



CHRISTMAS
Jesus... God's Son, Saviour

St Andrew's Church Kildwick

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

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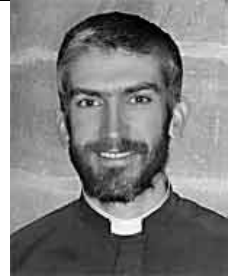
Parish Mission Statement

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

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Dear friends,

The journey through December is the journey through Advent towards the great celebration of Christmas. In a few weeks we will celebrate what is known as the Incarnation, the event in history when God became visible in the human baby Jesus. This event, with its cosmic significance, challenges our understanding of the nature of God.



In the few weeks leading up to Advent the following words are said each Sunday during the prayer of thanksgiving for the bread and wine to be shared at Communion: "Your love made visible in Jesus Christ, brings home the lost, restores the sinner, and gives dignity to the despised. In his face your light shines out, flooding lives with goodness and truth, gathering into one a divided and broken humanity".

The story of God who comes to us in Jesus is a story of God sharing fully in our humanity, the good and the bad, the highs and the lows. In a world that is still, in too many ways and in too many places, tearing itself apart God comes to offer a new vision; a vision of a new way of being.

Christmas is, of course, about the birth of Jesus and much time and energy is given to retell this story in our school plays, community nativity pageants and church carol services. This is all fine, but we do need to remember that Christmas is not the most important Christian festival.

The other evening at our first Advent course meeting we reminded ourselves that the birth of Jesus is told in only two of the four gospels, Matthew and Luke. (We also noted with interest that the shepherds only appear in Luke's gospel and the wise men only appear in Matthew's gospel; our retelling of the story is invariably a conflation of these two gospel narratives.)

Contrast this with the fact that the story of Jesus' death and resurrection is told by all four gospel writers and at some length and we understand why Christians are often called 'an Easter people'; Christians are not referred to as 'a Christmas people'.

It is not the infant Jesus who calls to you and says, 'Come, follow me', but the adult Jesus who went about challenging the political and religious leaders of his day and calling for a transformation of the unjust structures of society.

So Christmas links us to a moment in world history, but a moment that we are invited to re-member, to make real again now, in our own lives and the lives of those around us.

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

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

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 and in your life this Christmas.

News from the Parochial Church Council

At its meeting in November the PCC confirmed which members will help to co-ordinate each of the six 'areas of mission' of our Church life. The lead members will be as follows:

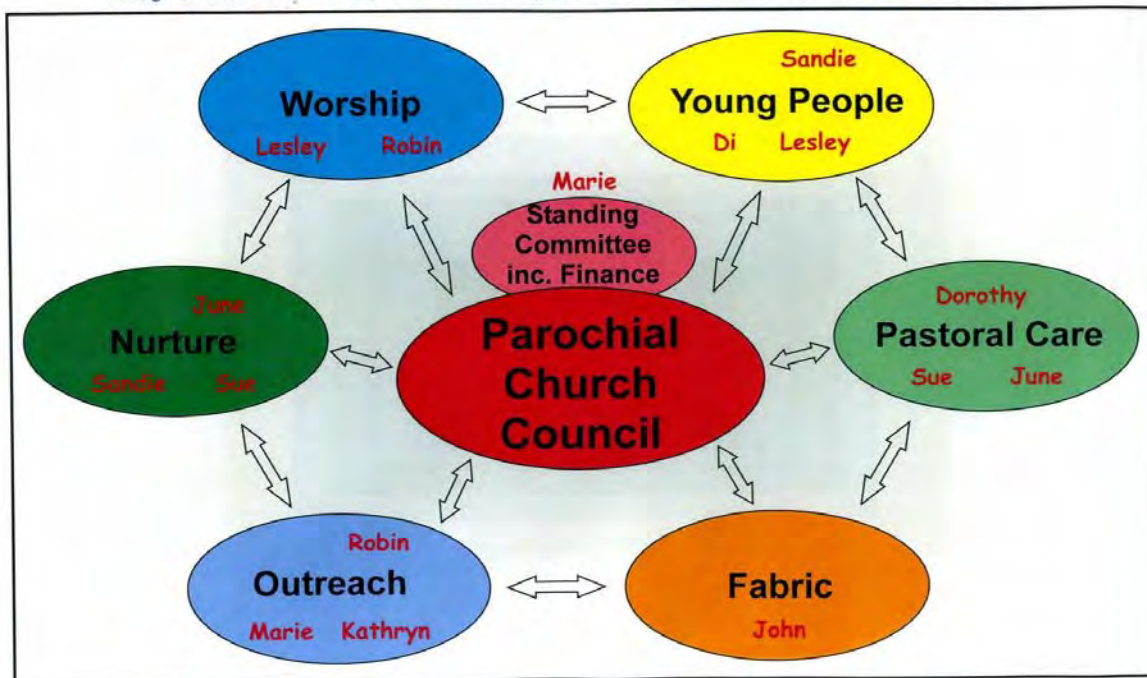
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| Worship - Lesley Hudson | Nurture - Sandie Walton |
| Outreach - Robin Figg | Young People - Di Halliday |
| Pastoral Care - June Whitaker | Fabric - John Mitchell |
| Finance - Marie Stinson | |

The aim is that each group will help the PCC and wider church to reflect on each specific 'area of mission', encouraging present activities and considering opportunities for further development.

If you have an idea about the life of the Church that you think the PCC might please consider please contact the appropriate PCC member.

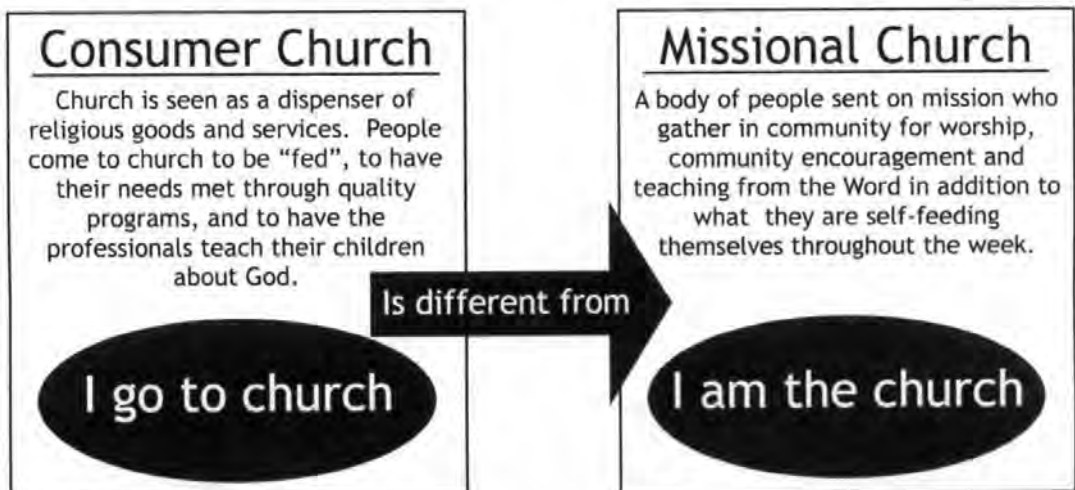
PCC Areas of Mission

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The following diagram is helpful in reminding us what it means to be Church.

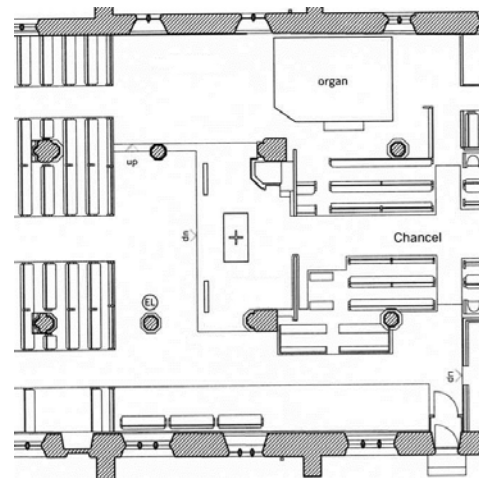
"It is not the Church of God that has a mission in the world, but the God of mission who has a Church in the world."



Central Sanctuary - proposed reordering

The other significant subject considered at the November meeting of the PCC was the reordering of the central area of the church building. Following a site meeting in June with representatives of English Heritage, the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings and the Church Buildings Council, and further discussions with the Diocesan Advisory Committee and our architect, the PCC unanimously agreed to apply for a faculty for the following works:

1. Remove front 3 rows of pews from the nave with associated pew platform and create new stone floor at the level of existing nave floor. The existing front pew panels will be relocated to be the new front pew panels.
2. Relocate the eagle lectern at a position adjacent to the pillar between platform front edge and the front pews.
3. Improve step arrangement from the nave to the north aisle.
4. Reinstall the front pew panel in the north aisle to line up with front pew panels across the nave. Remove the existing platform to the east of this front pew panel and create new stone floor at the level of the existing north aisle.
5. Remove front 8 pews in the south aisle. The existing front pew panel will be relocated to be the new front pew panel in line with the front pew panels across the nave. Turn 3 of the said pews to face the centre of the church.
6. Replace the 2 pews in the existing north aisle 'children's corner' and remove 2 pews towards the west end of south aisle to create a new 'children's corner' in the south aisle.



The necessary paperwork has been submitted to the Diocesan Advisory Committee for consideration at its December meeting. If the advice of the DAC is to recommend the proposed works the papers will then be formally lodged at the Diocesan Registry in the New Year. This will lead to the publication of the Public Notices on the church noticeboards for the statutory 28 day consultation period during which anyone with a due interest in the church may submit objections to the proposed works.

It is to be noted that changes to the existing nave altar platform and the provision of houseling benches which has previously been included in the scheme of works being considered are not being included in the faculty application at this time. These items, together with the possible replacement of the existing staging, will be considered separately and separate faculty applications will be made as appropriate.

It is hoped that everyone will see the benefit that the proposed changes will bring to those who make use of the church and will support the faculty application.

The Gospel according to Mark

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

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

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

The Gospel of Mark is one of the earliest written documents on the life of Jesus that is preserved for us today. But Mark is more than a historical account or an attempt at objective biography. It is a story that seeks to draw readers into its world, to lead them to a faith in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God, and to motivate them to a truer discipleship.

Christian tradition has long suggested that the author of the Gospel was "Mark," a companion of Peter who is mentioned in Colossians 4:10, 2 Timothy 4:11, and Philemon 24 and called "John Mark" in Acts 12:12, 25 and 15:37-39. Peter does occupy a unique role in this Gospel, but nowhere does the author ever explicitly identify himself. We will continue to call this Gospel "Mark's," but its actual authorship remains uncertain. Based on the kinds of unrest described in chapter 13 which are consistent with Nero's persecution of Christians and the Jewish revolt against Rome which culminated with the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple in 70 CE, most scholars conclude that this Gospel was written sometime in the late 60's CE. There are many factors which point to the likelihood that Mark was composed for a community outside of Palestine. Christian tradition has suggested Rome as its originating location, but any number of places within the Roman Empire could also be possible.

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

Here is a guide to this Gospel.

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

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, we thought we'd remind you of one of the charities St Andrew's supports, one which is much needed by local individuals and families.

Skipton Food Bank grew out of an initiative at Skipton Baptist Church and, since its official formation in 2012, has provided emergency supplies of food and essentials to people in need in an area reaching from Glusburn to Settle.

In July this year Lucy Irvine became the part-time manager of the Food Bank. Lucy has lived in Skipton for the past 17 years and is also the part-time administrator of St Stephens RC Church. For 8 years she served as treasurer for Churches Together, an ecumenical group linking Christians of all denominations in Skipton – much like our own Cross Hills and District Fellowship. When the opportunity came up to work at the Food Bank, she was keen to become part of such a worthwhile organisation.

Lucy says, "I have been made very welcome and am treated as part of the Baptist Church staff team which is a real honour and a true example of Ecumenism. It took a couple of months to become familiar with the workings of the Food Bank and to meet all the volunteers. Now I feel well established and am concentrating on developing and improving the efficiency of the Food Bank."

Over the last 6 months the Food Bank has distributed 55 hampers a month which is between 12 and 15 a week. Where possible the contents are adapted to take into account the needs of the recipients, this is especially important when families are receiving the hampers as the needs of children vary greatly with their ages.

The Food Bank tends not to give out hampers themselves but works with Foundation Housing, Skipton Children's Centre, Citizen's Advice Bureau, Yorkshire Housing, Craven District Council, Probation and Christians Against Poverty. These agencies identify those in need and then distribute the hampers provided by the Food Bank.

Asked what the folk of St Andrew's could do to help, Lucy replied, "We really need a regular supply of food donations and we list particular needs on our website www.skiptonfoodbank.org. If any of your Parishioners feel they could offer a little



time each week or fortnightly then we are always looking for willing volunteers, especially those who are able to carry the rather heavy hampers and help with deliveries!"

The St Andrew's Facebook and Twitter pages also carry the Food Bank request lists so, before you go out to do your Christmas shopping, please check the lists and buy even just a little to donate. Donations can be brought to Church or dropped off at the Vicarage and we will ensure that the Food Bank gets them.

If you would like to volunteer to help at the Food Bank, please email Lucy at food@skiptonfoodbank.org.

Christmas shopping with a difference

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

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



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

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



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

Real gifts that are wanted, not wasted

From the registers

Burial of cremated remains

Saturday 8th November Patrick Naylor, formerly of Low Bank, Embsay



NEWS FROM CROSS HILLS & DISTRICT FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES



Open Air Christmas Nativity Play 4.00pm Sunday 14th 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 14th 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



Jigsaw Kids Ministry

I recently attended the Annual General Meeting of Jigsaw Kids Ministry in Kirkhoughton near Huddersfield

Kate Lee reported on a year of change in which Jigsaw has gone above and beyond their Mission Statement. Jigsaw UK enables the work with the children in Manila and this year £87,400 has been donated of which £81,800 has gone directly to Manila. The major expenses are bank charges incurred in bank transfers and the treasurer is investigating ways to reduce these if possible. Regular monthly giving has increased to £4000 per month and the aim is that this should in time cover all expenses. School Sponsorship now funds 82 children enabling them to attend school regularly and increasing their chances of employment. Jigsaw also provides Accelerated Learning Systems which equates to "school at weekends" enabling children who cannot go to school to improve their literacy and life skills. A new development is Employment support which helps teenagers obtain jobs and then enabling job requirements through micro loans for uniforms and necessary equipment.

A prayer ministry has been developed by Friends of Jigsaw groups in St Ives and other areas and notable answers to prayer have been the recovery from a stroke of Jenny (a kids worker and mother of eight), the payment of huge hospital bills for a little girl who suffered a severe accident and the finding of affordable premises for work with the street children who have no families. Also Lendehl who heads Jigsaw in the Philippines has been allowed by his Bishop to concentrate on Jigsaw.

Tim and Kate have visited all their CMS link churches in the last eighteen months.

In God We Trust
Jigsaw
KIDS MINISTRY INC.

Tim is currently only partly funded by CMS and so he is now teaching three days a week and does not have as much time to spend with Jigsaw. He has recently returned from a visit to Manila and reported a real growth in the leadership team in the Philippines. Jigsaw does not have an ambition to expand into other areas but will provide expertise to enable others to start similar programmes.

The mission of Jigsaw is to welcome each child into the Jigsaw family in Jesus' name.

- ◆ Goal 1: Rescue: that all children coming to Jigsaw are safe and that no child is living at risk or in danger in body, mind or spirit.
- ◆ Goal 2: Healing and Stabilising: that each child who has been in danger is able to gain the security and love they need to begin a journey of healing in their lives.
- ◆ Goal 3: Growth: that each child will begin to live fullness of life through Jesus in love, faith and wellbeing giving them hope for the future.

There are now three areas of work in Jigsaw although Kids Clubs remain the core activity:

1. Kids Clubs up to age eighteen
2. 18+ Household Groups
3. Inclusion of Mums and Dads in the household groups.

These Household groups consist of ten to twelve individuals plus a named Jigsaw leader who has special care for these children. These leaders go out into the child's world as mentors and all Kid's Clubs are now out in the community in parks and open spaces.

Work with children with Special Educational Needs is growing and they are now able to share the premises used by the Survivor Kids groups which provide facilities for children who live on the street to sleep, wash, eat and interact.

There will soon be a new Newsletter and further prayer requests. If anyone wishes to sponsor a child or support Jigsaw on a regular basis I have the appropriate forms. Please continue to support Tim and Kate and all at Jigsaw in Manila in your prayers.

Christine Anderton

Prayers for the Parish & Word Church

The next monthly meeting to pray for the parish and worldwide Church will take place on Monday 22nd December in the parish rooms from 7.00pm until 8.30pm. For more information contact Robin Figg, 633307

Instead of a word search or crossword try Sudoku this month.

Answer grid on page 23

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**Christmas Carol Service by candlelight
4.00pm Sunday 21st 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)*

Prayer page

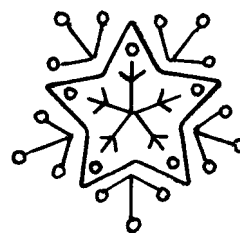
O God,
 whose mighty Son was born in
 Bethlehem
 those days long ago,
 lead us to that same poor place,
 where Mary laid her tiny Child.
 And as we look on in wonder and praise,
 make us welcome him in all new life,
 see him in the poor,
 and care for his handiwork
 the earth, the sky and the sea.
 O God, bless us again in your great love.
 We pray for this through Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

Restore us, O Lord, we pray,
 bring us back to that place
 where we once met,
 as shepherds to the stable
 after hearing angels sing.
 Bring us back to that place
 when our love was fresh,
 not embarrassed
 to express itself in praise
 to our heavenly King.
 Restore us, O Lord, we pray.
 Amen

God of light love and truth,
 Bless us this Christmas time with stories
 which are hard to get
 shine your confusing light in our dark
 lives
 Bring your unimaginable hope to those
 who feel hopeless
 provide surprising comfort to those who
 need comforting
 Challenge us with your alternative ways
 Give us a choice to walk the path of
 forgiveness,
 to forgive and to be forgiven
 cause us to become a people who are

hard to get
 committed to loving our enemies
 walking a path of reconciliation
 Make us a people of soft hearts so that
 we may begin to understand your
 unfamiliar ways
 Thank you for stories of a God who is
 hard to get
 May we have ears to hear more
 so that we may begin to understand the
 truth behind the hard to get story of
 Christmas.
 Bring peace and reconciliation to all
 people
 and use us, as our hearts are able.
 Amen

O God,
 by your heavenly star,
 you guided those who were wise
 to your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.
 May your blessing come to rest on our
 home and all of us.
 Make our lives wise with your wisdom,
 true to your teaching,
 and enlivened by your love.
 May your Word made flesh
 make his home among us.
 Amen.



Church Rotas

Date	Sidespersons	Intercessor	Communion
7 December Second Sunday of Advent	(Joan and Barry Houghton) David Baxter	Lesley Bannister	Michael and Christine
14 December Third Sunday of Advent	Marie Stinson Peter McNeill	Michael Baumber	Sandie and John
21 December Fourth Sunday of Advent	Christine Anderton Ann Mosley June Whitaker	Di Halliday	Christine and Peter
24 December 11.30pm Eucharist Christmas Eve		Lesley Bannister	Christine and Sandie
25 December Christmas Day		Sue Hargreaves	
28 December The Holy Innocents	John Mitchell Michael Baxter Sandie Walton Kath Morris	Peter Bannister	Sandie and Sue

Flower Rota	December	ADVENT
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Brass Cleaning November/December	Pauline Underwood and Sylvia Ackroyd
Church Cleaning:	Lesley Hudson, Libba Utley, Christine Anderton

We need more helpers on the church cleaning rota!
If you are able to give a couple of hours once every three months to keep our church looking spick and span please contact Lesley Hudson 01535 523291
email lesley.hudson@kildwick.org.uk



Readers Rota

Monday 1 December 7.30pm Patronal Festival Eucharist	Isaiah 52.7-10 Romans 10.12-18 Matthew 4.18-22	Glyn Evans Michael Baumber Peter Bannister
7 December Second Sunday of Advent	<i>First Reading - Isaiah 40.1-11</i> <i>Second Reading - 2 Peter 3.8-15a</i> Gospel - Mark 1.1-8	<i>Gospel only used</i> Katharine Calvert
14 December Third Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 61.1-4,8-11 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24 John 1.6-8,19-28	Marjorie Gee Tim Littler/Kathryn Taylor Marie Stinson
21 December Fourth Sunday of Advent	2 Samuel 7.1-11,16 Romans 16.25-27 Luke 1.26-38	Christine Anderton Brenda Brock Michael Baumber
24 December 11.30pm Eucharist Christmas Eve	Isaiah 52.7-10 Hebrews 1.1-4(5-12) John 1.1-14	Kathryn Morris Sandie Walton Lesley Hudson
25 December Christmas Day	Isaiah 9.2-7 <i>Titus 2.11-14</i> Luke 2.1-14	Glyn Evans <i>Reading not used</i> Peter Bannister
28 December The Holy Innocents	Jeremiah 31.15-17 1 Corinthians 1.26-29 Matthew 2.13-18	John Mitchell Marie Stinson Lesley Bannister



Kildwick CE Primary School

Striving for Excellence and Promoting Christian Values

Kildwick School PTA invite you to our Christmas Fair on Saturday 6th December from 11am-3 pm.

Lots of stalls, games and refreshments.

Everyone welcome.

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 holidays) in the Parish Rooms	Fun for pre-school children and their grown-ups!
Tuesday 7.30-8.30 pm	Choir practice in the parish rooms	
Wednesday 10.15 am-12.30pm	NottheKnot Group in the Parish Rooms	Stitching and fellowship group.
Wednesday 7.30 pm	Bell ringing	



- Mon 1st Dec **ANDREW THE APOSTLE**
7.30pm Patronal Festival Eucharist. Preacher: Archdeacon David Lee
- Wed 3rd Dec 7.30pm Advent Course: 'The Nativity', Part 2 (Parish Rooms)
- Mon 8th Dec 6.30pm Glusburn School KS2 Carol Service
- Tue 9th Dec 2.30pm Kildwick School KS1 Christmas Play
- Wed 10th Dec 2.30pm Kildwick School KS1 Christmas Play
- Wed 10th Dec 6.30pm Kildwick School KS2 Carol Service
- Wed 10th Dec 7.30pm Advent Course: 'The Nativity', Part 3 (Parish Rooms)
- Fri 12th Dec 2.45pm Kildwick School Christingle Service
- Sun 14th Dec 4.00pm CDFC Nativity Pageant (Sutton village & park)
- Tue 16th Dec 1.30pm Glusburn School KS1 Christingle Service
- Wed 17th Dec 7.30pm Advent Course: 'The Nativity', Part 4 (Parish Rooms)
- Sun 21st Dec 4.00pm Christmas Carol Service by candlelight
- Wed 24th Dec 4.00pm Crib Service
- Wed 24th Dec 11.30pm Midnight Communion
- Thu 25th Dec **CHRISTMAS DAY**
8.15am Holy Communion
10.00am Family Communion
- Sun 4th Jan **THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD**
10.00am Family Communion
- Sun 11th Jan **THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**
10.00am Parish Communion with Baptism

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)

Monday 1 December St Andrew	7.30pm	Patronal Festival Eucharist
7 December Second Sunday of Advent	8.15 am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion
14 December Third Sunday of Advent	8.15 am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion
21 December Fourth Sunday of Advent	8.15 am 10.00am 4.00pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion Carols by candlelight
24 December Christmas Eve	11.30pm	Midnight Eucharist
25 December Christmas Day	8.15 am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion
28 December The Holy Innocents	8.15 am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion



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.

A Party Evening is being held in the Kildwick and Farnhill Institute
on Friday December 5th
commencing with a pie and pea supper and sweet at 7.00pm

Music will be provided by Jim on the organ and there will be an
Olde Time Music Hall Sing-a-long and party dances.

Bar available

Admission by ticket

available from Joyce Wood on 01535 635880 price £7.50



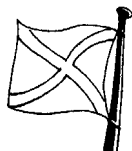
St Andrew's Day: Patronal Festival Eucharist

**7.30pm Monday 1st
December**

Preacher:

The Venerable David Lee,
Archdeacon of Bradford

Service to be followed by
refreshments in the Parish
Rooms



bookSWAP:

Read It, Swap It.

Some will remember the lending library we used to have in St Andrew's church. We would like to have another go at encouraging you to read books that will help you on your journey of faith.

If you are looking for something to read, take a look at the bookSWAP table in the south aisle.

If you have books at home that you have enjoyed but no longer need, please bring them to add to the table so others can enjoy them as you have.



The Village Pump

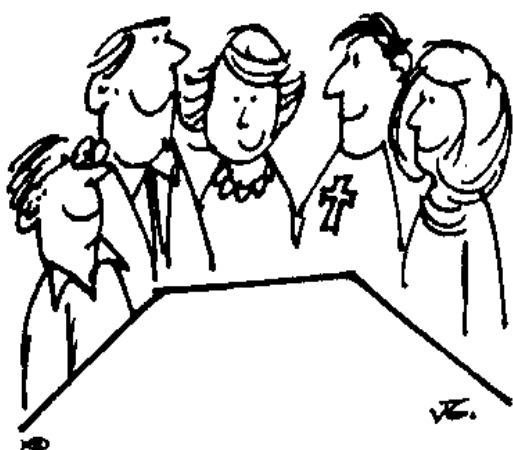
*A meeting Place for over 50's
Every Wednesday 2.00-3.30 pm*

Farnhill Methodist Church (in the foyer)

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.

St Andrew's Pastoral Care Group



Want someone
to talk to?

Lonely?

Need some
help?

Call June on
01535 655320

Need a
listening ear?

All in the month of December

It was:

- ◆ 800 years ago:- on 4th Dec 1214 that William I (William the Lion) King of Scotland, died. 800 years on, following the recent vote, the UK continues to share a Queen.
 - ◆ 300 years ago:- on 27th Dec 1714 that George Whitefield was born. This famous British preacher was one of the founders of Methodism; he helped to spread the Great Awakening in Britain and the North American colonies.
 - ◆ 150 years ago:- on 8th Dec 1864 that George Boole, British mathematician died. He invented Boolean algebra, which forms the basis of modern computer circuits and programming.
 - ◆ 125 years ago:- on 12th Dec 1889 that Robert Browning, the important British poet, died.
 - ◆ Also 125 years ago:- on 16th Dec 1889 that Sir Noel Coward, British playwright, actor, singer and composer, best known for his comedies of manners (Private Lives, Brief Encounter, Blithe Spirit) was born.
 - ◆ 100 years ago:- on 16th Dec 1914 that during WW1 German battleships shelled the port towns of Hartlepool and Scarborough.
 - ◆ Also 100 years ago:- on 21st Dec 1914 that Germany made its first WW1 air raid on Britain. A German plane dropped a bomb in the grounds of a rectory in Dover. No one was injured.
 - ◆ Also 100 years ago:- on 24th-25th Dec 1914 that the WW1 Christmas Truce took place. British and German troops observed an unofficial ceasefire at several points along the Western Front, singing songs and exchanging greetings from their trenches and even crossing into 'no man's land' to exchange food and souvenirs and play football.
 - ◆ 75 years ago:- on 1st Dec 1939 that Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer made his first-ever appearance, in a children's colouring book given away by Montgomery Ward stores in the USA.
 - ◆ 65 years ago:- on 13th Dec 1949 that Jerusalem became the capital of Israel.
 - ◆ 50 years ago:- on 8th Dec 1964 that Simon Marks, 1st Baron Marks of Broughton, died. This British businessman had transformed his father's 'Marks & Spencer' market stalls into one of Britain's leading retailers.
 - ◆ Also 50 years ago:- on 31st Dec 1964 that British driver Donald Campbell broke the world water speed record, and became the only person to break both land speed record and the water speed record in the same year.
 - ◆ 30 years ago:- on 3rd Dec 1984 that the Bhopal Disaster took place. A poisonous gas leak at a Union Carbide pesticide plant in India killed thousands of people and left 120,000 with health problems.
 - ◆ Also 30 years ago:- on 10th Dec 1984 that South African Anglican bishop Desmond Tutu was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize at a ceremony in Oslo, Norway.
 - ◆ 25 years ago:- on 3rd Dec 1989 that US President George H W Bush and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev announced the end of the Cold War at a meeting in Malta.
 - ◆ Also 25 years ago:- on 22nd Dec 1989 that the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin was
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reopened, effectively reuniting East and West Germany.

- ◆ Also 25 years ago:- on 22nd Dec 1989 that Samuel Beckett died. This Irish writer, playwright and poet (Waiting for Godot, Endgame, etc) won the 1969 Nobel Prize for Literature.
 - ◆ 20 years ago:- on 9th Dec 1994 that Sinn Fein held its first formal talks with representatives from the British Government. This eventually led to an IRA ceasefire, the Good Friday Agreement, and the establishment of the Northern Ireland Assembly in 1998.
 - ◆ 15 years ago:- on 2nd Dec 1999 that the UK devolved political power in Northern Ireland to the Northern Ireland Assembly and Executive Committee.
 - ◆ 10 years ago:- on 16th Dec 2004 that the House of Lords ruled that detaining foreign terrorism suspects indefinitely without trial broke human rights laws. This was a huge blow to the Government's anti-terrorism measures.
 - ◆ Also 10 years ago:- on 26th Dec 2004 that the Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami (also called the Boxing Day Tsunami) occurred. A massive undersea earthquake near Sumatra caused a devastating tsunami that swamped coastal areas in Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Thailand and Africa. It was one of the deadliest natural disasters in recorded history, and killed more than 230,000 people in 14 countries.
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The Everlasting Turkey

1. On the first day of Christmas my true love said to me I've bought a big fresh turkey and a proper Christmas tree.
 2. On the second day of Christmas much laughter could be heard As we tucked into our turkey – a most delicious bird.
 3. On the third day of Christmas people came from just next door, the turkey tasted just as good as it had done before.
 4. On the fourth day of Christmas came relations young and old we finished up the Christmas pud and had the turkey cold.
 5. On the fifth day of Christmas, outside the snowflakes scurried, but we were nice and warm inside, and had the turkey curried.
 6. On the sixth day of Christmas, the Christmas spirit died. the children fought and bickered – we had the turkey rissoles fried.
 7. On the seventh day of Christmas my true love he did wince when he sat down at table - and was offered turkey mince.
 8. On the eighth day of Christmas, the dog had run for shelter, for he'd seen our turkey pancakes and the glass of alka-seltzer.
 9. On the ninth day of Christmas, by lunchtime dad was blotto, he knew that bird was back again, this time as a risotto.
 10. On the tenth day of Christmas we were drinking home-made brew, anything to help us face that steaming turkey stew.
 11. On the eleventh day of Christmas our lovely tree was moulting, and with chilli, soy and oyster sauce, the turkey was revolting.
 12. On the twelfth day of Christmas we had smiles back on our lips, the guests had gone, the turkey too – **WE DINED ON FISH AND CHIPS.**
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Christmas:

Why does it begin at midnight with Holy Communion?

The hour was first chosen at Rome in the fifth century to symbolise the idea that Christ was born at midnight – a mystical idea in no way hindered by historical evidence! No one knows the hour of his birth.

Certainly in recent times, Holy Communion at midnight on Christmas morning has proved popular with modern families. One British writer pointed out its “domestic convenience” in 1947: “for where there are children and no servants, husband and wife may be unable to communicate at any other time!”

Where did Christmas trees come from?

There are two early stories that mention fir trees. The first involves St Boniface, who went to Germany in the 8th century as a missionary and found people sacrificing a child to their god under an oak tree. Boniface was appalled, and rescued the child. He then chopped down the oak tree and found a tiny fir tree growing nearby. He gave this to the people and said: “This is a symbol of life. Whenever you look at this tree, remember the Christ-child who is the one who will give you life, because he gave his life for you.”

The second early fir tree story involves Martin Luther in the 16th century. It is said that one year he decided to drag a fir tree into his home and to decorate it with candles. He used it as a visual aid, telling people that the candles symbolised Jesus as the light of the world, and the evergreen tree symbolised the eternal life that Jesus gives to us. Many of the people who followed Luther were struck by the idea, and took up the custom.



Where did Christmas stockings come from?

No one is really sure, but a story is told of St Nicholas, a bishop who lived in the 4th century, who may have started the custom by accident. St Nicholas was of a wealthy family, and of a generous heart. As Christmas approached one year, he wanted to help a poor family whom he knew, but he did not want them to know it was him. So he climbed up on their roof on Christmas Eve and dropped some coins down the chimney. The next morning the coins, to the great surprise of the family, were found in the stockings of the ladies, who had hung them to dry by the fire the night before. Every year after that they put their stockings out, in the hope that some more money would fall into them. They told the story of this amazing appearance to their friends and neighbours, and the custom caught on.



Or do we have to thank Dickens for Christmas as we know it?

Ever wonder where many of our Christmas traditions come from? A surprising amount can be traced back to the well-loved story of ‘A Christmas Carol’, by Charles Dickens. When you read ‘A Christmas Carol’, you discover almost a template of the ‘ideal Christmas’ which we still hold dear today. Dickens seems to have selected the

best of the Christmas celebrations of his day (he ignored some of the odd excesses) and packaged them in such a way as to give us traditions that we could accommodate and treasure – more than a century later.

So, for instance, in *A Christmas Carol*, Christmas is a family day, with a family-centred feast. In a home decorated with holly and candles the characters enjoy a roast turkey, followed by Christmas pudding. They give their loved ones presents. Scrooge even gives donations to charity (!). And all the while outside, there is snow and frost, while church bells ring, and carol singers sing, and hope for mulled wine. In '*A Christmas Carol*' there is even a Father Christmas – in the shape of Christmas Present. Only the Christmas tree itself came later, when Prince Albert imported 'a pretty German toy' that won the heart of the English court, and hence the rest of Victorian society.



Christmas Chocolate treat

If you love Chocolate and hate popcorn you will still love this .
Promise!

Use Fairtrade chocolate if you can!

200g white Chocolate

200g milk Chocolate

60g plus of toffee popcorn

Method

1. Melt chocolates in separate bowls
2. Pour most onto parchment on a baking tray and not too thinly reserving a small amount.
3. Swirl for a nice effect
4. Sprinkle on popcorn and drizzle remaining chocolate over the top
5. Chill and then break into chunks. (if eaten quickly there will be less of a calorie intake!)



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What would you like for Christmas?

A little girl went to visit Father Christmas in the local garden centre grotto. He welcomed her with a smile and the question of what she would like for Christmas. The little girl gasped, and stared up at him in horror. "Didn't you get my email?!"

BIBLE HISTORY

written by Michael Baumber

THE GOSPEL STORY: THE ROAD TO THE CROSS 14 BURIAL



Over most of the Roman Empire the usual practice was for the victims of crucifixion to be left hanging until the birds had pecked all the flesh off them as a warning to others who might be tempted to cause trouble but Palestine was an exception because the Jews had strong views about the burial of the dead. In the normal way the body of the dead person would be buried the same day he or she died (or the following day if the death took place at night). The body would be washed and oiled, tied up in a linen shroud and placed on a shelf in the family tomb. The period of mourning by the members of the family at the tomb and often inside it lasted for up to a week. The body was then left to decay for a year at the end of which time the bones were collected together and placed in an ossuary.

Executed criminals were treated differently. They could not be buried in the family tomb and public mourning was forbidden but all bodies were to be properly buried. Deuteronomy chapter 21 v22-3 states 'If a man guilty of a capital offence is put to death and his body is hung on a tree, you must not leave his body on a tree overnight. Be sure to bury him the same day, because anyone who is hung on a tree is under God's curse.' There was also the added reason that the next day in this case was the Jewish Sabbath. It seems likely therefore that when Joseph of Arimathea, a sympathiser, volunteered his newly cut empty rock tomb, as a resting place for the body of Jesus that he had the support of the Chief Priest Caiaphas. Pilate too knew about Jewish sensibilities. John says he ordered that the legs of the victims should be broken to hasten death and was surprised to find that Jesus had already expired. It seems likely that arrangements were made for the disposal of the bodies of the two thieves by the Sanhedrin at the same time as Pilate granted Joseph's request for the body of Jesus.

Jewish law forbade any burials within the city walls of Jerusalem or near any of the main thoroughfares to or from it, with the result that there were extensive cemeteries in the surrounding countryside. Golgotha was a rocky outcrop not far from the north western corner of the city, so it seems likely that Joseph's tomb lay not far away. However subsequent events have made its identification totally impossible. Enormous damage was done when Jerusalem was recaptured by the Romans in 70 AD, then in 135 Hadrian reduced the old city to rubble and built a new one on it. Subsequent cities were also much larger in area. The tomb shown to pilgrims is a much later shrine but it may be on the site. The same goes for the so called Garden Tomb but both could well be mistaken.

FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL SUMMARY OF DRAFT MINUTES

The meeting of Farnhill Parish Council was held on the 4th November 2014 in Kildwick/Farnhill Institute. The meeting was chaired by Counc. G Harling. Five members of the council were present plus CDC & NYCC Rep Counc P Mulligan, the Clerk and one member of the public. The minutes of the meeting held on the 7th October were approved by the Council and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

Joyce Wood informed the Parish Council of a musical evening which is to take place in Kildwick/ Farnhill Institute on Friday 5th December at 7.00pm and she hopes the public will support the event. The evening will have Party Dancing, Barn Dancing, Singalong, Pie & Peas & Bar & Music will be provided by Jim on the organ. Tickets are available from Joyce Wood.

Darren Griffiths the team leader for traffic engineering at NYCC has informed the Parish Council that the estimated cost for the proposed crossing at Cononley Crossroads would be approx £16,000 and that they are currently finalizing details of the plan to pass to their local area office for comment. He hopes to send the final drawing in the next week when he gets some feedback from the area office. Cononley Parish Council have stated they are happy to work together has a joint venture and Clerk to keep them updated with current information.

NYCC Highways have informed the Parish Council of reductions to be made in the highway grass cutting service. The County Council as a Highway Authority, has a statutory duty to cut grass for safety reasons, for example where grass impedes visibility at junctions. The majority of grass currently funded however is cut for amenity or aesthetic reasons and is therefore a discretionary service rather than a statutory duty. Due to cutbacks in their budget as from March 2015 they intend to stop funding for grass cutting where it is not required for safety reasons. Urban roads will see a significant change which equates to a approx a 95% reduction in the area of grass cut. The approx area cut in Farnhill for year 2013/2014 was 323SqM which will be reduced to 16.15SqM from March 2015. Areas to be cut will be the junction of Main Street with Grange Road and the junction of Main Street with Bradley Road. Clerk to respond to the notice stating that the verges at the bottom of Bradley Road (from the Farnhill side) need cutting back as they are encroaching onto the road and creating safety issues for both pedestrians and traffic.

CDC & NYCC Rep Counc P Mulligan reported that proposals had been put forward for changes to regulations regarding the Licensing of Taxi's. The proposals asked for loosening of the regulations to allow personal use of the taxi's at weekends or when not on duty. He also informed the Parish Council of changes in the collection of refuse and that CDC need to organize collection points for some people to take their bins to. CDC have been informed by Health & Safety that there are issues with staff & too many repetitive strain injuries caused by having to wheel a lot of bins back and forward and they have been threatened with fines if the problem is not resolved. The people affected will be notified of the changes beforehand and if anybody has problems they will try to resolve the situation. He stated that he had attended a Rural Action Workshop which covered fundraising and how to raise

grants and the workshops were well worth attending if we got the chance. He also informed the Parish Council that CDC were awarding Community Grant Funding from £100-£2000 aimed at projects bringing communities together and community groups could apply for up to 50% of cost & Parish Councils could apply for up to 25% of cost of project. CDC have a budget of £16,000 of which £10,000 is still available. The next meetings where applications will be considered will take place December & March.

The Parish Council have purchased a wreath for Remembrance Sunday and the Chairman (Counc G Harling) will attend the Church on Remembrance Sunday for the service and laying the wreaths.

The Parish Council has been asked to contribute towards the cost of repairing the south facing wall at the Peggy Wilson Trust Playing Field which has recently been damaged. The cost is to be split equally between Farnhill Parish Council, Kildwick Parish Meeting and the School. The Parish Council **resolved** that they agreed to the payment.

Craven District Council have informed the Parish Council that on their most recent visit to No 5 Bucklar Hill there was no evidence of any outstanding issue or breach of the extant enforcement notice and the most recent planning enforcement investigation at No 5 Bucklar Hill would now be closed. The existing enforcement notice remains extant. With regards to No 3 at the present time the land is not untidy enough to consider any enforcement action.

NYCC Street Lighting have provided a method statement and a plan of the work to be carried out on the Canal & River Trust's land and these have been forwarded to the Canal & Rivers Trust for consideration. They have now stated that the proposal has developed somewhat and that they thought the electrics being installed were to be temporary. Because the installation is to be permanent this will require the involvement of third party works and a fee will be payable and consent to the installation of the Christmas Tree and Electrics is withdrawn until the situation is clarified. Due to this setback it will probably be too late to have a tree this year but Clerk to inform the Canal & Rivers trust that we would still like to go ahead for future years.

The yearly inspection of the Play Area has been carried out by ROSPA and there are no items causing immediate concern. A few issues were raised but these were marked as low risk.

DTMS have stated that the clearance work at the Arbour will be taking place on Wednesday 5th November. Counc R Bramley has offered to be on site so workers are aware of what needs to be done. Counc J Waring has spoken with Andrew who has offered to supply the plants for the Arbour at cost but regrets he will be unable to carry out the planting. Counc J Waring to ask him to supply a plan of what plants he suggests before going ahead with the purchase. The Parish Council are working to a plan for the Arbour which includes keeping the grass at a sensible level, with the grass on the bottom area by the footpaths being kept shorter, the area to the left of the footpath which has been cleared of weed to be planted, the area to the right of the footpath to be kept as it is with the heather and possibly introducing more heather and the area towards the middle behind Arbour House to be cleared of some of the undergrowth, and more planting suitable for the area. The intention is to have an area that attracts wildlife looks attractive and is easy to maintain and it is hoped that this can be achieved by

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The Birds in Your Garden



The Robin

The Robin features prominently in British folklore and in traditional children's tales, and more recently has become strongly associated with Christmas, taking a starring role on many Christmas cards. This association probably arises from postmen in early Victorian Britain wearing red jackets and so being nicknamed "Robins".

Several folk tales seek to explain the Robin's distinctive breast; perhaps the commonest explaining that it comes from trying to comfort Christ on the Cross. Others claim that its breast was scorched fetching water for souls in Purgatory. There are many such stories to be found!

Robin populations have been remarkably stable in recent years. Although they can be knocked back by very bad winters, their ability to produce three or more broods in a year means that populations recover quickly. In mild winters, breeding may begin in January and pairs may overlap nesting attempts to squeeze in several broods.

Robins eat mainly invertebrates taken on the ground, with fruit being important, in autumn and winter. I have them on my hanging feeders, and they have been reported on fat blocks, but they prefer eating from bird tables or off the ground.

Their confiding nature is further demonstrated by their association with gardeners digging. This is probably an extension of their habit Robins of taking insects from ground disturbed by foraging moles. They have two strategies for finding food. Either, they will sit on a low branch scanning the ground until they spot a potential prey item, when they will fly down to grab it. Or, they will hop across the ground actively looking for food.

Most Robins defend a territory all year round, which is why their plaintive song can be heard in every month. Their territory structure is important, breaking down only in severe winters or when moulting, and can become extreme, leading to challenging other species by mistake. Disputes start by two birds singing against each other, red breasts on display, each trying to get onto a higher perch to show his colours. If all else fails battle will be joined, often resulting in injury or death.

Juvenile birds lack the red breast to avoid being challenged by adult males, but are recognisable by their shape and spotted plumage;

Their nests are bulky with a base of leaves plus a woven a cup of moss, grass and more leaves. It is lined with finer material, including hair and feathers. They will use open fronted nest boxes provided they have protection from predators, as well as nesting in places rather less convenient to their human owners

Because of high mortality in the first year of life, a robin has an average life expectancy of 1.1

years; however, if it survives its first year it can expect to live a good deal longer and one robin has been recorded as reaching 12 years of age

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 07596 366342** or mikegbw@btinternet.com.



Photo by Jill Pakenham

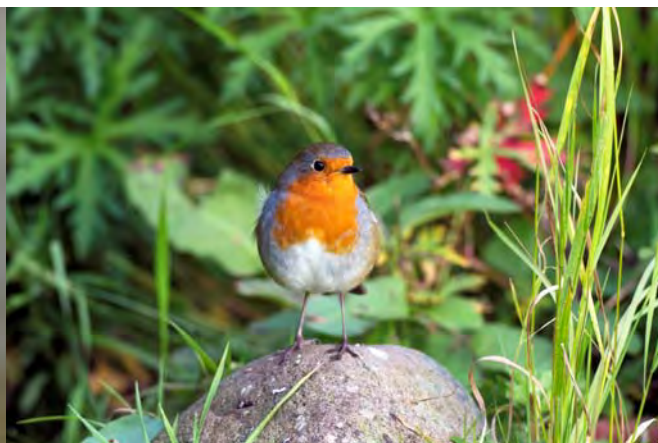


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taking advice from professional people. The next stage of the plan is to decide what action if any is needed with the steps which form part of a path up through the Arbour and the handrail at the top of the path. This will be an agenda item for the December meeting. The builders working at Craglands have started to rectify the damage that has been done at Arbour Top and hope to have the work completed shortly.

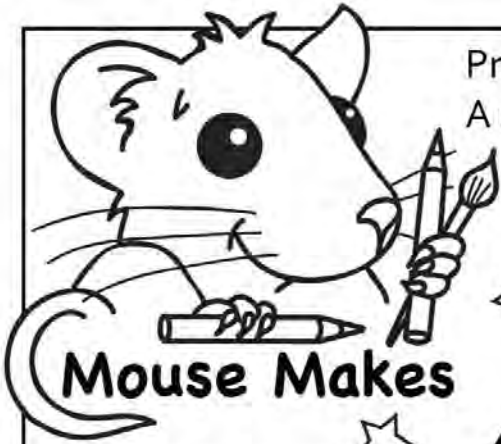
The draft Completion of Accounts for the year to 31st March and the draft budget account were prepared by the Clerk and passed to Councillors to consider in preparation for setting the budget at the next meeting . CDC hope to send out the tax base in the next week or so but they will not be providing as much grant funding as in previous years to make up the precept.

The Parish Council thanked Counc R Bramley for the excellent job he has done with the new website and Graham Taylor from the history group for the help which he has provided. The website is now up and running and new items will be added as they become available.

Clerk to inform NYCC that light No 11 is out.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2014 IN KILDWICK/
FARNHILL INSTITUTE AT 7.30PM**

All members of the village are welcome to attend



Mouse Makes

Presents at Christmas under the tree,
A red Christmas stocking waiting for me.

*But what is Christmas? What is it about?
Just look in the Bible and you will find out!*

It's about JESUS, the best present of all,
JESUS, our SAVIOUR,
God's gift to us all !

Make a stand up card
for Christmas

HAPPY
CHRISTMAS!

Glue the picture
and the stand
onto card,
colour in
then cut
out around
the edge.

Cut
along
the
slots
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A and B
on the
picture
and
the
stand,
then
slot
together.



STAND

A

Happy Christmas

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*Sara preferred to let people work
out the hymns for themselves*

For Sale

Cycles & Equipment Only used a couple of times genuine reason for sale

1 x Ladies Trek Hybrid Cycle	£175.00
1 x Men's Trek Hybrid Bike	£175.00
1 x Sirius Cycle carrier (Holds 3 Cycles)	£60.00
2 x Giro Helmets	£10.00 each
1 x Ladies Altra $\frac{3}{4}$ Cycling pants	£10.00
1 x Men's Cycling shorts.	£10.00

All the above are like brand new and the cost original for the cycles and carrier was £950

Contact 01535 637849 mob 07718142000 or
email dovecottagewild@btinternet.com

Sale your unwanted items for free
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