



## The Vicar's Letter...

Dear friends,

Last month I wished you all a happy New Year. Little did I know when I wrote the letter what a disaster would befall the world. As the peoples of the world gathered to celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day we did so oblivious to the movement of the earth beneath the Indian Ocean.



It has been hard to follow the unfolding story of the Asian Tsunami; it has been hard to come to terms with the magnitude of the disaster and its utterly devastating affect on so many countries, so many communities, and so many families. As I write the total number killed is thought to be 220,000.

Understandably the disaster has evoked many challenging questions for all of us, whether we profess a Christian faith or not. As with all tragedies, whether experienced first hand or not, we find ourselves asking 'Why? Why should this have happened?' I would suggest that, as is so often the case, there isn't an answer, which itself make it hard to accept what has happened. We also want to know 'Where was God in all this?'

Thankfully most of the articles I read in the newspapers trying to give some careful reflection to the disaster rightly told us that the important question in response to such events is not 'Why did this have to happen?' but 'What is my response going to be?' We were also helped to see that God was most certainly there in the disaster; he was right in the midst of it, sharing the suffering of those caught up in the horror of it all.

Christmas celebrates what we call the Incarnation, the event of God coming to live as one of us, to share the human experience of life and death in all its fullness. As I also said last month the celebration of Jesus' birth is inextricably linked with the celebration of his death and resurrection. The wood of the Christmas tree will become the wood of our Lenten cross, reminding us of the Passion of our Lord.

Where was God when the tsunami struck? Where was God when the Jews (and others) were being murdered at Auschwitz (and elsewhere)? Where was God in the killing fields of Vietnam or Rwanda? Where is God now in Darfur, in Iraq, and so on? Be assured that the shadow of the Cross falls over all corners of the world; God is there, suffering with the suffering ones, grieving with the grieving ones.

God is there, and we need to be there also. Not literally, of course, but in solidarity with all the suffering people of the world. Whilst giving our attention in recent weeks to the people of South Asia we have been challenged not to forget the massive longer term issues of world poverty. The tsunami was a natural disaster has killed upwards of 220,000; we forget that every week almost the same number of people die in poor countries as a result of poverty.

This year, 2005, you and I can help make a difference to the world by getting involved in the **MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY** campaign. You can read more about it elsewhere in the magazine. We must all hope for the following result...Trade Justice, Drop the Debt, More and Better Aid.

See you on the campaign trail.

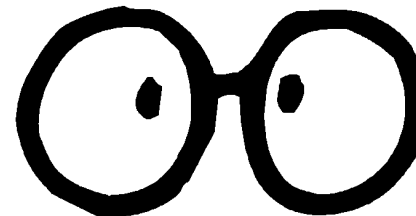
*Robin*

## Our Page

### SEEING and UNDERSTANDING

Many people had seen steam lift the lid of a kettle, but it took James Watt to see it and go on to think of that power becoming a steam engine. It is all a matter of how we see things. We could see something a thousand times and not make the connection.

Jesus explained why he taught with parables, stories that explain something in simple ways to do with everyday life that people of the time would recognise. He explained that it was because people look without seeing, and listen without understanding (Matthew, chapter 13, verses 13 and 14). We all do this, and that is why we need other people to help us learn more about what the stories in the Bible mean. People who can explain and help us to see with 'new eyes'.



### SEEING THE WORDS

All the words hidden in this word-search are things you see with or look at - can you find them all?

S P E C T A C L E S  
L E C T E V I D Y C  
G E A G L E O P E E  
S W N A E P B S S N  
E A K S V I D E O E  
S T C L I C E L F O  
S C O O S T G G R W  
A H L O I U O G E E  
G A M E N E U G O V

clock eyes game glasses  
goggles lens picture scene  
spectacles television video  
view watch

**Optician:** What can you see out of the window?

**Patient:** Only the sun.

**Optician:** How far to you want to see, then?



**What gadget do we use to see through a wall?**

A window.

### Prayers – to be used each day

Lord, help me to open my mind and heart as I read your words. Help me to understand, not just the words, but the meaning behind them. Fill me with your spirit of love. Amen

Father God, give me the power of your Spirit, so that I see and love in others, what you see and love in them. I want to see the positive in people, even those I don't like. It's easy to say that, but not always easy to live it out, and so I ask you to help and inspire me to live as you would like me to live this day and always. Amen.

*You may also find 'The Jesus Prayer' helpful to use. Repeat it quietly and slowly number of times. Considering oneself a 'sinner' is not fashionable, but we all do things we shouldn't. You don't have to be an axe murderer to be a sinner! Generations of Christians have used it to deepen their spirituality:*

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

### Daily Readings

*The quote gives a flavour of the reading, but please read the Bible passage too.*

#### Ash Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February:

He answered: "Love the Lord with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and love your neighbour as yourself".....Jesus told him," Go and do likewise" *Luke10:27-37*

#### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>

Maintain justice and do what is right, for my salvation is close at hand...I will gather still others to them besides those already gathered. *Isaiah 56:1-8*

#### Friday 11<sup>th</sup>

Dear friends, let us love one another....whoever loves God must also love their neighbour.

*1 John 4:7-21*

#### Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>

If you have any encouragement .....to the glory of God the father.

*Philippians 2:1 – 11*

#### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples.....He got up and was baptised, and after taking some food he regained his strength. *Acts 9:1-19*

*A longer reading with a lot in it to think about; Are you a modern Saul? Are your words and actions constructive or destructive for Christ's church? Do you need a 'Damascus Road' experience? Ask God for it! Are you like Ananias, arguing with God? Pray that you have the humility to follow God's path.*

#### Monday 14<sup>th</sup>

But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies.....be merciful as your Father is merciful. *Luke 6:27-36*

#### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>

The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts.....if one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it. *1 Corinthians 12:24-26*

## **MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY**

Last September a wide coalition of charities, trade unions, campaigning groups and celebrities announced ambitious plans to make poverty history in 2005.

In a world where poverty kills 30,000 people every day, 2005 will be a year of unprecedented opportunity for rich countries to change the rules and practices of trade, cancel poor countries debts and deliver more and better aid.

**MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY** aims to be the most powerful coalition ever against world poverty. Their website address is [www.makepovertyhistory.org](http://www.makepovertyhistory.org) and offers the following information:

### **THE CRUCIAL PART. WHAT WE ARE ASKING FOR.**

**In 9 words...** TRADE JUSTICE. DROP THE DEBT. MORE AND BETTER AID.

The gap between the world's rich and poor has never been wider. Malnutrition, AIDS, conflict and illiteracy are a daily reality for millions.

But it isn't chance or bad luck that keeps people trapped in bitter, unrelenting poverty. It's man-made factors like a glaringly unjust global trade system, a debt burden so great that it suffocates any chance of recovery and insufficient and ineffective aid.

### **It doesn't have to be this way though.**

In fact, back in 2001 the governments of the eight wealthiest nations on the planet said that they were going to do something about it - in what was seen as a breakthrough, they promised to halve world poverty by 2015.

Four years later the world is failing dismally to reach those targets.

### **But we have been given another, maybe even a final chance – 2005.**

This year offers a truly exceptional set of opportunities for the UK to take a lead internationally and say that enough is enough.

With the UK hosting the G7 Finance Ministers meeting in February and the G8 gathering of powerful world leaders in July as well as holding the presidency of the European Union (EU), our Government and particularly Gordon Brown and Tony Blair, will be influential players on the world stage – we must make sure they play their part.

### **They have the power and we can make them use it.**

The year will be marked by a number of key moments including:

- The **Churches' launch event** on January 29 at Bloomsbury Baptist church, London.
- The **Global Week of Action** from 10-16 April when thousands of people across the globe will unite in action for trade justice. This is the first big event of the Make Poverty History campaign.

**Fast for Trade Justice.** Monday 11 April. Fast for a day in solidarity with the 850 million people who go to bed hungry every night. Show that trade justice is about more than economics. It's about food and hunger. It's about life and death. It can be a private act, but why not encourage others to fast with you.

**Wake up to Trade Justice** in London. 10pm Friday 15 April - 8am Saturday 16 April. Join thousands of campaigners in Whitehall and Westminster for a night to change the world.

- **Take action in Edinburgh** on Saturday 2 July. Join thousands on the streets of Edinburgh in advance of the G8 meeting at Gleneagles. Last time the UK hosted the G8 was in Birmingham in 1998 when some 70,000 people formed a human chain around the centre of the city campaigning for the cancellation of unpayable debt. This public pressure forced poverty onto the G8 agenda.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu said: '2005 is a year of great opportunity. We can really do something to change the world. The time has come to stop talking and start taking some action. If everyone who wants to see an end to poverty, hunger and suffering speaks out then the noise will be deafening. Politicians will have to listen'.

The symbol of the campaign is a simple White Band worn around your wrist, your arm – in fact anywhere you like that it can be seen by everyone! You can buy a band in Oxfam shops or via the Traidcraft website at [www.traidcraftshop.co.uk](http://www.traidcraftshop.co.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)

### Prayer for the Parish

During the winter instead of a 'prayer walk' you are invited to meet in the Parish Rooms for a time of prayer for the life and work of God's Church in this parish. Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm, finishing at 8.15pm.

### The Season of Lent

Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday**; this year the date is 9<sup>th</sup> February. This is one of the Principal Feasts in the church calendar and everyone is encouraged to attend a service on this day. At St Andrew's there will be services at 9.15 am and 7.30 pm; both will include the imposition of ashes. At 7.30 pm the preacher will be the Revd Canon Ken Medhurst, Canon Theologian of Bradford Cathedral.

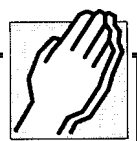
Lent is a time of preparation for the celebration of the death and resurrection of Christ in Holy Week and at Easter. The observance of Lent was at first undertaken by the baptismal candidates, for whom it was the final part of their preparation before initiation into the Church in the Easter Liturgy, and by those who had been excommunicated and would be readmitted to the Church's sacramental life in time for Easter after a period of penance.

The Church soon realised the benefit to all Christians of joining in a season of preparation marked by penitence expressed in prayer and fasting.

Lent is a time for prayerful reflection on the meaning of our Lord's Passion. An increasingly popular aid to this reflection is the service of **Stations of the Cross**. Each of the stations stands for an event that occurred during Jesus' Passion and death at Calvary on Good Friday. The service lasts 30 minutes and will take place each Thursday at **6.45 pm** and each Friday at **12.30 pm** in church. All are encouraged to experience this service at least once during Lent.



## Page of Prayer



**February 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**We pray for the troubled places of the world.**

Especially :- Iraq, Israel, Congo, Iran, Palestine, Sudan,  
Sierra Leone,

The countries of the Indian Ocean affected by the tsunami and many others not named.

**February 7<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>.**

**We pray for the children's groups in the Parish and Crosshills & District Fellowship of Churches.**

Chuffs, Yak, Kicks, Craven Rock, Jets, Kildwick School, South Craven School, Malsis School, and for all leaders, helpers and teachers.

**February 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**We pray for our mission partners.**

for Stephen & Margaret Tirwomwe, Elizabeth Newport, Tasha Moragan for all mission partners at home or overseas and for aid workers and the various charities working in this country and abroad.

**February 21<sup>st</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**We pray for the sick, lonely, depressed, homeless and abused.**

Especially people known to us by name.

We pray for hospitals and the doctors, nurses and carers who work there and also we pray for the work of St George's Crypt, Martin House Hospice and Manorlands.

May we respond with joy to help all who are in need.

Help us to learn to love others as you have loved us.

Help us to have hearts that are ready to serve you, lips willing to share your message of love in a needy world.

**L**ent is a time when Christians traditionally spend more time reflecting on their faith, reading the Bible and praying. Hopefully many of you will be able to attend one of the special Lent groups which are available across the CDFC area. Others will use the prayer page in this magazine in their daily prayers. Both of these are valuable resources, but the Nurture Group would like to invite you to take part in a week-long daily prayer group in your own house. Don't worry! We're not planning to invade your sitting room, rather we are asking all of you to spend an extra 20 minutes in bible reading and prayer at either 12.30pm or 9pm each day for a week beginning on Ash Wednesday. The idea is that as you read and pray you will be aware of hundreds of others doing the same. The readings and prayers all have a common focus of love and tolerance, both attributes we should be nurturing as individuals, as a Church and in the wider community. We hope you'll join us and see where the Spirit leads us.

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

February Diary

Thurs. 10th 1900 hrs Microscope Workshop  
 Sat. 12th 1830 hrs Annual General meeting followed by members evening  
 Sat 26th 1900 hrs 'Extinct' Dr. R. A. Barker.

Meetings held at St Peter's Church Cross Hills. New members and visitors welcome

Microscope meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at the Senior Citizen Centre, North Street, Sutton-in-Craven

For further details contact Miss J. Kendrew 01535 632447

**C. M. S. Coffee Morning**

January 8th arrived with gale force winds and pouring rain. Not the sort of morning to venture out of doors if you didn't need to do so. I had resigned myself to the real possibility of no one being brave enough to face the elements. At 10.15 am no one had arrived and I looked at all the items we had for sale and wondered what we would do with it all.



Then one by one, brave people arrived and soon the Parish Rooms were buzzing with wonderfully generous people. The support was amazing, especially as the event was so soon after Christmas and people had already given so generously to other worthwhile causes.

the out come was that £321-88 was raised for the work of The Church Mission Society.

On behalf of C.M.S. a very big thank you to you all.

Sue Hargreaves

**Thank you**

Dear All,  
 I'm writing to express my deep gratitude for the wonderful generosity of parishioners in giving me, as a 'leaving present', a contribution to the P.C. Memorial Fund. I'm glad to say that the patter of new microchips can now be heard in the house, and normal surfing has been renewed.  
 God be with you all.  
 Mike Murphy

**Tasha's news from Senegal**

Bourofaye Christian School in Senegal, West Africa, provides an education primarily for the children of WEC International's cross-cultural workers based in Senegal and neighbouring countries. BCS is a home as well as a school. Children and staff live, eat, work and relax together. There are ixm activities, games, sports, video nights and Christian worship.

Tasha says, 'I have been a teacher now for over a term. I like it. I can't say that I love it though as it is hard work. I love the kids and it is a great delight to see them get interested in subjects. I also love to see their personalities coming out in group discussions. It's a pleasure and a blessing to be a teacher at BCS; an amazing experience I will always treasure and thank God for! It's wonderful what God can do with you even when you think you are incapable"

At BCS there is a cupboard in which there is a stock of presents ready for the school staff to give one to a child on their birthday. Tasha says that this cupboard is rather bare at the moment. She requests that very small (postable) presents suitable for girls and boys aged 6-16 years be sent out to her, please.  
 You could post these out yourself to Tasha Morgan  
 BCS  
 BP98  
 CP30122  
 Popenguine  
 Senegal  
 West Africa.  
 Otherwise, let Beth Taylor have them and she will post them out for you (they must be small and light).  
 Many of the children are running around in trainers with no soles. Therefore, if anyone is feeling even more generous then you could donate money for trainers to WEC International  
 Bulstrode  
 Gerrards Cross  
 Bucks  
 SL9 SSZ

**COFFEE MORNING**  
**KILDWICK CHURCH PARISH ROOMS**  
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5th**  
**10am - 12noon**

Entry and refreshments £1.50 concessions £1.00  
 There will also be various items for sale on the day  
 (any donations gratefully received)

Lots of TOYS will be for sale

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO THIS COFFEE MORNING**  
 to raise money to support Tasha during her time working  
 voluntarily in Senegal, West Africa.

## THINKING ABOUT OUR WORSHIP (Part 3)

Last month we printed the second part of the notes produced in November to accompany a 'teaching' Eucharist when Robin talked about the structure, or shape, of the Holy Communion service.

The service moves through four sections: the *Gathering*; the *Liturgy of the Word*; the *Liturgy of the Sacrament*; and the *Dismissal*. Below are the notes that explore the last two of these sections.

First a reminder from the recent *Mission Shaped Church* report: 'Churches are Eucharistic communities, irrespective of their church tradition, or the frequency of Eucharistic worship. The Eucharist lies at the heart of Christian life. It is the act of worship in which the central core of the biblical gospel is retold and re-enacted.'

### The Liturgy of the Sacrament

- This section is introduced by **The Peace**. This reminds those who have gathered that we must be committed to loving one another in Christ. That peace and love are built up by the gifts of God for which we will give thanks and pray in the **Eucharistic Prayer**, and as we receive together the sacrament of communion. **The Peace** is itself a '**sacramental moment**' as we acknowledge the presence of Christ in each other.
- Sometimes a **hymn** is sung during the **Preparation of the Table**. The bread and wine are brought to the table, sometimes with extra prayers that honour God for the gifts of the earth. We bring ordinary things for God to transform into extraordinary things.
- Then comes **The Eucharistic Prayer (The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving)**. In this prayer we give thanks to God the Father for all that he has done for us, especially in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, God the Son, and we pray for the gifts of God the Holy Spirit. The various Eucharistic prayers express this in different ways, but in each we pray that we may share in the body of blood of Christ.
- This prayer is the prayer of the holy community of God's priestly people; it is our prayer of thanksgiving and so it is most appropriate that the gathering stands as we offer this prayer.
- **The Lord's Prayer** is said as we move to the time of meeting with Jesus in bread and wine.
- The **Breaking of the Bread** is an eloquent symbol of Christ's broken body on the cross; a reminder of the brokenness of our own lives, and the disparate nature of our communities.
- In the **Giving of Communion** we encounter Jesus in the bread and wine, or in the laying on of hands for a blessing.
- It is appropriate for the presiding minister and those assisting with the distribution to receive last, as a symbol of the servant leadership of those who preside and administer communion.
- A period of **silence** and two **Prayers after Communion** conclude this section. This serves as a time of reflection before being sent out into the world.

### The Dismissal

After any **Notices** have been given out a final **hymn** may be sung.

## Isobel's Page

Recently I was talking to someone about childhood memories of Christmas and he told me that his stocking usually contained an apple and an orange and perhaps a home knitted scarf or a pair of socks. He said that at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century the family was quite poor and only by working very hard did his parents manage to keep their heads above water. Certainly there was no money for toys and sweets which many children took for granted.

We all like receiving presents and there is something rather exciting seeing wrapped parcels under the tree and anticipating what they contain.

Each year things on sale in shop windows seem to be more exotic, bigger and bigger and more and more expensive.

One of the best Christmas presents I ever got didn't come wrapped, didn't cost very much and I didn't even get it for Christmas morning.

I was 'in between' dogs – my pet of six years had died after a nasty accident and my father had promised me another when he found something suitable.

A relative who lived about twenty miles distance was anticipating a litter of puppies which would be born about a month before Christmas and my father reserved one for me as my Christmas present. I was warned that I might not have it in time for Christmas Day as it possibly would not be able to leave its mother but it was arranged that it would be dropped off, when possible, at my uncle's farm. How excited I was and every day I would pester my father to see if it had arrived. Christmas morning dawned and there was no present for me to open but I didn't care because later in the day a message was received to say that my pup had arrived.

I couldn't wait until next day of course and after bolting down turkey and all the trimmings and after borrowing a large cat basket from next door, I hot footed it through the fields to my uncle's farm returning with the black and white furry bundle snuggled into the straw at the bottom of the basket.

So began a beautiful and loyal friendship. We went everywhere together and were inseparable until the black and white bundle, which had grown into a long legged non-descript mongrel, died at the age of fourteen.

So the best presents don't have to cost a lot of money – mine cost just 10/- (50p) – mother sheepdog – father unknown! and they are usually worth waiting for.

To go back to the beginning, the person who told me about his Christmas past said he thought he had been at an advantage to be born into a family where every penny had to be counted. Although he had had to wear hand – me downs, had had to walk long miles to get anywhere and his mother always had to strive to concoct meals from inexpensive ingredients he had been brought up in a loving home, had been taught to tell the truth, pay debts and be true to friends and to get a good education.

A little poverty, the desire to better ones' self, honesty and good friends and health and a lot, a lot of love – an odd recipe for a good start in life – cannot be wrapped in fancy paper or cannot have a price attached to them but who can ask for more?



## FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of Farnhill Parish Council was held on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2005 in Kildwick and Farnhill institute. One member of the public was present. The meeting was chaired by Councillor G. McKinney

- No response has been received from the Highways Agency about the comments sent to them in reply to their letter regarding the noise level from the A629. The Parish Council decided to write to the local MP to see if he can help by raising the issue on unacceptable levels of noise.
- The Housing Association have confirmed that grit bins will be provided for Langkirk Close shortly.
- Street Lights No's 25, 26 and 29 are in need of attention and are to be reported to engineers by Clerk.
- The Parish Council are in the process of drafting a Procedure for dealing with requests and a Complaints Procedure to comply with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which will be published in the village notice board when finalized.
- The Farnhill Play Area Committee have raised a total of £7280.00 for equipment in [he Play Area and have put in a bid for lottery award. A quote has been received of £12,700 for new play equipment & £31,000.00 for a new safety surface. Clerk to write to PPL to ask if the present grass surface confirms to safety standards for a newly equipped play area. The Parish Council would like to thank members of the Committee for their excellent achievement and hard work involved.
- Discussions took place on whether the village would benefit from having a youth shelter. It was decided that people in the village should be able their views on the subject, so it will be mentioned in the Parish Newsletter that people are welcome to comment at the Annual Parish Meeting.
- The issue of dog bins was raised. Clerk to write to CDC to see if they will provide a bin at the top of the Arbour and to ask for the bin adjacent to Redmans Bridge to be emptied on a more regular basis.

**The Next meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd February 2005 in Kildwick and Farnhill institute at 7.30pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend.**



Every Thursday afternoon 2-3 pm  
St Andrew's Parish Rooms.  
Do call in for a cup of tea and a chat.  
Books- good quality clothing -Bric-abrac for sale.

It remains for the presiding minister to pray for God's **Blessing** on the people and to give the **Dismissal** to send us out, in the light of the action in which we have participated. The instruction is to go and live out the Eucharist in our daily lives. After the dismissal we do not need to sit or kneel again, but gather our things and move from our seat, with a smile and a deep sense of joy and thanksgiving for all that God has given to us in the **Eucharist**.

NEWS FROM THE  
CROSS HILLS & DISTRICT FELLOWSHIP  
OF CHURCHES



Lent Course 2005 – Better together?

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 9<sup>th</sup> February. During the following weeks a number of small groups will meet across the Cross Hills & District Fellowship of Churches to study, think and pray together.

The course chosen is titled: Better together? It is a tape based course with input from the Abbot of Ampleforth, Nicky Gumbel, John Bell, Jane Williams (wife of Archbishop Rowan Williams) and Dr David Hope.

The course will have 5 sessions: Family Relationships; Church Relationships; Relating to Strangers; Broken Relationships; Our Relationship with God.

The following groups are planned:

Mondays	1.30 pm	Host Ruth Ward, 5 Beanlands Drive, Glusburn. Leader Gill Jowett.
Tuesdays	2.00 pm	The Vicarage, Main Street, Sutton. Leaders Roger and Marion Smith
Wednesdays	2.00 pm	Host Cyril Dault Columbia, Newby Street Cross Hills. Leader Frances Brook
Thursdays	7.30 pm	Host Mary Clough Braidgarth, Baxter Wood, Cross Hills Leaders Mary and Keith Knight

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Sunday 6th March 10.00 am

Family Service for

Mothering Sunday

with flowers for mothers and others

All welcome

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## Woman's Institute News -

### Glusburn and Cross Hills - January meeting



At our meeting on 4th January Mr Richard Chapman gave us a very inspiring account of his life and almost death with severe diabetes. This amazingly fit man told how his life was saved by a pioneering operation at Leeds St James Hospital. But he was already blind, again through diabetes, and he went on to tell us how the Blind Dogs Association brought him together with Prince, his beautiful Labrador, who has been his "eyes" ever since he regained his general health. It was a most heart-warming talk and the trust and affection between this man and his dog were so very obvious. This was truly an evening not to be missed.

Coming up on 11th January was our New Year Dinner at the White Lion, Kildwick.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 1st February when Mr Paul Kenny will speak to us about "Yorkshire Oddities". Visitors and new members are always welcome.

### Kildwick and Farnhill January meeting

The President wished everyone A Happy New Year and welcomed everybody to our first meeting in 2005. A warm welcome was accorded to a new member and to Christine, a member who was our speaker for the evening.

She told of her various experiences with the Probation service in London (not as a client!) and latterly with the Family Courts in Craven and Bradford. Fascinating stuff which provoked great interest and generated numerous questions. We learned a lot about the stress of broken families and how the present legislation puts the child at its centre.

Our next meeting takes us on a behind the scenes visit at Ilkeley Playhouse on 10th February.

Further information on 634621. Everyone is welcome at any or all meetings.

#### More Bulletin Bloopers

The youth group has raised almost £500 for drug abuse.

"Correction: The following typo appeared in our last bulletin: 'Lunch will be gin at 12:15.' Please correct to read '12 noon.' "

Any church member over the age of 18 is invited to participate in this lay ministry programme. It requires a minimal amount of training and time. The orientation will include six weekly classes of about 200 hours each Tuesday night.

The Seniors group will have a picnic Saturday. Each person is asked to bring a friend, a vegetable, or dessert in a covered dish. Meat and drinks will be furnished.

An advert for a forth-coming church jumble sale: "We have a gents three-speed bicycle, also two ladies for sale, in good running order

## Church Rotas for January

Date	Sidesperson	Intercessor	Communion
Sunday 6th February The Sunday next before Lent 6pm.	Beth Taylor Joan Houghton Barry Houghton Sandi Walton +KICKS	Robin Figg	Michael Baumber
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>United Service for Ash Wednesday</b>	Robin Figg	
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> February The First Sunday of Lent.	Gill Jowett Christine Anderton Ann Mosley	Isobel Stirk	Gill Jowett John Exley
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> February The Second Sunday of Lent	Alison/Gary McKinney June Whitaker Pam Brown Elaine Jamieson	Gill Jowett	Gary McKinney Christine Anderton
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> February The third Sunday of Lent	Eleanor Eastwood Dorothy Ward Christine Hutchinson	Lesley Hudson	Janet Swain Tim Littler

### From the Registers

#### Baptisms

Sunday 16 January Finlay Luke Thompson, son of Peter & Fiona of The Arbour, Farnhill



#### Burial of Cremated Remains

Saturday 15 January Joshua Whitaker

### Woman's World Day of Prayer

The service this year will be held at 7.30 pm on Friday 4th March at Cowling Methodist Church.

The theme is 'Let our Light Shine' and it has been prepared by the women of Poland.

The preacher will be Mollie Greenwood. Everybody is welcome, both men and women.



## Church Rotas for February

Sunday 6th February The Sunday next before Lent 6pm.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Exodus 24 v 12 – 18 2 Peter 1 v16 – 21 Matthew 17 v1 – 9	Pam Brown John Hudson Janet Swain
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February United Service Ash Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	readers to be advised nearer the date	
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> February The First Sunday of Lent.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Genesis 2 v15 – 27, 3 v1 - 7 Romans 5 v12 – 19 Matthew 4 v1 – 11	Sandie Walton  Kathryn Morris Christine Anderton
Sunday 20th February The Second Sunday of Lent	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Genesis 12 v1 – 4a Romans 4 v1 – 5, 13 – 17 John 3 v1 – 17	Lesley Hudson Brian Charter Gill Jowett
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> February The third Sunday of Lent	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Exodus 17 v1 – 7 Romans 5 v1 – 11 John 4 v5 – 42	Isobel Stirk Michael Baumber Barry Houghton

Date	Flowers	Church Cleaning:	Brass Cleaning:	Tea and Coffee Rota (after 10am service)
6th Feb	Mrs Gee	Marian Baxter June Whitaker Mary Peake	Mrs S Walton Mrs M Jowett	June Whitaker, Betty Hawkins
13th Feb	LENT			Beth Taylor, Marjorie Gee
20th	LENT	Lesley Hudson		Ann Mosley, Christine Anderton
27th	LENT			Joyce Bonham

### Advanced notice.

We will be having a **Children's Holiday Club in 2005** (hurray!)  
The dates are August 22nd to 26th  
and will be five fun-packed mornings from 10-12 noon.  
We are going into the jungle for a **Jungle Jamboree**  
so don't forget whose the King of the jungle?!

## Kildwick/Farnhill Calendars

The Farnhill Play Area Committee would like to thank everyone who has supported the sale of calendars (Old and New Kildwick/Farnhill) to raise money for the redevelopment of our play area. Our thanks goes to all those who have kindly sold the calendars on our behalf as well as those who have purchased them. Vicky and Gill are very grateful to the local residents who showed overwhelming support by buying a calendar or by giving a donation at their door.

Thanks also to the organiser Vicky Barlow, for the successful theme of Old and New; to Gwyn Whitfield and Gail Simmons for the beautiful Modern Day Photographs; and to Peter Whitaker for permission to use the Old Photographs.

The final amount raised is not yet known but will be published when calculated.

There are just a few calendars remaining. They are now in our New Year Sale. If you would still like to purchase one for this worthwhile cause then please contact Gill on 07986230473 or Vicky on 634582 or pop into the White Lion, Elaine and Duncan will have some available.

Many thanks to you all. We hope you will continue to support us. We are getting there!!

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 7 – 30pm**

**A Talk by Local Historian Ian Dewhirst M.B.E**

**'An Informal history of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century'  
In church**

Refreshments

Tickets £5 / £4 concession, available on the door or by contacting 01535 653997 / 633307

**Proceeds for church redevelopment fund.**

**February 13<sup>th</sup> 12 noon in Parish Rooms**

Presentation by Richard Jowett and Esther Hudson about their expedition to New Zealand with Global Volunteer Network. They spent 6 weeks last summer doing conservation work and waging war on Possums (!! ) in New Zealand.

Come and see what they did.

Buffet lunch provided

(please sign the list in church or ring Lesley or Gill if you are coming)

## Recipes for February 2005

Favourite recipes baked on a griddle or heavy - based frying pan.

### Welsh Cakes

225g (8oz) self – raising flour	50g (2oz) mixed, dried fruit
Pinch of salt	1 egg, beaten
75g (3oz) butter or marg	about 3 tablesp milk
50g (2oz) sugar	vegetable oil to cook

Makes approx 20

1. Mix the flour and salt in a bowl, add the butter or marg and rub in until the mixture is like breadcrumbs.
2. Add the sugar and fruit, then using a fork mix to a soft dough with the egg and milk. Add a drop more milk if necessary to hold the mixture together.
3. Turn out on to a floured surface, knead lightly then roll or pat to ½ cm (¼ ") thickness. Cut into rounds with a 7 cm (3") cutter. Re- roll any trimmings.
4. Heat a griddle or frying pan and grease with a little oil, cook the cakes in batches over a gentle heat for about 3 mins each side until cooked through and golden brown. Pile in a clean tea – towel to keep moist.

Serve warm or cold with butter or sprinkled with sugar.  
Best served on the day of making but can be frozen and then heated through in a microwave.

### Potato Cakes (Scones)

500 g (1lb) Floury potatoes	75-100 g (3oz-4 oz) self-raising flour
50 g (2oz) butter	Vegetable oil to cook
approx 1 level teasp salt	
a good dash of pepper	

Makes approx 12

1. Cook the potatoes in salted boiling water until soft about 20 mins.
2. Drain the potatoes then mash well with the butter, salt and pepper. Use a wooden spoon to work in enough flour to make a stiff mixture.
3. Turn on to a floured surface, knead lightly then roll or pat to 1 cm (½") thickness. Cut into rounds or triangles. Re- roll any trimmings.
4. Heat a griddle or frying pan and grease with a little oil, cook the cakes over a gentle heat for about 4 – 5 mins on each side until golden brown.

Serve hot with butter or fried with bacon.

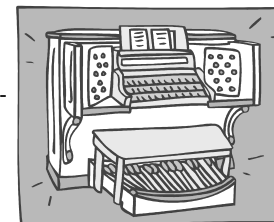
Can be frozen.

## 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 16

JOHN LAYCOCK Organ Builder 1808-1889



John Laycock was born in 1808 at Cook House in Glusburn. As a young man he learned the trade of handloom weaving but he soon deserted the loom to work as an apprentice to his un-

cle who was a cartwright. After his marriage in 1837 he moved to West Closes which was to be his home for the remainder of his life. From a relatively early point in his career Laycock began to take on jobs which enabled him to display his remarkable mechanical aptitude. He may have stopped weaving but he could be still be found repairing looms and making parts for them. As late as 1861 his shop books record him working on a bobbin engine and supplying shafting for Lumb Mill, making picture frames, barometers and clocks and developing a valuable sideline in making coffins.

But Laycock's real interest was music. He played the flute in the orchestra at Kildwick Church and he soon began turning his mechanical skills to organ building. As early as 1833 he was making a pedal bourdon and a pneumatic soundboard for an organ. In 1839 the Ickornshaw Wesleyan Chapel at Cowling removed its organ to make way for a new one and Laycock bought the old instrument. Study of it enabled him to begin building full organs and the following year he abandoned his trade as a cartwright. The first

one that he built was for the Wesleyan Chapel in Cross Hills. Another early Laycock organ was installed at the Baptist Chapel at Cowlinghead in 1851. The work was carried out in his barn which

became known as the Organ Gallery. He soon gained a deserved reputation for the quality of his workmanship so the "heaviness" of the action of some of his organs did not deter his customers. By the late 1860s he was receiving commissions from a wide area of Lancashire and West Yorkshire so it was natural that when his own church at Kildwick decided to put in an organ in 1872 that he should be given the task. His most prestigious commission came in 1880 when he installed the new organ at Bolton Abbey. There were three manuals, 29 speaking stops and it cost was over £500, a far cry from the three stops of the Cowlinghead organ of 1851.

John Laycock died on 13 September 1889 and was buried in Kildwick churchyard where his grave, with its sculpted organ, can still be seen. After his death his business was carried on by his son William and Charles Bannister, the foreman, who became a partner so the firm became known as Laycock and Bannister and continued building organs until 1974.

work to New Zealand  
 Tues 15th 7.30 pm Deanery Synod (Church Centre Cononley)  
 Sun 20th 10.00 am Service of Baptism, Confirmation & Affirmation of Faith  
**March**  
 Fri 4th 7.30 pm Women's World Day of Prayer (Cowling Methodist Church)  
 Sun 6th 10.00 am Family Service for Mothering Sunday  
 Fri 11th/Sat 12th Church and Churchyard maintenance days  
 Sat 12th 7.30 pm 'An Informal History of the 20th Century' by Ian Dewhirst

**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.

Sunday 6th February The 8.15 am Holy Communion  
 Sunday next before Lent 10am Family Service with baptisms  
 6pm Sung Eucharist

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 7.30 pm Sung Eucharist with the imposition of Ashes  
 Ash Wednesday Preacher The Revd Canon Ken Medhurst. Canon Theologian of Bradford Cathedral  
 United Service

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February The 8.15 am Holy Communion  
 First Sunday of Lent. 10am Sung Eucharist  
 6pm CDFC Service at St Andrew's

Sunday 20th February 8.15 am Holy Communion  
 The Second Sunday of Lent 10am Sung Eucharist  
 6pm Choral Evensong

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February The 8.15am Holy Communion  
 Third Sunday of Lent 10am Sung Eucharist  
 6pm Taize Service

Sunday 6th March 8.15 am Holy Communion  
 Mothering Sunday 10am Family Service  
 6pm Sung Eucharist

**Bowling Evening at Skipton Matrix**

on  
**4<sup>th</sup> February 2005 at 7pm.**

Come along and have a fun packed evening (food available)  
 Further details can be obtained from Gill 01535632405 or Isobel 01535653997.

**Regular Events at Kildwick**

Sunday 10am	KICKs in Parish Rooms (Starts in church)	School aged children's group.
1st and 3rd Sunday 7.30pm-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
Monday 7.45pm	Bible History Course	Parish Rooms
Tuesday 10-11.30	Chuffs (Not in school holidays)	A toddler group .
Tuesdays 10am	Banner Group in Parish Rooms (upstairs)	Stitching and fellowship group.
Wednesday 6-30-7.30pm	Bubble and Laser Jets in Parish Rooms (Not in school holidays)	Primary school children's group
	8pm Bellringing	
Thursday 2pm	Open House in Parish Rooms	Refreshments and items for sale
7.30-8.30pm	Choir practice in church	
7.30pm	Harvesters in parish Rooms (upstairs)	Informal Bible study and fellowship group



Please note the deadline for the March Bridge is 18th February

**Feb.**

Tues 1st 12.30 pm Advent/Christmas/Epiphany feedback meeting (Parish Room)  
 Tues 1st 7.30 pm Outreach Advisory Group Meeting (Low Croft, Bradley)  
 Fri 4th 7 pm Bowling evening—see advert (Skipton Matrix)  
 Sat 5th 10 am Fundraising Coffee Morning for Tasha Morgan (Parish Rooms)  
 Sun 6th 12.30 pm Parish Lunch (Quarry House Inn)  
 Weds 9th 7.30pm Sung Eucharist for Ash Wednesday.  
 Sun 13th 12 noon Lunch and presentation by Richard Jowett and Esther Hudson on their trip with Global Volunteering Net