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

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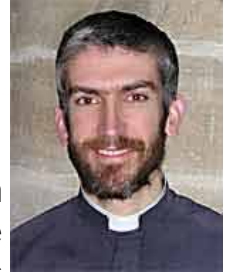
**Parish Mission Statement**

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,

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

So proclaimed the Church on Easter Day as we celebrated once again the resurrection of our Lord. More than 150 people gathered at the 10am service to hear the wonderful news that Jesus who was dead is alive again. The darkness of Good Friday was transformed into the light of Easter Day; our tears of sorrow were transformed into tears of joy.

The Easter story is indeed the greatest story ever told. But it is a complex story that continues to challenge and confuse. It is a story that demands constant unpacking and exploration if we are to get the most from it. It is a story that invites us to let go of, to rethink, much of our inherited assumptions about the world works – about the way we work individually and collectively.

During Holy Week the BBC presented their dramatisation of The Passion story. It was a good production which served well to explain the story into the context of the time, getting inside the minds of the different characters: Pilate (and the occupying Roman forces); Caiaphas (and the religious leaders of the Temple); the disciples (the first followers of Jesus).

Rowan Williams gave the following very helpful reflection on the production.

“Viewers of the series will have their own judgment. But the alarming thing is that anyone should think that the story of Jesus’ death is a story about the triumph of bad men over good ones, with the implication that if we’d been there we would have been on the side of the good ones.

It's not only that the biblical story, especially St John's Gospel, shows us just the mixed motives that can be seen in figures such as Pilate and the High Priest. Much more importantly, the entire message of the Bible on this point is that the problem begins with us, not them. Jesus is killed because people who think they are good are in fact trapped in self-deception and unable to get out of the groove of their self-justifying behaviour. And the New Testament invites every reader to recognise this in himself or herself.”

As he approached his moment of death, hanging in the utmost agony on the Cross, Jesus spoke some astonishing words to the world: ‘Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing’. In the words of one theologian Jesus was indeed the ‘forgiving victim’; the one who gave himself willingly to death to show the world that there is another way – the way of unconditional love and forgiveness, of wholly gratuitous love that knows no limits, that is radically inclusive and therefore utterly shocking and disturbing!

May the crucified and risen Jesus challenge you this Easter and lead you to new depths of love and forgiveness for all people.

*Robin*

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## The Ministry of the Church through Weddings

This is the second in a short series about what are known as the occasional offices of the Church – funerals, weddings and baptisms. Having written about funerals last month, I am moving on to look at the ministry of the Church through weddings.

Christians believe that marriage is a gift from God. In the marriage ceremony, a couple make a public declaration of lifelong commitment to love each other in the presence of God and their family and friends.

Nationally the number of couples choosing to have their wedding in a church is falling, so it is always a delight when a couple do decide that a service in church is right for them.

At present the only people who have the right to be married in a particular parish church are those who are permanently resident in the parish or who are on the electoral roll of the church (for which you have to have been an habitual worshipper for a period of at least 6 months). If a couple do not live in the parish it is usual for them to attend worship in order to qualify for inclusion on the electoral roll. It is also good for the couple to get to know some of the regular worshippers – who conversely enjoy getting to know the couples preparing for their wedding.

If a couple do not live in the parish and cannot attend worship regularly it is also possible to be married by Common License. This is granted after one of the couple has lived within the parish for a period of 15 days within 3 months of the wedding date. Some couples who live away and have a strong connection with the church may be granted an Archbishop's Special License to permit their wedding to take place in their chosen church.

A couple looking to have their wedding in St Andrew's should always contact me as early as possible to discuss eligibility and dates. Whilst it is usually possible to accommodate a chosen date there are days when weddings are not possible (e.g. the day of the summer fair, Easter Eve). Weddings can take place on any day of the week between 8.00am and 6.00pm.

As soon as possible after the initial enquiry I will meet with the couple to complete the booking form and begin to think about the details of the wedding service (choice of music, readings, etc). I also begin to explore with the couple why they have chosen to marry, why they have chosen a church wedding and what getting married means to them.

I usually meet with the couple at least twice more to ensure that everything is in place for the service and, most importantly, to make sure that the spiritual element of the day is kept firmly at the centre of everything!

I welcome enquiries from those who are divorced and wish to remarry in church, recognising that sadly marriages do sometimes break down and come to an end. Believing in a gracious and loving God who forgives and renews, I am happy that a new relationship can appropriately be formalised with a church wedding.

Weddings are an important part of the work of the Church in every parish and it is a joy that people continue to seek God's blessing on their marriage with a wedding service in church.

As we are reminded at the beginning of every wedding: "God is love and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them". So we thank God for the gift of marriage and pray for all those preparing now for their wedding day.

*Robin Figg*

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## Easter Day – the day of Resurrection

Ornithologically minded church-goers had a treat in church on Easter Day as swallows darted among the pillars and around the very life-like Easter tomb; a golden eagle hovered over the sanctuary; a peacock stood regally next to the new Easter Candle and that most colourful of mythical birds, the phoenix, soared above the heads of the congregation near the font.



Each Easter over the last few years, members of the church community have worked with the children of Kildwick School to produce artwork based on symbols of the resurrection. In the past we've had such things as butterflies and flowers, but this year we chose an avian theme.'

'I really enjoyed helping to make the eagle,' said Class 3 pupil Madison Omatseone. 'It was great fun, but quite sticky!'

Admiring the eagle which flew majestically above the sanctuary during the service, Sheila Wills said, 'It's absolutely beautiful. It makes these old bones want to fly which is just what Easter is about - hope, renewal and new life!'

Marjorie Gee was also impressed. 'The birds are beautiful,' she said. 'It's wonderful that the school and church work together in this way'; a sentiment which was echoed by many of the congregation.

'It's a great sight!' agreed David Baxter, whose granddaughter attends Kildwick School.

The service also included the transformation of the Lenten cross (made from the church's Christmas tree) into a 'Cross of Glory' as the congregation brought up flowers which were wound around the cross until it was bright with blooms.

'It's been a wonderful Easter,' commented a member of St Andrew's choir, 'very uplifting in every way!'



Earlier on Easter Day some 40 local people braved the overnight snow to gather at Farnhill Pinnacle for the traditional Sunrise Service. This year the service was led by Charlotte Common, the Methodist minister. The service included 4 hymns (accompanied



by keyboard and euphonium), a reading, talk and prayers.

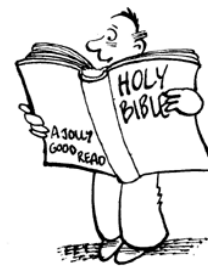
It was a very special way to start the day and we were blessed with the early sun shining on the hills beyond Skipton.

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## BIBLE HISTORY

*This is part 3 the next series of articles written by Michael Baumber*

### THE KING OF THE NORTH



**B**y the beginning of the third century BC what remained of Alexander's empire was effectively divided between the descendents of Ptolemy and those of a rival general Seleucis.

In 202 BC Antiochus III, the ruler of the Seleucid Empire and Daniel's, King of the North, defeated Ptolemy IV at the battle of Panion. Palestine passed into the Seleucid sphere of influence where it was to remain until the Roman Conquest of 63 BC. The change was welcomed by the Jewish leadership and at first all seemed set fair. Antiochus guaranteed them religious toleration, granted them 20,000 pieces of silver for the temple sacrifices, supported the completion of the temple and exempted the priests, scribes and temple singers from the poll tax.

Seleucis IV in general followed the same policy as his father but the agreement with the temple authorities began to disintegrate towards the end of his reign. The difficulties were a compound of splits among the temple priesthood and a chronic shortage of money within the empire. At the time of the Seleucid takeover the High Priest was Simon the Just, who was highly respected. On his death the office passed, as usual to his son, Onias III. Onias had hardly fended off the demands of Seleucis for a sharp increase in contributions before that monarch died in 175 BC. Jason, Onias's brother, unscrupulously offered his successor, Antiochus IV, more money if he would appoint him High Priest. Antiochus accepted the offer and Jason became High Priest in Onias's place. During Jason's tenure attempts were made to arrange a compromise between Greek and Jewish ideas. He supported the establishment of a Greek 'polis' within Jerusalem but he also continued the appropriate sacrifices at the temple and maintained the council of elders, known then as the 'Gcrousia'

The financial demands were increased by Antiochus's determination to conquer Egypt itself. Jason found himself deposed in his turn when Menelaus, a priest from a rival family, topped his offer to Antiochus. The money was not there and in order to satisfy Antiochus Menelaus began selling off the temple's golden vessels. The result was the appearance of serious resistance in Jerusalem which had to be suppressed by force. Antiochus's first campaign in 169 was quite successful but the next one did not go as well and rumours began to spread that the king was dead. There was an uprising during which Menelaus was overthrown and replaced by Jason once more who now posed as the leader of the traditionalists. Unfortunately for him Antiochus was not dead and he blamed the relative failure of his campaign on a 'stab in the back'. He suppressed the revolt and built a fortress to overawe Jerusalem called the Akra. Then he entered the temple, removed all its sacred vessels and converted it to the worship of Jupiter. This was a gross insult because a similar Hellenising move in Tyre had led to Jupiter replacing Baal thus equating Baal with Jahweh.

Next month JUDAS MACCABEUS



**NEWS FROM THE  
CROSS HILLS & DISTRICT FELLOWSHIP**  
**Cross Hills Fellowship of Churches**



*Local Christians working together*

## **Careforce Volunteer 2008**

Hello, I am Paukhankhup Lethil and I come from a place called Bungmual, Churachandpur, Manipur, India. I was born on 12th December in 1978 and I have two sisters who now have their own children. My mother lives in my home village and in May 1979 my father died due to sickness.



Before the coming of Christianity in Manipur the people were Animists and Head-hunters. The people were very orthodox in their beliefs but on 5th February 1910 a Welshman, Mr. Watkin Roberts, brought the good news to the southern part of Manipur called Churachandpur.

I personally came to the Lord Jesus as my Saviour and Lord when I went to meet a Christian counsellor, I remember there were three important meetings. On the first of these I had to realise that I was a sinner and that I needed to be saved; then came the realisation that I needed a saviour and at the third meeting I confessed with my mouth that Jesus was my Saviour and that I believed in my heart that He had died for my sins (Romans 10:9-10).

The scripture gives me an accurate answer to the problem that worried me as regards my father who had died, where will he be? I have nothing to worry because he is with the Lord. How do I know this? Because my Bible tells me so!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I have been teaching at the Trivandrum Bible College, Kerala, for the past four years. The college offers two degrees, Bachelor of Theology (B.Th) for those who have finished their higher secondary school, it's a three year course. The other course is Master of Divinity (M.Div) for those who have already finished a secular degree and again this award takes three years to complete. If you have the B.Th. degree and wish to add the M.Div. then it is just two more years because you already have studied Theology.

At present I am here in England as a voluntary worker for the Careforce charity. I am here for about one year and my task is to help the churches, schools and community.

Personally I have found that England is a nice and wonderful place, people have been so kind and good to me. There are differences from India of course, the food for example, at home we eat mostly rice for lunch and dinner, and there's the weather! Mostly the Indian climate is hot although we do get a little respite in December and January.

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There are some noticeable differences in culture, we always address those who are elder than us with the 'respect word' before saying their name.

Most Indians still live off the land, rice is grown in paddy fields, tea is a common crop and there are many types of vegetables, these are often grown for our own use.

Thank you for your welcome and kindnesses, I pray that together we shall serve our Lord and Saviour with joy, hope and thanksgiving. **Khup.**

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## **Annual Revision of the Church Electoral Roll**

Each year we revise our Electoral Roll. Those on the Roll are signifying, firstly, a commitment to the Church of England. Secondly, they signify an undertaking to the Parish of St Andrew, Kildwick. This undertaking should indicate a willingness to make a contribution to the life of the Church. Such a contribution does not just mean 'giving money', although our church does need such a resource, but ideally giving of yourself, for the sake of God's Kingdom. Application forms for the Electoral Roll are available in church.

All persons who wish to have their names entered on the new Roll, whether their names are entered on the present Roll or not, must apply for enrolment not later than Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2007. The new Roll will come into operation on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2007. Forms of application for enrolment can be obtained from the church or from the electoral roll officer, Christine Anderton, 6 Airedale View, Cross Hills.

Only those persons on the electoral roll will be able to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> April.

## **Annual Church Meetings – Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April**

The Annual Meetings which take place next month following the 10am Parish Communion on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

At the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (open to everyone resident in the parish and those on the electoral roll) we will elect our two churchwardens for the coming year.

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (open to those on the electoral roll) we will elect 2 persons to serve on the Deanery Synod (for a period of 3 years), 2 persons to serve on the Cross Hills & District Fellowship of Churches Council (for a period of 1 year) and 3 people to serve on the Parochial Church Council (to serve for a period of 3 years). To share in the leadership of the parish is an important function and everyone is encouraged to prayerfully consider if they are being called by God to serve in this way.

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

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## ***This month's recipes***

### ***Cullen Skink***

***The name of this rich, tasty soup comes from the fishing village of Cullen, in Morayshire. "Skink" is a soup made originally from a shin of beef. But in this case, the main ingredient is smoked haddock.***

A large smoked haddock (around 2 lbs.)  
1 medium onion, finely chopped  
1½ pints of milk  
2 tbsps butter  
8 ozs mashed potato  
Salt and pepper  
1 bay leaf  
Chopped parsley  
Water  
Triangles of toast (as accompaniment)

#### ***Method***

1. Cover the smoked haddock with water, in a shallow pan, skin side down. Bring to the boil and simmer for 4/5 minutes, turning once. Take the haddock from the pan and remove the skin and bones.
2. Break up the fish into flakes, return to the stock and add the chopped onion, bay leaf, salt and pepper. Simmer for another 15 minutes.
3. Strain, remove the bay leaf but retain the stock and fish. Add the milk to the fish stock and bring back to the boil.
4. Add enough mashed potato to create the consistency you prefer (don't be afraid to make it rich and thick!).
5. Add the fish and reheat. Check for seasoning.
6. Serve with chopped parsley on top, accompanied by triangles of toast.

Last month I went to visit an Aunt who lives in Keith in Morayshire. We visited several of the little east coast fishing villages including Cullen. When you enter the village there is a big sign saying 'welcome to Cullen—the home of Cullen Skink'!

Strangely enough we had lunched at the Baxters food factory in Fochabers on Cullen Skink, which was delicious.

I doubt that Audrey Baxter uses this recipe but I thought it might be fun to have a go at making it!

If any of you have any ideas on how to prevent the whole house smelling of fish please let me know!

Lesley

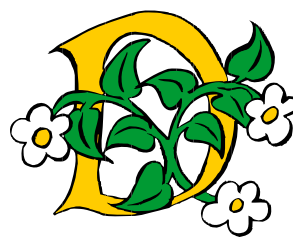
PS you can also buy it in cans!!

PPS do send me your favourite recipes.

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## *Isobel's page*



It seems quite strange that very many so called 'unhappy' words begin with the letter 'D'- doom, doubt ,disappointment, disillusionment, dispute, depression, discouragement, dross, dissipation, despondency. Its all too easy to get despondent and I am sure that someone must be very fortunate indeed never to have felt that emotion-days when everything seems to go wrong, days when everybody seems to be going in a different direction to the one you wish to go to..

In 1844 Emily Bronte wrote a poem she called not just despondency but surprisingly 'Faith and Despondency'. Do the two things really go together? Sometimes it appears that the people who you would think could have every excuse to be despondent are not so at all and they have the greatest faith.

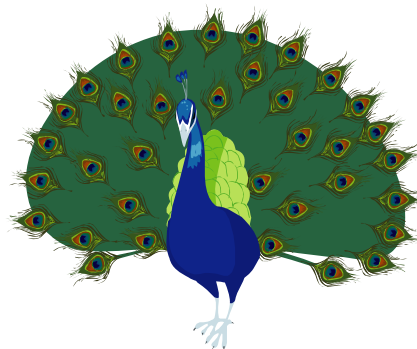
Fanny Crosby, the great American lyricist and one of the most prolific hymnists in history was, through the incompetence of a doctor, blinded shortly after birth. The writer of over eight thousand hymns- including 'To God be the Glory' and 'Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine' – her faith was such that when someone sympathised with her on her lack of sight remarked that she considered herself lucky because the first face she would ever see would be that of her Saviour.

In 1873 H.G. Spafford, an American business man, lost all his material possessions in the great Chicago fire and a few weeks later each of his four children, travelling with their mother, to France, were drowned when the ship sank. Heartbroken and despondent he made a pilgrimage to the spot where they had perished, way out in the mid- Atlantic, and suddenly found himself experiencing peace and comfort as he looked to the Lord in faith for strength and thus wrote the following words:-

*'When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast brought me to say, 'It is well, it is well with my soul'.*

Many of the 'D' words would probably state how Cleopas and his companion would be feeling on the road to Emmaus. What had happened to the person they loved on Good Friday? They'd been hopeful the week before when the excited crowds had welcomed their Master but soon their hopes were dashed because Jesus was dead. Then along the road a stranger joins them and provides a listening ear in their despondency. Just as Jesus walked along with those disappointed, despondent disciples on the road ,even so now when all the same 'Ds' fill our lives Jesus the unseen stranger will walk alongside us, will listen to us.

Caravaggio, who had a wonderful ability to express in his paintings unsurpassed vividness of the passing of a crucial moment depicts the recognition of Christ by his disciples in his masterpiece 'The Supper at Emmaus.' If we are willing to have faith and hear His voice He will reveal Himself to us and we will recognise Him just as those disciples did at that meal in Emmaus.



Over Easter we have had a wonderful display of drawings of feathers, the peacock included, drawn by the children of

Kildwick School. The peacock feather can actually teach us something about having faith. Apparently if you want to balance a peacock feather on the end of your finger it is very important that you look at the eye. If you take your eye off for just a second you can't balance but if you look at the eye all the time you can- even on your nose! The trick is you must never take your eye from the eye on the feather.

Just so with our faith- if we keep focussed on Jesus, have faith in Him, keep our eyes on Him all the time- we won't be caught off balance. When Jesus called to Peter to go to Him across the water Peter stepped out of the boat and, eyes on his Master, started walking on the water. It was only when he noticed the wind and waves, took notice of other things, took his eyes off Jesus, that his faith faltered and he started to sink.

Perhaps the promise to us is that by having faith in Him we will be helped when our own personal boats shake and are tossed about by a myriad waves but we must look to Jesus all the time, just as the words from another hymn say:-

*'Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace'*

Faith blasts away doubt and fear, faith lets light shine through the darkest clouds. To everybody who feels despondent Jesus says- 'Have faith in God'

Perhaps Emily Bronte got the title of her poem just right. Despondency can be associated with faith. If we have faith – all the 'D' words- despondency among them will pale in significance.

*'And wordly tempests, raging wild shall strengthen thy desire-thy fervent hope, through storm and foam, through wind and ocean's roar,*

*to reach at last the eternal home, the steadfast, changeless, shore!'*

*Emily Bronte 1844*

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## Visit to Dewsbury Minster.

Last month after we had delivered our submission to the Registrar's office in Bradford the Building Development Group went to visit Dewsbury Minster which had undergone several major re-furbishments in the past few years.

A church was established in Dewsbury by the river Calder after Paulinus had preached at the crossing in 627AD. The church is mentioned in the Domesday book of 1291 and, the present building is partly medieval with Georgian and Victorian additions.

The first adaptation of more recent times was in 1995 when changes were made to the East end to *'bring much needed community, heritage and refectory facilities to the people of the town'*

The second phase was in 2003 to develop the worship space in the west end of the building.

We were greeted by our guide Gill when we arrived and taken to the refectory for a welcome cup of coffee. The entrance through the north west transept into a



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**Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**



The great mystery of faith in a nutshell.

### **Christ has died**

Originally the cross was a most inhumane, most horrific and most excruciatingly painful way of putting criminals to death. The Romans only used it on the peoples they had conquered. They had refined the technique so that it took three days for them to die. Because of Passover they had to break the legs of the thieves so they died. But Jesus following his great cry of triumph 'It is finished' was already dead. He had been in control. He had refused the drugged wine. He had given his life for us.

### **Christ is risen**

There is no question: Jesus died and was not resuscitated. His resurrection body was unique. Sometimes it had spiritual characteristics: for instance when he told Mary Magdalene in the garden by the tomb, "Don't touch me" or when he just appeared in the Upper Room behind locked doors. Sometimes it had physical characteristics: for instance when he ate some broiled fish or when the disciples, he met on the Emmaus Road, recognised him when he broke the bread. This is my body.

### **Christ will come again**

Every time we call upon Jesus' name, he is there for us. 'For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them' For Paul 'I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.' Jesus comes supremely in the Bread and Wine of the Eucharist. Knowing Jesus is the most important thing we do in this life.

Prepared by Peter Bannister

### *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.

narthex in which two welcomers sat looking after the shop and greeting visitors to the church. The shop was well stocked with Christian books and cards, gifts and local preserves.

The refectory had been made from a chapel in the north transept and served meals and snacks until mid afternoon. It certainly appeared very popular when we were there, several tables were occupied and Gill explained how they work in partnership with Social Services to serve food to the homeless and drug addicts.



The kitchen was staffed by some paid employees and also volunteers and some of the staff were part of a work project for adults with learning difficulties.

From the narthex there was the entrance to a meeting room, lower hall and crèche, counselling room and through to the heritage area which was very well presented with exhibition boards and artefacts displayed appropriately.

The nave of the church was entered through the east end which was a little disorientating until you realised that they had completely turned the layout around and the sanctuary was now at the west end! The pews had been cleared completely and the feeling of space was wonderful. The chairs were comfortable and good quality and floor had been tiled, which we found surprising but it looked very good and included under floor heating. The whole worship area could be cleared and used for many different purposes. Gill was extremely enthusiastic about the potential uses!

They had created an upper mezzanine floor over the east end. This was used as a meeting room, office and the Paulinus chapel. The chapel was particularly beautiful with a striking stained glass window and an ancient stone altar. Gill told us that it was a well used space for quiet reflection and prayer.



Every area of the building was accessible, the upper floors had a lift and any small steps were adequately ramped. The toilet were also accessible and included baby changing facilities.

We finished our tour with a very good lunch in the refectory which was still busy.

Gill was extremely enthusiastic about the differences the changes had made. Numbers attending services and events had increased, even those initially opposed to the changes had realised the advantages. We came away feeling very encouraged, Dewsbury Minster, like St Andrew's is a living church and like all living things it had changed and evolved in to what the worshipping community needed to allow them to spread the Good News of the gospel.

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### Fellowship & Focus Group

The Fellowship & Focus Group will once again meet on Monday 14th April at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Rooms to watch the DVD "*Changing Lives*". **Changing Lives for Good** and **Changing Lives by Loving** are the two remaining topics. Come and join us and be inspired as you watch and hear stories from ordinary people who are changing the lives of individuals, groups and communities. Discuss situations in our community where can we help to make changes for good. For further information contact Sandie Walton 01535 636501

### Prayer Walk



The Nurture Group invites you to join us for a Prayer Walk on Tuesday 15th April. We will meet at the Parish Rooms at 7.00 p.m and walk half way up Kildwick Moor or continue to the pinnacle, depending on fitness levels. We shall have a short time of prayer as we look out across the Parish and then return to the Parish rooms for refreshments. We look forward to seeing you!!!



### Luncheon Club

If you are retired, why not join us at the luncheon Club to enjoy a meal and meet up with friends.

At Glusburn Institute on Wednesdays  
For information ring Val Harrison on 01535 633052

## Cross Hill Naturalists' Society (Founded 1904)

### SUMMER PROGRAMME 2008

Microscope Meetings will take place on the second Thursday of each month from April to September at the Senior Citizen Centre, Sutton in—Craven. 1845—2100 hours

- Wednesday 14th May. Wycollor Natural and Local History
- Wednesday 11th June Constable Burton and Bolton Castle
- Sunday 22nd June Summer Sunrise
- Wednesday 2nd July. Hoffman Kiln. Botanical and Industrial Archaeology

Details of times and meeting places will be given monthly.

Readers may be interested in the 2008 Hay Time Festival in the Yorkshire Dales. For further information consult the National Park's VISITOR 2008 free publication for details of events, transport by bus, etc.

## *Regular Events at Kildwick*

1st and 3rd Sunday 7.pm-9pm	Craven Rock leaders meet for prayer	Ecumenical Youth fellowship
Monday 1.30pm	Bible Study at Low Green, XHills (not in Lent)	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 12 noon- 3 pm	NottheKnot Group downstairs in Parish Rooms	Stitching and fellowship group.
Wednesday 6-30-7.30pm	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	Burnside, Bucklar Hill, Farnhill



### APRIL

Fri 4th Apr	2.00pm	Ministry Development meeting
Thur 10th Apr	10.00am	LEAP World Church Fellowship Group (Parish Rooms)
Fri 11th Apr	2.45pm	Kildwick School Collective Worship
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10,00am	Diocesan Day (Bradford Grammar School)
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> Apr	7.30pm	Concert by Cobbydale Singers
Mon 4th Apr	7.30pm	Fellowship and Focus Group (Parish Rooms)
Tues 15th Apr	7.00pm	Prayer Walk (Meet at Parish Rooms)
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10.00am	Parish Communion. Preacher: Bishop Colin Buchanan
Thur 24th Apr	8.00pm	Grief and Loss Support Group meeting (Parish Rooms)
Sat 26th Apr	All day	'Spring Serenade' Church open
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10.00am	Parish Communion followed by Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Sun 27th Apr	6.00pm	Easter Service of Thanksgiving for the Departed. Preacher; The Revd Gill Hall

### MAY

Thurs 1st May	ASCENSION DAY
	7.30pm Holy Communion
Fri 2nd May	2.45pm Kildwick School Collective Worship
Sun 11th-Sat 17th	CHRISTIAN AID WEEK
Sun 11th May	DAY OF PENTECOST



Sun 11th 3pm-5pm Pentecost Praise Fun Afternoon and Picnic  
 Fri 16th-Sun 18th May Parish Weekend (Rydal Hall)  
 Wed 21st May 7.30pm Archdeacon's Visitation (St Thomas, Sutton)

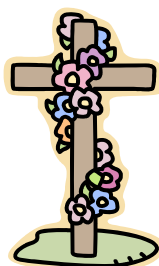
**JUNE**

Weds 11th Jun 7.30pm CDFC Annual Meeting (St Peter's, Cross Hills)  
 Sun 15th Jun 10.00am Parish Communion. Preacher: Stephan Tirwomwe  
 Sun 15th Jun 3.00pm Concert by Glenholt Male Voice Choir

### ***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.

<b>06/04/08</b>	8.15 am	Holy Communion
<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>	10 am	All-age family communion with baptisms
	6 pm	No service
<b>13/04/08</b>	8.15 am	Holy Communion
<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	10 am	Sung Eucharist
	6 pm	CDFC combined service
<b>20/04/08</b>	8.15 am	Holy Communion
<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	10 am	Sung Eucharist
	6 pm	Choral Evensong
<b>27/04/08</b>	8.15 am	Holy Communion
<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	10 am	Sung Eucharist with APCM
	6 pm	Bereavement service
<b>01/05/08</b>	7.30 pm	Sung Eucharist
<b>Ascension Day</b>		



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

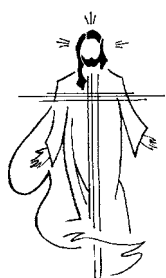
**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 6.00pm**

Preacher: The Revd Gill Hall

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

## *Church Rotas*

<b>06/04/08 Third Sunday of Easter</b>	First Reading - Acts 2.14a, 36-41 Second Reading - 1 Peter 1.17-23 Gospel - Luke 24.13-35	Isobel Stirk
<b>13/04/08 Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	First Reading - Acts 2.42-47 Second Reading - 1 Peter 2.19-25 Gospel - John 10.1-10	Brenda Brock Marjorie Gee Christine Anderton
<b>20/04/08 Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	First Reading - Acts 7.55-60 Second Reading - 1 Peter 2.2-10 Gospel - John 14.1-14	Brian Charter Margaret Jowett Lesley Bannister
<b>27/04/08 Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	First Reading - Acts 17.22-31 Second Reading - 1 Peter 3.13-22 Gospel - John 14.15-21	Pam Brown Gill Jowett
<b>01/05/08 Ascension Day</b>	First Reading - Acts 1.1-11 Second Reading - Ephesians 1.15-23 Gospel - Luke 24.44-53	Margaret Jowett Michael Baumber Lesley Hudson
<b>Brass Cleaning:</b>	Mrs J Richardson and Mrs L Uttley	
<b>Church Cleaning</b>		
6th	Marian Baxter, June Whitaker, Mary Peake, Joan Tillotson	
20th	Lesley Hudson, Libba Utley Margaret Jowett	
<b>Flower Rota</b>		
6th	Mrs Pratt	
13th	Mr Bates	
20th	Mr Doult	
27th	Mrs Pratt	



**Ascension Day**  
**St Andrew's Kildwick**  
**Thursday 1st May**  
**7.30pm Sung Holy Communion**





Date	Sidesperson	Intercessor	Communion
06/04/08 Third Sunday of Easter	Joan Houghton Barry Houghton Isobel Stirk	Lesley Hudson	Janet Swain John Exley
13/04/08 Fourth Sunday of Easter	David Baxter Libba Utley Christine Anderton Ann Mosley	Peter Bannister	Christine Anderton Michael Baumber
20/04/08 Fifth Sunday of Easter	June Whitaker Pam Brown Brian Green Howard Stirk	Isobel Stirk	Gill Jowett Tim Littler
27/04/08 Sixth Sunday of Easter	Eleanor Eastwood Dorothy Ward Christine Hutchinson Joyce Boden	Elizabeth Figg	Janet Swain John Exley
01/05/08 Ascension Day			

## Can You help?

As many of our readers will know access to Kildwick Church for those with limited mobility is very difficult if not impossible. If you are a wheelchair user you can get in via some portable ramps but if you cannot managed steps and do not use a wheelchair then the ramps are no help at all. (they are not that brilliant when you do have a wheelchair!!). We know that there are members of our church family who now are not able to attend church because of this access problem.

Come the alterations to the church the problem will be solved but in the mean time it is sad to think that some people are excluded from worshipping in our church. We have given this much thought and have decided that a temporary solution would be to provide a wheelchair in the church for the use of those who need it.



If anyone could loan/donate a wheelchair that we could use we would be extremely grateful. Please contact Lesley Hudson on 01535 633887 or email [lesley.hudson@kildwick.org.uk](mailto:lesley.hudson@kildwick.org.uk)

## ***FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL***

The Meeting of Farnhill Parish Council was held on the 6th March 2008 in Kildwick & Farnhill Institute.

The meeting was chaired by Counc M Scarife Vice Chairman. Seven members of the council were present, and two members of the public.

A member of the public remarked on dog fouling on Starkey Lane. Clerk to report to the dog warden. Concerns were expressed about a planning application for land at Riparian Way, Crosshills for an industrial unit and what conditions were attached with regard to tree screening. It appears that conditions regarding previous planning applications for other units had not been met and the wrong type of trees had been planted. Concerns were also expressed about the different colours of the roofs.

Another member of the public expressed concerns about the bus stop on the A629 and how dangerous it was getting off the bus and walking on the road with no footpath. Clerk to write to NYCC Passenger Transport for progress on the new bus stop.

Counc. R Bramley confirmed that the usual safety checks had been carried out in the Play Area and the nail in the seat had been attended to.

A quote was received from NYCC for the two lights on Newby Road.

1. To supply erect and wire a new decorative (heritage style) column complete with new electricity company service connection £1450.00
2. As above but to remove existing column first and provide service transfer £1400.00.
3. Fit new decorative lantern to existing lighting column £550.00 Clerk to ask NYCC to elaborate on the type of lamp & column quoted for and ask to send a picture of the column and lantern.

Paul Gilmore from NYCC will check the column on Grange Road to see if the service has been transferred and if so will arrange to remove the old pole. He will also take a look at light No 54 on the A629.

Clerk to inform CDC about a pothole on Main Street just above the Institute and remind them that the underpass at Kildwick has not been cleaned.

Gully Cleaning was discussed at NYCC Craven Area Committee and is to be reviewed, looking at those that need frequent clearing and those that need very little. Clerk to inform NYCC that Farnhill would like some input on the decision. Counc. M Scarife to take a look at which gullies need more frequent clearing.

A date was set for the Annual Parish meeting. It will be held on Wednesday 30th April 2008 in the Institute at 7.30pm. Clerk to invite Counc Paul English to speak on the Bus Service and the Police and NYCC & CDC Counc M Wheeler.

Counc J Waring volunteered to produce the Focus on Farnhill and will produce a draft for the next meeting. The Parish Council would like to thank Counc R Bramley for producing it for the last few years.

Concerns were expressed about the recent traffic chaos when traffic was diverted through Farnhill due to accidents and flooding. Clerk to ask the road traffic officer if there is a local plan in place for such occasions and to invite him to the next Parish Council Meeting to discuss alternative measures.

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Cars parking on Newby Road and the bottom of Starkey Lane are becoming a problem for traffic negotiating the junction and when approached by oncoming traffic there is nowhere to go. Concerns were also expressed about access for emergency vehicles. Clerk to draft a polite letter to be handed out to residents of Newby Road, Starkey Lane, Mary Street and Bucklar Hill

Discussion took place on the provision of activities for youths and it was decided that the first step should be to contact the local schools to see what facilities they provide. Schools have a mandate to look after the social needs of children both in and out of school.

NYCC are working to resolve the flooding problems on the A629 and after initial work of jetting and camera survey of the drains have identified 2 problem areas. A storm relief drain near Airedale House appears to have been blocked up and excavation work will commence shortly to try and resolve the problem.

The waste bin at Newby Road has now been reinstated.

The trees work has now been completed at the Arbour and a representative from Protection for Rural England is coming to give guidance on planting for lower Arbour.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF TILE PARISH COUNCIL 3rd APRIL 2008  
IN FARNIILL INSTITUTE AT 7-30PM All members of the village are welcome  
to attend.**

**Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup> 2008**

***Spring Serenade***

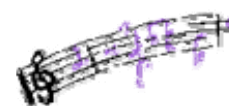
**Church open all day from 10 am until early evening  
with music, readings and flowers.**

**Refreshments will be available.**

For information please contact

Isobel Stirk 01535 653997

**In aid of the 'Lang Kirk 21' project**



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**Thursday 10th April at 10 am**

In the Parish Rooms

We meet again to explore in more depth the work of the mission agencies—we have looked at - CMS, with a particular interest in Kate and Tim Lee and family, Barnabas, and BibleLands. Please do join us



## Asylum Seekers

At 1pm on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2008, Church Leaders from across West Yorkshire issued a public statement on asylum seekers from New North Road Baptist Church, Huddersfield, HD1 5JU.

It is endorsed by

- the Anglican bishops of Wakefield, Bradford, and Ripon & Leeds,
  - the Catholic Bishop of Leeds,
  - the Chairs of the Leeds and West Yorkshire Methodist Districts,
  - the Moderator of the Yorkshire Synod of the United Reformed Church,
  - the Baptist Regional Minister,
  - the Chair of the Yorkshire Moravian District,
  - the Divisional Commander of the Salvation Army,
  - the Bishop of the Lutheran Church in Great Britain,
  - the Chair of the West Yorkshire African Caribbean Council of Churches,
- and a representative of the Society of Friends.

Many churches across the county are engaged in supporting asylum seekers, some of whom are amongst the most destitute people in society. Emphasising the Christian responsibility for hospitality, the Church Leaders focus on six issues:

- The **prejudice** that exists towards asylum seekers. *They call for people to develop a greater awareness of the needs of those seeking sanctuary in the UK*
- The **failure of the legal process** to ensure justice for asylum seekers. *They call for improved legal representation*
- The levels of **destitution** among asylum seekers. *They call for asylum seekers to be allowed to work.*
- The trauma of **deportation**. *They call for higher standards of care of asylum seekers.*
- The lack of understanding by Home Office of **issues of Christian faith**, where this is a factor in an asylum seeker's fear of persecution. *They call for greater awareness of the missionary imperative of Christianity, and of the needs of those who have become Christian.*
- The selfless commitment of hundreds of **volunteers** in providing hospitality and practical support to the strangers in our midst. *They call for more churches to join those already engaged in this magnificent support for asylum seekers.*

In his introduction to the Huddersfield event, the Revd. Ernie Whalley, Regional Minister of the Baptist Church and Chair of WYEC, said,

'Two thousand years ago, Jesus told a story about responding to the needs of the hungry, the thirsty, the sick and the prisoner. The list also includes "welcoming the stranger". Then we read: "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for the least of one of these sisters and brothers of mind, you did for me." Down through the centuries, the Christian Church has sought to live this out - to offer hospitality, Christian involvement in the establishment of our first hospitals was one aspect of this. We believe that our hospitality reflects the welcome of God. Today, we extend our welcome towards those seeking asylum.'

For further details, contact: West Yorkshire Ecumenical Council (WYEC)

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*The text of the statement is on pages 26-27*

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## **WEST YORKSHIRE CHURCH LEADERS'** **STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS**

*New North Road Baptist Church, Huddersfield*  
*Ash Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> February 2008*

***'I was a stranger and you did not welcome me' (Matthew 25.43)***

**We, church leaders in West Yorkshire, express our concern at the plight of asylum seekers in the UK.**

Continuing the long Christian tradition of hospitality, many churches across our region are extending a ministry of welcome to asylum seekers.

1. We have become aware of the emotional, psychological, physical and spiritual needs of some of the most vulnerable people in our society.
2. We wish to express our concern at what appear to us to be aspects of inhumanity in the official processes undergone by asylum seekers.
3. We express our support for the hundreds of volunteers who generously give their time and resources to assist the stranger in need.

Among our many concerns:

1. **The prejudiced attitude towards asylum seekers within our society is demeaning both to asylum seekers and to those expressing the prejudice.** Jesus was a refugee (Matthew 2.13). In the past, Britain had a proud tradition of welcoming the stranger, especially those who had a well-founded fear of persecution. As a result of a barrage of negative sentiments from some politicians and some quarters of the media, there is now a stigma attached to being a victim of persecution. Often an unhelpful connection is made with issues relating to wider migration. Persecuted asylum seekers, only 0.025% of entries into the UK, are a special case. ***We declare our willingness to listen to the stories of those seeking sanctuary in our country, and to commit ourselves during the season of Lent to greater understanding of those who seek asylum in our country. We call upon members of our churches to use Lent to grow in awareness of the special needs of those seeking asylum.***
2. **The legal process invites injustice by not enabling asylum seekers to express themselves coherently and with confidence.** Traumatic experiences, fear of recrimination and lack of trust in authority make it difficult for newly arrived individuals to tell their story at the initial interview which provides the basis for their asylum claim. Limited legal representation makes it difficult for the whole truth to emerge and a culture of disbelief means many genuine claims are dismissed. (Home Office statistics for April – June 2007 show that 76% of asylum claims were refused). Legal services for asylum seekers wishing to appeal are even more limited. ***We call upon the UK Government to improve the legal representation available to those whose lives depend on a just asylum system.***
3. **The lack of material support for asylum seekers, and the Home Office policy which forbids them from engaging in paid employment, which almost all would be willing to undertake, causes unacceptable levels of destitution.** The charitable projects set up by churches, or within which many Christians are volunteers, testify that asylum seekers are among the most deprived

members of our society. Not only do they invariably find themselves living in the poorest quality housing, they are also deprived of the right to work. This is an economic loss to our society and an unnecessary added indignity to those fleeing countries where human rights are few. ***We call upon the UK Government to allow the human right of employment to those who seek asylum.***

4. **The manner of deportation of failed asylum seekers can be degrading, inhumane and traumatic.** When officials arrive at an asylum seeker's house in the early morning the experience is so often traumatic, especially for children. There have been substantiated claims of physical abuse and brutality towards returning asylum seekers by those employed by private security firms. ***We call for the dignity of returning asylum seekers to be upheld at all times, and for higher standards of care to be set by those working with them.***
5. **The Home Office does not appear adequately to understand issues of faith or conversion when these are at the heart of a person's application for asylum.** For a number of asylum seekers, adherence to the Christian faith in a country known to be intolerant of Christianity is a central ground in an asylum application. For these, and for others from such countries who have converted to the Christian faith during their time in the UK, it is essential that faith commitment is understood by the examining authorities. It is not acceptable, for instance, that committed, evangelising Christians should be told to practice their faith quietly at home. ***We call upon the Home Office to improve its awareness of the mission imperative of Christians, and to improve the sensitivity and vocabulary of its interviewers when exploring the faith of asylum seekers.***
6. **The unheralded selfless giving of voluntary and faith groups demonstrates that at a community level Britain shows a welcoming face to people fleeing persecution, in contrast to the Government's approach, which has become a cause for national shame.** There are over 500 volunteers in West Yorkshire, of all faiths and none, who, through the principal agencies, contribute over 100,000 hours each year supporting asylum seekers and refugees. Countless more, in local churches across the county, contribute their time and resources in providing drop-in centres, food parcels, legal support, accommodation and friendship for some of our society's most needy people. ***We celebrate and support all whose time and resources are used on behalf of asylum seekers, and ensure them of our prayers and encouragement. We urge our churches to explore further ways in which assistance can be given to asylum seekers in local communities.***

The spiritual health of our society can be gauged by our attitude toward those who are most vulnerable among us. In failing to support those in fear of persecution, we are failing ourselves. From Jesus's parable of the judgement of the nations:

***'Just as you did it to one of the least of these... you did it to me' (Matthew 25.40)***

Signed, on behalf of West Yorkshire Ecumenical Council:

**The Revd. Ernie Whalley, *Regional Minister, the Baptist Church, Chair of WYEC***  
**Pastor Gloria Hanley, *Chairperson, West Yorkshire African Caribbean Council of Churches, Vice-Chair of WYEC***

**The Revd. Kenneth Evans, *Chairman of the Yorkshire District of the Moravian Church***

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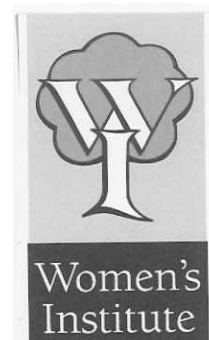
<b>The Revd. Arnold Harrison, <i>United</i></b>	<b><i>Moderator of the Yorkshire Synod of the Reformed Church</i></b>
<b>Major Bill Heeley, <i>of the</i></b>	<b><i>Divisional Commander, Yorkshire Division Salvation Army</i></b>
<b>The Rt. Revd. Walter Jagucki,</b>	<b><i>Bishop of the Lutheran Church of Great Britain</i></b>
<b>The Rt. Revd. David James,</b>	<b><i>Bishop of Bradford</i></b>
<b>The Rt. Revd. John Packer,</b>	<b><i>Bishop of Ripon and Leeds</i></b>
<b>Eva Pinthus,</b>	<b><i>Society of Friends</i></b>
<b>The Rt. Revd. Stephen Platten,</b>	<b><i>Bishop of Wakefield</i></b>
<b>The Rt. Revd. Arthur Roche,</b>	<b><i>Bishop of Leeds</i></b>
<b>The Revd. Dr. Elizabeth A. Smith,</b>	<b><i>Chair of the Methodist District of Leeds</i></b>
<b>The Revd. Peter Whittaker,</b>	<b><i>Chair of the Methodist District of West Yorkshire</i></b>

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## ***Women's Institute News***

### **WI News - Glusburn and Cross Hills WI - March Meeting**

At our meeting on 4th March the speaker was Kathy Liddle, speaking about Silsden and local history. Many of our members have lived all or most of their lives in the area and were able to contribute memories awakened by the talk, which was very interesting. Kathy Liddle is the author of a book on local walks coupled with local history, copies of which were bought by many members.



Forthcoming events included the Federation Dominoes Tournament on 10th March at Threshfield, lunch at The Beeches, Keighley on 11th March, the 25th Annual Council Meeting on 30th April to which Aileen Holmes is going as our delegate, a shared meeting with Sutton WI on "Cycle Cuba" to be held at St Peter's, Cross Hills and Yorkshire Day on 1st August.

At our next meeting on 1st April Peter J Foley of Haiden Clough Nursery will speak about Plants for the Smaller Garden. Visitors and new members will be welcomed.

Pam Brown

### **Kildwick with Farnhill WI**

Lisa Preston entertained us with cake icing and figures for Easter. Several members had a go at making the figures and we had as much fun watching them as they did making them! We had 3 visitors and 1 new member to hear this very entertaining speaker.

Jean Myers

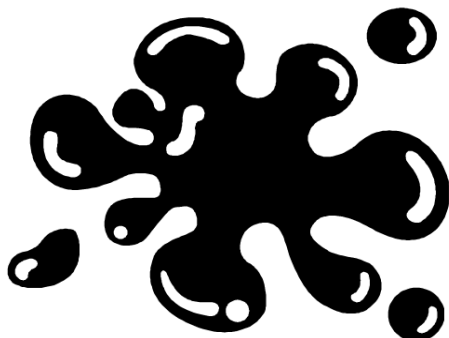


Children's page



**APRIL FOOL!**

April 1<sup>st</sup> is All Fools Day, the day when people play tricks on each other. We are not sure just how it started but one idea is that it started when in 1564 the French decreed that the New Year began on January 1<sup>st</sup> as instead of on April 1<sup>st</sup>. So that the traditional New Year gifts and cards were now sent in January. For a joke some people continued to send mock gifts and cards, silly things, on April 1<sup>st</sup>. In Scotland the April Fool is an April Noddy, a cuckoo or a gowk: the same day is Boob's Day in Spain, Fish Day in France and Doll's Day in Japan.



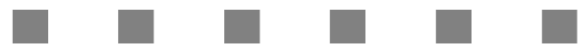
All round the world people are busy kidding their friends that their shoelaces are undone or someone is sent to buy a pot of striped paint - but every joke has to stop at midday. After that the joker becomes the fool.

**WHAT IS IT?**

There are some very strange, not to say peculiar, words in the Bible - and I'm not kidding you.

1. Is a BATH
  - a) something with bubbles, or
  - b) a liquid measure
2. Is BAANA
  - a) a mis-spelt fruit, or
  - b) an official from Megiddo?
3. Is NISSAN
  - a) the first month of the year, or
  - b) a form of transport?
4. Are OREB and ZEEB
  - a) cartoon characters used to tell modern versions of Bible stories on channel TV, or
  - b) two princes killed in battle?
5. Is KAB
  - a) a measure, or
  - b) part of a chariot?

Guess first and then look them up - answers at the bottom of this page.



**Did you hear about the little girl who does bird impressions?**



She eats worms.

**How do you part the Red Sea?**  
With a sea-saw.



Answers - look them up in (1) Ezekiel 45:11; (2) 1 Kings 4:12; (3) Esther 3:7, (4) Psalm 83:11; (5) 2 Kings 6:25.





**Some things only the vicar can do. Do you know what they are? There is only one of the tasks listed above; and no its not grass cutting. The PCC asked for a review of how the work of the church is organised and the group with that responsibility has found that our vicar is doing all these and more. We have become too dependent on one person and this must change. All are invited and all need to take an active part in our church life for in the next few years; it is very likely that Kildwick will only be eligible for half-time clergy and we will need to share with another parish.**

### **Ministry Development Team Proposal**

Good stewards always look at the resources available before suggesting any modifications. Therefore the Ministry Development Team "did the stock taking" for St Andrew's church and found that there is an excellent group of people representing the congregation and meeting bi-monthly to carefully administer the business of the church. The seventeen members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) are elected from the ninety nine people listed on the Electoral role. They are the decision makers and the planners. They do not work alone but rely on the rest of the congregation to get involved and take responsibility for activities and events.

Currently they receive most of their information from the Vicar, Church Wardens, Treasurer and PCC Secretary. This small group of people are known as the Standing Committee and they tend to set the agenda for the larger PCC meetings and deal with day to day business for which they have responsibility.

The Ministry Development Team's proposal is to develop the way in which the PCC works to give it greater autonomy and allow the members to better share in the process of

communication.

To this end the identified activities in which the church is engaged will be grouped into areas with a common interest and each PCC member will be asked to channel relevant information to the PCC from those involved and to take from the PCC meetings decisions and ideas that will allow improved service and ways of operating. This is the way in which communication will improve.

The Ministry Development Team has suggested that the current activities would fit into the following heading but these are only suggestions and there is lots of room for negotiation.

1. Praise and worship – Worship planning + choir + music group + bell ringing + hymns + readings + Crosshills and District Fellowship of Churches worship
2. Editor/journalist – Magazine + notice sheet + service sheets + events Diary + publicity + external links to the media
3. Young people – CHUFFS + Craven Rock + Jets + School links
4. Activities – Open House + Summer Fair + Autumn Fair + Concerts + events + Parish Weekend away + Tea/coffee occasions + Tea & scones + Parish room bookings and management
5. Home and away – Grief and loss support group + Care home visits + prayer lists for those in need + Christian Aid + Curry Project + Church Army links + Bible study Groups + LEAP group + Fellowship and Focus group + Prayer party + Prayers for the parish + Emmaus + Mission links
6. Planning – Development planning + rotas for flowers, welcomers, refreshments, readers, intercessors, communion assistants + enquirers about weddings, baptism and funerals and preparation for these
7. Treasury – Cash handling + book keeping + accounting + planned giving + gift aid + budgets + returns + inspections and audits
8. Housekeeping – Maintenance of Church fabric + church yard + maintenance contracts + non-routine maintenance + consumables for the Parish Room and Church + Health and safety

The Standing Committee (see last month's magazine for detail) will lead those interested in being involved in Treasury, Planning, Housekeeping and Praise and Worship teams. Other members of the PCC will be the first point of contact for the Editor/Journalist, Young People, Activities and Home & Away teams. The PCC members will be planning what happens in the different areas of activity with those who are already involved in this work.

For the first year when the changes are implemented, help and support will be given to all who are developing the new model.

**PLEASE ASK A MEMBER OF THE MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT TEAM FOR MORE INFORMATION OR CLARIFICATION.**

**Christine Anderton, Lesley Bannister, Eleanor Eastwood, Kevin Feather, Robin Figg, Janet Swain or Sandie Walton**

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A man was collecting the Christian Aid envelopes:  
 Calling at one house he met the response  
 "Sorry I can't give you anything, the dog ate  
 the envelope." "Ah" said the collector . . . .  
 "Don't worry I have a spare envelope."  
 Back came the quick reply . . . "It's no good  
 he'd only eat that one too!"



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