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

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## **February 2010**

### **Parish Mission Statement**

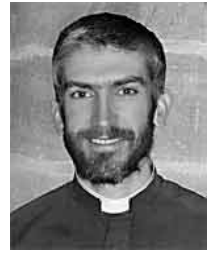
Called to be the body of Christ,  
we are here to share God's love with all people,  
through outreach and service,  
in our community and in the world,  
through the power of the Holy Spirit

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



Dear friends,

On Tuesday 12 January the world was shaken metaphorically as the tiny nation of Haiti in the Caribbean was shaken literally by a devastating earthquake. More than 150,000 people were killed and as many as 1.5 million people made homeless.

Rightly, the peoples of the world responded quickly with financial support to aid and relief agencies. In this county the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) appeal has so far raised £58 million which is marvellous but, of course, much more will be needed to support the long term rebuilding of Haiti.

To this end, the PCC has agreed that our special Lent appeal this year will be in aid of the ongoing work of Christian Aid in Haiti. I hope you will be generous in your continuing financial support.

Of course, major disasters such as the Haiti earthquake or the Asian Tsunami in December 2004 or the Bam earthquake in Turkey in December 2003 can quickly lead people to ask the "Why" questions; typically, "Why did God allow this to happen?"

A few days after the Haiti earthquake, the Revd Canon Giles Fraser gave a very helpful Thought for the Day on Radio 4. His piece included the following:

"Well, I have no answer to the question of how God can allow so many innocent people to die in natural disasters, like the earthquakes of Lisbon or Haiti. And indeed, I can quite understand that many will regard these events as proof positive that religious people are living a foolish dream.

"And yet, I still believe. For there exists a place in me - deeper than my rational self - that compels me to respond to tragedies like Haiti not with argument but with prayer. On a very basic level, what people find in religion is not so much the answers, but a means of responding to and living with life's hardest questions. And this is why a tragedy like this doesn't, on the whole, make believers suddenly wake up to the foolishness of their faith. On the contrary, it mostly tends to deepen our sense of a need for God.

"What many believers mean by faith is not that we have a firm foundation in rational justification. Those, like Leibniz, who try to claim this are, I believe, rationalizing something that properly exists on another level. Which is why, at a moment like this, I'd prefer to leave the arguments to others. For me, this is a time quietly to light a candle for the people of Haiti and to offer them up to God in my prayers. May the souls of the departed rest in peace."

Natural disasters, such as the Haiti earthquake are quite different, of course, from human disasters such as the ongoing wars and conflicts of the world. The former are caused by the faults inherent in the living planet on which we live; the latter are caused by the systemic faults inherent in humankind's inability to live in peace with each other.

The awkward question, perhaps, is how long will Haiti remain on your mind. Before the earthquake how often did you think about this tiny nation of only 8.7 million people, a county where the living conditions are about as low as you can go and mortality rate about as high?

Similarly, how often do you think about the tragedy that befalls the world each and every day when as many as 16,000 children die of hunger and preventable diseases?!

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As we move into the season of Lent (Ash Wednesday is on 17<sup>th</sup> February), perhaps you can spend time reflecting on the darkness of the world and praying for the light of the God who loves and cares for all to shine into the darkness and bring new life, resurrection life.

Peace. Shalom.



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## The Season of Lent

Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday**; this year the date is 17<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.

*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 good way to aid your reflection during Lent is to read a book written especially to explore the theme of the death and resurrection of Jesus.*

*The following books have recently been published and can be bought or ordered from Cornerstone Christian Bookshop, Newmarket Street, Skipton.*

### ***A Bit Like Jesus, Robin Gill, SPCK £6.99***

This book began as a series of Lent lectures and contains a reflection for every one of the weekdays leading up to Easter. Its author has a particular interest in medical ethics, and uses the healing stories of the Gospels as a way of exploring what it is to be Christlike.

The result is a strikingly rich volume: friendly, chatty, learned, sincere, and often very profound. It also does not shy away from controversy. There are pieces here on paedophile priests, assisted suicide, and faith healing. The final week combines a fascinating analysis of Jesus' injunction to those whom he healed that they should keep silent with criticism of the American evangelist Morris Cerullo.

There is plenty here to think about — and to discuss. There is also opportunity for prayer. Each section closes with a passage from both the Psalms and the Qur'an. Whether this is seen as meaningful or simply gimmicky will naturally depend on the reader.

### ***The Things He Said: The story of the first Easter Day, Stephen Cottrell, SPCK £6.99***

This book by the Bishop of Reading is an imaginative reconstruction of the events after the resurrection. Using the words Jesus spoke on Easter Day and in the weeks that followed as inspiration, the book takes us from Mary Magdalene's experience at the empty tomb to the commissioning of the disciples.

*The Things He Said* is a lively and original piece of work, which contains much to stimulate both thought and debate.

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***This Risen Existence: The Spirit of Easter*, Paula Gooder, Canterbury Press £8.99**

Paula Gooder is an prolific and reliable guide to the Church's seasons. *This Risen Existence* takes the story of Jesus' death on from Easter Day. The result is scintillating and exciting theolo-gical writing.

Over five chapters, *This Risen Ex-istence* explores the resurrection in each of the Gospels and the epistles. It then devotes a chapter each to the ascension and Pentecost. Effortlessly combining anecdote, theo-logical reflection, and serious biblical study, this book has some-thing for every-one.

The book argues that the resurrec-tion is cataclysm in human history: something that not only changes us, but alters creation itself. It is not, however, complete without Pente-cost or the ascension.

***Our Sound is Our Wound*, Lucy Winkett, Continuum £9.99**

Lucy Winkett is Canon Precentor of St Paul's and a trained soprano. *Our Sound is Our Wound* brings together both her interests: religion and music. It is a book about the the-ology of sound: about the music of the church and the noise of the streets; about the lyrics of pop songs and the words of the Bible.

Indeed, *Our Sound is Our Wound* is a remarkable book in itself, so full of insights that it is almost over-flow-ing with ideas. One chapter is devoted to exploring the import-ance of angels; another begins with Doubting Thomas, stops off at the City of London, and concludes with a meditation on the Church. It is a book that takes in the rapper Ms Dyna-mite, the TV presenter Jeremy Kyle, and some original biblical exegesis.

There is also practical, pastoral material here, and a lovely analogy between reading the Bible and play-ing music. Just as "the score only becomes music when the players or singers take it up and give it life by playing it," so the Bible becomes scripture only when we live it out in our own lives.

Have a good Lent — and enjoy your reading.

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**Parcevall Hall: A Weekend Away**  
**9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> July 2010**

Parcevall Hall is the Bradford Diocesan Retreat House, situated near Appletreewick. It has excellent facilities, offering the com-fort of an old house, the peace of a rural situation and the scenic beauty of Wharfedale.



The Hall has been booked for a weekend away next July. The leader will be the Revd Paul Booth. Paul is an experienced leader of church quiet days and weekends.

The cost will be £115 full board, from Friday supper to Sunday teatime. To book a place please send a £25 deposit to Robin Figg, The Vicarage. For more details contact Robin, 633307.

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## ***CROSS HILLS & DISTRICT FELLOWSHIP of Churches***

*Local Christians working together*



### **Lent Course 2010 – “Faith and...Health”**

Following the success of last year's format for our ecumenical Lent course, we will again be having one meeting each week on Wednesday evening when a visiting speaker will come and speak about an issue of current interest.

Each evening will take place in St Peter's Methodist Church, Cross Hills and will begin at 7.30pm. The speaker will speak for up to 30 minutes and there will then be time for questions and discussion. Refreshments will then be served.

The programme of sessions will be as follows:

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| 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb   | <b>Faith and Disability Issues</b> with the Revd Bob Shrine, Minister in the Deaf Community in West Yorkshire.   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> March  | <b>Faith and Stories of hope in the Land of Forgetfulness</b> with the Revd Gaynor Hammond, Baptist Minister and writer & speaker on dementia.                 |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> March | <b>Faith and Mental &amp; Spiritual Health in Mission</b> with Dr Jonathan Blakeborough, tutor for the Hull York Medical School.                               |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> March | <b>Faith and the Ethics of Assisted Suicide</b> with the Revd Dr Rod Anderson, University Chaplain and former Chair of the Bradford Diocesan Ethics Committee. |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> March | <b>Faith and Keeping Healthy</b> with the Revd Dr Paul Severs, Baptist Minister and former Community Paediatrician.  |

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### **Access through the Churchyard – 24 hour closure**

Notice is given that the churchyard will be closed during the period 6.00pm Friday 26 February 2010 to 6.00pm Saturday 27 February 2010.

The PCC is taking this action in support of its claim that the paths through the churchyard are permissive paths, not rights-of-way.

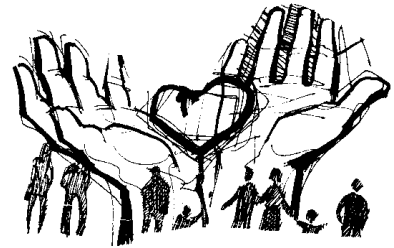
Please note that the paths through the churchyard, whilst still owned by the Church, are maintained by Craven District Council. It is the stated view of the District Council that the paths are fit for the purpose of providing access for those visiting the church or graves in the churchyard. It therefore follows that people using the paths for any other purpose do so at their own risk.

When walking through the churchyard please keep off the gravestones and the graves. This is both a matter of respect for the churchyard being consecrated ground and health and safety.

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**A PRAYER FOR VALENTINE'S DAY**

Praise to the One whose love stirs the ancient embers  
Sparks the breath of prayer  
Praise to the One whose love entices the wandering  
Beckons the confused  
Praise to the One whose loves grows wings on the weary  
Dreams hope in the discouraged  
Praise to the One whose love soothes with the ointment of mercy  
Transforms with the touch of compassion  
Praise to the One whose love threads the energy of friendship  
Stitches the strength of fidelity  
Praise to the One whose love tickles the soul with laughter  
Urges the heart towards joy  
Praise to the One whose love embraces the untamed  
Dances with the passionate  
ALL PRAISE TO THIS GRACIOUS ONE  
ALL GRATITUDE TO THIS BELOVED  
ALL LOVE TO THIS MENTOR OF FRIENDSHIP  
ALL DEVOTION TO THIS SHAPER OF HEARTS



By Joyce Rupps

**Lent**

The purpose of lent is to be a season of fasting, self denial, Christian growth, penitence, conversion and simplicity. Lent which comes from the Germanic word for springtime, can be viewed as a spiritual spring cleaning: a time for taking spiritual inventory and then clearing out these things which hinder our corporate and personal relationships with Jesus Christ and our service to Him.



FATHER IN HEAVEN THE LIGHT OF YOUR TRUTH BESTOWS SIGHT TO  
THE DARKNESS OF SINFUL EYES  
MAY THE SEASON OF REPENTANCE BRING US THE BLESSING OF YOUR  
FORGIVENESS AND THE GIFT OF YOUR LIGHT  
GRANT THIS THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN

Inspired by the Celtic Christian Church.

This month's page complied by Eleanor Eastwood

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## Haitian Earthquake Appeal

I'm sure like me you are shocked and horrified at the news from Haiti. Sometimes I have to turn the TV off when faced with such pictures (I think they call it compassion fatigue) but this time I felt I owed it to them to watch; and the pictures kept me awake. I lived and worked there for two years (only the third VSO volunteer to ever be allowed into the country) when I left college. I conducted the choir in their beautiful cathedral and six days a week I worked in a school for blind and handicapped children which was the only such place on the island. It is –was– only a few hundred yards down from the palace which is badly damaged. The children slept in galleries round a central courtyard, the whole structure supported on pillars. I doubt if many of those children have survived.

Haitians are on the whole cheerful, friendly, optimistic people—remarkable when you consider the brutality and oppression they endured for over 30 years. It is one of the poorest countries in the world, and one of the reasons most people know so little about it is that Papa Doc threw out all foreign correspondents and journalists in the 60s, after the publication of Graham Greene's book *The Comedians*. You will have heard the word 'infrastructure' bandied about—what this means is that they have no emergency services, no teams with heavy lifting equipment, no paramedics, no well equipped health centres or banks of trained nurses and doctors to call on in emergencies. They were feeling their way finally towards a tentative democracy - this will almost destroy them. Even as they count bodies infection will set in, there will probably be looting and always there will be the powerful and corrupt minority preying on the weak.

I write to urge you to give generously to the Emergency Disasters Funds. Please think about what you spent on Christmas, what you might spend in the sales or on your next holiday. £10 will buy an emergency pack - clean water, rice, flour, salt. You'll save a life, £20 might buy bandages, antibiotics, maybe blood supplies for transfusions - you'll save lives. More money will save more lives. Thank you so much.

Glyn Evans - organist and choirmistress at St. Andrew's Church, Kildwick.

*(Please feel free to contact me if you would like me to come and talk about my VSO experience)*

***Our collection this Lent at Kildwick Church will be for Christian Aid's disaster appeal for Haiti.***

***You can give to the Christian Aid appeal by going to:  
[www.christianaid.org.uk/haiti-appeal](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/haiti-appeal)***

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**Women's World Day of Prayer** Page 9  
**Friday 5th March 7.30pm**  
**at St. Joseph's R.C. Church Aire Street Cross Hills**

The service this year has been prepared by the women of Cameroon and the theme is:

**'Everything that has breath  
praise  
God'**



We do hope as many women and men will attend this ecumenical service.

**CMS Valentines Coffee Morning  
on Sat February 13th.**

**In aid of our Mission Partners.  
To be held in the Parish Rooms Kildwick  
from 10 to 12.30 pm.**

Free admission  
but donations welcomed,  
to be Gift aided if possible.





# **BIBLE HISTORY**

*written by Michael Baumber*



## **The Gospel Story : The Lost Years 3 A LAND FLOWING WITH MILK AND HONEY?**

Josephus had no doubts. Galilee was the richest part of old Israel. The Sea of Galilee abounded in fish. The soil in both the plains and the valleys was extremely fertile. They produced grain, olives and grapes in abundance, all in excess of what was needed by the population. The surplus was exported, most of it to the port of Tyre, which depended on food supplies from the interior, and in exchange they got Mediterranean luxuries. But that was not the whole story. There were two factors which substantially dimmed the picture for most of the population.

The first was taxation which took three forms. Herod the Great demanded a tribute equivalent to a quarter of the value of the items produced. We would regard this as a penal rate of taxation but Herod was asking a little less than his predecessors. In the time of the Ptolemies it had been as much as a third and the Jewish Hasmonean rulers were not much better. Herod at least was sensitive to economic conditions and twice remitted part of it when the harvest was particularly bad. He and his son Herod Antipas also brought a period of almost complete peace. Apart from secular taxation there was also the temple tribute which will be examined more closely in the next article and finally there were the tolls. You could not go far along the roads of Galilee without encountering them. They were so frequent that they paralysed trade. The only way to make a profit was to form part of a combine which took on the toll farms themselves.

The other factor was landholding. Alexander the Great had regarded his conquests as plunder and divided them between his generals. Ptolemy got most of Palestine and distributed much of his land to his supporters. When the Seleucids came to power they dispossessed Ptolemy's supporters and put in their own. The Seleucids were then evicted by the Jewish Hasmoneans and then the Hasmoneans by the Herodian supporters of Rome. For the Jewish peasant there was not much to choose between them. They had stolen what they regarded as their land rights. Large swathes of Galilee had passed into the hands of absentee landlords sitting comfortably in their opulent houses in Sepphoris or Tiberias and administering their lands either through servants or tenant farmers. Small landholders did still exist but the tolls described earlier made it impracticable for them to sell their produce outside the local market and it often only took a bad year to reduce them to the status of the day labourers Jesus pictures in the market square waiting for work. This situation explains why Jesus never went to Sepphoris, which was only 6 miles down the road from Nazareth, or Tiberias during his ministry. He knew that any attempt to convert their inhabitants would have immediately lost him the support of the rural Jewish peasants among whom he had grown up.

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## Glusburn Luncheon Club

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Tired of cooking every day  
or  
eating on your own?

Why not come along and have your lunch  
at  
Glusburn Institute Baths Hall  
every Wednesday at 12 noon.  
2-course hot lunch and a cup of tea for only  
£2.70  
Ring Val 633052 or Margaret 634207  
for more details.

## Archbishop Welcomes Fairtrade Kit Kat

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu, has praised the recent launch of the Fairtrade Kit Kat at Nestle's factory in York. Dr Sentamu said: "I can remember two years ago saying that Nestle should make their chocolate Fairtrade, and many people in York stood up to support the campaign for Fairtrade justice. So when I heard that Nestle was making Kit Kat Fairtrade, I simply said 'Wow!' It goes to show that people can make a difference.



"I have visited the workers at the co-operative in the Ivory Coast who will benefit from Kit Kat four-finger bar becoming Fairtrade, and I know that this is a real step forward in giving them the justice, recognition and pay they deserve.

"The next step is to make all other produce Fairtrade where possible – in particular my own favourite, the Yorkie!...In the Ivory Coast, Nestle has invested heavily in a research centre for delivering millions of high quality cocoa trees, which also has the potential to develop millet, sorghum, cassava and coffee. This is breath-taking for all concerned. Fairtrade Yorkie – here we come!"

## Fairtrade Fortnight – 22<sup>nd</sup> February to 7<sup>th</sup> March



### Swap your usual stuff for Fairtrade stuff

For this year's Fairtrade Fortnight we're asking the nation to join us in The Big Swap. For two whole weeks we'll be asking you to swap your usual stuff for Fairtrade stuff; your usual bananas for Fairtrade bananas, your usual cotton socks for Fairtrade cotton socks, and your usual cuppa for a Fairtrade cuppa. This means that every time you go shopping, you can use your wallet to make a stand.

To find out more go to:

[www.fairtrade.org.uk/thebigswap/about\\_the\\_big\\_swap/](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/thebigswap/about_the_big_swap/)

### Some facts and figures on Fairtrade

Sales of Fairtrade certified products in the UK; estimated UK retail sales by value 1998-2008 (£ million)

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Coffee:	13.7	15.0	15.5	18.6	23.1	34.3	49.3	65.8	93.0	117.0	137.3
Tea:	2.0	4.5	5.1	5.9	7.2	9.5	12.9	16.6	25.1	30.0	64.8
Chocolate/cocoa:	1.0	2.3	3.6	6.0	7.0	10.9	16.5	21.9	29.7	25.5	26.8
Honey products:	n/a	n/a	0.9	3.2	4.9	6.1	3.4	3.5	3.4	2.7	5.2
Bananas:	n/a	n/a	7.8	14.6	17.3	24.3	30.6	47.7	65.6	150.0	184.6
Flowers:	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4.3	5.7	14.0	24.0	33.4
Wine:	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.5	3.3	5.3	8.2	10.0
Cotton:	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.2	4.5	34.8	77.9
Other:	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.2	3.5	7.2	22.3	30.3	45.7	100.8	172.6
TOTAL	16.7	21.8	32.9	50.5	63.0	92.3	140.8	195.0	286.3	493.0*	712.6

\*following review, some of the 2007 figures have been amended but the total remains the same.

Globally, consumers worldwide spent £1.6bn on Fairtrade certified products in 2007. This is a 47% increase on the previous year directly benefiting over 7 million people - farmers, workers and their families in 58 developing countries.

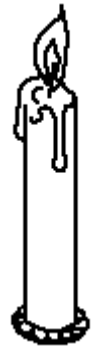
You may agree with me that when you are reading a book as you come to end of it you wish it could go on a little further or you may think that if you had been the author it could very well have come to a very different conclusion. I have read a very entertaining book called 'Rebecca's Tale' which is a sequel to one with a very similar title by Daphne Du Maurier and which gives an insight into the character, early life and upbringing of the first eponymous Mrs De Winter. I find it quite fascinating when contemporary writers pick up where others have left off. There is a book called 'The Return to Wuthering Heights' which, I suppose, carries on, to some extent, where Emily Bronte's great masterpiece left the reader wondering if the next generation will succeed or will go on to make all the same mistakes those gone before did. Jean Rhys in her book 'The Wide Sargasso Sea', inspired by 'Jane Eyre', goes the other way- she tells the story of Mr Rochester's first wife, Bertha Mason, a white Creole heiress, growing up on a Caribbean island- describing racial issues and local superstitions.

Why do individual writers write as they do? A frequent question I am asked is- how was Emily Bronte able to write 'Wuthering Heights' without having the experience of much of what she wrote about? My answer to this is always that we may not have to actually experience any of these feelings and occurrences because we all possess a wonderful thing which is called imagination! However there is some train of thought, and there has been intensive research carried out, which shows that there may have been a young man – a weaver- with whom she was in love but who died at a very young age- quite normal in the Haworth of those days. Charles Dickens was a writer who used his own background and his experiences of life and people when he wrote. In 'Little Dorritt' William Dorritt has been in the Marshalsea debtors' prison for so long his children have all grown up there- Dickens' own father had been imprisoned there. His own experiences as a law clerk and the failure of Chancery are shown in 'Bleak House'. Dickens rented a house in Broadstairs where there was a shop called The Old Curiosity Shop and 'Barnaby Rudge' is based on the Gordon riots. His 'Great Expectations' is thought to be semi-autobiographical. I referred to different endings in books earlier and the ending of this work could have been very different. Apparently he originally wrote that, after Estella's abusive husband died, she and Pip are parted forever because she is remarried to a doctor. However Dickens' friend, Edward Bulwyer Lytton, after whom he named his youngest son and who founded, with Dickens, the Guild of Literature and Art, persuaded him to change the ending to the one so familiar to us- the one where we now assume, after they have met again in the ruins of Sates House, that Pip and Estella will live together- 'happily ever after'- *'I took her hand in mine and we went out of the ruined place..... I saw no shadow of another parting from her'*

Lytton, born in 1806, was a fertile writer and pioneered a style of writing that, although popular in its day, has been considered overly florid by contemporary critics. He introduced into our language many phrases- *the great un- washed, pursuit of the mighty dollar, the pen is mightier than the sword*- and we have his famous first lines- from his novel 'Paul Clifford'- which have been so very useful to many other writers- *'It was a dark and stormy night'*. These phrases and sayings have now come to be part of our everyday language.

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At this time of year we celebrate Candlemas- a time when people traditionally give candles to symbolise the light that has come into the world in the child, Jesus, presented at the temple in Jerusalem at this time. There are quite a few popular sayings, concerning weather lore, connected with this day. *'If Candlemas be fair and bright come winter have another fight. If Candlemas brings cloud and rain go winter and come not again'* and *'If Candlemas be fair and clear there'll be five winters in the year'*. In 1648, when the second civil war in England was just beginning, the Vicar of Dean Prior in Devon published a collection of poems which included 'Ceremonies for Candlemas Eve'. This contemplation shows the movement of the seasons in and out of the Church. *'The holly hitherto did sway, let box now domineer until dancing Easter Day or Easter's Eve appear'* *'When yew is out and then birch comes in and many flowers beside- both of a fresh and fragrant kind- to honour Whitsuntide'* We have ourselves just experienced the end of Christmas – a turning in the Church's year- the beginning of something different.



The last lines of that vicar's contemplation tell about the changes- *'New things succeed as former things grow old. Thus times do shift- each thing his turn does hold'* – we are now looking towards Lent, Good Friday and Easter Day. Another name for this celebration is 'The Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple'. Jesus was taken by Mary and Joseph to the temple to give thanks to God and observe the religious customs of the day- Mary was required to go there so the festival is also called 'The Purification of the Virgin Mary'. Two other people figure in this story in the temple- Anna and Simeon. They are both old we are told- Anna, a widow who never left the temple, but who worshipped there night and day, fasting and praying and Simeon, a devout and righteous man, who knew that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Christ. It is Simeon who perhaps gives us the first shadow of the cross when he says to Mary *'and a sword will pierce your own soul too'*. We are told by Luke that in the baby Jesus Simeon's dim eyes saw a new beginning- he saw God's salvation and it is in Simeon's words, an illustration of a magnificent picture of faith, that we are given the most wonderful saying of all connected with Candlemas-

*'Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared in the sight of all people. A light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to Your people, Israel'*

Whatever name we give to this particular celebration, whatever sayings we connect with it, it reminds us that, however dark life appears, Christ, who is the Light of the World, gives hope.

### It's all in the spelling.....

G-God  
R- Ran  
A- Alongside  
C-Carrying  
E- Everything

### Prayers

'My 10 year old niece says her prayers every night and instead of 'amen' she says 'click, send'!

Monday 1.30 pm	Beanlands Glusburn	Informal Bible study and fellowship, all welcome
Tuesday 10.00-11.30am	Chuffs (Not in school holidays)	Fun for pre-school children and their grown-ups!
Tuesday 7.30-8.30 pm	Choir practice	In Parish Rooms
Wednesdays from 10.15 am	NottheKnot Group downstairs in Parish Rooms	Stitching and fellowship group.
Wednesday 6.30-7.30 pm	Jets in Parish Rooms (Not in school holidays)	School children's group
7.30 pm	Bellringing	
Thursday 2.00 pm	Open House in Parish Rooms	Refreshments and items for sale



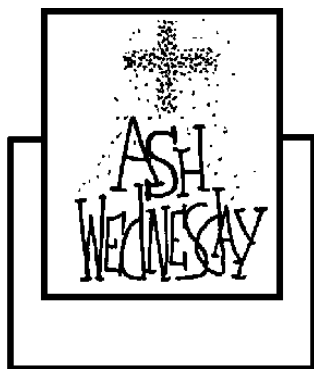
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7.30pm	Focus & Fellowship Group (Parish Rooms)
Tue 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.30am	Worship Task Group meeting (13 Park Road, Cross Hills)
Thu 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am	LEAP Group (Parish Rooms)
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am	Coffee Morning in aid of The Lees & Jigsaw (Parish Rooms)
Wed 17 <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).
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	12 noon	CDFC Lent Hunger Lunch (South Craven Baptist Church)
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	6.30pm	Kildwick School Governors meeting (School)
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7.30pm	CDFC Lent Course begins (St Peter's Church, Cross Hills)
<b>March</b>		
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7.30pm	Women's World Day of Prayer (St Joseph's Cross Hills)
Tue 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	6.30pm	PCC meeting (Parish Rooms)
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Mothering Sunday	
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	PALM SUNDAY	
<b>April</b>		
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	GOOD FRIDAY	
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Apr	EASTER DAY	

## ***Services at Kildwick***

Morning Prayer is said in the church Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday  
and Friday at 7.30am

Mid week Eucharist in the Parish Rooms on Wednesdays at 9.15am

7 <sup>th</sup> February	8.15 am	Holy Communion
The Second Sunday before Lent	10 am	Family Eucharist with baptism
14 <sup>th</sup> February	8.15 am	Holy Communion
The Sunday next before	10 am	Sung Eucharist
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb ASH WEDNESDAY	7.30pm	Holy Communion (St. Peter's Church, Cross Hills)
21 <sup>st</sup> February	8.15 am	Holy Communion
The First Sunday of Lent	10 am	Sung Eucharist with prayers for healing
28 <sup>th</sup> February	8.15 am	Holy Communion
The Second Sunday of Lent	10 am	Sung Eucharist



### **Wed 17<sup>th</sup> February**

9.15am Holy Communion with the Imposition of  
Ashes (Parish Rooms)

7.30pm Holy Communion with Imposition of  
Ashes (St Peter's Methodist  
Church, Cross Hills).



Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 10 am  
Family Eucharist with baptism  
All welcome

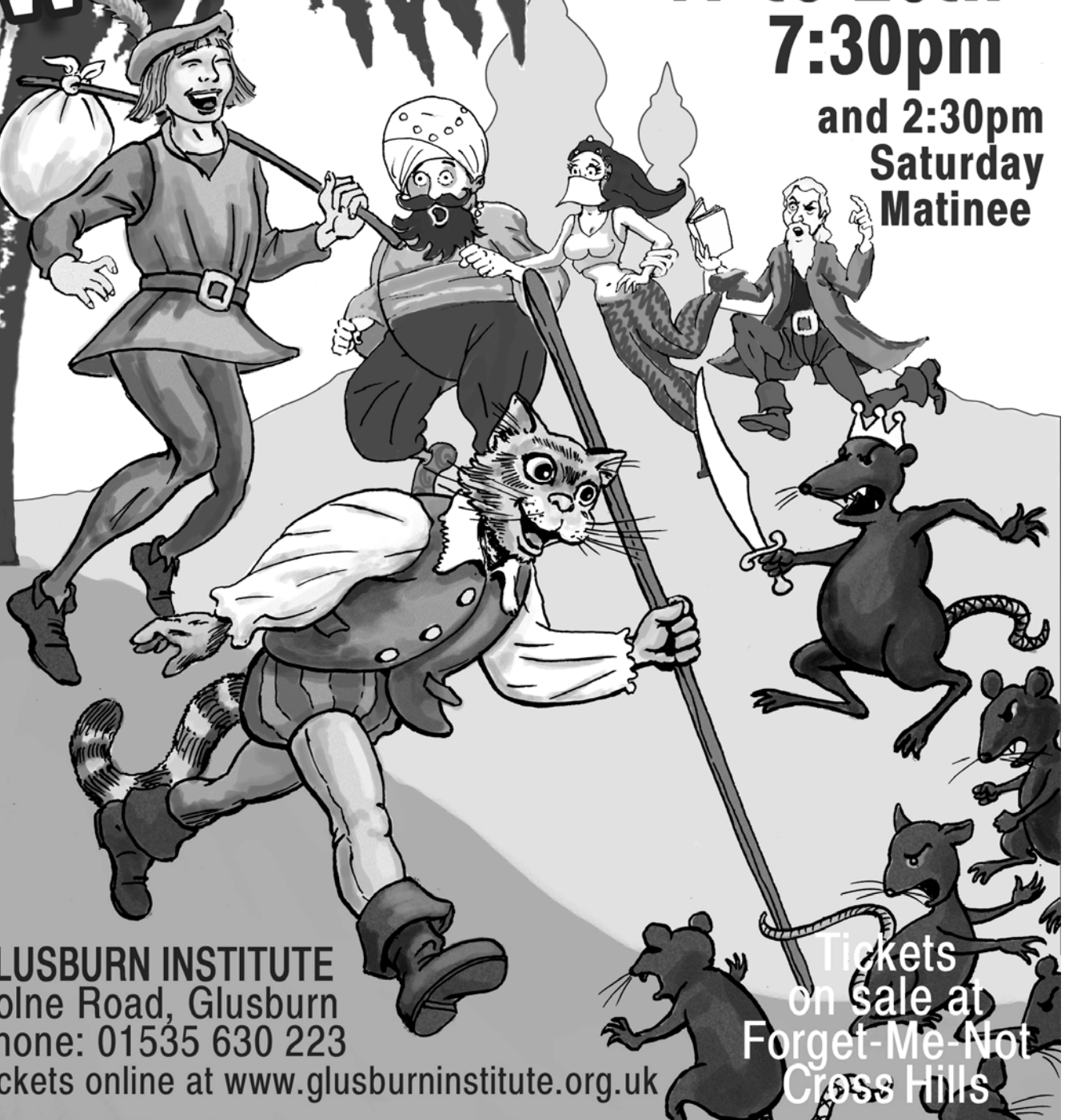
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## *Church Rotas*

7 <sup>th</sup> February The Second Sunday before Lent	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Genesis 2    4b - 9, 15 - 25 Revelation 4 Luke 8       22 - 25	
14 <sup>th</sup> February The Sunday next before Lent	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Exodus       34       29 – 35 2 Corinthians       3       12 – 4.2 Luke 9       28 - 43	Margaret Jowett Kath Morris Lance Peake
21 <sup>st</sup> February The First Sunday of Lent	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Deuteronomy       26       1 - 11 Romans       10       8b - 13	Stephen Wescott John Hudson Ruth Ward
28 <sup>th</sup> February The Second Sunday of Lent	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading  2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Genesis 15    1 - 12, 17 - 18 Philippians 317 – 4.1 Luke 13       31 - 35	Sandie Walton Margaret Jowett Isobel Stirk

<b>Flowers</b>		<b>21st</b>	
<b>7th</b>		<b>28th</b>	
<b>14th</b>			
<b>Brass Cleaning:</b> Sandie Walton and Lesley Bannister			

<b>Church Cleaning</b>
<b>February:</b> Marian Baxter, June Whitaker, Mary Peake, Joan Tillotson
<b>March:</b> Lesley Hudson, Libba Utley, Chrstine Anderton



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<b>Date</b>	<b>Sidesperson</b>	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Communion</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> February The Second Sunday before Lent	Joan and Barry Houghton Libba Utley Brian Green		Michael and Sue
14 <sup>th</sup> February The Sunday next before Lent	David Baxter Marie Stinson Pam Brown Peter McNeill	Peter Bannister	Sandie and John
21 <sup>st</sup> February The First Sunday of	Christine Anderton Ann Mosley June Whitaker	Robin Figg	Tim and Sue
28 <sup>th</sup> February The Second Sunday of	Eleanor Eastwood Dorothy Ward Christine Hutchinson	Isobel Stirk	Michael and Christine

### **Fellowship & Focus Group**

Our next meeting on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February and will focus on a NOOMA film 'Kickball'.

We always think we know what's missing from our lives in order to really make us happy, don't we? If only I had that car, or that job, or if only I could lose those 15 lbs, then I'd be happy. Really? How often do we want something only to find out that it wasn't that great after all? Sometimes we ask God for things and if he doesn't deliver right away, we start questioning whether God really understands or even cares. Do we really trust God? Do we trust that God is good and sees a bigger picture than we ever could? It's easy to want what's right in front of us, but maybe God knows what's better for us, and sometimes we just can't see it.

The Focus is led by Peter Bannister. Then we have a short time of prayer followed by drinks, nibbles and fellowship. Do come and join us we are delighted to see new faces.

### **Some miscellaneous observations on our Christian faith**

Every evening I turn my troubles over to God. He's going to be up all night anyway.

Be ye fishers of men - you catch them and he'll clean them..

Do not believe in miracles...rely on them.

Heck is where people go who don't believe in Gosh

**L**earn  
**e**ncourage  
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**February 11th at 10 am**  
In the Parish Rooms

We meet again to explore in more depth the work of the mission agencies. Please do join us



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## ***Cross Hill Naturalists' Society (Founded 1904)***

Meetings are held at St. Peter's church, Cross Hills on Saturdays at 7pm.  
The Microscope Group meets at the Senior Citizen Centre, Sutton in Craven on the second Thursday of the month at 6.45 pm

### **WINTER PROGRAMME February 2010**

- **11th** Microscope workshop
- **13th** AGM at 6.30pm followed by Members' Evening
- **28th** **Duncan Clough Memorial Lecture.**  
Seafood through the Centuries: Prof. C Roberts

New members and visitors welcome at all meetings. Visit the society's website for more details and contacts.

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## FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL SUMMARY OF DRAFT MINUTES

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The meeting of Farnhill Parish Council was held on the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2010 in Kildwick/Farnhill Institute. The meeting was chaired by Counc. M Scarffe Six members of the council were present.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December were approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

NYCC have issued a **Proposed 1-Way Traffic Order from the A629 Cononley Lane Ends Junction Towards Farnhill**. The Schedule being the Road C235 from its junction with the A629 for a distance of approx 160m in a south easterly (towards Farnhill) direction to a point approx 50m west of the 30mph speed limit The Council's reasons for the proposed order are for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road, or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising.

The proposed 1-way order is one of 2 measures proposed to reduce accidents at the A629 Cononley Lane Ends junction. The other measure proposed is to lay high friction surfacing on the A629 at the junction. NYCC are asking for comments on the proposed order.

The Parish Council to respond stating that they are totally against the order as the proposal would severely affect heavy goods vehicles, high vehicles, school buses and local farmers who rely on the road. Farmers in the village have to transport stock to land at Cononley and rely on deliveries from heavy goods vehicles to enable them to continue farming. The road is the only accessible road to the village for these vehicles, due to height restrictions at the Culvert on Main Street Farnhill and weight restrictions on the Canal Bridges at Priest Bank Kildwick and Bradley. The only other options would be to travel via Bradley to Snaygill or to travel to Silsden. Apart from the extra miles this would involve these are not suitable roads for these vehicles to be travelling on. It would also severely affect the people of Bradley due to the excess traffic in a tiny village.

Clerk to ask NYCC to seriously consider other options such as a 30mph speed restriction or traffic lights at the junction. There have been several upgrades at the junction over recent years costing a lot of money, perhaps more thought should have been put in at the time. It appears that there is sufficient money for upgrades at the junction but not for a 20mph scheme through the village of Farnhill.

It would appear that this order is to reduce the number of accidents, but the Parish Council have not had any accident statistics to support the claim.

NYCC have stated that they will work with CDC to provide up to date information for speed measurements at Main Street and supplement it with their own speed measurements if necessary

Clerk to ask NYCC why the pavements have been cleared of ice and snow in Crosshills, but not continued into Kildwick/Farnhill or the underpass which is extremely bad.

A reply has been received from NYCC about the positioning of the new lighting at the underpass at Kildwick. They state that the position of the street light columns give the best spread of light under the main road and it is the best solution to an ongoing problem. They state that if this scheme fails then they are sorry to say nothing else can be done.

The Parish Council are not happy with the result and Clerk to send a copy of their letter to NYCC Rep Counc Patrick Mulligan to see if he can do anything. Keith Midgley from Kildwick Parish Meeting and CDC Rep Counc Pat Fairbank are in discussion with NYCC about the matter.

Clerk to remind NYCC about the new light for Starkey Lane.

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The Parish Council made a decision to support the following organizations, Craven Citizens Advice Bureau £50.00, Relate Pennine Keighley & Craven(counselling service for young people) £50.00, Kildwick & Farnhill Scouts £50.00

Counc M Scarffe to contact Dr Canaway regarding any info on wild heather suppliers. Counc M Scarffe is also working on a detailed plan of work to be carried out at the Arbour . Once this is completed the Parish Council will be looking for a group of volunteers to help with the work and making grant applications.

Recent letters to British Waterways regarding the grass cutting near Redmans Bridge have now been passed to the North West office based in Wigan due to a re-structuring of British Waterways.

NYCC have replied to the Parish Councils request about flooding issues on the A629. They have checked all the gullies on the A629 and all are empty of silt and all outlets are clear. They will ensure that these gullies are emptied twice a year in accordance with Council policy. They are not aware of a problem outside No's 53/55 other than an issue with the legality of a connection to a gully, but this will not affect the carriageway drainage. The watercourse to which the gullies connect is not the responsibility of the Council, but records will be available at Yorkshire Water.

Issues were raised about the current weather conditions and concerns on whether anybody in the village was experiencing difficulties.

Clerk to put notice in the noticeboard asking people to inform the Parish Council if they know of anybody who may need assistance during the extreme conditions.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2010 IN KILDWICK/  
FARNHILL INSTITUTE AT 7.30PM**

**All members of the village are welcome to attend.**

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

### **Kildwick with Farnhill W. I.**

Members met at the home of Enga Preston for the January meeting.

Mrs. Preston gave a talk on the entertainments organised during World War 2 by her family members. Photographs and programmes were available to look at, and a delicious supper of WW2 food was served.

The next meeting will be on Thursday February 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.30p.m. and will be held at "West View" 44, Station Road, Crosshills. This will be a talk on Antiques: any queries phone 01535 633673.





## CANDLEMAS

Bet you thought that Christmas ended ages ago – well Candlemas on 2<sup>nd</sup> February marks the real end of the season of Christmas and the beginning of preparation for the next festival, Easter.

It is the traditional time for a good clean up. All Christmas decorations had to be taken down by this day. Can you imagine how scruffy and dusty they would have been by now? Churches had to be cleaned too.

Candlemas celebrates the presentation of Jesus at the Temple 40 days after he was born. It is called Candlemas because candles are lit to remind us that when Jesus was presented Simeon, an old servant in the Temple, said that Jesus was the Light that God had sent to the Gentiles (Gentiles are all the people who are not Jews). Read about this in St Luke's Gospel, chapter 2.



## LIGHT & BRIGHT

There are lots of words to do with light and lights in the Bible. Can you find the answers to this Bible Light quiz?

1. What did the woman light when she lost a silver coin? (Luke, chapter 15)
2. What God created on the first day? (Genesis, chapter 1)
3. What light did the wise men follow? (Matthew, chapter 2)
4. According to St Luke, what is the lamp of the body? (Luke, chapter 11)
5. What Moses found in the desert? (Exodus, chapter 3)
6. What the soldiers carried to search for Jesus in the garden? (John, chapter 18)

Answers at the bottom of this page.



**What kind of lights did Noah have on the Ark?**

Floodlights.

**What did the little lightbulb say to its mother?**

I wuv you watts and watts.



Answers: 1.lamp 2.light 3.a star 4.eye  
5.burning bush 6.torches & lanterns

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It was bad enough your mobile ringing half-way through his sermon, without the ring-tone being the 'Christians Awake' tune!



**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.


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