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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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The Vicar's letter.....



Dear friends,

Palm Sunday or April Fool's Day? Our move into April coincides this year with the start of Holy Week – the final days of our Lenten journey to the Cross.

I remember some years ago hearing a talk by the Bishop of Portsmouth titled 'The Foolishness of Christianity'. To the ordinary human mind what happened on that first Good Friday does not make sense; it is not logical. Certainly the first disciples were left bewildered by the death of Jesus. Their world had fallen apart; their King was dead!

How could God choose the path of crucifixion as the means of showing his love to the world? What was he thinking of?!

But we know the story and know that Good Friday was not, of course, the end. All was not, in fact, lost. We can be 'Fools for Christ' because we know that just the other side of Good Friday is Easter Day, the day of resurrection.

The Easter story invites us to put our trust in God and trust that even in the midst of the greatest suffering there is still hope. The events of Holy Week and Easter tell us that even in the darkest places of our world and our lives God is there, loving us and waiting for us.

St Paul, writing to the Church in Corinth, said 'God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong'.

Easter invites us to open our eyes to see the world in a new light. We have just been commemorating the bicentenary of the passing of the Abolition of the Slave Trade Act in 1807. I hope some of the stories you have heard during this time of commemoration has open your eyes and challenged to you think about the ways the world, past, present and future.

The good news of Easter, the gospel message of the resurrection, invites you and me to look at the world and our fellow human beings differently. We need to see with the eyes of love and feel with the heart of compassion.

The Archbishop of Cape Town, writing recently about the terrible apartheid years, said on behalf of Christians in South Africa, "We know from experience that unity is a divine given, but requires constant effort to be realised: a journey that requires tolerance and grace."

Many in our world speak and act in ways that suggest that tolerance and grace are foolish attitudes that get you nowhere. God's story given to us in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus would suggest otherwise.

This Easter let us all commit ourselves again to being 'fools for Christ' for Jesus' sake. A happy and blessed Easter to you.

Robin

A new link with CMS Mission Partners

We are very pleased to announce that a new link with CMS Mission Partners has recently been set up. Here is some information about our new link family.

Mission Partners Tim and Kate and their children, Rebekah (born 1999), James (2001) and Grace (2005) have been living in Manila, Philippines since May 2003.



Together with members of a local squatter church they have formed an organisation called Jigsaw Kids Ministry, which shares the love of Christ to children and families at risk from poverty and abuse. Jigsaw Ministries runs kids clubs for children from 0-14, youth bible studies, feeding programmes, school sponsorship, homework clubs and assists in medical/social emergency situations. Currently jigsaw works with over 800 children and their families, all of who come from the slums, squatter camps or street. One of Jigsaw's visions is to empower local people and therefore all 17 of Jigsaw's staff come from the communities that Jigsaw works in.

Tim's role is that of director and facilitator. His main focus is on developing the projects to reach further into the communities, ensure sustainability, train and encourage staff (most of whom have no formal qualifications). Tim trained as a primary teacher and has since worked in Sudan (where he met Kate), Brunei and the UK. He took a course in Development Studies at Birmingham whilst at training to be a Mission Partner at Crowther Hall.

Kate's main role is administration and accounts. She also helps at some of the kids' clubs and assists in their planning of educational activities. Kate also trained as a primary teacher and like Tim worked in different countries before they felt God's calling to the Philippines.

James, Rebekah and Grace's role is to break clown barriers with their smiles and blond hair and they are well loved by all the kids and staff that come to the Jigsaw centres. Seeing the Lees as a family has helped build relationships and trust within the communities that Jigsaw works in.

The Lee family will be in the UK for a few weeks in the summer and will be visiting their link parishes. We are hoping they will be able to visit Kildwick in mid June. Watch this space for more details.

Lent, Holy Week & Easter

We continue our journey through Lent, our journey with Jesus to the Cross. Lent is a time for prayerful reflection on the meaning of our Lord's Passion. All Christians are encouraged to observe a 'Holy Lent' by a disciplined pattern of prayer and worship, reading and reflection. An increasingly popular aid to this reflection is the service of Stations of the Cross. The service lasts 30 minutes and will take place each Thursday at 6.45pm and each Friday at 12.30pm in church. All are encouraged to experience this service at least once during Lent.

Holy Week is the most important of all weeks in the Christian calendar and, again, all Christians are encouraged to join in with as much of Holy Week as possible. Of particular importance is experiencing the great period from Maundy Thursday through to

Easter Day. It is only by experiencing the sorrow of the Cross on Good Friday that we can most fully experience the joy of the empty tomb on Easter Day.

On Maundy Thursday and Good Friday the preacher will be the Revd John Bennett, a Methodist minister, working in education and lay training. He has served as a presbyter of the ecumenical Church of Bangladesh, is a trustee of Christian's Aware and lives in Linton, near Grassington.

Holy Week & Easter Services

Sunday 1st April – Palm Sunday

8.15am Blessing of Palms and Holy Communion

10.00am Blessing of Palms, Procession (from Barretts Bridge, Priestbank Road) and Holy Communion. *Those who prefer not to process meet in church for Blessing of Palms.*

6.00pm Said Evening Prayer

Monday 2nd, Tuesday 3rd, Wednesday 4th April

12.30pm Stations of the Cross

7.30pm Meditative Service

Thursday 5th April – Maundy Thursday

7.30pm Eucharist of the Last Supper followed by vigil of prayer until 11 pm
(Preacher: The Revd John Bennett)

Friday 6th April – Good Friday

10.00am Procession of witness from St Andrew's to Cross Hills for...

10.30am United Service at St Peter's Methodist Church.

12 noon Prayer around the cross until...

2.00pm Liturgy of the Cross (Preacher: The Revd John Bennett)

7.30pm Ecumenical Devotional Service (St Peter's Methodist Church, Cross Hills)

Saturday 7th April – Easter Eve

8.45pm Easter Vigil and Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Sunday 8th April – Easter Day

t.b.c. Ecumenical Sunrise Service at Farnhill Pinnacle

8.15am Holy Communion

10.00am Family Holy Communion and Renewal of Baptismal Vows (followed by Easter Egg hunt)

6.00pm CDFC United Celebration Songs of Praise



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



Sunday 29th April at 6.00pm

Preacher: The Revd Di Halliday, Chaplain at Airedale General Hospital

A service to remember those we love but see no longer

Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Sunday 29th April

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

Every year we elect our two churchwardens for the coming year. We will also be having elections for 1 person to serve on the Deanery Synod, 2 people to serve on the Cross Hills & District Fellowship of Churches Council and up to 5 people to serve on the Parochial Church Council. To share in the leadership of the parish is an important function and everyone is encouraged to prayerful consider if they are being called by God to serve in this way.

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

Annual Parish Meeting
for the election of Churchwardens
and
Annual Parochial Church Meeting
for the election of new members of the PCC
and other church councils and for a review of the past year

Wells Appeal Exceeds Expectations

In less than three months, The Bishop of Bradford's Christmas appeal for the building of wells in Pakistan has gone over its target.

Churches across the Diocese of Bradford have raised more than £21,000 - enough to build 30 wells in the part of Pakistan devastated in the 2005 earthquake.

More than 16,000 people were killed by the quake which also caused havoc in parts of India.

The Rt Revd David James was inspired to launch the appeal by a visit last September to Kunhar Christian Hospital in the next valley to where the earthquake caused such devastation.

Canon Frankie Ward, Residentiary Canon at the Cathedral, who is overseeing the appeal says, "It's absolutely brilliant that so much has been raised.

The appeal really seems to have caught people's imagination. I think the fact that it's meeting a very definite need that people can be confident that their money is going direct to a particular cause and that it's very attainable for one parish to raise money for one well has all added to the positive motivation. We've more than reached our target; but obviously, the more wells the better, so the Bishop is encouraging people to remember that the appeal lasts all year!"

The first well will start to be sunk and built in the next few months, and parishes and communities will be able to keep in touch with how their money is being spent. The Bishop is hoping to travel again to Pakistan to review progress later in the year.

BIBLE HISTORY

This is part 7 in a series of articles written by Michael Baumber

THE ASSYRIAN WOLF



2 Kings 18-20 tells the story of King Hezekiah one of the few 'good' kings. He got rid of the worship of Baal and Ashteroth and trusted in the Lord. He successfully took land from the Philistines in the 3rd year of his reign. By the 14th Sargon II was dead. Sennacherib, the next king, was 'the wolf who came down on the fold' of Lord Byron's famous poem. He attacked the fortified cities of Judah and Hezekiah tried to buy him off with silver from the temple and even stripped the gold off the doors but it was not enough. Sennacherib continued with the siege of Judah's great fortress of Lachish. At first Hezekiah had hopes that Egypt would come to his rescue but they proved vain. Yet urged on by Isaiah he continued to resist and went into the temple to pray to the Lord for deliverance. Lachish fell but at the last moment the Lord struck the Assyrians. Allegedly 186,000 soldiers died. Sennacherib abandoned the campaign and was then murdered by his sons. Two curious stories follow. Hezekiah fell ill but following Isaiah's medical advice, a poultice made of figs, and praying to the Lord he recovered and lived 15 more very prosperous years. Then Hezekiah was visited by Merodach Baladan from Babylon to whom he showed all his riches. Isaiah was very annoyed and prophesied the Babylonian captivity.

What really happened was rather different. Hezekiah became king in 726 BC. In 712, 14 years into his reign, a rebellion broke out in Babylonia led by Merodach Baladan followed by a second led by the Philistines. Hezekiah may have been conspiring with him because it was at this point that he tried to seize land for himself not in his 3rd year. The Babylonian rising failed and Baladan fled. Sargon then crushed the Philistines and Hezekiah was fortunate to be let off with a heavy tribute. Sennacherib succeeded Sargon in 705. Baladan rebelled a second time and Hezekiah again took advantage, hoping that fortresses like Lachish would give sufficient breathing space for the Egyptian army to come to his assistance. Again the Babylonian rising was suppressed. Sennacherib's campaign against Judah occupied the years 702 and 701 *ten years after the earlier events*. Twice the Egyptians tried to break the siege of Lachish and twice they ran away.

The campaign did end abruptly. References in Herodotus to mice gnawing through the Assyrian bowstrings has suggested that plague was the cause. Perhaps it was the Lord's doing but Hezekiah did not enjoy 15 years of prosperity. *Kings* tells us that he reigned 29 years so he died in 697 only 4 years after the siege. Sennacherib's murder was in 686, 15 years after the siege and had nothing to do with it. Isaiah's so called prophesy was quite wrong as we shall see. The Babylonian Captivity happened because the supporters of Jahweh obeyed him blindly, not because they opposed him.

Next month: The 'Bad king' Manasseh



Modern slavery

"No one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms." Article 4, Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1948

2007 commemorates two hundred years since the Act that marked the beginning of the end of the Transatlantic Slave Trade. For many people, the image that comes to mind when they hear about slavery is the slavery of the Transatlantic Slave Trade. We think of the buying and selling of people, their shipment from one continent to another and the abolition of the trade in the early 1800s. Even if we know nothing about the slave trade, it is something we think of as part of our history rather than our present. But the reality is that slavery continues TODAY.



Millions of men, women and children around the world are forced to lead lives as slaves. Although this exploitation is often not called slavery, the conditions are the same. People are sold like objects, forced to work for little or no pay and are at the mercy of their 'employers'.

Slavery exists today despite the fact that it is banned in most of the countries where it is practised. It is also prohibited by the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the 1956 UN Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade and Institutions and Practices Similar to Slavery.

Women from eastern Europe are bonded into prostitution, children are trafficked between West African countries and men are forced to work as slaves on Brazilian agricultural estates. Contemporary slavery takes various forms and affects people of all ages, sex and race.



What is slavery?

Common characteristics distinguish slavery from other human rights violations and are established in international law. A slave is:

- forced to work – through mental or physical threat;
- owned or controlled by an 'employer', usually through mental or physical abuse or threatened abuse;
- dehumanised, treated as a commodity or bought and sold as 'property';
- physically constrained or has restrictions placed on his/her freedom of movement.

What types of slavery exist today?

Bonded labour affects millions of people around the world. People become bonded labourers by taking or being tricked into taking a loan for as little as the cost of medicine for a sick child. To repay the debt, many are forced to work long hours, seven days a week, up to 365 days a year. They receive basic food and shelter as 'payment' for their work, but may never pay off the loan, which can be passed down for generations.

Early and forced marriage affects women and girls who are married without choice and are forced into lives of servitude often accompanied by physical violence.

Forced labour affects at least 12.3 million people who are illegally recruited by individuals, governments or political parties and forced to work – usually under threat of violence or other penalties.

Slavery by descent is where people are either born into a slave class or are from a 'group' that society views as suited to being used as slave labour.

Trafficking involves the transport and/or trade of people – women, children and men – from one area to another for the purpose of forcing them into slavery conditions.

Worst forms of child labour affects an estimated 179 million children around the world in work that is harmful to their health and welfare.



NEWS FROM THE CROSS HILLS & DISTRICT FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES



Exploration Into God: Exploring a new framework for Christian believing and living

A special one day conference is taking place on **Saturday 5th May** from 9.30am until 4.00pm at South Craven Baptist Church, led by the Revd Adrian Smith. The day will inspire and encourage thinking in new ways to understand our faith and live out our Christian commitment.

Adrian Smith is a catholic priest with an open-minded approach to thinking about God and life (the universe and all that). He served as a missionary in Africa for many years and has written over 14 books of theology. He approaches his subject not from the perspective of intellectual academics but from the perspective of prayerful spirituality, seeking to make relevant sense of our experience of God. Linking spirituality with clear thinking he facilitates, in an accessible way, the journey of exploring different ways of seeing God and how such faith impacts on how we live our lives.

Cost is £15 (concessions £10) to include lunch.

For further details contact David Warrington, 01535 637012 or david.warrington@tiscali.co.uk

Thank you

Having received a very promising report from my specialist last week, Margaret Jowett would like to thank everyone at St. Andrew's for their love, prayers and support over the last two years.

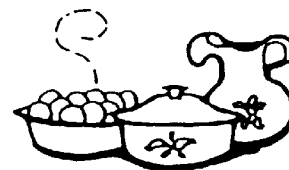
The knowledge of such care surrounding me has upheld and uplifted me and I am sure has made a great deal of difference to the way I have been able to handle my illness. Thank you and God bless you all.

Margaret

This month's recipes

Pork Casserole with rice

1 large onion, chopped
 Fat for frying
 1 small tin condensed tomato soup
 2 ozs mushrooms, chopped
 8 ozs lean pork, diced
 1 pinch sage
 Salt and pepper



Method

1. Fry the onion with the diced pork and mushrooms in the hot fat.
2. Stir well. Add the tomato soup, seasonings and sage.. Stir well.
3. Simmer until the pork is tender. Stir from time to time.
4. Serve with boiled rice and vegetables.

Marian Baxter

I'm afraid I omitted an ingredient from last month's recipe. I hope the parish hasn't been full of failed Bakewell Tarts!! There should have been 100 g (4 ozs) SR flour added at stage 2 of the filling. Sorry!

Have you a favourite recipe you would like to share?

Send it to Lesley Hudson, Burnside, Bucklar Hill, Farnhill. Tel 01535 633887

Or email it to: lesley.hudson@kildwick.org.uk

Parcevall Hall: A Weekend Away 18th – 20th May 2007

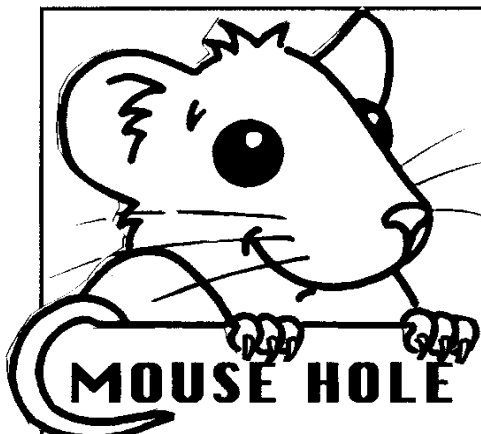


Parcevall Hall is the Bradford Diocesan Retreat House, situated near Appletreewick. It has excellent facilities, offering the comfort of an old house, the peace of a rural situation and the scenic beauty of Wharfedale.

The Hall has been booked for a weekend away next May. The theme of the weekend will be ***'Windows onto Faith'*** and the leader will be the Revd Canon Graham Bettridge, recently retired Team Rector of the Kirkby Lonsdale Team Ministry. Graham is an experienced leader of church quiet days and weekends.

The cost will be £105 full board, from Friday supper to Sunday teatime. To book a place please send a £10 deposit to Robin Figg, The Vicarage. For more details contact Robin, 633307.

Children's Page –for children from 1– 100!!



Eggs are given at Easter as a symbol of the **new life** we can have with Jesus.

Speckled Eggs

Colour boiled eggs by adding a few drops of food colouring to the water just before they have finished boiling.

When cool, dab on diluted food colouring with a sponge to make a speckled effect.

Egg Games

Decorate hardboiled eggs with friends, then roll them down a hill to see who's can roll the farthest without cracking!

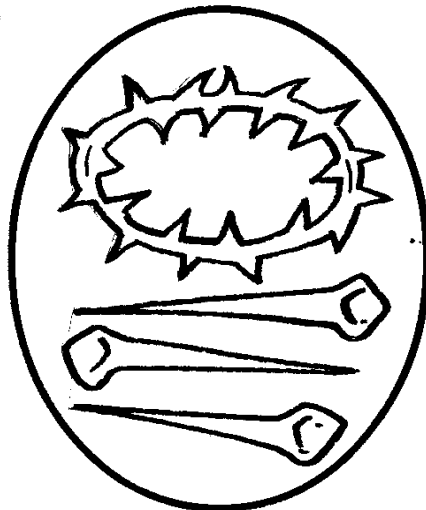
Enlarge the pictures from the Easter story by 200%. • Glue on card and cut out.
• Glue the words onto the other side.
• String together to make a mobile.

The Easter Story

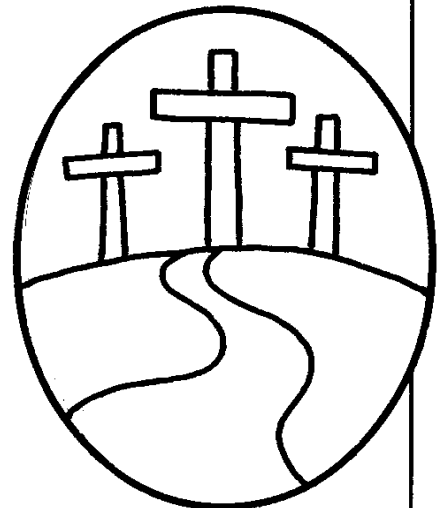
On a donkey,
here's God's King!
"Hosanna, Hosanna"
the people sing.



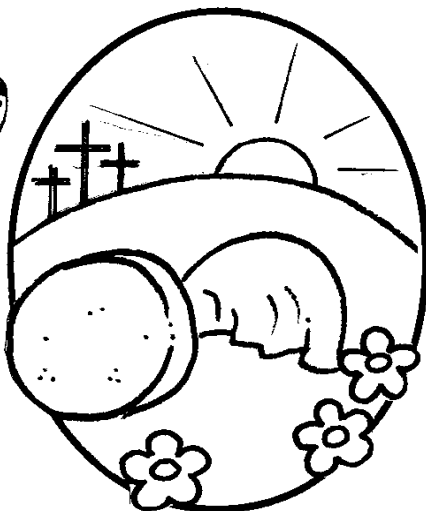
But soon they say
*"He's telling lies,
he's not God's Son,
so he must die!"*



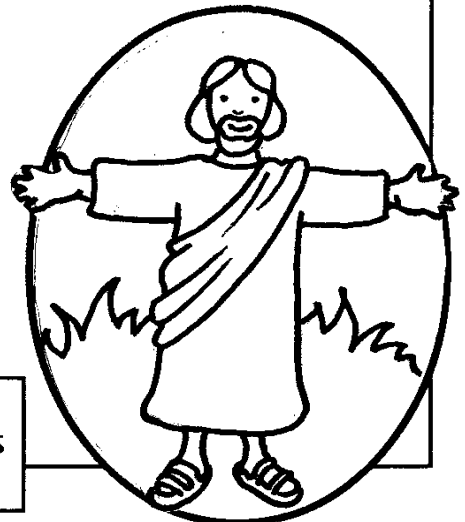
Beaten and stripped,
nailed to a cross,
He only came
to save the lost.



But three days later,
where is he?
He has risen
for all to see!



He is God's Son,
He is our King,
"Hosanna, Hosanna"
God's people sing!



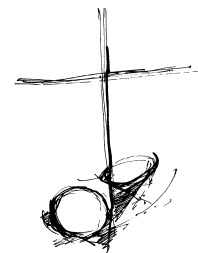
Read the Easter story
in **Matthew** chapters
21, 26, 27 and 28

Page of Prayer

Meditation and Prayer for April, as we move closer to the cross of Jesus.

***"If you seek the Lord with all your heart, you will truly find him"
Deuteronomy 4v29***

Lord, beneath all the concerns on the surface of my mind, I long to be in close communion with you. Even when my desire for you is swamped by my many preoccupations, I still know in my heart I need you more than anything else.



"If I don't wash you", Jesus said, "You don't belong to me" John 13v8

Lord Jesus, I am still before you now, make me ready to accept what you offer, and wash me clean.

***"He was wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our sins; upon him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with his stripes we are healed"
Isaiah 53v5***

Christ your offering of yourself was total. You could not have loved us more. My offering is fragmented, flawed, incomplete. I place mine in yours.

"God did not spare his own son, but gave him up for us all. In this we are more than conquerors through him who loved us." Romans 8v32

Jesus from your cross light, healing and hope pour out onto us all. I hold before you all those who are living with heartbreak, anxiety, guilt, illness, injustice or despair. I remain before you in silence for all who need your love.

"I saw one like a Son of Man; his eyes were like a flame of fire, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength." Revelation 1v13-16

Risen Christ, my heart fills with worship.

You fill our darkness with your light, transforming the world with your love.

"Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies it bears much fruit" John 12v24

Lord, I abandon myself to you. Dissolve all that is stiff and hard in my heart, so that the 'self' in me may be lost, found and made new in the good earth of deep silence.

This month's page was prepared by Gill Jowett (with some material from Angela Ashwin)

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH

The 1st Tuesday in April falls in Holy Week so the next monthly meeting to pray for the parish will take place on Tuesday 1st May in the Parish Rooms from 7.30pm until 8.15pm. For information contact Robin Figg, 633307.

Women's Institute News

WI News - Glusburn and Cross Hills WI - March meeting

At our meeting on 6th March we were entertained by Stanley Rhodes reminiscing about his life "On the Buses". His very humorous style and the number of strange and funny occasions he remembered made the evening go very quickly. It was good fun for all of us.



Forthcoming events included the federation darts competition on 13th March, the Yorkshire West Federation Spring Council Meeting on 28th March, Ten pin bowling on 17th April and coffee mornings on 9th June and 8th September at the Rest Centre, Main Street, Cross Hills.

At our next meeting on 3rd April the talk will be entitled "Una Sera Italiana". Visitors and new members will be welcome.

Cross Hill Naturalists' Society (Founded 1904)

Summer Programme 2007

Microscope Meetings will take place on the second Thursday from April to September 1845-2100 hours at the Senior Citizens Centre, North Street Sutton-in-Craven.

Summer events

April

- ◇ Sunday 29th Amble in Sutton-in-Craven (1½ miles easy) Meet St. Thomas' church, 1345 hours.

May

- ◇ Wednesday 16th. Annual Coach Excursion to Castle Howard. 0915 Cross Hills Health Centre or 0920 near Kildwick Church.
- ◇ Wednesday 23rd Eastburn and District– local interest. Coop car park, Cross Hills 1400

June

- ◇ 7th Day in the Dales. Natural History. Meet as above at 1000.
- ◇ 20th Cowling Flowers and Birds. Meet as above 1400

July

- ◇ Wednesday 11th Ilkley Moor. Botanical, etc. meet as above 1330
- ◇ Wednesday 25th Leighton Moss RSBP Reserve, birds, butterflies and flowers. Meet as above 0930

Further details monthly but please note dates.

**Diocese of Bradford - thirteenth synod - second meeting -
Saturday 10th March - Skipton Building Society Offices**



The meeting hall was arranged "cafe style" which was much more welcoming and relaxed than the straight rows of chairs.

The day started with a short service during which we heard three stories, of Wilberforce, of a 12-year-old boy captured in Africa, shipped to Barbados, sold in Virginia, sold on to a Quaker who taught him reading, writing and Christianity. He saved over 20 years enough to buy his freedom. The third story was now, Eleanor, fifteen years old, tricked by promises of work, sold twice across Europe and sold four more times in the UK, was to be sold again in Sheffield when she was helped to escape.

The song in the service, "Steal Away to Jesus", was sung beautifully by five members of the New Testament Church of God, and at the end of this very moving service there were tears in many eyes around the room.

The meeting started with the commission to the Right Revd and Right Hon. Dr David Hope to preside as Bishop David James was in the Sudan.

A brief verbal report was given on the 2007 session of the General Synod, at which nuclear weapons, particularly Trident missile replacement, church schools and more representation in all schools, the position as regards gay clergy, rules about marriage in parish churches other than ones own parish and the number of dioceses were all discussed. This was followed by a short meeting of the Diocesan Board of Finance in which Tony Hesselwood was re-elected as chairman of the BDF.

The Synod reconvened to discuss a motion requesting the Bishop's Council and the Standing Committee "to carry out a comprehensive strategic review of income and expenditure towards a real reduction in planned levels of Parish Share". After a time of formal and informal debate a vote was taken and the motion was carried unanimously.

The Right Revd C O Buchanan gave an account of his visit to the Council of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia (equivalent to our Diocesan Synod) and spoke on the future of the Anglican Communion worldwide, followed by questions.

A previously circulated report on "Building Faith in the Future" on the adaptation of churches, many old and listed, for modern liturgical and community use, was presented and discussed in our table groups. A motion that "We, the members of this Synod, undertake to encourage Parochial Church Councils in the Diocese to consider the possibilities for use of church buildings as outlined in the report "Building Faith in the Future" was carried.

Following the carrying of a motion to look for more realistic valuation when selling off redundant churches, which have previously been sold at very low prices, Bishop David Hope dismissed the synod, which adjourned at 3.15 pm.

Pam Brown

Regular Events at Kildwick

Sunday 10am	KICKs in Parish Rooms (Starts in church)	School aged children's group. (not running at present)
1st and 3rd Sunday 7.pm-9pm	Craven Rock	Ecumenical Youth group for 11+
Monday 1.30pm	Bible Study at Low Green, XHills	Informal Bible study and fellowship, all welcome
Tuesday 10-11.30	Chuffs (Not in school holidays)	Fun for pre-school children and their grown-ups!
Tuesdays 10am	NottheKnot Group at the White Lion until further notice	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
7.30 pm	Bellringing	
Thursday 2pm	Open House in Parish Rooms	Refreshments and items for sale
7pm-8pm	Choir practice	At Burnside, Bucklar Hill



Please note the deadline the
Deadline for the May 2007
Bridge is 24th April

April

Sun 1 st Apr	PALM SUNDAY – HOLY WEEK begins
Thu 5 th Apr	MAUNDY THURSDAY
Fri 6 th Apr	GOOD FRIDAY
Sat 7 th Apr	EASTER EVE
Sun 8 th Apr	EASTER DAY
Sun 22 nd Apr 10.00am	Service of Confirmation & Affirmation of Faith
Sat 28 th Apr 7.30pm	Concert by Phil Kelsall, Blackpool Tower Ballroom Organist
Sun 29 th Apr 10.00am	Parish Communion followed by Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Sun 29 th Apr 6.00pm	Easter Service of Thanksgiving for the Departed. Preacher: The Revd Di Halliday
Fri 18 th – Sun 20 th May	Parish Weekend Away at Parcevall Hall
Fri 25 th – Mon 28 th May	Flower Festival
Sat 16 th Jun 7.30pm	Opus 44 Choir Concert
Sat 23 rd Jun 11.00am	Summer Fair

Services at Kildwick

Morning Prayer is said Tuesday-Friday at 7.30am

Evening Prayer is said Tuesday-Friday at 4.45pm

Mid week Eucharist on Wednesday at 9.15am.

01/04/07	8.15 am	Blessing of Palms and Holy Communion
Palm Sunday	10 am	Blessing of Palms, Procession (from Barretts Bridge, Priestbank Road) and Holy Communion. <i>Those who prefer not to process meet in church for Blessing of Palms.</i> Holy Communion
	6 pm	Said Evening Prayer
05/04/07	7.30pm	Eucharist of the Last Supper followed by vigil of prayer until 11 pm (Preacher: The Revd John Bennett)
06/04/07	12 pm	Prayer around the cross until...
Good Friday	2.00pm	Liturgy of the Cross. (Preacher: The Revd John Bennett)
07/04/07	8.45pm	Easter Vigil and Renewal of Baptismal Vows
08/04/07	8.15 am	Holy Communion
Easter Day	10 am	Family Holy Communion and Renewal of Baptismal Vows (followed by Easter Egg hunt)
	6 pm	CDFC Songs of Praise at St Andrew's Kildwick
15/04/07	8.15 am	Holy Communion
Second Sunday of Easter	10 am	Family Eucharist with prayers for healing
	6 pm	Choral Evensong
22/04/07	8.15 am	Holy Communion
Third Sunday of Easter	10 am	Sung Eucharist
	6 pm	Said Evening Prayer
29/04/07	8.15 am	Holy Communion
Fourth Sunday of Easter	10 am	Sung Eucharist
	6 pm	Bereavement Service

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

Sunday 4th March

Sophie Willow Hipwell, daughter of John & Judith of Anderton Street, Cross Hills

Harriet Jemima Howden, daughter of Neil & Caroline of Wycoller View, Laneshawbridge



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Church Rotas

01/04/07 Palm Sunday	First Reading - Isaiah 50.4-9a Second Reading - Philippians 2.5-11 Gospel - Luke 22.14 - 23.56	Barry Houghton John Hudson
05/04/07 Maundy Thursday 7.30pm Eucharist	First Reading - Exodus 12.1-4(5-10)11-14 Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 11.23-26 Gospel - John 13.1-17,31b-35	Jennifer Roberts Pam Brown Isobel Stirk
06/04/07 Good Friday 2.00pm Liturgy of the Cross.	First Reading - Isaiah 52.13 - 53.12 Second Reading - Hebrews 10.16-25 Second Reading - Hebrews 4.14-16; 5.7-9 Gospel - John 18.1 - 19.42	Alan Jowett Lesley Bannister
07/04/07 Easter Vigil 8.45pm Easter Liturgy.	To be announced	
08/04/07 Easter Day 10.00am Family Eucharist.	First Reading - Acts 10.34-43 Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 15.19-26 Gospel - John 20.1-18 or Gospel - Luke 24.1-12	Michael Baumber Gill Jowett
15/04/07 Second Sunday of Easter	First Reading - Acts 5.27-32 Second Reading - Revelation 1.4-8 Gospel - John 20.19-31	Brenda Brock Glyn Evans Marjorie Gee
22/04/07 Third Sunday of Easter	First Reading - Acts 9.1-6(7-20) Second Reading - Revelation 5.11-14 Gospel - John 21.1-19	Kath Morris Christine Anderton Isobel Stirk
29/04/07 Fourth Sunday of Easter	First Reading - Acts 9.36-43 Second Reading - Revelation 7.9-17 Gospel - John 10.22-30	Ruth Ward Libba Utley Elizabeth Figg
Flower Rota	April	Tea and coffee
1st	LENT	June Whitaker and Betty Hawkins
8th	LENT	Beth Taylor and Marjorie Gee
15th	Mr. Bates	Ann Mosley Christine Anderton
22nd	Mrs Anderton	Joyce Bonham and Libba Utley
29th	Mrs Pratt	Maureen Vink Kath Morris

Church Rotas

Date	Sidesperson	Intercessor	Communion
01/04/07 Palm Sunday	Joan Houghton Barry Houghton Sandi Walton Isobel Stirk	Gill Jowett	Michael Baumber
05/04/07 Eucharist	Maundy Thursday 7.30pm	Michael Baumber	
06/04/07 2.00pm	Good Friday Liturgy of the Cross		
07/04/07	Easter Vigil Easter Liturgy.		
08/04/07 Easter Day 10.00am Family Eucharist.	David Baxter Libba Utley Christine Anderton Ann Mosley	Robin Figg	John Exley Christine Anderton
15/04/07 Second Sunday of Easter	June Whitaker Pam Brown Elaine Jamieson Howard Stirk	Peter Bannister	Gary McKinney Gill Jowett
22/04/07 Third Sunday of Easter	Eleanor Eastwood Dorothy Ward Christine Hutchinson Joyce Boden	Elizabeth Figg	Tim Littler Janet Swain
29/04/07 Fourth Sunday of Easter	Albert Bonham Joyce Bonham Brian Green	Isobel Stirk	John Exley Christine Anderton

April	Cleaning		
1st	Lesley Hudson Libba Utley Margaret Jowett	29th	Marian Baxter, June Whittaker, Mary Peake Joan Tillotson
15th	Helen Hulley, Rosie Hargreaves Sylvia Ackroyd		Brass cleaning Mrs. J. Richardson & Mrs. L. Utley

FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL

The Meeting of Farnhill Parish Council was held on the 1st March 200 in Kilwick and Farnhill Institute.

The meeting was chaired by Counc M Scarffe Vice Chairmen. Four members of the council were present, CDC & NYCC Representatives. Apologies were received from Counc G McKinney, Counc I Fulton & CDC Representative P Fairbank.

The Parish Council decided to purchase a plaque for the Play Area made from cast bronze with raised letters and border on a black background. Size 14 ins x 8.5ins supplied drilled with 4 holes. The cost of the plaque will be £195.00 + carriage & VAT.

A seat has been chosen subject to the price being sought, it will then be discussed at the next meeting.

The Parish Council reached a decision that an informal friendly notice would be placed in the Play Area asking people to treat the Play Area with respect as it is for the benefit of young children. Counc Waring to ask about prices for the notice.

Lights no's 19 & 20 are now back in working order. Clerk to notify NYCC that light no. 28 opposite the Car Park on Main Street is still in need of attention. The wattage for the streetlights has now been provided, Clerk to inform npower. The Parish Council have received a report from a member of the public about the light that was removed on the Kildwick side of the culvert when the new lighting was installed. Clerk to write and inform them that NYCC have taken over the maintenance contract for the street lighting and they have assured us that the lighting in the area of the culvert is adequate.

Clerk to report to NYCC that the road at the culvert is flooded and as them to clean the gully.

Items were discussed concerning parking in the village and access for emergency services. The Parish Council understand the difficulties the people of Farnhill have with parking and decided not to pursue the matter at the moment, but to mention the problem in the Focus on Farnhill and ask that people take care when parking to allow access for emergency services.

The Rights of Way Officer has acknowledged the letter regarding the problem with signage for Milking Hill Bridge Footpath. She states that they have looked at this problem before but will take another look at it.

Highways have been in contact regarding the Parish Council withdrawing their objections to the A629 Trunk Road Detrunking Order. Te matter remains ongoing, the Parish Council to press for the stretch of road between Kildwick and Cononly to be surfaced with low noise surface dressing.

Clerk to report to CDC that the footpath from Bucklar Hill to Parsons Bridge is very slippery and in need of cleaning.

The Parish Council had one application for the position of Councillor, but as the vacancy has only just been advertised in the Craven Herald & the Bridge Magazine it was decided to hold the vacancy for a little longer to include the vacancy on the Focus on Farnhill which is delivered to everybody in the village.

Clerk to write to applicant to acknowledge their application and inform them of the Council's intentions.

A date was fixed for the Annual Parish Meeting, it will be held on the **26th April** and all

members of the village are welcome to attend. NY Police, Fire Safety Officer, Highways, NYCC & CDC Representatives are to be asked to attend and give short talks.

Counc R Bramley prepared a draft of the Focus on Farnhill which will be discussed further at the next meeting, before being sent out at the beginning of April. The Parish Council would like to thank him for all his hard work in producing it again.

Clerk to report that the beck, which runs behind Langkirk Close, needs cleaning due to rubbish being thrown in.

CDC & NYCC Representative Counc M Wheeler reported on the following: Asset Management at CDC and the sale of land owned by the Council, but not used. The proposed increase for Council Tax for a Band D property is 3.9% for CDC & 4.9% for NYCC. The Scrutiny Committee are looking at better ways to utilize staff and re-education of managers. The Postcode issue is back on the agenda.

Date of the next Parish Council Meeting 5th April 2007 in Farnhill Institute at 7.30 pm.

All members of the village are welcome to attend.



The Lang Kirk Appeal now has a 'blog'. It has information and news as well as the opportunity for you to have your say.

The address is www.langkirk21.blogspot.com

The Lang Kirk 21 Prayer

Gracious God, we thank you for the resources you give us in the service of your mission and ministry; guide us as we seek to care for and develop the building we have inherited from those who have served you in years past, that it will continue to speak to those who seek you today; may the Lang Kirk continue to proclaim your presence in the world and draw people to know and to love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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Isobel's page



After the long, dark days of winter the clumps of snowdrops, dotted around the churchyard, and the daffodils, lining the path approaching the main door, are a welcoming sight heralding that Spring is on its way.

So what is Spring? Wordsworth wrote about 'a host of golden daffodils, fluttering and dancing in the breeze' and in 'Tirocinium' he said 'Spring hangs her infant blossoms on the trees- rocked in the cradle of the western breeze'. Spring has always been a popular subject for many poets. Henry Brooks Adams, the great grandson of the second president of the United States, called Spring - 'Young and beautiful as ever, shocking in its display of reckless maturity'. Emily Dickenson called it- 'The Period Express from God' and Reginald Heber, Bishop of Calcutta, and local to our area at Marton and Hubberholme, said 'Spring unlocks the flowers to paint the laughing soil.' Gerard Manley Hopkins called it a time of 'growth in everything'

However there is also another side to Spring. Spring starts in March and March is not always a month of gentle breezes and bright days. March can 'go out like a lion' just as easily as 'coming in like a lamb'. Poets have written, too, about this other face of Spring. Emily Carr, the Canadian poet and painter, wrote, 'Spring is very cold and treacherous, almost crueller than winter. It is hard to feel sweet when winds are blithering through you'. In 'The Waste Land' Eliot states that 'Spring is the cruellest month'.

Spring can really surprise – one day we may have the scent of hyacinths floating on a cool breeze and the tulips and daffodils are in full bloom but next morning we could easily wake up to a heavy frost or a thick dusting of snow. So actually there are two sides to Spring. When Easter is early we can just as easily have a white Easter as we can a white Christmas.

There is a painting, painted about 1463, by an artist of the early Renaissance, Piero della Francesca. In the painting the risen Christ is standing on top of an empty tomb- there are guards, overcome apparently by their fear, lying prostrate in front of the tomb's entrance. A fairly ordinary, typical representation of the resurrection scene you might say until you look closely at the picture's background which is actually in two parts.

On the right hand side the trees and various other things in the scene are full of life and blooming with the growth and colour of Spring. But on the left hand side the trees are bare, nothing is growing- it is clearly still wintertime. What is so marvellous about this strange and subtle picture is that against the half Spring background, suggesting hope, renewal and life and the half Winter background of barrenness, darkness and death stands the risen Christ, victorious over the grave and recently risen from the dead.

Last year a friend of mine visited New Zealand between Christmas and Easter. In the southern hemisphere Christmas is celebrated in springtime and the beginning of summer- not a snowflake in sight and instead of mittens and coats, crackly fires and mulled wine there will be bikinis and barbecues, surfing and beach parties, whilst Easter, so unlike ours, comes when everything is declining, when nature becomes dormant and barren. Perhaps this explains something of what that Resurrection painting is trying to say - that. Easter can come, for some people, when they are walking in darkness, when they feel they have no hope. The world of the painting shows that the risen Christ

stands over and against a background of half- winter- half- spring. The Risen Christ stands over and against everything that is decaying and dying- in all that is wrong in our world and perhaps, more importantly, it reminds us that the risen Christ is there with us through the good times and the bad, the bright days and the darker ones.

You could actually say there are two parts to Easter- Good Friday and Easter Day. If we had not had the first we would not have the wonder of the latter.

In the words of another poet

'If we had no winter, the Spring would not be so pleasant'

I have just finished reading an excellent book 'Simply Christian - Why Christianity Makes Sense' by Tom Wright, the Bishop of Durham. I can recommend it as a thoroughly 'good read' and I will end this month's article with a couple of sentences from it but if you have the chance read the whole book- you will enjoy it!

'Christians are called to leave behind in the tomb of Jesus Christ all that belongs to the brokenness and incompleteness of the present world. Jesus has thrown open to us God's new world by following Him into it.'

Huge UK boost for Fairtrade Nut famers

Two new own-brand Fairtrade nut products have just been launched in more than 600 Tesco stores nationwide – a chopped brazil and dried apricot mix and a peanut, cashew and dried mango mix. This brings the total Tesco 'Fairtrade nut family' to five products.



Twin Trading is the Fairtrade company behind Fairtrade brands Cafédirect, Divine Chocolate and AgroFair UK, while Tesco is the trailblazer for Fairtrade nuts in UK supermarkets.

Rosemary Kadzitché, 57, a peanut grower from Malawi, says: "Over the past year Fairtrade has already made a difference to our lives. It has brought a better, reliable and more stable market for our peanuts. The Fairtrade premium will help improve the lives of the entire community when it's used to pay for more boreholes to be drilled."

The Traidcraft Stall at church has a good selection of nuts. I've just bought some Brazil nut oil—will keep you posted on what I think!

Do you have a favourite fairly traded product and would like to tell us about it let Lesley know (01535 633887 or email lesley.hudson@kildwick.org.uk)

This poem was written by Mrs Allenby who was brought up in the local area. It certainly conjures up, with nostalgia, the 'good old days' when children could wander the fields and byways freely and in safety and although, perhaps not having some of the material things children of today have, the poem certainly emphasises that the writer was brought up in a loving and happy home.

The Old Jam Pan

My mother's old brass jam pan has opened up a door
To happy childhood happenings, locked away in memory's store.
I'd five brothers and a sister, I, the youngest of them all,
And dear old mum and dad, who worked hard to feed us all.

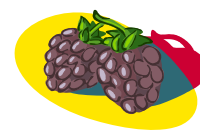


Dad worked in a foundry, but when home from work he came,,
He'd have his tea, a little nap, then out to work again,
This time he'd tend the garden, growing food and flowers fair,
I know he loved his garden, working close to nature there.

He was a quiet, humble man, a gentle man at heart,
And mother she was lovely too, in work she took her part
As the crops grew to maturity, and, with mother's cooking skill
They ended on our dinner plates, our hungry tums to fill.

I remember the broth and dumplings, and jam roly-poleys too,
Oh just going back in memory, to the life that I once knew
And this is where the old jam pan comes into focus here
She made the jams and chutneys which lasted all the year.

And often we the children went proggng for the home
For bilberries and crowberries, upon the moor we'd roam.
Then, wild raspberries and blackberries and elderberries too
Down the old canal bank, we'd gather quite a few.



On baking day she'd make us pies, with the fruit that we had picked
And some made syrup for coughs and colds and wine my brothers nicked
But that's another story I won't go in today
And the antics they got up to, just before that Christmas Day.

I had a happy childhood, I was free to go and play
Like most of all my school chums, we loved to flee away
High upon the hill tops, breezes ruffling our hair
The lovely glow of rosy cheeks as we breathed the good fresh air.

Oh happy days of childhood, so very long ago

On the whole a happy family and parents who loved us so
 And we all loved our parents too – they were the very best
 Though we were poor- as most folks were- we were happy in our nest.

We made fun of all the propping, we were glad to do our share
 And when the autumn winds blew strong and stripped the branches
 bare.

It often blew big branches down, the little twiglets too
 and we would scramble eagerly making much ado



We'd gather and we'd gather until our bags were full
 Then happily we'd scamper home with bags and branch to pull
 My mother and my brother would then saw the branches up
 And we stored them in a building, close to the old hut.

And so we went on gathering til the old place nearly burst,
 So now with logs and the coal mum bought we were ready for winter's worst
 The winter's here- it's wild and wet, we don't go out to play
 But my brothers bring in the coals and logs- we're glad indoors to
 stay.



Half way up the chimney the fire's blazing there
 And we bring the chairs and sofa round , it's warmth we gladly share
 We the children say our poems- we love to hear them clap
 Then dad would read from Arthur Meers about some famous chap

We'd sing the songs and nursery rhymes and end with 'The Farmer's Boy'
 My brothers and sister harmonicas played and the house was filled with joy
 And so through winter we'd wend our way through joyous Christmastime
 With ancient rituals- the old year's gone- for the New the bells did chime.

And so you see that old jam pan hold history for me
 It's always full to the very brim, of my childhood memories.
 Now I have told you the story, of my life long long ago
 Of my mother and dad, and the family, the life we used to know.

Sometimes I remember to thank God for all that he gave to me
 My mother, my dad and the family and home our sanctuary.

Alma Allenby.

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