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St. Andrew's Church Kildwick

**News and Views from
Kildwick, Farnhill and Cross Hills**

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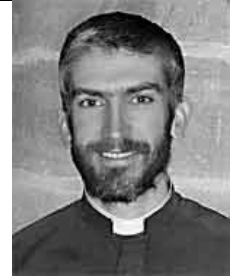
Parish Mission Statement

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

Church Website www.kildwick.org.uk

Dear friends,

When I visit a family to talk about their child's baptism or when I meet with a wedding couple for the first time, I often begin our conversation by inviting the people to tell me their stories. Stories tell us who we are and where we have come from; stories help us, and others, understand something about our journey through life.



Church buildings also have a story to tell and the contents of the building tell the story of the community that has worshipped and prayed in that building over the years. On the last Sunday of October we celebrated the completion of a project which has recorded the contents of St Andrew's and so added to the literature that tells our story. We are indeed grateful to all the church recorders, led by Chris Sutcliffe from St Andrew's, who worked hard over some 9 years to complete this project.

Ultimately, of course, the story of a church building is to do with the story of God and God's journeying with God's people. The building, and all that it contains, stands as a proclamation of the presence of the living God in the community. The present St Andrew's Church has stood faithfully for nearly 700 years as a faithful witness of God's Love and Light reaching out into all corners of this part of God's world.

Each time we see our church building, from near or far, we are invited to think about what it means for our story to be linked with God's story; we are invited to think about who God is for us and those around us. Who is this God who chose to enter into our human world at a particular point in history as one of us, taking human form in the person of Jesus? What does it mean to live in relationship with God as we live in relationship with one another?

These are deep and searching questions, but questions that each of us are invited to think about as we go about our daily lives. These are questions that we are especially encouraged to think about when we prepare to celebrate the major festivals of the Christian Church year.

We are entering the season of Advent, a four week period when the Church prepares for the celebration of Christmas, the celebration of the birth of Jesus, God made flesh as one of us.

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

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

I hope you will come and join us at our Christmas services this year as we think again about God's message of Love, Joy and Peace for all the people of God's world.

May Jesus find a place in your heart this Christmas.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robin", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

A weekend with Michael Hardin

During the weekend of 2nd & 3rd November St Andrew's hosted a visit by American theologian and director of Preaching Peace, Michael Hardin and his wife Lorri.

Having enjoyed Michael's teaching on our parish weekend away at Rydal Hall last year, it was a privilege to welcome Michael and Lorri to St Andrew's to lead a day seminar on 'Nonviolent Atonement', and introduce a showing of a film titled 'Hellbound?' which is a documentary exploring the Christian understanding of hell.



On Saturday 25 people (9 from St Andrew's and 16 from elsewhere, including one couple who drove from Liverpool!) gathered in the parish rooms to hear Michael give 4 talks each of which stimulated good quality questions for discussion.

During the day Michael addressed questions such as: Does Jesus' death matter? Does God require sacrifice? Is scapegoating others the only way we know how to be humans in community?

On Sunday Michael preached on the theme of All Saints and reminded us that whilst we may not be very many physical bodies in the church building each Sunday, we gather in the company of the thousands of people who have worshipped at St Andrew's through the ages; this is the company of the saints and angels. We were also exhorted to remember that God calls each of us to cherish one another and all those with whom we share our worship and our daily lives.



HELLBOUND?

Sunday evening saw 18 people (11 from St Andrew's and 7 from elsewhere) gather for a showing of the film 'Hellbound?', a challenging documentary film exploring different Christian understandings of hell. It was a deeply thought provoking film and several people left asking for another showing. (This will probably happen one Sunday afternoon in January - watch this space.)

Michael and Lorri had arrived in Kildwick earlier in the week and were able to enjoy visits to Fountains Abbey, Bolton Abbey and Liverpool (to visit The Beatles Story exhibition). Michael then stayed on for a few days after the weekend and was able to visit Ermysted's Grammar School to speak with a group of twenty-five Year 12 and 13 Religious Studies students. This was an extremely enjoyable visit and Michael was very impressed by the pupils' interest and questions as they discussed many aspects of faith in today's world.

Those from St Andrew's who attended some or all of the weekend were invited to offer a reflection on their experience of hearing Michael teach and ach. Here are some of their thoughts:

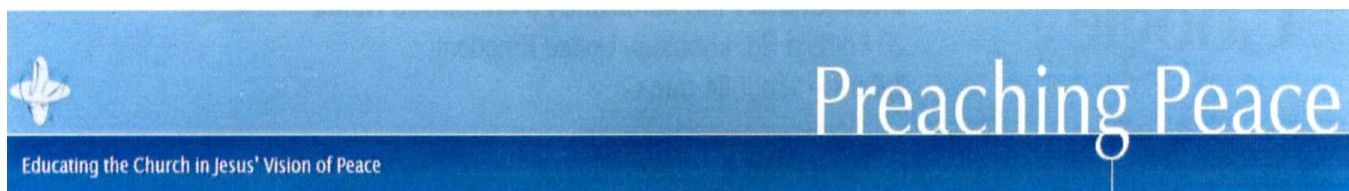
- "The Nonviolent Atonement seminar proved to be as enthralling as I had expected. Michael is an inspired and inspiring speaker. He encourages one to re-evaluate and reconsider 'facts' one has known for years. His sermon on the Saints was a joy to listen to and made me look at the Church with fresh eyes."
- "It was good to hear traditional, hard-edged received conservative evangelical wisdom on atonement and judgement challenged from a standpoint of well researched and evidence based scholarship. Reinterpretation of scripture, and more to the point of the gospel, in the light of modern thinking and new insights is always refreshing even though challenging to traditionalists (what is tradition if not uncritically accepted historical prejudice? of course I oversimplify to make a point). I warm much more to the Universalist position which seems to me to present a much more convincingly self-consistent picture of a God of love than Catholic or conservative evangelical teaching on sin and judgement - simply but powerfully expressed in one of many quotable lines from the film Hellbound?: "unless you change your ways you're going to burn in hell for ever - and, by the way, God loves you." Having thought about this more since the screening I'm actually quite uncomfortable that anyone could in all conscience still preach that. I was very much impressed with Michael himself. He wears his scholarship lightly, but is an excellent example of someone who in Paul's words is "working out his own salvation". His background and personal journey add considerable weight to his ministry and I can see why he is much in demand."
- "It was great to meet Michael and Lorri again. I found the seminar very interesting, his style of presentation is very good and the Q and A sessions after each section were helpful. I like the way he is prepared to listen to every question and make the questioner feel their query/observation is important and relevant."
- "Michael's sermon on Sunday morning was very good, I share with him that feeling of 'history' and gathering with all the generations who have worshiped in the ancient church. The film 'Hellbound?' was a bit of a revelation to me. I have not come across the Westboro Baptists and could not believe the hatred and venom in the two people interviewed. I particularly liked Robin Parry, his way of explaining his beliefs were very clear and would like to read more of his work."
- "For people like me who find the Old Testament texts difficult to understand, this was an informative and challenging weekend. Michael Hardin has an amazing understanding of scripture, which he teaches with clarity and humility. His passion for portraying God as a God of love and restoration rather than one who demands retribution in order to achieve justice, needs to

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be heard by more people. The film 'Hellbound?' was difficult to watch. It portrayed fundamental Christianity at its worst and the gospel of love at its best. The choice of which we believe is left to us."

- "During the week-end I was struck by the depth of knowledge and understanding, both biblical and historical, that Michael Hardin possesses. His subject matter of Nonviolent Atonement has altered my perception about God in the Old Testament and has encouraged me look at it anew. On Sunday evening we watched the film "Hellbound?" which was challenging and stimulating and left you pondering about the existence and ideas of hell. Michael's spirituality, humility and love shines throughout his conversations and actions and it is with joy that I look forward to his next visit."
- "Thought-provoking; uplifting; challenging; affirming; these are just a few of the words that spring to mind when I think about our time with Michael and Lorri. If one were predisposed to judging a book by its cover, it would be easy to dismiss Michael as an aging hippie with his greying long hair, Gandalf-like beard and penchant for calling everyone, 'brother' or 'sister'. However this would be a mistake; Michael carries his academic qualifications lightly, but they are no less real for that. The breadth and depth of his theological and biblical knowledge was apparent in the ease with which he spoke on Saturday, explaining nonviolent atonement in language accessible to those of us less well-informed whilst also satisfying the more theologically educated in the audience. His insight into Paul's letters was almost an aside but it had a profound effect on me. Suddenly I could hear Paul dictating his letters, giving his faithful messengers 'stage directions' as to how to read the letters to the intended recipients – it explains the apparent contradictions with which I have always struggled when reading Paul. I want to thank Robin for bringing Michael and Lorri into our lives; I'm looking forward to their visit next year."

Michael is hoping to be able to make another visit to the UK early next autumn and we hope to welcome him back here for a weekend in September. Watch this space!



Cross Hills and Glusburn Senior Citizens

On Thursday 14th November the Senior Citizens and friends enjoyed a visit to Barton Grange which was beautifully decorated for Christmas. Members had an enjoyable time shopping there. On the way back members were able to visit Boundary Mill.

The Christmas lunch will be on Saturday 7th December at 11.30 a.m.

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

On Advent Sunday (1st December) 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.

1. Containing the genealogy, the birth, and the infancy of Jesus (Matthew 1; Matthew 2).
2. The discourses and actions of John the Baptist preparatory to Christ's public ministry (Matthew 3; Matthew 4:11).
3. The discourses and actions of Christ in Galilee (4:12–26:1).
 - i. The Sermon on the Mount, concerning morality (Ch. 5–7)
 - ii. The Missionary Discourse, concerning the mission Jesus gave his Twelve Apostles. (10–11:1)
 - iii. The Parable Discourse, stories that teach about the Kingdom of Heaven (13).
 - iv. The "Church Order" Discourse, concerning relationships among Christians (18–19:1).
 - v. 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).
4. 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.

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

BIBLE HISTORY

written by Michael Baumber

THE GOSPEL STORY: THE ROAD TO THE CROSS 3: WHAT THE GOSPELS MISSED OUT



The accounts of the Triumphal Entry in the Synoptic gospels suggest not only that the donkey and the colt were secured by some sort of clairvoyance on the part of Jesus but also that he came straight up the road from Jericho and into the city before establishing himself at Bethany. John on the other hand tells us that his visit was occasioned by the need to bring Lazarus back to life and that he arrived six days before the event. The story of the raising of Lazarus cannot be taken at face value for a number of reasons but John's time sequence was almost certainly the right one.

The Torah forbade anyone with what was called 'corpse impurity' from celebrating the Passover. It could be acquired by being in the room with a corpse, attending a funeral, walking over a grave, taking care of the dead or comforting grieving relatives, so most people became contaminated with it in the course of a year. Removal of the impurity required a week. On the third and seventh days of it the impure person was sprinkled with a mixture of water and the ashes of a red heifer by a priest. After the second sprinkling he or she would bathe and wash their clothes and they would then become pure again. This is one of a number of occasions where the gospels omit the proper rituals, presumably because the early Church came to reject them but Jesus and his disciples must have performed them because there would have been sharp criticism otherwise and there is none.

The result of this requirement was that the pilgrims had to arrive at least a week before the Passover and there are descriptions of thousands upon thousands camping outside Jerusalem in tents. There would also have been a roaring trade in the 1st century version of Bed and Breakfast in surrounding villages like Bethany and Bethphage which suggests that Jesus and his disciples must have booked their quarters at the house of Simon the Leper beforehand.

Similar considerations dictated that the upper room where the Last Supper was celebrated was secured in advance too because of the competition for accommodation. Bethany was at the south eastern corner of the city so Jesus would have entered by the Siloam Pool gate. This means that the Upper Room was probably situated in the Lower City on a street leading from the pool to the south side of the Temple Mount. This identification is supported by Jesus directing them to a man carrying a water jar for information about its location.

Prayer page

As our nights grow longer and our days grow short,
we look on these earthly signs--light and green branches--
and remember God's promise to our world:
Christ, our Light and our Hope, will come.
O God, rejoicing, we remember the promise of your Son.
As the light from this candle,
may the blessing of Christ come upon us,
brightening our way and guiding us by his truth.
May Christ our Saviour bring life
into the darkness of our world,
and to us, as we wait for his coming.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



We praise you, O loving God,
who gave your very self in human form,
your majesty born into our poverty,
your love lying in an out-house.
We thank you that, amidst Bethlehem's noisy rush,
we find in you a focus for our activity,
a hope for all humanity, a love for all eternity.



But we confess that Christ's birth has gone unnoticed.
Now, as then, we have not made room
in our day to day lives.
Now, as then, we have mislaid your message of reconciling love.
Now, as then, we have ignored the stillness of your presence.



Gift-giving God, forgive us.
Free us from our self-centredness.
Help us to accept your love so freely given
that we may live as you have called us to live. Amen.

It was Christmas Eve
And the world stood still Just for a
moment

Waiting
Wondering
Hoping

Might it be that this time
This time of all times
The promise would be fulfilled

And the wars would end
And the crying cease
And the people join hands in unity?

Waiting
Wondering
Hoping

Might it be this time
This time of all times?





Letter from Tim Lee following the typhoon in the Philippines



Dear friends of Jigsaw a brief update from Jigsaw Philippines.

We are relieved to say that all the staff and children in Jigsaw are safe from the recent typhoon and Jigsaw kids clubs and work is resuming this week, Manila felt the effects of the typhoon but was not badly hit by it. However so many families connected to Jigsaw originate from the areas worst hit and are seeking any kind of information about their loved ones.

Two of the Jigsaw staff Gemma and Mary Rose have families that live in the worst affected areas and they are yet to hear any news at all from them. As I am sure you can understand they are going out of their minds with worry, Lendehl and Jeannette are helping them to do all they can to get some news and Jigsaw is surrounding them with their love. Please hold Gemma and Mary Rose in your prayers. A third member of Jigsaw 'Beth' has family in an island further from the centre of the typhoons main destruction but even then this island was terribly hit, she has heard her family are alive but have lost everything, please hold Beths family in your prayers too.

I spoke to both Jeannette and Lendehl over the weekend and I think the country is just numb with shock at the moment, whole towns have been destroyed and over 10,000 or more are estimated dead as I am sure you are aware.

Lendehl, Jeannette and I shared and we didn't really know what to say apart from 'why!' why do such evil and terrible things happen. Right now there are so many suffering loss on a scale and in a way that leaves us lost for words.

So many children are left now without families and homes in so many places in the southern islands of the Philippines and the Viva Network in the Philippines, 'Philippines Children's Network' of which Jigsaw is a member is meeting to see how it could support the large humanitarian efforts in some small way focussing on children, Jigsaw is involved with this response.

We don't really know what to say or do as the scale of the suffering is so big and we are all so far from the centre points of need, so we ask that together we hold the Philippines in our hearts and in our prayer especially the main areas of destruction – Tacloban, Bohol and the surrounding areas.

Thank you for your ongoing prayers, support and love for Jigsaw. We will keep all of you updated as we receive news from Jigsaw.


Take care – Tim and all at Jigsaw.

Church Rotas

Date	Sidesperson	Intercessor	Communion
1 December The First Sunday of Advent	Joan and Barry Houghton David Baxter	Shirley Hoskins	Sue and Michael
8 December The Second Sunday of Advent	Marie Stinson Peter McNeill	Michael Baumber	Christine and John
15 December The Third Sunday of Advent	Christine Anderton Ann Mosley June Whitaker	Robin Figg	Sandie and Christine
22 December The Fourth Sunday of Advent	Libba Utley Michael Baxter Sandie Walton Kath Morris	Lesley Hudson	Sue and John
24 December Christmas Night 11.30 pm		Marie Stinson	Christine and Tim
25 December Christmas Day 10.00 am		Sue Hargreaves	Sue
29 December The First Sunday of Christmas	Joyce Bonham Elaine Carter John Mitchell	Peter Bannister	Sandie and Michael

Flower rota	ADVENT
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Brass Cleaning	Jennifer Roberts and Joyce Bonham
Church Cleaning:	Lesley Hudson, Libba Utley, Christine Anderton


CHRISTMAS
Jesus.... Light of the World

Readers Rota

1 December The First Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 2.1-5 Romans 13.11-14 Matthew 24.36-44	<i>Gospel only used</i> Katharine Calvert
8 December The Second Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 11.1-10 Romans 15.4-13 Matthew 3.1-12	Sylvia Clark Brenda Brock Marjorie Gee
15 December The Third Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 35.1-10 James 5.7-10 Matthew 11.2-11	Kathryn Morris Lesley Hudson Marie Stinson
22 December The Fourth Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 7.10-16 Romans 1.1-7 Matthew 1.18-25	Michael Baumber Barry Houghton Lesley Bannister
24 December Christmas Night 11.30 pm	Isaiah 52.7-10 Hebrews 1.1-12 John 1.1-14	Christine Anderton Tim Littler Brenda Brock
25 December Christmas Day 10.00 am	Isaiah 62.6-12 Luke 2.8-20	Glyn Evans Lesley Hudson
29 December The First Sunday of Christmas	Isaiah 63.7-9 Hebrews 2.1--end Matthew 2.13-end	John Mitchell Marjorie Gee Lesley Bannister

Advent Sunday, 1st 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

Regular Events at Kildwick

Monday 2.00pm	5 Beanlands Drive	Informal Bible study and fellowship, all welcome
Tuesday 10.00-11.30am	Chuffs (Not in school holi- days) in the Parish Rooms	Fun for pre-school children and their grown-ups!
Tuesday 7.30-8.30 pm	Choir practice in the church	
Wednesday 10.15 am- 12.30pm	NottheKnot Group in the Parish Rooms	Stitching and fellowship group.
Wednesday 7.30 pm	Bell ringing	



Sun 1 st Dec	ADVENT SUNDAY	
	6.00pm	Advent Carol Service by candlelight
Mon 2 nd Dec	2.00pm	Advent course: 'The Nativity' Part 2 (5 Beanlands Dr)
Mon 2 nd Dec	6.30pm	Kildwick School governors meeting (School)
Wed 4 th Dec	7.30pm	Advent course: 'The Nativity' Part 2 (Parish Rooms)
Mon 9 th Dec	2.00pm	Advent course: 'The Nativity' Part 3 (5 Beanlands Dr)
Mon 9 th Dec	6.30pm	Glusburn School KS2 carol service
Tue 10 th Dec	2.00pm	Kildwick School KS1 Christmas play
Wed 11 th Dec	2.00pm	Kildwick School KS1 Christmas play
Wed 11 th Dec	7.30pm	Advent course: 'The Nativity' Part 3 (Parish Rooms)
Fri 13 th Dec	10.00am	Prayers for the Parish & World Church (Parish Rooms)
Fri 13 th Dec	2.45pm	Kildwick School Christingle service
Sun 15 th Dec	4.00pm	CDFC Nativity Pageant (Sutton Park)
Mon 16 th Dec	2.00pm	Advent course: 'The Nativity' Part 4 (5 Beanlands Dr)
Tue 17 th Dec	1.30pm	Glusburn School KS1 Christingle service
Wed 18 th Dec	7.30pm	Advent course: 'The Nativity' Part 4 (Parish Rooms)
Sun 22 nd Dec	4.00pm	Christmas Carol Service by candlelight
Tue 24 th Dec	4.00pm	Crib Service
Tue 24 th Dec	11.30pm	Midnight Communion
Wed 25 th Dec	CHRISTMAS DAY (THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD)	
	8.15am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Family Communion
Sun 5 th Jan	THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD	
	10.00am	Family Communion

Sunday Services at Kildwick

Morning Prayer will be said in church at 7.30am Monday to Wednesday & Friday
Midweek Eucharist on Wednesdays at 9.30am (in the Parish Rooms)

1 December The First Sunday of Advent	8.15 am 10.00 am 6.00 pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion with baptisms and sending out of the Travelling Cribs Advent Carol Service
8 December The Second Sunday of Advent	8.15 am 10.00 am	Holy Communion Parish Communion
15 December The Third Sunday of Advent	8.15 am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion
22 December The Fourth Sunday of Advent	8.15 am 10.00 am 4.00 pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion Christmas Carol Service by candlelight
24 December Christmas Night 11.30 pm	11.30 pm	Midnight Communion
25 December CHRISTMAS DAY 10.00 am	8.15 am 10.00 am	Holy Communion Family Communion
Thursday 26 December STEPHEN, DEACON, MARTYR	9.30am	Holy Communion (Parish Rooms)
Friday 27 December JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST	9.30am	Holy Communion (Parish Rooms)
Saturday 28 December HOLY INNOCENTS	9.30am	Holy Communion (Parish Rooms)
29 December The First Sunday of Christmas	8.15 am 10.00 am	Holy Communion Parish Communion

Situations Vacant

Do you have some spare time which you could use to help keep our beautiful ancient church looking its best?

We need helpers to clean the brasses (only on the rota once or twice in a year)

Church cleaning (only on the rota every 3 months.)

Flower rota

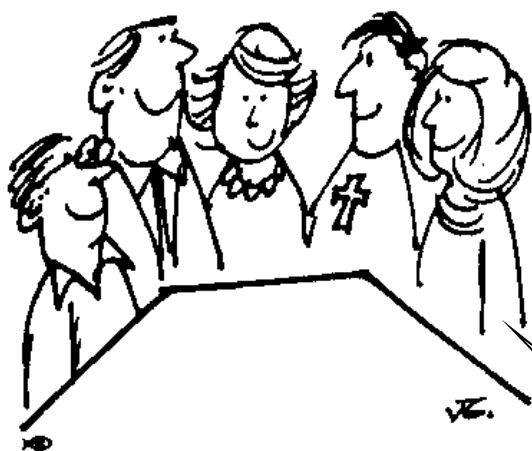
The more volunteers we have the quicker it all gets done!

We also have regular maintenance days then we concentrate on areas of the church and churchyard that need attention.

If you are able to help on a regular or one off basis please contact Lesley Hudson 01535 523291 email lesley.hudson@kildwick.org.uk



St Andrew's Pastoral Care Group



Want someone
to talk to?

Need a
listening
ear?

Need
some
help?

Lonely?

Call June on
01535 655320

**Christmas Carol Service by candlelight
4.00pm Sunday 22nd 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 St Andrew's Church Kildwick**



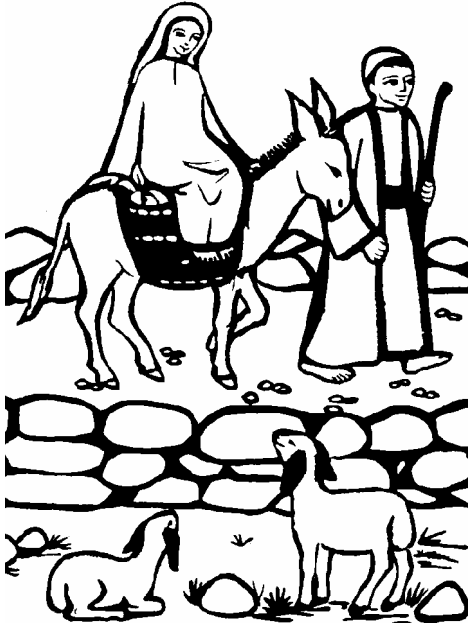
*A short child-friendly all age service
Come and help gather the characters
for the Christmas crib*

Prayers for the Parish & Word Church

The next monthly meeting to pray for the parish and worldwide Church will take place on Friday 13th December in the parish rooms from 10.00am until 11.30am. For more information contact Robin Figg, 633307.



NEWS FROM THE CROSS HILLS & DISTRICT FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES



Open Air Christmas Nativity Play 4.00pm Sunday 15th 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 15th 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.



Farmer Christmas is coming to Crosshills

Sunday 1st December

10am - 4pm

Monday 2nd December

5pm - 7pm



Meet Farmer Christmas in his grotto

*Mulled Wine, Mince Pies, Ride on Toys,
Prize Draw,
plus a large selection of toys and
merchandise*

*Ripon Farm Services, Dalesgate Works,
Crosshills, Kildwick, Keighley, BD20 7BX*



Kildwick CE Primary School
Striving for Excellence and Promoting Christian
Values

**Kildwick School PTA invite you to our Christmas Fair
on Saturday 7th December from 1-3 pm.
Lots of stalls, games and refreshments.
Everyone welcome.**

With Christmas in mind...

- Thankfully our Saviour is not Father Christmas. He gave his best to us because we were not good. - Moe Bergeron
- He who has no Christmas in his heart will never find Christmas under a tree.
- Christ became what we are that He might make us what he is. - Athanasius
- God became man to turn creatures into sons; not simply to produce better men of the old kind but to produce a new kind of man. - C S Lewis
- In Jesus Christ heaven meets earth and earth ascends to heaven. anon
- Surely royalty in rags, angels in cells, is not descent compared to Deity in flesh! H Law
- The hinge of history is on the door of a Bethlehem stable. R Sockman
- Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents for a minute and look around.

A stylized logo for Christmas. The word 'CHRISTMAS' is written in a bold, blocky font. The letter 'M' is replaced by a silhouette of a stable with a star above it. Below the word 'CHRISTMAS' is the text 'Jesus... God's Son, Saviour' in a cursive font.

CHRISTMAS
Jesus... God's Son, Saviour

FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL SUMMARY OF DRAFT MINUTES

The meeting of Farnhill Parish Council was held on the 5th November 2013 in Kildwick/Farnhill Institute. The meeting was chaired by Counc.G Harling. Four members of the council were present plus NYCC Rep Counc P Mulligan. No members of the public were present.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 1st October 2013 were approved by the Council and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

NYCC Rep Counc P Mulligan updated the Parish Council on the Tour de France and the implications it would have on the area. We will have two chances to see the race with the 1st day from Leeds to Harrogate taking in Draughton, Skipton, Rylstone, Cracoe, Threshfield, Kilnsey, Kettlewell and Buckden and on the 2nd day the race will go from York to Sheffield taking in Beamsley, Bolton Abbey and Silsden. A spectator hub will be set up on Skipton High Street and thousands of people are expected to attend. It is expected to bring people to the area over the whole of the summer and will give a unique opportunity to local businesses.

A request for funding was made to the Parish Council from Kildwick/Farnhill Institute towards the cost of the recent improvements to the heating system and a new boiler. The Parish Council **Resolved** to donate a sum of £1200.00 which had previously been allocated in this years budget.

A poppy wreath has been purchased by the Parish Council and Counc S Gilbert volunteered to lay the wreath at the remembrance service on behalf of the Parish Council and the people of Farnhill.

ROSPA have carried out the Play Area Safety Inspection and the following recommendations have been made.

- The Perimeter Gates Entrance has an entrapment area on the sides of the gates and should have a rubber buffer fitted.
- The top of the balance beam should be made non-slip by the addition of surface textures or cross-cutting.
- Surfacing - Wet Pour has Shrinkage/separation giving trip hazard, Re-glue and fill gaps and joints as necessary.
- Play Panels and Crawling Tube: Caps missing replace.
- Rocker Sit-In Finding : Metal - Excessive Corrosion : main seat support bar has split apart. Replace item.

All the above items were found to be low risk and the Parish Council **resolved** to order a new part for the sit in springy which has split and some new caps for the crawling tube. Clerk to ask Counc R Bramley if he could make the necessary alterations to the gate and Counc J Waring to get a price for repairs to the wet pour.

The Parish Council have made enquiries regarding providing a Christmas Tree and have been advised to connect lights for a Christmas tree it would require a separate location with a feeder pillar and commando socket. To supply a new connection from the street light to a feeder pillar would require trenching and ducting and would cost at least £500-£600 (rough quote). This would not require the services of YEDL. To have the new connection direct from the mains electric supply to a feeder

pillar would involve YEDL and would probably be more costly. NYCC Street Lighting would not be able to carry out the work for this year and would need to be informed by approx May to fit up for next Christmas. The Canal & Rivers Trust have said they would be willing to consider the request for permission to erect a tree on their land, when further details are available. NYCC advised that solar lights would not be successful due to the amount of daylight that time of year. Clerk to ask Cowling Parish Council for details of their solar lights and how successful they have been and who the supplier is.

British Telecom have advised the 4 new telegraph poles on Main Street will be replaced the 1st week in January, they have apologized for giving the wrong information, but they were not aware at the time that the road would have to be closed and they would have to apply for closure which takes at least 3 months. The Parish Council **resolved** that as they had received a few complaints they should go ahead with fitting a new freestanding lamp on the opposite side of the road as suggested by NYCC. The Council also **resolved** to go for a heritage style lantern and embellishments to match the other new lights on Main Street and Newby Road. Clerk to write to Kildwick Parish meeting to ask if they would be prepared to put a light by the step at Parson's Bridge on the Farnhill side.

The Clerk supplied copies of a draft budget account for members to consider and asked members to raise any other issues which would need to be included in the budget at the next meeting. YLCA have advised Parishes to defer a decision on the precept till January when more information will be available on the grant being passed down by CDC so that an informed decision can be taken.

A letter has been received from Peter Lambert regarding enforcement complaint 1632/2013 untidy land at Arbour Top stating that the local planning authority considers that the land is certainly untidy and causes harm to the amenity and conservation area. They state it is the responsibility of the landowner to remove from site various items of apparent rubbish currently stored on the land. In view of this they request that the land is tidied within one month from the date of the letter.

Clerk to write to Mr. Roberts regarding past issues with ownership of the land and to state that having read all the documents we have pertaining to the land the Parish Council is under the belief that he is the owner of the land and the Parish council collect a rent charge. Therefore as the land owner it is his responsibility to remove the rubbish.

A tree inspection and report has been carried out on trees at the Pinfold and several issues were raised regarding items being attached to the trees and damage caused by squirrels. The Parish Council were advised to monitor the trees. Clerk to send a copy of the report to occupiers of the land and write regarding attachment of items to trees and pest control.

The Parish Council have been informed that The period of office of all the current members of the Parish Council will expire in May 2014. However, the Local Elections (Ordinary Day of Elections in 2014) Order 2013 has now been made which changes the ordinary day of your next elections from 1 May 2014 to 22 May 2014 so as to be the same as the date of the poll at the European Parliamentary General Election. This extends the term of office of members by three weeks. The above Order also affects

the timing of our annual Parish meeting. This must now be held between the fourth day after 22 May and 31 July 2014.

Under the Craven District Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order 2011, with effect from the next ordinary elections, the number of Councillors for Farnhill will be reduced from 7 to 5.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2013 IN
KILDWICK/FARNHILL INSTITUTE AT 7.30PM**

All members of the village are welcome to attend

Farnhill Methodist Church holds a Coffee Morning

from 10—11.30 am on the second Saturday of each month.

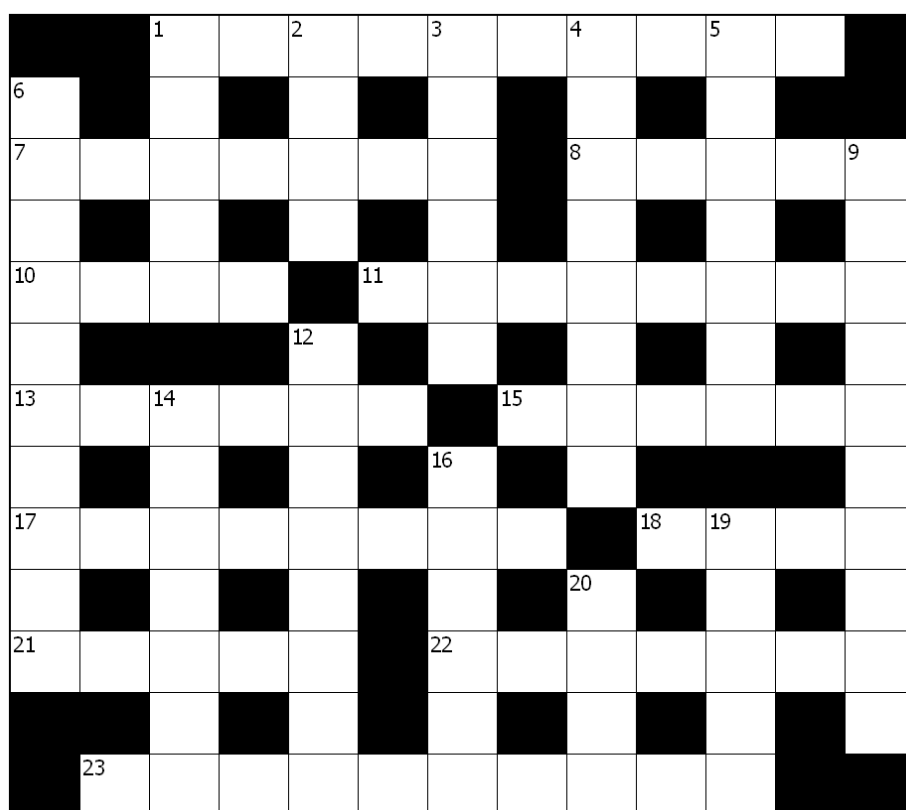
There is a cake stall, greetings cards, bric-a-brac and paintings on sale. It is a regular date for many villagers and for visitors from around the area.

All are welcome.

Passing Strange & Wonderful: An introduction to the Church of England.

Tuesday evenings on 28th January, 4th & 11th February, 4th, 11th & 18th March at Kadugli House, Steeton. This 6 session course will be of interest to any who wish to better understand the Church of England.

Topics include, *What is a priest? Why bother with liturgy? What are sacraments? How did Anglicanism evolve?* and much more. Speakers include Steve Allen, Colin Buchanan & others. No cost, but booking essential with Steve Allen, 01943 510653 or steve.allen@bradford.anglican.org



Crossword

23 Habitation (Isaiah 27:10) (10)

Down

1 ' — and see that the Lord is good' (Psalm 34:8) (5)

2 'The wicked man flees though no one pursues, but the righteous

are as — as a

Across

1 Provisional meeting place of God and the Jews (Exodus 25:9) (10)

7 David's third son, killed when his head got caught in a tree during a battle with his father (2 Samuel 18:14–15) (7)

8 They ruled much of the west coast of South America in the 15th and early 16th centuries (5)

10 Small deer of European and Asian extraction (4)

11 Seized control of (Numbers 21:25) (8)

13 Terror (Luke 24:5) (6)

15 First World War heroine shot by the Germans in Brussels, Nurse Edith — (6)

17 Stormy (8)

18 A bitter variety of this, together with lamb and unleavened bread, was the Passover menu for anyone 'unclean' (Numbers 9:11) (4)

21 Arson (anag.) (5)

22 How John Newton described God's grace in his well-known hymn (7)

lion' (Proverbs 28:1) (4)

3 One of the exiles, a descendant of Parosh, who married a foreign woman (Ezra 10:25) (6)

4 He escaped from Nob when Saul killed the rest of his family and joined David (1 Samuel 22:19–20) (8)

5 City and lake in Central Switzerland (7)

6 'Offer your bodies as living — , holy and pleasing to God' (Romans 12:1) (10)

9 Pouches carried by horses (Genesis 49:14) (10)

12 One who accepts government by God (8)

14 Aromatic substance commonly used in Jewish ritual (Exodus 30:1) (7)

16 He asked Jesus, 'What is truth?' (John 18:38) (6)

19 Are (Romans 13:1) (5)

20 'You are to give him the name Jesus, because he will — his people from their sins' (Matthew 1:21) (4)

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The Birds in Your Garden



What is it that makes our gardens more attractive to some birds during the winter than the countryside? The most obvious reason is the reliable source of food on bird tables and in well-stocked hanging feeders as well as on a multitude of shrubs. In addition, our gardens are usually warmer, especially in towns and cities which generally have temperatures a few degrees higher than the surrounding areas.

So during the winter it is important to keep feeders topped up, especially early in the mornings when small birds need access to quick energy. Also, when we get very cold days, give them access to unfrozen water.

It's too early to be sure what sort of breeding season 2013 was. We started with a wet cold spring when early nesters had to deal with their young being cold, wet and short of food. Then there was a sudden change in climate due to the jet stream moving north, so that birds nesting later or making several attempts were much luckier. Indeed nesting went on later than usual with fledging still taking place in October.

There appears to be plenty of natural food around with bushes groaning with berries and seeds, and assuming the same benefits are available in Northern Europe we can expect migrants to arrive later than last year. Whether food will become short in the countryside later, leading to us having more birds in our gardens, remains to be seen. However, I have my doubts that we will see a repeat of last year's welcome invasion. Only time will tell.

As I write, the usual migrants are pouring in, some of which you may well see, either out walking or in your gardens. Millions of Starlings arrived from the continent in November, 50,000 being spotted arriving in one day, though the number that winter in Britain and Ireland isn't as high as it used to be. Blackbirds will be on the move as well, and those of us who feed them will notice numbers increased by the usual arrivals from Germany and surrounding countries.

The seed eaters have arrived too. Waxwing numbers are low so far, but you may well be lucky enough to see one. Last year's Lesser Redpolls and Siskins are also around, but again, numbers to date are not remarkable.

Possibly less welcome news for farmers was that large numbers of Woodpigeons have been reported too, with more than 50,000 counted coming in over Kent in a single morning. Fieldfare arrivals were also significant with 20,000 counted coming in off the sea in one hour in North Norfolk.

Finally, and on a seasonal note, this remarkable Robin was spotted by Ian Wilson in Derbyshire. 'Santa Robin' has a condition known as leucism, which has given it a white 'beard'!

If you find the lives of our garden birds to be of interest, and would like to join in and count the feathered occupants of your garden, please contact me or visit the BTO Garden BirdWatch website (www.bto.org/gbw).

If you know of a local organisation who would like a talk on garden birds call: **Mike Gray 01904 758510** or mikegbw@btinternet.com.



Christmas Crackers!



Children's version of the Christmas story

- When the three wise guys from the east side arrived, they found Jesus in the manger.
- When Mary heard that she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta
- Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.

Santa

What do you call Santa's helpers? - Subordinate Clauses.

Snowman

What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire? - Frostbite.

Wise

A little boy rushed home from school and said excitedly: "I got a part in the Christmas play!"

"What part?" asked his mother.

"I'm one of the three wise guys!"

The Christmas stars

Any astronomer can predict with absolute accuracy just where every star in the universe will be as the clocks chime midnight on Christmas Eve. He can make no such prediction about his teenage daughter.

Runs over

A father gave his daughter a young puppy for Christmas. An hour later, he found her in the kitchen, looking sadly at a puddle in the centre of the floor. "Look Dad," she said, "My pup runneth over!"



St NICHOLAS

Feast Day 6 December

St Nicholas was the bishop of Myra, in Asia Minor, in the fourth century. Lots of stories are told of his kindness and generosity. He is the patron saint of Russia, children, scholars, merchants and sailors.

One legend tells of his secret gifts to three daughters from a poor family. It is said that he threw 3 purses of gold down the chimney where they landed in the girls' stockings which they had hung up to dry in front of the fire. This is supposed to be the origin of hanging up Christmas stockings.



Over time the name of St Nicholas changed to Sinterklass and thus to Santa Claus in the Christmas celebrations.

STOCKING DECORATIONS

You will need some Christmas-coloured felt, a needle and thread, fabric glue, ribbon and sequins or buttons for decoration.

Fold the felt in half and cut out two simple stocking shapes. Sew these together with a simple running stitch, leaving the top edge open. Sew a loop of ribbon to the top of the stocking.

Now you can decorate the stocking with scraps of felt, lace, buttons or sequins. Glue them on carefully and leave to dry. You could even try writing a name in glue and sprinkling on glitter to cover it.

This would be nice to give as a present with a little present or sweet inside or to hang on the Christmas tree as a



decoration. You can make them any size you like.



How many presents can Santa fit into an empty stocking?

Only one, after that it is not empty any more.

Why is a foot a good Christmas present?

Because it's a stocking filler.

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"It's worth getting to church an hour early to grab a pew by the electric socket."

Crossword answers

ACROSS: 1, Tabernacle. 7, Absalom. 8, Incas. 10, Roes. 11, Captured. 13, Fright. 15, Cavell. 17, Cyclonic. 18, Herb. 21, Sonar. 22, Amazing. 23, Settlement.
 DOWN: 1, Taste. 2, Bold. 3, Ramiah. 4, Abiathar. 5, Lucerne. 6, Sacrifices. 9, Saddlebags. 12, Theocrat. 14, Incense. 16, Pilate. 19, Exist. 20, Save.