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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,

Happy Christmas and a happy New Year! We have once again celebrated the birth of Jesus, the Christ-child; we have rejoiced at the wonder of God coming to the world as a human being, one of us.

Why would God do this? Why would God come and live a life like yours and mine, with all the stresses and strains, ups and downs that come with being part of the human family?

In the Christ event, we see God choosing to reveal himself to you and me in a new way, a way that would shake the very foundations of our understanding of what it means to be human. In the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus God speaks to the world and says there is a different to play the game of life.

From its very beginning human society has been built on a culture of rivalry, on a culture of desiring to be better than, more powerful than the other person, of having what the other person has. This inevitably leads to conflict and violence.

In Jesus God shows us a different way of being in relationship with each other. Jesus shows us a way of nonviolence, of radical love and forgiveness; to follow Jesus is to do all in our power to break down the barriers that keep people apart and build bridges that bring people and communities together.

As we begin another year, the challenge must be to pursue this way of nonviolence. Perhaps the hardest part of the challenge will be to acknowledge the ways that we can all be violent towards our fellow humans. Renewal of life must always become with "me".

In the 1920s, when *The Times* invited several eminent authors to write essays on the theme "What's Wrong with the World?" G.K.Chesterton's offering was short and to the point: "*Dear Sirs, I am. Sincerely yours, G. K. Chesterton*".

Walter Wink, a Professor of Biblical Interpretation in the USA and past Peace Fellow at the United States Institute of Peace, has written at length on the theme of nonviolence. Giving a lecture on the theme of '*Nonviolence for the Violent*', he said: "I chose this title because we all have violence within us. To recognise our inner violence is one of the hardest things we must do if we are to become nonviolent. I once tried to eradicate violence from my heart, but when I took a long look at the violence that raged within me I found I had a tremendous amount of work to do. If we can't deal with our own personal violence, how can we expect to deal with the violence of nations?"

Mohandas Gandhi made nonviolence the basis for an ongoing movement and at the same time the basis of a philosophical and spiritual way of living. Writing in 1926 he said, "Nonviolence is the greatest force humanity has been endowed with. Truth is the only goal we have. For God is none other than Truth. But Truth cannot be, never will be reached except through nonviolence. That which distinguishes us from other animals is our capacity to be nonviolent. And we fulfil our mission only to the extent that we are nonviolent and no more."

So God comes to the world as the Light shining in the darkness. God comes to change hearts and minds and move people from violence to nonviolence.

This coming year let these be your gifts to those around you: To your enemy, forgiveness; to an opponent, tolerance; to a friend, your heart; to a customer, service; to all, charity; to every child, a good example; to yourself, respect.

Peace, shalom.

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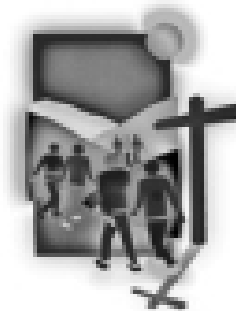
EMMAUS: THE WAY OF FAITH

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The Emmaus Nurture Course is a 15-week course that explores: What Christians believe; How Christians grow; Living the Christian life.

Why attend this course?

For most people the journey of faith is a gradual discovery, a life-time's exploration. The process of growing in faith affects our whole lives. There is no one point at which we can say 'we have arrived'. The potential to gain deeper understanding and knowledge and grow in love is always there. The course aims to support the individual on their journey by providing friends and fellow travellers. There will be opportunities to ask questions, learn and reflect.



Who is the course for?

The course is suitable for:

- enquirers who are aware of their spiritual needs and want to find out what it means to be a Christian;
- those who have recently joined Church but feel they have much to learn;
- those who have attended Church for a long time but want a 'refresher';
- those who feel there must be more to the Christian faith than turning up for an hour on Sunday mornings;
- those wishing to be Confirmed.

The Nurture Group will meet on Wednesday evenings (commencing 13th January) from 8.00pm to 9.30pm (or 7.30pm to 9.00pm).

For more information please pick up a leaflet from the church or parish rooms or contact Robin Figg at the Vicarage (tel. 633307).

Parcevall Hall: A Weekend Away

9th – 11th July 2010

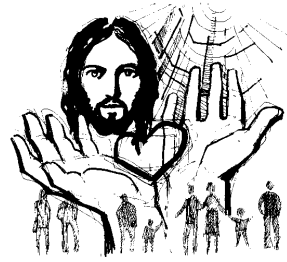
Parcevall Hall is the Bradford Diocesan Retreat House, situated near Appletreewick. It has excellent facilities, offering the comfort of an old house, the peace of a rural situation and the scenic beauty of Wharfedale.



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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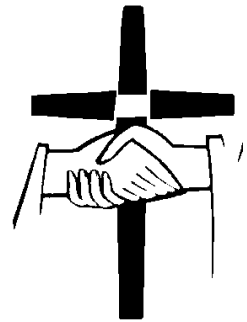


At the beginning of a New Year

May we remember

There is room in the world for loving;
There is no room for hate.
There is room in the world for sharing;
There is no room for greed.
There is room for justice;
No room for privilege.
There is room for compassion;
No room for pride.

When the song of the angels is still;
When the star in the sky is gone;
When kings and princes are home;
When the shepherds are back with their flock;
The work of Christmas begins
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner
To rebuild nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart!



Lord Jesus at the beginning of a New Year
Grant to each one of us a new determination
To do your will
So that our lives may reflect your way for the world

Amen

This month's page compiled by Sue Hargreaves



CROSS HILLS & DISTRICT FELLOWSHIP of Churches

Local Christians working together



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.

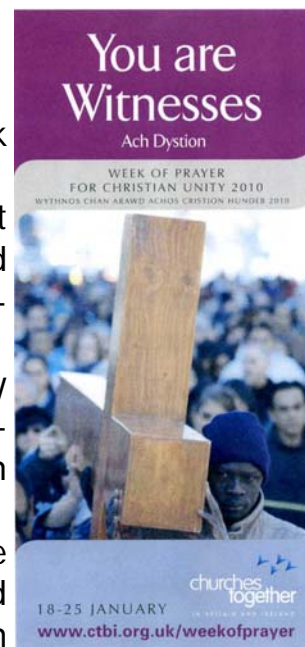
The resurrection stories in the Gospel have immense power that touch upon so many different aspects of human experience - dashed hopes, disappointments, grief and loss. But they also speak of a difficulty to accept change and recognise new realities.

This year, the host nation for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is Scotland, and they have chosen the vivid account of Jesus' Resurrection as the focus for our thought and prayers about Christian unity.

The unity in Christ that we seek and pray for implies that we are called to embrace something new, something that will change us and the church – from something disunited to a Church that is one in Christ.

At the present time, some commentators have observed that the ecumenical movement is 'becalmed'. Recently, CTBI has been pondering that metaphor and have related it to another - the desert. In Christian spirituality the desert is not only a lonely, sometimes hostile place, but also a place of spiritual renewal and growth, a place where faith is strengthened and deepened. So if there is a sense that we are 'becalmed' in our ecumenical journey we might see this not as a cause for mourning but an opportunity for renewal and rekindled hope.

During this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we hope you will join with Christians across the world to pray for that renewed passion for Christian Unity and see in particular the risen Christ in our midst.



'Pulpit Swap'.

As part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, on Sunday 17th 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;
- David Warrington will be at St Andrew's, Kildwick at 10.00am;
- Michael Cowgill will be at South Craven Baptist Church at 10.30am;

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 (with refreshments available from 7.15pm). The speaker will speak for up to 30 minutes and there will then be time for questions and discussion. The evening will conclude with a short time of prayer. The first evening will be Wednesday 24th February.

Topics for discussion include: Disability Issues; Stories of hope in the land of forgetfulness (living with dementia); Mental and spiritual health in mission, The ethics of assisted suicide; Keeping healthy.

Fellowship & Focus Group

Our next meeting on Monday 11th January 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.

Smile Lines

Incentive to succeed

An old gentleman was on the operating table awaiting surgery. He had insisted that his son, a renowned surgeon, perform the operation. As he was about to get the anaesthesia, he asked to speak to his son, to encourage him. 'Don't be nervous, do your best and just remember, if it doesn't go well, and something happens to me, your mother is going to come and live with you and your wife.'

Know your sources

One evening my parents came over to visit. Our five-year-old son, James, decided to impress his grandparents by reciting his latest memory verse. Standing at attention, he rattled off the verse, and was doing famously until he reached the reference. "And that comes from Delusions 5:16!"

Curious business of raising children

You spend the first two years of their life teaching them to walk and talk. Then you spend the next sixteen telling them to sit down and shut up



If you haven't had enough chocolate over Christmas try these two tray bakes



Chocolate Oat Fingers

Ingredients

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| 8 ozs or 225g chocolate | 4 ozs or 112g oats |
| 2 ozs or 56g butter | 4 ozs or 112g castor sugar |
| 2 ozs or 56g sultanas | 1 beaten egg |
| 8 glace cherries (cut into quarters) | |

Method

1. Grease a swallow tin 10 ins by 7 ins. Set oven reg 2 (300 °F or 150° C)
2. Break up chocolate and melt over hot water or in the microwave
3. Pour chocolate into tin and leave aside to set.
4. Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy, add egg, oats and fruit, mix well
5. Spread over chocolate.
6. Bake for 45 minutes until golden brown
7. Leave to cool 5 minutes and then mark into fingers
8. Leave until cold in tin.

Fudge Fingers

Ingredients

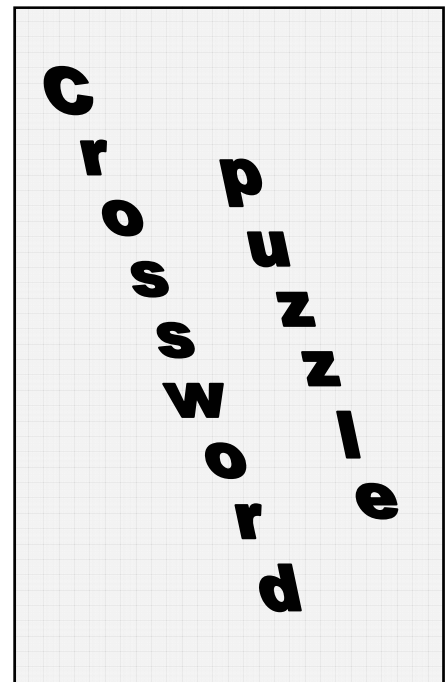
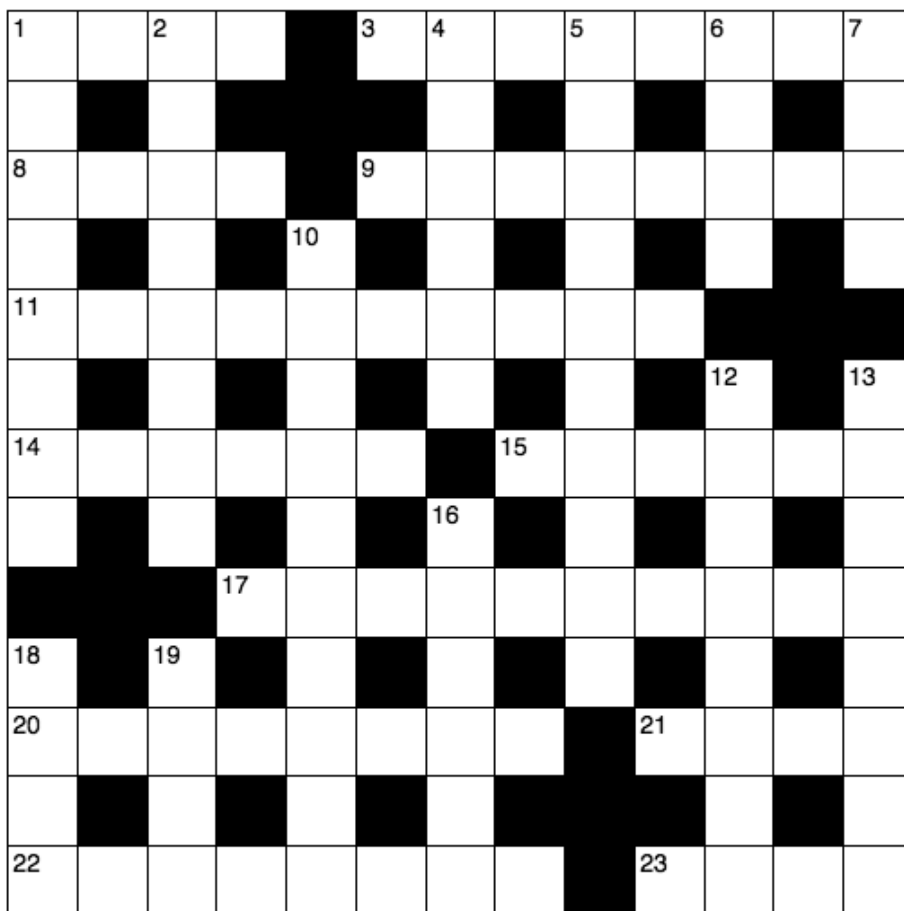
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| 4 ozs or 112g margarine | 4 ozs or 112g castor sugar |
| 1 tablesp syrup | 1 small tin condensed milk |
| 8 ozs or 225g digestive biscuits | 8 ozs or 225g chocolate |

Method

1. Crush biscuits in polythene bag with rolling pin.
2. Melt margarine, syrup and sugar in heavy based saucepan over very gentle heat.
3. Add condensed milk and boil for 7 minutes, take care it burns very easily!
4. Add crushed biscuits and spread in greases tray bake tin, allow to cool
5. Melt chocolate over boiling water or in microwave and pour over the top.
6. Leave to cool 5 minutes and then mark into fingers



Don't forget if you have a favourite recipe you would like to share send it to lesley.hudson@kildwick.or.uk or drop it into Burnside, Bucklar Hill, Farnhill



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Across

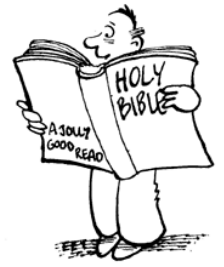
- 1 'Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a — began to crow' (John 18:27) (4)
 3 Fetters (Job 33:11) (8)
 8 Perform on a musical instrument (1 Samuel 16:23) (4)
 9 Paul describes it as 'the third heaven' (2 Corinthians 12:2–4) (8)
 11 Loyally (Deuteronomy 11:13) (10)
 14 Hens? Me? (anag.) (6)
 15 Not visible (Matthew 6:6) (6)
 17 Predicted site of the final great battle (Revelation 16:16) (10)
 20 Jacob's youngest son (Genesis 35:18) (8)
 21 One of Zophar's eleven sons (1 Chronicles 7:36) (4)
 22 For example, London, Paris, Rome (8)
 23 United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (1,1,1,1)

Down

- 1 Favourite church activity: Fellowship round a — — — (3,2,3)
 2 Divinely bestowed powers or talents (8)
 4 Pile together (1 Thessalonians 2:16) (4,2)
 5 Commanded to justify (John 8:13) (10)
 6 Timothy's grandmother (2 Timothy 1:5) (4)
 7 Killed (Psalm 78:34) (4)
 10 One of Graham Kendrick's best-known songs, — — King (3,7)
 12 Indecency (Mark 7:22) (8)
 13 Unceasing (Jeremiah 15:18) (8)
 16 He prophesied 'the abomination that causes desolation' (Matthew 24:15) (6)
 18 British Board of Film Classification (1,1,1,1)
 19 Pans (anag.) (4)

BIBLE HISTORY

written by Michael Baumber



The Gospel Story : The Lost Years 2 LIMESTONE COUNTRY

The word 'Galilee' means a circle but the circular Galilee included both Upper Galilee around Caesarea Philippi and Decapolis. The Lower Galilee of Jesus' formative years was more a semi-circle with a number of rings like an onion. The heart was the Sea of Galilee itself with its fishing villages. Then there was the plain of Genneseret which stretched along the west side of the Sea from Capernaum in the north to a ridge of hills towards the south western end called the Horns of Hattin where Saladin beat the Crusaders in the Middle Ages. Around this inner ring was a range of low hills composed mainly of limestone and cut through by a number of valleys which connected the plain to the Mediterranean coast. Finally there was an outer ring which contained Sepphoris, Galilee's capital. According to Josephus 90% of Galilee's inhabitants were peasants and they lived in 204 rural villages. Those in the limestone country would be seen by a traveller spaced out at frequent intervals usually on the lower hillsides because limestone is porous so there would have been little or no water further up. Nazareth, where Jesus was brought up, was on the southern end of the range but it was a little different from the rest because there the rock was chalk, not limestone, Chalk is only semi-permeable so his village was on the upper slopes not the lower but otherwise it shared the same rural small valley village ethos of the rest.

One of my favourite poems is 'In Praise of Limestone' by W.H.Auden. He is not writing about northern England but the Appenines of his adopted country Italy, yet there are sufficient similarities to make the ideas he expresses transferable. There is an even closer resemblance with Galilee which enjoys the same Mediterranean climate. The inhabitants of his limestone country did not respond to apocalyptic visions.

*Where everything can be touched or reached by walking
Their eyes have never looked into infinite space
Through the lattice work of a nomad's comb.'
In compensation they rarely turned to crime in a big way either.
'So when one of them goes to the bad, the way his mind works
Remains comprehensible: to become a pimp
Or deal in fake jewellery or ruin a fine tenor voice
For effects that bring down the house could happen to all
But the best and the worst of us.... That's why
The best and the worst never stayed here long.'*

Saints to be left in search of a convenient desert. Intendant caesars preferred clay plains they could mould to their wills while the really adventurous were drawn to the old, oceanic whispers of the cold sea. When Jesus' listeners tried to 'imagine 'a faultless love or the life to come,' I wonder, did they like Auden, hear the murmur of underground streams and see a limestone landscape?



Glusburn Luncheon Club



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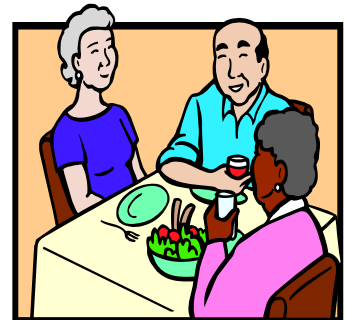
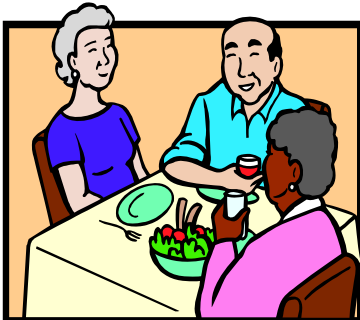
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For many of us, our first interaction with the world each morning is to tune into the news, whether by radio, TV or on-line. Sadly, some mornings it is so dreary or even appalling that our first reaction can be to want to go back to bed and cancel the rest of the day.

As January 2010 begins, much of the news coming in from around the world is bad. The war drags on in Afghanistan; politicians continue to argue, an election is looming, the economy is struggling. There doesn't seem to be a lot of good news about!

Perhaps, though, there is a different way of thinking about good news. Nowhere in the Bible did Jesus say that we should be looking to political leaders and our society for good news. Instead, he put the responsibility for bringing hope to people firmly on US, in the living of our everyday lives.

'For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.' (Matthew 25:35-36 NLT)

What a challenge! Jesus put the responsibility on US to BE good news to other people, and to show his compassion in the ordinary actions and relationships of life. Sure he expects some of us to be involved in impacting the 'big issues' of society and government. But for most of us, our challenge is more straightforward, more immediate.. So today, ask yourself: 'The world may be a mess, but for whom can I be good news today? Who will have cause to be thankful today, whose life will be a bit brighter, who will be given fresh hope because of something I have done in the name of Jesus?' Bringing good news to someone today.... that is the responsibility of each one of us.

adapted from an article by Stephen Cave

Some miscellaneous observations on life

When the Bible is put on the shelf, the church will surely follow it.

Going the speed of light is bad for your age.

Sometimes I think I'm diagonally parked in a parallel universe.

Old age: the point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.

You can't do anything about the length of your life, but you can do something about its width and depth.

Pray not for crutches to get you through life, but for wings.

He had a photographic memory - which was never developed.

Isobel's Page

Gwas, for very selfish reasons, somewhat relieved when the postal strikes, which had been much publicised and anticipated, were called off- because I absolutely love sending and receiving Christmas cards. The anticipation of opening the envelopes, which drop onto my mat, and reading the messages on the cards is something I really look forward to year after year.

The card has become an integral part of Christmas but the early manufacturers deemed it to be a fad that would pass. However if you had been reading your newspaper in 1871 you would have found an article which said that the deluge of Christmas cards was delaying legitimate mail! So how did this practice of sending cards at Christmas begin? The founder of the Victoria and Albert Museum, Sir Henry Cole, wanted to make his friends aware of the need to help the poor and destitute at Christmas so in 1843 he commissioned John Calcutt Horsley-whose sister had married Isambard Kingdom Brunel- to paint a picture showing the feeding and clothing of the poor.

Horsley, a member of the Cranbrook artists' colony in Kent, was known to be something of a prude because he objected to painting from life and this led to him being called 'Clothes Horsley'! After this first card was commissioned the sending of cards at Christmas became popular- despite Horsley's picture being somewhat criticised because it showed a family enjoying food and drink and a young child drinking a cup of wine. In 2001 the 1843 card, printed in lithography and hand coloured, sold for a record £22,250.00! Perhaps I should not recycle my cards this year but store them away..... one never knows! The early English cards rarely showed winter or religious themes instead they featured flowers and fairies and other fanciful things. In Victorian times trick cards were popular and they always held some surprises- the turning of a page, the pulling of a string would reveal the unexpected. Looking through my cards, this Christmas, revealed something entirely different- birds, nativity scenes, Father Christmas, decorated Christmas trees, nostalgic pictures of horses pulling stagecoaches through snow storms- to name but a few. One thing I always look forward to receiving at this time comes, not by post, but by email and my friend always sends me something which is usually a reproduction of an 'Old Master'- invariably showing the adoration of the magi- a popular subject for many of the great painters of old. So I can enjoy Botticelli's 'Adoration of the Magi'- dating from about 1475 arriving on my screen or something in a similar vein- and there are quite a few to choose from. In the middle of the same century the Italian Renaissance painter, Gozzoli, painted the mural 'The Procession of the Magi' in the Palazzo Medici in Florence which incorporates, also, portraits of the Medici family. In 1481 Leonardo de Vinci started his painting showing Mary and Joseph in the foreground and, forming a triangular shape, the Magi kneeling in adoration of the infant Christ. However it is thought that de Vinci only did the under drawing because others painters became involved in its completion. All these paintings show the three men paying homage to Jesus and presenting Him with gifts. Christmas has come synonymous not just with the exchanging of cards- which I enjoy so much- but also with the sending and receiving of gifts. The earliest known custom of giving presents, around the time of the winter solstice, was during the Roman festival of Kalends- the first day of the month- which was an elaborate ritual- usually carried out early in the morning by the head of the household- to the gods Lares and Di Penates. At this festival a high ranking Roman

officer was expected to present gifts to the Emperor. In times past, in our own country, Boxing Day- 26th December- was the day when servants and poor workers, who would have worked on Christmas Day, were given time off to visit their families. Their employers would present them with a box which often contained left over food and useful items. In mediaeval England earthenware boxes were used by the poor servants to save money throughout the year to fund Christmas festivities and alms boxes were placed in churches on Christmas Day and then were opened the day after and the money given to the poor.

In late November I read that the Metro Museum of Art in New York was offering a keepsake which was a book which explored the history and lore of what could be described as the very first Christmas gifts- gold, frankincense and myrrh. As well as the book there was also in the package a glass bottle containing 24 carat gold and frankincense and myrrh in mesh bags- to allow their exotic scents to emanate. I think it would be absolutely wonderful to know what happened to the original gifts given to Jesus on that first Christmas- gold, symbolising virtue- as a kingship on earth, frankincense- used in perfumery and aromatherapy whose aroma was said to represent life- many faiths mixing it with oils to anoint newborn infants and myrrh- an embalming ointment, used as an incense at funerals and cremations- which had the symbols of suffering and death. I have often wondered who these three men actually were and why they presented what they did- strange gifts it could be said for a tiny baby. Were these men kings? Were they astronomers/ astrologists or members of a priestly caste? Some have even called them magicians and it could be that the gifts were simply tools of their trade which they would always have with them. Perhaps, like the shepherds who could very well have presented the infant Christ with a lamb, they gave what was important to them- they gave gifts from the heart. There is a short play entitled 'The Gift of the Magi' which tells the story of a very poor couple. He has, hidden away, a pocket watch which he has never worn but treasures and which he sells in order to buy his beloved wife some beautiful combs to wear in her long, shiny hair. Before he gives her the combs she cuts off her hair- her pride and joy- and sells it in order to buy her dear husband something she thinks he has always wanted – a pocket watch. Finding the perfect gift- not easy- but perhaps what makes one is not so much about the actual thing but what is behind the giving of it- the giving from the heart. Whoever the Magi were and whatever their reasons for travelling that long distance and giving Jesus those gifts were, what cannot be disputed is that from then on their lives would be changed and they would know that from the moment they met Jesus the world had changed too One of my very favourite poems (I'm sure to have quoted from it many times!)- T.S. Eliott's 'The Journey of the Magi'- written at a time of personal struggle and uncertainty for him- describes their feelings. He wrote '*We returned to our places, these kingdoms, but no longer at ease here in the old dispensation- with an alien people clutching their gods*'. Nothing the magi gave, nothing I can wrap up in elaborate paper tied with a fancy bow, no card I can send, however attractive the picture on it is, can ever match what God gave us, but in her poem, written in 1872, Christina Rossetti gives a pointer-

'What can I give Him- poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb. If I were a wise man I would do my part- yet what I can I give Him- I give my heart'.

With very best wishes to all my readers for a happy, healthy and peaceful 2010 - *Isobel*

Regular Events at Kildwick

Monday 1.30 pm	2 Ryecroft Road 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



- Sun 3rd Jan THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
10.00am Family Communion
- Sun 10th Jan THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
- Mon 11th Jan 7.30pm Focus & Fellowship Group (Parish Rooms)
- Tues 12th Jan Chuffs toddler group starts (Parish Rooms)
- Wed 13th Jan 10.15am Not the Knot stitching group (Parish Rooms)
- Wed 13th Jan Jets and Phoenix children's groups start (Parish Rooms)
- Wed 13th Jan 8.00pm Emmaus Nurture Group beings (Vicarage)
- Thu 14th Jan 10.00am LEAP Group (Parish Rooms)
- Sun 17th Jan am Pulpit Swap for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- Tue 26th Jan 6.30pm PCC meeting (Parish Rooms)
- Sun 31st Jan THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THEW TEMPLE
10.00am Family Communion with Christingles
- Tues 9th Feb. 10.30am Worship Task Group meeting (13 Park Road, Cross Hills)
- Wed 17th Feb ASH WEDNESDAY
7.30pm Holy Communion (St. Peter's Church, Cross Hills)
- Weds 24th Feb 7.30pm CDFC Lent Course begins (St. Peter's Church, Cross Hills)

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

3rd January 2010	8.15 am	Holy Communion
Epiphany	10 am	Family Eucharist
10th January 2010	8.15 am	Holy Communion
Baptism of Christ	10 am	Sung Eucharist
17th January 2010	8.15 am	Holy Communion
The Second Sunday of Epiphany	10 am	Sung Eucharist with prayers for healing
24th January 2010	8.15 am	Holy Communion
The Third Sunday of Epiphany	10 am	Sung Eucharist
31st January 2010	8.15 am	Holy Communion
The Presentation of Christ in the Temple	10 am	Family Eucharist with Christingles

**Sunday 31st January
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.



Women's Institute News



Glusburn and Cross Hills WI - November and December Meetings

At our meeting on 3rd November John Wallis talked to us about famous "Top of the Bill" people such as Marie Lloyd who bought boots for poor children with the first money she earned by singing. Among those he told us about were Sandie Powell, Gracie Fields, Al Read and Vera Lynn, a most entertaining evening.

We were informed of the main committee duties for the coming year. Margaret Golightly will take over as Secretary with Pat Newton as assistant and Val Harrison will be Treasurer. Pat Newton is also taking responsibility for visiting sick members.

Forthcoming events included the raffle for Manorlands at our December meeting and our annual dinner at the Bella Napoli on Tuesday 5th January 2010.

At our December meeting we had a "Christmas Medley", a quiz, the Manorlands raffle for which everyone had given a prize and a supper of cake and mince pies.

Forthcoming events included the annual dinner which takes the place of our January meeting on 5th January at 7.00 for 7.30. A trip is being organised to see the Calendar Girls play at the Grand Theatre, Leeds, in March 2010.

Pam Brown

Some insults are classier than others....

"He loves nature in spite of what it did to him." - Forrest Tucker

"Why do you sit there looking like an envelope without any address on it?" - Mark Twain

"His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork." - Mae West

"Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go." - Oscar Wilde

"He uses statistics as a drunken man uses lamp-posts... for support rather than illumination." - Andrew Lang

"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it." - Groucho Marx

3rd January 2010 Epiphany	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Isaiah 60 1 - 6 Ephesians 3 1 - 12 Matthew 2 1 - 12	
10th January 2010 Baptism of Christ	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Isaiah 43 1 - 7 Acts 8 14 - 17 Luke 3 15 - 17, 21 - 22	Isobel Stirk Margaret Jowett Jennifer Roberts
17th January 2010 The Second Sunday of Epiphany	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Isaiah 62 1 - 5 1 Corinthians 12 1 - 11 John 2 1 - 11	Kath Morris Stephen Westcott Marjorie Gee
24th January 2010 The Third Sunday of Epiphany	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Nehemiah 8 1 - 3, 5 - 6, 8 - 10 1 Corinthians 12 12 - 31a Luke 4 14 - 21	Christine Anderton Marie Stinson Barry Houghton
31st January 2010 The Presentation of Christ in the Temple	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Malachi 3 1 - 5 Hebrews 2 14 - 18 Luke 2 22 - 40	Brenda Brock Lesley Bannister

Flowers		17th	Vacant
3rd	Mr. Baxter	24th	Mrs. Peake
10th	Mrs. Kendrew	31st	
Brass Cleaning: Christine Westcott and Beth Taylor			

Church Cleaning
January: Helen Hulley, Rosie Hargreaves, Sylvia Ackroyd
February: Marian Baxter, June Whitaker, Mary Peake, Joan Tillotson



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PROVIDED**

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Date	Sidesperson	Intercessor	Communion
3 rd January 2010	Joan and Barry Houghton Libba Utley Brian Green		Sandie and John
10 th January 2010	David Baxter Marie Stinson Pam Brown Peter McNeill	Isobel Stirk	Christine and Sue
17 th January 2010	Christine Anderton Ann Mosley June Whitaker	Susan Hargreaves	Tim and Christine
24 th January 2010	Eleanor Eastwood Dorothy Ward Christine Hutchinson	Michael Baumber	Michael and Christine
31 st January 2010	Joyce Bonham Elaine Carter Sandie Walton	Lesley Hudson	Sue and Sandie

FROM THE REGISTERS

Burial of cremated remains

Saturday 5th December Dorothy Throup

Come and join us for our



**All Age Eucharist
for Epiphany
on
Sunday 3rd January
at 10.00 am**

Learn
encourage
act
pray

into mission



Thursday 14th January 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 January 2010

- **14th** Microscope workshop
- **16th** The Wildlife of the Yorkshire Dales. Dr. T. Thom
- **30th** Sustainability, Zero Footprint living. David Rhodes

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

The meeting of Farnhill Parish Council was held on the 3rd December 2009 in Kildwick/Farnhill Institute. The meeting was chaired by Counc. D Atkinson (Vice Chairman) Five members of the council were present, plus NYCC Rep Counc P Mulligan, NY Police Sergeant Scott and three members of the public.

A member of the public thanked the Parish Council for attending the site meeting on the A629 to discuss flooding problems with NYCC. As a result of the meeting the two gullies had their connections thoroughly cleaned and both were working well. The remainder of the drains were checked and found to be working. However the drains are now defective again due to having refilled with silt from the road and the road has recently been flooded again.

Clerk to write to Highways and ask that the drains are cleaned on a regular basis, especially with the current climate and state that there are problems further down the road near 55 Skipton Road. Also to ask for a copy of the drainage and sewers in Kildwick /Farnhill.

Two members of the public made representations on behalf of the Institute and made a request for continued funding from the Parish Council towards the running of the Institute. They provided a business plan and explained that despite several fund raising events and lettings to various groups the income was not enough to cover the running costs. Income had been affected with the closure of the Post Office. They felt that it was vital to keep the Institute going as it is the only community building in the village. The Parish Council agreed to continue with the funding for the coming year.

NYCC have responded to the request for a pedestrian island and footway extension by the bus stop on the A629. They state that unfortunately all the money for the South Craven Service transportation Strategy is fully allocated to other schemes so our request will be put on as first reserve. They state that some of the other schemes have hurdles to overcome so the pedestrian island and footway scheme stand a reasonable chance of being funded in the future.

The petition for speed reduction from Kildwick Hall to Farnhill Hall has been presented to NYCC by Mr. & Mrs. Law along with Counc Mulligan but the outcome was disappointing. NYCC have stated that 20mph zones must have traffic calming measures when mean speeds exceed 24mph in order to make them both effective and self-enforcing. The most recent speed measurements taken gave a mean speed of 25.6 and therefore a traffic calming scheme would have to be implemented. The priority for such a scheme in Farnhill is very low and therefore not likely to be implemented for the foreseeable future. Clerk to write to NYCC expressing their disappointment and ask them if the speed measurements can be taken again as it some time since they were done last. Counc P Mulligan intends taking the petition to John Ford at Northallerton.

Parking Issues concerning a vehicle parking at the junction of Mary Street and Newby Road were discussed with Sergeant Scott. The Parish Council stated that the vehicle had now been removed but had been causing an obstruction. Sergeant Scott stated that he had not had any reports of problems from Ambulances, Refuse Wagons or the Little Red Bus and an officer had visited the site and did not consider it to cause an obstruction. He said that if the issue arose again an officer would re-visit the site and if they felt the vehicle was causing an obstruction then a ticket would be issued.

A report was made about the potholes in the road under the Culvert and the Parish Council will monitor them and take action if they get any worse.

Clerk to ask CDC to sweep the path under the Kildwick Underpass to clear the debris from the recent flood and to ask them to make sure it is swept each time it floods.

Sergeant Scott also responded to the request for further information on the Community

Speed Watch Scheme. He informed the Parish Council that each parish would get equal shares of the speed device and each parish would have a designated officer who would carry out the checks. The speed device would be used as much as possible whenever the officers have the time and a schedule would be drawn up so they can inform us when it would be used. The device would be kept for use in villages, whereas the ones used by traffic police are usually used on the Highways. The Parish Council agreed to support the scheme and will donate £200.00 when the scheme is set up.

Counc R Bramley reported that the seat at the Arbour and the top of Main Street have now been repaired.

NYCC Street Lighting Office has said that the new light for Starkey Lane will be done in the next two weeks.

The new lighting has been installed at the Kildwick underpass, but the Parish Council is disappointed because the lights do not provide any extra light under the bridge. Clerk to write to NYCC and explain that the lights would have been better either set further back or lowered to throw more light under the bridge.

The precept for 2010/2011 was set at £9807.00 which is a rise of 5% on the previous year. This included provisions for funding for the Institute, contribution to restoration of the Pinnacle, contribution to Community Speed Watch Scheme. Other items of expenditure include Street Lighting maintenance and energy costs, provision for new Street Lights, Insurance, Clerks Salary and provision for election costs if an election takes place.

The ROSPA Play Area Safety Inspection Report has been received and there are no areas of concern, just a few minor items to attend to. Maintenance needed is to turn the tiles at the Play Panels, re-tighten the steering wheel on the Play Panels to prevent pinch point and to lubricate the gate mechanism.

Counc R Bramley has had a further meeting with Dr Canaway and they were joined by experts on bats. It was confirmed that there are no bats in the trees, therefore the trees can be removed. It has been recommended that there are three trees which need to be removed to save the heather. Dr Canaway will supply names of some wild heather suppliers. He stated that the work carried out by volunteers in Spring/Summer 2008 had been carried out sympathetically with the heather we want to keep. He suggested that the brambles be removed by digging up or Roundup weedkiller used very carefully. Clerk to ask Counc M Scarffe to contact Dr Canaway regarding the grants and any info on wild heather suppliers.

CDC have sent out letters to properties in Farnhill where they think there might be storage difficulties associated with the introduction of the new waste collection service. The letter invites people to contact them if they foresee problems and they will be happy to discuss it with them. The parish Council are concerned that some of the people are elderly and may not feel able to respond to the letter. Clerk to ask CDC if they could provide a list of the properties identified so they can offer help if required.

British Waterways confirmed that they have raised an internal order for their vegetation maintenance contractors to carry out grass cutting on the area around Redmans Bridge. However the contractors have recently been and cut the grass on the bank again but omitted the area by the bridge. Clerk to contact them and see what is going on. They have also confirmed that the decking for the bridge has been identified and will be carried out as part of BW's asset maintenance programme.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 7TH JANUARY 2010 IN KILDWICK/
FARNHILL INSTITUTE AT 7.30PM**

All members of the village are welcome to attend.



St BATHILD: 30th January

No, I hadn't heard of her before either but Bathild, whose feast day is 30th January, had a very interesting life.

She was born in England in the 7th century and while only a young girl she was carried off by pirates and sold into slavery in France. She was bought by Erchinoald who worked for the king of the Western Franks, Clovis II.



Bathild must have been very unusual because, in time, Clovis made her his wife. When her husband died she

became Regent for their son. She built monasteries and nunneries, and did all that she could to stop the slave trade which had brought her to France.

From a slave to a queen is a big step. When her son became king Bathild joined one of the nunneries she had founded. From, a slave to a queen, to a servant of God.

WHICH RULER

Quite a few kings and queens are mentioned in the Bible. Do you know which one is....

1. the title of the Egyptian ruler who argued with Moses?
2. the queen who visited King Solomon?
3. the shepherd boy who became a king and wrote psalms?
4. was king at the time that Jesus was born?
5. a queen who came from Phoenicia, worshipped idols and fed hundreds of pagan prophets of Baal at her table?
6. the Roman Emperor mentioned in Acts?
7. a queen who has a whole book of the Bible that tells her story?

Answers at the bottom of the page.



King Henry VIII went to heaven. St Peter said, 'Tell me, why did you have so many different wives?'

Henry said, 'I like to chop and change.'

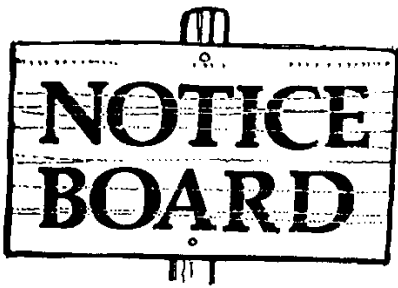


Answers: 1. pharaoh 2. Queen of Sheba
3. David 4. Herod 5. Jezebel 6. Claudius 7. Esther

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ACROSS: 1, Cock. 3, Shackles. 8, Play. 9, Paradise. 11, Faithfully. 14, Enmesh. 15, Unseen. 17, Armageddon. 20, Benjamin. 21, Beri. 22, Capitals. 23, USPG.

DOWN: 1, Cup of tea. 2, Charisma. 4, Heap up. 5, Challenged. 6, Lois. 7, Slew. 10, The Servant. 12, Lewdness. 13, Unending. 16, Daniel. 18, BBFC. 19, Snap.

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