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# **St. Andrew's Church Kildwick**

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### **FEBRUARY 2008**

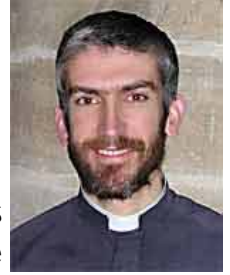
#### **Parish Mission Statement**

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 THE WORLD  
THROUGH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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## *The Vicar's letter.....*



Dear friends,

Our great celebration of the seasons of Christmas and Epiphany is complete. The crib figures have been put back in their box and the tree has been taken down.

But the tree has not been thrown out. Each year the wood of our Christmas tree becomes the wood of our Lent cross on which we will hang symbols of the passion of our Lord as we journey through Lent towards the Holy Week and Easter.

This year Easter is very early, on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. The season of Lent therefore begins very early, on 6<sup>th</sup> February. (The next year when Easter falls on 23<sup>rd</sup> March is 2160. Easter can be on 22<sup>nd</sup> March; this last happened in 1818 and will happen next in 2285. So make the most of this early Easter!)

Lent is a sombre period of six weeks, during which we prepare ourselves to journey with Jesus to the Cross. On Good Friday we will experience the darkness of death. But, thank God, we know that on the other side of death is resurrection. Good Friday is not the end, although many at the time thought it was. On the third day Jesus rose again to new life, resurrection life, and we can share in that resurrection life.

Lent is a time to once again ponder the mystery of our Lord's death and resurrection. It is time to open our hearts and our minds so that the God may speak to us afresh of his love for us, for all humankind and for the whole of creation.

At the Ash Wednesday service we are invited "to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy word".

I invite you to give time to God this Lent. Each day stop, if only for a few minutes, and think about God and the world and people around you. Ponder the mystery of what makes the world tick. Know that God reaches out to his world, to you, with love and forgiveness, and invites you to respond.

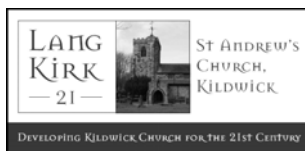
The message of the Cross speaks to the brokenness of the world and cries out for its healing.

Mohandas Gandhi, one of the great spiritual figures of recent times, recognised certain traits amongst humans that are the cause of many of our woes and need to be corrected for the sake of our well being. He spoke about:

- Wealth without Work
- Pleasure without Conscience
- Science without Humanity
- Knowledge without Character
- Politics without Principle
- Commerce without Morality
- Worship without Sacrifice

This Lent think about these things and let God renew your understanding of what it means to be human, made in God's image. May God bless you on your journey to the Cross.

*Robin*



## Lang Kirk 21 Building Development Project

A second Directions Hearing to consider the application by the Parochial Church Council to develop the church building was held on 8<sup>th</sup> December before the Chancellor of Bradford Diocese, Judge John Walford. The purpose of the hearing was to deal with matters of procedure pertaining to the application. The Chancellor directed that he would consider the case by written representations from the Petitioners and the Respondents. The Petitioners are required to submit their representation by 29<sup>th</sup> February; the Respondents then have until 18<sup>th</sup> April to submit their representation. The petitioners may then submit a response to the objectors' representation by 19<sup>th</sup> May after which the Chancellor will consider the evidence and make his judgement.

On 10<sup>th</sup> January two people from Natural England visited the church to conduct a survey looking for evidence of bats roosting within the church building. On 25<sup>th</sup> January representatives of Craven District Council visited to be briefed on the scheme. Reports from both these visits will be received in due course and forwarded to the Chancellor for his consideration.

Last autumn the historian Sir Roy Strong published a book titled *A Little History of the English Church*. In the book he points out an interesting fact that many of us might not have realised. He reminds us that the exclusion of secular life from English churches is a relatively recent phenomenon. It was a result of the, perhaps misplaced, Victorian conviction that sacred and secular needed to be kept apart: robed choirs replaced village bands; the chancel, which in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries was a congregational Eucharistic space, became a priestly preserve; communal activities were moved from the nave to the newly built village halls. Sir Roy wants people to recognise that the salvation of many church buildings may ultimately come down to our being reawakened to the potential of the historic use of naves as centres of community life: hosting meetings, dances, feasts and markets. The use of church buildings as the market place is certainly worthy of note; few people realise that altar rails were introduced into churches as fences to keep the animals out of the sanctuary!

All historic church buildings have changed significantly during their lives. Previous generations have been willing to allow the church building to fit the present needs of the people. Why not ours? To quote Sir Roy: "Much of what we now freeze in aspic for eternity as art would never have happened at all if preservation societies had existed in the Middle Ages"!

### ***The Lang Kirk 21 Prayer***

Gracious God, we thank you for the resources you give us in the service of your mission and ministry; guide us as we seek to care for and develop the building we have inherited from those who have served you in years past, that it will continue to speak to those who seek you today; may the Lang Kirk continue to proclaim your presence in the world and draw people to know and to love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Diocesan Day - 2008

**When is it? Saturday, April 12th.**

**Where is it? Bradford Grammar School.**

**What's it all about? Going for Growth.**

**Who's it for? Everyone!**

Yes Diocesan Day is here again - a great opportunity to gather together as a Diocesan family to celebrate, worship and learn. Our first Day in 2006 put the emphasis on young people; the second one focussed on caring for God's earth and His people. This year we are looking at mission.

Paul Bayes is the National Mission & Evangelism Officer and his keynote address will hopefully offer us a big picture of what's going on up and down the country. Then there will be over 25 seminars looking at different ideas and strategies for encouraging growth - not just numerical growth but growth in spirituality and discipleship too.

Some seminars will address very practical topics such as how to make the most of Back-to-Church Sunday or how to run a nurture course while others will look at such diverse subjects as Leading Your Church into Growth, Fasting, Drug-Proofing your Kids, the God Delusion, Internet Discipleship, Fresh Expressions, Faith Sharing.... and much more!

Bookings are now being taken – first come, first served; space for 600 people. Please see brochure for details of seminars. You can book on line by going to the diocesan web site at [www.bradford.anglican.org](http://www.bradford.anglican.org) and following the directions or using the form available in church.



## Rydal Hall- A Weekend Away Friday 16 to Sunday 18 May 2008

**Rydal Hall** is the Carlisle Diocesan Retreat House, located in the centre of the Lake District. The Hall is a 200 year old Grade II listed house, enjoying outstanding views towards Windermere. It is an ideal place to find renewal and refreshment for body, mind and spirit.

**The programme** for the weekend will be a relaxed mixture of worship, talks & discussions, fellowship and free time. The speaker will be the Revd Canon Ken Medhurst from Oxenhope. Ken will be helping us think about the Christian faith through films.

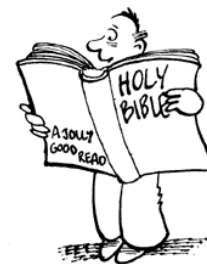
**The cost** will be £125 full board, from Friday supper to Sunday teatime. For more information please pick up a leaflet in church or the parish rooms or contact the Vicar, Robin Figg, 633307. **To book a place please send a £20 deposit to Robin at The Vicarage as soon as possible.**



# BIBLE HISTORY

*This is part 1 the next series of articles written by Michael Baumber*

## THE END OF THE PERSIAN EMPIRE



**T**he Persian, or as we would call it today, the Iranian Empire was at its peak during the early years of the reign of Darius I when it stretched from the Danube to the Indus but even Darius failed to conquer the part of present day Greece known as the Peloponnese. Controlling this far flung empire was very difficult and revolts were continuously nibbling away its western end. Xerxes' failure to conquer Greece described in his Histories by Herodotus led to a counter attack by Athens which enabled the Greek cities of Ionia, in what is now western Turkey, to revolt. The collapse might have gone further but for the outbreak of the Peloponnesian War between Athens and Sparta about which we know a good deal from the Greek historian, Thucydides. There were also a series of revolts in Egypt which led to the temporary re-establishment of the country's independence in 401 BC. The Persians regained control in the 360s only to lose it again just before their final collapse.

Our detailed knowledge of these events contrasts sharply with an almost complete dearth of information about Palestine. The area of the old united kingdom of David and Solomon formed part of the 5th satrapy, or province, known as 'Beyond the River', the river being the Euphrates. The beginning of the Peloponnesian War roughly coincided with the final establishment of the authority of Ezra and Nehemiah in Jerusalem but after their time there is absolute silence. The Book of Daniel has nothing to say about the period. Josephus in his History and Antiquities of the Jewish People could only fill the gap by a more detailed retelling of the story of Esther, which was about the reign of Xerxes and therefore earlier, and an account of the murder of one of the later High Priests by his brother.

The later Persian period seems to have been a tranquil one on the whole. The Persians used the old divisions originally set up by the Assyrians of Judaea, Samaria and Galilee and the system seems to have worked. Relations between the Samaritans on the one hand and Galilee and Judaea on the other, remained cool but the re-establishment of the Jerusalem temple was universally accepted and there was none of the virulent hostility which was to disfigure later times. Similarly there is no evidence of the later contempt of Judaeans for Galilee. The desire for independence displayed by the prophetic books appears to have been dormant and, though they contain no dateable historical information, the books of Jonah and Job which may date from this time, show a strand of Jewish thought rather more liberal than that of the temple priests. There were limited invasions of southern Palestine during the two Egyptian revolts but the Egyptians never had more than a foothold and the discovery of a large number of Persian coin hordes of small denominations points to a flourishing local trade network.

Next month THE KING OF THE SOUTH



## NEWS FROM THE CROSS HILLS & DISTRICT FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES



### **Lent Course 2008 – *The Lord's Prayer***

During Lent a number of small groups will meet across the Cross Hills & District Fellowship of Churches to study, think and pray together. The course chosen is titled is "***The Lord's Prayer – praying it, meaning it, living it***". This course reflects on the world's most famous prayer. In the Lord's Prayer Jesus gives us a pattern for living as his disciples. He also raises vital questions for today's world in which 'Daily bread' is uncertain for two billion people and a refusal to 'forgive those who trespass against us' escalates violence.

***"The Lord's Prayer"*** is a five session course, using audio input produced in the style of five 14 minute radio programmes. Each session features the three main participants – Canon Margaret Sentamu (wife of the Archbishop of York), Dr Kenneth Stevenson (Bishop of Portsmouth) and Dr David Wilkinson (Principal of St John's College, Durham). Each session closes with a reflection by broadcaster Dr Elaine Storkey.

The sessions are: 1. Our Father; 2. Your will be done; 3. Our daily bread; 4. As we forgive; 5. In heaven.

Ecumenical groups will meet, beginning in the week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> February. Please just turn up or contact the host or leader for more details.

- Mondays 1.30-3.00pm 5 Beanlands Drive, Glusburn  
Host: Ruth Ward, 632392; leader: Gill Jowett, 632405.
- Tuesdays 2.00-3.30pm The Vicarage, Main Street, Sutton  
Host: Michael & Ann Cowgill, 633372; leader: Roger & Marion Smith.
- Thursdays 7.30-9.00pm 3 Aire Crescent, Cross Hills  
Host: Betty Mitchell; leader: Anne Stephenson, 657235.

### **Careforce Volunteer 2008**

Paukhankhup has now arrived and will be working across CDFC for a year continuing the work done by the Oasis Frontline Teams. Khup comes from the Kerala region of India and is presently a lecturer at Trivandrum Bible College.



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## The Season of Lent

Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday**; this year the date is 6<sup>th</sup> February. This is one of the Principal Feasts in the church calendar and everyone is encouraged to attend a service on this day. At St Andrew's there will be services at 9.15am. The evening service at 7.30pm will be at St Peter's Methodist Church, Cross Hills. Both services will include the imposition of ashes. At 7.30pm the preacher will be the Revd John Peet, Vicar of Cononley and Bradley.

Lent is a time for prayerful reflection on the meaning of our Lord's Passion. A popular aid to this reflection is the service of Stations of the Cross. Each of the stations stands for an event that occurred during Jesus' Passion and death at Calvary on Good Friday. The service lasts 30 minutes and will take place each Friday at 12.30pm in church. All are encouraged to experience this service at least once during Lent.

### A Feast for Lent

FAST from criticism and FEAST on praise  
FAST from self pity and FEAST on joy  
FAST from ill temper and FEAST on praise  
FAST from resentment and FEAST on contentment.  
FAST from jealousy and FEAST on love  
FAST from pride and FEAST on humility  
FAST from selfishness and FEAST on service  
FAST from fear and FEAST on faith

Taken from *My Mother's BOOK OF HAPPINESS*

### Age Concern's Telephone Befriending Service

**Many older people currently go without weekly contact from family, friends and neighbours.**

Age Concern's Telephone Befriending service offers friendly regular conversation to those over 60 who may benefit.

Age Concern's 'Listening Ear' project reaches out to older people living on their own and provides a trained volunteer as a telephone befriender who can not only provide a link to the outside world but also makes the older person feel needed and valued.

With the darker nights now upon us we know this can particularly make people feel lonely, but our Age Concern service enables us to offer friendship, a good chat and a laugh - a tonic for everyone! All coming into the individual's own home.

If you would be interested in knowing more about the service please contact Hillary Stoddart, email: [projects@ageconcernnorthyorkshire.co.uk](mailto:projects@ageconcernnorthyorkshire.co.uk)  
tel: 01423 502253

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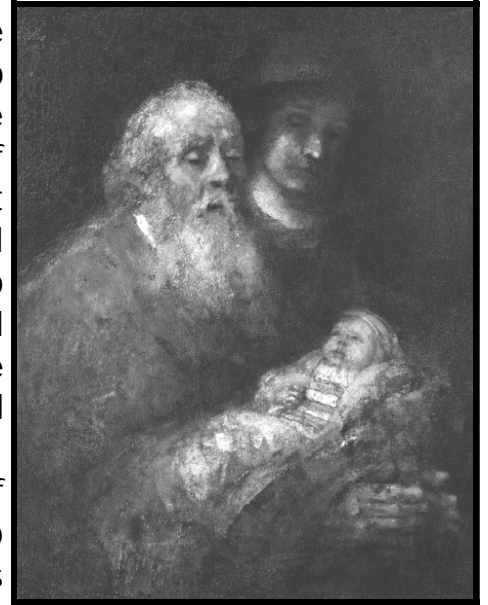
## God in the Arts

*One of a series of articles written by The Rev Michael Burgess on God in the Arts  
This month a masterpiece by Rembrandt 'Presentation of Christ'*

### Nunc Dimitis

Waiting is a common human experience. Sometimes the waiting is for good and exciting things: a birthday to arrive or a wedding day to dawn. At other times the waiting is anxious and worrying: exam results or news of loved ones serving in the forces. The waiting rooms at the doctor or dentist often have that air of anxiety and foreboding. Our lives are made up of waiting that leads to encounter, and the waiting requires patience and humility. Milton wrote in his blindness, 'They also serve who only stand and wait' as he wondered what he could do for God's kingdom now that his sight had gone.

Simeon in this month's painting of the 'Presentation of Christ' had been waiting. He belonged to a people who had been waiting for centuries. He was heir to the hopes and dreams of a nation waiting for a better world now



that the holy city was in the hands of Roman invaders. With his people he clung to the hope that God would come to bring freedom and a new life. God's chosen one, the Messiah, would bring this about. When it came, there was no fanfare, no warning, just an ordinary family from faraway Nazareth in the Temple, performing the religious duties for the firstborn son. But the waiting led to encounter, and the sight of the newborn child led to insight as Simeon recognised that light and salvation had at last come.

Rembrandt has captured all this in his painting, 'Simeon with the Christ Child in the Temple': the faith and patience, the hope and humility of an old man, a priest, who takes the babe into his arms and blesses God. It was the artist's last painting and left unfinished at his death in 1669. The figure of Mary by Simeon's side may have been painted by another artist at a later stage. It is the aged priest and the newborn babe that impress us as we look: Simeon with his venerable beard and eyes half closed, and the tiny child cradled in his strong arms, looking up intently with his eyes open.

As Rembrandt painted this canvas, was he saying something about his own life? He had not been afraid to paint his portrait at various stages - at 21, at 35, at 53 - a total of 60 portraits covering the span of years. And in all of them, whatever the age, the artist looks out from the canvas at us, asking what a 21 year old, a 35 year old, a 53 year old can say to us and teach us.

In this final painting the years have moved on as we see Simeon, mouthing 'Nunc dimittis' with his eyes half closed. Is the waiting over and the journey coming to an end, so that his eyes will fully close? Or will he open them to see that with the babe in his arms, God has more in store: the promise of a future as they step out together on a new journey?

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## *Isobel's page*

This month we will be having our Christingle service- a service which the Children's Society introduced into the Church of England in 1968 but which has its origins at a Moravian children's service which was held on Christmas Eve 1747 in Marienborn Germany. There, Bishop de Watteville spoke to the children of the happiness we possess as a result of Jesus' birth and how his coming 'kindles in each heart a flame which keeps ever burning to His joy and our happiness'. The children were given candles at the end of the service, tied with a red ribbon in memory of Jesus' coming, which they put in the windows of their homes to show God's light shining through the darkness.

Much later this simple candle was replaced by the more elaborate Christingle, rich in symbolism, which we know today.

Our Christingles today consist of an orange representing the world, a red ribbon tied round the centre representing the blood of Jesus, fruits or sweets skewered on four cocktail sticks which are pushed into the orange representing God's good gifts- the fruits of the earth and the four seasons. A lighted candle is fixed into the centre of the orange representing Christ, the light of the world.

As we make our Christingles we also take a piece of baking foil and place it on the orange before the candle is put in.



Tin foil is very useful- it has many uses .It can be used for insulation, cooking, food wrapping and for art and decoration. But just as silver paper is not actually made of silver the product, many call tin foil which we use today, although once made from a thin leaf of tin and in common use in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, is not made from tin but is actually its replacement- aluminium.

So our tin foil or more correctly aluminium foil on the Christingle is where the world of the orange and the candle come together, at the join- the place where they meet- where the light meets the world. Perhaps it reminds us that the foil represents us as Christians- that we are the body of Christ here on earth- the place where the world comes in contact with Him and vice versa.

I have read an interesting book by Edward Savio -'Idiots in the machine'- strange and complex- which tells the story of a reclusive near genius who believes that there are people living inside the earth in a kind of Eden. He thinks that wearing tin foil will keep him safe from harmful gamma rays and becomes a media sensation by marketing a successful line in tin foil hats. Just as in Savio's book the product is used as a protection, another use for the foil on the orange could be to catch any drips from the candle- to protect the orange. God has given us a wonderful world and we may be reminded by the foil that we must do our best to protect it and remember people and places that are often forgotten. The light of the candle is reflected on the foil showing us that in the dark winter of our deepest anxieties we are not alone. Jesus is with us. In the darkest times we are not left to struggle by ourselves because we have Jesus who came into the world to be our Light.

John Henry Newman, a young minister of the Church of England, was in the summer of

1833 a passenger on a ship in the Mediterranean. Whilst travelling in Sicily he had been seriously ill and had serious doubts about his work back in England. Because there was no wind the ship became becalmed in a fog bank, between Corsica and Sardinia, for a week, and the usually beautiful landscape was completely obscured by the fog. The rocky shores of Sardinia on one side and the perpendicular cliffs of Corsica on the other side were lost to the frustrated passengers. Whilst waiting for the darkness to lift and alone with his doubts Newman wrote the well known hymn *'Lead kindly light, amidst the encircling gloom, lead Thou me on. The night is dark and I am far from home- lead Thou me on'*.

When we light our Christingle candles this month we remind ourselves of the brightness which Jesus brings to the world and just like Newman, when he wrote his great hymn, we know that Jesus will be alongside us guiding us through our own darkness leading us into the brightness of His light.

*'Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see the distant scene; one step enough for me'*

*'So long Thy power has blest me, sure it still will lead me on o'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till the night is gone'*

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## It's Leap Year! - 29 February 2008



This is a Leap Year -February has 29 days in it, bringing the total days for 2008 to 366.

Leap years happen every four years, but this one is more unusual: this February has five Fridays in it. The last time a February had 5 Fridays was in 1980 and next time will be in 2036.

So - which years are leap years? In the Gregorian calendar, used by most modern countries, the following rules decide which years are leap years:

- Every year divisible by 4 is a leap year.
- But every year divisible by 100 is NOT a leap year
- Unless the year is also divisible by 400, then it is still a leap year. This means that year 1800, 1900, 2100, 2200, 2300 and 2500 are NOT leap years, while 2000 and 2400 ARE leap years. (Not that any of us will be around in 2400 to care.)

Leap years keep the calendar in alignment with the earth's motion around the sun. If we used a calendar with only ever 365 days, we'd end up 0.2422 days wrong a year - that's about six hours. Not much to begin with - but in 50 years we'd be 12 days ahead of the seasons. By adding a leap year, the calendar follows the seasons much more closely.

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### *LENT*

Ash Wednesday falls on 6<sup>th</sup> February marking the beginning of Lent. During this time we are given the opportunity once again to re-examine the way we live, our priorities, to acknowledge our past mistakes and to ask God to help us do better in the future. It is a time when we are called to make changes and that it is God's wish that we should know life in all its fullness.

Below is short selection of short prayers for lent.

Dear Lord, as we enter the holy season of Lent we begin to realise anew that these are the days of salvation, these are the acceptable days. We know that we are all sinners. We know that in many things we have offended your. We know that sin destroys your life in us as a drought withers the leaves and chokes the life from the land, leaving an arid, dusty desert. Help us now, Lord, in our attempts to make up for past sin. Bless our efforts with the rich blessing of your grace. Make us realise ever more our need of confession and forgiveness that we may know your blessing. Amen

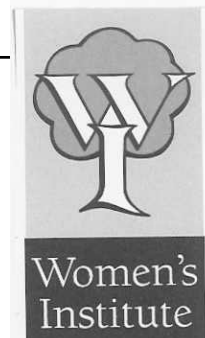
God of times and seasons, you have brought us again to Lent for the study of your Word, for the remembrance of the temptation of your Son, and for the contemplation of his cross. The birds know their seasons; forbid that we be blind to our times. Grant us a Lenten blessing, and may no one miss this time of growth. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Loving Redeemer through your passion, teach me self-denial, strengthen me against evil and adversity and so make me ready to celebrate your Resurrection. Amen.

Father of peace, we are joyful in your Word, your Son Jesus Christ, who reconciles us to you. Let us hasten toward Easter with the eagerness of faith and love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



## ***Women's Institute News***



### **Kildwick with Farnhill WI**

In spite of bad weather all but 2 members made it to the January meeting. Our speaker was Rachel from Keighley Women's Aid. They run two refuges for women and children.

We have supported them for several years but never knew what exactly they were all about. After a lively introduction a question and answer session took over and could have gone on all night!! The work done is both inspiring and horrifying.

The business part of the meeting included the collection of subscriptions for 2008; distribution of our programme and events organised by our Federation. All in all a good start to the year and lots to look forward to.

The next meeting is in the Parish Rooms at 7.30pm on 14th February - do join us for a trip to New Zealand.

### **Glusburn and Cross Hills WI**

We did not have a formal January meeting. Instead we had our New Year Dinner at The Old White Bear in Cross Hills. The meal was excellent and the friendship among members made a lovely evening. Everyone gave a prize to be raffled in aid of Manorlands. Altogether a most enjoyable occasion.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 5th February at the Cross Hills Rest Centre and the speaker is Cath Raynor, her subject "Craven District Council Handyman Scheme"

Visitors and new members will be welcome.

### **Smile lines -Church notices that didn't quite get it right:**

Mrs Thomas, of this church, wishes to thank all those members who so kindly assisted in the death of her husband.

The regular Monday night choir practise of this church will be held on Tuesday night instead of Friday night.

Children are normally collected during the Offertory Hymn.

The talk for next Friday night will be 'What is hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Tuesday at 4 pm there will be an ice cream social. Ladies giving milk should come early.

### **In the open**

Archbishop Laud, when rector of Portsea, scandalised his parishioners by walking from the rectory to the church in his cassock. 'Word went round the parish that the rector was committing celibacy openly in the streets!'

## Womens' World Day of Prayer

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm at St Peter's Methodist Church Cross Hills**



The speaker will be the Reverend Charlotte Common and the service has been prepared by the women of Guyana.

The theme is 'God's wisdom provides new understanding'

Do come- all are very welcome at this ecumenical service.

## Fellowship & Focus Group

**The Fellowship & Focus Group** will once again meet on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Rooms to watch the DVD "*Changing Lives*". **Changing Lives for Good** and **Changing Lives by Loving** are the two remaining topics. Come and join us and be inspired as you watch and hear stories from ordinary people who are changing the lives of individuals, groups and communities. Discuss situations in our community where can we help to make changes for good. For further information contact Sandie Walton 01535 636501

## Message from Edward Gee.

I would like to thank all those good people who planned my surprise 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration last week and then shared in my joy by attending. A special thanks to those who baked and provided such a lovely supper for us all to enjoy. The whole evening was one of the happiest days of my life. I do compliment everybody for managing to pull off a fantastic deception. I was utterly 'gob smacked' and totally hoodwinked right up to the very last minute when the door opened into South Craven Baptist Church. God bless you all for everything.

Edward

## Cross Hill Naturalists' Society (Founded 1904)

Meetings are held at St. Peter's, church Cross Hills for lectures. The Microscope Workshop at the Senior Citizen Centre, North Street, Sutton-in-Craven.

Please note times of meetings this month.

February

- Saturday 9th Annual General meeting (6.30 pm) followed by members evening.
- Thursday 14th Microscope Workshop (6.45 pm)
- Saturday 23rd 'Wild Orchids' Dr Irene Ridge (7 pm)

For further information contact Jean Kendrew 01535 632447

Visitors welcome at all meetings.

## ***Regular Events at Kildwick***

1st and 3rd Sunday 7pm-9pm	Craven Rock leaders meet for prayer	Ecumenical Youth fellowship
Monday 1.30pm	Bible Study at Low Green, XHills (not in Lent)	Informal Bible study and fellowship, all welcome
Tuesday 10-11.30	Chuffs (Not in school holidays)	Fun for pre-school children and their grown-ups!
Tuesdays 10am	NottheKnot Group at Low Green, Xhills	Stitching and fellowship group.
Wednesday 6-30-7.30pm	Jets in Parish Rooms (Not in school holidays)	Primary school children's group
7.30 pm	Bellringing	
Thursday 2pm	Open House in Parish Rooms	Refreshments and items for sale
7pm-8pm	Choir practice	Burnside, Bucklar Hill, Farnhill



Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	10.00am	Coffee Morning in support of Jigsaw Kids Ministry (Parish Rooms)
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb		THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE
	10.00am	Family Communion with Christingles
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb		ASH WEDNESDAY
	9.15am	Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes
	7.30pm	Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes (St Peter's Methodist Church, Cross Hills). Preacher: The Revd John Peet, Vicar of Cononley & Bradley
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	12.30pm	Stations of the Cross (In church)
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	2.45pm	Kildwick School Collective Worship in church
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	6.00pm	CDFC United Service (St Peter's, Cross Hills)
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb		CDFC Lent Course Groups begin
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7.30pm	Fellowship and Focus Group (Parish Rooms)
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10am	LEAP in Mission group ((Parish Rooms)
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.30am	Worship Advisory Group (Burnside Bucklar Hill)
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	12.30pm	Stations of the Cross (In church)
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7.00pm	PCC Meeting with Archdeacon of Craven (Parish Rooms)
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	12.30pm	Stations of the Cross (In church)
Tue 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb		CDFC Council
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Feb	12.30pm	Stations of the Cross (In church)
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar		Mothering Sunday

Thu 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7.30pm	Deanery Synod (St John's, Cullingworth)
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	12.30pm	Stations of the Cross (In church)
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7.00pm	PCC meeting (Parish Rooms)
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	12.30pm	Stations of the Cross (In church)
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	PALM SUNDAY	
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	EASTER DAY	

### ***Services at Kildwick***

Morning Prayer is said Tuesday-Friday at 7.30am

Evening Prayer is said Tuesday-Friday at 4.45pm

Mid week Eucharist on Wednesday at 9.15am.

<b>03/02/08</b>	8.15 am	Holy Communion
<b>Family Eucharist</b>	10 am	All Age Eucharist with Christingles
<b>Presentation of Christ in the Temple</b>	6 pm	No service
<b>Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	9.15am	Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes
<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	7.30pm	Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes ( <b>St Peter's Methodist Church, Cross Hills</b> ). Preacher: The Revd John Peet, Vicar of Cononley & Bradley
<b>10/02/08</b>	8.15 am	Holy Communion
<b>Eucharist</b>	10 am	Sung Eucharist with Baptisms
<b>First Sunday of Lent</b>	6 pm	CDFC Service
<b>17/02/08</b>	8.15 am	Holy Communion
<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>	10 am	Sung Eucharist with prayer for healing
	6 pm	Choral Evensong
<b>24/02/08</b>	8.15 am	Holy Communion
<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>	10 am	Sung Eucharist
	6 pm	Said Evening Prayer

**Sunday 3rd February 2008**

**At 10 am**

**The Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

**Family Service with Christingles**

**All welcome**



If you have a Children's' Society collecting box please bring it in for emptying.



## ***Church Rotas***

<b>03/02/08 10am</b> <b>Family Eucharist</b> <b>Presentation of</b> <b>Christ in the Temple</b>	First Reading - Malachi 3.1-5 Second Reading - Hebrews 2.14-18 Gospel - Luke 2.22-40	Pam Brown  Margaret Jowett
<b>10/02/08 10am</b> <b>Eucharist with</b> <b>Baptisms</b> <b>First Sunday of Lent</b>	First Reading - Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7 Second Reading - Romans 5.12-19 Gospel - Matthew 4.1-11	Libba Utley  Ruth Ward
<b>17/02/08</b> <b>Second Sunday of</b> <b>Lent</b>	First Reading - Genesis 12.1-4a Second Reading - Romans 4.1-5,13-17 Gospel - John 3.1-17	Gill Jowett Lance Peake Brian Charter
<b>24/02/08</b> <b>Third Sunday of</b> <b>Lent</b>	First Reading - Exodus 17.1-7 Second Reading - Romans 5.1-11 Gospel - John 4.5-42	Sandie Walton Christine Anderton Marjorie Gee
<b>Flower Rota</b> <b>February</b>	<b>Brass Cleaning</b> Mrs. S. Walton & Mrs. M. Jowett	<b>Sunday 10 am tea and coffee</b>
<b>3rd</b>	Mrs. Gee	June Whitaker and Betty Hawkins
<b>10th</b>	LENT	Beth Taylor Marjorie Gee
<b>17th</b>	LENT	Ann Mosley Christine Anderton
<b>24th</b>	LENT	Joyce Bonham Libba Utley

### **Church Cleaning**

9th Helen Hulley, Rosie Hargreaves, Sylvia Ackroyd

24th Marian Baxter, June Whitaker, Mary Peake, Joan Tillotson

### **Pattern of Services – Winter Routine**

This winter we will be making the same changes to our services as last year during November to March inclusive. The following services will take place in the Parish Rooms;-

- All Wednesday 9.15am Eucharists;
- All Sunday evening 6.00pm services



Date	Sidesperson	Intercessor	Communion
<b>03/02/08</b> <b>10am Family</b> <b>Eucharist</b> <b>Presentation of</b>	Joan Houghton Barry Houghton Sandi Walton Isobel Stirk	Lesley Hudson	Michael Baumber
<b>10/02/08</b> <b>10am Eucharist</b> <b>with Baptisms</b> <b>First Sunday of</b>	David Baxter Libba Utley Christine Anderton Ann Mosley	Gill Jowett	Christine Anderton Tim Littler
<b>17/02/08</b> <b>Second Sunday</b> <b>of Lent</b>	June Whitaker Pam Brown Brian Green Howard Stirk	Peter Bannister	Gary McKinney Gill Jowett
<b>24/02/08</b> <b>Third Sunday of</b> <b>Lent</b>	Eleanor Eastwood Dorothy Ward Christine Hutchinson Joyce Boden	Isobel Stirk	Janet Swain John Exley

**Sunday 2nd March 10.00 am**

**Family Service for**

**Mothering Sunday**

**with flowers for mothers and others**

**All welcome**



## FROM THE REGISTERS

### Baptisms

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December      Martha Grace Jackson, daughter of Simon & Joanna of Stanbury

### Funerals

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January      Nellie Smith, of Main Street, Farnhill  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January      Dickie Easto, of Kildwick (at Skipton Crematorium)

## ***FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL***

The Meeting of Farnhill Parish Council was held on the 3rd January 2008 in Kildwick & Farnhill Institute.

The meeting was chaired by Counc G McKimiey Chairman. Six members of the council were present.

Counc. R Bramley confirmed that the usual safety checks had been carried out in the Play Area. The rubber mulching for the Play Panel Area and the cross-cutting of the balance beam will be carried out when the weather improves.

EON have confirmed that the cost of electric is split into twelve equal monthly payments based on an annual usage of 9821kWh. YLCA confirmed that it is perfectly acceptable for Parish Councils to pay by electronic payment.

The contract for electricity supply from EON was signed by the Chairman and a direct debit proposal completed by the Parish Council.

Clerk to contact NYCC for a quote for two Windsor Authority Lanterns and one new post for the lights on Newby Road, also to get advice on which poles would be suitable.

Nycc Highways Area Manager responded to the Parish Councils request for low noise surfacing for the A629, by stating that the Highways Agency did not actually hand over any money to NYCC for non-routine maintenance work, as they had understood would happen. Instead Highways Agency had agreed to complete a list of refurbishment works which NYCC provided. (Copy supplied to Parish Council)

They state that there is no prescribed limit of road noise and that the surface of the A629 near Farnhill will not be replaced before it is worn out, at which time consideration will be given to using a low noise surfacing.

Clerk to respond by stating that the Parish Council are disappointed with the result and ask how much value the work which has been done equates to. Also to ask how long the present surface is likely to last.

Responses have been sent to the Post Office Consultation by the Parish Council and Councs. R Bramley and I Fulton attended a meeting of Craven Area Committee where two representatives of the Post Office attended to receive comments on the proposed closures. The Parish Councillors advised the Post Office that information given on the branch access report was flawed and the journey to Cross Hills the first alternative Post Office would be almost impossible for the elderly & infirm.

Clerk to ask Terry Rhodes who is responsible for the audit of Accessibility, to visit Farnhill again with a member of Postwatch so the Parish Council can walk the village with them and show them first hand the difficulties that people would face to get to the nearest branch were Farnhill to close.

A petition has been placed in the Institute where residents can show their support for the Post Office.

The request form from CDC for the Precept 2008/2009 was completed by the Parish Council

Comic M Scarife to ask for confirmation of quote of £250.00 for the removal of two trees at the Arbour to be sent to the Clerk. Clerk to confirm their Public Liability Insurance and

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then ask to go ahead.

Concerns were expressed about dog fouling on the path to the Arbour and the Canal Bank. Clerk to ask CDC to supply dog fouling notices.

**DATE OF NEXT Meeting OF The Parish Council 7th February 2008  
in FARNHILL INSTITUTE AT 7-30pm  
All members of the village are welcome to attend.**

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**EXPERT TUITION PROVIDED**

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**Thursday 14th February at 10 am**  
In the Parish Rooms

We meet again to explore in more depth the work of the mission agencies—we have looked at - CMS, with a particular interest in Kate and Tim Lee and family, Barnabas. and BibleLands. Please do join us



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



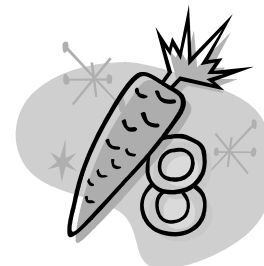


## ***This month's recipes***

Here are some recipes found in a book compiled by Stones Methodist Church, Ripponden

### **Carrots Glazed with Ginger and pepper**

Carrots  
Ground ginger  
Black pepper  
Olive oil or butter  
Chopped parsley, coriander or watercress to garnish



Simply peel and slice some carrots, then parboil them (about 10 minutes). . Drain the water. Add oil or butter (or a mixture) and sauté, stirring regularly. Grind in plenty of black pepper and shake in some ground ginger. Keep stirring and cook until the pepper and ginger are well blended and the carrots glazed — 5 minutes or so.

You can easily experiment with variations on the theme e.g. used a tangy ginger sauce instead of ground ginger, or you could add a splash of balsamic vinegar. It goes well with any roast meat, chops, steaks and vegetarian dishes.

### **Lavender Shortbread**

160 g (6 ozs) softened butter  
80 g (3 ozs) caster sugar  
2 tps fresh lavender flowers or 1 tsp dried lavender  
240 g (8½ ozs) plain flour



Preheat the oven to 170°/Gas Mark 3.

Beat together the butter, sugar and lavender until pale and creamy.

Sift in the flour and cornflour and work to a smooth dough.

Alternatively, you mix everything in a food processor or use an electric blender.

Turn the mixture into a greased rectangular tin, about 18 cm x 28 cm (7in x 10in), and press it out into an even layer. Prick all over with a fork pushing the fork right through the dough.

Bake in the oven for 20-25 minutes, until very lightly coloured and just firm to the touch. Remove from the oven, sprinkle with caster sugar and mark into fingers by pressing a couple of millimetres into the still- soft biscuit with the blade of a knife. Leave to cool and harden, then carefully break through the knife marks into fingers.

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## 14 February St Valentine's Day

There are two confusing things about this day of romance and anonymous love-cards strewn with lace, cupids and ribbon: firstly, there seems to have been two different Valentines in the 4th century - one a priest martyred on the Flaminian Way, under the emperor Claudius, the other a bishop of Terni martyred at Rome. And neither seems to have had any clear connection with lovers or courting couples.

So why has Valentine become the patron saint of romantic love? By Chaucer's time the link was assumed to be because on these saints' day -14 February - the birds are supposed to pair. Or perhaps the custom of seeking a partner on St Valentine's Day is a surviving scrap of the old Roman Lupercalia festival, which took place in the middle of February. One of the Roman gods honoured during this Festival was Pan, the god of nature. Another was Juno, the goddess of women and marriage. During the Lupercalia it was a popular custom for young men to draw the name of a young unmarried woman from a name-box. The two would then be partners or 'sweethearts' during the time of the celebrations. Even modern Valentine decorations bear an ancient symbol of love - Roman cupids with their bows and love-arrows.

There are no churches in England dedicated to Valentine, but since 1835 his relics have been claimed by the Carmelite church in Dublin.

### What is true love?

*Here are the answers that a group of four to eight year olds gave....*

"When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love." Rebecca- age 8

"When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth." Billy - age 4

"Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other." Karl - age 5

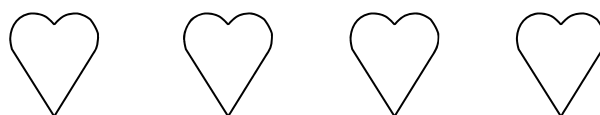
"If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate." Nikka - age 6

"Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well." Tommy - age 6

"I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones." Lauren - age 4

"When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you." Karen - age 7

"You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget." Jessica - age 8



## Children's page

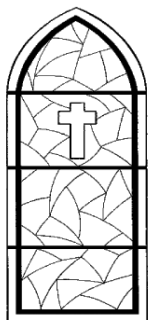


### LENT

Lent, before Easter, is like Advent before Christmas, a time of preparation. Lent is when we remember that Jesus prepared himself for starting his ministry by going away by himself for 40 days of fasting and prayer. You can read about it in your Bible: Matthew, chapter 4, verses 1-11; Mark, chapter 1, verses 12-13 and Luke, chapter 4, verses 1-13.

Jesus went into the wilderness, a quiet lonely place away from people where he could think things out. He knew that his work would be hard, that many people would not listen to him, or if they listened, they would not believe him. During these 40 days Jesus made his choice: to work in God's way however hard that might be.

This year Lent starts on 6th February and goes three quarters of March: have you thought about how YOU are going to prepare yourself to follow Jesus this Lent?



### SPRING COLOURS

The missing words in this puzzle are all colours which are mentioned with these things in the Bible.

1. Pastures, herbs and olives are all \_\_\_\_\_.
2. A sea, tents and wine are \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Hangings in the Temple, pomegranates and doors of tents were all \_\_\_\_\_.
4. A horse, robes and teeth were all \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Kings' raiment (clothing), Jesus' robe and the dye that Lydia sold were all \_\_\_\_\_.
6. One of the gifts to the baby Jesus, candlesticks and spoons were \_\_\_\_\_.
7. A raven, clouds and chariot horses were \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Lips, a thread tied to a window and robes are \_\_\_\_\_.

Answers at the bottom of this page.



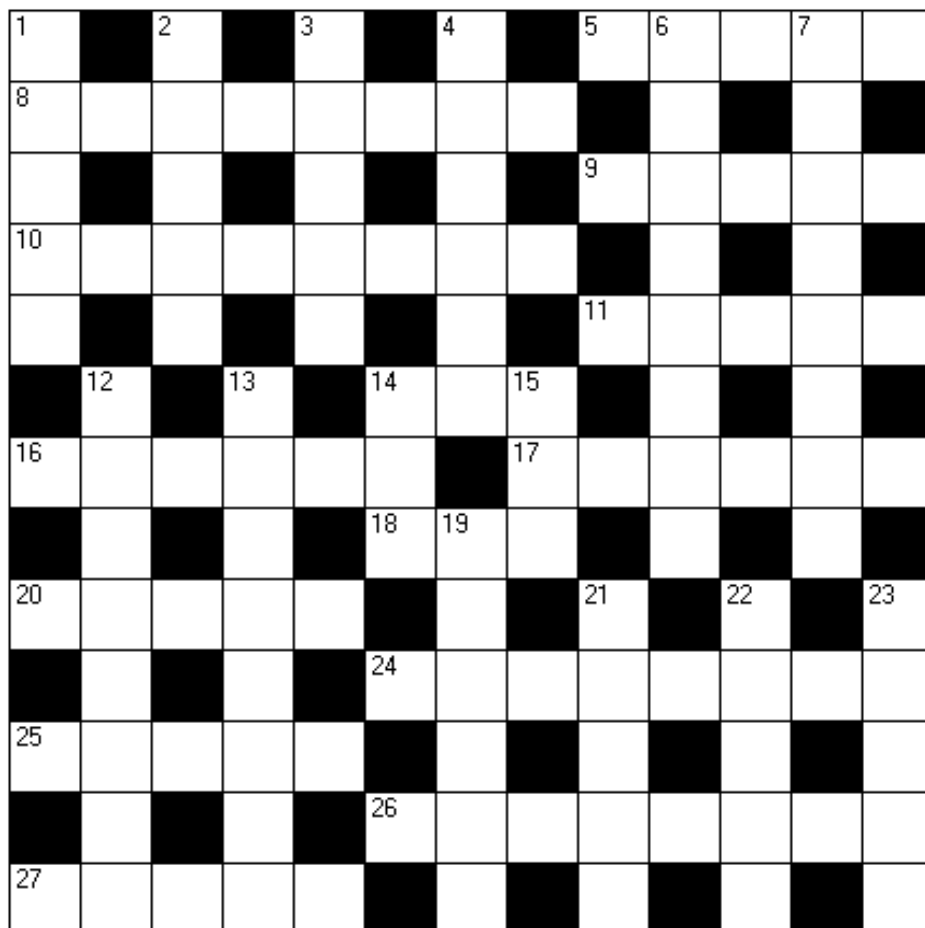
**What do you do with a green monster?**

Wait till he's ripe.



Answers: 1.green 2.red 3.blue 4.white 5.purple 6.gold 7.black 8.scarlet





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### Across

- 5 Regal, like the bride in Psalm 45 (5)  
 8 ..not \_\_\_\_\_, but in secret (John 7.10) (8)  
 9 The two in Isaiah ch. 7 are described as smouldering (5)  
 10 As cruel as the bible without its eighth book? (8)  
 11 Scottish river (5)  
 14 A woman in Matthew ch. 26 had an alabaster one (3)  
 16 For which the Philistines gathered at Pas Dammim in 2 Samuel ch. 23 (6)  
 17 Older of two prostitutes in Ezekiel ch. 23 (6)  
 18 Marry (3)  
 20 Person of great holiness (5)  
 24 All Israel, aliens and \_\_\_\_\_ alike (Jos 8.33) (8)  
 25 Joshua had such a turban put on his head in Zechariah ch. 3 (5)  
 26 Mark ch. 16 describes Jesus as such a person (8)  
 27 Stage whisper (5)

### Down

- 1 Pointed top to a church tower (5)  
 2 Diminish (5)  
 3 Stringed instrument (5)  
 4 Son of Shaphat in 1 Kings ch. 19 (6)  
 6 Pertaining to the Eastern church (8)  
 7 Belonging to an abbey (8)  
 12 Stories told by Jesus (8)  
 13 ..using the cubit of the old \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Chr 3.3) (8)  
 14 eg Aquila in Acts ch. 18 (3)  
 15 He who spares it hates his son, according to Proverbs ch. 13 (3)  
 19 Tishbite prophet in 1 Kings ch. 17 (6)  
 21 ..transfer of property to become \_\_\_\_\_ (Ruth 4.7) (5)  
 22 Precious stone, to which Isaiah ch. 13 compares Babylon (5)  
 23 Second son of Jacob and Zilpah in Genesis ch. 30 (5)

**Answers on page 31**

## Christian Basics: Sin and Suffering

'What's wrong with the world? How can a God of love allow suffering?' These are questions that many people ask in the light of their own experience. In answer to these questions, the Christian Faith offers an understanding of how sin affects both the human race and the whole created order.

Genesis gives us a picture of how sin first entered the world. In Genesis 2:16-17, God gave Adam and Eve a far reaching permission ('You are free to eat from any tree in the garden'), a prohibition ('But you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil') and them warned them of the penalty if they disobeyed ('For when you eat of it you will surely die').

In Genesis 3, we see how Adam and Eve broke God's law by eating of the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. As a result their eyes were opened to the nature of sin (they knew shame) and their relationship with God was broken (they hid from him). Also as a consequence they faced the reality of death in their lives. This story expresses the truth that God gives us free will (an essential aspect of our humanity) to live with God at the centre of our lives or not.

There are different pictures in the Bible which describe the nature of sin:

Firstly, a spirit of independence: choosing to live our own lives in our own way, independent of God. This means we do our own thing, regardless whether it pleases God or helps others.

Secondly, ignoring the maker's instructions: if you buy an expensive item of equipment and then ignore the user instructions, you have only yourself to blame if things go wrong! God created us to function with him at the centre of our lives.

Thirdly, missing the mark: we will fail an exam if we have missed the pass mark, however near we get to it. As Paul reminds us, 'All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God' (Romans 3:23).

Fourthly, leaving God out of our lives: we don't want God to interfere with our lives, preferring our own ideas, plans and standards of behaviour.

There was a famous correspondence in The Times under the title 'What's wrong with the world?' One letter written by GK Chesterton simply said: 'Dear Sir, I am.'

As Lent begins this month, it is a good time to stop and consider what place God currently holds in our lives.

### In the wilderness

Christ of his gentleness  
Thirsting and hungering  
Walked in the wilderness;  
Soft words of grace He spoke  
Unto lost desert-folk  
That listened wondering.  
He heard the bitterns call  
From ruined palace-wall,  
Answered them brotherly....  
And ever with him went,

Of all his wanderings  
Comrade, with ragged coat,  
Gaunt ribs - poor innocent -  
Bleeding foot, burning throat,  
The guileless old scape-goat;  
For forty nights and days  
Followed in Jesus' ways,  
Sure guard behind him kept,  
Tears like a lover wept.

Robert Graves 1895-1935

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and  
shop**



*...er... apart from this little hiccup... it was an excellent church pancake supper...*

## **swap and shop**

Why not sell your unwanted items here  
**FREE.**

Contact Lesley on 01535 633887 or email  
lesley.hudson@kildwick.org.uk

### **For sale.**

- TV cabinet £30.00 Tel 01535 635175
- Coy bed. Light wood, very good condition with bedding and mattress £50.00 ono. Tel 01535 633620, 35 main Street Farnhill.
- Riding body protector, small ladies size. Good condition. £10 Tel 01535 633887

### **Across**

5 Royal 8 Publicly 9 Stubs 10 Ruthless 11 Forth 14 Jar 16 Battle 17 Oholah  
18 Wed 20 Saint 24 Citizens 25 Clean 26 Nazarene 27 Aside

### **Down**

1 Spire 2 Abate 3 Viola 4 Elisha 6 Orthodox 7 Abbatial 12 Parables 13 Standard  
14 Jew 15 Rod 19 Elijah 21 Final 22 Jewel 23 Asher