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

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

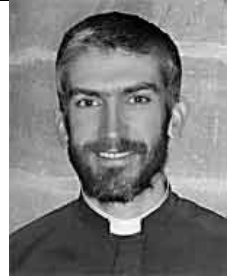
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and other local outlets*

## **February 2014**

### **Parish Mission Statement**

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

**Church Website [www.kildwick.org.uk](http://www.kildwick.org.uk)**



Dear friends,

The month of February finds us back in what is known as Ordinary Time. Having completed our great celebration of the Incarnation (God coming to share our life in the person Jesus) through the seasons of Christmas and Epiphany, we now have a few weeks before we move into the seasons of Lent and Easter when we will celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus.

At our service on 2<sup>nd</sup> February for the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, or Candlemas, we bring the Epiphany season to a close as we process with lighted candles to the font where we then extinguish our candles and are invited to 'take one last look back to Christmas, and now turn towards the Cross!'

It is towards the Cross that our eyes must gaze, rather than to the Crib. The Christian story, the Jesus story, points starkly to the Cross; without the Cross there can be no crown. The events of Christmas are inextricably linked with, and throw our minds forward to, those of Good Friday and Easter Day. The wood of our Christmas tree will become the wood of our Lenten cross; the child lying in the manger will become the man hanging on the cross.

The good news is that the man on the cross, the crucified Christ, will be the one who is raised to new life, the glorified and risen Christ. If the death of Jesus, the innocent victim, reveals the truth about humankind's violence, the resurrection of Jesus reveals the truth of God's loving mercy and forgiveness. We need to hear Jesus' words from the Cross, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing"; then the words of the risen Jesus, "Peace be with you". Jesus is indeed the forgiving victim.

These words, at the heart of the Christian faith, will be especially important for us to reflect on during this year as we remember the hundredth anniversary of the beginning of the First World War. On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August there will a national Service of Commemoration at Glasgow Cathedral at 10.00am, with a memorial event at St Symphorien Military Cemetery in Mons, Belgium at 7.30pm. Local churches are invited to be open during this day for people to come to pray for peace and reconciliation.

Supposedly the "war to end all wars" or a "victory for democracy", it is clear that with 16 million people dead and 20 million wounded this was a human catastrophe and one more indictment on humankind's failure to live the gospel command to 'Love your neighbour as yourself', recognising that our neighbour includes the 'enemy other'.

In a time of continuing international tension it is important that this anniversary is used to promote peace and international co-operation. There is no glory in war and war is never noble. There is, understandably, much debate about how to interpret the events leading up to, and subsequent to, 1914. We would do well to remember that secular history is written invariably by the victors; this is in contrast to the divine history of God revealed in the Jesus story which is the Story written from the perspective of the victim.

Humans write their histories to hide, or least justify, their violence; God's history is

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written to reveal the truth of our human violence and to reveal the innocence of the victim.

May God be with you as you gaze on the Cross and may God guide you to speak words of peace and forgiveness to all.

*Robin*

## The new Diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales

On 20<sup>th</sup> April 2014, Easter Day, the Diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales will be created.

The second meeting of the Crown Nominations Commission took place in early January to consider the nomination of Bishop; the announcement naming the new Bishop of Leeds is expected in February.

Bishop Tony Robinson, Bishop of Pontefract writes: "The Church of England has never before reorganised itself so that three dioceses are amalgamated together to create one new diocese. This may seem like a job for the archangel Gabriel! The new bishop will certainly need the help and support of everyone because it is not a job he can do on his own."



### Giving thanks for the Diocese of Bradford.

A service of celebration and thanksgiving will be held in Bradford Cathedral on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April. Congregations from across the diocese will be invited to take part in the service which takes place at 3.00pm. Bishop Nick Baines will return from his sabbatical to take part in the service. On Easter Day Bishop Nick will preside and preach at the Cathedral for the last time before laying his pastoral staff on the altar and leaving the Cathedral, thus marking the end of the diocese.

### Celebration of the new Diocese.

The Inauguration and Confirmation of Election of the Diocesan Bishop for the new Diocese will take place at a special Pentecost celebration with the Archbishop of York in York Minster at 4.00pm on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June.

#### Transitional Website

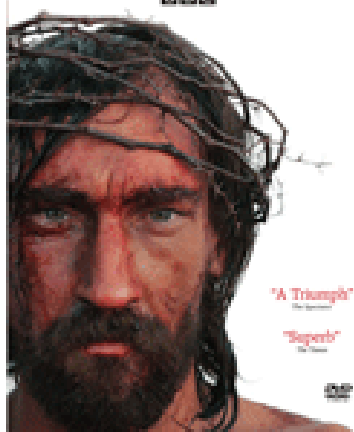
A website with news and updates on the transformation process up to and beyond the creation of the new diocese on Easter Day 2014 - [www.wyadtransformation.org](http://www.wyadtransformation.org)



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



### THE PASSION **Lent Course 2013 – The Passion**



This year we will again be having one meeting each week on Wednesday evening when we will be using the acclaimed BBC drama production of The Passion first broadcast in 2008.

Each evening will take place in St Peter's Church, Cross Hills and will begin at 7.30pm. After opening prayers we will watch a 30 minute episode of The Passion and then have time for reflection discussion. Refreshments will then be served and the evening will conclude by 9.00pm.

**The first evening will take place on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March.**

The Passion retells the last week of Jesus' life, putting the viewer at the heart of the action with the story being told from three different viewpoints; the religious authorities, the Romans and Jesus. Visually arresting and rich in colour, the story is rooted in the chaotic world in which it took place - the city of Jerusalem during Passover week. Set in the political and religious context of the time, it combines both narrative tension and thematic power to convey the events that took place that week.

#### **Reviews of The Passion include:**

"This is without doubt the very best drama I have ever seen. It made such an impression on me that I have ordered copies of this DVD for relatives and friends. Not for the faint-hearted, it is violent but captures the noise the history and I learned more about the crucifixion than I ever did at school. Very atmospheric, the acting and music are superb. You do not have to be religious to appreciate this drama. Try it, you will not be disappointed."

"The Easter story goes real-time in the BBC's down and dirty new adaptation - and it's brilliant. There's a vitality and realness about the whole thing that you rarely find with this story." The Guardian.

"...a gripping portrayal of Jesus, full of insight...I hope it will stimulate high quality teaching and learning within our schools and churches." Tom Wright, former Bishop of Durham.

Michael Pfundner, Bible Society's Bible and Church Development Officer, said, "At Bible Society it's our hope that The Passion will rekindle the fire among those who watch the programmes. The materials we've produced are thought-provoking and enlightening and will work a treat for spurring discussions about what is arguably the most important historical event."

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The Passion begins when a young religious teacher enters Jerusalem for Passover in a manner promised by centuries-old prophecies of the Messiah. This dramatic account intimately portrays key players right up to the climax of Jesus' mission. And it encourages discussion on topics like Christ's resurrection, which was controversial 2,000 years ago and provokes mixed reactions today.

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## Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May

Instead of a weekend away, this year we are welcoming Margaret Barker, an Old Testament Scholar, to Kildwick. Margaret will lead a seminar on Saturday looking at the Gospel according to John and will preach at the 10am Parish Communion on Sunday.

Margaret Barker has developed an approach to Biblical Studies now known as Temple Theology. Margaret Barker read theology at the University of Cambridge and went on to pursue her research independently. She was elected President of the Society for Old Testament Study in 1998. She has so far written 16 books, which form a sequence, later volumes building on her earlier conclusions.



Margaret Barker is a mother and grandmother, a Methodist Preacher and was involved for over 30 years with the work of a Women's Refuge.



Temple theology traces the roots of Christian theology back into the first Temple, destroyed by the cultural revolution in the time of King Josiah at the end of the seventh century BCE. Refugees from the purges settled in Egypt and Arabia.

From widely scattered surviving fragments, it is possible to reconstruct the world view of the first Christians, and to restore to their original setting such key concepts as the Messiah, divine Sonship, covenant, atonement, resurrection, incarnation, the Second Coming and the Kingdom of God.

More details about the weekend and how to book for the Saturday seminar will be available soon. Contact the Vicar, Robin Figg, 633307 with any questions.

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# BIBLE HISTORY

*written by Michael Baumber*

## THE GOSPEL STORY: THE ROAD TO THE CROSS 5: THE COMING OF THE KINGDOM



**A**ttempts to disentangle what actually happened between the arrival of Jesus in Jerusalem and his arrest are made difficult by a number of factors. All the writers knew that Jesus was crucified and their accounts are written with this in mind and they also wrote in the shadow of the Romano-Jewish war of 66-70 AD which resulted in the destruction of the temple. They were, too, heavily influenced by what Tom Wright in his recent account calls 'the perfect storm'. This was the widespread belief among the Jews at the time that events were moving towards a crisis when God would bring about a cataclysm which would mark the beginning of his kingdom here on earth. The disciples firmly believed that Jesus would initiate this change so that when he was crucified they had to revise their views. They concluded that the resurrection marked the beginning of the end but that there would be a second coming heralded by earth shaking events.

Did Jesus foreshadow the destruction of the temple by the Romans? Perhaps he did. It had happened to the first temple and there was plenty of combustible political material lying about which could set off an explosion comparable to the one which led Nebuchadnezzar to raze its predecessor to the ground. But whether Jesus thought that was imminent in Holy Week 30 AD is a different matter and almost certainly it was an idea foisted on him in hindsight. Similarly the woes which Matthew attributes to him, as a consequence of the behaviour of the Pharisees, are a projection of a later situation and do not reflect the realities of the pre-war religious politics of Jesus' own time.

Matthew also adds a whole series of parables to heighten the tension which appear in none of the other descriptions of Holy Week. Practically all of them emphasise that the Jews cannot rely on their descent from Abraham. The sheep will be separated from the goats. The wicked husbandmen will be expelled. The son who actually came will be preferred over the one who only said he would. Those who use the money entrusted to them will be in and those who just bury it in the ground will be out. Those who do not accept the invitation to the wedding banquet will be replaced by others and time is short. The bridegroom and the bride may come at any time so be prepared. They all sound like Jesus but as they are missed out by the other three Matthew probably imported them from his earlier ministry. Perhaps the most important of these manipulations is the story of the anointing at Bethany but that is worth a separate article.

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## Prayer page



Lord God, whose Son, Jesus Christ,  
understood people's fear and pain  
before they spoke of them,  
we pray for those in hospital;  
surround the frightened  
with your tenderness;  
give strength to those in pain;  
hold the weak in your arms of love,  
and give hope and patience  
to those who are recovering;  
we ask this through the same Jesus  
Christ, our Lord.

Amen

God of compassion,  
your love for humanity  
was revealed in Jesus,  
whose earthly life began  
in the poverty of a stable  
and ended in the pain  
and isolation of the cross:  
we hold before you those who are  
homeless and cold  
especially in this bitter weather.  
Draw near and comfort them in spirit  
and bless those who  
work to provide them  
with shelter, food and friendship.  
We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

O God you are in the midst of us  
and we are called by your name.  
As the foundations of our society  
are shaken and our future is uncertain,  
may we be given the grace to trust in  
you.  
May we find our refuge and strength in  
your eternal changelessness,  
today and for ever.

Amen.

O Lord God,  
your Son Jesus Christ  
suffered and died for us.  
In his resurrection  
he restores life and peace in all creation.  
Comfort, we pray,  
all victims of intolerance  
and those oppressed  
by their fellow humans.  
Remember in your kingdom  
those who have died.  
Lead the oppressors towards compassion  
and give hope to the suffering.  
Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

O God, Creator of us all,  
in your Son, Jesus you have  
walked the way of darkness and death,  
you send your Spirit of healing  
and truth to all in need  
We pray for those injured  
or bereaved by inexplicable violence  
May your gracious compassion s  
surround and uphold them  
We pray for all individuals and  
communities whose lives  
have been changed by tragedy  
May your sustaining love be present in all  
expressions of support  
offered and help received  
We give thanks for the commitment and  
dedication of the emergency services  
And pray that they may be given the  
strength they need to serve others  
Lord, in your mercy  
Hear our prayer  
And let our cry come unto you  
Amen.

## **Fairtrade Fortnight** **24<sup>th</sup> February to 9<sup>th</sup> March**

### **What is Fairtrade?**

Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world. By requiring companies to pay sustainable prices (which must never fall lower than the market price), Fairtrade addresses the injustices of conventional trade, which traditionally discriminates against the poorest, weakest producers. It enables them to improve their position and have more control over their lives.



### **What is the Fairtrade Foundation?**

The Fairtrade Foundation is a development organisation committed to tackling poverty and injustice through trade, and the UK member of Fairtrade Labelling Organisations International (FLO). The Foundation works with businesses, civil society organisations and individuals to improve the position of producer organisations in the South and to help them achieve sustainable improvements for their members and their communities. Certification and product labelling (through the FAIRTRADE Mark) are the primary tools for our development goals. The backing of organisations of producers and consumers in a citizen's movement for change is fundamental and integral to our work.

To find out more go to: [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk)

### **This year the focus of the Fairtrade Fortnight is bananas!**

Since the first Fairtrade bananas appeared on our shelves 13 years ago we've achieved a huge amount, with 1.2 billion bananas by volume now being sold as Fairtrade in the UK each year. By value that's a massive one in three bananas, or approximately £200 million of the UK market. Despite our achievements there remains a serious problem at the heart of the banana business.



As global exports have grown, many banana farmers and workers have seen their earnings cut in real terms. Shockingly, the UK supermarket sector has almost halved the shelf price of loose bananas in the last 10

years even though the cost of producing bananas has doubled. We now pay on average 11p for a loose banana compared to 20p for a loose UK grown apple.

Most supermarkets battle each other every day through a highly-competitive and bitter price war driven by their desire to get more customers into their stores. So they can offer us cheap bananas, supermarkets use their massive buying power to keep the price they pay for them as low as possible. Unfortunately this can put pressure on their suppliers and on banana farmers and workers.

Bananas are now bought and sold so cheaply in the UK that many of the farmers and workers who grow them are being trapped in a cycle of poverty. Many banana farmers and workers still can't afford to put enough food on the table for their

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## ***Church Rotas***

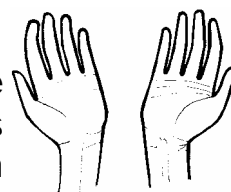
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<b>2 February</b> <b>The Presentation of</b> <b>Christ in the Temple</b>	Joan and Barry Houghton David Baxter	Marie Stinson	Christine and Sandie
<b>9 February</b> <b>The Fourth Sunday</b> <b>before Lent</b>	Marie Stinson Peter McNeill	Di Halliday	Sue and Tim
<b>16 February</b> <b>The Third Sunday</b> <b>before Lent</b>	Christine Anderton Ann Mosley June Whitaker	Shirley Hoskins	Christine and Michael
<b>23 February</b> <b>The Second Sunday</b> <b>before Lent</b>	John Mitchell Michael Baxter Sandie Walton Kath Morris	Robin Figg	Sandie and John

<b>February Flower Rota</b>			
<b>2nd</b>	Vacant	<b>16th</b>	Mrs.J.Whitaker
<b>9th</b>	Mr.D.Baxter	<b>23rd</b>	Mrs.M.Peake

<b>Brass Cleaning</b> <b>Jan/Feb</b>	Pauline Underwood and Sylvia Ackroyd
<b>Church Cleaning:</b>	June Whitaker, Mary Peake, Christine Hutchinson

## **Prayers for the Parish & Word Church**

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



## ***Readers Rota***

<b>2 February</b> <b>The Presentation of Christ in the Temple</b>	Malachi 3.1-5 <i>Hebrews 2.14-18</i> Luke 2.22-40	Lesley Bannister <i>This reading not used</i> Brenda Brock
<b>9 February</b> <b>The Fourth Sunday before Lent</b>	Isaiah 58.1-9a 1 Corinthians 2.1-12 Matthew 5.13-20	Barry Houghton John Mitchell Marjorie Gee
<b>16 February</b> <b>The Third Sunday before Lent</b>	Ecclesiasticus 15.15-20 1 Corinthians 3.1-9 Matthew 5.21-37	Lesley Hudson Marie Stinson Sylvia Clark
<b>23 February</b> <b>The Second Sunday before Lent</b>	Genesis 1.1-2.3 Romans 8.18-25 Matthew 6.25-34	Glyn Evans Christine Anderton Kathryn Morris



**Sunday 2nd February**

**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.*

*If you would like to have a collecting box please contact Lesley Hudson  
01535 523291*

## Regular Events at Kildwick

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



Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE	
	10.00am	Family Communion with Christingles. Preacher: Steve Grasham
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	2.45pm	Kildwick School collective worship in church
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7.30pm	Deanery Synod meeting (Keighley Shared Church)
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	10.00am	Prayers for the Parish & World Church (Parish Rooms)
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	10.00am	Coffee morning in aid of Jigsaw (Parish Rooms)
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	ASH WEDNESDAY	
	9.30am	Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes
	7.30pm	Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes (St Peter's Methodist Church, Cross Hills)
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	6.30pm	PCC meeting (Parish Rooms)
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7.30pm	CDFC Lent Course begins (St Peter's Methodist Church)
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	10.00am	Prayers for the Parish & World Church (Parish Rooms)
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	6.30pm	Kildwick School governors meeting (School)
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	2.45pm	Kildwick School collective worship in church
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Mothering Sunday	
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Palm Sunday	
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> Apr	EASTER DAY	

## Sunday Services at Kildwick

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

<b>2 February</b> <b>The Presentation of Christ in the Temple</b>	8.15 am 10.00 am	Holy Communion Parish Communion with Christingles
<b>9 February</b> <b>The Fourth Sunday before Lent</b>	8.15 am 10.00 am	Holy Communion Parish Communion with baptisms
<b>16 February</b> <b>The Third Sunday before Lent</b>	8.15 am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion
<b>23 February</b> <b>The Second Sunday before Lent</b>	8.15 am 10.00 am	Holy Communion Parish Communion

families, or provide the basics such as education or healthcare.

While Fairtrade provides a vital safety net for some banana farmers and workers, too many still suffer. This cannot continue. If all supermarkets are unable to make pricing work for both consumers and farmers, we believe it is time for the government to step in to end these unfair practices.

We must act now to deliver a fair deal to all banana farmers and workers.

**Together we can make bananas fair.**

Go to <http://foncho.fairtrade.org.uk/> to find out more.

### CMS/Jigsaw Project Fundraising Coffee Morning,

**10.00am – 12 noon Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>  
March**

**St Andrew's Parish Rooms.**



Come and help raise funds in support of the Jigsaw Kids Ministry Project in Manila. Admission free, donations accepted! For more information contact Sue Hargreaves,

## From the registers

### Baptisms

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January      Neve Grace Longworth, daughter of Kevin and Alyssa, of Beech Mount, Cononley

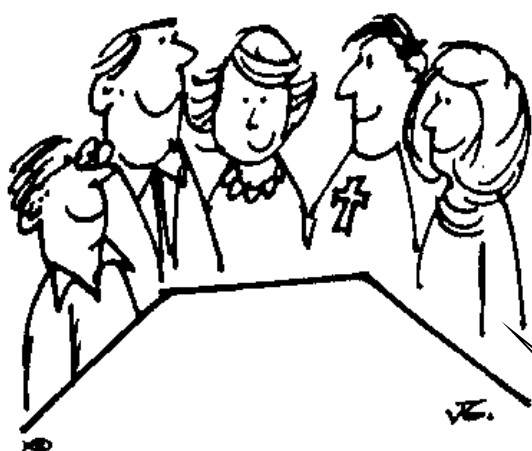
Elton Arthur Longworth, son of Kevin and Alyssa, of Beech Mount, Cononley

Eddie George Savoury, son of Adam and Olivia of St John's Close, Silsden

### Farnhill Methodist Church holds a Coffee Morning

from 10—11.30 am on the second Saturday of each month.  
There is a cake stall, greetings cards, bric-a-brac and paintings on sale. It is a regular date for many villagers and for visitors from around the area.  
All are welcome.

## St Andrew's Pastoral Care Group



Want someone  
to talk to?

Need a  
listening  
ear?

Lonely?

Need  
some  
help?

Call June on  
01535 655320

## **All in the month of FEBRUARY**

It was....

175 years ago:- on 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 1839 that the first Grand National steeplechase took place, at Aintree Racecourse near Liverpool.

150 years ago:- on 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 1864 that A B (Banjo) Paterson, Australian bush poet and journalist was born; best known for his song 'Waltzing Matilda'.

90 years ago:- on 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 1924 that BBC Radio broadcast the 'six-pips' Greenwich Time Signal for the first time.

75 years ago:- on 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 1939 that the first Anderson air-raid shelters were delivered to households in Islington, north London, in anticipation of German bombing.

50 years ago:- on 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 1964 that The Beatles arrived in New York City for their first tour of the USA, and were met by thousands of screaming fans.

30 years ago:- on 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 1984 that British figure skaters Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean won the gold medal at the Winter Olympics in Sarajevo, scoring the first perfect 6.0 in Olympic ice-dancing history.

25 years ago:- on 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 1989 that Barbara C Harris became the first woman to be ordained as a bishop in the Anglican Church, in a ceremony in Boston, Massachusetts.

Also 25 years ago:- on 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 1989 that investigators revealed that the Pan Am plane that crashed in Lockerbie in December 1988 had been brought down by a bomb hidden in a radio-cassette player.

20 years ago:- on 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 1994 that serial killer Fred West was arrested in connection with the disappearance of his daughter. Police discovered human bones buried in his garden. Later he was charged with 11 murders.

15 years ago:- on 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 1999 that the Macpherson Report on the killing of black British teenager Stephen Lawrence was published. It said London's Metropolitan Police Force was 'institutionally racist'.

10 years ago:- on 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 2004 that the social networking site Facebook was launched.

Also 10 years ago:- on 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 2004 that the controversial film 'The Passion of the Christ', directed by Mel Gibson, was released in the USA (UK: 26<sup>th</sup> Mar)

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*Editor: Here are some modern 'insights' on an age-old Psalm...*

### **What the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm is really all about**

The Lord is my Shepherd - *that's relationship.*

I shall not want - *that's supply.*

He makes me lie down in green pastures - *that's rest.*

He leads me beside the still waters - *that's refreshment.*

He restores my soul - *that's healing.*

He leads me in the paths of righteousness - *that's guidance.*

For his name's sake - *that's purpose.*

Yes, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death - *that's testing.*

I will fear no evil - *that's protection.*

For You are with me - *that's faithfulness.*

Your rod and your staff, they comfort me - *that's discipline.*

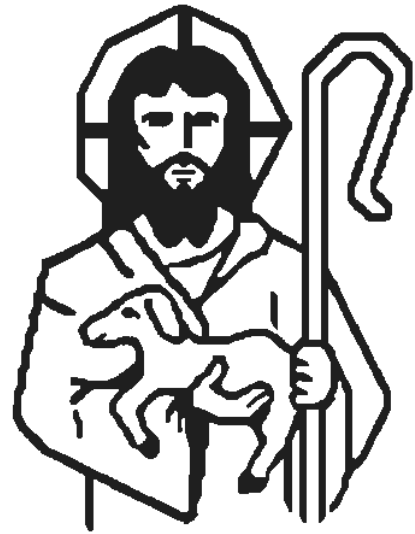
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies - *that's hope.*

You anoint my head with oil - *that's consecration.*

My cup runs over - *that's abundance.*

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life - *that's blessing.*

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever - *that's security!*

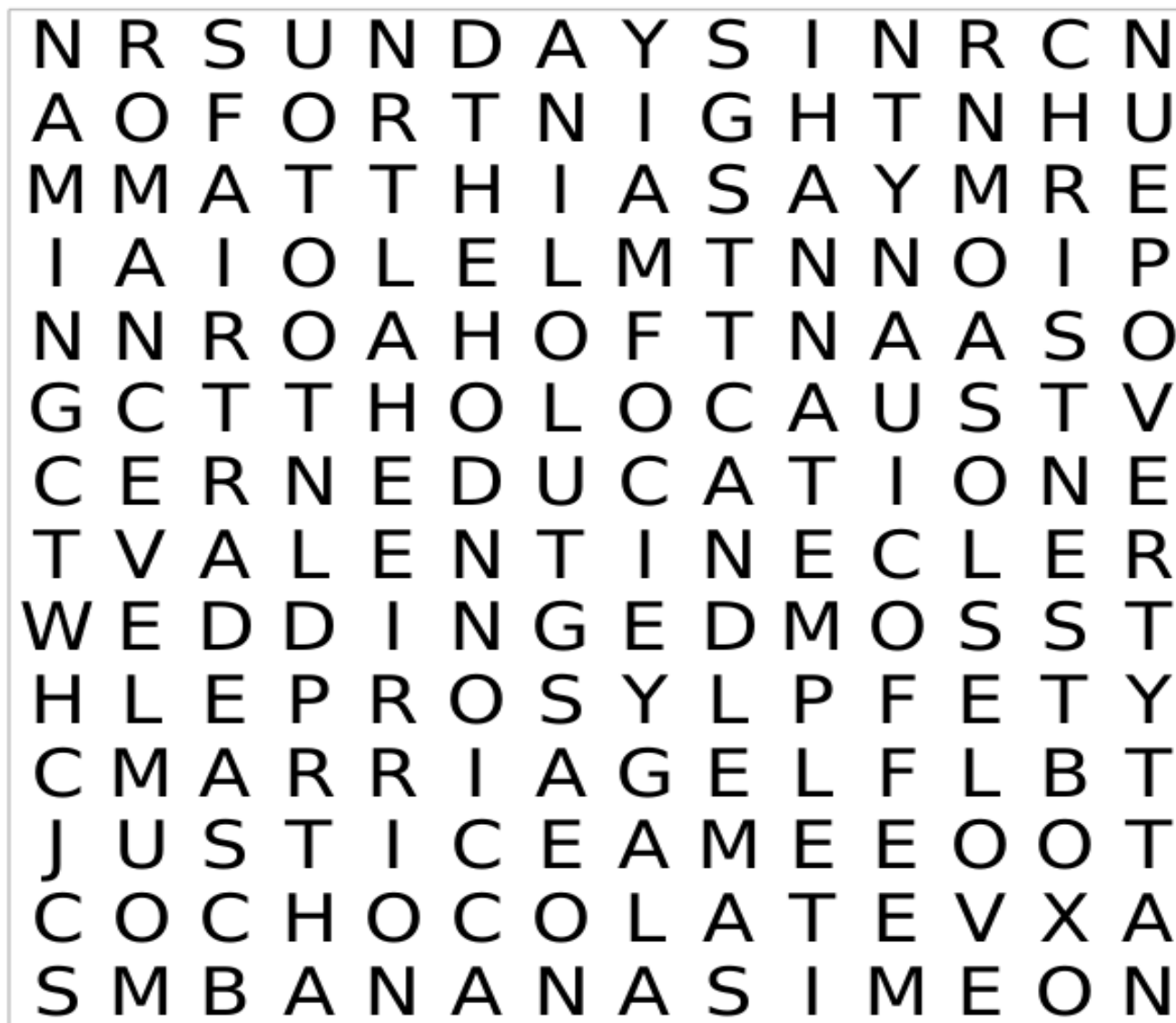


### **Miscellaneous observations on life...**

- A day without sunshine is like, well, night.
- It is said that if you line up all the cars in the world end to end, someone would be stupid enough to try to overtake them.
- You can't have everything - where would you put it?
- Love is grand. Divorce is a hundred grand.
- There is nothing safer than flying. It's crashing that's dangerous.
- Be nice to your kids. They'll choose your nursing home.
- The trouble with referees is that they just don't care which side wins.
- Marriage is not a lottery. In a lottery you have a chance.

# Word search

February opens with Candlemas – the naming of Jesus in the temple. Simeon and Anna praised God to see the promised Messiah, sent by a loving God to save his people. February also celebrates the love between men and women: cards and wedding fayres abound. 'Love' as in social compassion is also remembered: Fair Trade fortnight, Holocaust Memorial Day, World Leprosy Day, Education Sunday and National Nest Box Week.... Love is truly needed by everyone!



Valentine  
naming  
Christ  
Candlemas  
Simeon  
Anna  
temple

love  
Valentine  
romance  
Matthias  
Fairtrade  
Fortnight  
coffee

bananas  
chocolate  
justice  
poverty  
nest box  
marriage  
wedding

Holocaust  
leprosy  
education  
Sunday

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# Saints and Such

**1st February Brigid of Ireland d. c. 525**

Brigid, you could say, was the female Patrick of Ireland.

Historical facts about this first abbess of Kildare may be scarce, but her Lives, written from the 7th century, tell many anecdotes and miracles which over the centuries have become deeply rooted in Irish folklore. Brigid came from a village near Kildare, of parents of humble origin, and is said to have been baptised by Patrick and become a nun at an early age. She is credited with founding the monastery of Kildare, a powerful influence for Christianity in Ireland.



The miracles attributed to Brigid show her to have been a woman of great compassion and generosity. There are stories of how she could multiply food, especially butter, for the poor. Other stories tell of her changing her bath-water to beer, in order to satisfy the thirst of unexpected visitors. Even her cows gave milk three times the same day, to enable visiting bishops to have enough to drink.

Brigid's cult grew rapidly in Ireland, where it became second only to that of Patrick. In England, there were at least nineteen ancient church dedications in her honour (the most famous is St Bride's Fleet Street). There is also St Bride's Bay, Dyfed, which underlines the strong connection between Irish and Welsh Christianity. St Brigid is patron of poets, blacksmiths, and healers. She is usually depicted with a cow lying at her feet, which recalls her phase as a nun-cowgirl.

## **Waiting and Ready (Lk2:25-35)**

Waiting for fulfilment of a promise,  
Waiting to see the longed-for light,  
Waiting in devotion of a lifetime,  
Simeon, trusting God to keep his word.

Ready for the prompting of the Spirit,  
Ready for the revelation joy  
Mixed with cross-shaped shadows of the  
future,  
Simeon, holding Mary's God-filled boy.

*By Daphne Kitching*

## FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL SUMMARY OF DRAFT MINUTES

The meeting of Farnhill Parish Council was held on the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2014 in Kildwick/Farnhill Institute. The meeting was chaired by Counc.G Harling. Six members of the council were present plus NYCC Rep Counc P Mulligan. No members of the public were present.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2013 were approved by the Council and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

A letter was received from a member of the public regarding dog fouling on the footpath by the side of the canal wall on the walk from Newby Road to Parson's bridge. Clerk to report the matter to the dog warden and the Parish Council will consider publishing pictures on the website if the situation does not improve.

NYCC Rep Counc P Mulligan supplied the Parish Council with a copy of the road accident statistics published December 2013. He stated that the report was a year out of date already with figures relating to 2010, 2011& 2012. Despite improvements to the visibility and signage at the A629 Skipton Rd/Cononley Lane Junction undertaken in October 2011 the measures taken do not seem to have worked. The area still has the highest collision severe factor risk in Craven . The A629/B6172 Station Rd, Roundabout at Kildwick was also quite high on the list despite lining and surfacing improvements undertaken in 2011. The Parish Council to write to the Director of Highways at NYCC and request further safety measures at the Cononley Junction and ask for a review of the lane structure and the road signage re- painting at Kildwick roundabout. Also to ask if the foliage on the roundabout could be cut back so all exit routes are clearly visible and people can assess the situation.

The Parish Council **resolved** to give a donation of £50.00 to Manorlands and to continue membership of SLCC for a further year.

The new heritage light to replace light No 25 is now in position but has yet to be connected. Clerk to ask NYCC if it can be connected as soon as possible and painted black.

A response has been received from Kildwick Parish Meeting regarding the request for a light at Parson's Bridge. They have stated that if Farnhill wished to go ahead with a light they would be prepared to discuss it at their meeting and if it was agreed they would meet up to discuss a mutually acceptable site. Any lamp erected within the Parish of Kildwick would be placed on the understanding that erection, running and maintenance costs would be met by Farnhill and not Kildwick. Clerk to ask NYCC Street Lighting for advice on the most suitable kind of lighting for the position.

The National Association of Local Councils has revised the 2010 model Standing Orders and are recommending that councils should now undertake an exercise to review the Orders that they have adopted. The Parish Council will through the model document and consider which parts they need to adopt at the next meeting.

Counc M Scarffe provided some plans for improving the footpath that runs through Lower Arbour. He will look further into the feasibility of the plans before the Parish Council look to getting quotes for the work. The Parish Council agreed to carry out

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further work to control the Ivy and the Brambles at Lower Arbour and the Parish Council delegated the Clerk and Counc. R Bramley to discuss the best way of control with the contractor that has previously carried out work on them and ask him to provide quotes for the work.

The Parish Council have had discussions to consider starting a new website to run alongside the village website. It was **resolved** that the Parish Council go ahead and launch a new website which would be controlled by the Parish Council. Clerk to make enquiries as to whether a Parish Council can have a domain name with .gov.uk.

The Parish Council would like to thank the anonymous resident who has carried out improvements to the path by Redmans Bridge by cutting back the vegetation.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2014 IN KILDWICK/  
FARNHILL INSTITUTE AT 7.30PM**

All members of the village are welcome to attend



### **His Glorious Day**

He's the Ground of all being,  
The Spirit of life,  
The Father of faith  
And the Mother of love,  
He's the Christ-child within  
Who fills darkness with light,  
He calms our worst fears  
With the peace from 'above'!  
He's the giver of comfort  
When our spirit is low  
And source of all courage

When faith calls out – 'Go:  
Go tell all the nations  
That peace truly comes  
When God's voice is heard  
And God's will is done.  
So follow the Christ-man,  
Hold fast on his way,  
Then one day we'll all share  
His glorious day'!

*By Sam Doubtfire*



## Cooking corner

Here's a recipe to use all those Fairtrade bananas you are going to buy during Fairtrade Fortnight!

### Banana Celeste

Courtesy of Waitrose.

Serves 4-6

Preparation time 5 minutes

Cooking time 30 minutes

Ingredients

200g soft cheese

50g light brown *Fairtrade* sugar

1 level tsp *Fairtrade* cinnamon

50g unsalted butter

6 large firm but ripe *Fairtrade* bananas

3 tbsp double cream

ovenproof dish or 6-8 ramekins



### Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180°C, gas mark 4.
  2. Cream the cheese, sugar and half the cinnamon together in a mixing bowl using a wooden spoon.
  3. Melt the butter over a low heat in the frying pan.
  4. Either slice the peeled bananas lengthways for the ovenproof dish or slice them thinly for individual ramekins.
  5. Add the cut bananas to the melted butter and fry gently until golden brown on both sides.
  6. Distribute the browned bananas evenly in dish of choice.
  7. Spread the cream cheese mixture over the bananas.
  8. Drizzle the double cream over the top and sprinkle with the remaining cinnamon.
  9. Place the banana dish in the oven and bake for 15-20 minutes until the cheese is bubbling and golden brown. Serve immediately.
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## The Birds in Your Garden

### The House Sparrow



House Sparrows are intensely social birds, living in a Host (or Tribe) and sharing a long association with Man. Despite their worldwide distribution and apparent adaptability, House Sparrow populations have until recently been in decline in Britain for reasons that are not fully understood. This decline has been going on for several decades and there appear to be different factors influencing rural and suburban populations. Agricultural change, loss of nest sites and reduced food availability appear to have affected rural populations whilst the factors behind the urban and suburban declines are more difficult to isolate.

BTO research has highlighted the importance of urban greenspaces, such as allotments and large gardens, for providing food and nesting opportunities. Work elsewhere suggests that a decline in the availability of invertebrates may have reduced breeding success too.

The House Sparrow is a small, sturdily built bird with a stout bill designed for eating seeds. Their overall appearance is somewhat scruffy due to the loose nature of their plumage. Adult males are distinctive, the crown and nape are grey and only the sides of the head are brown. The black bib is wide, extending down onto the chest. The back is brown streaked with black, they also have some white wing feathers. In winter the bib is reduced and the brown at the sides of the head becomes flecked with grey. Females and juveniles are typically sandy brown in colour with brown and grey streaks on their back and wings. You may be lucky enough to have a mixed flock with some Tree Sparrows in it; you can distinguish them by their brown heads.

They make a wide range of chirping and chattering sounds and characteristically feed in groups, arriving and departing in significant numbers, and creating a constant flurry of movement. Whilst often a few individuals can be seen feeding in a relaxed manner, sometimes numbers will rapidly increase leading to a feeding frenzy that can last for 10 minutes or so.

The territory of the male House Sparrow consists of the nesting hole and a small area around it. This is defended vigorously and is used as the ultimate come-on for the female. She will judge the male by his vigorous behaviour and his plumage. His black bib is a badge and is very important to him: it seems that males with small bibs can be induced to behave more boldly if they have bigger and blacker bibs painted on them!

The preferred nest sites are holes in buildings but if these are lacking they regularly build untidy detached nests within ivy. These are quite characteristic and

show the House Sparrow's relationship to the tropical weaver birds which build similar nests.



Photo credit John Harding/BTO

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

If you know of a local organisation who would like a talk on garden birds call: Mike Gray 01904758510 or [mikegbw@btinternet.com](mailto:mikegbw@btinternet.com).

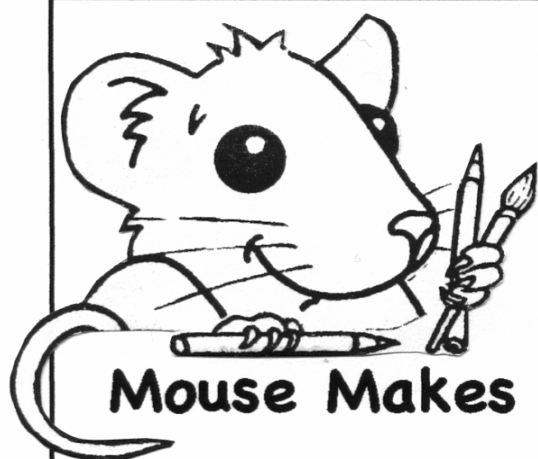
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### What NOT to give her for Valentine's Day:

1. A box of chocolates, clumsily rearranged, because you ate all the caramel ones.
2. Lingerie that you think will look almost as good on her as on the model.
3. Any clothing item with the words 'push-up' or 'slim-down' on the label.
4. Any food item with the words 'diet', 'light', or 'high fibre' on the label.
5. Any video starring Sylvester Stallone, Jim Carrey, or Angelina Jolie.
6. Flowers from a hospital's gift shop.
7. Anything you ever gave another woman, including your mother.
8. Any household appliance or power tool.
9. A gift certificate.
10. Cash

### Church speak....

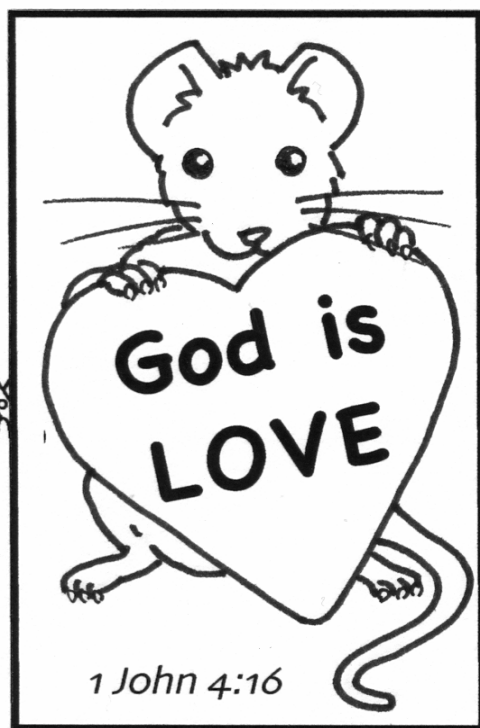
- CHOIR: A group of people whose singing allows the rest of the congregation to lip-sync.
  - HYMN: A song of praise usually sung in a key two octaves higher than that of the congregation's range.
  - RECESSIONAL HYMN: The last song at Mass, often sung a little more quietly, since most of the people have already left.
  - JESUITS: An order of priests known for their ability to find colleges with good basketball teams.
  - JUSTICE: When your children grow up and have children of their own.
  - KYRIE ELEISON: The only Greek words that most Catholics can recognise besides gyros and baklava.
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**Mouse Makes**

Nothing ...  
... will ever be  
able to separate  
us from the  
**LOVE** of **God**  
that is in  
Christ Jesus  
our Lord.

*Romans 8:39*



*1 John 4:16*

Cut out and keep these cards to  
remind you of God's love for us.

The Lord's **LOVE**  
never ends,  
his mercies  
never stop.  
They are new  
every morning.

*Lamentations 3:22-23*



God **loved** the world  
so much that he gave  
his only Son, so that  
everyone who  
believes in him would  
not be lost but  
have eternal life. .

*John 3:16*

"See how much our  
heavenly Father  
**LOVES** us,  
for he has  
allowed us  
to be called  
his children"

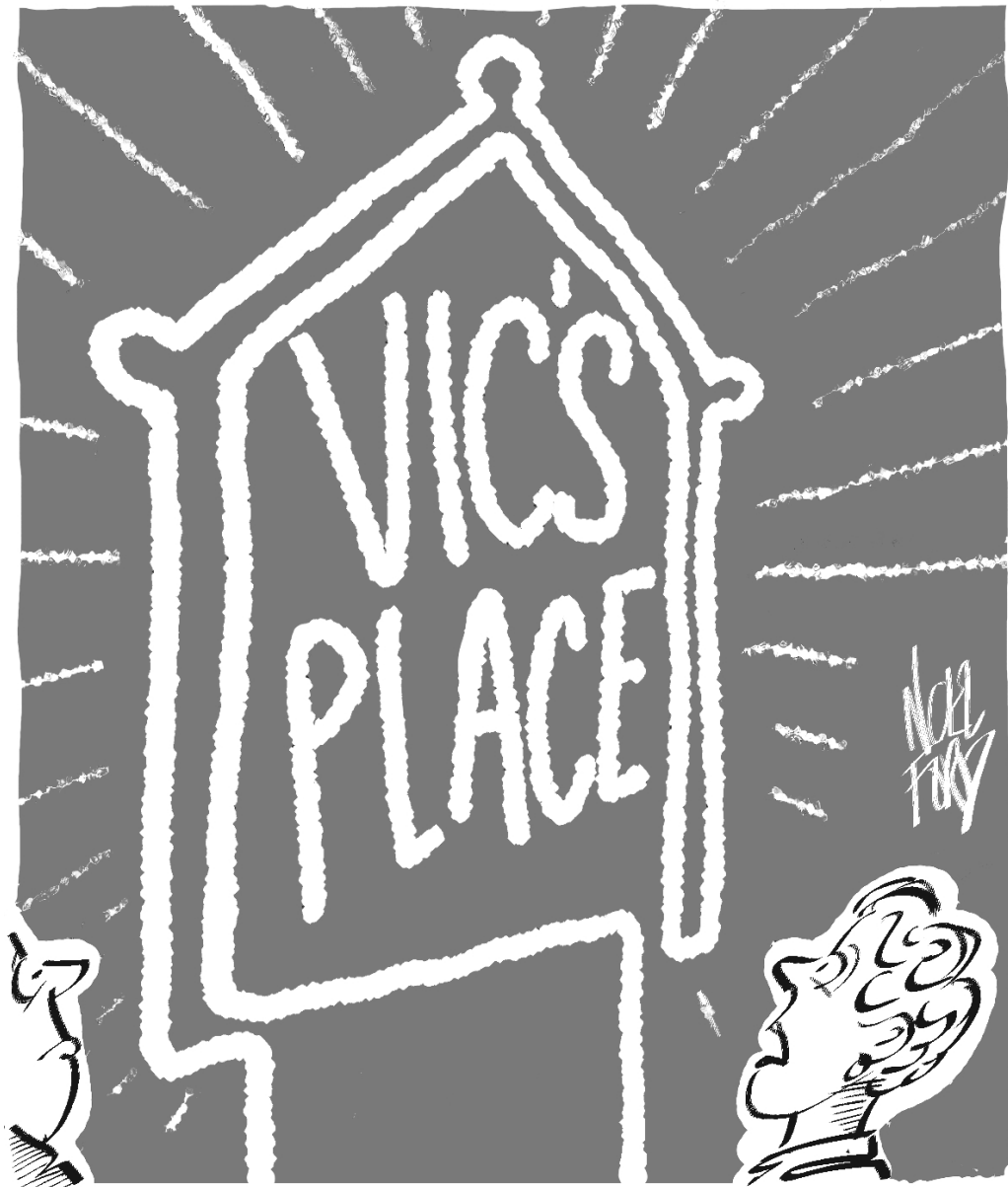
*1 John 3:1*



For the  
Lord is **GOOD**  
and his **LOVE**  
endures  
for ever

*Psalms 100:5*

back to the old church notice board



"It may well attract more young folk to join the congregation but I still prefer the old church notice board"