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St. Andrew's Church Kildwick

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Kildwick, Farnhill and Cross Hills**

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Parish Mission Statement

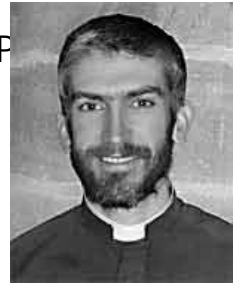
Called to be the body of Christ,
we are here to share God's love with all people,
through outreach and service,
in our community and in the world,
through the power of the Holy Spirit

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The Vicar's letter.....

Dear friends,

On 11th November 1992 the General Synod of the Church of England gave the required two-third majority to the legislation to ordain women as priests. For nearly twenty years the Church has been blessed with the ministry of both women and men as priests, working alongside each other to the benefit of the mission of God's Church.



On 20th November this year the General Synod failed to give a two-thirds majority to the legislation to ordain women as bishops. It was a very sad and frustrating day for the Church and reflects the difficult, and confusing, position the Church finds itself in. Whilst a strong majority of people believe that the move to have women bishops is the will of God, there remains a significant minority who believe this move is wrong.

The stumbling block for the Church is how to, and to what extent to, make provision for those within the Church who cannot accept the ministry of a woman bishop without undermining the integrity of the woman bishop's authority and in so doing undermining the integrity of all women in ministry within the Church, and indeed, as many would say, of all women.

As with any issue of this nature, it is impossible to provide exactly what those in favour of the change are looking for and what those against are looking for. So the question arises as to what level of accommodation is it appropriate to make for those who hold a dissenting, minority view. The question becomes particularly difficult to answer when the dissenting view is one that many consider to be offensive when it seems to doubt the equality of one half of the human race.

A major difficulty is that it is, of course, impossible for anyone to be absolutely certain that they know, without question, what is the will of God. The classic approach in seeking to discern what God is saying is to draw on the three pillars of scripture, reason and tradition. But different groups within the Church may give different weight to each of these.

Perhaps we also need to acknowledge more openly that the tradition (or history) of the Church is one of change. We do not live in the 1st century, we live in the 21st and the context in which we live is radically different from the first followers of Jesus. On a number of significant issues the Church has changed its mind in response to a changing understanding of God and the mission of God's Church.

Yes, the Church is called, as many will point out, to be counter-cultural. But, maybe, being counter-cultural is to be, as Jesus was, radically subversive in challenging the inherited, historical norms of society. What do you see when you look at the life of Jesus? How do you read his teaching and preaching? Wasn't Jesus challenging the religious and political systems of his day that kept people divided into 'them' and 'us'; wasn't Jesus challenging the assumption that the only way to maintain order is to scapegoat innocent victims; wasn't Jesus challenging the way we humans claim God's blessing for our human violence?

As we come to celebrate once again the Christmas story, the story of God coming to live a human life, think about the story as 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 sideline and just watching it all happen.

God comes calling and challenging; God comes inviting us to believe and trust that his ways are worth following. I hope you will come and join us at our Christmas services this year as we think again about the message of God's radical, inclusive, transforming love for all of Creation and all humankind.

May Jesus find a place in your heart this Christmas.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Robin'.

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 (2nd December) 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.

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 writers, 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)
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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 in 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

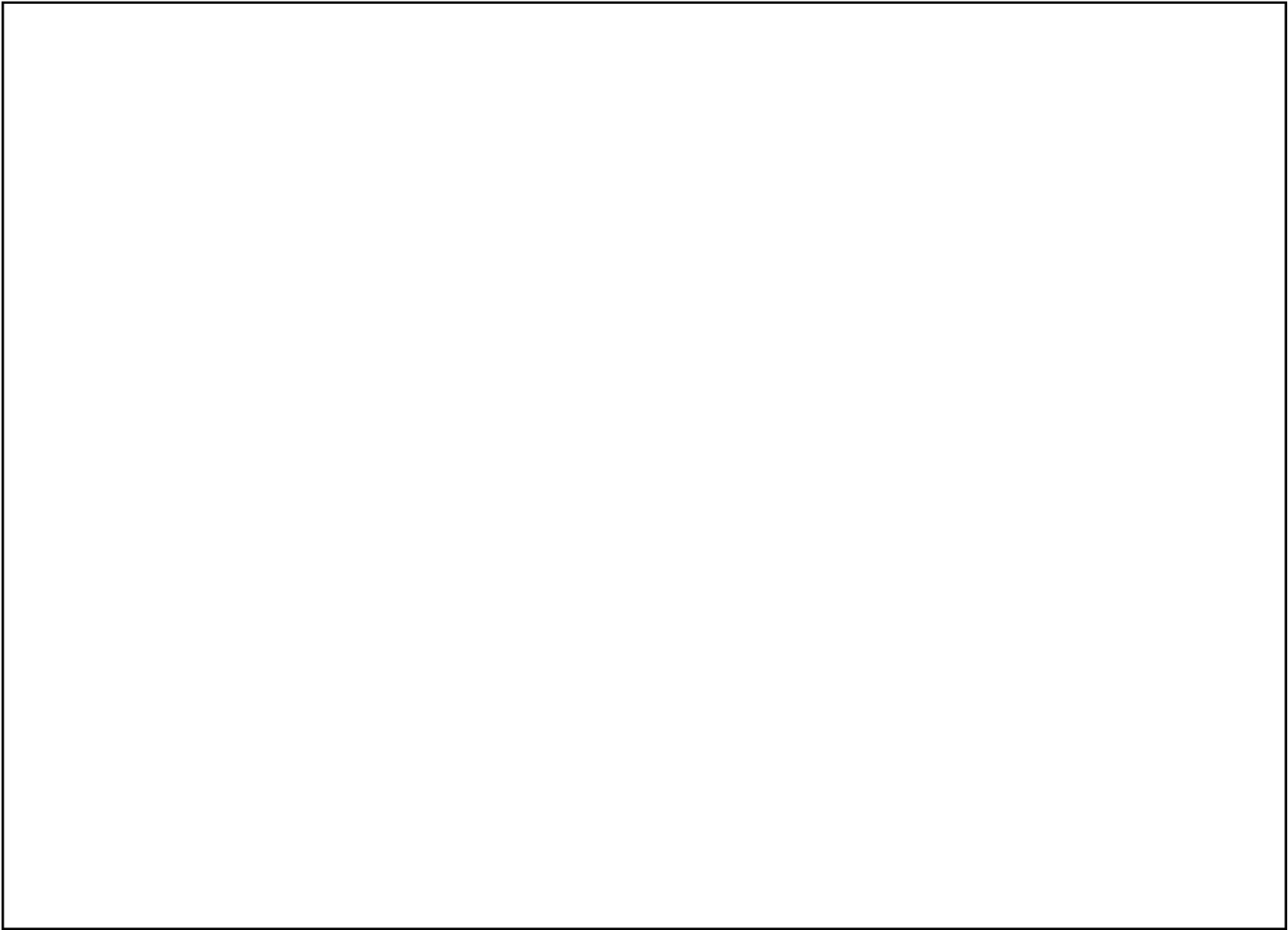


Roanan Keating, the pop star, said, "I have seen the value small-scale farmers get from keeping goats. So it's the kind of gift I would be really happy to give. To help transform someone's life in one of the world's poorest countries is the right thing to do."

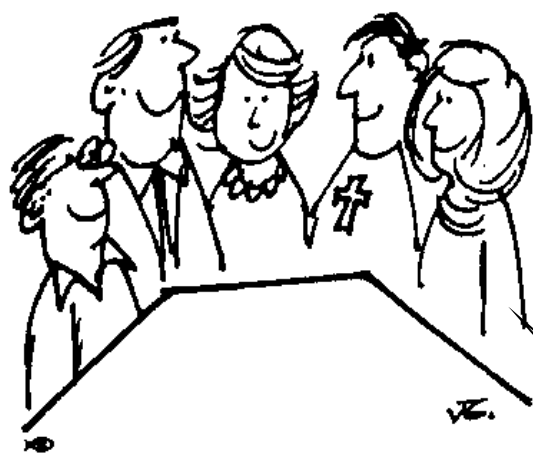
Real gifts that are wanted, not wasted

Some thoughts to ponder at this 'giving' time of the year...

Our children await Christmas presents like politicians getting election returns. - *M Cox*
People will not care what you know until they know that you care. - *Anon*
It is much better to have your gold in the hand than in the heart. - *Thomas Fuller*
Charity gives itself rich; covetousness hoards itself poor. - *Anon*
A part of kindness consists in loving people more than they deserve. - *J Joubert*
The word 'alms' has no singular, as if to teach us that a solitary act of charity scarcely deserves the name. - *Anon*
He who is not liberal with what he has, does but deceive himself when he thinks he would be liberal if he had more. - *W S Plumer*
Joy is the gigantic secret of the Christian - *G K Chesterton*
God does not pay weekly, but he pays at the end. - *Anon*



St Andrew's Pastoral Care Group



Call June on
01535 655320

Want someone
to talk to?

Need a
listening
ear?

Lonely?

Need
some
help?

Prayer Page



At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, born into a human family. Here are prayers for the true spirit of Christmas; to God's mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary; and his earthly father, St Joseph the carpenter.

A Christmas Prayer

Loving Father, help us to remember the story of Christ's birth
So that we may share in the song of the angels,
The gladness of the shepherds, and
The wisdom of the wise men.
Close the doors of hate and open the door of love in our lives
Let kindness accompany every gift we give
And good wishes enrich every greeting we exchange.
Deliver us from selfishness by the blessing which Christ alone can bring
And teach us to be glad with a pure heart
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Hail Mary

A traditional prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary, recalling the Annunciation, the Visitation and the Nativity.

Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with thee,
Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Prayer to St Joseph

God our Father, remembering Joseph the carpenter,
Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Father, in this world, of your Son, Jesus Christ,
Give us Grace, like him, to be obedient to your will,
Give us Grace, like him, to value and preserve our family life;
Give us Grace, like him, to protect the weak and vulnerable; and
Give us Grace, like him, to act justly and serve you loyally
Throughout our lives. Amen.





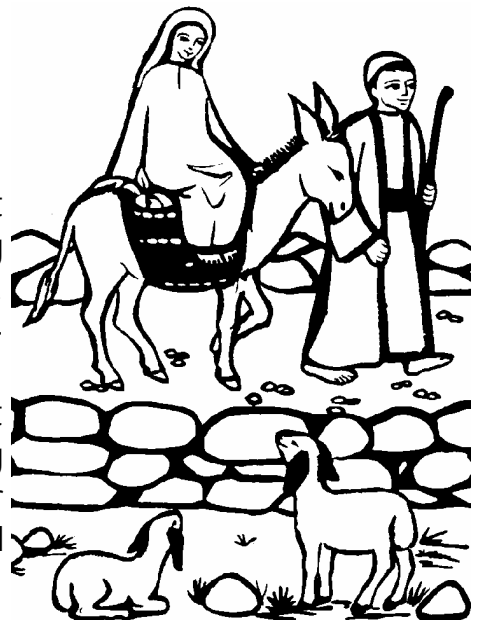
NEWS FROM THE CROSS HILLS & DISTRICT FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES



Open Air Christmas Nativity Play 4.00pm Sunday 9th 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 9th December at 4pm, starting at The Bay Horse pub in Sutton and moving via The Kings Arms and The Black Blue to Sutton Park. For more information or to find out how you can be involved contact Peter Bannister, 636036.



From the registers

Baptisms

Sunday 4th November Alyssa Rose Marshall, daughter of David & Heather Marshall, of Keepers End, The Oval, Bingley.
Ethan James Walker, son of Matthew & Lyndsay Walker, of Mulberry Lane, Steeton.

Renewal of Marriage Vows

Sunday 17th November Glen & Rowan Metcalfe, of Ebberston, Scarborough.

Funeral

Friday 2nd November Cyril Doult, formerly of Newby Road, Cross Hills.

Burial of cremated remains

Friday 9th November John Teal, formerly of Sutton Court, Sutton-in-Craven
Sunday 11th November Cathryn Corbitt
Tuesday 20th November Pauline Tetley, formerly of Park Road, Cross Hills
Friday 23rd November Vic Bates, formerly of Holme Ghyll, Glusburn

BIBLE HISTORY

written by Michael Baumber



JESUS THE TEACHER: 4. THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

Jesus' parables about the Kingdom of Heaven are apparently more imprecise than about anything else. All that we can glean from them is that it starts small like the mustard seed and can then sprout rapidly until it becomes an enormous tree. Or it is like a pearl of great price for which a man is prepared to sell everything he has to buy it. There are other variations on the theme but they tell us little or nothing about its nature. Jesus was deliberately vague because he had a vision which was so radical and carried with it such serious consequences for his followers that he had to take great care about how he approached the subject.

There were a number of models available on which he could base his kingdom of heaven. There was first of all the Jerusalem temple and its priesthood. Jesus did not like what he saw of it and nor did his cousin John the Baptist. The priesthood was in effect an arm of the Roman state and had become rich and corrupt. He supported John when he rejected his priestly family in favour of a career during which he denounced its failure to give a proper moral leadership.

But what was the alternative? Overturning the temple leadership would mean rebellion. Six miles down the road from Nazareth was Sepphoris. During his childhood there had been an uprising led by Judas the Galilean which had been suppressed by the Romans who slaughtered the town's entire population and burnt it to the ground. Yet even if a rebellion were to succeed Jesus knew that it would only be the prelude to more problems. He would have heard about the independent Jewish kingdom which had been created by Judas Maccabeus and how it had been torn apart in the reign of Alexander Jannaeus by a bitter civil war fought over the issue of whether the king could also be the chief priest or whether they should be separate. In other words who should control state policy.

Should it be the king or the priesthood? It was an argument which was to bedevil Christian history and is at the root of the disputes now wracking the Muslim world. Jesus concluded that the right approach was to accept the secular state but for his followers to convert it from within by providing the salt that would make it morally acceptable. Yet he knew that this approach also had its drawbacks. If the state did not accept his teaching his followers would be exposed to persecution. Jesus was well aware of the peril but he refused to allow them to take political power themselves. Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely. The kingdom of heaven was not of this world. But if that was to be the way then he would have to set the example. He must go to Jerusalem and if necessary die on the cross.



Sunday 16th December 2.30-4.30 pm

Your family is invited to

Messy Christmas!

Messy Church has become very popular around the country and is a way of being church that families others can enjoy together. It's al Very relaxed for all-ages lots of fun, music, making things together to explore the Bible, then celebrating Jesus in a short time of story, action songs, puppets, prayer and sharing food together.

It's noisy, happy and very messy!

We hope your family is able to join us for the afternoon, there is no need to book but it is helpful if you let us know you are coming.

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or Lesley 01535 523291 lhudson@talktalk.net

Now Yew See It, Now Yew Don't!

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Having been granted permission by Craven District Council, the yew tree beside the church porch was felled recently. The reaction the following day and since shows how it is possible to remove a large object that people have walked past many times and people not notice!

So just to remind you, here are some pictures of the felling team at work.



"Well, wood yew believe it!"

The St Andrew's Fair

This year's St Andrew's Fair on Saturday 24th November was another great success, raising over £600 for church funds. Well done to everyone involved in the preparation and running of the event and thank you to everyone who came and supported.

As the picture below show, full use was made once again of the church for the various stalls and displays, with the parish rooms being the venue for the refreshments.

Bunting to show the way between the church and parish rooms.



Lots of stalls in the nave of the church

Artwork by the children of Kildwick School



Christmas Carol Service by candlelight

4.00pm Sunday 23rd December

St. Andrew's Kildwick



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

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

Christmas Crib Service

4.00pm Christmas Eve
at Kildwick Church.



A short child-friendly all age service
Come and help gather the characters for
the Christmas crib

New name for Senior citizens centre

It has been decided to rename The Rest Centre the 'Village Centre' as the centre is used by so many other organizations as well as the Senior Citizens.

In November there was a Shopping Trip to Settle Market, Watershed Mill and Oswaldtwistle Mill.

Instead of the usual Coffee Morning on Saturday 1st December there will be a Christmas Lunch from 11.30 -1.30. This will be in the Village Centre.

This will be instead of the usual Christmas Tea which is normally held at St. Peter's. Other organizations wishing to book the Village Hall for Coffee Mornings should contact Jean Robinson on 632 962.

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 Parish Rooms	
Wednesdays from 10.15 am- 12.30pm	NottheKnot Group in Parish Rooms	Stitching and fellowship group.
7.30 pm	Bellringing	



Sun 2 nd Dec	ADVENT SUNDAY
	6.00pm Advent Carol Service by candlelight
Wed 5 th Dec	7.30pm <i>The Jesus Driven Life</i> course (Parish Rooms)
Sun 9 th Dec	4.00pm CDFC Nativity Pageant (Sutton Park)
Mon 10 th Dec	6.30pm Glusburn School KS2 carol service
Tue 11 th Dec	2.00pm Kildwick School KS1 Christmas play
Thu 13 th Dec	2.00pm Kildwick School KS1 Christmas play
Fri 14 th Dec	2.30pm Kildwick School Christingle service
Sun 16 th Dec	2.30pm Messy Church for Advent/Christmas
Tue 18 th Dec	1.30pm Glusburn School KS1 Christingle service
Sun 23 rd Dec	4.00pm Christmas Carol Service by candlelight
Mon 24 th Dec	4.00pm Crib Service
	11.30pm Midnight Communion
Tue 25 th Dec	CHRISTMAS DAY (THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD)
	8.15am Holy Communion
	10.00am Family Communion
Wed 26 th Dec	STEPHEN, DEACON, MARTYR
	9.30am Holy Communion (Parish Rooms)
Thu 27 th Dec	JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST
	9.30am Holy Communion (Parish Rooms)
Fri 28 th Dec	HOLY INNOCENTS
	9.30am Holy Communion (Parish Rooms)
Sun 6 th Jan	THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
	10.00am Family Communion

Sunday Services at Kildwick

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Morning Prayer is said in the church Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday and Friday at 7.30am
Mid week Eucharist in the parish rooms on Wednesdays at 9.30am

2 December First Sunday of Advent	8.15 am 10.00 am 6.00pm	Holy Communion Family Eucharist Advent carols
9 December Second Sunday of Advent	8.15am 10.00am	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist
16 December Third Sunday of Advent	8.15 am 10.00am	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist
23 December Fourth Sunday of Advent	8.15 am 10.00 am 4.00pm	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist Carols by Candlelight
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Fri day 28th December HOLY INNOCENTS	9.30am	Holy Communion (Parish Rooms)
30th December First Sunday of Christmas	8.15 am 10.00am	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist

**This is an report written by Maggie Tookey M.B.E.
Maggie is a resident of Farnhill and works for EDINBURGH DIRECT AID, a
charity proving humanitarian aid in areas or crisis and war.**

ONE DAY OF LOVE AND VIOLENCE IN WESTERN KENYA

I feel exhausted and drained by the emotional rollercoaster experienced today, in and around the town of Kisumu, Western Kenya.

I'm working with our Kenyan project director, Nancy, to support around a 100 widows as well as 30 orphans in our centre.

The group of widows we class as 'desperate' take the greatest amount of our care, emotions and resources.

The children need time too but they are well looked after in the orphanage, loved, fed, educated and happy.

The widows are different. They are nearly all grandmothers. The terrible scourge of Aids has ensured that their breadwinners, husbands, sons, daughters, and brothers are gone, buried in plots next to their mud house walls. They are trying to support 3,4 and even 5 grandchildren, with absolutely nothing except what they can grow around their houses.

They are terribly malnourished and suffer from a variety of ailments that would be dealt with swiftly and easily in the developed world. Some are HIV positive but have not developed full blown Aids.

They live, sleep and eat in leaking mud houses. The only mattress of sorts, just like any food they can acquire, is given to the grandchildren. They use the hard mud floor to sleep and their bones ache.

So today we bought several new mattresses in town and took them to the very worst cases.

It's very hard to describe or transmit the sheer pleasure this act brings to the faces of these widows. Their joy is unconfined. They sing, they cry, they stroke the mattress, they dance, they hug us. Trite as it may sound, we try not to cry. Such small expenditure brings such reward. Seeing such instant happiness as a result of a simple act is almost like a drug. We want more and more of it.

I know there are people who think UK money should support UK people. However, were they to stand in my shoes now, look through my eyes and see what relatively tiny amounts of money (a mattress £5 and blood pressure tablets £2 a week) can deliver,



then maybe they would feel differently. The widows quality of life improves, they become more productive and their grandchildren can be educated. It's a 'trickle down' effect that costs so little and helps to improve rural society.

As we walked back to our community orphanage base, I knew nothing of the events that were about to unfold.

Following the fatal shooting of a local politician and his wife earlier in the day in town, the 6th killing in as many days in Kisumu, a riot situation was building up not so far from the protected compound where I had my digs. An urgent message from my car hire company awaited.

I needed to get back as soon as possible while I could still get there. I'm no hero and I didn't need telling twice.

My compound is near a township on the edge of Kisumu – not very salubrious but cheap. I drove down from the orphanage along the main road thinking this would be safer – it wasn't. The traffic was choked and the atmosphere threatening and hysterical. People were out of their vehicles and running towards the township.

My car doors were locked but I felt vulnerable. I finally found a route through some back streets, rough dirt roads, and with huge relief, reached my compound gates.

I hooted 3 times – my signal to the security guard and two frightened eyes peered through the spy hole. Immediately the gates opened and were just as quickly locked after me as I catapulted the car inside.

One side of the compound itself lines the main road to the township 500metres away. The smell of tear gas was stronger and the awful sounds of screaming, shooting, burning and looting were more frightening than most violent situations I've experienced in other countries.

The power was off. I had no torch or candles and I was scared.

Rose, the young caretaker of the compound, came knocking on my door, seemingly even more scared than me having lived through the terrible post election violence in 2009. We spent the evening together – she brought a candle and that was a comfort. I told her about the widows and their mattresses. That was a comfort too.

Finally the terrible sounds of African violence died away as the night went on and I slept. The next morning the news was not good. Four people had been burned to death and many shot and badly tear gassed.

How could the events of one day be so different. This is Africa. This is how it goes here. Life is cheap and death, horrific and cruel death, raises no eyebrows. I left early for Nairobi that following morning with the sounds of the last night's violence still ringing in my ears.

Maggie Tookey

Church Rotas

2 December First Sunday of Advent	Jeremiah 33.14-16 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13 Luke 21.25-36	<i>Gospel Only used</i> Elizabeth Figg
9 December Second Sunday of Advent	Malachi 3.1-4 Philippians 1.3-11 Luke 3.1-6	Brenda Brock Michael Baumber Stephen Westcott
16 December Third Sunday of Advent	Zephaniah 3.14-20 Philippians 4.4-7 Luke 3.7-18	Barry Houghton Marie Stinson Marjorie Gee
23 December Fourth Sunday of Advent	Micah 5.2-5a Hebrews 10.5-10 Luke 1.39-55	Kathryn Morris Ruth Ward Lesley Bannister
Monday 24 December Christmas Night 11.30 pm	Isaiah 52.7-10 Hebrew 1.1-12 John 1.1-14	Christine Anderton John Mitchell Jennifer Roberts
Tuesday 25 December Christmas Day 10 am	Isaiah 9.2-7 Luke 2.1-14	Glyn Evans Lesley Hudson
30 December First Sunday of Christmas	1 Samuel 2.18-20,26 Colossians 3.12-17 Luke 2.41-end	Lesley Bannister Libba Utley Marie Stinson

Flower Rota
December
Advent –no flowers in church

We need some more volunteers to come on the flower rota. No experience necessary! call June on 655320

Church Cleaning:

December: Lesley Hudson, Libba Utley,

Christine Anderton
January: Helen Hulley, Rosie Hargreaves, Sylvia Ackroyd

Brass Cleaning: Jennifer Roberts and

Prayers for the Parish & Word Church

The next monthly meeting to pray for the parish and worldwide Church will take place on Friday 21st December in the parish rooms from 10.00am until 11.30am. For more information contact Robin Figg, 633307.

Date	Sidesperson	Intercessor	Communion
2 December First Sunday of Advent	Joan and Barry Houghton David Baxter	Shirley Hoskins	Christine and John
9 December Second Sunday of Advent	Marie Stinson Peter McNeill	Robin Figg	Sandie and Tim
16 December Third Sunday of Advent	Christine Anderton Ann Mosley June Whitaker	Michael Baumber	Christine and Michael
23 December Fourth Sunday of Advent	Libba Utley Michael Baxter Sandie Walton Kath Morris	Elizabeth Figg	Christine and Sandie
Monday 24 December Christmas Night 11.30 pm		Di Halliday	Christine and John
Tuesday 25 December Christmas Day 10 am		Robin Figg	
30 December First Sunday of Christmas	Joyce Bonham Elaine carter Marie Stinson or Sandie Walton	Peter Bannister	Sandie and Tim

Advent Sunday, 2nd December

8.15am Holy Communion

10.00am Family Communion with Baptism and the sending
out of the Travelling Cribs

6.00pm Advent Carol Service by Candlelight



FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL SUMMARY OF DRAFT MINUTES

The meeting of Farnhill Parish Council was held on the 6th November 2012 in Kildwick/ Farnhill Institute. The meeting was chaired by Counc H Matysniak. Six members of the council were present.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd October were approved by the Council after one amendment and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

A Notice of resignation was received from one Councillor and the notice of casual vacancy was registered with CDC on Monday 5th November and a notice of vacancy put in the notice board. An election to fill the vacancy will be held if a written request signed by ten local government electors for the Parish is received by CDC within fourteen days (excluding weekends and bank holidays) from the 5th November. If an election is not requested the Parish Council will fill the vacancy by co-option.

NYCC have replied re our comments on yellow lining at Newby Road as follows:- Their consultants, have checked all waiting restriction lining in the Craven area to ensure it matches to that on the existing Traffic Regulation Orders in preparation for Civil Parking Enforcement. However they have found some anomalies which are listed on the new proposed order which has had to be produced to ensure that what is on the ground matches the Traffic Regulation Order. They confirm there will be no new lengths of yellow lines produced from this order.

Clerk to ask NYCC if they could replace the lining and wording at the top of the Arbour on Grange Road. The lining was done some years ago and proved to be beneficial to parking problems. Now the lining has faded it has resulted in the problems re-appearing. Clerk to also ask NYCC if they could suggest a solution regarding vehicles parking on Grange Road above the entrance to the Arbour on the brow of the hill. This creates a problem with road safety as the parked cars block the vision of vehicles travelling down the hill.

The Monitoring Instrumentation at Kildwick River Bridge which automatically sends a text to those people who are registered for flood alerts has recently not been operating correctly and some residents of Farnhill did not receive warnings in the recent floods. Clerk to write to the Environment Agency and ask them to give us their assurance that the Monitoring Instrumentation is now fully operational.

Clerk to thank NYCC for cleaning the gulleys in Farnhill, but to ask if they can provide a solution to water which appears to be running down from the moor, down the pathway next to Dunbrowin and bringing with it sand, earth and stones. The water is by passing the drain at the top of Main Street and continuing down the road. The water will create problems when the freezing conditions start.

Final arrangements were put in place for the let's talk meeting on the 20th November and it was agreed that Councillors should arrive at 7.00pm to help with the setting up for the meeting.

Counc. H Matysniak will represent the Parish Council at the Act of Remembrance at the war memorial on Remembrance Sunday and lay a wreath on behalf of residents of the village.

CDC have replied to a query about the removal of dog bins and have stated said that they will not be removing any existing dog waste bins. However if any are damaged they will not be repaired but will be replaced with a dual purpose dog waste/litter bin if they feel there is a need for a bin. CDC are putting notices on their litter bins to say that they can be used for dog waste provided it is in the correct bags and tied.

Clerk to respond to CDC's Review of Car Parks.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2012 IN KILDWICK/
FARNHILL INSTITUTE AT 7.30PM**

All members of the village are welcome to attend

Kildwick CE Primary School

Christmas Fair

Saturday 1st December 1.00pm until 3.00pm in school

All the usual stalls

All welcome

Glusburn Luncheon Club

Tired of cooking every day or eating on your own?

Why not come along and have your lunch at



Glusburn Institute Baths Hall every Wednesday at 12 noon.

2-course hot lunch and a cup of tea for only £3.00

Ring Val 633052 or Margaret 634207 for more details.

The Village Pump

Chat over Tea

*A meeting Place for over 50's
Every Wednesday 2.00-3.30 pm*

Dominoes

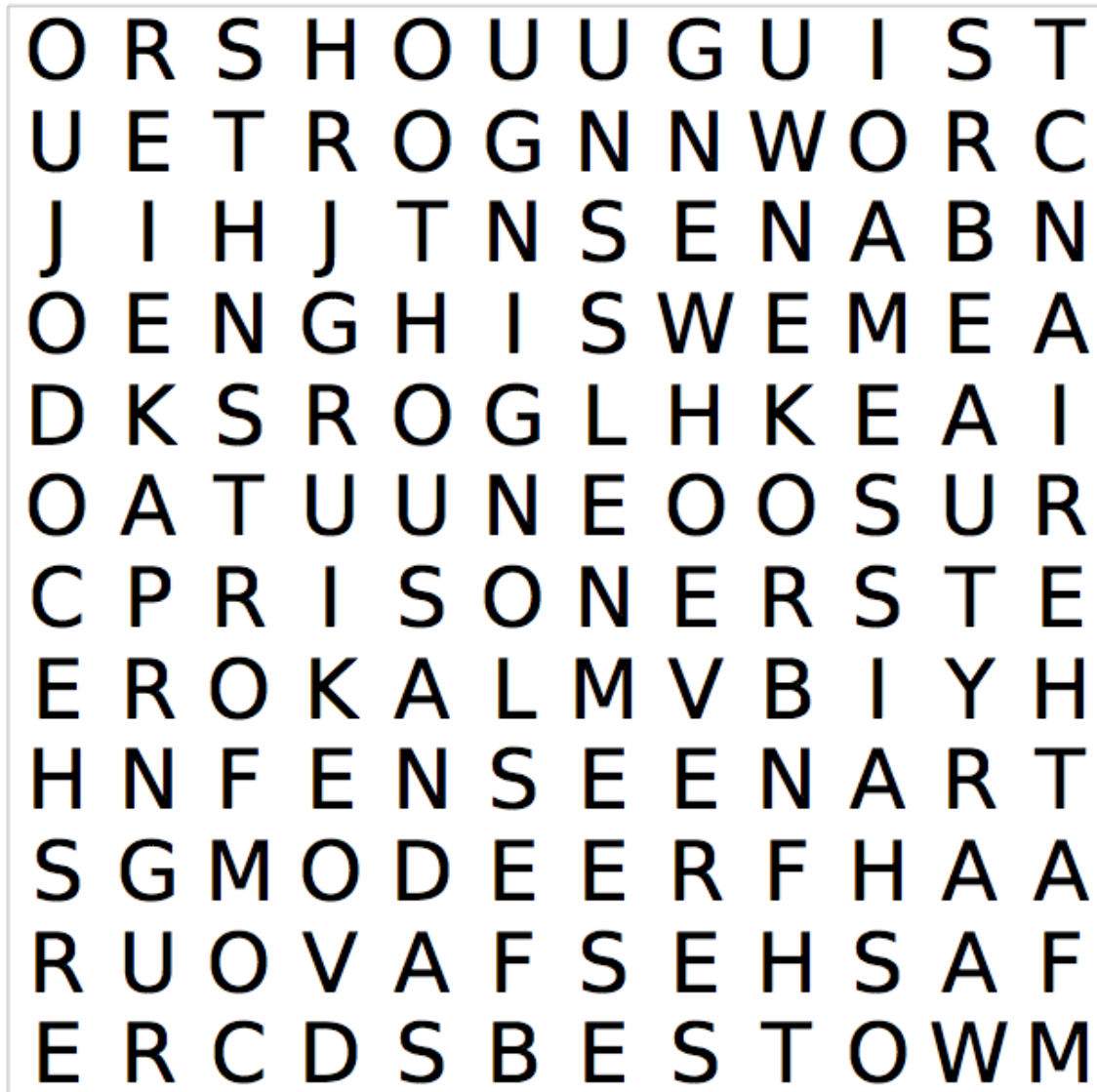
Scrabble

*Farnhill Methodist Church
(in the foyer)*

***Cards
and more.....***

Wordsearch for December 2012

Christmas is nearly here! Two thousand years ago the Jews were longing for the coming of their Messiah. The Old Testament had promised that when he came, he would preach good news to the poor, bind up the broken hearted, proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, comfort all who mourn and to bestow on his people a crown of beauty instead of ashes. Jesus did all those things. He was and is the Son of God, and whoever has seen him has seen the Father. Whoever believes in him will have the best gift of all – his Spirit within them, which gives them eternal life.



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This month, the WI met on 6th November, when Anne Thompson gave an illustrated account of the life and times of Florence Nightingale.

Although we know her as "The Lady with the Lamp," famed for her nursing of soldiers injured during the Crimean War, she was in fact a very bright, well educated and well travelled woman, a gifted mathematician, linguist and lady of letters. The daughter of wealthy parents, Florence was not expected to "work" for a living, yet she dedicated herself to nursing, notably at Scutari hospital in Turkey, where she tended the wounded from the battlefields of the Crimea in 1854. She was a capable organiser and leader, credited with starting the first modern nurse training school at St Thomas's Hospital in London. She died at the age of 90, having spent most of her life in the service of others.

Next month's meeting will be held on 4 December, when we will enjoy a "Festive Mixture" with games, quizzes and Secret Santa. Women of all ages are welcome to join in the Christmas festivities; please ring Pat on 01535 634965 or Margaret on 01535 634207 for details.

Smile Lines



Don't worry about what people think. They don't do it that often.

Velcro-what a rip off!

Tried to play my shoehorn. Managed to make some footnotes.

Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!

A little boy was overheard praying, "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a really good time as I am."

Did you ever want to call a maternity ward and ask if they deliver?

There are three kinds of memory: good, bad, and convenient.

Success is 10% inspiration, 90% last-minute changes.

"This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore."

You can't go back and make a brand new start. But you can start from now and make a brand new ending.

They told me I had type-A blood, but it was a Type-O.

The advantage of exercising every day is that you die healthier.

To keep a true perspective of one's importance, everyone should have a dog that worships him and a cat that ignores him.

Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful.

Help keep the kitchen clean: Eat out.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.

CROSS HILLS NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

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Affiliations: Yorkshire Naturalists' Union,
Yorkshire Wildlife Trust



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WINTER PROGRAMME 2012/13

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 at the Senior Citizens Centre, North Street, Sutton-in-Craven BD20 7HA

Annual Subscription: Adults £10.00 Juniors 10 pence Visitors £2.00 per meeting.

2013

- 12th January. Living Landscapes Dr. Rob Stoneman
- 26th January. Further Research in Littondale David Hodgson
- 9th February. AGM at 18.30 hours followed by Members' Evening
- 23rd February Duncan Clough Memorial Lecture Wildlife Wildplaces John Gardner
- 9th March Biodiversity of Swinden Quarry Sean Milward
- 23rd March Supper Evening in the Schoolroom

E-mail: crosshillsnats@aol.com

New members and visitors welcome at all meetings

Some observations on Christmas ...

I heard the bells on Christmas Day their old familiar carols play, and wild and sweet the words repeat of peace on earth, goodwill to men! - *Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*

If Jesus were born one thousand times in Bethlehem and not in me, then I would still be lost. *Corrie ten Boom*

We must not have Christ Jesus, the Lord of Life, put any more in the stable amongst the horses and asses, but he must now have the best chamber. - *George Fox*

The hinge of history is on the door of a Bethlehem stable. - *R Sockman*

Christ has outlasted the empire that crucified him 19 centuries ago. He will outlast the nations who deny him now. - *Anon*



CHRISTMAS LIVE

Sometimes when people tell you a story it doesn't really mean as much as it would if you could see it for yourself. St Francis of Assisi had often preached about that very first Christmas in Bethlehem with the animals round the manger and the baby lying on a bed of straw. But he wanted the story to come alive for his congregation. In the year 1223 he had a brilliant idea and planned a very special surprise for Christmas Eve.

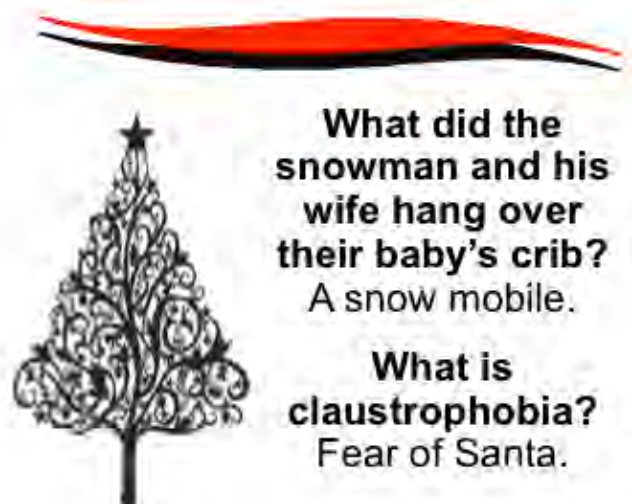
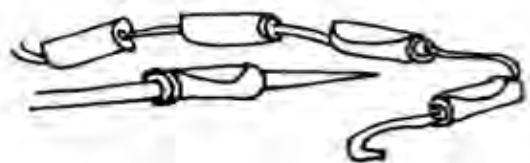
Instead of the sermon in church, Francis led the people to a cave. There, to their amazement, was a manger set out with a doll in it, and all around were real animals who watched while Francis told the old story with a new meaning because people could now see it for themselves. The idea grew each year, soon they used a real baby in the crib (an orphan with no home because someone would then willingly take in the 'Christ-baby'). And still today, churches and homes everywhere put up their cribs and wonder anew at the story of God come down to earth, a child like us.

CHRISTMAS BEADS

A nice present to make for someone you love. Cut strips of paper out of Christmas wrapping paper. Each strip 6" (15 cm) long and 3/4" (2 cm) at the widest part. Cut these strips into long triangle shapes so that the tip of the paper is narrower than the base.

Put widest end of the paper strip onto a knitting needle or pencil and begin to wrap it round itself. When you get close to the end, add a very small dab of glue and press it down. Slide the bead off the knitting needle. Repeat. Let the beads dry. Thread the beads onto string or yarn and then tie to make a necklace. You can also make longer lengths into garlands to decorate the Christmas tree.

Use plain colours or the shiny pages of magazines to make beads for all year round.



What did the snowman and his wife hang over their baby's crib?
A snow mobile.

What is claustrophobia?
Fear of Santa.

backpack



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