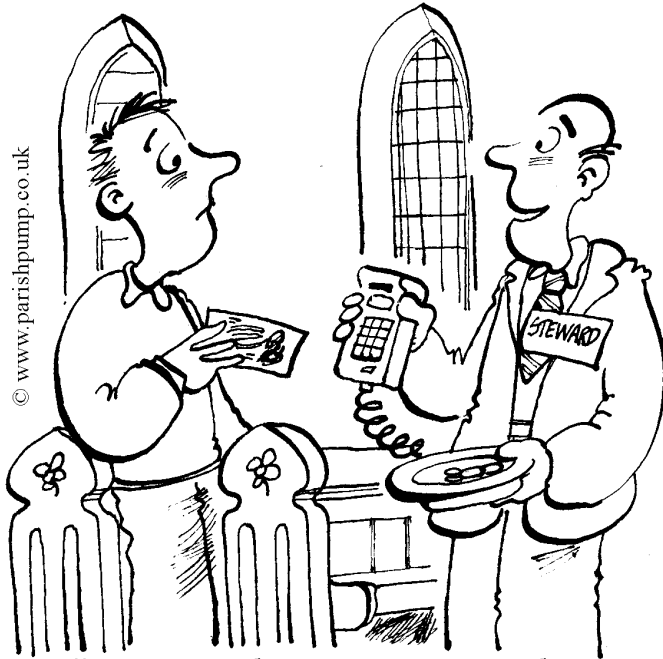


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## St. Andrew's Church Kildwick

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

#### Hymns and songs for the Lukewarm church

Take my Life and let me be  
When the saints go sneaking in  
Self esteem to the world. The Lord has come  
Oh, for a couple of tongues to sign  
Pillow of ages fluffed for me'  
What an acquaintance we have in Jesus  
We are milling around in the light of God  
Father I place into your hands the things I should be doing.  
O better than average day  
Just as I am, with one or two conditions  
I need thee every other hour  
We plough the fields and scarper  
Breathe near me breath of God  
Come on and hesitate  
Praise God from whom all affirmations flow

*Available each month from Kildwick Church, Cross Hills Library,  
Farnhill Institute, the Health Centre, Riddiough's, Thornton's,  
Malcolm Whitaker Carpets, the White Lion,  
and other local outlets*

### April 2005

Church Website [www.kildwick.org.uk](http://www.kildwick.org.uk)

## The Vicar's Letter...

Dear friends,

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

We have now completed our journey to Calvary where we gathered at the foot of the Cross. There we contemplated the death of Jesus, the man born to be King. But not a king in the worldly sense, of course.

Paradoxically the Cross is the place where the power of God is most wonderfully displayed. The crown was made of thorns and the king was nailed to the Cross. Yet it is in the suffering of Jesus that the depth of God's love is truly revealed for all to see.

The Cross casts its shadow over the world and invites us to place ourselves under its shadow. Having walked the Way of the Cross we are called to reflect God's love in our lives. It is a love that shouts of different values from those of the world. Henri Nouwen wrote: 'We are called to be fruitful - not successful, not productive, not accomplished. Success comes from strength, stress, and human effort. Fruitfulness comes from vulnerability and the admission of our own weakness'.

When we look at the conflicts of the world – those between and within nations, as well as those closer to home in our own communities and families – we almost always find a dispute over power. Either we have it and don't want to let go of it, or someone else has it and we want it.

But the Cross says to the world that it is possible to let go of worldly power – and survive. The symbol of God's love is the Cross, the empty Cross. Jesus died, he was buried, but then he was raised to new life to live for ever. This is the Good News of Easter for you and for me.

It is a safe bet that in a just a few weeks we will be going to the polls to elect a new parliament. What will be the questions that you will want to ask the candidates? What criteria will you use to judge the policies being offered by each of the political parties? How will you let the message of the gospel, of love and compassion for all people, direct where you put your **X** on the ballot paper?

There are people who say that the Church should keep out of politics. I have to say that strongly disagree with any such sentiments. Throughout his ministry Jesus critiqued and challenged both the religious and political leaders of this day. He was a revolutionary in his showing acceptance of those on the margins of society, those who were outcasts. He showed that it is possible to cross the boundaries that all too often keep us separated from one another.

Jesus showed us what it means to act with integrity, striving for justice, seeking the well being of the most vulnerable. Would that our politicians would act with integrity seeking to improve the lot of the most vulnerable rather than seeking to protect their vote. In the end Jesus asked too many questions, he pushed those who held the religious and political power too far and paid the price.

This Easter season may the risen Christ give you renewed strength to rise up and show your love for the world and its people – especially the poor and the vulnerable.

*Robin*



## ST ALPHAGE

Alphage was born in Anglo-Saxon England in 954 and became Archbishop of Canterbury during a very dangerous time. Danish invaders were causing panic wherever they went, burning towns and leaving chaos behind them. The Danes came to Canterbury in 1012 and Alphage refused to leave the city. When the defences finally fell, Alphage pleaded with the Danes but lots of people were killed and Alphage was held as a hostage. While he was in prison he healed many Danes who were ill, showing God's love to those he nursed, knowing that they were killers.

The Danes set a large ransom of 3,000 gold coins for his release but Alphage knew that the country was too poor to pay this and said so.

The Danes were enraged by this and so drunk that they pelted Alphage with ox bones, finally killing him with an axe.



## BIBLE MONEY

Which of these are the names of coins used during Bible times?

- Denarius
- Shekel
- Soco
- Drachma
- Talent
- Mina
- Timbrel
- Daric
- Didrachm
- Praetor



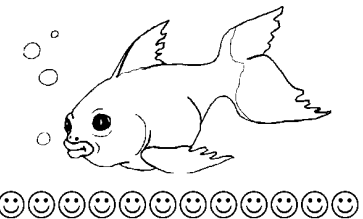
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**MUM: why did you swallow the money I just gave you?**  
**SON:** well you said it was my lunch money.

**What is the world's most valuable fish?**

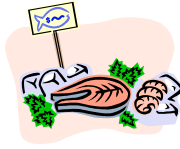
A goldfish.



Answers:  
 Praetor is a Roman official.  
 Timbrel is a musical instrument and 7 are coins but Soco is a place.

## Recipes for April 2005

Seafood is delicious, versatile and nutritious. Here are two Salmon recipes to try.



### Salmon steaks in fresh coriander and lemon sauce

4 Salmon steaks	Salt and pepper
50g (2oz) butter	125 ml (4fl oz) double cream
1 small onion, finely chopped	1 – 2 tablesp. lemon juice
2 carrots, finely chopped	1 teasp. cornflour
1 garlic clove, crushed	Bay leaf
1 tablesp Vermouth (optional)	150ml (¼ pt.) vegetable stock
1 small bunch coriander, finely chopped	

1. Prepare the ingredients and heat the oven 190c gas 5. In a pan melt half of the butter, add the onion, carrots and garlic, cover and cook over a low heat for 5 mins.
2. Pour the vegetables into a shallow dish, add the bay leaf, salt and pepper then arrange the salmon on top in a single layer. Sprinkle with Vermouth, if using, then with the stock. Cover with buttered foil and bake for 20 – 25 mins. depending on the thickness of the fish, it should flake easily. Remove to a warm serving dish and keep warm.
3. Strain the cooking juices into a pan; arrange the cooked vegetables around the fish. Add remaining butter, the coriander, cream, lemon juice and the cornflour (blended with a little water) to the pan. Bring to the boil stirring, adjust the seasoning if necessary and add more cornflour if the sauce is not thick enough.
4. Pour some sauce over the fish and serve the remainder separately. Garnish with lemon wedges and serve with new potatoes and green vegetables.

### Salmon fish cakes

300g (10 ozs.) potatoes	2 tablesp. mayonnaise or salad cream
25g (1 oz) butter	1 egg beaten
300g (10 ozs.) salmon fillet	Flour
1 – 2 tablesp. parsley or tarragon chopped	Roller oats, or dried bread crumbs
Salt and pepper	Oil to cook.

1. Peel, boil and mash the potatoes with the butter. Poach the salmon in a pan with a little water or milk for about 10 mins. Until the flesh flakes easily. Alternatively poach in a microwave for 2mins.
2. Flake the salmon into a bowl, removing the skin and bones then mix in the potatoes, parsley, salt, pepper and mayonnaise or salad cream. Cover the bowl and chill for 20 mins.
3. Place the mixture on a floured surface and shape into a roll. Cut into 8 pieces and shape each one into a flat cake about 6cm (2 ½ ") diameter. Pour the egg onto a plate and the oats or breadcrumbs onto another plate. Dip each fishcake into the egg then cover with the oats or breadcrumbs.
4. Heat the oil in a frying pan, add the fish cakes and fry over a medium heat for 2 – 3 mins. on each side until golden brown and heated through. Serve with green vegetables or a mixed salad.

## MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY News Roundup

### **MAJORITY OF MPs SUPPORT MAKE POVERTY HISTORY**

The **Make Poverty History** coalition announced recently that its Early Day Motion (EDM) demanding trade justice, debt cancellation and more and better aid has attracted the greatest number of MPs' signatures of any motion proposed in the last year in Parliament. 412 of the 659 Westminster MP's have signed up to support for the motion which welcomes the government's commitment to the Millennium Development Goals, but demands that the government use its influence as it chairs both the G8 Gleneagles summit and the EU to make poverty history.

### **STATEMENT ON AFRICA COMMISSION REPORT**

The Africa Commission Report provides conclusive evidence on the dire crisis facing Africa's poorest people. There can be no excuse for a failure to act.

On the critical issues of aid, trade and debt, this is a good report - but it will only be a great report if world leaders take up the challenge it sets. That challenge means a fundamental shift in the way powerful governments and international financial institutions treat poor countries. Decision-makers will be judged not by their words but by their action.

But the report does not go far enough in some areas - in particular, in failing to call for effective regulation of multinational corporations operating in Africa.

### **Events during April**

- **10-16** - Global Week of Action for Trade Justice. See [www.april2005.org](http://www.april2005.org) for more details. Events in this county include: **Night protest to 'wake up the government'**. A mass event through the night from 10pm on Friday 15th. Throughout the night protesters will gather outside Downing Street, and 'wake up the government' early in the morning. Activities, workshops, music and dance will happen throughout the night.
- **16 & 17** - Spring meetings of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund in Washington DC, USA

### **Looking ahead to 2 July – A Day of Witness and Protest**

On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July just prior to the G8 summit in Gleneagles people are encouraged to gather in Edinburgh to make their voice heard on behalf of the world's poorest people. The Diocese will be taking two coaches to support the campaign. The coaches will leave Bradford at 6.00am and will pick up people at various locations along the A65. The coaches will leave Edinburgh at 6.00pm.

Bookings for the 106 seats available are on a 'first-come-first-served' basis. The fare is £22 (£12 for those in full-time education). To book pick up a form in church or contact Lorna Riley in the Diocesan Office; tel. 01535 650553 or email [lorna@kadugli.org.uk](mailto:lorna@kadugli.org.uk)

For more information on the campaign visit the following websites:

- [www.makepovertyhistory.org](http://www.makepovertyhistory.org)
- [www.jubileedebtcampaign.org.uk](http://www.jubileedebtcampaign.org.uk)
- [www.christianaid.org](http://www.christianaid.org)
- [www.tjm.org.uk](http://www.tjm.org.uk) (Trade Justice Movement)

## Emmaus – Growing as a Christian

As part of our ongoing use of the Emmaus study programme there will be an opportunity to gather in a small group to delve deeper into an important area of our faith. The following short course will be offered on Wednesday afternoons, 1.30-3.15pm on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> May at Tall Trees, Starkey Lane, Farnhill. The leader will be Sandi Walton.

**Growing in Prayer.** There will be 4 sessions exploring:

1. Our Father in heaven
2. Your kingdom come
3. Give us today
4. Yours in the kingdom, the power and the glory

Each session includes Bible study, input and discussion, group exercises, meditations, ways to put faith into practice, and prayers.

For book please sign the list in church or contact Sandi, tel. 01535 636501.

“Too many people end up with roller-coaster experiences of faith because the basic disciplines of their Christian lives are shallow or even non-existent. The *Growth* material helps new Christians lay firm foundations and maturer Christians take a fresh look at familiar topics.” Felicity Lawson, **Emmaus** author.

## What do you think about the Church and Politics?

St Michael and All Angels Church, Haworth invite you to an ecumenical discussion arising from the extreme political views of today. To be introduced by the Canon Ken Medhurst, Canon Theologian of Bradford Cathedral and Canon Sam Randall, Bishop's Officer for Church in the World. At 7.30pm on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April.

## Rydal Hall- A Weekend Away

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2005

It may still be possible to fit you in on our forthcoming weekend away in July.

**Rydal Hall** is the Carlisle Diocesan Retreat House, located in the centre of the Lake District. The Hall is a 200 year old Grade II listed house, enjoying outstanding views towards Windermere. It is an ideal place to find renewal and refreshment for body, mind and spirit. **The programme** for the weekend will be a relaxed mixture of worship, talks & discussions, fellowship and free time.

**The cost** will be £90 full board, from Friday supper to Sunday teatime. Please contact the Vicar, Robin Figg, 633307 if you are interested.



## Page of Prayer for April

We celebrated recently St Patrick's day on 17<sup>th</sup> March and the famous prayer known as St Patrick's Breast plate can be a helpful preparation for prayer because it places us securely within the glorious light and safe keeping of Jesus Christ.

The prayer reminds us that nothing is beyond the reach of Christ.

'Christ beneath me, Christ above me

And he gives us his reassuring presence in times whenever we have need of it.

'Christ is quiet' 'Christ in danger'

It includes a prayer for all those we love, our families and our friends

'Christ in hearts of all who love me'

And it also encourages us to realise that if we look we can find Christ anywhere, even when we aren't really looking and in the most unlikely places

Christ in mouth of friend and stranger

This prayer gives us a galvanizing confidence that we are safe and secure with Christ's presence and love, the armour of God, wrapped round each one of us.

Christ be with me, Christ within me  
Christ behind me, Christ before me.  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me.  
Christ to comfort and restore me.

Christ beneath me, Christ above me.  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger.  
Christ in hearts of all who love me  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger

The Page of Prayer this month was compiled by Isobel Stirk

### An after-Easter prayer

Don't leave our Lord amidst the lilies  
Within a hallowed sphere  
Don't praise him only in his temple  
In Easter hymn and prayer...

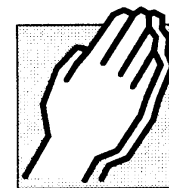
Keep him beside you through  
The business of ordinary days,  
In the common place encounters  
Along the humdrum ways.

Our Master told us very simply  
What He would have us do....  
He taught us: "Love one another  
Even as I love you."  
Elsie Campbell

### The King of Life Compass

The King of life compass, compass thee.  
The loving Christ encompassing be,  
The Holy Spirit, compasser he,  
Unto the life-crown eternally,  
Unto the life-crown eternally.

From Poems of the Western Highlanders



## Isobel's page



A few Sundays ago, sitting in my car in a long, long queue trying to join the A1 and realising that there is a limited amount of different numbers you can make out of the car number plate in front, I began thinking about some writing that had to be completed during the coming week and last month's article and the fascinating theme of polysemy sprang into my mind. It was rather ironic that, waiting in that very long tail back, as I was due to be back in Kildwick to play the organ at evening service in less than two hours, if I was going to make it, once on the motorway, I was going to have to pull out all the stops. I would certainly have to make a big effort. 'Pulling out all the stops' is indeed connected to the grand church organists who used the 'stops' to tone down the volume. When many people were present, to enable everyone to hear clearly, wherever they were sitting, the organists would then 'pull out all the stops'.

However I never got moving and I was certainly on tenterhooks watching the time. In days past, especially in this area of hand loom weaving, newly produced cloth would be attached to hooks and stretched across large frames known as 'tenters'. But I knew I could bank on someone to help me out, someone who I could rely upon completely - Peter. One mobile phone call later and he said he would be kind enough to deputise for me. Before modern banks people kept their wealth hidden on their person or in a safe place. In mediaeval Venice men would set up a bench or counter (banco) in the market squares and trade various currencies that passed about the city. These men were entirely trustworthy and traders could borrow, exchange or leave money to be

traded on their behalf, often collecting more than they had originally left when they returned. You could say it was an early form of banking and the Venetians were the ones who could be banked upon.

I hoped that my absence would not put me in the black books. Henry V111, during his battle with the pope, kept a black book with the names of the monasteries he regarded as troublemakers and which he used in evidence to persuade Parliament to dissolve them and give their wealth to him.

Peter held the fort for me admirably - he maintained normality and kept things running and the service had an organist. During the American Civil War it was General Sherman who signalled down, from the top of Mount Kennesaw near Atlanta, to General Corse, that reinforcements were due to arrive and that he must 'hold the fort' until that happened.

I am very grateful that at the drop of a hat Peter was able to help me out. In the 19<sup>th</sup> century sporting referees wore hats and would raise them into the air, alerting competitors to be ready and they would drop them to signal the start of the event. So after failing to 'pull out all the stops' to get back in time for evening service and my duties and 'being on tenterhooks' watching the minutes ticking by, I knew that if I contacted Peter, I 'could bank on him' to help me out. I was a bit apprehensive that I might be in somebody's 'black books' but Peter, 'at the drop of a hat' 'held the fort' so admirably for me.

I doubt if I was even missed! Thankyou, Peter, you're a star or possible the bee's knees or there again you could be the flavour of the month! (But I will leave all those for another time).

## Prayer Walk for the Parish

Now that the clocks have changed and the weather has improved we will resume our monthly 'prayer walks' as an opportunity to pray for the life and work of God's Church in this parish. Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April. Meet at 7.30pm at the Parish Rooms to walk to someone's house in Cross Hills for a drink and then return.

### Annual Parish Meeting

*for the election of Churchwardens  
and*

### Annual Parochial Church Meeting

*for the election of new members of the PCC  
and other church councils  
and for a review of the past year.*

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

after the 10am Parish Communion

*To be followed by a bring & share lunch in the parish rooms*

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April

The Annual Meetings which take place at the end of April are important occasions in the life of a parish. At the meetings we elect those who will share in the leadership of the parish for the coming year and we have the opportunity to reflect together on the past year and to help think about the future life of God's church in this parish.

Every year we elect our two churchwardens; this year we will see a new face elected as Lesley Hudson will step down from office after serving faithfully for ten years. This year we also elect 2 people to represent the parish on the Deanery Synod for the next 3 years and 2 people to serve on the Cross Hills & District Fellowship of Churches Council for a year. We then have 8 vacancies for people to serve on the Parochial Church Council. To share in the leadership of the parish is an important function and everyone is encouraged to prayerfully consider if they are being called by God to serve in this way.

Each year we also revise our Electoral Roll. If you are a regular worshipper at St Andrew's, are aged over 16 and are baptised you are eligible to be on the electoral roll. If you are not yet on the roll and wish to be please pick up a form from the back of church. A copy of the present 2004 Roll is available for checking. Final date for additions of names is Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April in preparation for the Annual Meetings on 24<sup>th</sup> April. Those on the roll are encouraged to also be in the Planned Giving Scheme; forms about giving are also available.

We hope as many members of our parish church community as possible will come to our Annual Meetings. Please book the date in your diary.

### Children and Communion before Confirmation

The Bishop of Bradford has given permission for this parish to move to allow children to be admitted to receive Holy Communion before Confirmation.

This is a significant change from the present pattern and reflects the changing understanding in Christian Initiation. As far back as 1967 the Church of England agreed that 'baptism is a complete sacramental initiation and that adults and children should be admitted to Holy Communion on that basis'.

It has been agreed that the following guidelines will apply:

- Children must be baptized before being admitted to Communion;
- Whilst the Bishops' Guidelines suggest a minimum age of 7 years for admission to Communion this parish will consider children of younger years if it is felt appropriate for the child; (*i.e. children will usually be in school Year 2 or above, but children in Year 1 may occasionally be admitted*);
- The child must be actively involved in an activity which is part of the life of St Andrew's Church;
- The child must want to be admitted to Communion;
- The child's parents must consent to the child being admitted to Communion;
- The child must attend all sessions of the preparation course;
- Either the child's parent(s) or another support adult must agree to give active support to the child during the time of preparation to be admitted to Communion and thereafter.

An introductory evening for parents of interested children will be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April in the Parish Rooms. A short preparation course will then take place beginning the week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> April with children being admitted to Communion on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May, Pentecost Sunday.

For more information please contact the Vicar.

### Manorlands Matters in Craven

You are invited to come and join us at Skipton Town Hall from 9.30am to find out more about Manorlands Hospice.

Staff, patients and volunteers will be on hand to answer your questions.

Fundraising stalls and refreshments available all day until 4pm.

Includes music by Harpist Fiona-Katie Roberts and watercolour painting by Steve Davis.

**Friday 22nd April 2005 Skipton Town Hall**

Manorlands Hospice  
Charity Reg No: 1052076

**Sue Ryder Care** 

## Stitching Course

Come and try your hand at something different!

Blackwork, pulled & drawn threadwork, hardanger, canvaswork, stumpwork, freestyle...

*And have something to take home!*

**Alternate Fridays in the Summer term**  
22<sup>nd</sup> April, 6<sup>th</sup> May, 20<sup>th</sup> May, 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 17<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July

**9.30 for 10am, until 3.30pm**  
upstairs in  
**the Parish Rooms**  
**just £20 per day**  
including materials and lunch!

*Special offer:*  
**pay in advance and your sixth session is free!**

For details and a booking form ring Gill on 01535 632405  
In conjunction with Spinning Jenny and the White Lion, Kildwick



### Oasis

A small team from CDFC are in the process of putting together a bid for an Oasis 'Frontline' team for the academic year 2005 to 2006. This would entail hosting at least two gap year students who, as committed Christians, have volunteered to work with us in our community.

Part of our commitment in this bid is that we would accommodate each of them, separately, within a family home for the ten months. So, if you feel that this is something that you could do or would like to think about, please speak to Robin or Gill.

There will be financial support for the teenagers' food etc., but without this accommodation, the bid will fail.

*Please will you pray for all these youngsters who have saved up, have been sent by their own home churches and are keen to serve the Lord – not in South America or New Zealand, but here with us! – and pray that accommodation will be found and that the bid will be appropriate and successful.*

Thank you. - It's an exciting project!!

Gill

## WI News - March Meetings Glusburn and Cross Hills WI -

At our meeting on 1st March Mrs Marlene Sharkey told us about her travels by land, sea and air during her 20 years as National Secretary of the Ladies Circle. Her great sense of humour together with a very observant mind make her an excellent raconteur and she provided a most enthralling evening.

Forthcoming events included the North Yorkshire West Federation Annual Council Meeting on 6th April, Members' lunch at The Beeches on 9th March, the local heat of the Federation Darts Tournament in which our team are playing on 11th March and our coffee morning on 9th April at the Rest Centre in Cross Hills. Further ahead we look forward to a theatre visit on 11th April, taking part in the Pub Quiz on 16th May, an evening meal at the Elm Tree at Embsay on 21st June and a further theatre visit in October.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 5th April, when we shall be shown Ribbon Weaving by Joyce Rider. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

### Kildwick with Farnhill WI

Our March meeting saw us trekking with Jane Brunskill on The Great Wall of China before moving onto Peru and finishing at Everest's Base Camp. Jane endures discomfort along with extremes of temperature (besides enjoying the experience) in order to raise funds for 'Children in Crisis'.

This charity, founded by the Duchess of York in 1993, exists to improve the lives of children around the world affected by conflict, deprivation, poverty, or other hidden crises, by working with local communities to provide education, healthcare and protection. They focus their work on children in remote areas or in countries no longer in the media spotlight.

This was an interesting and thought provoking meeting. We wish Jane every success on her climb of Kilimanjaro in September.

Several members took the pattern for a Comfort Teddie so the knitting needles are busily clicking!

A team of 6 have entered the Pub Quiz - the first round to be held in May and some members are studying the courses on offer for the Federation trip to Denman College in 2006.

Our delegate to the Spring Council Meeting later this month was instructed to vote in favour of the resolution to change the voting for Executive Committee from every 2 years to every 3 years.

The next meeting is April 14th - 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms when we will be exchanging gardening tips along with cuttings. If you have plants/cuttings etc. come along and swap them.



## Tasha's news from Senegal

I have lived in Africa for 27 weeks! It is hot, very hot! It is 38 degrees in the shade! It is not even the hot season now!

I have just looked at my first-ever news letter, I wrote that after only 20 days here! It seems like a life-time ago!

I can't believe that this term is nearly finished! Less than 2 weeks till the Easter holiday! Everyone told me that this term would fly by but I did not know it would break the speed of sound!

Home sick? As always, but I also love it here and I am so grateful for my adventure! When I leave I will be 'Senegal sick'!

### Four things I am grateful for!

1. The kids! I really love them! They make me laugh so much! They are a joy to me and I love my relationship with them. I am so proud of them and encouraged by them. I am so lucky to have them in my life!
2. Tabea, Izzy, Tim and Joris. Four very special friends who I play with, hang out with and laugh with! The five of us are going on holiday together in the Easter holiday. We are going 'up north' to the WEC reading room where we are working for a week. There we will be helping the African adults and children learn to read and write. Then we are off to the coast for a few days of relaxing and also visiting a National Park (monkeys!!) and Dakar for a day to have another look around the capital city. Something to really look forward to!
3. Honey! I hate English honey but I have fallen deeply in the love with the Senegalese honey! "A spoonful of honey helps the Chloroquin go down!" (malaria tablets)
4. We have had hardly any problems with the phone line or electricity this term! Praise God!

### Bugs and Animals

One normal sized scorpion crept into our house but was soon pulverised! We now have a nice mark on the floor as a reminder! I saw a big rabbit today! It ran past my house. It was the first African rabbit I have seen! I think Charlie (the lizard) is dead or on a very long holiday! I have not seen him since Christmas! I hope he has not been eaten by one of the horrid cats!

### School and Kids

They are all great fun to teach and they are doing well in class.

I have lots of things to learn in order to teach every day, but it is all a good work-out for my wee brain!

Last week the whole school descended on Dakar to compete in an inter-sports competition against other English and bi-lingual schools. The kids did well... all down to their fantastic sprints coach!!! As a school we won the 'Spirit' award i.e. we are the best-behaved school, we have the best team spirit and we make the most NOISE!

Tim, Claudia, Joris and myself brought home the prize for the teachers' 4 X 100 relay! A very proud moment! I have the buzz of years gone by when I ran for a club in Leicester. I am still running cross-country every week. I nearly die every time but I hope it must be good for me!

I have even been teaching how to throw a discus! Have YOU ever seen a muscle in MY arm?!

#### **Locals and Local Places**

Yes, the beach is still my local haunt!

We had a whole weekend off a few weeks ago so Izzy, Tabea and myself went on a mini holiday! We stayed in a hut on the beach! It was fantastic, amazing, beautiful, stunning.... the list goes on for how great it was!

We have also been to a village dance. The Africans know how to move, we don't! One of our workers got married recently, also in the village - big do!

#### **Food**

Everyone keeps asking me about this and everyone thinks that I must be starving because I am in Africa! Far from it! The diet is all carbohydrate so I am having to exercise or I will be coming home looking like Daniel Lambert (the world's fattest man. He was from Leicester too!)

The lady who is in charge of catering at school is South Korean so our diet is a mix of African, Korean, French and English! The African ladies in the kitchen like to cover everything in oil!

The fruit is good and we are getting excited as mangos are creeping back into the markets! Yummy!

#### **Praise Points**

- My skin continues to be healthy and comfortable!
- I am looking at everything as an adventure and I am praising God for the privileges I have!
- I seem to have enough 'miracle' money every month to keep me here! Thank you!
- Field trips! Geography is THE subject to teach!

#### **Prayer Points**

- We have just lost four students. They have gone back to their passport countries. Rose and Daniel to Australia and Lucas and Lincoln to Brazil. We will miss them very much. Pray that they settle in well back home.
- Pray that I would continue to not wish my time away. I'm afraid that I do count down every day!
- I still don't have a new ticket home yet to get me back in time for my cousin's wedding.
- Pray that I have an open heart to hear what God wants me to do next year!

Keep the letters coming and the e-mails. Thank you.

God bless

Tasha

### **The Short but Sweet Concert Series present a Special Charity Concert in aid of MacMillan Cancer Relief**

**7.30pm on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April  
in St Andrew's Church**

An evening of varied and inspirational music featuring:

Patricia Pictor, International Opera Singer

Keith Bently, Concert Pianist

& Special Guest Appearances by Prize Winning Junior Musicians.

(All professional participants are performing for free)

**Tickets £5, £4 concessions, children FREE**

To date over £7000 has been raised in memory of Patricia's sister Linda.

### **Cross Hill Naturalists' Society (Founded 1904)**

#### **Coming Events**

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| Thurs 14th April. | Microscope Workshop 1945-2100 hours<br>At Senior Citizen, Centre, Sutton-in-Craven.  |
| Sun 17th April    | Natural and Local History Ramble. Meet at 1345 hrs at St Thomas' Church Sutton-in-Craven (1¼ miles). Bring bird and flower identification books. (Leader Doris Riley). |
| Weds 5th May      | Upper Wharfedale. A gentle day in the Dales (bring packed lunch). Meet Co-op car park Cross Hills 1000hrs with cars. (Leader Allan Butterfield)                        |
| Weds 18th May.    | Annual Coach outing to Raby Castle Co Durham. Depart Cross Hills Health Centre 0900 hrs, Kildwick 0905 hrs.  |

Microscope Workshops are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Anyone interested in joining should contact Miss J Kendrew 01535 632447



## Church Rotas for April

Date	Sidesperson	Intercessor	Communion
03/04/05 Second Sunday of Easter -	Beth Taylor Joan Houghton Barry Houghton Sandi Walton	6pm Robin Figg	6 pm Michael Baumber
10/04/05 Third Sunday of Easter	Gill Jowett Christine Anderton Ann Mosley	Peter Bannister	John Exley Christine Anderton
17/04/05 Fourth Sunday of Easter	Alison/Gary McKinney June Whitaker Pam Brown Elaine Jamieson	Michael Baumber	Gary McKinney Gill Jowett
24/04/05 Fifth Sunday of		Lesley Hudson	Tim Littler Janet Swain

### From the registers

#### Baptisms

Sunday 13 March Thomas Michael Wylde, son of Richard and Mel of Banks Lane, Riddlesden



#### Funerals

Thursday 17 March Winifred May McConnell, of Main Street, Cross Hills

#### Burial of Cremated Remains

Sunday 27 February Brian Hudson

An elderly woman had just returned to her home from an evening of church services when she was startled by an intruder.

She caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables and yelled, "Stop! Acts 2:38!" (Repent and be baptized, in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven.)

The burglar stopped in his tracks.

The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done. As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar, "Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell a scripture to you."

"Scripture?" replied the burglar. "She said she had an axe and two 38's!"

## The Church Mission Society

Last month we told you about the group Partnership for World Mission which is part of the Church of England's Board of Mission. PWM serves to facilitate the way a number of Church of England-based mission agencies work together.



This month we will tell you something about the Church Mission Society.

CMS is a voluntary association of people rooted in the Anglican Communion who are united in obedience to Christ's command to fulfill his Great Commission.

They strive to share the love of God with people of all races and to gather them into the fellowship of Christ's Church. That means that all members of CMS try to participate actively in Christian mission wherever they are, in their home country or overseas.

CMS is committed to responding to God's call to evangelistic mission, particularly in places "where the name of Jesus is rarely heard" and works in close fellowship with local Christians wherever possible.

Founded in 1799, CMS has attracted upwards of nine thousand men and women to serve as mission partners during its 200-year history.

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CMS has identified five key contexts for its mission, namely:

- Amongst those who are marginalised
- In cities
- Amongst people of many faiths
- In contexts of materialism and secularism
- Amongst and with children and young people

Today there are about 150 mission partners in 26 countries in Africa, Asia, Europe and the Middle East. A budget of £5.75 million a year is needed to maintain and expand this work.

This parish has strong links with CMS through our Link Mission Partners Stephen and Margaret Tirwomwe. The link was first established when Stephen and Margaret had come to England from their home in Uganda to serve in a parish in Leeds. In 2003 they returned to Uganda where Stephen is now the Diocesan Missioner for Kigezi Diocese.

The parish has committed itself to give £500 per year in direct support of Stephen and Margaret's ministry. It also makes a further grant to support the general work of CMS (£400 in 2004) and Sue Hargreaves organised a Coffee Morning in January which raised over £300.

We are looking for someone with an interest in helping us promote the work of the mission agencies and our own links in particular. If you are interested please speak to Robin Figg.

## 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 18 JOHN WEBSTER

John Webster was born at Thornton-in-Craven in 1611, He was probably a Cambridge man, and studied chemistry under John Hundiades. He gained a reputation as a keen controversialist and is said to have been acquainted with the Latin, Greek, Hebrew, German, Italian and French languages. In 1631 he succeeded Roger Brearley, the curate of Kildwick profiled in an earlier article. In 1634 he was drawn into the notorious Lancashire witch case of that year. The prosecution depended on the evidence of an eleven year old self-appointed witchfinder, Edmund Robinson. Robinson claimed to have chanced upon a witches' gathering in Pendle Forest. With the encouragement of the local magistrates, his father and others took him from church to church to detect the 'witches' he had seen. Those women who paid his handlers blackmail were passed over in silence; those who would not or could not pay were denounced and prosecuted. As a result some 40 women were found guilty of witchcraft at Lancaster assizes. While an appeal against their conviction was being prepared Robinson's activities were extended into Yorkshire, Kildwick was chosen as the first target but Robinson's controllers made the mistake of introducing him during a Sunday afternoon service at which Webster was preaching. Webster insisted on interrogating the boy on his own and soon showed that he had no real recollection of the women he was supposed to have seen nor any psychic powers. The details of the supposed witches' gathering proved to be drawn from an earlier trial of 1612, which his handlers had had him, memorise.

Later in 1677 Webster wrote a book called *The Displaying of Supposed Witchcraft*. On the title page he

*'affirmed that there are many sorts of Deceivers and Impostors and divers persons under a passive delusion of Melancholy and Fancy. Rut that there is a Corporeal League made betwixt the Devil and the Witch, or that he Sucks the Witches Body, had carnal copulation or that Witches are turned into cats, dogs, raise Tempests or the like, is utterly denied and disproved.'*

Webster's action totally discredited the boy witch finder and there were no more prosecutions but sadly those already convicted on his evidence were not released. Many of them languished in prison for years and some of them died there.

In 1635 Webster left Kildwick and he seems to have become disillusioned with the Church of England. By 1643 he was the master of Clitheroe Grammar School and he served in the Parliamentary army as surgeon and chaplain in Colonel Shuttleworth's regiment. As a result of the First Civil War the Church of England was disestablished and clerical supporters of the King were ejected from their livings. In 1648 Webster replaced the royalist vicar of Mitton-in-Craven. Later he was the minister of All Hallows. Lombard Street in London where he had a great vogue as a preacher but by 1657 he was living at Clitheroe again and no longer active as a minister. He died there in 1682.

## Church Rotas for April

03/04/05 Second Sunday of Easter - 6 pm	First Reading - Acts 2.14a,22-32 Second Reading - 1 Peter 1.3-9 Gospel - John 20.19-31	John Hudson Pam Brown Lesley Hudson
10/04/05 Third Sunday of Easter	First Reading - Acts 2.14a,36-41 Second Reading - 1 Peter 1.17-23 Gospel - Luke 24.13-35	Christine Anderton Kathryn Morris Janet Swain
17/04/05 Fourth Sunday of Easter	First Reading - Acts 2.42-47 Second Reading - 1 Peter 2.19-25 Gospel - John 10.1-10	Pam Brown
24/04/05 Fifth Sunday of Easter	First Reading - Acts 7.55-60 Second Reading - 1 Peter 2.2-10 Gospel - John 14.1-14	Isobel Stirk Ruth Ward John Hudson

April	Church Cleaning	Brass Cleaning: Flowers	Tea and Coffee Rota (after 10am service)
3rd		Mrs H Hutton Mrs B Taylor	June Whitaker, Betty Hawkins
10th	Lesley Hudson Libba Utley		Mrs. Pratt Beth Taylor, Marjorie Gee
17th			Mrs. Anderton Ann Mosley, Christine Anderton
24th	Helen Hulley, Rosie Hargreaves Sylvia Ackroyd		Mr. Doult Joyce Bonham

On Tuesday 12th April at 12.15pm in the Parish Rooms we are having a meeting to discuss the plans for this year's Holiday Club. Please do come along if you can, we can't manage without **your** help!!  
(Bring a packed lunch)

Sun 24th 10 am Parish Communion followed by **Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting**  
 Sun 24th 6 pm Service of Thanksgiving for Departed Family and Friends  
 Tues 26th 10 am Church Recorders  
 Tues 26th 4pm Meeting with Jackson Quigg Associates. (Vicarage)

**May**

Thurs 5th Ascension Day  
 Fri 6th 7.30 pm Bible Society Event  
 Sun 8th 8.15 & 10 am Canon Nicholas Coulton, Sub-Dean of Christ Church Oxford preaching  
 Tues 10th 7.30 pm Archdeacon's Visitation (St James' Silsden)  
 Sun 15th—Sat 21st Christian Aid Week.

**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.

03/04/05	8.15 am	Holy Communion
Second Sunday of Easter -	10 am	Family Service
	6 pm	Sung Eucharist
10/04/05	8.15 am	Holy Communion
Third Sunday of Easter	10 am	Sung Eucharist
	6 pm	CDFC Service (St Peter's)
17/04/05	8.15 am	Holy Communion
Fourth Sunday of Easter	10 am	Sung Eucharist
	6 pm	Choral evensong
24/04/05	8.15 am	Holy Communion and APCM
Fifth Sunday of Easter	10 am	Sung Eucharist
	6 pm	Bereavement Service



**An Easter Service of Thanksgiving & Commemoration of Departed Family and Friends**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 6.00pm**

*A service to remember those we love but see no longer*

**Regular Events at Kildwick**

Sunday 10am	KICKs in Parish Rooms (Starts in church)	School aged children's group.
1st and 3rd Sunday 7pm-9pm	Craven Rock	Ecumenical Youth group for 11+
2nd and 4th Sundays (not 5th) 7pm-8pm	Y@K in Parish Rooms (Not running at present)	Church youth group for 11+
Monday 1.30pm	Bible Study at Low Green, XHills	Informal Bible study and fellowship, all welcome
Monday 7.45pm	Bible History Course	Parish Rooms
Tuesday 10-11.30	Chuffs (Not in school holidays)	A toddler group .
Tuesdays 10am	NottheKnot 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 Bellingring	
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



Please note the deadline for the May Bridge is 15th April

**April**

Sat 2nd 10.15am Easter Ramble meet at 1 Holme Ghyll  
 Thurs 7th 10am Church Recorders  
 Tues 12th 12.15pm Holiday Club Meeting  
 Tues 12th 2.30pm Building Development Group (Vicarage)  
 Fri 15th 10am Meeting with Nick Rank (Vicarage)  
 Tues 19th 2pm Mothers' Union St Thomas' Church Hall  
 Weds 20th CDFC Meeting 10 Anderton St Cross Hills  
 Fri 22nd 9.30 am 1st Stitching Group (Parish Rooms)  
 Fri 22nd 9.30 am-4pm Manorlands Matters in Craven Skipton Town hall  
 Sat 23rd 7.30 pm 'Short and Sweet' Concert in aid of Macmillan Cancer relief