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# **St. Andrew's Church Kildwick**

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

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### **December 2005**

#### **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

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

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### ***The Vicar's Letter...***

Dear friends,

We have all been shocked by the horrific killing recently in Bradford of PC Sharon Beshenivsky. Our prayers are offered for her family, her colleagues and all those affected by this senseless act of violence.

It is hard - no, it is impossible - to get inside the minds of those who carried out this murder. It leaves us with all sorts of questions about some of our fellow human beings – and few answers.



Most of us are now caught up in a frenetic busyness as we prepare for our celebration of Christmas. There is so much to do and so little time in which to do it! We must be careful; there is a great danger of allowing all this activity (important and necessary though it may be) to squeeze out the time we should be giving to look beyond the tinsel and the glitter and see what really lies at the heart of Christmas.

Advent, the four weeks leading up to Christmas itself, is a time for making personal preparation to welcome once more the Christ-child into our midst. Advent is a time to think deeply and revisit some of those important questions about life, the universe and everything. We need to ask ourselves just who is this babe in the manger who we go all 'goosey-eyed' over.

In the Church's calendar the Sunday before Advent Sunday is known as the Feast of Christ the King and brings the Church's year to a close. It is a celebration of Jesus as Lord and King; it is a celebration of the life of the One born to an unmarried teenage mother in the simplicity of the stable and who would grow up to be killed because he dared to challenge the religious and political leaders of the day. This is the One who proclaimed a different sort of kingdom for the world.

As one writer put it: 'The Kingdom of God is the whole universe, structured and governed and populated by a human race that loves God with heart, soul, mind and strength, and neighbour as self. It's the world transformed by love. It is the world governed by the politics of grace and the economics of care for the least. It's the world in which peace and righteousness kiss. That is why Jesus' message is so politically explosive and subversive. It's revolutionary because it tears at the fabric of a universe that is structured on other grounds, not because Jesus is advocating revolution'.

The world-wide Anglican Communion has five Marks of Mission. The fourth Mark is: 'To seek to transform unjust structures of society'. Words regularly said at our Parish Communion service are: 'Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth'.

This is why God came amongst us in Jesus; to show us that a love that reaches out with a genuine compassion for our neighbour is possible. The challenge is to accept that, as one Bishop said recently, 'In the end, there is no one God does not love'.

I hope you will come and join us at our Christmas services this year as we think again about the message of God's love for his world.

May the Man born to be King bless you this Christmas.

***Robin***

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## **MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY**

### **TRADEJUSTICELOBBY – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

The call for trade justice was delivered to hundreds of MPs at the biggest lobby of Britain's parliament this year; urging the UK Government to oppose moves to lever open markets in developing countries ahead of crucial World Trade Organisation talks in December.

Richard English, Oxfam's campaigning manager said: "This lobby is a key moment for Make Poverty History and the campaign for Trade Justice. International trade rules must be weighted in favour of poor people and developing countries must not be forced to open their markets. We ask the government to stand by its promises and use its influence to allow developing countries to choose the policies needed to protect the livelihoods of poor people and the environment."

Kenyan campaigner Eliud Ngunjiri, from the Resources Oriented Development Initiative - a partner with the UK aid agency CAFOD added: "East African industries have twice collapsed in the past from our countries opening their markets. Which rich nation has not grown wealthy by protecting its own industries? Kenya should be allowed to develop at its own pace. I urge MPs to get your government to support us."

### **COMINGUP**

2005 has already seen some crucially important meetings take place, but as the year comes to a close there is still one further international meeting that could take crucial steps towards making poverty history.

On DECEMBER 13th - WORLD TRADE ORGANISATION TALKS begin in Hong Kong. It is vitally important that at these talks real and lasting change happens in order to deliver trade justice for the world's poorest people.

### **WHATISWRONGWITHTHEWTO?**

The WTO promotes 'free trade' - getting rid of regulations that restrict big business or the free flow of goods. Free trade does not automatically lead to poverty eradication or environmental sustainability. In fact, it can increase poverty and be harmful to countries at different stages of development.

The reach of the WTO is expanding more and more, to cover areas such as water and healthcare that we believe should not be part of its remit.

In theory, the WTO is democratic, and each member has one vote. But in practice, the WTO is quite undemocratic, and poor countries are subject to bullying and exclusion from key discussions and decision making. Over 30 developing countries have no negotiators at the WTO headquarters. Other poor countries have only one negotiator, who has the impossible task of attending over 1000 WTO meetings a year.

### **ISTHEWTO THE ONLY INTERNATIONAL BODY AFFECTING COUNTRIES TRADE POLICIES?**

No - the WTO could be described as the centrepiece of international rules on trade, but the rules and agreements reached there are not the only influence on countries' trade policies. Many countries also have regional or bilateral trade agreements with other countries, for instance the EU is currently negotiating a new trade agreement with its former colonies. When these agreements are negotiated between rich and poor countries there is a danger that poor countries are forced to make concessions that are

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not good for their economies.

Another major influence on poor countries' trade policies comes from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), World Bank and other international aid donors. These organisations and countries attach conditions to aid, loans and debt cancellation that require poor countries to adopt certain trade policies. Often these conditions force countries to make commitments that go far beyond what they have negotiated at the WTO.

Make Poverty History wants the IMF and World Bank to no longer impose economic policy conditions such as trade liberalisation, deregulation and fiscal austerity so that countries are free to determine their own economic policies.

**When we stand together, we can make a real difference.**

**MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY**

Trade Justice - Drop the Debt - More & Better Aid

[www.makepovertyhistory.org](http://www.makepovertyhistory.org)

## ***St George's Crypt***

75th Anniversary

The 75th APPEAL £750,000 towards the refurbishment of the 2 hostels (Faith Lodge and Regent Terrace)

The kitchen has also been re-vamped but needs more work done.

The latest project is a skills training work programme. One of the highlights of this scheme is the Community Café, which is open every Friday during term time from 12 o'clock and a meal can be obtained for £1. To date over 60 clients have passed their basic food hygiene certificate as a follow up.

One client works at Marks and Spencers and has recently been offered a position as a mentor for other clients to do placements at M & S.

Entertaining Angels a book launched 3 years ago has sold over 4,000 copies.

Lord Mayor's Charity.

St George's has been nominated as one of the charities and their appeal run until the end of the Lord Mayor's term of office (30th April 2006)

Website

A new website has been launched and anyone wanting to find out more about the Crypt and its work an log on to:

[www.stgeorgescrypt.org.uk](http://www.stgeorgescrypt.org.uk)

The appeal to date has raised £229,000

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The logo features the number '75' in a large, bold, sans-serif font. To the right of the '5', the words 'th anniversary' are stacked vertically in a smaller font, followed by the word 'appeal' in a larger, bold font. The entire logo is rendered in a light grey color.

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## **AN INTRODUCTION TO LOCAL CHURCH HISTORY**

*This series of articles exploring some of the more interesting aspects of our local history*

### **THE RESIGNATION OF KILDWICK CHURCH CHOIR 1881**

In a letter published in the *Craven Herald* of 30 April 1881 the new vicar of Kildwick, the Rev. F.W. Greenstreet claimed that the decision of Thomas Aked, his choirmaster, to resign only four months after his induction was a great surprise to him. The choir was performing competently and everything seemed to be proceeding harmoniously. According to Greenstreet, Aked had objected to the vicar fixing the hymns to be sung each Sunday, which was the vicar's right, that on two occasions Aked had demurred when he had 'suggested' a different tune to the one proposed by the choirmaster and when a member of his family had mildly questioned the performance of one part of the service and he taken offence.

Aked's reply revealed a different picture. Greenstreet intended to replace the existing hymn book by a new one. I have already described the argument which had erupted a few years earlier on this issue. The Rev. Henry Salwey had introduced *Hymns Ancient and Modern* which had then been abandoned by his successor. Greenstreet was now apparently returning to *Hymns, Ancient and Modern*. Aked had no objection to the change but suggested that it should take place gradually so that both the choir and the congregation were not faced by a whole host of new hymns. Greenstreet refused to consider any such staged transfer and accused him of trying to interfere with his right to select the hymns.

His version of Greenstreet's third point was quite different too. Greenstreet had two brothers, one of them Sidney, had acted as his organist and choirmaster in his previous parish. He was sitting in at rehearsals and criticising the way Aked was conducting them particularly in relation to the singing of the responses. Anyone who has been a member of a choir knows that it is bad enough having ordinary members openly second guessing what the choir director is doing during the practice, it is even worse when it comes from a qualified musician. The result is to disturb the choir and there is often no conclusive answer because every choir director has his or her own way of getting results. Aked was quite right. His position was intolerable and, although he did not say it, a deliberate campaign was clearly being waged to get the vicar's brother appointed in his place.

Subsequent events suggest that the vicar was not sorry to lose most of the choir either. Aked's choir was the sort of competent mixed choir typical of the first half of the nineteenth century consisting of adult men and women. A later dispute in 1884 revealed that a majority of the choir was now children and entirely male with trebles and male altos replacing the women. This was happening in many churches at the time. 1881 saw the opening of a new church in Haworth and the rector the Rev. John Wade took the opportunity to introduce an all male choir there too.

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**THE DIOCESE, THE DEANERY & THE PARISH:  
DEVELOPING MINISTRY IN YOUR PARISH**

In October the Revd John Daniels, the Diocesan Ministry Development Officer came to lead an evening helping us think about developing shared ministry between lay and ordained, stipendiary and non-stipendiary.

Developing ministry means:

- taking responsibility – sharing together locally in God's charge to his Church to make Christ known
- enabling – recognising and nurturing the gifts which God has given all his people
- collaborating – lay people and clergy working together for the sake of God's Kingdom

In this diocese it is being proposed that in each present local Christian community there will be a **Ministry Development Team** (MDT). This team will be made up of the Incumbent along with a number of congregation members approved by the PCC.

As part of the process of moving towards the formation of an MDT the PCC recently agreed to invited the Revd Canon David Brierley, Diocesan Missioner, to help us carry out a review of our church life by using the **Growing Healthy Churches** exercise. This is a helpful tool to explore the spirituality behind our parish mission statement. It also identifies what the church community sees as its strengths and weaknesses, and what are seen as opportunities and threats as we consider our call to mission.

The exercise was used 4 years ago and produced our present Parish Mission Statement. But 4 years is a long time and there have been significant changes within our PCC (who share the leadership of the parish) and across the church community.

The first part of the Growing Healthy Churches exercise is to consult the people of the parish and seek their views. Everyone is invited to input into the process of identifying the core values that lie at the heart of our community. Think about the question: **'What does St Andrew's church mean to me?'** You might like to send your answer to the Vicar by post or email. Or you can put your response up on the sheets that will be on display in church from mid December to mid January.

David Brierley will come and preach at St Andrew's on 15 January, attend the PCC meeting on 24 January and then lead an 'away day' for the parish on Saturday 11 February from 10am to 4pm at Addingham Church Hall. This will be an important day and everyone is welcome to attend. Book the date in your diary now! Don't forgot what all this work is about - our Parish Mission Statement

**Called to be the Body of Christ,  
we are here to share God's love with all people,  
through outreach and service,  
in our community and the world,  
through the power of the Holy Spirit.**

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### **Whalley Abbey - A Weekend Away Friday 19<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2006**



**Whalley Abbey** is the Blackburn Diocesan Retreat House and Conference Centre, located in the village of Whalley, 3 miles south of Clitheroe. The Abbey is a manor house built in the late 16<sup>th</sup> century and restored in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. 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 £105 full board, from Friday supper to Sunday teatime. For more information please pick up a leaflet in church or the parish rooms or contact the Vicar, Robin Figg, 633307.

### **CONFIRMATION – SOME THOUGHTS**

A Service of Confirmation will take place in St Andrew's Church on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March with Bishop Colin Buchanan. This will be a very special occasion not just for those people who have decided to take this important step in their journey of faith, but for the whole church community as we celebrate together the way that God leads us to deepen our life of faith.

It is right, of course, that there is a period of preparation for confirmation. For adults this may be through the Emmaus Nurture course or some guided reading. For young people there is a Youth Emmaus course and it is hoped to form a small group of interested people after Christmas.

Enquiries from adults or young people (or their parents) will be welcome. Please contact the Vicar, Robin Figg, as soon as possible; tel. 01535 633307.

### **Pattern of Services – Winter Routine**

Don't forget that during the winter months it has been decided to make the following changes to our pattern of services:

The following services will take place in the Parish Rooms

All Wednesday 9.15am Eucharists;

All Sunday evening 6.00pm services (except the Advent and Christmas Carol Services and Candlemas Service);

The church heating will be switched on for 24 hours before Sunday morning services (rather than 12 hours as previously).

The hope is that this will ensure the church feels comfortably warm for the Sunday mornings services during the winter months. (People are still very welcome to bring their own blankets and hot-water bottles!!)



### **PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH**

Due to other events taking place in December our next monthly meeting to pray for the parish will take place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January in the Parish Rooms from 7.30pm until 8.15pm. For information contact Robin Figg, 633307.

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

**The Bible Society.** £114 was raised at the Coffee Morning held at Miss Auty's house in September. (Please see more details about the work of The Bible Society elsewhere in your magazine.)



**Finance** £2,465 has been received from the Bradford Diocese towards the Oasis project. Please continue money-raising for the Oasis project in the individual churches. £49 has been sent for Racial Justice Sunday and £277 for the S Asia Earthquake appeal.

### **OASIS project**

Vicky and Hannah have settled well and become involved with much of the Youth work in the churches and also in the community. They are to visit Glusburn C.P. school fortnightly, and spent time helping with a Racial Awareness Day Conference. They have also made contact with the local youth club in Skipton and have been in touch with NISCU. They are helping with Craven Rock, have started a Youth Band and are leading a cell group for older teenagers. The Steering Group continues to meet monthly and there have been 2 open meetings for information, one well attended and the other not. The next open meeting is at Farnhill Methodist on **December 1st at 8 p.m.**

**Carol Singing** is arranged for Saturday, 17th December outside St. Peter's (weather permitting) from 10 to 11 a.m. followed by coffee in the Church Hall.

**The Ecumenical service** on December 11th is to be led by Craven Rock.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** Monday 16 January - Sunday 22 January 2006 Prayer meetings will be held in a variety of places, hosted by different churches, and at different times of the day. On Sunday January 22nd the clergy will exchange pulpits to mark the end of this week.

### **Quiz Question**

Can you name the churches that are members of CDFC? (Clue: There are 8)  
Answers on page 31.

**Hello this is Vicky and Hannah from frontline.**

**If you need any baby sitting, cleaning, dog walking, car washing or other odd jobs doing please contact Hannah on 07742786667 or Vicky on 07747407013, Pay £4.50 per hour.**



**Thank you**

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## **Kildwick Out of School Club**



This established club requires a playworker to join our team working with children aged 4 – 11.

Applicants should hold NVQ level 2 in Playwork (or equivalent) or be prepared to work towards the qualification.

**The hours of the club are: 7.45am to 9.00am and 3.25pm to 6.00pm**

**Job share applications are welcome**

There may be some flexibility in the sessions required

For an application pack, please send an A4 SAE to:

Kildwick Out of School Club, c/o Arbour House, Main Street, Farnhill, Near Keighley  
BD20 9BJ

For more information, please ring 07747 878163 (during club hours)

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## Being an Aid Worker – by Maggie Tookey: Part 2

*Maggie Tookey is a Farnhill resident who has been volunteer aid worker since 2000. During the next few months Maggie will tell us her story and something of her experience in this work.*

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On the Albanian side of the river, my job involved provision of emergency shelter. On occasions the only way to reach high villages in winter was by UN helicopter, never my favourite form of transport. Landing in high winds in winter on a mountain side is not easy for a helicopter. We had to be ready to leap out with all the equipment to build a temporary shelter and sometimes that meant quite a drop into soft snow if no actual landing was possible. Once, I remember we hit an air pocket and the thing plunged to the ground injuring one of the crew and just about knocking the teeth out of everyone else on board. I had a hard job persuading our Kosovan building team to get back in the helicopter when it came to pick us up at the end of that day. They wanted to walk down the mountain. So did I!

Later I moved on to assessing and prioritising families for new housing. This was always a difficult job. So many families were left with nothing after the Serbian onslaught. There was no village however remote, that was left untouched in Northern Kosovo. Most of the Kosovan resistance fighters lived in this mountain region and Serbian punishment was brutal and thorough. We targeted the most vulnerable first – those families whose men had been killed and therefore had mothers and grandmothers trying to protect and shelter young children – often extended groups of up to 15 babies, children and female adults.

In order to supply materials for this work and to keep our Aid Agency functioning in

Mitrovica, money had to be brought in to Kosovo from the UK. In the early stages after the conflict there was no banking infrastructure and all money in the form of cash had to be brought in through the Macedonian border. This was quite a risky business because border police were always alert for money coming in to purchase guns. The relationship between Macedonians (closer to the Serbian Christians) and the Kosova Muslim Albanians was a tense one.

In Feb 2000, I arrived at Skopje airport with \$5000 hidden about my person. Unfortunately I had been very air sick on the flight and collapsed onto a seat in the arrival hall. The Macedonian police refused to let me stay there to recover and two Kosovan men picked me up and almost carried me through customs, having taken charge of all my luggage and my passport. It was a cold January night and normally I would have taken the bus to the border and then another on up to Mitrovica, altogether a 4 hour journey. I have seldom felt so travel sick as I did that night and I simply let the two men bundle me into a car, having vaguely mumbled something about where I was going and why. I had no idea where any of my luggage was but could at least feel the wads of dollars still secure under my clothing. We set off through the night driving very fast and soon we were at the Macedonian/Kosovo border.

We pulled into a dark lay by and the two men jumped out, undid their shirts and began to stuff wads of money into belts

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strapped round their waists. I still felt so ill; I was incapable of any action at all and just lay across the back seat waiting for whatever fate befell me.

We abandoned the car at the border and I was carted up to the front of the long queue of people waiting to cross. I hadn't seen my passport for what seemed like hours and was vaguely aware, that they were using me to get them through the border as I was an International. But I was beyond care. I just wanted a warm bed.

On the other side another car was waiting with two more people, a man and a woman. Now there were five of us crammed in the car. Again we headed off into the black Kosovan night, destination unknown.

We stopped many times on the journey. Twice we were stopped at Nato checkpoints, all of us ordered out of the car and the car searched for weapons. Several times we stopped in tiny communities. I was aware of quiet mumbling and saw money being handed out as I twisted in my seat to look out of the car window. Then we moved on again into what seemed like an interminable night.

Just when I thought that the rest of my life was going to be spent driving by night at breakneck speed through the Kosovan mountains feeling sick, we suddenly pulled up outside a dimly lit house in what seemed like the middle of nowhere. I was helped into the house, and through a hall door into a large room with an enormous bed. In the bed were three sleeping children. The covers were pulled back and I was pushed gently down beside them. It was warm and the

bed wasn't swerving round bends. I fell asleep instantly.

The next morning I woke up and all my possessions were at the foot of the bed. I was alone. I no longer felt sick, just weak. A young child opened the door and beckoned me to follow to another part of the house. I entered a room where breakfast awaited. I recognised two of the men from the previous night and they were smiling and welcoming. An hour later they drove me to Mitrovica where a very worried set of Aid workers had been about to contact the UN about my disappearance.

I delivered the long awaited \$5000.

I completed five separate stints of work in Kosovo, the last in 2003. During that time my Aid Agency provided 300 emergency shelters to protect families against the first severe winter after the conflict ended, built 400 new houses to replace those which were beyond salvaging (classed as category 5) and put new roofs and interior walls in another 300 less badly damaged homes. We also set up and financed a number of small income generating projects using local materials and skills to help people make some attempt at getting back on their feet.

The work was demanding, exhausting, always rewarding and often emotionally draining, Kosovo now enjoys relative peace but its future as an independent country is still in doubt and there is always the potential for conflict to re-ignite. We can only hope that will never happen.





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### ***Recipes for December 2005***

Two ideas for Christmas.  
A light and refreshing starter and a delicious dessert.

#### **Avocado with Tomato.** (serves 4)

4 small, firm tomatoes	Dressing
2 ripe avocados	2 teasp. white wine vinegar
lemon juice	1 teasp. Dijon mustard
2 spring onions, chopped or a few	2 tablesp olive oil
chopped mint leaves.	¼ teasp. caster sugar
	salt and pepper

(Or use a ready made dressing such as Kraft Italian)

1. Immerse the tomatoes in boiling water for about 1 min. then into cold water. Peel, seed then coarsely chop the tomato flesh.
2. Make the dressing by whisking the vinegar and mustard together in a small bowl. Gradually whisk in the oil, sugar, salt and pepper to taste.
3. When ready to serve cut the avocados in half lengthwise through to the stone, twist, pull apart and remove the stone. Place in 4 small dishes and brush with lemon juice to prevent discolouration. Pile the tomatoes into the avocado halves and garnish with chopped onions. or mint leaves. Serve with the dressing.

#### **Chocolate and Orange Dessert** (serves 6)

<u>Crumb mix</u>	<u>Cream mix</u>
4 level tablesp. drinking choc. powder	300ml (½ pt) double cream
4 level teasp. instant coffee granules	150ml (¼ pt) single cream
100g (4 oz) sponge cake crumbs	1 – 2 tablesp Cointreau
50g (2oz) soft, brown sugar	or orange juice
50g (2oz) ground almonds	
Finely grated rind of 2 oranges	50g (2oz) grated chocolate

1. Place the crumb mix ingredients together in a bowl and mix thoroughly.
2. In a separate bowl whisk the creams and Cointreau or orange juice together until the mixture forms soft peaks.
3. Layer the cream mix and the crumb mix in a glass serving dish, starting and finishing with a layer of cream. Decorate with grated chocolate.

Chill for several hours or overnight to allow the flavours to develop. Can be served with extra single cream.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas.

Helen

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Open house is held on Thursdays from 2pm in the Parish Rooms. All are welcome to call in for a cup of tea and a chat when books and other items are for sale. All proceeds go to Martin House  
We would like to thank all those who have supported us over the year and invite all our regulars to our New Year party on **Thursday 12th January at 3pm**  
**Happy Christmas to all our customers**

### Tea and Scones

Thank you to everyone, both helpers and customers who supported our



Tea and Scones this summer. We raised £566.64 for the work of the church.  
Many thanks again and see you all next May!!

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**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 Bellringing	
Thursday 2pm	Open House in Parish Rooms	Refreshments and items for sale
7pm-8pm	Choir practice in church	
7.30pm	Harvesters in parish Rooms (upstairs)	Informal Bible study and fellowship group



**Please note the deadline for the January 2006 Bridge is 20th December**

**December**

Thurs 1st	8 pm	Oasis Frontline Project Open Meeting (Farnhill Methodist Church.)
Sat 3rd	1 pm	Kildwick School Christmas Fair
Fri 8th	6.30 pm	Glusburn School Carol Service
Sun 11th	4pm	Malsis School Carol Service
Weds 14th	1.30pm & 6pm	Kildwick School Christmas Concert
Sat 17th	10-11 am	CDFC Carol Singing outside St Peter's Cross Hills
Sun 18th	6 pm	Christmas Carols Service by Candlelight

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Sat 24th	CHRISTMAS EVE	
	4 pm	Crib Service
	11.30 pm	Midnight Eucharist
Sun 25th	CHRISTMAS DAY	
<b>January 2006</b>		
Tues 3rd	7.30pm	Prayers for the Parish (Parish Rooms)
Sun 8th	10 am	Family Service for Epiphany
Thurs 12th	3 pm	Open House New Year Party (Parish Rooms)
Mon 16th—Sun 22nd		Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.
Sat 21st	7 pm	Burn's Night Ceilidh (Farnhill Institute)

<b>Services at Kildwick</b>		
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.		
Sunday 4 December	8.15 am	Holy Communion
The Second Sunday of Advent	10 am 6 pm	Family Service Sung Eucharist (Parish Rooms)
Sunday 11 December,	8.15 am	Holy Communion
The Third Sunday of Advent	10 am 6 pm	Sung Eucharist CDFC Service
Sunday 18 December,	8.15 am	Holy Communion
The Fourth Sunday of Advent	10 am 6 pm	Eucharist Christmas Carol Service
Saturday 24 December	4 pm 11.30 pm	Crib Service Midnight Eucharist
Sunday 25 December, Christmas Day	10 am 6 pm	Family Service followed by Eucharist No service
Monday 26th Stephen, Martyr	9.15 am	Eucharist
Tuesday 27th John, Apostle	9.15 am	Eucharist
Wednesday 28th Holy Innocents	9.15 am	Eucharist
Sunday 1 January, 2006	10 am 6 pm	Sung Eucharist No service
The First Sunday of Christmas		

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**Women's Institute News**

**Glusburn and Cross Hills WI - November meeting**

Mrs Liz Spencer showed us interesting ideas for "Flowers for Christmas" at our meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> November. Her impressive demonstration was followed by refreshments.

We were then told which duties were to be undertaken by each of our new committee members. Mrs Spencer had donated the flower arrangements to be raffled, so several members went home with flowers.

Forthcoming events include a WI Carol Service at Lothersdale, the Federation Carol Service in Skipton on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December and our "Christmas Meal" at the White Lion in Kildwick on 10<sup>th</sup> January.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December when we shall have a "Christmas Medley". Visitors and new members are welcome.



**Kildwick with Farnhill WI November meeting**

November was our Annual Meeting. The committee was voted back into office en-bloc. Officers agreed to serve another year with the enthusiastic support of the members.

The revue of the year recalled many happy memories and discussion of next year's programme promised more.

Supper followed, this year a curry, courtesy of a local Takeaway. The food and social time being much appreciated. The Federation Carol Service is on 14<sup>th</sup> December; 2pm at Holy Trinity Skipton while Lothersdale WI invite attendance at their Carol Service on the previous Sunday. All are welcome to the services.

We were all saddened by the news of the death of Barbara Gill, our National President. Condolences were sent.

Next month is our Christmas Treat. The meeting is at the Bella Napoli, Crosshills.

We wish all your readers a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

**Sing hosanna!**

Some people don't feel they can sing loudly in church, as they find keeping in tune difficult (if not impossible). This poem is dedicated to them.

Praise the Lord in merry song,  
Praise him, praise him all day long.  
But what of me? I cannot sing –  
I have no melody to bring.  
But in the Bible, joy of joys,  
The Lord says: "Make a joyful noise!"



*Anonymous*

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**Church Rotas for December**

Sunday 4 December <b>6pm</b> The Second Sunday of Advent	First Reading: Isaiah 40.1-11 Second Reading: 2 Peter 3.8-15a Gospel: Mark 1.1-8	Janet Swain Michael Baumber Pam Brown
Sunday 11 December, 2005 The Third Sunday of Advent	First Reading: Isaiah 61.1-4,8-11 Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24 Gospel: John 1.6-8,19-28	Brenda Brock Brian Charter Marjorie Gee
Sunday 18 December, 2005 The Fourth Sunday of Advent	First Reading: 2 Samuel 7.1-11,16 Second Reading: Romans 16.25-27 Gospel: Luke 1.26-38	Christine Anderton Kath Morris Gill Jowett
Saturday 24 December, 2005 Midnight Eucharist	First Reading: Isaiah 52.7-10 Second Reading: Hebrews 1.1-4 Gospel: John 1.1-14	Barry Houghton Michael Baumber Isobel Stirk
Sunday 25 December Christmas Day	First Reading: Isaiah 9.2-7 Gospel: Luke 2.1-14	Margaret Jowett Elizabeth Figg

	<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Church Cleaning</b>	<b>Tea and Coffee Rota (after 10am service)</b>
4th	ADVENT	Marian Baxter, June Whittaker, Mary Peake	June Whitaker, Betty Hawkins
11th			Beth Taylor, Marjorie Gee
18th		Lesley Hudson Libba Utley	Ann Mosley, Christine Anderton
24th	Mrs. Stirk		Joyce Bonham Libba Utley
1st	<b>January 2006</b>	Helen Hulley, Rosie Hargreaves Sylvia Ackroyd	June Whitaker, Betty Hawkins
	<b>Brass Cleaning For December</b>	Mrs J Roberts and Mrs J Bonham	

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**Church Rotas for December**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sidesperson</b>	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Communion</b>
Sunday 4 December 6pm The Second Sunday of Advent	Beth Taylor Joan Houghton Barry Houghton Sandi Walton	<b>6pm</b> Peter Bannister	<b>6pm</b> Michael Baumber
Sunday 11 December, 2005 The Third Sunday of Advent	David Baxter Libba Utley Christine Anderton Ann Mosley	Michael Baumber	John Exley Christine Anderton
Sunday 18 December, 2005 The Fourth Sunday of Advent	Alison/Gary McKinney June Whitaker Pam Brown Elaine Jamieson	Lesley Hudson	Gill Jowett Gary McKinney
Saturday 24 December, 2005 Midnight Eucharist	Eleanor Eastwood Dorothy Ward Christine Hutchinson Joyce Boden	Isobel Stirk	Michael Baumber Janet Swain
Sunday 25 December, 2005 Christmas Day		Robin Figg	

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**FROM THE REGISTERS**

**Baptisms**

Sunday 6 November Grace Mae Binns, daughter of Charles & Dominique of The Shroggs, Steeton

**Weddings**

Saturday 19 November Mark Pickles & Kirsty Barton of Higher Hartley Street, Glusburn

**Funerals**

Wednesday 2 November Pauline Whittaker, of Beanlands Nursing Home, Glusburn  
Thursday 3 November David Emmott, of Steeton

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## **FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

The monthly meeting of Farnhill Parish Council was held on the 3rd November 2005 in Kildwick & Farnhill Institute.

The meeting was chaired by Councillor G McKinney, six members of the council were present, plus representatives from CDC & NYCC two members of the public and Johnathon Kerr from Craven District Council.

Two members of the public came along to express concerns about a disco recently held in the Institute, which caused a disturbance to neighbouring homes. They were assured by Counc Bramley that it would not happen again. A policy for letting the Institute is now in place and parties for teenagers are not allowed.

Johnathon Kerr from Craven District Council was invited to the meeting to talk about the District Council Improvement Plan & Parish Councils. Craven District Council have recently had a Comprehensive Performance Assessment and were assessed as a fair Council with good prospects for improvement.

The Chief Executive has given an undertaking that the Council will work with Parish Councils on improving performance. Johnathon explained about the duties of the Chief Executive and the Three Directors and promised to send a list of names of officers responsible for departments.

He updated the Parish Council on matters such as Refuse Collection, Recycling, Planning, Highways and the Precept.

Craven District are due to be reassessed ahead of time due to the improvements that have already been made.

Steve Murray from NYCC came out to advise the Parish Council on Light No 29 on Newby Road, he suggested that if a new lamp column was to be purchased the best situation would be slightly further down opposite the Back Mary Street

entrance. A Victorian Light Column would not fit in this position due to the width of the base, but a modern lamp column could be fitted with adornments to make it look Victorian. A Victorian Lamp could be fitted on top but would be a lot more expensive. Information was supplied on Adornments for lamp columns and Victorian Lamps . Counc M Scarffe to have a look at some Victorian Style Lamps in Haworth. Mr Murray thought that the existing column was not in bad condition and if the Parish Council could get the door repaired and replaced then the column may be okay. Whilst in the village he also took some measurements for Lighting under the Culvert and informed us that if the Parish Council paid for the new lights to be fit, then NYCC may take over the responsibility for them.

CDC Counc M Wheeler has received the results of the speed monitors which were placed in the village. South Bound Flow at the top of Main Street had a Mean Speed of 24mph, North Flow 26mph. High Farnhill South Bound Flow had a Mean Speed of 31mph and North Bound 30mph. Seargant Scott has not had the results from September when the Speed Guns were used on Grange Road, but will send a copy to the Parish Council when he does.

CDC M Wheeler has had a complaint about parking outside the old Post Office & opposite Starkey Lane, which is restricting access to Starkey Lane. Counc Wheeler to have a word with Mr. Isherwood.

PPL came out to look at the Play Area and have agreed to turn the Play Panels round. The Screw on the Crawling Tube has been tightened and the edges of the tube have been smoothed down, they have agreed to supply a grass mat for the end of the Crawling Tube.

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Information is to be supplied showing that the Springer See Saw complies with EN 1176 and does not need footrests. The sharp object at the top of the steps has been filed down. They agreed that the balance beam was too near the pin kerbing, but the only solution was to remove it as there was no room to put it anywhere else.

A Draft of the Completion of Accounts up to 31st March 2006 & the Budget Account for the year ending 31st March 2007 was drawn up by the Clerk and circulated to members to be discussed for the precept next month. Counc Bramley supplied a Business Plan for the Kildwick/ Farnhill Institute and asked for the funding to be carried on for the next year.

CDC Counc P Fairbank reported that a dog bin had been put in place at Arbour Top. CDC & NYCC Counc M Wheeler reported that funding may be available through the Area Committee for the Institute and if matched funding was supplied by the Parish Council, they would have more chance of getting funding. There was also funding available through The Civil Contingency Act for overseeing Emergencies which may be available for the Lighting under the Culvert. He supplied a form to be filled in.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL 1st DECEMBER 2005 IN FARNHILL INSTITUTE AT 7.30PM.**  
**All members of the village are welcome to attend.**

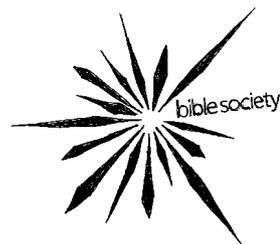
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***The Bible Society -  
What is it and what does it do?***

The Bible Society is:

- dedicated to making the Bible accessible to people across the world -making the bible heard. It is supported by donations from churches of different denominations.
- an advocate for the Bible in contemporary cultures, resourcing and influencing those who shape society and making the Bible heard by all.
- committed to helping people have Bibles in their own languages. The Bible, or some part of it, is now available in over 2000 languages. A current focus is on providing scripture to sick and disabled people throughout the world.
- works through a global alliance of over 130 Bible Societies around the world, sharing the challenges of making the Bible available, relevant and credible in widely differing cultures. Partnerships with other mission organisations around the world are vital to their work.
- relies on a global alliance of individuals and churches - supporters who share a passion for making the Bible heard. Their work has been made possible through their sacrificial giving, prayer and sheer hard work.

As many of you will know, the work of the local Action Group has recently transferred to the CDFC Council. The action group has held many fund-raising events over the years as well as highlighting the work of the Bible Society. Recent events included a Bible Exhibition, a Quiz evening, a Bible question time, the "Greater than



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Sold" musical/dramatic event, and the regular Coffee Mornings. The Action Group helped to raise about £700 - £800 each year for the Bible Society. CDFC has now taken over the responsibility for supporting this ecumenical work.

The annual Bible Sunday Collection in October raised

If anyone has a particular interest in the Bible Society, would like to raise funds for, or



**Christmas Services at St Andrew's**

All are welcome to join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus

**Sunday 18 December**

- Christmas Carol Service: Traditional service of carols and readings for Christmas with children's nativity tableau (children are welcome to come dressed as shepherds, angels or nativity animals and join in the tableau)

Saturday 24 December 4 pm

- Crib Service. Short children's service when we welcome back the Travelling Crib and get the stable ready for the baby Jesus
- Midnight Eucharist 11.30 pm

**Sunday 25 December 10 am**

- Family service for Christmas Day followed by short Eucharist

*For other services see page 17*

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

***WINTER PROGRAMME 2005***

**Forthcoming events**

**December**

- Thurs. 8th Microscope Workshop
- Sat. 10th The Society's Christmas Supper in the Schoolroom.

Meetings are held in St. Peter's Church, Cross Hills at 7 pm.

Visitors and new comers are welcome at every meeting.

Microscope Workshops are held on the second Thursday of the month at Sutton Senior Citizen Centre, North Street, Sutton-in-Craven at 6.45 pm. Microscopes are available for use at meetings. Children are welcome if accompanied by an adult.

Further details from Jean Kendrew, 01535 632447.

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*Isobel's page*

We celebrate the beginning of Advent with our candlelit Advent Carol Service, remembering that this season is the time when we prepare to welcome Jesus who came as a baby in a manger and who comes into our lives daily.

Just as on Christmas morning little people (and bigger ones!) will be up at the crack of dawn to see if Santa has left presents for them in stockings at the bottom of the bed or under the Christmas tree, in Holland, on the eve of December 6<sup>th</sup>, children wait in glorious expectation of St Nicholas delivering their long awaited surprise packages.



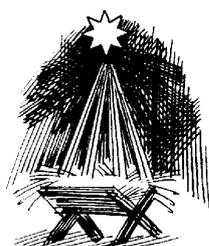
There are many legends associated with St Nicholas, the 4<sup>th</sup> century Bishop of Myra in Turkey – that he quieted storms and tempests, that he ministered to the poor and helpless, that he sat small children on his knee and surprised them with holiday gifts and we know that he suffered torture and imprisonment during the persecution under Roman Emperor Diocletian. We also know that his focus was on giving not getting and his popularity has grown – there are nearly 400 churches in England dedicated to him, not because of the legends that have grown through the years, but because in his lifetime he was a faithful mirror of his Lord.

What will our own reflection be at this Advent time?

Reflections perhaps of harassment by last minute Christmas shopping and party plans and distraction by holiday arrangements and slaving over hot stoves, or the frustration of remembering, too late, the mince pies that were put in the oven two hours before, leaving no room at the inn of our lives for a child to be born.



Advent is a time to prepare the way – a time when we can hold a mirror up to ourselves to see if it reveals what we are called to be – something often hidden deep within us like a Christmas surprise.



*Make room  
for God  
this Christmas.*

It's wonderful to come downstairs on Christmas morning and see the spirit of joy and charity that Santa's gift-giving embodies, but also it's good to focus on what St Nicholas clearly reflected – the reflection of his Lord to those around him and that instead of 'the season of getting', Christmas is really 'the season of giving' and when the child finally is born we may find and accept gratefully into our lives this Christmas gift just as surprising as anything Santa may drop off for us.

**A Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.  
Isobel.**

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## ***Page of Prayer***

This month we have put together some suggestions for prayers and meditations. Use what you feel drawn to. Don't feel you have to use everything every day –unless you want to!

Prayer tip – Remember when you played on roundabouts as a child? When you got off the world went on spinning. The only way to stop the spinning was to stand still. When you pray, take a moment to find God's stillness within you before you launch into words



### **An Advent Prayer by Henri J.M. Nouwen**

Lord Jesus,  
Master of both the light and the darkness,  
send your Holy Spirit upon my preparations for Christmas.  
I who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.  
I who am anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.  
I who am blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.  
I whose heart is heavy seek the joy of your presence.  
I am your child, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.  
To you I say, "Come Lord Jesus!"  
Amen.

### **An Advent Meditation**

"Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be constantly on the watch! Stay awake!...You do not know when the Master of the house is coming.'" *Mark. 13:33*

O Jesus, your voice sounds through the house of my world: Be on your guard! Stay awake!

Yet I hardly hear you. Busy with so much, I go about the things I do like a servant trapped in household routine, hardly giving a thought to what my life is about. My spirit within has grown tired and you, my God, seem far away. How can I hear your voice today?

Speak to my heart during this season of grace, as you spoke to your prophets and saints. Remind me again of the journey you call me to make and the work you would have me do. I am your servant, O Lord. Speak to me in this holy season and turn my eyes to watch for your coming.

O Emmanuel, Jesus Christ,  
desire of every nation, Saviour of all peoples,  
come and dwell among us.

Amen



### **A Christmas Prayer by Annabel Shilson-Thomas**

Vulnerable God,  
as we contemplate the wonder of your birth,  
stir in us the desire to cradle those who have no where to lay their head,  
that together we may rock the boat of injustice.  
Give us grace to offer our hands to those who reach out  
that with faltering steps we may find a way home.

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And kindle our hearts to embrace the rejected and dispossessed  
and so meet you face to face.  
We ask this in your name.  
Amen.

**Christmas all year**

Long after the angels disappear into the heavens, the shepherds return to their flocks,  
the magi journey home and the great star sets, Jesus remains.

The Child in whom we rediscover God's great love for humanity becomes  
the adult Redeemer who challenges us to imitate his selflessness and  
compassion in order that we might transform our world in love...



Heavenly Father,  
May we allow the miracle of Christmas to continue  
long after the decorations have been packed away;  
May we welcome the adult Messiah and his challenging Gospel to recre-  
ate our lives, making the peace, justice and hope of this holy season a reality in every  
season of the New Year.

Amen

This month's page was compiled by the Nurture Advisory Group

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***1 Corinthians 13 – a Christmas Version***

**If** I decorate my house perfectly with tartan bows, strands of twinkling lights and  
shiny balls, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another decorator.

**If** I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing  
gourmet meals and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do not  
show love to my family, I'm just another cook.

**If** I work at the homeless shelter, sing carols in the nursing home and give all that I  
have to charity, but do not show love to my family, it profits me nothing.

**If** I trim the tree with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad  
of holiday parties and sing a solo in the choir but do not focus on Christ, I have  
missed the point.

**Love** stops the cooking to hug the child. Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the  
husband. **Love** is kind, though harried and tired.

**Love** doesn't envy another's home that has coordinated Christmas china and table  
linens.

**Love** doesn't yell at the children to get out of the way, but is thankful they are there  
to be in the way.

**Love** doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return but rejoices in giving  
to those who can't.

**Love** bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

**Love** never fails. Video games will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will  
rust, but giving the gift of love will endure.

***Merry Christmas***

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### CHRISTMAS STAR

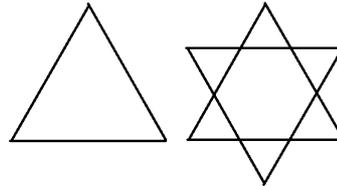
There are stars everywhere we look at Christmas time, on trees, cards or decorations. But the star only appears in one version of the Christmas story in St Matthew's Gospel (chapter 2, verses 1-12). Modern astronomers say that it wasn't a new star, or a meteor or comet. What was unusual in the heavens was that the planets Mars, Jupiter and Saturn were close together forming a triangle in the group of stars known as Pisces. The wise men who saw the 'star' and followed it would have interpreted this as the sign of a great event in the land of the Jews.

 Many countries still celebrate the Christmas star in special ways. The 'Festival of the Star' is held in Poland after the evening meal on Christmas Eve, when the village priest, as the 'Star Man', asks the children questions about their religion. In Alaska, children carry a star-shaped figure around the houses and sing carols, hoping to be given Christmas treats.

### STAR WRAPPING

Make some really smart wrapping paper for your presents this year. Use plain brown paper and print it with stars (cut a star shape out of half a potato and use yellow poster paint).

Or use a gold or silver pen to draw stars all over the brown paper. Can't draw stars? Yes, you can! Draw a triangle, and then draw another triangle upside down on top of the first triangle. Easy!



**Knock, knock**  
Who's there?  
**Wenceslas.**

Wenceslas who?  
**Wenceslas train home?**



**Knock knock**  
Who's there?  
**Wayne**  
Wayne who?  
**Wayne in a manger.**

