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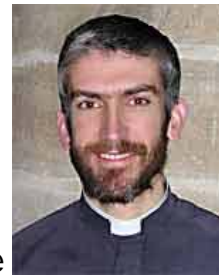
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Parish Mission Statement

CALLED TO BE THE BODY OF CHRIST, WE ARE HERE TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE
WITH ALL PEOPLE,
THROUGH OUTREACH AND SERVICE, IN OUR COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD
THROUGH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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The Vicar's letter.....



Dear friends,

Happy Christmas and a happy New Year to you. I hope you are continuing to celebrate with great joy and gladness the season of Christmas as we give thanks for God's gift to us of himself as the Christ-child, God with us, Emmanuel.

On that first Christmas God came to his world in a new way. As I put it at the Carol Service, on that first Christmas "God stooped down to earth and gave his creation a cosmic kiss in the birth of Jesus". The words of the special prayer for Christmas Day puts it this way, "the birth of Jesus at Bethlehem "draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth".

Asked recently in a radio interview what Christmas means, the Archbishop of Canterbury said: "One of the main things that Christmas means to me is that God actually likes the company of human beings. God starts living a human life in the middle of the world when the life of Jesus begins, and that suggests that, as the Bible says, God actually loves the world - he likes to be with us, he likes us to be with him. And what flows from that for Christians is the sense that human beings are just colossally worthwhile. God thought they were worth spending a lifetime with, and all that spills over into how we see all kinds of human beings; the ones we don't like or the ones we don't reckon very much, the ones we don't take very seriously. But they are all to be taken very seriously, they are all to be loved. And so Christmas, as I see it, is the very beginning of that sense of huge human dignity in all the people around us - and that's what I think we are celebrating. That is the most important thing."

The birth of Jesus speaks to us, then, of the relationship of love that exists between God and his people. And we are not just talking about God's people of 2000 years ago. Because of the resurrection of Jesus, you and I are able to enjoy the same loving relationship with God now.

Our joy is that Jesus came into the world and lived; our joy is that Jesus still comes into the world and lives. Our prayer must be:

For the light of Jesus to be around us and shining from within us – today;

For the spirit of Jesus to be active in our hearts and our minds - this minute;

For the living presence of Jesus to be seen in all that we say and do and all that we are
- second by precious second.

As one writer said recently: "No mission statement will cause the world to believe, no mission programme, no strategy, no amount of books or trendy church literature and conferences. What impacts and transforms this world, what causes people to see the love of Jesus in action, is simply this. It's the people of God, living authentic life changing radical lives, and united under Jesus. That will change this world."

This New Year do something radical: let God give you one of his cosmic kisses! You never know, you might enjoy it!

Wishing you every blessing this New Year,

Robin



NEWS FROM THE CROSS HILLS & DISTRICT FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th – 25th January

Each year the worldwide Christian Church observes a special week of prayer for peace in the world and unity between Christians. Within the Cross Hills & District Fellowship of Churches there will be the following opportunities to gather together for one hour for prayer during the week:

Monday 21 st	12 noon	Braidagarth, Baxter Wood, Cross Hills
Tuesday 22 nd	12.30pm	31 The Hawthorns, Sutton
Wednesday 23 rd	9.30am	St Peter's Methodist Church
Thursday 24 th	7.30pm	18 Beanlands Drive, Glusburn
Friday 25 th	12 noon	13 Beech Street, Cross Hills

At the lunchtime gatherings a simple lunch will be available. In the evening tea & coffee will be served.

A leaflet giving a form of prayer to be used during the week will also be available in each church for those people unable to join one of the meetings detailed above.

The biblical text for this centennial Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is taken from 1 Thessalonians. The text "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thess 5: 17) stresses the essential role of prayer within the life of the Christian community as its members grow in their relationship to Christ and to one another. This text is one in a series of 'imperatives', statements in which Paul encourages the community to live out its God-given unity in Christ, to *be* in practice what it is in principle: the one body of Christ, visibly one in that place.

'Pulpit Swap'.

As part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, on Sunday 20th January across the churches of CDFC some of the ministers will be preaching 'away', as follows:

Robin Figg will be at St Thomas', Sutton at 10.30am;
Clive Tedd will be at St Andrew's, Kildwick at 10.00am;
David Warrington will be at St Peter's, Cross Hills at 10.30am;
Michael Cowgill will be at South Craven Baptist, Sutton at 10.30am.

The ministers of CDFC would like to encourage people to attend a service 'away' from their 'home' church that morning as a sign of the unity we share as Christians worshipping and working together.

CMS Praxis Visit to Manila

During the first two weeks of November I was part of the Praxis Team to visit our Mission Partners Tim and Kate Lee at the Jigsaw Kids Ministry project in Manila in the Philippines. Ten of us from various Churches in the UK made up the team led by Diana Wild a former Mission Partner who now lives near Thirsk with her husband Roger. Diana has been planning this trip for several years and invited Parishes who are linked with Tim and Kate to participate. We were eight women and two men, from Anglican, Baptist, Methodist and Elim Pentecostal Churches, a real mix but we all got on together very well.

We arrived in Manila after a very long flight (twelve hours from Amsterdam) tired and jet lagged to be met by Tim, Kate, three children and numerous members of the Jigsaw team holding a large banner welcoming us. After our luggage was loaded we squashed into the Jigsaw van and two four wheel drive vehicles for the trip to SIL Guest House a haven of peace in Quezon City funded by the Wycliffe Bible Translators. The traffic in Manila is horrendous four lanes of traffic each way all blowing horns and changing lanes, the day we arrived was a public holiday and relatively quiet! After lunch at the Guest House we were presented with welcome garlands and a pack detailing our itinerary and were then left to relax and have an early night.

On the Saturday we had a boat trip into the old city of Manila and a guided tour led by Lendehl, a student at the Episcopal Seminary who was an expert in the history of the Philippines. This was followed by lunch with some of the Jigsaw team and our first taste of the staple food, rice and chicken or just rice if there is no meat or fish available.

The Philippines is made up of over 7000 islands covering an area of almost 300.000 sq km and has a population of over 87 million most of them being Roman Catholic. Luzon the largest island group where Manila is situated accounts for more than half the population. Metro Manila consists of seventeen cities and municipalities and the area where Jigsaw is mainly based is Quezon City named after the first President of the Philippines after independence in 1937. Some areas of Manila are extremely wealthy with huge high rise blocks, hotels, shopping malls and gigantic advertising hoardings, However cheek by jowl with all this are the Barangay (communities) which mainly consist of shacks in various stages of dilapidation along narrow streets and almost falling into the River Pasig.

Jigsaw Kids Ministries was set up by Tim and Kate Lee four years ago when they went out as Mission Partners to work with Living Streams Churches in four areas in Manila supporting children from the squatter areas. However they found there was no support from the parent church in Singapore so they have set up the project and organised a team of workers from the slum areas around these church buildings. It has been a difficult task but the team of workers they have established are amazing, totally committed to Christ and the children. Jigsaw provides kids clubs for children from babies up to eighteen plus five days a week for three weeks out of four. There is also a feeding programme, school sponsorship, basketball for the older boys who are often involved in drugs and crime and a literacy project is planned soon.

As part of our visit we were to help with the planning and running of the centres each day for a week so it was a real hands on experience. The first Sunday we split into two

groups and attended Sunday Worship in Area Four (Barangay Bagang Unlad) and Batasan Hills. Area Four is a squatter area which is accessed through a gated housing estate of large houses with guards at each end and, ID has to be shown each time they pass through. The Church was in the centre and consisted of a roof and partial sides but the welcome was amazing and the service full of joy and praise to the Lord and lots of music, an experience I shall never forget. Pastor Roland one of the Jigsaw drivers preached in English and Tagalog (the local language) on the theme 'Don't Give Up.' Batasan Hills is an area where demolition of people's houses and the Jigsaw centre has been taking place in recent weeks to make way for road widening and to increase rents. However members of the team were warmly welcomed at the local Church. After Church we joined the Jigsaw workers and their families for a picnic in a large park

The project operates in four areas Visayas Avenue where the office is, Area Four, Batasan Hills (at the moment they are looking for new premises) and Angeles north of the city and caters for seven or eight hundred children each week. Monday is planning and preparation day and every fourth week they hold a planning week.

During the week we all joined in the kids club sessions which generally followed the theme of play with toys, lego, play dough, colouring or painting followed by craft, games, singing and prayer. The children really look forward to the sessions and are queuing up as soon as the vans arrive, they join in with all the activities and it was amazing to watch Filipino children colouring in pictures of Noddy and playing scrabble in English. The week we were there toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap and flannels had been provided for each child so at each session there was a mime done by Malcolm, one of the Praxis team and a Jigsaw worker demonstrating the importance of hand washing before meals or toothbrushing, the children thought this hilarious but the important hygiene message did get across to them

On Wednesdays the whole team travel 60km north to Angeles, an area near the former American Clark Airbase, which has a lot of problems with prostitution and child abuse. Again the sessions are held in the building erected by the Living Streams Church and all ages up to about sixteen are catered for. The houses looked a bit stronger and many families had some livestock but the poverty was still very striking but the enthusiasm of the children for Jigsaw was the same as in Manila

My abiding impression of Manila despite all the poverty and pollution is the warmth of the people and the welcome and love shown to us by all the Jigsaw workers. We must have caused an immense amount of extra work for them but they always greeted us with handshakes, hugs and smiles and really showed their love of Christ in their relationships with each other, the children and us. Tim and Kate and family have done and are doing amazing work despite setbacks and problems and Jigsaw Kids Ministries goes from strength to strength. They have set up a well organised and motivated team whose organisational and people skills are fantastic and they have given all the workers a sense of worth and an income. Prayer and love of Christ is at the centre of everything they do.

Thank you for your prayers while I was away and please do continue to pray for Jigsaw and all the children. I hope to be doing a presentation about my trip in the New Year on **Friday 25th January in the Parish Rooms so do come along and find out more.**

Christine Anderton

Confirmation – Taking a step on the journey of faith

A Service of Confirmation will take place in St Andrew's Church on Sunday 20th April, to be taken by Bishop Colin Buchanan, retired Bishop of Woolwich. This will be a very special occasion not just for those people who have decided to take this important step in their journey of faith, but for the whole church community as we celebrate together the way that God leads us to deepen our life of faith.

It is right, of course, that there is a period of preparation for confirmation. For adults this may be through the Emmaus Nurture course or some guided reading. For young people there is a Youth Emmaus course.

Enquiries from adults or young people (or their parents) are welcome. Please contact the Vicar, Robin Figg, as soon as possible; tel. 01535 633307.

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.**



Lang Kirk 21 – An Update

A second Directions Hearing to consider the application by the Parochial Church Council to develop the church building was held on Saturday 8 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 submissions from the petitioners and the objectors. The petitioners are required to make their submission by 29 February; the objectors then have until 18 April to make their submission. The petitioners may then submit a response to the objectors' submission by 19 May after which the Chancellor will consider the evidence and make his judgement.

BIBLE HISTORY

This is part 15 in a series of articles written by Michael Baumber

THE END OF THE OLD TESTAMENT



The books of Ezra and Nehemiah bring us to the end of the continuous historical material in the Old Testament so this seems to be an appropriate point at which to sum up. When Elijah first appeared in Israel it was as a fierce critic of the king of the time, Ahab. This hostility to the secular power was shared by Elisha, by Amos and by Hosea for one reason or another. The appearance of the first Isaiah heralded a struggle for control of Judah by the Jahwehist prophets which was briefly successful in the reign of Josiah. After Josiah's fall the tradition turned violently hostile to Babylon and was a main cause of the exile. During the exile the measures for which the prophets had struggled were adopted by the community in Babylon so that the priesthood which returned was able to resurrect a large part of the reforms of Josiah and carry them to their logical conclusion but there was a price to pay for their success.

Cyrus, Darius and Artaxerxes the kings who allowed the Jewish leaders to institute their religious reforms had no intention of giving up their control of Palestine. There were 24 families of priests or levites but in actual practice the chief priest was drawn from one of four powerful exilic families not from the local levitical ones and his election had to have the approval of the king. The temple priests controlled both the religious and secular administration of Judea and they were allowed the religious oversight of Jews in other parts of the Achaemenian empire. So the Jews were not a free people but subjects ruled by the temple priesthood on behalf of the king. The arrangement was so convenient for both sides that when Alexander crushed Darius at the battle of Gaugamela in 331 BC and the Greeks took over the system was continued. The Romans too eventually concluded that the priesthood was the most reliable partner they could find. The priests had bought religious conformity at the price of political subjugation. It is not therefore surprising that Jewish dreams of a struggle for independence led by a messiah found little favour in Jerusalem.

In truth what the history shows is that their God treated the Jews no differently from any other race. Palestine has a strictly limited amount of productive land so the population it can support is relatively small compared with Iraq or Egypt. If either decided on conquest there was a limited amount that its inhabitants could do even if they were united together which they seldom were. Only when there were internal divisions elsewhere could they hope to maintain their independence. Jahwehist insistence on going it alone was therefore downright suicidal. The Jews paid the price in Old Testament times and did not learn so that the whole horrible process repeated itself again under the Roman empire.

This concludes this series of Michael's articles.

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As a New Year begins

A prayer by Karl Barth (1886 - 1968). This most prominent Protestant theologian of his time spent much of his life resisting the Nazi movement, and so knew a thing or two about entering a New Year undaunted by troubles all around him.

O Lord, our Father!...at the turn of the year... our hearts are filled with sombre thoughts... our ears are deafened by the voices of the radio and the newspapers, with their numerous predictions for the coming year. Instead we want to hear your word, your voice, your assurance, your guidance. We know that you are in our midst, and are eager to give us all that we need, whether we ask or not.

...We ask for one thing only: that you collect our scattered thoughts, getting rid of the confused and defiant thoughts that may distract us, and thus enable us to concentrate on your limitless generosity to us. You were abundantly generous to us last year, and will be no less generous to us next year, and in every year to come. Fill us with gratitude to you.

A New Year's resolution-prayer - following in his footsteps

Almighty, eternal, just and merciful God, grant us the desire to do only what pleases you, and the strength to do only what you command. Cleanse our souls, enlighten our minds, and inflame our hearts with your Holy Spirit, that we may follow in the footsteps of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

St Francis of Assisi 1182 - 1226

A prayer for Winter

Come Creator of lights, pierce the darkness and light up the earth.
Light up the seas, light up the lonely and sad.
Christ at the yearly turning,
Christ at every bend,
Christ at each beginning,
Christ at every end.
Christ in dark's deep shadows,
Christ in shades of death,
Christ in primeval history,
Christ in wintry earth.

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH

Our next monthly meetings to pray for the parish will take place on Tuesday 8th January in the Parish Rooms from 7.30pm until 8.15pm. For information contact Robin Figg, 633307.

Lent Course 2008 – *Can we build a better world?*

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 6th February (note the early date!!). During the following weeks 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.

"*Can we build a better world*" 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.

Look out for more details of venues and times of groups in the coming weeks and make plans to join a group this Lent.

Careforce Volunteer 2008

We are expecting Paukhan Khup to arrive on 16th January. He will be working across CDFC for a year continuing the work done by the Oasis Frontline Teams. Paukhan is age 28 and is presently a lecturer at Trivandrum Bible College in Kerala, India. Please pray that Paukhan's visa application will be dealt quickly. **There will an opportunity to meet Paukhan from 2.00pm to 4.00pm Thursday 17th January at South Craven Baptist Church.**

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.



COFFEE MORNING

ON
SAT FEBRUARY 2nd.

IN
THE PARISH ROOMS KILDWICK
FROM
10 AM TO 12 NOON

IN SUPPORT OF OUR MISSION
PARTNERS TIM AND KATE LEE
AND THE JIGSAW KIDS
MINISTRY.

Kildwick and Farnhill Institute
Invite you to a

Bingo Night

On

Friday 18th January
in the institute

'Eyes down' at
7 pm



Refreshments available.

Cross Hill Naturalists' Society (Founded 1904)

Meetings are held in St. Peter's Church, Cross Hills at 7 pm. New members and visitors welcome.

The Microscope Workshop meets at 6.45 pm at the Senior Citizen Centre, North Street, Sutton-in-Craven. Microscopes are available for use at meetings. For further details contact Robert McDougall on 01274 599958.

January Lectures

- Sat. 12th 'Blooming America'. Mr. Don Barrett
- Sat. 26th 'Water, Woods and Wildlife' Mr. Geoff Lomas
- Thurs. 10th Microscope Workshop



Many thanks for all who helped to raise approximately £600 for Martin House Hospice this year. We hope to hold our annual Tea Party on Thursday 10th January at 2 pm. All our regular visitors are welcome.

Please note Open House will be open after the 10th January.

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.

06/01/08	8.15 am	Holy Communion
Epiphany	10 am	All Age Eucharist
13/01/08	8.15 am	Holy Communion
Baptism of Christ	10 am	Sung Eucharist
possibly with	6 pm	CDFC service
Baptisms		
20/01/08	8.15 am	Holy Communion
Third Sunday of	10 am	Sung Eucharist with prayer for healing
Epiphany	6 pm	Choral Evensong
27/01/08	8.15 am	Holy Communion
Fourth Sunday of	10 am	Sung Eucharist
Epiphany	6 pm	Said Evening Prayer

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

Sunday 9th December Martha Grace Jackson, daughter of Simon & Joanna of Hob Lane, Stanbury

Funerals

Friday 11th December Doreen Hoyle, of Silsden Moor

Friday 18th December Ronnie Harrod, of Farnhill

Come and join us for our child-friendly

All Age Eucharist

for Epiphany

on

Sunday 6th January at 10.00 am



Regular Events at Kildwick

1st and 3rd Sunday 7.pm-9pm	Craven Rock leaders meet for prayer	Ecumenical Youth fellowship
Monday 1.30pm	Bible Study at Low Green, XHills	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



Fri 4 th Jan	2.00pm	Ministry Development Team meeting (Vicarage)
Sun 6 th Jan		THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
	10.00am	Family Communion
Tue 8 th Jan	7.30pm	Prayer for the Parish (Parish Rooms)
Wed 9 th Jan	8.00pm	Emmaus Nurture Group begins (Vicarage)
Thu 10 th Jan	2.00pm	Building Development Group meeting (Vicarage)
Fri 11 th Jan	2.45pm	Kildwick School Collective Worship in church
Sun 13 th Jan		THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
Sun 13 th Jan	6.00pm	CDFC United Service
Mon 14 th Jan	7.30pm	Fellowship & Focus Group (Parish Rooms)
Thu 17 th Jan	2.00pm	Open meeting to greet Paukhan Khup (Careforce Worker) (South Craven Baptist Church)
Sun 20 th Jan	a.m.	'Pulpit Swap' for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Mon 21 st – Fri 25 th Jan		Ecumenical meetings for prayer
Fri 25 th Jan	2.00pm	Craven District Council representatives visit re Lang Kirk 21
Fri 25 th Jan	7.30pm	Talk by Christine Anderton about her Manila trip
Tue 29 th Jan	7.00pm	PCC meeting (Parish Rooms)
Sat 2nd Feb	10-12	Coffee Morning (Parish Rooms)
Sun 3 rd Feb		THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

Church Rotas

06/01/08 Epiphany	First Reading - Isaiah 60.1-6 Second Reading - Ephesians 3.1-12 Gospel - Matthew 2.1-12 Gospel - Matthew 2.1-2,8-11	Margaret Jowett Pam Brown Gill Jowett Libba Utley
13/01/08 Baptism of Christ possibly with Baptisms	First Reading - Isaiah 42.1-9 Second Reading - Acts 10.34-43 Gospel - Matthew 3.13-17	John Hudson Isobel Stirk Marjorie Gee
20/01/08 Third Sunday of Epiphany	First Reading - Isaiah 9.1-4 Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 1.10-18 Gospel - Matthew 4.12-23	Elizabeth Figg Margaret Jowett Brian Charter
27/01/08 Fourth Sunday of Epiphany	First Reading - 1 Kings 17.8-16 Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 1.18-31 Gospel - John 2.1-11	Jennifer Roberts Kath Morris Barry Houghton
Flower Rota January	Brass Cleaning Mrs. I Stirk and Mr B. Charter	Sunday 10 am tea and coffee
6th	Mr. Baxter	June Whitaker and Betty Hawkins
13th	Mrs. Kendrew	Beth Taylor Marjorie Gee
29th	Mrs. Peake	Ann Mosley Christine Anderton
27th	Mrs. Downs	Joyce Bonham Libba Utley

Church Cleaning

13th Marian Baxter, June Whitaker, Mary Peake, Joan Tillotson

27th Lesley Hudson, Libba Utley, Margaret Jowett

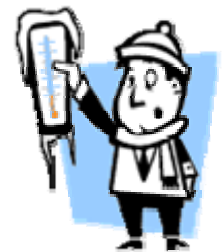
Date	Sidesperson	Intercessor	Communion
06/01/08 Epiphany	Joan Houghton Barry Houghton Sandi Walton Isobel Stirk	Janet Swain	Tim Littler Christine Anderton
13/01/08 Baptism of Christ possibly with	David Baxter Libba Utley Christine Anderton Ann Mosley	Sue Hargreaves	Michael Baumber Gill Jowett
20/01/08 Third Sunday of Epiphany	June Whitaker Pam Brown Brian Green Howard Stirk	Isobel Stirk	Gary McKinney Christine Anderton
27/01/08 Fourth Sunday of Epiphany	Eleanor Eastwood Dorothy Ward Christine Hutchinson Joyce Boden	Elizabeth Figg	John Exley

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



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.

FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL

The Meeting of Farnhill Parish Council was held on the 6th December 2007 in Kildwick & Farnhill Institute.

The meeting was chaired by Counc G McKinney Chairman. Seven members of the council were present & CDC & NYCC Representatives and two members of the public.

R.O.S.P.A advised that the balance beam in the Play Area could be either coated with a resin grit surface or cross cut to a depth of 1/4" to make it non-slip. They stated the reason why the risk assessment received a low/medium grade was because of the location of the Play Area (being by the roadside and within a short distance of the canal). They confirmed that Play Area itself was very safe

The Parish Council would like to thank Councils R Bramley and M Scarife for the recent work carried out to provide seating.

NYCC have stated that the heritage lamps will be painted when someone is in the area. Brochures of lampheads for the heritage lamps are to be passed round in the correspondence and will be discussed at the next meeting. One of the old lamp poles on Orange Road has now been removed NYCC looking into why the other one has not. Clerk to report that Lights No's 26 & 34 are out. No 51 has already been reported.

North Yorkshire Council confirmed that the Keep Clear signing for the top of the Arbour will be put on the list ready for the next financial year, as the budget for lines/signs is over spent for the current year. If any money becomes available it may be carried out before.

The Government have now announced the proposed compulsory compensated closures of Post Offices for this area and unfortunately Farnhill Post Office is one of the proposed closures. A Public Consultation will now take place where the Public can challenge the closure and have their comments considered. The closing date for the consultation is the 17th January 2008. The Parish Council will be responding to the Consultation on the grounds that the Branch Access Report contains information which they believe to be incorrect and putting forward reasons why the Post Office should be kept open. CDC & NYCC Representative Counc. M Wheeler will be in the village talking to residents and handing out leaflets and the Parish Councillors have offered to help with the distribution of leaflets.

If anyone would like their names adding to a petition to save the Post Office they can email the clerk. Details of the consultation are also available from the Post Office.

Craven District Council are to carry out door to door enquiries on Kerbside Recycling Schemes to find out what level of recycling is required locally.

Counc I Fulton raised issues on the War Memorial at Kildwick and whether the Parish Council should contribute to carrying out a survey on the condition of the war memorial. It was decided that as the war memorial is in Kildwick the decision should be made by Kildwick Parish. Clerk to inform the Chairman of Kildwick Parish Meeting.

CDC Rep Counc. P Fairbank informed the Parish Council that the Policy Committee have recommended that the Plan for the Bus Station goes through to Planning and it is hoped that the project will be started in March or April next year.

CDC & NYCC Rep. Counc M Wheeler gave an update on the Environment Enforcement Policy and stated that CDC have issued a schedule of fines which will be issued for Nuisance Parking, Abandoned Vehicles, Graffiti, Fly Posting, Litter, Dog Control etc. Fines will range from £50.00-£200.00 with an early payment discount. The registration of stray dogs has been handed over to CDC from the police.

Clerk to write to Kildwick School and congratulate the staff, governors and children for their excellent achievement in coming top in North Yorkshire for their test results.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL 3rd JANUARY 2008
IN FARNHILL INSTITUTE AT 7-30PM
All members of the village are welcome to attend.**

6 January - Epiphany

On 6 January we celebrate Epiphany - the visit of the wise men to the baby Jesus. But who were these wise men? No one knows for sure. Matthew calls them 'Magi', and that was the name of an ancient caste of a priestly kind from Persia.

It wasn't until the third century that they were they called kings - by a church father, Tertullian. Another church father, Origen, assumed there were three - to correspond with the gifts given. Later Christian interpretation came to understand gold as a symbol of wisdom and wealth, incense as a symbol of worship and sacrifice, and myrrh as a symbol of healing - and even embalming. Certainly Jesus challenged and set aright the way in which the world handled all three of these things. Since the eighth century, the magi have had the names Balthasar, Caspar and Melchior



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Thursday 10th January 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





This month's recipes

From the children's TV programme many years ago, this soup has been a family favourite ever since.

Blue Peter Soup

2 onions, finely chopped	1 parsnip, diced
1 leek, finely chopped	2 carrots, grated
1 handful barley	1 handful lentils
400g tin chopped tomatoes	1 tsp mixed dried herbs
1 tablesp sugar	Salt and pepper
3 chicken or beef stock cubes dissolved to 1½pts.	
Bacon dripping.	



Method

Fry the onions gently in the bacon fat in a casserole, add the rest of the ingredients. Cover with lid and cook in the oven for 1-1½ hrs. Oven 150°C

Sent in by Jennifer Roberts.

Don't forget to send me your favourite recipes -Ed.

Smile Lines

That first kiss!

At the end of their first date, a young man took the girl home. Emboldened by the night, he decided to try for that important first kiss. So with a put-on air of confidence, he leaned casually against the wall and said: "Well, how about a goodnight kiss?"

She gasped: "Are you mad? My parents will see us!"

"Oh come on! Who's going to see us at this hour?"

"No, please. Can you imagine if we get caught?"

"Oh come on, there's nobody around, they're all sleeping!"

"No way. It's just too risky!"

"Oh please, please, I like you so much!!"

"No, no, and no. I like you too, but I just can't!"

"Oh yes you can. Please?"

"NO, no. I just can't."

"Pleeeeeease?..."

Out of the blue, the porch light suddenly went on. The door opened and the girl's sister stood there sleepily in her nightgown, her hair dishevelled. Drowsily she said: "Daddy says please will you go ahead and give this guy a kiss. Or I can do it. Or if need be, he'll come down himself and do it. But for crying out loud, tell him to stop leaning on the intercom button!"

Children's page



St WULFSTAN 19th January

St Wulfstan was Bishop of Worcester from 1062-95. He lived during the Norman Conquest of England and was the only Saxon bishop to remain under William the Conqueror.

Wulfstan was a caring and hard-working monk. He rebuilt the cathedral at Worcester, cared for the poor, and struggled to ease the harsh conditions imposed by the Normans on the Saxons. Unlike some priests, he baptised children of the poor without charge. It is said that he never turned away people asking for help.

Wulfstan fought the slave trade in Bristol (slave trading didn't just start with slaves from Africa but had been going on for centuries with slaves from England being sold to Ireland and North Africa).

Wulfstan died whilst washing the feet of 12 poor men during a service in the cathedral. He died as he had lived, serving God and caring for others.

CATHEDRAL SAINTS

Some cathedrals are associated with or dedicated to particular saints. Can you link the saint with the cathedral?

St Giles	Lichfield
St Mungo	Ely
St Chad	Durham
St Etheldreda	Edinburgh
St Cuthbert	Winchester
St Swithin	Glasgow



**Did you hear about the man
who took his car in for a
service?**

It got stuck in the church doors.

**What's green, curly &
religious?**

Lettuce pray.



**What lives in a paper bag and
hangs around in French
cathedrals?**

The lunch-pack of Notre Dame.



Answers: St Giles at Edinburgh, St Mungo at Glasgow, St Chad at Lichfield, St Etheldreda at Ely, St Cuthbert at Durham, St Swithin at Winchester.

Isobel's page

During 2007 I have shown many visitors around the church- groups from other churches and individuals, some looking into the past- researching family history. Knowing me you will not be surprised to learn that many times the conversation has turned to the Bronte connection at St Andrew's- and people seem very interested in this and of course talking 'Bronte' for me is like eating a piece of favourite chocolate cake but better as a migraine does not follow!

Recently I was talking to a visitor to the church, from Cheshire, who told me he had only once been to Haworth but the packed churchyard with its row upon row of graves and the cawing from myriads of rooks had left him with a lasting impression of the place.

Talking about that churchyard reminded me of a poem of the same name written by someone whom many called, after Byron and Browning, the third Victorian poet - Matthew Arnold.

'Far northward from here, in a church yard high mid the moors of Yorkshire,

A little earth stops it for ever to praise'.....

'But the church stands on the crest of the hill, lonely and bleak;

at its side the parsonage house and the graves'

Arnold wrote another wonderful poem, in 1867, 'Dover Beach' which depicts a nightmarish world from which religious principles have receded and it expresses the view that human love is mankind's only defence against the dark. At this time of Epiphany, at the start of another new year, we remember the journey of the three wise men and Arnold's 'Dover Beach' is said to have influenced T. S. Eliot when he wrote one of my favourite poems, 'The Journey of the Magi'. In it he, Eliot, imagines what the men must have thought many years after their well documented journey and he takes the well known Bible story and enters the characters and tries to find out what motivated them.

At first he does not paint a very glamorous picture of that journey-

It was very cold – the worst time of the year. The camels' feet were sore and they stubbornly lay down in the slushy snow and refused to go on. The lodgings along the way were dirty and overpriced and there were many temptations put in their way.

This poem was written after Eliot's conversion to Christianity and confirmation into the Church of England in 1927 and like the magi he had gone through his own tough journey, found what he was

looking for but realised, as they did, that the story did not end there.

In the poem we are not told exactly what the men found at their journey's end.

'Arrived at evening, not a moment too soon,

finding the place (you may say) satisfactory.'

We are not informed, as Matthew informs us, that they knelt in awe or that they offered their gifts but what we are told is that they returned home changed men and uncertain of what actually they had seen

'Were we lead all that way for Birth or Death? There was a Birth, certainly we had evidence and no doubt. I have seen birth and death but had thought they were different; this Birth was hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death'



Perhaps Eliot is trying to tell us that after they had travelled to see a birth they had to experience a death- the death of their old ways, the death of their doubts and fears in order to go back home or indeed go forward with life after their return.

The poem suggests that the magi overcame much adversity to travel to Bethlehem, they had left the security of everything they knew. They were tired, they were dirty and fed up, with many doubts in their minds

'voices singing in our ears saying-that this was all folly'-

they were wondering if what they sought actually existed.

It could be that this poem has a message for us a century later. As we travel into another new year our journey may be equally uncertain. Maybe we will have self doubts at the things we want to do, wondering if we going down the right track as obstacles are put in our way and we hear criticism and scepticism levelled at us and so our journey as Christians may not be easy, but if we are to make that journey we must take the risk. If the magi had stayed at home, warm and comfortable, they would not have met the Lord at his Birth. Perhaps this poem, and the story in Matthew's gospel, will give us the courage to venture into another year with the confidence that we are not alone and that many before us have made the same journey and that although that journey could be long, desolate, with dangers encountered along the way, we too will be able to say at the end-

'It was (you may say) satisfactory'

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