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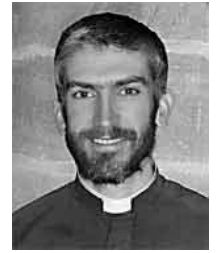
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Parish Mission Statement

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 in the world,
through the power of the Holy Spirit

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The Vicar's letter.....



Dear friends,

Our celebration of the birth of our Lord is fast approaching. The build up to Christmas has, of course, been going for weeks (or is it months!) and very soon we will begin the round of school nativity plays and carol services.

What is it that we celebrate again this Christmas? Or rather, WHO is it that we celebrate? The technical word which explains what Christmas is about is Incarnation. At the very heart of all the razzamatazz, the turkey and the tinsel is the story of God, the One we proclaim as Creator of all that is, coming amongst us as one of us. In Jesus, born in the simply surrounding of a stable, we see God incarnate, born as a human.

Why did God choose to do this, to become like you and me? Why then and why there? What does it mean for you and me today? Important questions, but ones without neat, simple answers. The mystery of God has baffled, excited, confused and intrigued people throughout history and we are no different. Great minds have wrestled hard seeking to explain God. But God cannot, of course, be explained; we need to be content just to experience God.

I like to think of the Christmas story being about God choosing to get his hands dirty. The incarnation is about God choosing to get stuck in amongst the nitty gritty of life, not staying on the sidelines and just watching it all happen. As a child we are often given a picture of God as someone "up there" in the heavens, "watching over us" from a distance. As we grow and ponder the mystery of God we move, hopefully, from this way of thinking to one that understands God to be "down here", right where we are, closer to us than we can imagine.

The story of God in Jesus is a story of God sharing fully in our humanity, the good and the bad, the highs and the lows. In a world that is still, in too many ways and in too many places, tearing itself apart God comes to offer a new vision; a vision of a new way of being. In Jesus God says to you and me, 'You don't have to play the old game of rivalry, jealousy and violence any more; watch me and play the different game of love and forgiveness'.

God hasn't just come once; he keeps coming. God keeps calling and challenging; he keeps inviting you to believe and trust that his ways are worth following. The way to make a better world is not to seek after power and continually demand "my rights". A better world will come about when we all learn to live with a little more wisdom, humility and grace, recognising our responsibilities towards our fellow human beings.

As one writer put it: 'The Kingdom of God is the world in which peace and righteousness kiss. That is why Jesus' message is so politically explosive and subversive. It's revolutionary because it tears at the fabric of a universe that is structured on other grounds, not because Jesus is advocating revolution'.

This is why God came amongst us in Jesus; to show us that a love that reaches out with a genuine compassion for our neighbour is possible. The challenge is to accept that, as one Bishop said recently, '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 this wonderfully encouraging, if somewhat radically challenging, message of God's love for his world.

May Jesus find a place in your heart this Christmas.



Countdown to Copenhagen – the United Nations Summit on Climate Change, 7th – 18th December 2009

Why is the Copenhagen conference needed?

Countries need to reach agreement about how to combat climate change during 2009, to give time for the agreement to be approved and ratified in time for it to come into force after the first commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol expires in 2012.

A new agreement is needed: since the Kyoto Protocol was negotiated in 1997, China has replaced the USA as the largest emitter of greenhouse gases, and the price of oil has soared. This is a reminder of the fact that fossil fuels do not merely pollute; they are also a source of energy whose reserves are constantly being reduced.

Climate change is an injustice. Rich countries are most responsible for causing the climate crisis, and yet it's people in the world's poorest communities who are suffering first and worst from its effects.

Climate change science tells us that we must keep global warming below 2 degrees C. If not, we'll dive headlong into climate chaos, which will be dangerous and irreversible. We have the power to prevent the worst, but we must act fast to curb the changes already in motion. By 2015 we must ensure that global emissions are decreasing year on year.

With a rise of 2 degrees C or more, southern Europe will suffer serious drought every decade; billions of people will not have enough water; 550 million will go hungry; 3 million will die from malnutrition.

What can I do?

- ◆ **Pray for world leaders** as they prepare for Copenhagen
- ◆ **Join "[The Wave](#)"** Climate Service and March in London on 5th December
- ◆ **Make changes in your lifestyle** to reduce your carbon footprint
- ◆ **Offset CO₂ emissions** from your air and car travel by funding 'green' projects in the diocese through the [Bradford Diocese Green Fund](#)

How can I find out more?

- ◆ en.cop15.dk - Copenhagen December 2009 website
- ◆ www.direct.gov.uk/ActonCO2 - Government website with information about measuring and reducing your carbon footprint
- ◆ www.christian-ecology.org.uk - Christian Ecology Link offers Christian insights to the Green movement
- ◆ www.christianaid.org.uk - Christian Aid is fighting for climate justice
- ◆ www.stopclimatechaos.org - Stop Climate Chaos is a coalition of not-for-profit organisations (including household names such as Christian Aid, Tearfund, Oxfam, CAFOD) campaigning for Government action to help limit global warming

CHURCHES SAY 'ACT NOW ON CLIMATE CHANGE'

16 Church leaders to attend a Climate Service on Saturday 5th December as part of The Wave

Sixteen leaders of Christian Churches in the UK will attend an ecumenical service in London on 5th December to urge political leaders meeting in Copenhagen to 'ACT NOW ON CLIMATE CHANGE'. Among them will be

Dr Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury ;

Archbishop Vincent Nichols, Catholic Archbishop of Westminster ;

At least 3,000 Christians are expected to join them, carrying an array of colourful banners and dressed in blue. They will be travelling from their parishes around the country in special trains and coaches.

After the service some church leaders and the congregation will join tens of thousands of people marching to form a blue wave around the Houses of Parliament. Churches on the march will be a key part of the growing movement for action on climate change.

It is expected to be the UK's biggest ever demonstration in support of action on climate change, ahead of the crucial UN climate talks in Copenhagen.

The Gospel according to Luke

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 according to Matthew, those in the second year (or Year B) mainly from the Gospel according to Mark, and in the third year (or Year C) come mainly from the Gospel according to Luke. Portions of the Gospel according to John are read at certain festivals every year.

On Advent Sunday (29th November) we begin Year C, so the gospel readings in the coming year will be mainly from Luke. Here is a guide to this Gospel.

Who wrote Luke? The gospel was written by a doctor called Luke, who was a friend and colleague of the apostle Paul. Luke himself was not an eyewitness of the life of Jesus. Tradition tells us that he was a gentile who lived until he was age 84.

Why was the Gospel written? Luke had several purposes:

1. He wanted to record the beginnings and development of Christianity, which he did in two parts. The Acts of the Apostles is the second volume. Luke shows how God has been at work in history and especially in the way the followers of Jesus rapidly spread from Galilee to Rome.
2. He wanted to demonstrate that Jesus was a Saviour for all types of people and not just for a select group.
3. He wanted to show the Roman authorities that Christianity was not a threat to good political order.

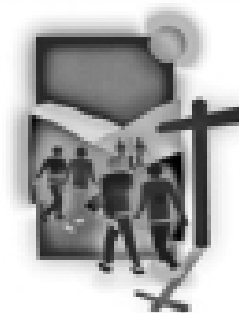
Who were Luke's readers? Luke addresses his Gospel to Theophilus, probably an upper-class Gentile convert to Christianity. In addition Luke would have had a wider circle of readers in mind which would have included other Gentiles and perhaps Roman officials in particular.

- **When was it written?** Luke must have written his Gospel before he wrote his second volume and since the last event mentioned in Acts took place around 62 CE, it is a fair guess that Luke itself was written between 60-65 CE.

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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 Wednesday evenings (commencing 13th 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).

PCC meeting held on 10th November 2009

The meeting was held in the Parish Rooms with a less formal seating arrangement and a half hour social time prior to the start of the business.

Eleanor Eastwood led the opening worship and Sandie Walton chaired the meeting.

Three of our policies were reviewed and discussed – Child Protection, Charitable Giving and the Rules for the use of the Garden of Remembrance.

Reports were received from the Standing Committee, the Lang Kirk 21 Steering Group, Deanery Synod and other areas of our church life. No-one so far has been willing to undertake the responsibility for organising any maintenance days to carry out necessary work in the church and churchyard so the more urgent tasks are going to be targeted. We have been considering the possibility of having some work carried out by Community Service workers, and hope to have some positive news about that very soon.

Matters concerning our school/church links were discussed and we were very pleased to appoint Mr Nigel Dickinson as a Foundation Governor with immediate effect. He is replacing Kathryn Morris who resigned in July. Our thanks to Kathryn for her hard work as a governor and the interest and support she has given to the school.

We agreed that no Parish Room bookings should be taken during Holy Week and the bookings secretary has made a note to that effect in the diary.



**CROSS HILLS & DISTRICT
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Local Christians working together



Open Air Christmas Nativity Play
4.00pm Sunday 13th December

The time is nearly here for this year's open aid production. Come along and enjoy this special retelling of the Christmas story.

Starting at the Bay Horse Car Park, Ellers Road, Sutton-in-Craven and processing to Sutton Park via The Kings Arms and The Black Bull Inns.

All welcome to join in the procession. If possible, come in a simple biblical costume.

Mince Pies and Mulled Wine will be served afterwards in South Craven Baptist Church

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



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Special Features.

1. Luke's story-telling is second to none. He writes in a very good Greek style.
2. He is more interested in the human life of Jesus and tells us more about this early life and childhood than others.
3. Luke is more complete than the other Gospels and records more parables, more news about people and more about Jesus' resurrection than others.
4. He shows more interest in individuals than the other Gospel writes, particularly children, women and social outcasts.
5. He has other special interests, for example, prayer, the Holy Spirit and the theme of joy.

The principal divisions of the Gospel according to Luke are the following:

- I. The Prologue (Luke 1:1-4)
 - II. The Infancy Narrative (Luke 1:5-2:52)
 - III. The Preparation for the Public Ministry (Luke 3:1-4:13)
 - IV. The Ministry in Galilee (Luke 4:14-9:50)
 - V. The Journey to Jerusalem: Luke's Travel Narrative (Luke 9:51-19:27)
 - VI. The Teaching Ministry in Jerusalem (Luke 19:28-21:38)
 - VII. The Passion Narrative (Luke 22:1-23:56)
 - VIII. The Resurrection Narrative (Luke 24:1-53)
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Update from Jigsaw Kids Ministries

On Saturday 21st November Sylvia Clark and Christine Anderton attended an update by Tim and Kate Lee about Jigsaw Kids Ministries.

Tim likened mission to the parable about the Kingdom of Heaven being like a tiny mustard seed which when planted grows into a large tree in which the birds, i.e. the kids in this case, can live and thrive.

He explained that 55,000 children live on the streets of Manila, most are unregistered and have no human rights. They can be bought and sold without trace and are commodities to be abused in all sorts of ways. These children need a new and different way, society and world. This is why Jigsaw was set up to act as a small piece of Heaven on earth, a community for the children based on the principles of Grace, Justice and Love.

Just over a year ago Tim and Kate felt that God was calling them to leave Manila in order for Jigsaw to continue to grow. They felt that their responsibility is to support the Jigsaw Team to develop and grow until Jigsaw can stand alone and survive. However to continue the analogy of the Mustard Tree they felt that it should be a Mango Tree (which is native to the Philippines) so that the workers and the kids will recognise it as theirs not a foreign import.

Therefore they put a proposal to the Church Mission Society to work alongside Jigsaw. It is proposed that

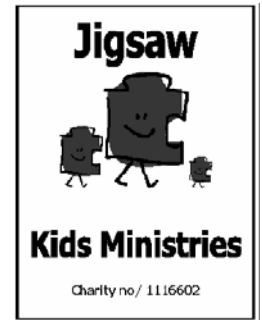
- ♦ Tim will be International Director of Jigsaw looking to pass this on by July 2011 to Lendel Sallidao who I met when I visited Manila. Lendel has almost finished his studies at the Anglican Seminary in Manila which now sends all its students for work experience with Jigsaw.
- ♦ Tim and Kate to take a greater part in the day to day running of the Jigsaw UK charity which supports the project financially.
- ♦ Tim to study one day a week for a two year Masters degree in Child Development at Brunel University, London.
- ♦ Tim to work four days a week with Jigsaw Philippines via SKYPE to build up the organisation and set up training programmes and systems in the local language. He will spend two to three weeks in Manila every four months.

They are asking their Link Churches to continue the financial support via CMS for this period. Kate is starting teaching four days a week in January to provide additional finances.

Tim showed us videos of the work of Jigsaw with messages from all the team members. They continue to provide Kids Clubs for all ages plus School Sponsorship for ninety children. New ventures include literacy classes which began last January in one area and are to be extended into two more areas next January. The team are also providing Special Educational Needs teaching so this too needs funding and training systems setting up. Last week 1200 children attended Kids Clubs and other activities.

The Typhoon

When the recent Typhoon hit Manila in September many of the children who attend Jigsaw and their families lost their homes and all their possessions. Area 4 which is situated close to the river was particularly badly affected. The Jigsaw Centres were able



to offer immediate help by providing emergency shelter and food. As the team leaders were also affected they knew exactly what was needed and supplied emergency packs which included sleeping mats, utensils and a small stove which was needed to cook the rice supplied by other agencies. They also gave out Hygiene packs to 1200 children.

Immediately after the typhoon Jigsaw was feeding 1500 people each day and we were able to see this on the video.

Thanks to the generosity of supporters Jigsaw UK was able to fund all this help from extra donations received after the typhoon struck..

Tim, Kate and the team members of Jigsaw via the video thank everyone in the UK who has sent financial help during the recent emergency and the Link Churches for their ongoing support.

The Jigsaw Kids Clubs and all the other services they provide are flourishing and with our help will continue to show the Love of God to the street children in Manila and Tim's vision of a Mango Tree will grow and support many more kids.

Christine Anderton

A major survey of the rural church

Just what is going on in our rural churches? The first national survey of training and resources for the rural church began to try and find out a few weeks ago. It is expected to reveal significant gaps in provision and accessibility.

The work is being done by Christian charity the Arthur Rank Centre. The aim is to provide a clear picture of what training and resources are available in England for a range of users, from church leaders to active lay people.

The survey is the first stage of a £180,000, three-year training project to strengthen churches in the countryside. It was commissioned in response to urgent calls from church leaders earlier this year. It is expected to reveal significant shortcomings in training provision (particularly for lay people) which could hamper the life and work of the rural church.

The ARC is targeting 19,000 rural churches in England with a questionnaire designed for three types of user: institutions and individuals responsible for producing and delivering training and resources; lay and ordained leaders of local rural churches; and active members of rural churches.

Denominational networks are hard at work sending out these surveys, which are also available on the ARC website (www.arthurrankcentre.org.uk/rfcsurvey).

Who are they after? "Real life people in the pews and real leaders" What training have these folk actually had? What resources do they use? The questionnaires will aim to build a detailed picture of resources and learning across all denominations in England.

"I would urge everyone to support this piece of work", says one of the researchers. "Everybody's experience is significant. We hope to work with all the training providers to achieve 'joined up resourcing' for users: two institutions in particular have already indicated their willingness to be involved."

Preliminary results from the survey will be ready in spring 2010. Four grant-making trusts (Allchurches Trust, the Maurice and Hilda Laing Charitable Trust, the Henry Smith Charity and St Peters Saltley Trust) are providing £180,000 of funding for Rural Life and Faith, which will be completed in summer 2012.

BIBLE HISTORY

written by Michael Baumber



The Gospel Story : The Lost Years

The gospel writers tell us practically nothing about Jesus' life between his birth and the beginning of his ministry. This is frustrating but not particularly unusual. When I was doing the research for my life of Admiral Blake I found a very similar gap. I knew when he was born, where he was born and who his siblings were; I could also trace his education from Bridgwater Grammar School to Wadham College, Oxford in 1618 but then there is a gap of twenty years. At the end of it he reappears from practically nowhere as one of Bridgwater's M.P.s in the Short Parliament of 1640. The only certain knowledge we have of him during that time is that he was living in Bridgwater in 1628. Shakespeare is another case in point where we lack the vital knowledge which would tell us how he first made his mark as a playwright. In both these cases it is a genuine loss of information but with Jesus the omissions may have been deliberate.

Both Blake and Shakespeare were, each in his own way, great men but they were human, so we assume that they had to learn their craft and that their learning was influenced by their background. Somewhere somehow Blake had to learn about the sea and Shakespeare had to learn about the stage, so reconstructions of the gap years have concentrated on how they could have acquired their expertise. Jesus presents the historian with a quite different problem. The gospels portray him as a superhuman, one who knows everything because he is the Son of God. If Jesus knew everything he needed for his ministry, there was little point in documenting his early years because he was already fully formed. But if he was a just a highly intelligent individual, with God's spirit in him, the Gospel writers may have thought that describing how he learned what his mission was to be would undermine his credibility as the Son of God. This dilemma is highlighted by the one story we do have, Luke's account of Jesus' encounter with the teachers in the Temple. Jewish boys were recognised as adults from the age of thirteen, so by making Jesus twelve at the time he is telling us that he could out argue the best teachers while he was still a child. Of course there are the 'infancy gospels' which have stories of his miraculous behaviour but they have never been part of the accepted canon.

These articles are based on the assumption that Jesus did have to learn like every other human, so the way we can fill the gap is looking at the Galilean background. So the articles which follow will look at the geography and the economic and social conditions of Galilee during the time Jesus was maturing. The information gleaned will help us also understand the problems that he encountered during his ministry.



Glusburn Luncheon Club



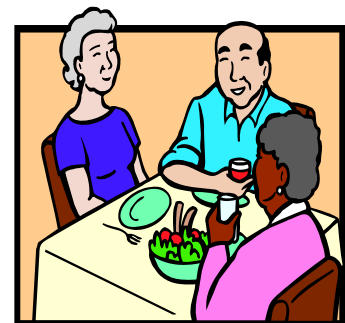
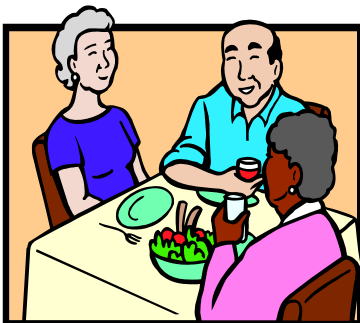
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or
eating on your own?

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lunch
at

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every Wednesday at 12 noon.

2-course hot lunch and a cup of tea
for only
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Gentlemen's Christmas

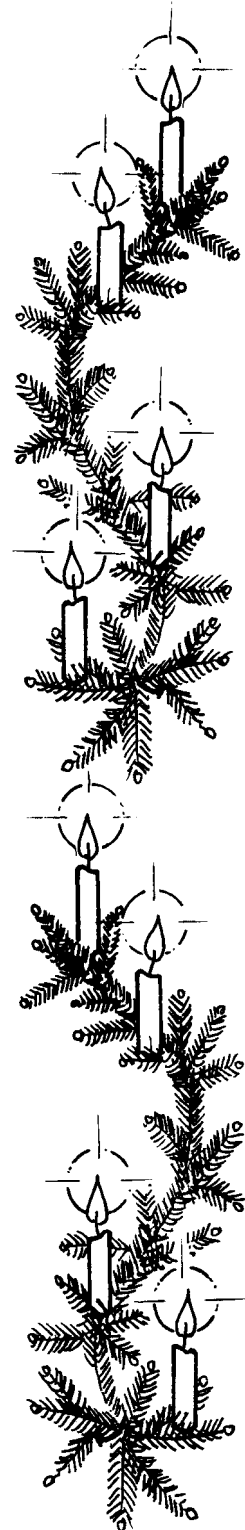
God rest ye merry gentlemen
Let nothing you dismay
You may be sure the ladies
Have sorted Christmas Day!
They've shopped and chopped and scrubbed and wrapped,
They've bought and dressed the tree
So you'll have a joyful Christmas Day, Christmas Day
So you'll have a joyful Christmas Day!

Now come, ye merry gentlemen,
And follow my advice
You'd better not upset her,
Or you will pay the price!
So get you to the nearest town
And buy her something nice -
Then you'll have a joyful Christmas Day, Christmas Day
Then you will have a joyful Christmas Day!

So then, ye merry gentlemen
Who've tied those marriage knots,
Once Christmas lunch is over
Tell her you love her lots.
Then prove it, merry gentlemen
By washing up the pots.
And you'll have a joyful Christmas Day, Christmas Day
And you'll have a joyful Christmas Day!

Then, just as you are thinking
What a good chap you've been;
Perhaps you'll watch the movie -
It's one you haven't seen.
Forget it, merry gentlemen,
She'll want to watch the Queen!
But she's earned a joyful Christmas Day, Christmas Day
She's really earned a joyful Christmas Day!

by Nigel Beeton

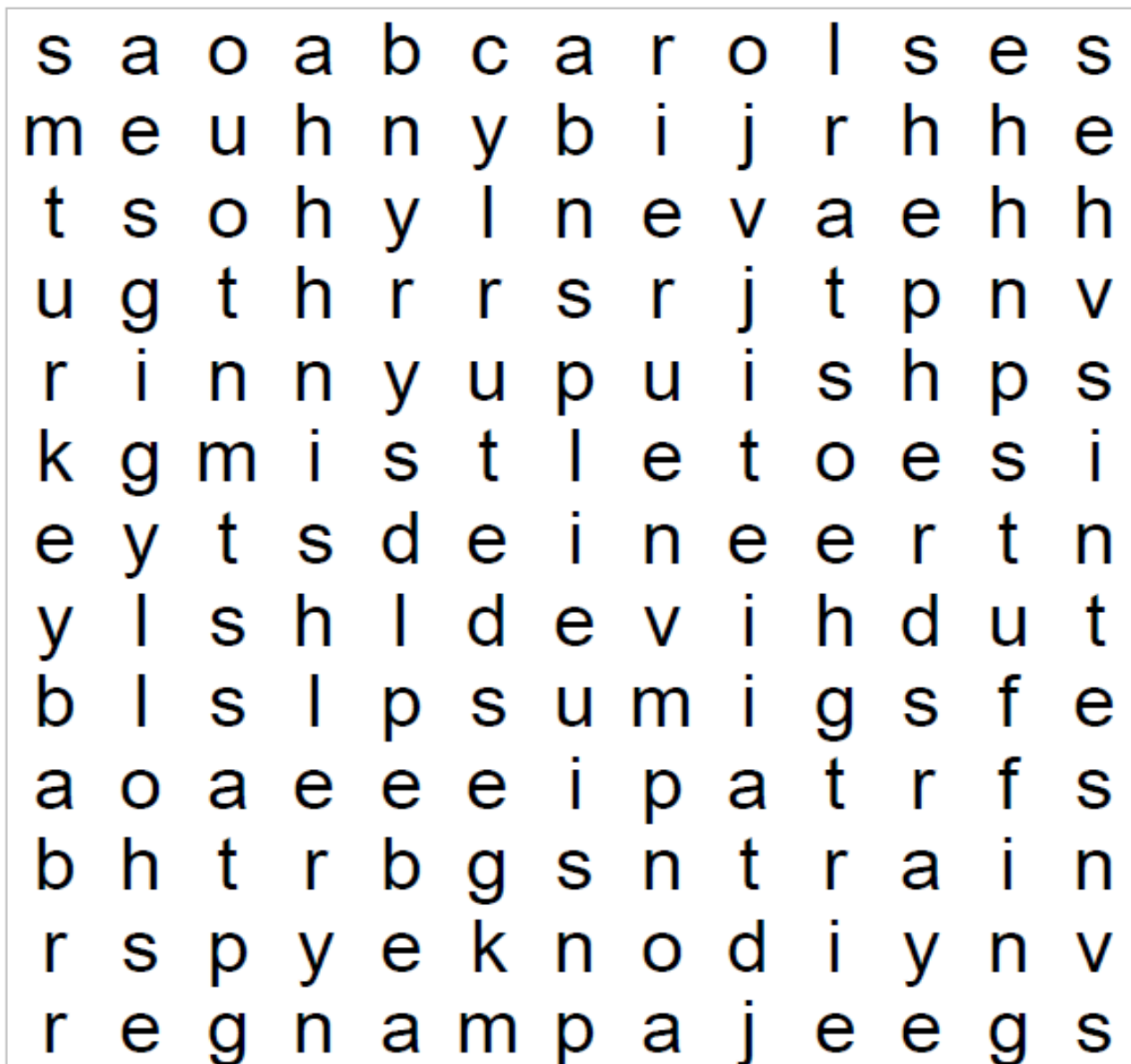


We're in the countdown to Christmas! Christmas cards, shopping, school nativity plays, carol concerts, ordering the turkey, wrapping presents, bringing home the Christmas tree.... all in preparation for the big day itself! How many Christmas related words can you find in the following word search?

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tree
Jesus
nativity
shepherds
angels
donkey

sheep
inn
mary
virgin
joseph
manger
star

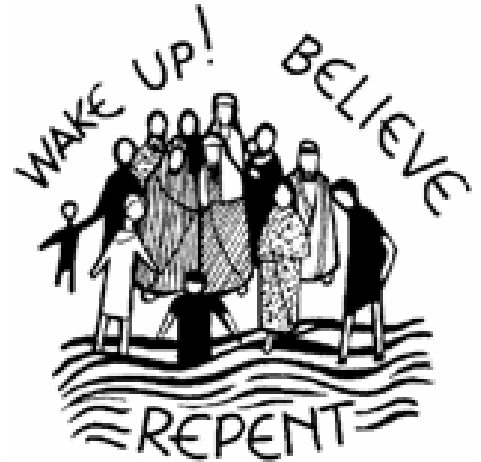
hallelujah
heavenlyhost
turkey
holly
presents
mistletoe
stuffing



*A prize for the first completed entry to
reach me! (Even you Joyce!)
Ed.*

Page of prayer

ADVENT – A season which calls us to consider both past, present and future. It looks back to the coming of Jesus Christ; not just his birth in Bethlehem, but the promises of God made long ago to Abraham and his people across the centuries. It looks forward to his coming again; that day when he will return in glory to establish his kingdom and reign victorious. And in the light of both these perspectives, it urges us to reflect on the present moment; to examine the life we are living, and then to ask ourselves, quite simply: have we received the joy Christ offers, and are we ready to welcome him should he return here and now?



Lord Jesus, you came among us to share our humanity and transform our lives.

We are people of hope and joy because we know

You will always be with us, encouraging and supporting us in every part of our lives.

We will never be alone again.

We want to prepare our minds and hearts to celebrate your coming in a spirit of gratitude for all you have done and continue to do for us.

Send your Holy Spirit to us, so we can spend these weeks

In preparation, thinking about what your coming among us

truly means, and about the mystery of Your love for us,

which surpasses all our hopes and expectations.

Amen.



Christmas Carol Service by candlelight 6.00pm Sunday 20th December

**Traditional service of carols and readings for Christmas
with a children's nativity tableau**

(children are invited to come dressed as shepherds, angels, wise men or nativity animals and join in the tableau)

What's in a name? The answer could very well be that it is the term by which a person or thing is known. Brand names can help a product to enter our consciousness- in short brand names often sell things! Those of you above a certain age may remember a chocolate bar- to which I was especially partial- which went under the well known name of 'Marathon'. The name was perhaps cleverly chosen and it could have been a psychological ploy to any potential consumer of this delight of confection for them to think that it may very well enable them to become a modern day Pheidippides- the original runner of that fabled run between Marathon and Athens. In the sub conscious they could hope that eating one may possible sustain them when trying to attempt to run the twenty six miles or so which is a marathon today. I, for one, felt quite confused when in 1990 the name was changed to 'Snickers' and apparently this caused a certain amount of derision as the unfamiliar name sounded very much like an item of female underwear! I have heard that for fanatics there is something called a 'Snickers salad'- a mixture of 'Snickers', apples, whipped cream- with variations which include bananas, pineapple and mayonnaise- this I shall definitely be giving a miss!

We cannot choose our own personal names- on the whole they are usually chosen for us- but they can be changed if required .In the chart topping country song of the 1960s, made famous by Johnny Cash, nobody would have blamed the eponymous boy if he had changed his name as soon as he was able. The song tells of a young man's quest for revenge on an absent father whose only contribution to his son's life was giving him a name and it's easy to empathise with the boy as we hear Cash sing- ' *I tell ya, life aint easy for a boy named Sue!* But why do ordinary people feel it necessary to change their names? In the 19th century women writers were not always taken seriously. Charlotte Bronte could easily have been discouraged from writing when she received some advice from the then poet laureate Robert Southey He wrote '*literature cannot be the business of a woman's life*'. Luckily for me, and countless others to whom she has been an inspiration, she did not heed these so called words of wisdom which were probably the thoughts of many male writers at that time but when the three sisters were sending their novels on the rounds of the publishers they used the pseudonyms Currer, Ellis and Acton Bell- thus keeping their own initials. Without actually wishing to deceive, they would hope that any publisher would assume they were men. Their father, Patrick, was a member of the Irish 'Prunty' family and it was whilst studying at St John's College Cambridge he changed the spelling of his name- putting a dieresis over the last 'e'. Why he did this has been the subject of many a debate. It could have been that he wished to hide his humble origins or that the name was synonymous with the brute strength and power of the Cyclops' name- Bronte (thunder). The simple alternative may be that the change came about because of his high respect for his hero, Lord Nelson, who was the Duke of Bronte. Author of ' *The Scarlett Letter*' set in Salem- a tale of austerity and repression in New England -Nathaniel Hawthorne's determination to lead his own life and not enter the family's successful stagecoach business and his longing to become a writer led him to change his name from Hathorne. Celebrities often think it necessary to change their names and so instead of Reginald Kenneth Dwight we have Elton Hercules John - Harry Roger Webb became Cliff Richard and Marilyn Monroe was baptised Norma Jean Baker.

Names can also be confusing. Why don't they sell chicken tikka at a well known

electrical store? Have you ever been served by an ex- President of the United States when buying a birthday card? If you are going to the local convenience store it's no good taking your boxing gloves- there's no ring and no partner for you to practise with! Thinking of the coming winter- if it starts to snow and you're caught in town wearing sling backs, it would be advisable not to ask for a pair of wellington boots at the pharmacy.

Personal names can have meanings which are meant to reflect a person's characteristics- sometimes they're correct and sometimes not! Only history will see if Barack Obama's parents made the right choice. He writes- *'My parents shared not only an improbable love, they shared an abiding faith in the possibilities of this nation. They would give me an African name-Barack, or blessed, believing that in a tolerant America your name is no barrier to success'*. Often in the Bible a name does accurately reflect the character and mission anticipated in life. The biblical character Deborah was a judge, a prophetess, wife, mother, a warrior and a singer. A very busy person and obviously well named as her name means 'honeybee'! Samuel –'asked of God'- was the child Hannah prayed for and then gave back to God's service. Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter, meaning 'Rock' referring to the fundamental role Peter would play in the building of the Church.

In the Christmas story names are really important. In the prophecy, in the Old Testament, foretelling the birth of Jesus, we are told *'To us a child is born, to us a Son is given'* and then we are told that he will be called *'Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace'*.

When out and about, unless I was taken completely by surprise, if I heard the words 'Hey you', or something in the same vein, I think I would be probably unlikely to respond but if someone shouted my name- now that would be entirely different.

It is nice when we are called by our names- it gives a feeling of intimacy, a feeling of being of some value to the person addressing us- we are an entity designated and distinguished from others.. We are lucky that in John's Gospel we are told that Jesus is the Good Shepherd who knows each one of us by name and in a hymn we sometimes sing, which is a parody of words from Isaiah we are told-*'Do not be afraid – I have called you by your name- you are Mine'*.

Christmas is a time when we can remember the name that Mary was instructed by God's messenger to call her baby- 'Jesus- our salvation'- and at this wonderful time we can also recall the prophecy made years before, which we find in Isaiah , *'Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a Son and His name will be called Immanuel- God is with us'*

God with us all the time- through thick and thin- that is indeed wonderful!

A very happy Christmas to all my readers and a big thank you for the many positive comments I have received during 2009- these have been of great encouragement when I have found myself suffering from, what anyone who puts pen to paper has to contend with at some time, 'writers' block'! *Isobel*

Monday 1.30 pm	2 Ryecroft Road Glusburn	Informal Bible study and fellowship, all welcome
Tuesday 10.00-11.30am	Chuffs (Not in school holidays)	Fun for pre-school children and their grown-ups!
Tuesday 7.30-8.30 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)	School children's group
7.30 pm	Bellringing	
Thursday 2.00 pm	Open House in Parish Rooms	Refreshments and items for sale



Wed 9 th Dec	1.30pm	Kildwick School KS1 Christmas Play
Thu 10 th Dec	1.30pm	Kildwick School KS1 & KS2 Christmas Plays
	6.30pm	Kildwick School KS2 Christmas Play
Sun 13 th Dec	4.00pm	CDFC Christmas Nativity Play (Sutton Park)
Mon 14 th Dec	6.30pm	Glusburn School Carol Service
Fri 18 th Dec	2.30pm	Kildwick School Christingle & Carol Singing
Sun 20 th Dec	6.00pm	Christmas Carol Service
Thu 24 th Dec	4.00pm	Crib Service
Thu 24 th Dec	11.30pm	Midnight Eucharist
Fri 25 th Dec		CHRISTMAS DAY
	8.15am	Said Eucharist
	10.00am	Family Eucharist
Sat 26 th Dec		ST STEPHEN, DEACON, FIRST MARTYR
Sun 27 th Dec		ST JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST
Mon 28 th Dec		THE HOLY INNOCENTS
Sun 3 rd Jan		THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
	10.00am	Family Communion
Sun 10 th Jan		THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

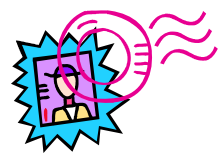
Services at Kildwick

Morning Prayer is said in the church Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
and Friday at 7.30am

Mid week Eucharist in the Parish Rooms on Wednesdays at 9.15am

Sunday 6th December	8.15 am	Holy Communion
Second Sunday of Advent	10 am	Family Eucharist
Sunday 13th December	8.15 am	Holy Communion
The Third Sunday of Advent	10 am	Sung Eucharist
	4pm	CDFC Pageant
Sunday 20th December	8.15 am	Holy Communion
The Fourth Sunday of Advent	10 am	Sung Eucharist with prayers for healing
	6.00pm	Carols by Candlelight
Thursday 24th December	4.00pm	Crib Service
Christmas Night	11.30pm	Sung Eucharist.
Friday 25th December	10 am	Family Eucharist
Sunday 27th December	8.15am	Holy Communion
John the Evangelist	10.00am	Sung Eucharist

Don't forget to save all your pictorial Christmas stamps, bring them to church and put them in the box provided.





Kildwick with Farnhill W.I. met at the home of Libba Utley in November for the A.G.M.

Officers for the year were elected: President is Joy Pickles, treasurer is Libba Utley, and Secretary is Rosemary Bowskill.

Our January meeting will be at 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms, and the speaker will be the curator of Cliffe Castle museum.



CRAVEN
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D I S T R I C T

Craven District Council has two schemes aimed at Craven residents who may not have the necessary financial resources to carry out either essential work on their homes or energy efficiency measures – in short, keeping their homes safe, warm and weatherproof.

Repairs Assistance Scheme

The Repairs Assistance Scheme (RAS) can assist with small to medium sized repair work up to £6,000 in value and takes the form of an interest-free loan, only repaid at some future date when the property is sold or ownership is transferred. The loan is secured as a legal charge against the property and for this reason, the Council recommends that home-owners make sure the loan is suitable for their and their family's needs and if necessary, obtain independent financial advice before committing themselves. To qualify for the loan scheme, applicants must be owner-occupiers, in receipt of an income-related benefit and over 60, with children under 16 living at home or with a long-term illness or disability. For more information on the RAS please contact Anchor Staying Put on 01756 706376.

Energy Efficiency Grant

The Energy Efficiency Grant consists of a 100% grant in order to cover works such as loft/cavity wall insulation and heating installations. To be eligible for the grant you must either be over 60 or have children under 16 and be living in a Council Tax banded A, B or C property. For more information, or to apply, please contact the Energy Efficiency Advice Centre who administer the grant on our behalf: 0800 512 012. The Energy Efficiency Advice Centre can also provide advice on other grants that may be available.

Should you require any other housing related advice please contact the Strategic Housing department on: 01756 706293.

Kildwick CE Primary School



Striving for Excellence and Promoting Christian Values

Newsletter 27th November 2009

Class 1

We have been busy making a beautiful display with Class 2 which we would like you to come and have a look at (in the hall).

The Christmas Play is coming along well, we are trying without scripts!

Next week will be the last homework for Year 1.

Class 2

The play practices are going well and next week we are aiming to perform without scripts!!

Please could you sign homework books each week and ensure books are in on Monday morning.

Lucy Jardine will be moving onto another school after Christmas. We wish her good luck and all the best and are very grateful for the time and help she has given us.

Have a lovely weekend.

Class 3

We have almost finished our Ancient Egypt topic (aaah) but we are looking forward to sharing our research homework on Egyptian Gods (hooray!) – hand in 4 December at the latest.

This week we have been focusing on staying calm and practising our singing for Puss in Boots. Please keep practising them at home.

This week we have enjoyed learning about the different types of teeth in Science.

Everyone has been trying to listen more carefully which has especially helped in Literacy as we have been writing instructions.

Have a good weekend.

Class 4

We have had a productive week making musical instruments in DT – string, wind and plucking. They will provide hours of entertainment over Christmas – I'm sure!

Thank you very much for the outfits that have been sent in for the play. Could all costumes please be in school by Tuesday 1st December – Thank you very much.

We have our last gym session at South Craven on Thursday 3rd December – please remember your kit.

Eleanor Eastwood – our class governor will be joining us on Friday 4th December.

PTA

Christmas Fair Saturday 5th December 1pm - 3pm. Thank you so much for all the helpers that have volunteered their time and all other parents for donating items to the fair. The helpers list will be out next week. Hope you can all come along and have a jolly good time. Any offers of help on the Friday (4th) after school to help sort tables into position would be greatly received. I will be in the playground next week!!

Bags continue to sell well, they will be available at the fair but if you still require one, or a few, then send in your order to Karen Hodgson with cash or cheques made payable to Kildwick Primary PTA. They would make great presents!!

Christmas shopping with a difference

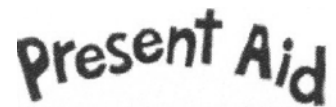
If you are still looking for that special present for someone here are some ideas that will really help to a positive difference is someone's life! The interest in "alternative" gifts has increased greatly which is very good news for people in the developing world. So why not investigate the following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

OXFAM. Their scheme is called 'Oxfam Unwrapped'. The website is at www.oxfamunwrapped.com



WORLD VISION. One of the first to offer a scheme they have 'the alternative gift catalogue'. The website is at www.worldvision.org.uk

CHRISTIAN AID. Their scheme is called 'Present Aid'. The website is at www.presentaid.org



Roanan 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



AUTUMN FAIR 2009

I would like to thank everybody who helped in any way and our customers who gave their generous support in raising £531.50. This was approximately the same amount as was raised last year despite the bad weather and the continuing recession. I very much appreciate all the hard work put in by the many people involved and thank you once again for all your help.



Maureen Vink




Learn
encourage
act
pray

into mission

Thursday 10th 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

  **BARNABAS FUND**
...hope and aid for the persecuted church 

Is there room in your house this Christmas?

How would you like to add a fascinating new ingredient to your Christmas?

Hundreds of the international students attending British universities are now applying to an organisation called HOST, hoping to receive an invitation to spend Christmas in a private home. HOST is a charity, founded by the British Council and the Foreign Office, with the aim of promoting international friendship and understanding by introducing students to British residents for a one-off Christmas or weekend visit.

Many of the students are Chinese; the rest come from every continent. The majority are in their 20's, but some are older. They are well informed, and happy to share their own culture, while being eager to learn about life and customs in this country.

The volunteer hosts are families, couples and single people, from a huge variety of backgrounds, but what they have in common is an interest in meeting people, a warm welcome to their home, and a willingness to share their way of life. It is not necessary for them to live close to a university, as students are happy to travel to see a different part of Britain.

If you would like to spread goodwill in this way, please see www.hostuk.org or call HOST on 0207 739 6292 to be put in touch with your local organiser.

FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL SUMMARY OF DRAFT MINUTES

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The meeting of Farnhill Parish Council was held on the 4th November 2009 in Kildwick/Farnhill Institute. The meeting was chaired by Counc. M Scarffe. Six members of the council were present, plus Representatives from CDC and two members of the public.

Councillor H Law completed and signed the following forms, Acceptance of Office of Councillor, Candidates Consent to Co-Option & Register of Interests. The Parish Council then welcomed Helen onto the Council.

The minutes of the meeting of the 1st October needed an addition and will be approved at the next meeting after being amended.

Counc M Scarffe met Chris Craven from NYCC and Seargant Broadhead from NY Police Transport Division to discuss what can be done to improve conditions relating to the crossing of the A629 to get to the bus stop. NYCC stated that there is no criteria for a Pelican Crossing or reduced Speed Limit for the A629 but there is new legislation coming in for speed limits in the next twelve months. They are prepared to put in a Traffic Island and to extend the footpath on the other side of the road. The Parish Council discussed the matter and concluded that this was not a perfect solution but if it was the only option at the current time then we should ask them to go ahead. Clerk to inform NYCC of the decision, but to state that this does not mean we are totally happy and will be pursuing other options if necessary.

The petition for speed reduction from Kildwick Hall to Farnhill Hall is now ready to hand in & David Curry has suggested taking it to NYCC at Northallerton.

Clerk to report that the gulleys are blocked on Grange Road and that the road needs sweeping of all the leaves and debris.

The flooding problem on the A629 does not seem to be resolved yet. Clerk to arrange a meeting with NYCC and the Parish Council to get to the bottom of the problem.

Clerk to ask NYCC Street Lighting to supply the new light for Starkey Lane as soon as possible as it is very dark and to ask for an update on the lighting for the underpass. Peter Ball has confirmed that the sodium lamp from Newby Road is not of a standard to be re-used so it can be destroyed. NYCC street lighting are very busy at the moment so the report from their visit to evaluate the lighting has been put on hold, but will be completed as soon as possible.

Counc R Bramley has had a further meeting with Dr Canaway to discuss further progress at the Arbour and will give an update next month.

The External Audit of the Council has now been carried out by Mazar's and there was no cause for concern. The Audit documents have been displayed in the Parish Council Noticeboard along with a notice stating any local elector may request to look at the accounts or request a copy.

Documents concerning a CDC Community Governance review are being passed around the Councillors and comments sent back to the Clerk to respond before the 30th November.

The Parish Council approved a rise in the Clerks Salary as per the National Salary Award 2009/2010 to be back dated to April 2009. Clerk to look into Substantive Benchmark Scales.

The Clerk drafted the Completion of Accounts up to 31st March 2010 and the Budget Account for the year ending 31st March 2011 in preparation for determining the budget

for year 2010/2011. Councillor's to discuss and decide on the precept at the next meeting. Clerk to ask Counc. R Bramley if the Village Institute Committee can provide a Plan for the Institute so the Council can consider a donation for 2010/2011.

CDC Representative Counc P Fairbank reported that NYCC want to hand over Skipton Bus Station to CDC and a meeting had taken place to discuss options. CDC will not take it over till it is of an acceptable standard.

The lighting for the underpass at Kildwick should be carried out shortly. The lights which were originally planned were found to be unsuitable. There will now be two new lights with vandal proof poles to illuminate down and a stronger lamp put in the light at Cross Hills side.

CDC Counc M Wheeler reported that CDC are undertaking another review of all remaining garage sites during 2010-2011 irrespective of their previous designation in the 2006 & 2009 reviews.

NYCC Footpaths Officer have visited the footpath at Redmans bridge and they will cut back the overgrowing brambles and weed. With regard to the surface of the path they state the main problem is the gradient of the path and feel there is little else that could be done to improve it. They do not feel that compacted the surface would improve the situation. Clerk to reply and ask for the loose chippings to be swept.

British Waterways have responded to our request for works to be carried out. They have stated that the grass area by Redmans Bridge will be cut once this year and will then be put on the grass cutting rota for next year. They are currently in the process of reviewing the boundaries and our request for the repairs to Redmans Bridge and the cutting of the vegetation growing from the Culvert will be passed to the correct department.

A request was made to put Parking on Newby Road on the agenda for next month. Clerk to ask the Community Officer Sue Marklew to attend the December meeting to discuss parking issues and the community speed device scheme.

Clerk to contact CDC Recycling Officers to ask when they will be consulting with the residents of the village, regarding re-cycling needs in preparation for the new refuse collection scheme which starts in January.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2009 IN
KILDWICK/FARNHILL INSTITUTE AT 7.30PM**



WE NEED BELLRINGERS NOW!

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CHRISTMAS CARDS

Time to write the Christmas cards again – what designs have you picked to send this year? Are they religious ones?

Look in the shops at all the different designs, traditional and modern. Through history the view of Christmas has been the same, usually Mary and the baby Jesus. But what else would you count as religious? Three Kings? The Bible doesn't say they were kings, or that there were 3, just Wise Men but it does tell us about the gifts they bought for the baby Jesus.

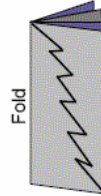
Do you know why there are so many robins on Christmas cards? The first postmen in Victorian times wore red and were called robins so robins were shown as delivering cards.



So which cards are religious? Think of what you write inside your Christmas cards... all of them are because of what we write inside them and post them with – love. Our love is a tiny echo of God's love for all the world.

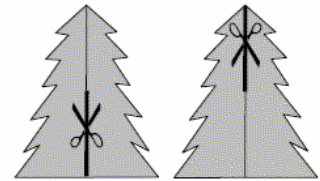
CARD or DECORATION

Here is a simple 3-D Christmas tree that you can use as a decoration or a card. You will need green card, crayons, glitter or paint, scissors and sellotape.

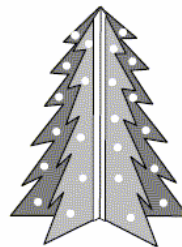


Fold a piece of card in half, then cut it in half. Put the 2 pieces together and fold them in half again.

Draw half a Christmas tree opposite the fold. Cut along the line and you will have 2 identical trees. Fold the trees in half, very lightly, hardly creasing the centre line to mark the centre of the tree. Cut a slit along the bottom half of the centre of one tree and along



the top half of the centre of the other tree. Slip the two trees together along the slits. To help the tree to stand firmly, use sellotape to fasten the parts together where they meet.



Decorate the tree. If you are using it as a card then leave an area free of decorations so that you can write on it.



What did the werewolf write on his Christmas cards?

Best vicious of the season.

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Please contact Sandie Walton regarding the Parish Rooms until 16th December, telephone 01535 636501.

After 16th December it will be Libba Utley as normal on 01535 631631. Thank you

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Rainbow T'ai Chi classes

KILDWICK Parish Rooms
Thursday evenings 7.30 - 9.00pm
Autumn term 2009
10th September - 8th October
5th November - 17th December