normally accessible to the general public. The blessing of crops and animals will include orchards, gardens, allotments. Special services will be held at livestock marts or in barns.

At Hexham Abbey we used to 'beat the bounds' every year, including a bizarre tradition that involved turning the youngest choirboy upside-down at the point furthest from the Abbey! I never witness this particular event however!! Maybe with the new child protection policies it has been banned!! Ed



May			
Sun	2nd	2.30pm -4.30pm	Tea and Scones starts (parish rooms)
Tues	4th	10.00am	Banner Group (parish rooms)
Tues	4th	12noon	Review of Lent/Holy Week/Easter Services (Parish Rooms)
Thu	6th	2.00pm	Bishop's Primary Visitation (Holy Ascension Settle)
Fri	7th	4pm	Meeting with Nick Rank
Sun	9th-Sat	15th	Christian Aid Week
Tues	11th	7.30pm	PCC Meeting (Parish rooms)
Mon	17th	7-9pm	Fairtrade Meeting (Diocesan Office)
Tues	18th	10.00am	Banner Group (parish rooms)
Tues	18th	8pm	Young People's Advisory Group Meeting (Parish Rooms)
Weds	19th	7.30pm	Deanery Synod Meeting
Thu	20th	ASCENSION DAY	
		7.30pm	Holy Communion. Preacher The Revd Peter Greenwood
Fri	21st-23rd		Parcevall Hall Weekend Away
June			
Thurs	3rd	8.30pm	Worship Advisory Group Meeting (Vicarage)
Sat	5th	7.30pm	Concert by Harry Long's Good Time Jazz Band
Weds	9th	7.30pm	CDFC Annual Meeting
Fri	11th&Sat	12th	Maintenance Days
Tue	15th	7.30pm	Outreach Advisory Group Meeting
Sat	19th	11.00am	Summer Fair

Services at Kildwick			
Morning Prayer is said Tuesday-Friday at 7.30am			
Evening Prayer is said Tuesday-Friday at 4.45pm			
Mid week Eucharist on Wednesday at 9.15am.			
May			
Sunday	2nd	10am	Family Service
	4 th of Easter	6pm	Sung Eucharist
Sunday	9th	10am	Sung Eucharist
	5 th of Easter	6pm	CDFC Service (St Peter's)
Sunday	16th	10am	Sung Eucharist
	6 th of Easter	6pm	Choral Evensong
Thurs	20th	7.30pm	Sung Eucharist Pr: Peter Greenwood
	Ascension Day		
Sunday	23rd	10am	Sung Eucharist Pres & Pr: Sam Randall
	7 th of Easter	6pm	Taize
Sunday	30th	10am	Sung Eucharist
	Day of Pentecost	3pm	Open Air service and picnic

Regular Events at Kildwick

Sunday 10am	KICKs in Parish Rooms (Starts in church)	School aged children's group.
1st and 3rd Sunday 7.pm-9pm	Craven Rock At South Craven Baptist	Ecumenical Youth group for 11+
2nd and 4th Sundays (not 5th) 7pm-8pm	Y@K in Parish Rooms (Not in school holidays)	Church youth group for 11+
Monday 1.30pm	Bible Study at Low Green, XHills	Informal Bible study and fellowship
Monday 7.45pm	Bible History Course	Parish Rooms
Tuesday 10am	Chuffs (Not in school holidays)	Short service for preschool children
1st and 3rd Tuesdays 10am	Banner Group in Parish Rooms (upstairs)	Stitching and fellowship group.
Wednesday 6-30-7.30pm	Bubble and Laser Jets in Parish Rooms (Not in school holidays)	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

Tea and Scones

We will be serving Tea and Scones in the Parish Rooms Kildwick every Sunday afternoon commencing

May 2nd until the end of September
from 2.30pm-4.30pm.

We extend a warm welcome to all our regular and new customers.
Our historic church will also be open for visitors.



Recipes for May



A spring casserole and a pudding to bake at the same time. Both can be made the day before required, if necessary.

Chicken and Vegetable Casserole

1 tablesp veg oil	1 ½ tablesp. plain flour
25g (1oz) butter	Salt and pepper
8 skinless chicken thighs	1 teasp. Dijon mustard
2 medium onions, sliced	900ml (1 ½ pts) stock
750g (1 ½ lbs) mixed veg. Sliced e.g. Carrots, turnips, parsnips, celery.	100g (4ozs) fresh or frozen peas
4 or more potatoes cut into chunks	2 teasp. lemon juice
	2 teasp. tomato purée

1. Prepare ingredients and heat oven Gas 4 Elect 180c. Heat oil and butter in a large pan and cook chicken until golden, about 4 mins. Remove from pan and set aside.
2. Add onions and other vegetables to the pan and toss together. Cook for a few mins. then sprinkle with the flour and stir in the mustard, salt, pepper and stock.
3. Return the chicken to the pan and bring to the boil. Transfer to a casserole dish, cover with a lid or foil and cook in the oven for 1 ½ hrs.
4. About 15 mins before end of cooking time stir in the peas, lemon juice and tomato puree. Sprinkle with chopped herbs if liked.

Apple and almond pudding

450g (1lbs) cooking apples peeled, cored and sliced	100g (4ozs) butter, softened
50g (2ozs) soft brown sugar	100g (4ozs) caster sugar
2 tablesp. water	2 large eggs
A few drops of almond essence	100g (4ozs) ground almonds

1. Prepare ingredients and butter a pie dish approx 850ml (1 ½ pts) capacity
2. Place apples and brown sugar in a saucepan with 2 tablesp water. Cook very gently until soft then place them in the buttered dish.
3. In a mixing bowl cream the butter and sugar together until pale and fluffy then beat in the eggs a little at a time. Lightly fold in the ground almonds and almond essence then spread the mixture on top of the apples
4. Bake for approx. 1 hour until golden brown and springy to touch.

Serve warm or cold with pouring cream.

Grace to be not like porridge

O Lord, grant that we may not be like porridge, stiff, stodgy and hard to stir

But like cornflakes: crisp, fresh and ready to serve.