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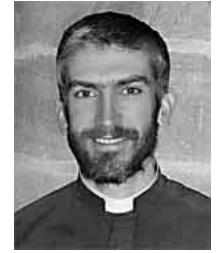
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Parish Mission Statement

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,

We are about to enter the season of Advent, the time of preparation for the great celebration of Christmas, the celebration of the birth of our Lord. At Christmas we celebrate that heaven comes down to earth, and earth is lifted up to heaven. The veil is lifted and we are given a glimpse of the glory of God coming to be with his people as one of them, as one of us.

In Jesus we see the human face of God; in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus we see God reaching out to us in love, inviting us to open ourselves to the truth of his presence with us now, today. In the birth of Jesus we see the humility and grace of God; in the death and resurrection of Jesus we are shown the love and forgiveness of God.

As you hear the story again this year, don't just see it as a nice story of the birth of a baby 2000 years ago; the story still has the power to touch people and change people.

We need to be changed by the good news that God brings to us in Jesus; we need to be challenged and changed by the message of the gospel. As God reaches out to us he speaks words of welcome, words of peace for everyone.

It is a story for everyone; no one is excluded from God's love and light. As one Bishop said, 'In the end, there is no one God does not love'.

This year the BBC are helping ensure that everyone can see and hear the story. During the week leading up to Christmas Day the BBC1 will be showing a 4-part series in a mid-evening slot offering a "refreshing version of the familiar story". Peter Graystone of the Church Army who attend a press preview screening has said that "it is wonderful television".

He goes on to say: "It is not just moving, it is funny (very), believable (totally), sexy (yes!), tense and profoundly full of the grace of God. And the awe of God too - the writer Tony Jordan has worked a miracle. Half way through each episode the camera pans back way out into the cosmos, and you hear deep groans, as if something tremendously significant is happening in both heaven and earth. And it ends with a declaration that because of this birth, the salvation of humankind is on its way. Then you hear the voice of the adult Jesus reciting the Beatitudes.

"I started crying half way through the third episode (when Mary's father, who doesn't even exist in the Bible version, stands by his daughter even though she is in disgrace). And by the end of episode four (when ... actually, I don't want to spoil it) I was drowning. Fact! So was everyone.

"At the preview they interviewed the scriptwriter writer Tony Jordan (creator of Life on Mars and writer of Eastenders). He said: 'I've always had a faith. I'm not a God-botherer ... But I do believe that Jesus Christ was the Son of God. I do believe he came here to take away our sins. I absolutely believe that. But there's loads of little bits around it that bug me. So what I've done with the story of the nativity is written a version that I can believe.

'And I believe that the people who watch it who aren't already sold, who would ridicule another version with square beards, [will find that] I've made it accessible. So they can watch it and see it's truthful, and say, "You know what! That's really cool. I never realised it could be like that. I thought it was all beyond me." ... Watch it, believe it, invest in it, and sob like a child.'"

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 love for his world.

May Jesus find a place in your heart this Christmas.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Graystone', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Report from PCC meeting 9th November

The opening worship was led by Lesley.

Sandie chaired the meeting

The child protection policy has been updated and an explanatory poster will be displayed.

It was agreed to share the Christmas collections between St. George's crypt and 'Help the Heroes'

After one resignation the PCC is now down to 10 and Robin will note the vacancies in the 'Bridge' and notice sheet for possible nominations.

LK21 has now been formally closed. It was agreed that we will write to the diocese to express our dissatisfaction with the way the faculty application has been handled and again request a review of the process. It was resolved that we will withhold the amount we have paid in legal fees from our parish share this year. However we will make it clear that if a review is carried out we will then pay the withheld amount. If no review takes place within the given time then the money will be donated to charity of our choosing.

A heating development fund is to be re-established and we are awaiting a report advising on heating.

A verbal report on finances was given and it was noted that this would be Kevin's last PCC as he is moving house.

Robin and Lesley have attended a finance roadshow run by the diocese and a health and safety seminar.

Robin reported that work has been done on the memorial garden and letters written to relatives regarding the vases.

Marie was thanked for her work already done on 'Giving in Grace' and further discussions will be in the new year.

Elizabeth Green has been appointed as a foundation governor at the school and it was reported that work at the school is progressing but several weeks behind schedule

The next meeting will be on 10th January

Open Air Christmas Nativity Play 4pm Sunday 12th December

Following the great success of the outdoor nativity last year, the event is to be repeated this year. Come along and enjoy this re-telling of the wonderful Christmas story. Why not dress in biblical costume as a shepherd or a Nazarene.

The date of the presentation is Sunday 12th December at 4pm. For more information or to find out how you can be involved contact Peter Bannister, 636036 or Michael Cowgill, 633372.





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



Local Christians working together

CDFC Council Meeting 9th November 2010

Representatives from S Craven Baptists, St Peter's, St Thomas's, St Andrew's and Cowling Methodist Churches. Apologies from Holy Trinity, Cowling and Cononley.

Feedback from events

- Harvest Supper 1st October. Successful event but pies expensive and not a lot of meat. Next year to try individual pies and do own peas.
- Prayer Day 16th October. Very poorly attended. To try next May at Kildwick and then review.
- Bible Sunday 24th October. There doesn't appear to be as much collected without envelopes but final figure from all Churches not yet known.

Future events

- Nativity Pageant 12th December. Plans well advanced. Two volunteers needed from each Church to help serving refreshments from 5pm. Sixty mince pies needed from each Church but can be bought.

2011

- Week of Christian Prayer 16th January 2011. Pulpit swap, also suggestion that congregations be asked to swap their attendance on following Sunday 23rd January.
- Three prayer meetings planned during the week plus a bookmark/prayer card to be given out in advance.

Mon 17.1.11 at South Craven Baptists 7.30pm

Wed 19.1.11 at St Peter's 9.30am plus St Thomas's open for prayer from 11am to 5pm.

Fri 21.1.11 at Kildwick Parish Rooms at 10am

Numbers for Prayer cards to David Warrington

- Hunger Lunch 13th March 2011. Now proposed to be at Cowling Methodist Church with St Andrew's Parish Rooms in reserve
- Lent 2011: the theme is Inter faith religions and will be held at St Peter's on Wednesday evenings as before for five sessions starting 16.3.11. Kildwick to serve refreshments on 16.3.11
- One World Week Service 2011. Suggested speaker: New co-ordinator of W Yorks Ecumenical Council.

Any Other Business

Homestart: to help families with children under 5. Anyone wishing to help will be given full training. See article in November magazine for details

Next meeting 1st February 2011

The Gospel according to St Matthew

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

On Advent Sunday (28th November) we begin Year A, so the gospel readings will be from Matthew. Here is a guide to this Gospel.

For convenience, the book can be divided into four structurally distinct sections: Two introductory sections; the main section, which can be further broken into five sections, each with a narrative component followed by a long discourse of Jesus; and finally, the Passion and Resurrection section.

Containing the genealogy, the birth, and the infancy of Jesus (Matthew 1; Matthew 2).

The discourses and actions of John the Baptist preparatory to Christ's public ministry (Matthew 3; Matthew 4:11).

- The discourses and actions of Christ in Galilee (4:12–26:1).
- The Sermon on the Mount, concerning morality (Ch. 5–7)
- The Missionary Discourse, concerning the mission Jesus gave his Twelve Apostles. (10–11:1)
- The Parable Discourse, stories that teach about the Kingdom of Heaven (13).
- The "Church Order" Discourse, concerning relationships among Christians (18–19:1).
- The Eschatological Discourse, which includes the Olivet Discourse and Judgement of the Nations, concerning his Second Coming and the end of the age (24–25).
- The sufferings, death and Resurrection of Jesus, the Great Commission (26–28).

The one aim pervading the book is to show that Jesus of Nazareth was the promised Messiah — he "of whom Moses in the law and the prophets did write" — and that in him the ancient prophecies had their fulfillment. This book is full of allusions to passages of the Old Testament which the book interprets as predicting and foreshadowing Jesus' life and mission. This Gospel contains no fewer than sixty-five references to the Old Testament, forty-three of these being direct verbal citations, thus greatly outnumbering those found in the other Gospels. The main feature of this Gospel may be expressed in the motto "I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill" (5:17).

This Gospel sets forth a view of Jesus as the Christ and portrays him as an heir to King David's throne, the rightful King of the Jews.

Some believe this gospel was written to the Jewish community, thus explaining all the allusions to passages of the Old Testament, however, see also Great Commission (which is directed at "all nations") and Interpretations of the Sermon on the Mount and Christian view of the Law.

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send Your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear Your voice each day.

We, who are anxious over many things, look forward to Your coming amongst us.

We who are blessed in so many ways, long for the complete joy of Your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy, seek the joy of your presence.

We are Your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.

To You we say **Come Lord Jesus**.

All powerful God,

Help us to look forward in hope to the coming of our Saviour.

May we live, as He taught us,

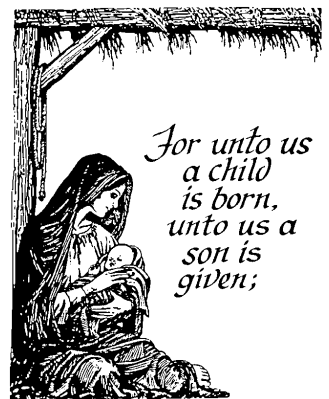
Be ready to welcome Him with burning love and faith.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you, and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever, Amen.

Get ready for Christmas

Many of us will go to the cinema this month – drawn by the trailers for the latest block-buster films set for release around Christmas. Trailers never make much sense on their own; their job is to tantalise you into wanting to know the whole story.

In his wisdom, God wrote a trailer for the Christmas story. Hundreds of years before Jesus was born, God began to tell his people just a bit of what they had to look forward to. Throughout the Old Testament there are glimpses of a coming Messiah, of a Prince of Peace. God didn't tell the people in the Old Testament everything – they had to wait for the events to actually take place. But slowly the sense of anticipation builds through the Old Testament. And when the Messiah finally came, there was surprise, but no anticlimax. Everything about the birth, life, death – and resurrection - of Jesus would surpasses all expectations



Prayers for the Parish & Word Church

The next monthly meeting to pray for the parish and worldwide Church will take place on Friday 17th December in the parish rooms from 10.00am until 11.30am. For more information contact Robin Figg, 633307.

GIVING IN GRACE

Giving in Grace aims to link faith with giving in the following ways:
as part of our collective act of worship of God
as part of each individual's active Christian life
as a key part of putting into practice the mission of our parish.

We have considered the first two aspects of this during October and November, and now we turn to the third: our parish mission.

It is perhaps opportune that we are looking at parish mission during December. Christmas is a time when many people's thoughts are on giving. Regrettably, though, this is often associated with anxiety. How many presents need to be bought? Will the budget run to it? Can parents with limited means purchase the things which their children are under peer pressure to have?

As readers may be aware, St Andrews also faces financial problems this winter. As a listed building, the church is costly to maintain. The heating system is out of date and very expensive to run. Two years ago, in the face of rising costs and diminishing income, we turned the heat off altogether. However, that meant that some worshippers were unable to face the rigours of the cold without severe risk to their health, and had to miss services which they had been attending for decades. To maintain our worship of God, we have restored the heating, but making ends meet to enable this is not easy. So why in the face of this, do we give away the monies collected during the most well-attended services of the Christmas period? Why not keep the money ourselves? The answer lies in the mission of the parish. *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.*

You will remember that when the shepherds and, later-on the kings, visited the Christ-child, they all brought gifts. Therefore at Christmas time, the Church itself remembers particularly those who are less fortunate than us. We have been cold in church; but some people are homeless, cold on the streets; others have no means to heat their homes adequately, or provide warming food. This, then, is one of the points of giving. Giving is not just offering what is left over when our own needs, real or imagined, are met; but part of our Christian duty, and an integral part of the mission of St Andrews. You can help in this. When you come to any of our Advent and Christmas services, please contribute generously to the collection and also please bring a gift of a tin of food, which can be placed in the box visible immediately as you enter the Church. These gifts go to the Salvation Army which distributes them to the needy at Christmas. We wish you and your families a happy Christmas. During this festival season we also invite you to think about giving and the role it plays in the life of the community.

Lesley Hudson and Marie Stinson, PCC Co-ordinators of the *Giving in Grace* project.

Weekly and Monthly envelopes will be available at the back of the Church from the beginning of December. If I have missed you out or you would like to join St. Andrew's Planned Giving using either weekly or monthly envelopes please contact me on 01535 635289 or at westcottsf@btinternet.com and I will try to get them into church as soon as possible.

If you are new to Planned Giving, or have not completed a Pledge form since November 1st 2009, and especially if you pay tax, please pick up the relevant form at the back of the church, fill it in and let me have it as soon as possible.

It is also possible to give by Direct Debit from your bank if this is more convenient. The relevant form is also at the back of the church.

Thank you for your support.

Stephen Westcott Planned Giving and Gift Aid Secretary

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.

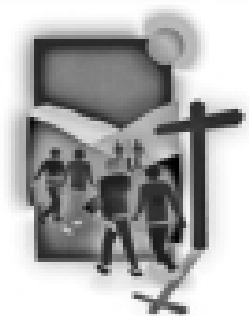
Who is the course for?

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.

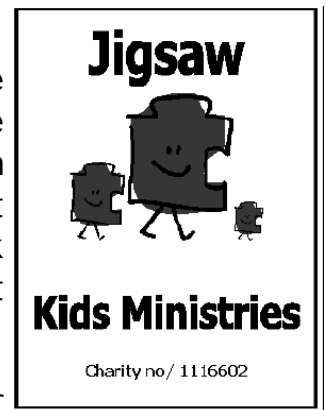
The Nurture Group will meet on **Thursday** evenings (commencing 13th January) from 7.30pm to 9.00pm.

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



Dear all jigsaw Family, greetings from Jigsaw,

An update to let you know how things are with us and Jigsaw. We have now moved house – HOORAY. We are so happy and praise God for the provision of a beautiful house. It is so wonderful to be in our own home after so many years of moving around. We are not quite sorted yet but we are getting there and it's beginning to look like our place. Our new Address and new phone number will be at the bottom of this letter.



Well thank you to all who have prayed for me and the family over the last few weeks, for the development and strengthening of Jigsaw and this amazing and wonderful work for the most needy of children. I should have written this email three weeks ago and I am very sorry but things have been so busy that there seems not even to have been a minute.

The main purpose of this email is to share that for the first time in 7+ years of going to the Philippines I pulled out of my trip, personal circumstances, moving house and so many things caught up with me. For the first few days I felt so guilty and awful that my head couldn't cope. However, over the days and three weeks that have followed I have experienced firsthand the wonder of our loving God who takes our circumstance and weaknesses and weaves them into his beautiful plan. God's plans are certainly not our plans.

I know I should have let you all know sooner, especially with you all praying for me and the trip, I can only apologise for this. Please know that your prayers were not in vain as God in his wonderful wisdom turned this situation into the most beautiful wonder of his work. It seems mad and crazy but so many fantastic things happened, because I did not go on this trip, it's quite amazing. Thank you for your prayers I have felt the power and love of them over these weeks.

One of my main reasons for going to the Philippines was to be part of the 'Growth of Love' conference. A conference being hosted by Jigsaw and lead by Dr Keith White from London.

God worked in mighty ways through the conference. The Jigsaw team worked incredibly hard and their passion and sacrifice of hours of work ensured that the conference went beautifully and the delegates were well looked after. There were delegates from a number of NGO's alongside social workers, PHD students, pastors and community people and every member of the Jigsaw staff. Jeanette our social worker said to me, "Tim thank you for trusting us to do all of this ourselves."

I had never even thought about that. I just thought I would be helping if I went, but on reflection I would have led every detail and they would have followed. The conference was all about looking at 'what makes love grow' and the delegates spent two half days visiting Jigsaw's projects and then were able to reflect on what they had seen in relation to what Keith White was teaching. As I write this tears of joy and wonder flow down my face. Vanessa our school sponsorship coordinator emailed me on the first afternoon of the conference with radiant light and love that can only come from God.

"Tim we never knew what we do is so important, so wonderful, we never knew how unique it is."

Jolly shared with me, that they couldn't believe that all these social workers, managers,

leaders, educated PhD students were looking at them and what they do, to learn from. Despite me over the years encouraging and telling the staff how great they were, it never seemed to sink into them until someone from outside said it. As Lendhel emailed me,

'Tim it has taken our own kin folk to come into Jigsaw, for us to see how important Jigsaw's work is'.

Had I been there I would have been seen as the expert and not the staff. This is not why I didn't go but I can clearly see just how God used this situation to empower the staff. Jigsaw must be and is a Filipino project working for Filipinos. Yes, I have a role, as do all of you who support Jigsaw – quite a big one at the moment but for Jigsaw to grow and be seen to be what it really is then my role must be unseen. Had I been there I know that much of the success of Jigsaw would have been focussed on me, the foreign leader and not the staff. (Sadly in the Philippines foreigners and their skills are always put on a pedestal way above that of the Pilipino.) Instead, what the delegates saw was the staff loving each other, loving the children and being professional in their running and leading of Jigsaw. Because I didn't go, the beautiful mango tree grew even stronger and God used it to sow seeds in the hearts of so many. A Filipino manager who works for 'Compassion International' said,

"Jigsaw is unique, I have never experienced such natural love for children in my life. The playing of the children so poor was a heavenly experience, the professionalism of the jigsaw staff was overwhelming but it is the love we found at Jigsaw that I will never, never forget. And all done by Filipinos, how wonderful."

The comment above typifies the comments that most of the delegates gave. The Jigsaw staff have been so mightily encouraged by the feedback, that it has had a wonderful impact on their self esteem and worth.

I Skyped with Jigsaw last week and I have never before seen such radiance in people as I saw and felt that day. God is truly amazing and I haven't even started to talk about the wonder of the miracles that happened and the seeds sowed by Dr Keith White. I feel like shouting from the roof tops, Praise God, Praise our Lord. His ways are amazing and his love is growing in abundance in Jigsaw, and most especially in the children and young people.

The other main reason I was going to Jigsaw was to work on the final registration with the department of Social welfare. We had been so worried as the registration was pushing and squeezing jigsaw into a shape and box we didn't want to go into; where kids were classed as 'clients' and our kids work was called 'services to the poor'. I knew it needed challenging and the first week was to be set on this. Then when I didn't go I worried what would happen about the registration. To cut a long story short, the social welfare department said 'because I couldn't attend, the submission date has been changed, allowing time for all the papers to be sent to me to work on.' This is fantastic as it gives me three months to put down in writing what Jigsaw really is about into the official documents. What Jigsaw is, is so unique in the Philippines that it needs protecting and safeguarding for future generations. Although the registration is just paper work – it does define what Jigsaw is regarded as and this is key to how Jigsaw is seen in the communities. It would be disastrous if Jigsaw was seen as yet another community project reaching out to the poor. The fact of the matter is – the Jigsaw staff are the 'poor' and the children in their communities are the 'deprived ones' but if real change is to happen then Jigsaw

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ONE DAY IN THE PAKISTAN FLOOD ZONE

I've been here in Pakistan almost 3 months now, much longer than I expected. I feel as though I've never worked so hard in all my life but maybe I think that about every Aid project I get dispatched to try and implement.

This one has been particularly difficult, not only because of the incredible devastation that this violent flood inflicted on communities. It's also because of the utter remoteness of my area, the altitude at which I have to work, and the complete lack of any communication systems.

I'm based high in the Upper Neelum Valley in Pakistan administered Kashmir, in the first real mountains of the Himalayas. It's around 9,000ft but many of our communities, are up at around 11,500ft.

Here, the flood didn't come gradually as it did further south. It came with such frightening force that schools, houses, land, Micro Hydro plants, watermills, small factories, jeep tracks, in fact all infrastructure that is the lifeblood of this remote region, got utterly wiped out.

The poverty level here was very high before the flood but people subsisted well enough on their maize and potato crops. Now all that is gone. Around 60% or more of their growing land has been swept away – their fertile soil is probably down near Karachi now, over a thousand miles away.

Today, I've once again travelled up to our highest communities in the Shounter Valley, one of 2 large valleys in which I'm working. I'm the only 'westerner', the only NGO these people have seen.

They stare first in amazement – it's a man's world here but it's the women who carry out all the most exhausting tasks! They smile, they greet me, then they ask for help. It's never ending.

I just can't help them all but I try my best.

Tonight I will once again camp in my tent and eat in the local houses – I've slept in the local houses, 6 in a room, on previous visits but the flea problem is so bad, I've had to take to my freezing tent!

It's a rather scary journey to get here – many large landslides to cross over a distance of around 25 miles. I travel on horseback where I can but when that becomes too dangerous, it has to be my feet.

The rewards were difficult to quantify at first but now they are numerous.

Having been released from the burden of providing Emergency Shelter – Islamic Relief, Pakistan are providing that – we have managed to restore 9 vital footbridge and dolly cable crossings so that villages are no longer cut off, restore 10 Micro Hydro plants so that communities will have light through the long,



harsh winter, restore 6 watermills, a vital function for economic activity and food production, build land protection walls to prevent further loss of housing and growing land, replace the main Bailey Bridge linking the valley with the main road south to the Kashmir capital 12 hours away, and restore 2 main water supplies to around 10,000 people.

Restoring the water supplies has been a hugely satisfying thing to do. It means that the exhausting task of fetching water from one km away up a steep climb to a Spring, a task exclusively carried out by women, is no longer necessary. They are so happy! They can now go to a central supply in their villages. Each time I pass through now, I have to stop to have chai (tea) with the women – they want me to stand in the local elections as their candidate! I don't think my Urdu is quite good enough yet!

I have spent our small Scottish Government grant and had to ask for more funding from my own NGO HQ in Edinburgh. This is what I love about working for a small NGO. 'Direct' is our middle name. 'Direct' is what we do.

There's no beaurocracy to delay us. I see a problem, I assess. I make a decision. Materials are delivered within days. The local people set to work to repair, replace, restore a particular piece of infrastructure with our paid, skilled engineer's guidance.

It's fast and effective. It's the only way for me to work.

Today, I'm looking at the replacement of a vital First Aid Post at 11,000ft. It's an important facility for the local community of around 2500 people. It will take cement, metal roof sheeting, sanitation fittings, insulation, and a lot of hard work by the locals to dig out the foundations and build the stone walls. Already the message is going down the mountain to start sending up these materials from our store in the valley. They will begin to come by pack pony tomorrow. I have a truly excellent local team working with me. Without them I couldn't do this job.

Soon these people will have their basic health facility restored to them so that particularly Mother and Child health care can be continued.

That's what I love about this job!

Maggie Tookey – EDINBURGH DIRECT AID –Farnhill resident.

GTS Productions present
Charles Dickens, A Christmas Carol

December 17th

Tickets £5, concessions £4

included in that is home made mince pie's and mulled wine/soft drink.

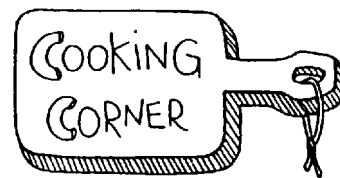
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Treacle Fruit Buns

- 12ozs (340g) SR flour
- 4 ozs (114g) soft margarine
- 6 ozs (170g) soft brown sugar
- 8 ozs (225g) dates, currants or sultanas
- 2 level tsp ground ginger
- 2 tblsp black treacle
- 8 fl ozs (225ml) milk
- 24 bun cases.

Method

1. Sieve flour, sugar and ginger into a bowl.
2. Warm milk and treacle in a pan.
3. Add margarine and fruit to dry ingredients
4. Pour on milk/treacle and beat well
5. Divide between the bun cases
6. Bake oven 325°F 160°C

Crunchy Crusty Citrus Scones

- 6ozs (170g) ricotta cheese
- finely grated zest of 1 orange
- 4ozs(114g) golden castor sugar
- 8ozs (225g) SR flour
- 2ozs (60g) butter
- 1-2 tblsp milk
- Demerara sugar

Method

1. Mix ricotta in bowl with zest and 2ozs sugar
2. Rub butter into flour add rest of sugar
3. Stir in ricotta mixture and 1-2 tblsps milk to make a soft but not sticky dough. knead very lightly
4. Roll out into rounds 1½ ins thick, put on baking sheet, mark into wedges
5. Brush top with milk, sprinkle with Demerara sugar
6. Bake oven reg 6 (200°C 390°F) 20-25 mins until well risen and brown
7. Serve with cream or butter and lemon curd



BIBLE HISTORY

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The Gospel Story : PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

5. THE TEMPTATIONS IN THE WILDERNESS

Immediately after his baptism by John Mark records briefly that Jesus went into the wilderness where he stayed forty days and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals and angels attended him.' Matthew and Luke flesh out Mark's account by saying that he fasted and that at the end he was hungry. They also identify three specific temptations. At crucial points in his career Jesus retired into the 'wilderness' to think. Forty days should not be taken literally. It simply means 'a long time'. The expansions of Matthew and Luke represent in hindsight what they considered that he must have thought about.

Noticeably all his supposed musings are negative ones and they tell us more about what he expected from his followers than about himself. He did not want disciples who expected material improvements in their life style. Many would be expected to give up their normal lives and most to sacrifice at least some of their worldly comforts for the cause. They would be expected to live 'not by bread alone but by every word from the mouth of God.' He did not want followers who attached themselves to him because they thought him some kind of a super-human who could defy the natural laws of the world. Most of all he did not want them to regard him as a nationalist leader who would overthrow the Romans.

This is, of course, hindsight. Some of it may come from remarks made by Jesus himself but much is a rationalisation of what the gospel writers knew had actually happened. Jesus had not regarded his mission as one which had the improvement of the material well being of his followers as its prime objective, he had not resorted to working wonders and he had not followed the path of political revolution. So what was he about? The temptations do not tell us.

The gospel writers regarded Jesus as the 'Son of God', but was that how he saw himself? He invariably referred to himself as 'Son of Man.' 'Son of God' was a title attributed to him by others. And what do the terms mean? For the Ancient Egyptians the answer was simple. The Pharaoh was son of a God. Tuthmose for example means 'son of the God Thut.' Ahmose means 'son of the god 'Ah' and so on. The Pharaoh was divine. Everyone else was a 'Son of Man'. The Old Testament took the term over. 'Moses' means 'Son of God' and there is evidence that the Romans had a similar understanding. Augustus Caesar claimed that he was son of a God. In other words 'Son of God' was interchangeable with 'King' which is why Jesus had the title 'King of the Jews' pinned to his cross. Every action of Jesus shows that he rejected such a title. How then did Jesus actually see himself? What made him special in the eyes of those who flocked to him when he started preaching in Galilee?

Isobel's Page

In 1868 a thirty year old minister, who was later to be called one of the greatest American preachers of the nineteenth century, wrote about his horseback journey from Jerusalem to Bethlehem in order to take the Christmas Eve service there.

Phillips Brooks wrote:- *'I remember standing in the old church in Bethlehem, close to the spot where Jesus was born, when the whole church was ringing hour after hour with splendid hymns of praise to God and how I could hear the voices telling each other of the wonderful night of our Saviour's birth.'* He later went on to write the poem, so well known now as the Christmas hymn- 'O little town of Bethlehem how still we see thee lie.' One hundred years later a reporter for 'The Telegraph'- whilst remaining ever vigilant for the Israeli riot squads- wrote about the traditional Christmas Eve service from Manger Square in Bethlehem which at that time was a municipal car park, resplendent with piles of rubbish and deep potholes. Brooks' words, therefore, were far removed from the reality of the modern day Bethlehem, the town which has changed hands many times during the centuries and in our own times where violence has been a frequent visitor.

Refugees fled to Bethlehem from areas captured by the Israelis in 1947/8. The town was involved in the six day war in 1967 and the Israeli construction of the West Bank barrier has made residents subject to checkpoints and roadblocks. Bethlehem is situated south of Jerusalem- in the south of the Judean mountains- and is the hub of Palestinian culture and tourism and is home to the oldest Christian community in the world. It is steeped in history, of course, with the old city in its centre. The Church of the Nativity stands in the centre of the city- being part of Manger Square- over a cave called the Holy Crypt where Jesus was supposed to have been born. Next door is the cave where St. Jerome spent thirty years translating Hebrew Scriptures into Latin.

But what of the Bethlehem at the time of Jesus' birth? The name itself means 'House of Bread' and was sacred to the Jews- the place where Rachel died after giving birth to Benjamin- Ruth and Naomi arrived there as the barley harvest was beginning and David, who was called by Samuel to be king of Israel, was the son of Jesse from Bethlehem and David tended his father's sheep there. What kind of town would Mary and Joseph arrive at to register for taxes in the town where Joseph had been born? Now I am going to use my imagination! What I write next will be conjecture on my part!

'It is a small place with only a handful of permanent residents but the inns and houses are packed with travellers coming to register. Even Joseph's relatives have no room to accommodate the couple. Their courtyard house is multi - levelled with the lower room or cellar being used as a storeroom- actually it resembles something of a cave because the terrain is rocky and the house built into the hillside. Tonight the ox and two donkeys have been put in there because it is a cold, clear night -millions of stars are shining in the sky like diamonds lying on a bed of black velvet- there is a particular bright star, way out in the east, which an observant sky watcher will note seems to be moving slowly towards Bethlehem. Last night a mountain lion killed a neighbour's ox so earlier in the evening the gentle animals, on which the family rely so much, were taken, for safety, into the cave. Joseph's uncle- feeling quite guilty because he prides himself on his hospitality to relatives and friends- leads his exhausted nephew and the heavily pregnant Mary into the lower room. The air is warm from the breath of the animals and the two are so tired after their four days journey from Nazareth that the austere conditions don't matter. They take the blanket from the back of their own donkey and spread it over the bed of straw and later that night Mary's baby is born. But what is happening in Shepherds'

Fields, on the edge of town? The pitch -black fields- at night only illuminated by the lantern of the watchman as he checks on the sheep- are lit tonight by a bright glow. A group of usually taciturn shepherds are talking excitedly and giving instructions to a young lad to be ever watchful of the flock because they are going down into Bethlehem. Soon they are hurrying through the silent streets towards that cellar room. Unusual visitors for a new born baby you may think- men on the lowest rungs of society, men who depend on work that requires them to be out in the fields in all weathers- away from home and family- men who are looked at with contempt. They enter the cave silently and gaze in awe at the baby boy asleep in the feeding trough- his adoring mother looking at him lovingly. One of them draws from his cloak a new born lamb and lays it in the straw near a sleeping donkey.'

In a choral work 'L'enfance du Christ' by Hector Berlioz is a choral movement called 'The Shepherds' Farewell.' telling how those shepherds say goodbye to the baby as the family flee Bethlehem for Egypt.

'Blessed Jesus we implore You- with humble hearts and holy fear. In that land that lies before Thee forget not us-who linger here. May the shepherds' lowly calling ever in Thy heart be dear.'

Well, they certainly have not been forgotten and will never be as long as eager little boys raise their hands excitedly as they volunteer to don tea towels on heads and carry staffs and cuddly toys in Nativity plays, and writers such as Isaac Watts give us words, as taken from his 'Cradle' hymn- written in the 1700s- *'See the kindly shepherds round Him - telling wonders from the sky- where they sought Him, there they found Him with His loving mother by.'* The shepherds are very much part of the Christmas story and it may not be just a coincidence that those smelly, scruffy, rough looking men were the first to receive the news of Jesus' birth. The despised and rejected men were the first visitors to the baby. Jesus, who is available for all- even those whom many would exclude- the baby who later became both those things, despised and rejected.

To go back to the present day Bethlehem- life is still far from easy and whilst there is no shortage of opinions and emotions about the area, in the midst of this, sometimes, violent environment, there is a story of hope. I have been reading about a new documentary based in the West Bank, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. 'Little Town of Bethlehem' brings awareness of a non violent movement, which rarely hits the headlines. It tells the story of three men- a Palestinian Muslim, a Palestinian Christian and an Israeli Jew- all born into violence and all willing to risk everything to bring an end to it in their lifetime. So there **is** hope and what a marvellous experience it would be to hear- just as Phillips Brooks heard, as he drew in rein outside the old church and as he dismounted close to the place where Jesus was born- the streets of the little town of Bethlehem ringing with the wonderful strains of splendid hymns heralding the birth of the Saviour of the whole world.

A very Happy Christmas to all my readers and thank you for all the positive comments I have received in this last year- Isobel

Regular Events at Kildwick

Monday 2 pm	5 Beanlands 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 Church	
Wednesdays from 10.30 am- 12.30pm	NottheKnot Group in Parish Rooms	Stitching and fellowship group.
7.30 pm	Bellringing	
Thursday 2.00 pm	Open House in Parish Rooms	Refreshments and items for sale



Wed 8 th Dec	1.30pm	Kildwick School KS1 Christmas Play in church
Thu 9 th Dec	12 noon	Christmas Lunch for older church members (St Peter's Church Hall, Cross Hills)
Thu 9 th Dec	1.30pm	Kildwick School KS1 Christmas Play in church
Sun 12 th Dec	4.00pm	CDFC Nativity Pageant (Sutton Park)
Mon 13 th Dec	6.30pm	Glusburn School Carol Service
Fri 17 th Dec	10.00am	Prayers for the Parish & World Church (Parish Rooms)
Sun 19 th Dec	6.00pm	Christmas Carol Service
Fri 24 th Dec	4.00pm	Crib Service
Fri 24 th Dec	11.30pm	Midnight Eucharist
Sat 25 th Dec		CHRISTMAS DAY
	8.15am	Said Eucharist
	10.00am	Family Eucharist
Sun 26 th Dec		STEPHEN, DEACON, FIRST MARTYR
	8.15am & 10.00am	Holy Communion
Mon 27 th Dec		JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST
	9.30am	Holy Communion (Parish Rooms)
Tue 28 th Dec		THE HOLY INNOCENTS
	9.30am	Holy Communion (Parish Rooms)
Sun 2 nd Jan		THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
	10.00am	Family Communion
Sun 9 th Jan		THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Services at Kildwick

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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 9.30am

Sunday 5th December	8.15 am	Holy Communion
The Second Sunday of Advent	10 am	Family Communion
Sunday 12th December	8.15 am	Holy Communion
	10 am	Sung Eucharist
The Third Sunday of Advent	4 pm	CDFC Pageant
Sunday 19th December	8.15 am	Holy Communion
The Fourth Sunday of Advent	10 am	Sung Eucharist with Prayers for healing
	6 pm	Carol Service by Candlelight
Friday 24th December	4 pm	Crib Service
Christmas Night	11.30 pm	Midnight Eucharist
Saturday 25th December 2010	10 am	Family Eucharist
Christmas Day		
Sunday 26th December	8.15 am	Holy Communion
	10 am	Sung Eucharist
Stephen, Deacon ,		
Monday 27th December	9.15 am	Parish Rooms
John, Apostle		
Tuesday 28th December	9.15 am	Parish Rooms
Holy Innocents		



Christmas Carol Service by candlelight 6.00pm Sunday 19th 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)

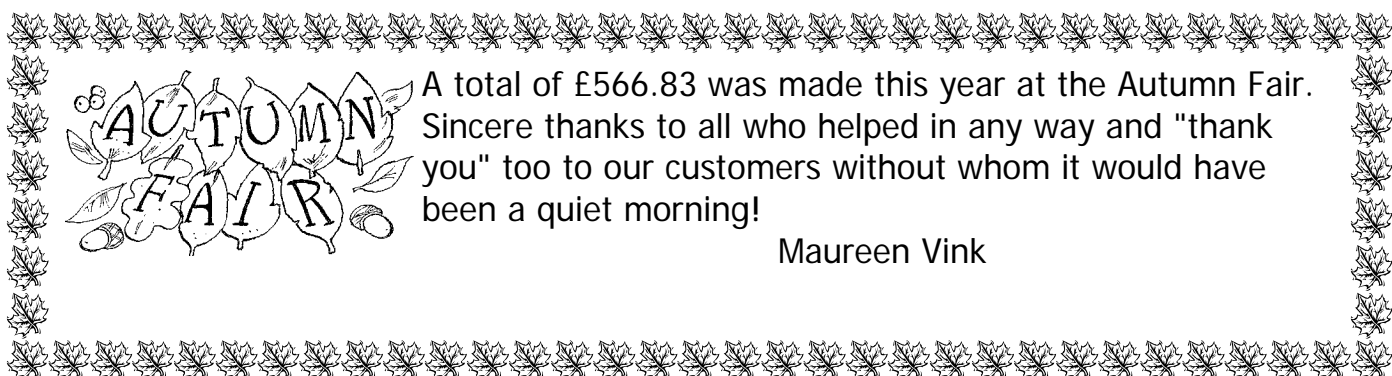
needs to be seen as a group of local people serving their own people. Not a charity, which can ruin the self esteem of the children and families that come but regarded by the community in the same way as perhaps a church group in the UK runs a kids club for the community. Obviously, the impact Jigsaw has is wider than just providing kids clubs, literacy clubs etc as it addresses some of the children's more basic physical and social needs. It's hard to explain what I mean but most people no matter how poor don't want to be regarded as a needy group of people that need intervention. They have self esteem and worth and this must not be undermined or the cycle of poverty continues. No matter how much we may not think like that, in the Philippines that is how most projects are perceived. So what I am trying to say is that how Jigsaw is currently regarded in the communities is positive. It's interwoven into the fabric of the community. It really is local people running projects for its own children. This view must be maintained at all costs which is why I am so determined that the registration papers accurately define what Jigsaw is.

So whats happening in the next few months? I plan to go to the Philippines in February or March of next year. Over the next few months besides the day to day things I do to help the running of Jigsaw I will be working on Jigsaw's registration and this new model of organisational structure which is emerging through its growth. On my next visit to Jigsaw I will be working with Jolly and the staff to help develop the new structure.

When we left the Philippines we asked CMS and our supporting churches if they would support us for two more years while we worked to help enable Jigsaw to establish itself. This is happening more amazingly than I could have ever imagined. It is the hardest thing I have ever done as my principal role is not doing things myself but is in teaching and enabling others to grow and build their own organisation. There is still much work to be done.

As for me and Kate we are not sure what the future may bring. Our two years with CMS comes to an end in July 2011 and we would value your prayers as to where we go from there. After the two years my role will be far from ended; I may be needed for years to come but we do see a time when God will perhaps open up other avenues and Jigsaw will need less support than we currently give it. However, how I will work and how our family will be provided for, we really don't know. Please pray for our future and see our prayer update for other specific prayer requests.

From all at Jigsaw in the Philippines and the UK, myself and Kate send you love and HUGE thanks to all of you for your amazing love, care, support and prayers for us all.



A total of £566.83 was made this year at the Autumn Fair. Sincere thanks to all who helped in any way and "thank you" too to our customers without whom it would have been a quiet morning!

Maureen Vink



Have your say on spending

Roadshows are being held around the county for you to ask questions about County Council, Craven District Council and Police plans to reduce spending.

Monday, November 22, 6.30pm at Bentham Town Hall

Tuesday, November 23, 6.30pm at Settle Victoria Hall

Wednesday, November 24, 6.30pm at Glusburn Institute

Tuesday, November 30, 6.30pm at Grassington Town Hall

Cross Hill Naturalists' Society

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Yorkshire Wildlife Trust



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WINTER PROGRAMME 2010/11

Lectures:

Are held on Saturday Evenings at 19.00 at St. Peter's Church, Main Street, Cross Hills BD20 8TF

Microscope Meetings:

Take place on the second Thursday of each month 18.45 to 21.00 at the Senior Citizens Centre, North Street, Sutton-in-Craven BD20 7HA

Annual Subscription: Adults £6.00 Juniors 10 pence

E-mail: crosshillsnats@aol.com

Saturday 4th Dec.

Members' Supper Evening
In the School Room at St. Peter's Church,

Thursday 9th Dec.

Microscope Group 18.45 to 21.00

Home for Christmas

Are you spending Christmas at home this year? Would you consider including an international student from a university in the UK in your plans? There are so many students here from China, India, and many other countries, who are unable to go back at Christmas. They would love to spend two or three days in a real home, rather than an empty hall of residence.

For many, Christmas will be an entirely new experience. Staying with you, they could find out what it is all about, as well as enjoying home-cooked food, joining in with your activities, and seeing a little of the country away from the campus. You do not need to live near a university, as many students are happy to travel to have this opportunity.

Your link with a student will be arranged by one of HOST's voluntary regional organisers, who do their best to match hosts and guests who will enjoy one another's company. HOST is a long-established national charity, founded by the British Council. Every HOST visit, whether for Christmas or for a weekend during the year, is a one-off, although sometimes lasting friendships are formed. The cultural exchange, and the contribution to international goodwill, are what make it all worthwhile.

If you would like to know more about volunteering as a host, please see <<http://www.hostuk.org>> www.hostuk.org or call HOST's regional organiser Mandy Talbott on 01472 851084.

From the registers

Baptisms

Sunday 7th November Charlie Richard Barrett, son of Oliver & Natalie, of Curlew Court, Steeton

Weddings

Friday 12th November Steven Collier & Nicola Thompson, of Aireworth Grove, Stockbridge, Keighley

Funerals

Monday 1st November Thomas Windle, formerly of Aire Street, Cross Hills

Tuesday 9th November Fred Garth, formerly of Florist Street, Keighley

King Wenceslas II

Good King Wenceslas looked out
Through his double glazing
For the dust lay round about
And the sun was blazing
So he turned the aircon high,
As the sun burned brighter,
And he idly wondered why,
Christmasses aren't whiter!

All along his mantelpiece,
Cards of Christmas greeting,
Words of gracious joy and peace,
Plus mince pies for eating;
Frosting was upon the pies,
Cards with snowmen swarming,
Wenceslas, with baleful eyes,
Pondered Global Warming.

He thought that he'd find some snow;
Set his knave to packing,
Off to Lapland via Heathrow,
So they both got cracking.
Lapland they found very nice,
For the Christmas season,
But they saw not how the ice,
Melted for some reason!

By Nigel Beeton

Church Rotas

Sunday 5th December The Second Sunday of Advent	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Isaiah 11: 1 - 10 Romans 15:4 - 13 Matthew 3:1 - 12	
Sunday 12th December The Third Sunday of Advent	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Isaiah 35:1 - 10 James 5:7 - 10 Matthew 11:2 - 11	Christine Anderton Marjorie Gee Jennifer Roberts
Sunday 19th December The Fourth Sunday of Advent	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Isaiah 7:10 - 16 Romans 1:1 - 7 Matthew 1:18 - 25	Brenda Brock Marie Stinson Isobel Stirk
Friday 24th December Christmas Night	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Isaiah 52:7 - 10 Hebrews 1:1 - 12 John 1:1 - 14	Lesley Bannister Barry Houghton Michael Baumber
Saturday 25th December 2010 Christmas Day	1 st Reading Gospel	Isaiah 62:6 - 12 Luke 2::8 - 20	Glyn Evans John Hudson
Sunday 26th December Stephen, Deacon , First Martyr	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Acts 7:51 - 60 Galatians 2:16b - 20 Matthew 10:17 - 22	Marie Stinson Ruth Ward Margaret Jowett

Flower Rota—December			
5th	ADVENT	19th	ADVENT
12th	ADVENT	Christmas	Mrs Stirk



There are several vacancies on the flower rota, if you would like to help have a word with June Whitaker 01535 655320

Brass Cleaning: Jennifer Roberts and Joyce Bonham

Church Cleaning

December: Lesley Hudson, Libba Utley, Christine Anderton

January 2011: Helen Hulley, Rosie Hargreaves, Sylvia Ackroyd

Date	Sidesperson	Intercesso	Communion
Sunday 5th December The Second Sunday of Advent	Joan and Barry Houghton Libba Utley Brian Green	Isobel Stirk	Sandie and John
Sunday 12th December The Third Sunday of Advent	David Baxter Marie Stinson Peter McNeill	Sue Hargreaves	Christine and Tim
Sunday 19th December The Fourth Sunday of Advent	Christine Anderton Ann Mosley June Whitaker	Peter Bannister	Sue and Michael
Friday 24th December Christmas Night	TBA	Robin Figg	Christine and John (Midnight)
Saturday 25th December 2010	TBA		Sue
Sunday 26th December Stephen, Deacon , First Martyr	Eleanor Eastwood Dorothy Ward Christine Hutchinson	Marie Stinson	Sandie and Michael

Pattern of Services - Winter Routine.

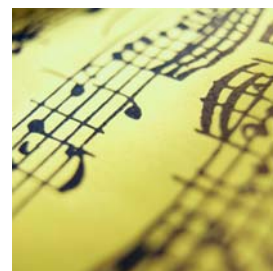
A reminder that from NEXT Sunday 31st October the 8.15am Eucharist and from Wednesday 3rd November the midweek Eucharist will each take place in the Parish Rooms. Note that the Wednesday Eucharist will start at 9.30am whilst in the Parish Rooms.

The Christmas carol services and other special Christmas services will take place in the church.

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FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL SUMMARY OF DRAFT MINUTES

The meeting of Farnhill Parish Council was held on the 2nd October 2010 in Kildwick/Farnhill Institute. The meeting was chaired by Counc. I Fulton . Four members of the council were present plus CDC Rep Counc. M Wheeler.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 5th October 2010 were approved by the Council and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

Discussions took place on items in the Community Governance Review. Draft proposals have been made by CDC as follows

- a. To re-align the boundary between Farnhill & Kildwick so that properties on the Kildwick side of the Canal (1-7 Kirkgate) are transferred to Kildwick Parish. After careful deliberation taking into account views from residents it was resolved that the Parish Council should object to the proposal and that the properties in question should remain in Farnhill. The four properties have historical connections with Farnhill and formed the earliest part of the settlement of Farnhill. Kirkgate House until the outbreak of World War II, had been a public house/hostelry since the late 18th century known as the Ship. The proposed boundary line would also mean that Kildwick/Farnhill would have joint responsibility for matters concerning the tunnel, but Farnhill have recently invested in the upgrading of the lighting in the tunnel and own a street light outside No 5 Kirkgate.
- b. To re-align the Cross Hills boundary where it meets Kildwick at the start of the Airedale trunk road so as to bring the whole of the commercial area to the south of Kildwick into Glusburn and Cross Hills Parish. The Parish Council will recommend that the proposed boundary changes be varied to keep the A629 underpass within the boundary of Kildwick. The underpass footpath is the main pedestrian access for the people of Kildwick/Farnhill to get to the nearest shop, health services, Post Office and bank and connects with the two villages rather than Crosshills. Another option would be to vary the boundary and include the underpass within Farnhill Boundary.
- c. To reduce the numbers of Parish Councillors for Farnhill from 7-5. The Parish Council resolved to oppose the proposal, as they believe a reduction in Councillors would leave the village under represented. In future years with the proposed cuts by Government, Parish Councils will likely have to take on extra responsibilities in order to maintain acceptable standards. The proposed reduction in Councillor's would place an extra burden on the remaining Council. Although Farnhill has not had a contested election for some time the vacancies have always been filled by Co-Option and after the last elections when the vacancies came up for co-option there were more candidates than there were vacancies. This suggests that perhaps people are willing to act as Councillors but are put off by the election process.

CDC Counc M Wheeler reported that after the governments spending review it is likely that CDC will have to reduce spending by 28.4% over 4 years. The 1st year will see 11% cuts in Revenue Budget and CDC will be looking to make savings of £400,000 with a total of 1.4 million over 4yrs. CDC are looking at the merging of services and all frontline services are undergoing a review.

Recommendations have been made to NYCC's Executive regarding the Concessionary Bus Fares stating that the Council retain the predominant weekday scheme time validity of 09.00to06.00 (the following morning) and that the Council revise the scheme for Craven to bring entitlement in line with the rest of NY.

A request was made by a member of the Council to have a Parish Meeting to discuss the

budget, but it was resolved that there was not enough time to arrange it and because of the recent new Council being formed no plans had yet been put in place for future spending.

The Clerk presented a draught completion of Accounts up to 31st March 2011 & Budget Account for year ending 31st March 2012 to Council in preparation for deciding the budget for next year. The Council will consider it and adjustments will be made at the next meeting. Requests for donations have been made by Kildwick/Farnhill Institute, Marie Curie Nursing Service and great North air Ambulance. These will be considered at the next meeting. A copy of the Annual Report from Kildwick/Farnhill Institute was received by the Clerk and has been passed to Councillors. Clerk to ask CDC for the final date for the precept request.

A reply has been received from David Cairns regarding signpost at Bradley Road and Mirror for junction of Main Street & Newby Road. He has passed the request regarding the sign post at the bottom of Bradley Road onto their inspector Martin Webster to have a look at.

North Yorkshire County Council generally does not approve the use of traffic mirrors on the highway as they are classed as non standard signs and require special authorization from the Department for Transport. Mirrors can themselves cause safety problems at locations because they can affect drivers visibility by reflecting headlamps or with sunshine dazzling the driver, they create difficulties in judging speed and distance of reflected vehicles, they are not effective in all weathers and they are difficult to keep clean and free from damage.

Authorization from the Department of Transport will only be agreed subject to all of the following conditions being met:

- there must be a proven record of accidents related to poor visibility and high speed crossing traffic;
- mutual visibility is virtually nil (i.e. the driver of the vehicle leaving the side road and the driver of the vehicle on the main road cannot see each other's vehicle until they are almost next to each other);
- visibility cannot be improved by the removal or setting back of fences, hedges, walls or trees;
- the speed limit is above 30 mph

From this information, they would consider that they would not get authorization from the Department of Transport to put up a mirror and therefore cannot agree to one being put up on the highway.

CDC are now in possession of the structural engineers report on the retaining wall at Farnhill, the structural engineer has indicated that there has been little change in the structural condition of the wall since the wall was surveyed in 1993 and there is no need for major structural strengthening to be undertaken at this moment in time.

However there is an amount of remedial work that needs to be undertaken as soon as possible to stop any further deterioration of the wall to include the following;

Removal of vegetation growing on the wall. Re-pointing of stonework as necessary. Re-build areas of wall where movement has occurred. Remove timber lintel in wall to play area and wall up. Install bed joints reinforcement across the vertical cracks in play area wall. Re-render the sloping buttress.

In the meantime the fencing can be moved back by three to four feet to allow for the

use of the parking area as requested which I shall organize to take place as soon as possible, however it is felt that the closure of the play area should stay in place until the remedial work has been completed due to the risk.

Street Light No 17 which is attached to Hellfield House was reported to be very dim. Clerk to report to NYCC.

An estimate has been received for the seat at the Pinfold for repairs and the cost would be £187.00 to take the bench away and replace the seat with hardwood. The Council resolved that another estimate should be sought before making a decision.

ROSPA have now completed the Annual Safety Inspection of the Play Area and there were no major items of concern. The Parish Council are advised to fit a rubber buffer to the gatepost and to re- glue and fill the gaps in the wet pour surfacing at the multi-play unit to avoid the trip hazard.

It was resolved by Council that Council I Fulton may carry out repairs at the top of Lower Arbour to the step and the handrail.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2010 IN KILDWICK/
FARNHILL INSTITUTE AT 7.30PM**

All members of the village are welcome to attend.

St Andrew's Pastoral Care Group



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Lonely?

Encouragement

The minister was having a tough time in the run-up to Christmas. He finally stretched himself out on the couch to do a bit of what he thought to be well-deserved self-pitying.

He moaned to wife: "Nobody in this church loves me ... the whole town hates me!"

His wife passed by with this encouraging word: "That can't be true, Sam. I'm sure some of the people don't even know you yet."

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...I'm glad we never listened to those rumours
about old Reggie's dodgy relatives...

**If there had been three wise
women...**

they would have asked for directions

they would have been on time

they would have assisted with the birth

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