



# St. Andrew's Church Kildwick

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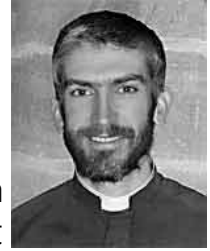
**DECEMBER 2008**

### **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,

In October I wrote about how Christians are to have an active concern for the whole of Creation. Last month I wrote about the concern we must have for our relationships with humankind. This month, which carries us through the season of Advent towards Christmas, we might give our attention to the One who is at the heart of Creation and of all relationships, God who comes to us Jesus.

The four weeks of Advent invite us to ponder the mystery of the One who invites us to meet him in the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Advent is a time of waiting, of longing for something special to happen.

But given that most of us find waiting hard, Advent is not always an easy period of time. We live in a world that is not accustomed to waiting; we are used to having what we want when we want it! We want to get to the exciting bit NOW; we don't want to have to wait until next week, let alone next month or, surely not, next year!

The paradox is, of course, that what we are waiting to celebrate, God's coming into the world at Christmas, has already happened if only we would believe it and accept it!

God, who is Love and Light, has come and keeps on coming to you and me if only we would open our hearts and minds to his presence with us now.

As you prepare to celebrate the great festival of Christmas once again, take a moment or two to be quiet and wonder what it would be like for Jesus to come again into the world as though for the first time. What would it be like to know the fullness of Jesus indwelling your heart? What would it be like for the Good News to really make an impact in your life?

If you are anything like me, you will not find it easy to find answers to these questions. Being able to let go of all our worldly thoughts and ways is far from easy. This is why we have to try to slow down and give ourselves some time and space into which God can come and speak to our hearts and move our spirits.

In this time of serious economic crisis all around the world there is increasing anxiety as we wonder what tomorrow's news might bring. The appalling suffering of so many in the Congo, Sudan, Zimbabwe, Somalia and elsewhere cannot go unnoticed and rightly causes us increasing discomfort. The land of Christ's birth remains a battleground and that must be a cause of our continued grieving.

Let us then not forget that the One whose birth we celebrate is the One whose death we also celebrate; a death that came because Jesus challenged the political and religious leaders of his day in the pursuit of justice and righteousness for all.

God in Jesus came to show us that a love that longs for peace and justice for all is possible. The challenge is to accept that 'In the end, there is no one God does not love'.

I hope you will come and join us at our Christmas services this year as we think again about the message of God's radical, inclusive, transforming love for all of Creation and humankind.

May Jesus find a place in your heart this Christmas.

*Robin*

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## The Gospel according to St Mark

The pattern of readings from the Bible for use in Christian worship is known as the lectionary. Each Sunday three bible readings are prescribed: a passage from the Old Testament, the Apocrypha, or the Acts of the Apostles; another from either the Book of Revelation or the Epistles; and finally a passage from one of the four Gospels.

The pattern of readings runs in three-year cycles; the gospel readings in the first year (Year A) are taken mainly from the Gospel of Matthew, those in the second year (or Year B) mainly from the Gospel of Mark, and in the third year (or Year C) come mainly from the Gospel of Luke. Portions of the Gospel of John are read at certain festivals every year.

On Advent Sunday (30<sup>th</sup> November) we begin Year B, so the gospel readings will be from Mark.

The Gospel of Mark is one of the earliest written documents on the life of Jesus that is preserved for us today. But Mark is more than a historical account or an attempt at objective biography. It is a story that seeks to draw readers into its world, to lead them to a faith in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God, and to motivate them to a truer discipleship. Christian tradition has long suggested that the author of the Gospel was "Mark," a companion of Peter who is mentioned in Colossians 4:10, 2 Timothy 4:11, and Philemon 24 and called "John Mark" in Acts 12:12, 25 and 15:37-39. Peter does occupy a unique role in this Gospel, but nowhere does the author ever explicitly identify himself. We will continue to call this Gospel "Mark's," but its actual authorship remains uncertain. Based on the kinds of unrest described in chapter 13 which are consistent with Nero's persecution of Christians and the Jewish revolt against Rome which culminated with the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple in 70 CE, most scholars conclude that this Gospel was written sometime in the late 60's CE. There are many factors which point to the likelihood that Mark was composed for a community outside of Palestine. Christian tradition has suggested Rome as its originating location, but any number of places within the Roman Empire could also be possible.

Most scholars also agree that Mark served as a source for the Gospels attributed to Matthew and Luke. Though these other two Gospels, along with John, may provide a more polished and fuller account of Jesus' ministry, Mark remains as the most compelling story which hopes to draw its readers into a relationship with Jesus Christ, the Son of God who suffered and died for us. This Gospel also highlights the nature of discipleship lived out in the shadow of Christ's cross and what it means for us as followers of Jesus to be "MARKed for Life!"

Here is a guide to this Gospel.

1. Jesus' baptism and temptations (1.1-13)
  2. Initial opposition to Jesus' teaching in Galilee (1.14 – 3.35)
  3. Jesus teaches using parable (4.1–34)
  4. Jesus performs miracles and healings amid growing opposition to his work (4.35 – 8.26)
  5. Peter's confession, the cost of discipleship (8.27-38)
  6. The Transfiguration (9.1-13)
  7. Jesus teaches and prepares his disciples (9.14 – 10.52)
  8. Jesus enters Jerusalem, cleanses the Temple and engages in argument (11.1 – 12.44)
  9. Jesus teaches of future events ('the Markan apocalypse') (13.1- 37)
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10. The Last Supper, Jesus' arrest, trials and crucifixion (14.1 – 15.47)
11. The empty tomb (16.1-8)
12. Resurrection appearances (16.9-20)



***NEWS FROM THE  
CROSS HILLS & DISTRICT  
FELLOWSHIP of Churches***  
*Local Christians working together*



**Open Air Christmas Nativity Play  
4pm Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

Following the great success of the initial outdoor nativity last year, the event is to be repeated this year. We will again need lots of people to be involved in different ways.

There are only a few speaking parts in the production but we require a lot of people to be shepherds, Nazarenes, parts of the crowd etc. People will also be needed to help with preparing costumes and scenery, to act as stewards, assist with publicity and various other things. The event is something that young and old (and those in between) can all be involved in.

The date of the presentation is Sunday 14th December at 4pm - starting behind the Kings Arms and moving to the safety of Sutton Park.

For more information or to find out how you can be involved contact Peter Bannister, 636036 or Michael Cowgill, 633372.

**A Crib for Cross Hills**

During Advent a small Christmas crib will be on display in the window of the card and gift shop *Forget Me Not* in Cross Hills. The local churches are very grateful to the owners of the shop for giving us space to make a Christmas display which will be seen by many people shopping in Cross Hills.

The crib itself has been kindly donated by a member of St Peter's Church and is made of olive wood from the Holy Land.

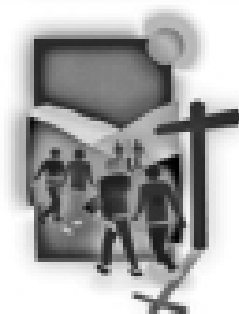


## EMMAUS: THE WAY OF FAITH

The Emmaus Nurture Course is a 15-week course that explores: What Christians believe; How Christians grow; Living the Christian life.

### Why attend this course?

For most people the journey of faith is a gradual discovery, a lifetime's exploration. The process of growing in faith affects our whole lives. There is no one point at which we can say 'we have arrived'. The potential to gain deeper understanding and knowledge and grow in love is always there. The course aims to support the individual on their journey by providing friends and fellow travellers. There will be opportunities to ask questions, learn and reflect.



### Who is the course for?

The course is suitable for:

- enquirers who are aware of their spiritual needs and want to find out what it means to be a Christian;
- those who have recently joined Church but feel they have much to learn;
- those who have attended Church for a long time but want a 'refresher';
- those who feel there must be more to the Christian faith than turning up for an hour on Sunday mornings;
- those wishing to be Confirmed.

The Nurture Group will meet on Thursday evenings (commencing 15<sup>th</sup> January) from 8.00pm to 9.30pm (or 7.30pm to 9.00pm).

For more information please pick up a leaflet from the church or parish rooms or contact Robin Figg at the Vicarage (tel. 633307).

### Camels

In Jane's Christmas drawing, two of the camels were approaching the inn, over which was pictured a large star. The third camel and its rider were going directly away from it. "Why is the third man going in a different direction?" her mother asked. Jane replied: "Oh, he's looking for a place to park."



### Father Christmas

Of course, I had expected that by the age of seven it was inevitable for my son to begin to have serious thoughts about Father Christmas. Sure enough, one day he said, "Mum, I know something about Father Christmas, the Easter Bunny, and the Tooth Fairy." Taking a deep breath, I asked him, "And what is that?" He replied, "They're all nocturnal."

### Christmas Carols

One night Freda went carol singing. She knocked on the door of a house and began to sing. A man with a violin in his hand came to the door. Within half a minute tears were streaming down his face! Freda went on singing for half an hour, every carol she knew - and some she didn't. As last she stopped. The man had continued to weep gently throughout her performance. "I understand," she said softly. "You are remembering your happy childhood Christmas days. You're a sentimentalist!"

"No, not exactly," he replied in a choked sort of voice. "I'm a musician!"

## A letter to the President-elect of the USA

*The following is the text of a letter written by a prominent Christian leader in the USA in the days immediately following the historic election of Barak Obama as the next President of the USA. As he takes up his office in January he will need the prayers as us all.*

Dear Mr. President-elect Obama:

I want personally to offer you my prayers as you embark on the enormous challenge of leading our country in a time of great crisis and crossroads. While our ultimate hope is our faith in God, we also have high hopes for your administration.

I am one member of a growing movement of Christians and people of faith who support a broad moral agenda that includes a deep concern for poverty, peacemaking, a consistent ethic of life, and care for creation. During the campaign, you said that, if elected, you would face powerful special interests trying to block change. You said you would need a citizen movement to support and push you.

Today, I am pledging to be part of that movement. It will be a movement that will both pray for you and hold you accountable to the things you promised. So I urge you to give high priority to:

- **Overcome poverty**, both here in our rich nation and globally. Your efforts to resolve the economic crisis must include those at the bottom, the poorest among us. You pledged during the campaign to mobilize the nation to cut domestic poverty in half in ten years and to implement the Millennium Development Goals to cut extreme global poverty in half.
- **Find better ways than war** to resolve the inevitable conflicts in the world. It is time to end the war in Iraq and emphasize diplomacy over military action in resolving problems in Iran and Afghanistan. We need better and smarter foreign policy that is more consistent with our best national values.
- **Promote a consistent ethic of life** that addresses all threats to life and dignity. We must end genocide in Darfur, the use of torture, and the death penalty. I urge you to pursue common ground policies which can dramatically reduce abortions in America, and help bring us together on this divisive issue.
- **Reverse the effects of climate change** on God's creation. We must learn a new way of living in America to end our dangerous dependence on Middle East oil. We need a spiritual commitment to stewardship and national policies that promote safe, clean, and renewable energy. You spoke of job creation and economic renewal with a new "green economy."

We need your presidential leadership for this type of societal transformation, but I promise also to do my part.

I will pray for you as you assume the awesome responsibility of leading our nation. To be the best president you can be, you will need both the support and the push of the faith community. I pledge to help build the movement that will keep your administration accountable *and* faithful.

Blessings,

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## Christmas prayers for peace to go to Bethlehem

As many Christians around the world prepare to celebrate Advent and Christmas in the security of their homes and communities, they are being invited to pray for justice, peace and security for Palestine and Israel - and to send a prayer or a peace message to Bethlehem.

Once again this year, Christmas celebrations will take place in a difficult climate for people in the Holy Land. However, in Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus Christ, many individuals and groups refuse to give up hope. They continue to search for non-violent ways to voice their rights and work for a peaceful and just future for both Palestinians and Israelis.

Since December 2000, a new Christmas tradition has been taking shape: sending peace messages to people in Bethlehem. Once again, individuals, communities, churches and congregations, organisations and partners from across the world are invited to e-mail Advent and Christmas wishes and prayers for justice and peace to Bethlehem.

This year, the project is being carried out in collaboration with the World Council of Churches and its Palestine Israel Ecumenical Forum (PIEF).

Wishes and prayers will be printed and handed out as personal messages, educational materials (e.g. at schools), and in the context of interfaith prayers (in places of worship) and in the newly established peace house of the Arab Educational Institute opposite the Israeli "separation wall" at Rachel's Tomb in Bethlehem. The wishes and prayers could also include ideas for non-violent actions.

Sending a wish or a prayer by e-mail is an important way of communicating with many people who long to hear a word of hope. People in Bethlehem greatly appreciate receiving wishes and prayers from people outside the region, both as personal and spiritual gestures of comfort and hope on the occasion of Christmas. These messages are one way of breaking through the isolation they live in.

Please e-mail your Christmas messages and prayers for peace before the 25th of December 2008 (Western Christmas) and/or the 7th of January 2009 (Eastern Christmas). Messages can be e-mailed to the Arab Educational Institute at the following address: [aei@p-ol.com](mailto:aei@p-ol.com)

Read all messages at [www.aeicenter.org](http://www.aeicenter.org) and [www.paxchristi.net](http://www.paxchristi.net)



### **Christmas Carol Service at St Andrew's Sunday 21st December 6 pm**

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



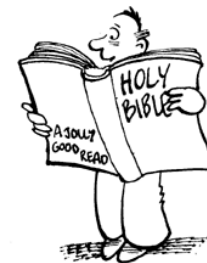


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## BIBLE HISTORY

*This is part 10 in the next series of articles written by Michael Baumber*

### SADDUCEES AND PHARISEES



**T**he events of the reign of Alexander Jannaeus have served to introduce us to two of the major factions within New Testament Jewry but there is more to them than just the argument over the position of the priesthood. The Sadducees were the members of the old priestly families who claimed descent from Zadok the priest and the chief priest was drawn from their ranks. They were a minority but a very influential one because their families were among the richest in the country. Josephus tells us that they placed great emphasis on the ritual, feasts and sacrifices of the temple. They only recognised the teaching of the Pentateuch and refused either to accept any reinterpretation of it or the validity of any of the other books of what we now call the Old Testament. During the Persian and Greek periods the chief priest was the link between the rulers of Judaea and the imperial administration and under the Hasmonean monarchy they could be relied on to support the secular authority as well. Consequently in time they came to accept a lot of the trappings of Greek culture which made them unpopular with religious reformers and remote from the vast mass of Jews.

The word Pharisee means 'separate' and covered a wide spectrum of opinion. One form of it which we have already seen was the belief that the offices of chief priest and king should be kept separate. In the New Testament they appear as the advocates of a legalistic ritual purity a form of separateness to which few Jews could aspire. They were roundly criticised for their attitudes by Jesus but the gospels have been coloured by disputes which followed the first Romano-Jewish War. In their own times the Pharisees represented 'liberal' Jewry. They placed a heavy emphasis on the synagogues and education but their attitudes tended to be what we would call 'academic.' They judged a person's teaching not by its intrinsic worth but by whether he had had the proper grounding by sitting at the feet of established rabbis and obtaining their approval, something which it is clear Jesus had not done. This is a pity because there was a lot of common ground. Although there was a faction that could resort to violence most Pharisees were non-violent and emphasised the importance of individual behaviour irrespective of the state in which they lived. Pharisees too accepted all the writings of the Old Testament and reinterpreted them in the light of changed conditions, most importantly they accepted resurrection and the possibility of an after life the nature of which would be determined by a person's behaviour in this one. Josephus tells us that this teaching made them popular with the masses. Pharisees accepted the temple as a symbol of Jewish unity but disliked the sacrificial nature of its worship.

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## ***Housing Related Assistance Available...***

There are various types of assistance available for vulnerable people such as the elderly, disabled, those on benefits, people with young children etc:

**Repairs Assistance Scheme** - an interest free loan of up to £6,000 for repairs to your home

**Home Appreciation Loan** - a secured loan of up to £30,000 for major repairs and improvements to your home

**NB:** Both of the above are repayable on the future sale or transfer of your property.

**Home Maintenance Support Scheme** (for over 60s/disabled living in Craven) including:

- Home Repair Advice
- Handy person Scheme
- Technical Support
- Security Advice

**Disabled Facilities Grant** - for adaptations to your home

**Energy Efficiency Grants**

If you are interested in finding out more about any of the above schemes or know someone who would then please let the Strategic Housing team know:

**For leaflets and general information:**

Tel: 01756 706293 Email: [housing@cravenc.gov.uk](mailto:housing@cravenc.gov.uk)

**To arrange a presentation on the above schemes to a specific group:**

Tel: 01756 706481 Email: [housing@cravenc.gov.uk](mailto:housing@cravenc.gov.uk)

## **Christmas shopping with a difference**

If you are still looking for that special present for someone here are some ideas that will really help to a positive difference is someone's life! The interest in "alternative" gifts has increased greatly which is very good news for people in the developing world. So why not investigate the following Charities and their range of gifts.

**OXFAM.** Their scheme is called 'Oxfam Unwrapped'. The website is at [www.oxfamunwrapped.com](http://www.oxfamunwrapped.com)



**WORLD VISION.** One of the first to offer a scheme they have 'the alternative gift catalogue'. The website is at [www.worldvision.org.uk](http://www.worldvision.org.uk)

**CHRISTIAN AID.** Their scheme is called 'Present Aid'. The website is at [www.presentaid.org](http://www.presentaid.org)



Ronan Keating, the pop star, said, "I have seen the value small-scale farmers get from keeping goats. So it's the kind of gift I would be really happy to give. To help transform someone's life in one of the world's poorest countries is the right thing to do."

**Real gifts that are wanted, not wasted**

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Prayers for the Christmas Season

O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest,  
And peace to His people on earth. Amen

O holy child of Bethlehem  
Descend to us we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in:  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell:  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Emmanuel. Amen

O Lord Jesus Christ, be with us and bless us as we keep your birthday.  
Receive our prayers and praises, our thanksgiving and our offerings.  
Be the guest at our table and the companion of our pleasures.  
Grant that on each day of the Holy Season we may share our happiness with others,  
and may remember that all true joys of Christmas come from you and through you, now  
and evermore. Amen (H. W. Dobson)



  
**CHRISTMAS**  
*Jesus.... Light of the World*

### **PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH**

The next monthly meeting to pray for the parish will take place on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December in the Parish Rooms from 7.30pm until 8.15pm. For information contact Robin Figg, 633307.

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## Isobel's Page

The old familiar things remind us that is Christmas once again. Some are the customs which cause us to remember Christmas past and many people will have to deal with changes to their traditions- like those who will be facing a first Christmas without someone they love or those whose loved ones are far away.



In different cultures around the world the Christmas season is celebrated in a variety of ways. A few years ago I interviewed someone who talked to me about how Christmas is celebrated in their native Poland. To remember the star of Bethlehem, on Christmas Eve the meal does not begin until the first star appears in the sky. The feast is made up of twelve courses- one for each of the apostles- an extra chair is set at the table for a stranger and food is taken outside for the animals to share. In Iraq families gather around lighted candles as children read the Christmas story. Further back in time St Francis gave a Christmas sermon standing in front of a manger he had asked a local man to create.

Carols, which mean 'songs of joy', of course are a very important part of Christmas. In times past, in Britain, groups of singers called waits travelled from house to house singing carols and these nineteenth century songs are still among today's most best loved Christmas music.

Since 1919 King's College Chapel, Cambridge, has begun its Christmas Eve service with 'Once in Royal David's City' as the processional. Written by Mrs Alexander, round about 1848, the first line reminds us of the ancient Jewish prophecy that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem and like David would have no royal status and our attention is drawn to the 'lowliness' of the cattle shed. Today Alexander might portray the image of a corrugated shack in a township in Africa, a shanty town in South America or Asia, or a cardboard box home in London, Liverpool or Leeds.

One of my own particular favourite carols is 'It came upon the midnight clear'. I absolutely love the words to every verse and it could be the first carol that emphasises the 'social' significance of the angels' message. Perhaps it is the poet's way of saying that their message, which has been recorded in the Scriptures, for every people- all times- is available to anyone who will hear. When it was written the storm clouds of the American Civil War were looming on the horizon. Nothing much changes- that message ,in the carol, is just as relevant today and it would certainly be much better if ,in these modern times, the 'men of strife' would ' hush the noise' and truly listen to what was delivered so long ago.

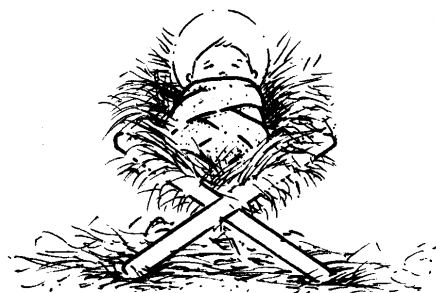
We will all have our own personal Christmas traditions and our own favourite carol because we are all individuals, looking at things in differing ways and with diverse tastes. It is quite normal that two people will look at the same thing yet see something entirely different. A couple of months ago I had a brush with a mouse in a hotel bedroom. I am not particularly bothered by this benign, long tailed, rodent- anything slimy like a juicy slug or a creeping snail is another matter-but to someone else a mouse may be seen as a large fanged fiend! Someone may just see a large pile of ironing to be tackled- another may see memories of happy days spent with children, outside, on a sunny day or walks through frost encrusted fields, wrapped up warmly on a bright

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winter's morning, as different items appear from the pile. There are two words in the Greek language for the word 'see'. The first is biepo- we see the presents, we see the tree, we see the mouth- watering food. The second word is horao- which means to see deeply- to have insight. Michaelangelo saw an enormous piece of granite that nobody else knew what to do with. Many people would walk past and see, what was to them, just a large piece of stone but Michaelangelo saw more deeply- he had insight to see what that granite might become. It eventually became the most beautiful sculpture the world has ever seen –David. There is a carol, quite contemporary, which invites us to ask what we really see at Christmas- 'Do you see what I see' said the night wind to the little lamb? It is a wonderful story which begins with the night wind which really sees what Christmas is all about. The night wind then tells the little lamb who also sees and goes to tell the shepherd boy who in turn sees the true meaning of Christmas and who goes on to ask a mighty king 'Do you know what I know'? The king then announces to his whole kingdom what Christmas means- 'A child- a child who will bring everybody gladness and light'.

With all our varying Christmas traditions we may run the risk of making them more important than the message they represent. The danger may be that the Christmas story is so familiar that the amazing impact of its wonderful message is lost in the frenzy of last minute shopping and preparations and the celebrations themselves. We do not really see it for what it is.

A little boy, who was living in an orphanage for abused and abandoned children, in a country where Christians are in the minority and the Christmas story is not well known, heard the story for the first time and really saw the true promise which it brings and saw beyond the nice cosy nativity scene.



After being told the story by his teacher, his whole class were given paper, cardboard- all the usual stuff- to make that scene. The little boy, when asked later why he had put two babies in the manger explained that when he had laid his cut out baby in the manger Jesus had looked at him and asked if he had a place to stay. The boy said he had told Jesus that he had no mother or father and when Jesus had said that he could stay with Him he had told Him that he had no presents, unlike the three kings, to give Him. The only thing he could think of was that he could keep Jesus warm. Jesus agreed, saying that this was the best gift He could be given, and thus the second baby was made and put in the manger. The boy ended his story by saying 'Jesus said I could stay with Him always'.

I think that the little boy saw the true promise of Christmas- the promise that we are all enfolded in the arms of Jesus- the promise that wherever we are at Christmas, however we celebrate- whether at home or far away- we are at home with Christ.

Do we just see (biepo) beautifully wrapped material presents, a magnificently decorated Christmas tree or exquisite singing by a choir or do we see (horao) the gift that God gives each one of us – the gift of Jesus, a gift never earned, never deserved but always given freely in love.

A very happy Christmas to all my readers. Isobel

## *Regular Events at Kildwick*

Monday 1.30 pm	Ryedale, Ryecroft Rd Glusburn	Informal Bible study and fellowship, all welcome
Tuesday 10-11.30	Chuffs (Not in school holi- days)	Fun for pre-school children and their grown-ups!
Tuesday 7.30 pm-8.30 pm	Choir practice	In Parish Rooms
Tuesdays 12.30 pm-3 pm	NottheKnot Group down- stairs 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



Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	ST ANDREW'S DAY (transferred from Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> ) 7.30pm Patronal Festival Eucharist. Preacher: Fulvio Ornato, Church Army
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.45pm Kildwick School collective worship in church
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.30pm & 6.00pm Kildwick School Christmas play
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.30pm Paukhan Khup's farewell party (South Craven Baptist Church)
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	4.00pm CDFC Christmas Nativity Play (Sutton Park)
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.30pm Glusburn School Carol Service
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.30pm Kildwick School Christingle Service
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	6.00pm Christmas Carol Service by candlelight
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	4.00pm Crib Service 11.30pm Midnight Communion
Thu 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	CHRISTMAS DAY 8.15am Holy Communion 10.00am Family Communion
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

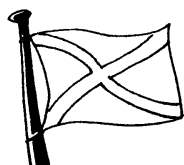
## ***Services at Kildwick***

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.

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December Andrew the Apostle	7-30 pm	Patronal Festival
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> December Second Sunday of Advent	8.15 am 10 am 6 pm	Holy Communion All-age family communion with baptisms No service
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> December Third Sunday of Advent	8.15 am 10 am 4 pm	Holy Communion with prayers for healing Parish Communion CDFC Nativity Pageant
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> December Fourth Sunday of Advent	8.15 am 10 am 6 pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion Carol Service by Candlelight
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve	11.30 pm	Holy Communion
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day	8.15 am 10 am	Holy Communion Family Communion
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> Stephen, Martyr	9.15 am	Holy Communion
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> John, Apostle	9.15 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> December Holy Innocents	8.15 am 10 am 6 pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion No service



### **St Andrew's Day: Patronal Festival Eucharist**

**7.30pm Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

Preacher:

Mr Flavio Ornato, Church Army

Service to be followed by refreshments in the Parish Rooms

## *Church Rotas*

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December Andrew the Apostle 10 am	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Isaiah 52 v7 - 10 Romans 10 v12 - 18 Matthew 4v 18 - 22	Glyn Evans John Hudson Marjorie Gee
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> December Second Sunday of Advent 10 am	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Isaiah 40 v 1 - 11 2 Peter 3 v 8 - 15a Mark1 v 1 - 8	1 Reading Arranged separately
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> December Third Sunday of Advent 10 am	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Isaiah 61 v1 -4, 8 - 11 1 Thessalonians 5v16 - 24 John1 v6 - 8, 19 - 28	Barry Houghton Stephen Westcott  Lesley Bannister
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> December Fourth Sunday of Advent 10 am	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	2 Samuel 7 v1 - 11,16 Romans 16 v25 - 27 Luke 1 v26 - 38	Sandie Walton Libba Utley Lance Peake
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Night 11.30pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Isaiah 52 v7 - 10 Hebrews 1 v1 - 4 (5 - 12) John1 v1 - 14	Marie Stinson Michael Baumber  Isobel Stirk
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day 10 am	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Isaiah 62 v6 - 12  Luke2 v8 - 20	Glyn Evans  Elizabeth Figg
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> December Holy Innocents 10 am	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Jeremiah 31 v15 - 17 1 Corinthians 1 v26 - 29 Matthew 2 v13 - 18	Kath Morris Brenda Brock Marjorie Gee

### Flowers

7th-21st

ADVENT

Christmas

Mrs Stirk



### Brass cleaning

Jennifer Roberts  
Joyce Bonham

### Church Cleaning

14th

Helen Hulley,  
Rosie Hargreaves,  
Sylvia Ackroyd

21st

Marian Baxter,  
June Whitaker,  
Mary Peake,  
Joan Tillotson



Date	Sidesperson	Intercessor	Communion
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December Andrew the Apostle		Peter Bannister	
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> December Second Sunday of Advent 10 am	Joan Houghton Barry Houghton Pam Brown	Lesley Hudson	Tim and Janet
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> December Third Sunday of Advent 10 am	David Baxter Libba Utley Christine Anderton Ann Mosley	Janet Swain	Christine and Sue
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> December Fourth Sunday of Advent 10 am	June Whitaker Brian Green Howard Stirk Isobel Stirk	Isobel Stirk	Christine and Isobel
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Night 11.30pm		Sue Hargreaves	
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day 10 am		Robin Figg	
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> December Holy Innocents 10 am	Eleanor Eastwood Dorothy Ward Christine Hutchinson	Michael Baumber	John and Sandie



Christmas Eve Crib Service 4pm

Informal children's service

We welcome back the travelling Cribs

(and the sheep!)

## ***FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL***

The meeting of Farnhill Parish Council was held on the 6<sup>th</sup> November 2008 in Kildwick/Farnhill Institute. The meeting was chaired by Counc. M. Scarffe. Five members of the council were present plus representatives from CDC & NYCC.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October were proposed, seconded and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

A letter has been received from the recycling officer stating that the bus lay-by is not a suitable site for recycling bins as it is too close to the site at the White Lion Pub in Kildwick. He has made enquiries about a possible mobile recycling facility but unfortunately CDC do not have the spare capacity in terms of vehicles or staff to be able to carry it out at this time. He suggested having a glass/can bin at the side of the Institute but the Parish Council thought this was not a suitable site. The Parish Council raised the issue of the possibility of having bins on land by the side of Redmans Bridge. Clerk to write to British Waterways to ask for permission to use their land for the bins.

Counc R Bramley reported that the usual checks had been carried out at the Play Area. The annual inspection has been carried out by ROSPA. Remedial work required is low risk and includes making the top of the balance beam non-slip by the addition of surface textures or cross-cutting, replacement of the do-nut protective caps on the play panels and turning over up turned tiles at the play panels.

NYCC have said that work on the new column and lampheads for Newby Road will be started in about 3-4 weeks time. Once completed they will commence with painting the new column and the heritage columns as previously agreed. No further information on street lighting energy contract has been received yet.

A complaint about the light by the Bus Stop on the A629 has been received, the light is not very strong and does not always come on. It was agreed to bring up the issue at a later date when a decision has been made about the moving of the bus stop.

NYCC have confirmed that the proposed signage for Kildwick/Farnhill in case of emergency road closure of the A629 will be erected in the next 6-8 weeks.

They have also agreed to widen the footpath at the junction of Newby Road/Starkey Lane, however their budget for such works is fully committed for this financial year so it may not be done until 2009.

NYCC have spoken to the bus company with regard to the reinstatement of the bus service into Kildwick /Farnhill but unfortunately this is not going to happen even if NYCC contribute funding to the service. Work will begin on moving the bus stop on the Kildwick side of the A629 this winter. The work carried out will only be half of the full programme.

Improvements on the other side of the road will be considered at a later date when the results of the first half of the work are more apparent.

The Community bus which served Kildwick/Farnhill was withdrawn for a short period after funding was withdrawn by CDC, but has now been re-instated after NYCC stepped in with an offer of funding. The dial a ride response bus for a personal service carries a small charge, but free concessionary passes can be used on the South Craven Village bus on trips to Crosshills or Skipton.

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The Safer Craven Community Partnership have now purchased two further pieces of speed detection equipment which are available for Parish/Town Councils to request. It was decided to make a request for equipment to be deployed at the junction of Grange Road and Main Street.

After a review of the completion of accounts and budget account it was agreed to set the precept amount for 2009/2010 at £9340.00 a rise of 5% on the previous year. This includes a provision for a donation of £1200.00 to the Institute and a provision towards ongoing updating of street lighting and takes into account a considerable increase in street lighting energy costs.

Dr Canaway has re-visited The Arbour and carried out an inventory of the trees. The Parish Council accepted his report and agreed to start work as set out in his proposal. Following his advice the next stage of improving the Arbour is to contact CDC for advice about removal of some of the larger sycamore trees and replacing them with smaller trees and to consider a slight diversion of the footpath that runs through Lower Arbour. Clerk to contact CDC to arrange a visit to discuss the removal of some of the trees and to contact NYCC for advice on the path and the possibility of diverting it.

Counc D Atkinson prepared the financial Risk Assessment and the Council resolved to accept the policy. The next step in preparing the Risk Assessment is to consider health and safety issues relating to work carried out on behalf of the Council by volunteers, members of the public or employees. Councilors to consider potential risk involved and relate back to the Council at the next meeting. Clerk to provide details of Insurance Cover in place.

Counc. M Scarffe has drafted a layout for the website. The Parish Council agreed that Councils. M Scarffe and R Bramley go ahead with preparing the site and that the website should be managed by the Parish Council.

NYCC & CDC Representative gave an update on the Leeds City Region Growth Point. Craven have now bowed to public pressure and the scheme has been voted down. Infrastructure issues had not been properly assessed by growth region. CDC now need to review their whole house building policies.

CDC now have a new chief executive.

CDC & NYCC representative Counc M Wheeler confirmed that NYCC have carried out a site visit to the A629 outside Rafters to investigate flooding problems. NYCC have since raised an order for contractors to lay a pipe between the 2 manholes in question and the work should be carried out by the end of the month.

Clerk to contact NYCC to check progress on the footpath at Redmans Lane and enquire about the Parish Paths and Partnerships Scheme.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2008  
IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL INSTITUTE AT 7.30PM  
All members of the village are welcome to attend.**



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**into mission**

Thursday 11th December 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)***

### **Winter Programme 2008/9**

Meetings held in St. Peter's Church, Cross Hills  
Saturday Evenings at 19900 hours

#### **December**

The Society's Microscope Group meets on the second Thursday of the month at the Senior Citizens Centre, Sutton-in-Craven 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.

## **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 07901531750.  
10% of all proceeds to St. Andrew's church funds.

## Children's page

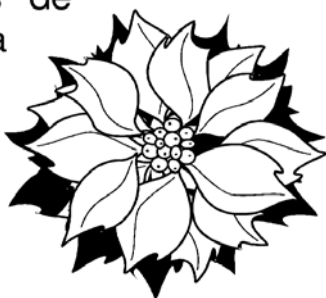


### THE RED FLOWERS

Pots of poinsettias are often given as gifts at Christmas – you know those big pink and red leaves that look like flowers?

The story is told of a poor Mexican girl who had no gift to give to the Christ Child at the Christmas Eve Services. As she walked to the church her heart was filled with sadness. She gathered a handful of common weeds from by the roadside.

Looking at the sad bunch, she felt even worse at her humble offering. But as she approached the altar, she remembered that "even the most humble gift, if given in love, will be acceptable in His eyes." Her heart lifted as she knelt to lay the bouquet at the foot of the crib. Suddenly the bunch of weeds burst into blooms of brilliant red. From that day on the flowers were known as the Flores de Noche Buena or Flowers of the Holy Night. We call them poinsettias.



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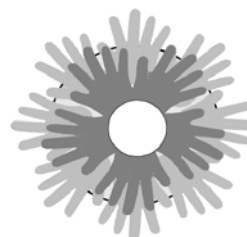
### FLOWER PRESENT

Some poinsettia flowers that last a very long time... you'll need:

- A paper plate
  - Red and green paper
  - A small piece of yellow paper or gold foil sweetie wrapper
  - Scissors and a pen or pencil
  - Glue
1. Trace round your hand on both the red and green paper and cut out lots of hands.
  2. Glue a circle of green handprint tracings around the edge of the plate, with fingers pointing outwards.



3. Glue a second circle of red hands (fingers pointing outwards) just inside the first circle.



4. Glue a third circle of red hands at the centre of the plate. Finish with a small circle of yellow paper or gold foil in the centre of the flower.



**Where is the best place to put your Christmas tree?**

After your Christmas one and your Christmas two.

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