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St. Andrew's Church Kildwick

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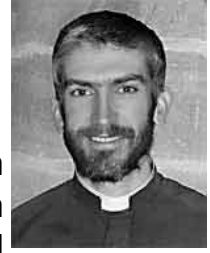
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Parish Mission Statement

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,

We are approaching Holy Week and Easter, the most important week in the Church's calendar. In this week we are each invited to journey with Jesus our Lord to the Cross. Having waved our palms and welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, we witness the humility of Jesus washing his disciples' feet on Maundy Thursday and then move to stand at the foot of the Cross on Good Friday.

Holy Week takes us to the heart of the Christian faith and invites us, once again, to look deeply into the heart and mind of the One who died out of love for you and me. In this week of all weeks we are invited to look at Jesus with fresh eyes; it is by getting close to Jesus in his suffering that we will be close to him in his rising to new life, his resurrection life.

This Holy Week I would encourage you to get out your bibles and read carefully the gospel accounts of the events leading to Jesus' crucifixion. It's an eye-opening experience if you do it carefully, because what you'll find are four very different portraits. At the level of 'what actually happened' the four accounts are essentially incompatible. It's vital to remember that the gospel writers weren't trying to answer the question 'what happened?', rather they were trying to answer the question 'who is this Jesus and what does his death mean?' In the process of answering this question the same event is painted in different ways. The different pictures will touch and move us in different ways depending upon our experiences and situations. So in Mark's gospel (and largely in Matthew's too) we have a Christ who is forsaken and alienated - a sign that God is at the heart of that sense of lostness that is part of the human condition: we are not alone. In Luke's gospel we have a Christ who shows compassion and forgiveness on the cross - a compassion and forgiveness that the world needs so desperately: in John's gospel a Christ who is King, who transcends suffering, sin and evil. These things have no power over God's Son, nor in the end over those who are his children.

As we come to celebrate Holy Week we need to be able to see the head bowed in dejection, we need to feel the arms outstretched in forgiveness, and we need to see the title on the cross proclaiming a reigning king who is not overcome. And we can do that because of the hope given us in the resurrection of Christ that, with joy, we celebrate on Easter Day and every Sunday.

Each day of Holy Week there will be times to come together in church and think deeply about what the Passion of our Lord really means for us. I hope that you will hear the call to come and worship at this most important time for Christians. Come every day if you possibly can, but certainly try to be in church on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Eve and Easter Day. It is only by sharing in the pain and suffering of Jesus' death that you can most powerfully experience the joyful wonder of Jesus' resurrection to new life.

At the end of the month, on Sunday 26th, we have our annual meetings when we elect new people to share in the leadership of the parish. It is also a chance to reflect on the recent past and look ahead to the future. Again, I hope many will come as we gather on this important day.

May the crucified and risen Lord bless you.

Robin

The Season of Easter – An Introduction

Easter Day begins a period of unparalleled joy and celebration in the Christian year which extends through fifty days until the Day of Pentecost. These days of Eastertide form a single festival period, in which this tone of joy is sustained. Early Christians gave the name Pentecost to this whole fifty-day span of rejoicing, which Tertullian calls "this most joyful period" (laetissimum spatium).

On the fortieth day, there has from the late fourth century been a particular celebration of Christ's Ascension. He commissions his disciples to continue his work, he promises the gift of the Holy Spirit, and then he is no longer among them in the flesh. The Ascension is therefore closely connected with the theme of mission.

The days between Ascension Day and the Day of Pentecost are days of prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit. The arrival of the promised gift of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost completes and crowns the Easter Festival.

The Paschal candle is lit for all services during this season.

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 takes place 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.

Holy Week & Easter Services

Sunday 5th 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.*

Monday 6th, Tuesday 7th, Wednesday 8th March

12.30pm Stations of the Cross

7.30pm Meditative Service

Thursday 9th April – Maundy Thursday

7.30pm Eucharist of the Last Supper followed by vigil of prayer until 11pm

Friday 10th 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

7.30pm Ecumenical Devotional Service (South Craven Baptist Church)

Saturday 11th April – Easter Eve

8.45pm Easter Vigil and Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Sunday 12th April – Easter Day

6.00am 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 Celebration Songs of Praise

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 5th April 2007. The new Roll will come into operation on Sunday 12th 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 26th April.

Annual Church Meetings – Sunday 26th April

The Annual Meetings which take place next month following the 10am Parish Communion on Sunday 26th 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 2 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.

Election of Officers of the Church in 2009

As we prepare for the forthcoming Annual Meetings when various officers of the church will be elected the following notes might help those considering standing for election or those wishing to nominate someone for election.

Churchwardens

Each year we elect two people to serve as Churchwardens for a period of 1 year. Churchwardens may be re-elected until they have served a maximum period of 6 years in office. This year we are looking to elect two new Churchwardens.

Churchwardens hold key positions of leadership within the life of the local parish church alongside the incumbent. It should be noted that the Churchwardens are the officers of the bishop (not the incumbent or PCC). Canon E1 states that they must be the foremost in representing the laity and co-operating with the incumbent; they must use their best endeavours by example and precept to encourage the parishioners in the practice of true religion and to promote unity and peace among them; they must maintain order and decency in the church and churchyard, especially during the time of divine service; they hold the title to the movable goods of the church, must keep an inventory of those goods and keep it up to date, and must hand over the goods to their successors, who must check the inventory (E1.5).

Churchwardens are members of the PCC (6 meetings each year) and the PCC Standing Meeting (monthly meetings). They also meet regularly with the Vicar (every 4-6 weeks).

Deanery Synod Representatives

Our parish can elect 2 persons to serve as members of the South Craven Deanery Synod for the period until 31 May 2011. They will attend 3 meetings of the Synod each year (October, February and May). They are also ex-officio members of the PCC (6 meetings each year).

These persons represent our thoughts and messages to the Deanery and hence to the Diocese and conversely help to brief the PCC on deanery issues which affect the parish. Given the responsibility of the Synod to allocate monies devolved to the deanery, and given the elections to Diocesan Synod in 2009 these persons will continue have a very important role to play within the leadership of the parish and wider church in the coming years.

Cross Hills & District Fellowship of Churches Council Representatives

Each year we elect 2 persons to serve as members of the Cross Hills & District Fellowship of Churches Council for a period of one year from the CDFC Annual Meeting (this year on 10th June 2009). They will attend the Annual Meeting in June and 3 further meetings of the Council each year (September, January and April). It is also intended that these persons will be co-opted as members of the PCC (6 meetings each year).

These persons represent our thoughts and messages to the Fellowship of Churches and conversely help to brief the PCC on local ecumenical issues which affect the parish. In the same way that discussions about the future patterns of ministry are taking place across the deanery it will become increasingly important for similar discussions to take place across the local churches. These persons will also have a very important role to play within the leadership of the parish and wider church in the coming years.

Parochial Church Council Elected Members

The size of our electoral roll entitles us to have 9 elected members of the laity on the PCC. Members are elected to serve to a period of 3 years, with one third retiring each

year. Members can be re-elected for one further period of 3 years and must then stand down for a minimum of 1 year.

This year we are looking to elect 3 persons to serve until the APCM 2012.

The PCC meets 6 times each year (2nd Tuesdays in May, July, September, November, 4th Tuesday in January and 2nd Tuesday in March).

The full Parochial Church Council will therefore consist of the Vicar, the 2 Churchwardens, the 2 Deanery Synod representatives, the 2 CDFC Council representatives, the 9 other elected members and members of the parish on the Diocesan Synod (presently one person). The maximum size of the PCC is therefore 17 persons.

The PCC's general functions are set out in the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956, section 2 which states: 'It shall be the duty of the minister and the PCC to consult together on matters of general concern and importance to the parish. The PCC shall co-operate with the minister in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical'.

To serve as part of the leadership of the local church should be seen as a privilege; representing the people of the parish and helping to direct the future life of the Church.

Nomination forms for all elections can be found in the church.

The 2009/10 PCC members will continue to address a number of important issues concerning the local and wider church.

**The Community of the Resurrection,
Mirfield
A Weekend Away - Friday 19th to Sunday
21st June 2009**



The Community of the Resurrection at Mirfield in West Yorkshire is a community of 21 monks living a corporate life within the monastic tradition, the heart of which is worship, issuing in many forms of engagement with contemporary church and society. The weekend will be give time and space to find renewal and refreshment for body, mind and spirit.

The programme for the weekend will be a relaxed mixture of worship, talks & discussions, fellowship and free time. The talks will be given by a member of the Community of the Resurrection.

The cost will be £115 full board, from Friday supper to Sunday lunchtime. For more information please pick up a leaflet in church or the parish rooms or contact the Vicar, Robin Figg, 633307. **To book a place please send a £25 deposit to Robin at The Vicarage as soon as possible.**



**NEWS FROM THE
CROSS HILLS & DISTRICT
FELLOWSHIP of Churches**

Local Christians working together



Day of Prayer

Saturday 15th May – St Andrew' Church

10 am until 3 pm. We invite everyone to drop in for a little while, or longer if they prefer. Light refreshments throughout in the parish rooms.

CDFC United Service, 6.00pm Sunday 12th April at St Andrew's Church, Kildwick. This will be a Songs of Praise for Easter Day.

Diocesan Day 2009 – Saturday 25th April



- **When is it? Saturday, April 12th.**
- **Where is it? Bradford Grammar School.**
- **What's it all about? Spirituality**
- **Who's it for? Everyone!**

Yes Diocesan Day is here again - a great opportunity to gather together as a Diocesan family to celebrate, worship and learn. This year the theme will be Spirituality and the keynote speaker will be Dr Christian Baxter, Principal of St John's College, Nottingham. Timothy Radcliffe, a Dominican friar, will also be there to share in the seminars programme and to preach at the Communion service which will round off the day.

As usual the seminar programme will be wide ranging; topics will include Prayer Journaling, Art & Spirituality and Comedy. There will be something on Spirituality & Sport and another on Spirituality through Movement as well as three seminars exploring aspects of spirituality and music. If that sounds a bit too active or noisy for you there will, for the first time, be a room set aside for quiet prayer.

Other seminars will address Spiritual Direction, the work of Thomas Merton, Faith & Film, Faith in the Workplace and Spirituality for Practical People. Another will look at Taizé spirituality and two seminars have been planned specifically with teenagers in mind!

There are 500 places at Diocesan Day but if recent years are anything to go by they will all be taken so don't delay! Brochures and booking forms are available from the Vicar, the church or the Diocesan Office. You can also book online by going to: <http://events.dowson.com/all/11>

*future
faithful!*

Fellowship & Focus Group

Our next meeting on Monday 20th April will focus on a NOOMA film 'You'.

Some of the central claims of the Christian faith are the source of many discussions and heated debates. But are we always debating the right things? Maybe some of our discussions would change significantly if we had more insight into the actual circumstances that surrounded the first people of the Christian movement. – if we had a better understanding of the things they did in the context of the world they lived in. May be some of the claims of the Christian faith that we typically perceive to be unique aren't really that special at all. And at the same time maybe we don't always put enough emphasis on the things that truly should matter in our lives.

All welcome

Tea and Scones

We will be again serving Tea and Scones the Parish Rooms, next to Kildwick Church every Sunday afternoon from 2.30pm until 4.30pm, beginning on 3rd May until the end of September.

A warm welcome awaits our regular and new customers.

If you are able to help by hosting an afternoon, baking scones or church sitting so that our historic church can be open for visitors please sign the list in church or contact Lesley Hudson
01535 633887

Stuck for a gift for that Special Occasion?

Are you celebrating the birth of a baby or perhaps a special Birthday or Anniversary? Why not commission a unique hand-embroidered card that you can later frame as a memento of the event? They have been very popular as personal gifts and are especially suitable too for wedding, baptism or confirmation cards.

Cost, dependent on size and complexity, £10 to £12 Minimum time needed, 7 days.

Larger commissions for anniversary samplers considered.

If you have an enquiry, or an order, please telephone Gill on 01756 770200
10% of all proceeds to St. Andrew's church funds.

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

**Sunday 26th April
at 6.00pm**



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

**Concert
St Andrew's Kildwick**



featuring



**Saturday May 16th
7.30pm**

**BBC Radio 3 Young Choir of the Year
2006**

Further details from
Lesley Hudson 01535 633887

**Ever thought of becoming a
childminder?**

We are holding an
information evening for
anyone who would like to
find out



more about becoming an
Ofsted Registered Childminder.

The session will be held at Otley Street
Nursery School in Skipton at 6.30 pm on
Thursday 30th April 2009.

Places can be booked by telephoning the
Families Information
Service on 0845 6011 630.

Further details can be obtained from
Caroline Hannah 01609 533378.
Childminding Support Officer for Craven

THE VILLAGE PUMP



**A Meeting Place
for Over 50's**

**Every Wednesday
2.00 - 3.30 pm**

Chat



over Tea

Dominoes

Scrabble



Cards

and more ...



**Farnhill Methodist Church
(in the foyer)**

Saints and Such

3rd April Richard of Chichester (c1197 - 1253)

Ever wonder where the prayer ... *'May I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, day by day'* comes from? Richard of Chichester, a bishop in the 13th century, wrote it.

He began life as Richard de Wych of Droitwich, the son of a yeoman farmer. But Richard was a studious boy, and after helping his father on the farm for several years, refused an advantageous offer of marriage, and instead made his way to Oxford, and later to Paris and Bologna to study canon law.

In 1235 he returned to Oxford, and was soon appointed Chancellor, where he supported Edmund, Archbishop of Canterbury, in his struggles against King Henry III's misuse of Church funds. After further study to become a priest, Richard was in due course made a bishop himself. He was greatly loved. He was charitable and accessible, both stern and merciful to sinners, extraordinarily generous to those stricken by famine, and a brilliant legislator of his diocese. He decreed that the sacraments were to be administered without payment, Mass celebrated in dignified conditions, the clergy to be chaste, to practise residence, and to wear clerical dress. The laity were obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days, and to know by heart the Hail Mary as well as the Lord's Prayer and the Creed.

Richard was also prominent in preaching the Crusade, which he saw as a call to reopen the Holy Land to pilgrims, not as a political expedition. He died at Dover on 3 April 1253. In art, Richard of Chichester is represented with a chalice at his feet, in memory of his having once dropped the chalice at Mass! One ancient English church is dedicated to him. And, of course, he is author of that famous prayer, now set to popular music, which runs in full:

'Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ for all the benefits thou hast given me, for all the pains and insults which thou hast borne for me. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly and follow thee more nearly, day by day.'



Why Easter chocolate and wine are good for you.

As Lent comes to an end, and you reach for your Easter chocolate, here's some great news: eating chocolate and drinking wine or tea can improve your memory.

In recent research, people who regularly consume modest amounts of all three performed best in a series of brain tests. Apparently chocolate, wine and tea all contain micronutrients called flavonoids, which may reduce the risk of dementia.

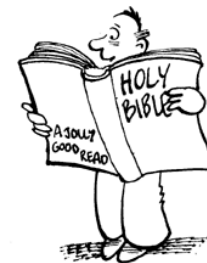
But - the bad news is that the positive effects of wine level out after just half a glass, while all your brain needs is four squares of chocolate. Most depressing. Better put the kettle on....



BIBLE HISTORY

This is part 14 in a series of articles written by Michael Baumber

THE END OF THE HASMONAEAN KINGDOM



Alexander Jannaeus died in 76 BC and he was succeeded by his widow, Salome Alexandra. The result was that the animosities of his reign died with him because both the Sadducees and the Pharisees could agree that a woman could not become the High Priest. The peace proved to be short lived and limited to her lifetime because when she died in 67 BC disagreements took place between her two sons, John Hyrcanus II and Aristobulos over the succession. They could not have chosen a worse time for their disputes. Throughout the period from the death of John Hyrcanus I in 103 the Romans had been steadily extending their empire into Asia Minor, the modern Turkey. This ultimately erupted into a full scale war with its most powerful local ruler, Mithradate of Pontus who was ultimately defeated by the Romans under Pompey but only after a hard struggle. Rather rashly the Seleucids had supported Mithradate which led Pompey to turn his attention to Syria and the much weakened Seleucid state collapsed like a house of cards shortly after Salome Alexandra's death. The Hasmonaean had been long term allies of Rome and we have seen that Rome had intervened to save the state when it was threatened with extinction at the time of the murder of Simon Maccabeus so it was quite natural for the question of the succession to be submitted to Pompey at Antioch in 63 BC. Unfortunately any goodwill the Romans may have felt towards the Hasmonaean was undermined by the intrigues of the two brothers who attempted to play them off against the state of Nabatea a rich merchant kingdom which had its capital at Petra east of the Jordan. Pompey became so exasperated that he attacked and captured Jerusalem and then dismantled the kingdom altogether, taking away the non-jewish parts and dividing the remainder into five separate units, a humiliating end to Jewish dreams of independence.

The events of the next 25 years are difficult to summarise because they cover the upheaval surrounding the fall of the Roman republic and the subsequent civil war. The situation in Palestine was further complicated by wars with Parthia which controlled Iraq at this time and by the intrigues of Cleopatra who attempted to use her charms to create an Egypt independent of Rome. In its first phase Julius Caesar fought and defeated Pompey at Pharsalus in 48 BC who was subsequently murdered on the orders of Ptolemy XII in Egypt.

Caesar in his turn was murdered by Brutus in the Forum in 44 BC after which the state was divided between Caesar's nephew, Octavian, and his closest ally, Mark Anthony. In the final convulsion Mark Anthony was seduced by Cleopatra who had got rid of her half brother Ptolemy XII into supporting Egypt's bid for independence and was defeated by Octavian at Actium in 31 BC after which Cleopatra committed suicide. Then Octavian had himself proclaimed emperor with the title of Augustus. It is against this turbulent background that we must see the rise to power of Herod the Great.

This month's recipes

Auntie Jean's lemon cookies



Ingredients

4 ozs margarine 3 ozs sugar
rind of 1 lemon 1 egg
8 ozs self raising flour.
glace cherries and castor sugar.

Method

1. Cream margarine and sugar, add lemon rind.
2. beat egg and add to dry ingredients, if it is too dry add a little water.
3. Form into small balls and roll in castor sugar.
4. Place a ½ cherry on each ball.
5. Place on a baking sheet and bake in oven mark 6 until golden brown
6. Makes about 18 cookies.

Do you have a favourite recipe you would like to share,
Send it to lesley.hudson@kildwick.org.uk
or Burnside, Bucklar Hill, Farnhill BD20 9AS

Smile Lines!!

The Scientific Answer.....

Some answers from real children—allegedly



Q: Name the four seasons.

A: Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.

Q: What happens to your body as you age?

A: When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental.

Q: How are the parts of the body categorized (e.g. the abdomen)?

A: the body is consisted into three parts –the brainium, the borax and the abdominal cavity. The brainium contains the brain, the borax contains the heart and lungs and the abdominal cavity contains the five vowels, A, E, I, O and U.

Q: What causes the tides in the oceans?

A: The tides are fight between the Earth and the Moon. All the water tends to flow to the towards the moon, because there is no water on the moon, and nature hates a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins in this fight.

Q: Name a major disease associated with cigarettes.

A: Premature death.

Q: How can you delay milk turning sour?

A: Keep it in the cow.

Found by Edward Gee in 'Not out' News, views and insights for retired clergy, produced by Bradford Diocesan Office.

Page of prayer

The month of April sees us move from Lent to Easter. Lent is a time when Christians remember the 40 days and nights Jesus spent alone in the desert without food being tempted by the Devil. Jesus used this time to prepare for His work by fasting and praying.



Easter is the oldest and the most important Christian Festival, the celebration of the death and coming to life again of Jesus Christ. For Christians, the dawn of Easter Sunday with its message of new life is the high point of the Christian year.

Our prayers this month help us complete our Lenten journey and move into the joy and new beginning that Easter brings.

God of forgiveness,

we sometimes get things wrong and hurt others by our thoughts,
our words and our actions.

At other times we are hurt by the way we are treated.

Help us Lord to put right anything that is wrong, To forgive and to make things better.

God of happiness and peace,

you made the world a place of wonder, but sometimes we forget this,
And can cause sadness, anger and hurt, Help us to make our words positive and loving,
our actions kind and generous, and our lives and those around us truly happy.

Fill our hearts with your love, God,

as we spend these final days of Lent.

Help us to see that every word, every thought, and every action
that we make is an opportunity to share your love with others.

So inspire us today to be loving to one another.

Dear Lord God as we celebrate Easter

We thank you that you are a forgiving God, who wipes out all the wrongs from the past,
and starts anew with us today.

Bring healing and comfort to those who are anxious, upset, lonely, or ill today;
encourage those who help and care for them. May all who suffer be led from pain to
peace.

We give you thanks for your loving mercy shown to us in Jesus Christ, who endured the
suffering of the cross to overcome all that separates us from you, and was raised up to
new life.

Strengthen our faith in the victory of the cross and the hope of eternal life. Help us to
grow in the life which does not end, in love and friendship with you, which lasts for
ever; through your Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Isobel's Page

Taking a scenic route to Fountains Abbey, on a bright winter's day, I had to stop to allow a flock of sheep to be shepherded towards a farm on the edge of the moor. As I was waiting for them to pass I noticed a narrow lane, leading off the main road, with the very intriguing name of 'Cut Throat Lane'. My imagination, as is its wont, ran riot- what had happened in that spot for the lane to have such a fascinating name? Visions of footpads and highwaymen lurking about in the undergrowth sprang to mind or who knows, another Sweeney Todd may have resided there at some time and plied his evil trade! Names can tell us so much about places and times past and there is no better illustration of this than in the beautiful city of York, with its gateways into the walled city called bars and its many signposts with the word 'gate' on them- in this case meaning street. Signs with names like 'Goodramgate'- named after Guthrum, a Viking leader. Then there is 'Whipmawhopmagate'- named for the annual mediaeval Whip Dog Day or the public whippings which took place nearby. The narrow street named 'The Shambles' comes from the Saxon word 'fleshammels'- meaning the street of the butchers, where at one time there were twenty five. You may think it wise to avoid Arguments Yard, off Church Street, in Whitby, but do not fear you will not witness duels being fought at dawn or pistols drawn at seven paces- the yard was the workplace of a certain Thomas Argument who had a small bathing machine company there! Much further north in Glasgow, the area of Bishopbriggs derives its name from a bridge erected by a Glasgow bishop to facilitate communication with his parishioners. I have friends who live in the area called Ibrox and that means the haven of the badger (brock- badger) Perhaps the football team should go under the name of Glasgow Badgers instead of Rangers!



We have some fascinating place names in our local area. Frequently travelling to Haworth I usually drive via Sutton with the landmark of Earl's Crag- named after the Earl of Cumberland- always in view. Passing through Aden- not to be confused with the port in Yemin- just various farms scattered over the moor- it would be difficult not to notice the largest solitary boulder in Yorkshire- the Hitching Stone- sitting brooding over the desolate landscape. In times long past a Lammas Fair was held in its location when horse racing and other sporting activities took place. Although, undoubtedly, glacier borne from its origin on Earl's Crag, there is a legend, which makes far more interesting reading, regarding this large boulder, estimated at weighing over a thousand tons, which has a hole running through it made by a very ancient fossilized tree, and this legend tells us how it may have got its name. A witch lived on the opposite side of the valley on Rumbles (Rombalds) moor. Outside her cottage was a huge boulder which annoyed her intensely. One day she took her broomstick and stuck it in the hole in the stone and lifted and 'hitched' the whole mass across the valley to where it stands to this day.

Continuing on my way to Haworth I travel down Providence Lane. Could that area have some connection with Providence in America? Apparently Providence was founded in 1636 by Roger Williams, a religious exile from the Massachusetts Bay colony, and he named that area of Rhode Island in honour of God's merciful providence which he believed was responsible for leading him to such a wonderful place to settle.

Providence- a word we use when something happens that is good and unusual. Picture the scene- you are driving along, a car is racing towards you on the wrong side of the

road, overtaking a line of cars. You brake and the car just manages to return to its correct side of the road before it would have met you head on. It's only natural to think that it could have all been very different-just a second later- or just a second before- and it could be good luck – a kind of fate or chance- that all turned out well. However perhaps this is providence- the hand of a loving God- the widespread care and supervision which God exercises over us.

There are words in our hymn book which tell of God's providence and which were written as the result of very heavy circumstances.

William Cowper who wrote, in the 18th century, 'God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform' suffered from the most terrible bouts of depression and on several occasions tried to kill himself. One night he planned to end everything by jumping into icy waters from a bridge he knew well. However thick fog made him lose his way and, after walking round and round in circles for hours, he ended up back at his own front door. Cowper went indoors, picked up his pen, and wrote the words which speak of the providence of God.

It could be said that Cowper is saying that God is a God of surprises. Life is full of change and chance but even when we have worries and doubts and we naturally question the way things are, God knows exactly what is going to happen. I particular like the words he wrote:-

'Fresh courage take- the clouds you so much dread are big with mercy
and shall break in blessings on your head'

With faith the future might not be as bleak as we fear and it could be that the worst part of an experience may be the anticipating of that worst and Cowper's words could illustrate and exhort us not to worry too much.

Mark Twain once said:-

'I am an old man and have known great troubles but most of them
never happened.'

Providence is a wonderful blessing of knowing God and extends to everything that happens. In the midst of many things that puzzle us God has the explanation. Even though the writer of the words of the hymn wrote them in a state of deep depression- someone for whom life's troubles seemed at times insurmountable- he was aware that

'God is His own interpreter and He will make it plain'

Charlotte Bronte wrote:-

'I try to avoid looking forward or backward and try to keep looking
upward'

Good advice indeed!

I am so very grateful for the many cards, letters, flowers and good wishes which were sent to me after my resignation, in January, as church warden at St Andrew's. I thank all those who have given me so much support and friendship, encouragement and help during the, almost, four years I was warden.

Isobel Stirk

Regular Events at Kildwick

Monday 1.30 pm	5 Beanlands Drive Glusburn	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!
Tuesday 7.30 pm-8.30 pm	Choir practice	In Parish Rooms
Wednesdays from 10.15 am	NottheKnot Group downstairs in Parish Rooms	Stitching and fellowship group.
Wednesday 6-30-7.30 pm	Jets in Parish Rooms (Not in school holidays)	Primary school children's group
7.30 pm	Bellringing	
Thursday 2 pm	Open House in Parish Rooms	Refreshments and items for sale



Fri 3 rd Apr	2.45pm	Kildwick School collective worship in church
Sun 5 th Apr		PALM SUNDAY
Thu 9 th Apr		MAUNDY THURSDAY
	10.00am	LEAP into Mission group (upstairs Parish Rooms)
	7.30pm	Eucharist of the Last Supper
Fri 10 th Apr		GOOD FRIDAY
	10.00am	Walk of Witness to St Peter's Church, Cross Hills
	2.00pm	Liturgy of the Cross
	7.30pm	CDFC Service (South Craven Baptist Church)
Sat 11 th Apr		EASTER EVE
	8.45pm	The Easter Liturgy, Renewal of Baptismal Vows & First Eucharist of Easter
Sun 12 th Apr		EASTER DAY
	10.00am	Family Eucharist with Renewal of Baptismal Vows
	6.00pm	CDFC Songs of Praise (St Andrew's, Kildwick)
Mon 20 th Apr	7.30pm	Fellowship and Focus (Parish Rooms)
Sat 25 th Apr	9.30am	Diocesan Day (Bradford Grammar School)
Sun 26 th Apr	10.00am	Parish Communion followed by Annual Meetings
	6.00pm	Easter Service of Thanksgiving for Departed Family & Friends
Sat 16 th May	7.30pm	Concert by Amabile (Girl's Choir as seen on TV)

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.

5 Apr Palm Sunday	8.15 am	Holy Communion
	10 am	Procession from Barretts Bridge, Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Communion
	6 pm	No service
Monday 6th	7.30 pm	
Tuesday 7th	7.30 pm	
Wednesday 8th	7.30 pm	
Thursday 9 th April 2009 Maundy Thursday	7.30 pm	Eucharist of the Last Supper
Friday 10th April 2009 Good Friday	10.00 am	Walk of witness to St Peter's Cross Hills.
	2.00 pm	Liturgy of the Cross
Saturday 11 th April 2009 Easter Vigil	7.45 pm	Easter Liturgy. Renewal of Baptismal Vows & First Eucharist of Easter
Sunday 12 th April 2009 Easter Day	8.15 am	Holy Communion
	10 am	Family Eucharist with Renewal of Baptismal Vows
	6 00 pm	Songs of Praise (CDFC)
Sunday 19 th April 2009 Second Sunday of Easter	8.15 am	Holy Communion
	10 am	Parish Communion with prayer for healing
	6.00 pm	Choral Evensong
Sunday 26 th April 2009 Third Sunday of Easter	8.15 am	Holy Communion
	10 am	Parish Communion followed by APCM
	6.00 pm	Easter Service of Thanksgiving for Departed Family & Friends

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH

The next monthly meeting to pray for the parish will take place on Thursday 2nd April in the Parish Rooms from 7.30pm until 8.15pm. For information contact Robin Figg, 633307.

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UPCOMING EVENTS.

Saturday 4th April—Ceilidh

After missing in 2008, the Institute and the Flagcrackers are pleased to confirm the date for the 2009 event.

Friday 29th MAY - 'Treasure Hunt

The latest version of our very popular Treasure Hunt around the villages. Starts from the Institute from 6.30 pm and includes a Pie and Pea supper.

Saturday 27th June - SUMMER FAIR

*****STOP PRESS*****

After many requests, we will again be publishing an Institute Calendar for 2010. Once again we are looking for photographs on the subject:

'Local Views by Local People'

We will be publishing more details as soon as possible, but will be looking for photos by the END OF MAY 2009.

Winning photos will be announced at the Summer Fair at the end of June.



Church Rotas

5 Apr Palm Sunday	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Isaiah 50:4 - 9a Philippians 2:5 - 11 Mark14 1 - 15.47	Lance Peake Jennifer Roberts Dramatised Reading
Thursday 9 th April 2009 Maunday Thursday	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Exodus 12:1 - 14 1 Corinthians 11:23 - 26 John 13:1 - 17,31b - 35	Lesley Hudson Glyn Evans Pam Brown
Friday 10 th April 2009 Good Friday	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Isaiah 52:13 - 53. 12 Hebrews 10:16 - 25 John 18:1 - 19.42	John Hudson Marie Stinson Robin Figg
Saturday 11 th April 2009 Easter Vigil	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	To Be Arranged	
Sunday 12 th April 2009 Easter Day	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Acts 10:34 - 43 1 Corinthians 15:1 - 11 Mark 16:1 - 8	Michael Baumber Ruth Ward
Sunday 19 th April 2009 Second Sunday of Easter	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Acts 4:32 - 35 1 John 1:1 - 2.2 John 20:19 - 31	Sandie Walton Stephen Wescott Jennifer Roberts
Sunday 26 th April 2009 Third Sunday of Easter	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Acts 3:12 - 19 1 John 3:1 - 7 Luke 24:36b - 48	Brian Charter Lesley Bannister
Flowers		Church Cleaning	
5th 12th	LENT EASTER	12th	Helen Hulley, Rosie Hargreaves, Sylvia Ackroyd
19th 26th	Mrs Pratt Mr Bates	26th	Marian Baxter, June Whitaker, Mary Peake, Joan Tillotson
Brass cleaning	Jan Richardson and Libba Uttley		

Date	Sidesperson	Intercessor	Communion
5 Apr Palm Sunday	Joan Houghton Barry Houghton Pam Brown	Sue Hargreaves	Tim and Janet
Thursday 9 th April 2009 Maundy Thursday		Lesley Hudson	
Friday 10 th April 2009 Good Friday		Robin Figg	
Saturday 11 th April 2009 Easter Vigil		To be arranged	
Sunday 12 th April 2009 Easter Day	David Baxter Libba Utley Christine Anderton Ann Mosley	Michael Baumber	John and Sandie
Sunday 19 th April 2009 Second Sunday of Easter	June Whitaker Brian Green Howard Stirk Isobel Stirk	Isobel Stirk	Michael and Sue
Sunday 26 th April 2009 Third Sunday of Easter	Eleanor Eastwood Dorothy Ward Christine Hutchinson	Elizabeth Figg	Janet and Christine

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

Sunday 1st March Charlotte Jayne Littler, daughter of Rob & Helen of Clayton Hall Road, Cross Hills

Funerals

Thursday 19th Ronnie Smith, of Royd Hill Nursing Home

Friday 20th March Muriel Henderson, of Kirkgate, Kildwick

FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of Farnhill Parish Council was held on the 5th March 2009 in Kildwick/ Farnhill Institute. The meeting was chaired by Counc. M. Scarffe. Five members of the council were present, plus NYCC & CDC Representatives.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 5th February were proposed, seconded and signed as a correct record after one alteration by the Chairman.

The light at the top of Starkey Lane with junction of Grange Road has now been repaired. NYCC have removed the old lamp from the pole on Newby Road but are waiting for a fitting before they can replace it with the new lamp. Clerk to ask that it be done as soon as possible, as it is very dark for pedestrians. Clerk also to ask if the old lamps can be saved and reused for other lights in the village when necessary.

Clerk reported that the contract has not yet been received from EON and the old price is still being charged for the electric supply.

The bus stop at Kildwick has now been completed and the bus is now stopping at the new stop. Counc M Wheeler was asked to find out the revenue cost of the bus stop.

Clerk to remind NYCC that the loose kerb stone at the junction of Newby Road and Main Street has not been repaired yet.

The request for a grit bin at the top of the Arbour has been passed to footpaths officer at NYCC. Clerk awaiting further information.

It was reported that a 20mph sign on a lamp post opposite Box Tree Farm is in a 30mph zone and is causing confusion to motorists. Clerk to report to Highways.

Concerns were expressed about traffic congestion at the junction of Newby Road & Starkey Lane, but this appears to be a temporary problem due to repairs being carried out, so the Parish Council decided no action should be taken.

NYCC & CDC Rep Counc M Wheeler & CDC Rep Counc P Fairbank were asked to give progress reports at the Annual Parish Meeting and kindly accepted the offer. Clerk also to invite NY Police to be a guest speaker.

The Parish Council agreed to make a donation of £100 towards Fun 4 Kids National Play Day event to be held at South Craven School.

Clerk has spoke to the Councils legal advisor regarding maintenance and liability for the road at the Arbour and they advised that this can be difficult to resolve if there is no agreement in writing. Clerk to see if any agreements or documentation can be found.

A quote has been received from Zurich Insurance for accident cover for volunteers carrying out Parish Council work and the cost would be £12.50 per annum with the additional fee being waived until the next renewal. The Parish Council agreed to go ahead with the Insurance with immediate effect.

The pinnacle at Farnhill is in need of repair and it was proposed and accepted that the Parish Council contribute towards the cost of repair. Counc M Scarffe to discuss the matter further with Kildwick Parish Meeting Chairman

A resident has asked for one of the trees at the Arbour to be trimmed. Clerk provided

details of a report provided by CDC Planning last time the trees were trimmed. Further discussion will take place next month.

Clerk has received a response from CDC regarding the piece of land by Redmans Bridge and they state that unfortunately the site is not suitable for Recycling Bins.

The speed detection equipment was deployed at Farnhill in November, but due to software malfunction the data had been lost. However the equipment has been deployed again and the data has been forwarded to the Council.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 2ND APRIL 2009
IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL INSTITUTE AT 7.30PM
All members of the village are welcome to attend.**

**THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 23RD APRIL
2009 AT 7.30PM IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL INSTITUTE.
THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING IS FOR THE BENEFIT OF RESIDENTS OF THE
VILLAGE SO YOU CAN PUT FORWARD YOUR VIEWS ON VILLAGE ISSUES SO
PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND.**



A new initiative to create local homes for local people across North Yorkshire has been launched.

Working in partnership with the North Yorkshire Strategic Housing Board, a network of Rural Housing Enablers has been established, who are working to identify the needs of rural communities across the county.

The six enablers will together find solutions for rural communities facing the problem of the shortage of affordable housing.





The Rural Housing Enabler covering Craven is Sarah Close and she is keen to hear from any communities wishing to look at the provision and need for local needs housing, or landowners who are interested in finding out more about the options available to them. Please contact her on 01756 706418 or by email sclose@cravenc.gov.uk

Learn
encourage
act
pray


into mission

Thursday April 9th at 10 am
 In the Parish Rooms

We meet again to explore in more depth the work of the mission agencies. Please do join us

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Cross Hill Naturalists' Society (Founded 1904)

The Society's Microscope Group meets on the second Thursday of the month at the Senior Citizens Centre, Sutton-in-Craven from April to September at 18.45 hours. Anyone interested in joining should contact Robert McDougall on 01274 599958. Young people (with an adult) are welcome and microscopes are available for use at meetings.

Summer Programme 2009

This is a summary of events. Details of times, etc. will be given monthly.

MAY

Thursday 14th	Dawn Chorus	Rod Brown (RSPB)
Saturday 23rd	Glusburn Valley	Allan Butterfield and Adrian Haupt

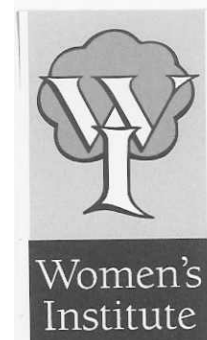
JUNE

Wednesday 17th	Ilkley Moor. Botany and Archaeology	John Webb
Sunday 21st	Summer Sunrise	Allan Butterfield
Tuesday 23rd	Dale Head Churchyard and Stocks Reservoir	Marjorie Burnett and Jean Kendrew

JULY

Wednesday 1st	Himalayan Balsam Pull	Mrs. Beaufoy
Saturday 18th	Bat Walk	Chloe Bellamy and Emma Rigby (Leeds University)
Thursday 30th	Return to Ribbleshead Nature Reserve	Jean Kendrew and Allan Butterfield

Women's Institute News



Glusburn and Cross Hills WI - March meeting

Our meeting on 3rd March was a very "Rugged" affair as Penny Godfrey told us about the different ways of making rag rugs. She showed us her wide range of old and modern tools and passed round rugs and even bags made in different ways. They were varied in thickness, texture and colours, a most interesting demonstration of an old craft.

Forthcoming events included lunch at the Beeches on 15th April, meeting there at 11.45am. Raffle tickets for the National WI Raffle were sold. An invitation to attend the Spring Council Meeting in Richmond, North Yorkshire, as our delegate was extended and a trip to Denman in May was on offer.

The speaker at our April meeting on Tuesday April 7th in Cross Hills Rest Centre will be Aileen Smith, her subject Homeopathy. Visitors and new members are welcomed.

Pam Brown

Church highlights Darwin's 'forgotten' parish work

A new page paying tribute to the 'forgotten' church work of Charles Darwin in his local parish of Downe, Kent, has been published on the Church of England's website, at www.cofe.anglican.org/darwin/downe.html, to illustrate, once again, how science and the work of the Church can combine together. The page is part of a bigger section on the website celebrating the life and works of Darwin.

The page 'Darwin at Downe' is one of a number of pages on the website celebrating the naturalist's significant scientific progress, marking the bicentenary of his birth, and anticipating the 150th anniversary of the publication of the ground-breaking text 'On the Origin of Species', in November.

It lists how Darwin supervised church and school finances, founded a Friendly Club and served as its treasurer for 30 years, ran the local Coal and Clothing Fund savings club for 21 years, and built up a close friendship with parish priest Revd John Brodie Innes - who once wrote: "I never saw a word in his writings which was an attack on Religion. He follows his own course as a Naturalist and leaves Moses to take care of himself."

The new page concludes that, whilst Darwin lost his own personal Christian faith, he did not become anti-church or anti-religious, and his valuable contributions to the world extended beyond his scientific writings into the local parish in which he lived and served for 40 years.

It quotes 'A History of Darwin's Parish' (1933), by OJR Howarth and Eleanor K Howarth: "If his own thoughts led him away from the doctrines of the established church, he did not cease to second its social activities in Downe."

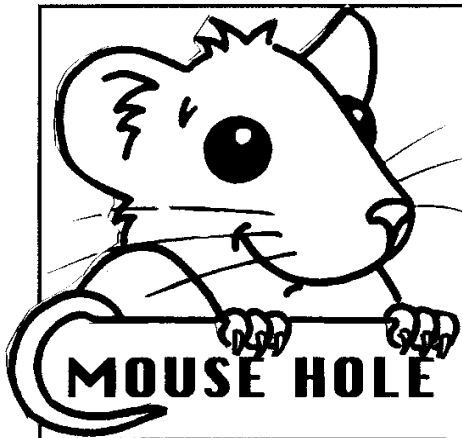
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| 4. HOLYWEEK | 9. SUNRISE | 14. PALMS |
| 5. PALMSUNDAY | 10. RESURECTION | 15. PASCHALCANDLE |
| | 11. EASTEREGG | 16. CRUCIFIXION |
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Can you find all the words? I've set a higher difficulty level for this one.
An Easter Egg for the first correctly completed search sent in to me!!

Children's page

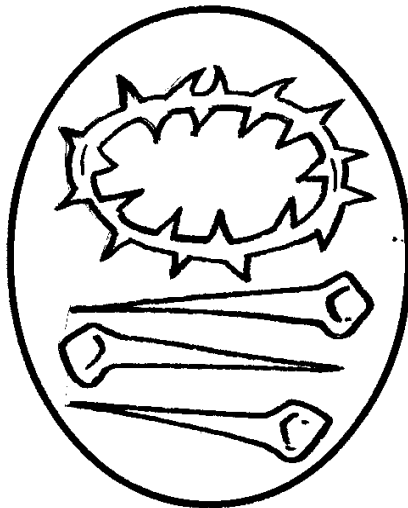


The Easter Story

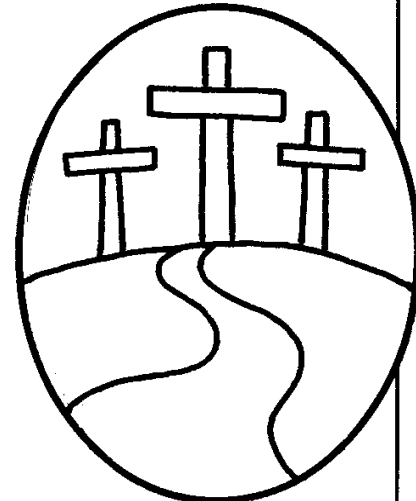
On a donkey,
here's God's King!
"Hosanna, Hosanna"
the people sing.



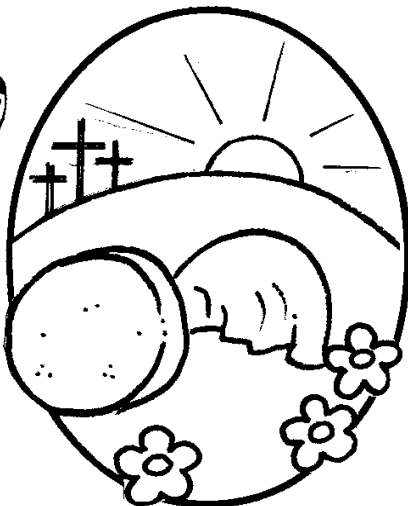
But soon they say
"He's telling lies,
he's not God's Son,
so he must die!"



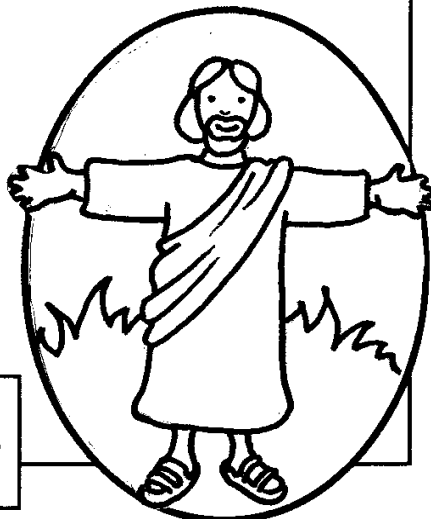
Beaten and stripped,
nailed to a cross,
He only came
to save the lost.



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

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

Speckled Eggs

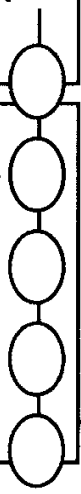
Colour boiled eggs by adding a few drops of food colouring to the water just before they have finished boiling.

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.



back page



*...well you cannot fault the efficacy of
the new 'Planned Giving' scheme...*

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