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Happy New Year to all  
our readers

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

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

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## **JANUARY 2011**

### **Parish Mission Statement**

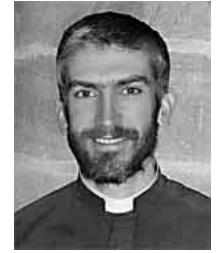
Called to be the body of Christ,  
we are here to share God's love with all people,  
through outreach and service,  
in our community and in the world,  
through the power of the Holy Spirit

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



Dear friends,

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

Christmas brings us once again to the turn of the year; a time to look back in reflection of what has been and look ahead in anticipation of what might be. What are your thoughts as you look back on 2010? For some it will have been a good year, for others a bad year. For most of you, I expect, it will have been a bit of both. There will have been times of great happiness and fulfilment; there will also have been times of deep sadness and despair.

The journey through life is rarely, if ever, a smooth ride and I expect 2011 will be no different. This is true for us as individuals and collectively, be it as a family, a school, a local church, village, town, country or even the world. At every level of community there are ups and downs, joys and sorrows to be experienced and shared.

Sharing of experiences is important; indeed, this is part of the meaning of Christmas. God makes himself present to us in a very real way and, in return, invites us to make ourselves really present to each other.

In his Christmas message to the Anglican Communion the Archbishop of Canterbury said: "Christ took a human body at Bethlehem so that he should always have a Body on earth. The body in the cradle is the first moment of the continuing life of the Mystical Body in which we learn how to be sons and daughters of the Heavenly Father and how to bring his love alive in the lives of our brothers and sisters. Bethlehem is the foundation for our mutual love and giving, and the responsibility we have for one another. And so it does not just inspire love, it makes love possible and actual in our world.

"At this season, let us thank God for the birth of the Word in a human body and soul, the birth which made it possible for us to be united once again with the life of God in unending communion. And let us resolve to live out that life of communion each day in our solidarity with and our work for all who live today in the shadow of the same kind of tyranny that threatened the life of Jesus himself."

The Christmas message – the message of God – is a message of love. As the hymn says, 'Love came down at Christmas'. God comes down to share in the brokenness and the messiness of human life. Love comes as light shining in the midst of the darkness, bringing hope where there is despair.

It is by allowing God's story revealed in the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus to engage with your story that the truth of God's love for you and all people will become increasingly real. God reaches out to you and offers you the gift of his love – a radical, inclusive, unconditional love. The challenge is to realise that as with all gifts the choice is yours whether to accept it or not.

The good news is that God never takes the offer of his gift away. If you don't accept the gift today it will still be available and waiting for you tomorrow!

May you know God's blessings today and in the coming year.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Ovi' with a flourish underneath.



## New Bishop for the Diocese of Bradford

A 'Blogging bishop' who is a University of Bradford graduate has been announced as the next Bishop of Bradford.

**The Rt Revd Nick Baines** (53), who is currently Bishop of Croydon, will be the 10th Bishop of Bradford, following the retirement of the Rt Revd David James last July.

Nick Baines is renowned for his media expertise - he is an experienced broadcaster and writer and he blogs and tweets almost daily. He has been **Bishop of Croydon** (an area bishop in the Diocese of Southwark) since May 2003. He makes use of his experience working with other faith leaders in London following the 9/11 attacks in representing the Archbishop of Canterbury at various international interfaith initiatives.

His appointment comes the week after a Church of England report that proposes the re-configuration of the three West Yorkshire Dioceses (Bradford, Ripon & Leeds and Wakefield) in order to create one new large diocese.

A Liverpudlian by birth, Nick Baines gained a degree in French and German from Bradford University in 1980. He says, "Bradford is a place I came to love when I studied Modern Languages at the university thirty years ago. I look forward very much to working with and serving the churches and communities of this culturally diverse diocese in the years ahead."

One of his main priorities is how the Church communicates its message. He says, "I'm passionate about Christian engagement in the big wide world – not on our own terms, but on the basis that we get stuck in wherever we can; committed to the world in all its pain and glory. And it's something about which I think we need to be a bit bolder - and thicker skinned."

*He has a keen interest in music, literature, art, film, theatre and football.*

Nick is married to Linda (a health visitor and artist) and they have three adult children: Richard, Melanie and Andrew, and one grandchild.

It is hoped that he will begin his ministry in the spring.

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### Singing the Faith, telling the story

There is a new Methodist hymn collection on the way – due out later this year. In the meantime, you can visit a website which will tell you how it all began, and help your church get a discount on the books when they are printed....

visit: [www.singingthefaith.org.uk](http://www.singingthefaith.org.uk).

The site also offer you a peek inside the collection (at the full list of hymns and songs), as well as John Wesley's Rules for Singing!

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## NEWS FROM THE *CROSS HILLS & DISTRICT FELLOWSHIP of Churches*



*Local Christians working together*

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> January

Each year the worldwide Christian Church observes a special week of prayer for peace in the world and unity between Christians.

The 2011 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity comes to us from an ecumenical group in Jerusalem.

The Christians of Jerusalem and indeed much of the Middle East are living under tremendous pressure and we are all too aware of the difficulties they experience both in terms of the political and religious situation and their dwindling numbers. However they are also communities of faith that worship, pray and study together, who work for the good of their society and pray for unity of the Church and the coming of the Kingdom of God.

In 2011 they invite the world-wide Church to pray with them for the unity of the Church and justice and peace in the Holy Land and through the world.



### 'Pulpit Swap'.

As part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January across the churches of CDFC some of the ministers will be preaching 'away', as follows:

Robin Figg will be at South Craven Baptist Church at 10.30am

David Warrington will be at St Peter's Church, Cross Hills at 10.00am

Michael Cowgill will be at St Andrew's Church, Kildwick at 10.00am

Charlotte Common will be at St Thomas' Church, Sutton at 10.30am

### Whalley Abbey - A Weekend Away Friday 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2011

**Whalley Abbey** is the Blackburn Diocesan Retreat House and Conference Centre, located in the village of Whalley, 3 miles south of Clitheroe. The Abbey is a manor house built in the late 16<sup>th</sup> century and restored in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. 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.

Look out for more details coming soon. Contact the Vicar, Robin Figg, 633307 with any questions.



## **Church of England Dioceses Commission publishes report on Yorkshire dioceses**



On 9<sup>th</sup> December the Dioceses Commission published its 120-page report on the four Yorkshire dioceses of Bradford, Ripon & Leeds, Sheffield and Wakefield and their boundaries with the Diocese of York. Recommendations in the report must be debated by the relevant diocesan synods before any scheme can be submitted to the General Synod, which is unlikely to be before July 2013.

The report concludes that South Yorkshire is a distinct community and should continue to have its own Diocese of Sheffield. It recommends that there should be a single diocese, instead of the current three, covering West Yorkshire and those parts of the Dioceses of Bradford and Ripon & Leeds that are in North Yorkshire.

The new, de-centralised, diocese would be divided into five episcopal areas - Bradford, Huddersfield, Leeds, Ripon and Wakefield - each with its own area bishop and area council to achieve a strong element of devolution within a context of rationalization. "The area bishops," the report says, "would be, as many have requested, closer in every sense to their clergy and people than it has been possible for the diocesan bishops to be."

It also recommends that the new diocese would retain all three existing cathedrals. Wakefield Cathedral would be the principal cathedral of the diocese with Wakefield as the diocesan see. Bradford Cathedral would remain as a focus of the Church's ministry in that city, with Ripon Cathedral providing a focus for the Yorkshire Dales. The diocesan office should be located in Leeds, it recommends. Overall, the diocese would have the same number of bishops as the current three dioceses but one fewer archdeacon.

The proposals would eliminate duplication and triplication and offer the prospect of greater efficiency and resilience in the support of parishes, schools, clergy and other licensed ministers, the report argues. Others of the 39 recommendations in the report consider boundaries and the appropriate dioceses and episcopal areas for various parishes.

"In its work, the Commission is required to 'have regard to the furtherance of the mission of the Church of England', and it was for the sake of the Church of England's mission to the people who live in the four dioceses concerned that the Commission embarked upon its task," said Dr Priscilla Chadwick, who chaired the review.

"The review and its conclusions are mission-led and not finance-driven (though mission needs to be financed, so financial considerations cannot be ignored). We have asked which structures will best enable the Church of England to relate to the communities of Yorkshire (not just in the parishes but also at city, borough, district and county levels), which will be most intelligible to non-churchgoers, which would eliminate wasteful duplication, and which are likely to prove resilient and sustainable into the medium term."

Interested parties, those who gave evidence and others who wish to do so have until Monday, 9 May, 2011 to comment on the report and the recommendations. It is anticipated that the Commission will decide at its June 2011 meeting, in the light of comments received, whether to prepare a draft reorganization scheme, and if so, what the content should be.

The draft scheme would then be sent out to the 'interested parties' for comment. It is

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anticipated that this would take place in October 2011. The scheme, including any amendments, would then be considered by the relevant diocesan synods before any such scheme can be submitted to the General Synod. The earliest any scheme might be considered by the General Synod, if one is submitted, would be July 2013.

“Our recommendations, we believe, are both radical and realistic,” the Commission says in its report. “They reflect the evidence we received and, in many cases, suggestions made to us during the Review. It continues to be the vocation of the Church of England to provide a Christian presence in every community. We envisage a structure that would enable the Church of England to engage more coherently with the people and communities of West Yorkshire and the western half of North Yorkshire, and with the institutions of civil society there.”

The summary and full reports can be found at [www.diocom.org/yorkshire/report](http://www.diocom.org/yorkshire/report).

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## **27th January – Holocaust Memorial Day**

Jews had come to Poland from all over Europe, where they found freedom to worship and trade. By the beginning of the 20th century, there were 3.5 million Jews in Poland, or a little over 10 per cent of the population. In the Polish town of Osweicim, that figure was 58 per cent. Jews were welcome there.

But when the Nazis moved in, Osweicim became the Polish town where the Auschwitz death and concentration camps were located.

Auschwitz 1 was primarily a concentration camp of around 15,000 prisoners. They worked in the arms factories in harsh conditions, with poor hygiene and nutrition.

Birkenau, or Auschwitz 2, was the main death camp, built in 1941 on the site of the village of Brzezinka, 3km from Osweicim. In 1944 this area held more than 90,000 prisoners and was the main extermination site, housing the gas chambers and the crematoria.

Aushchwitz III developed from one of the sub-camps, Buna, near Auschwitz-Birkenau, and used prisoners as slave labour. It was primarily a labour camp.

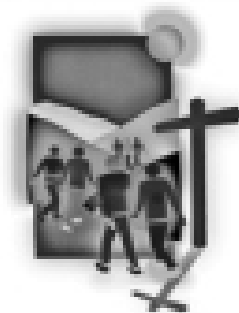
Auschwitz-Birkenau is now a state museum, receiving millions of visitors a year. German and Polish pupils have to visit a concentration camp as part of their education.

*Editor: I visited Auschwitz-Birkenau during a trip to Poland, it was a place that haunted me for days afterwards. I saw parties of school children whilst we were there, I believe the children have to over 16 before they can go and are well prepared for what they experience during their visit and afterwards.*

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## **EMMAUS: THE WAY OF FAITH**

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 Thursday evenings (commencing 13<sup>th</sup> January) from 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).

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## ***Fellowship & Focus Group***

Our next meeting on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January will focus on a NOOMA film 'Rhythm'.

What does it mean to have a relationship with God? What does it look like? For a lot of us it's a hard thing to understand. If God is an infinite spirit with no shape or form, how can we possibly relate to that? And what about Jesus? He said he came to give everyone life in its fullest. He came to show us how to live. Maybe it's through trusting Jesus and living the kind of life he taught us to live – a life of truth, love, justice, compassion, forgiveness, and sacrifice – that we have a relationship with God. Maybe the way we live every day, every single choice we make, determines how in tune with God we are.

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

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## **A New Year**

Another fresh new year is here ...  
Another year to live!  
To banish worry, doubt, and fear,  
To love and laugh and give!

This bright new year is given me  
To live each day with zest ...  
To daily grow and try to be  
My highest and my best!

I have the opportunity  
Once more to right some wrongs,  
To pray for peace, to plant a tree,  
And sing more joyful songs!

## **Prayers for Peace**

For Peace

Eternal God,  
in your perfect realm no sword is drawn  
but the sword of righteousness,  
and there is no strength but the strength of  
love.  
So mightily spread abroad your Spirit,  
that all peoples may be gathered  
under the banner of the Prince of Peace,  
as your children;  
to you be dominion and glory,  
now and forever. Amen.  
--Brother Roger of Taizé

May There Be Peace Within

May you trust your highest power that you  
are exactly where you are meant to be...  
May you not forget the infinite possibilities  
that are born of faith.  
May you use those gifts that you have re-  
ceived, and pass on the love that has been  
given to you...

May you be content knowing you are a child  
of God...

Let this presence settle into our bones, and  
allow your soul the freedom to  
sing, dance, praise and love. It is there for  
each and every one of you...

## **Make Me An Instrument of Your Peace**

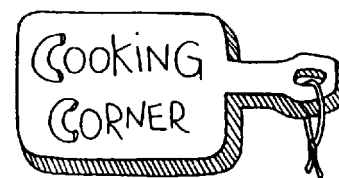
Lord, make me an instrument of your  
peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.  
O divine Master, grant that I may not so  
much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.  
R. Amen.

--St. Francis of Assisi





## ***Recipe of the month - white chocolate, lemon and raspberry muffins***



This year (2011) the Christian conference centre, The Hayes, at Swanwick in Derbyshire, celebrates its centenary. The Conference Trust, which runs The Hayes, are sharing a number of their most popular recipes....here is the first one! It is supplied by David Gregory – a chef at The Hayes Conference Centre in Swanwick, Derbyshire. (More details at [www.cct.org.uk/thehayes](http://www.cct.org.uk/thehayes))

### **White chocolate, lemon and raspberry muffins**



These muffins are very quick and easy to make. All you need to do is mix the dry ingredients with the wet and mix briefly. The lumpier the mixture, the lighter your muffins will be.

#### **Ingredients**

300g Self raising flour

4 tsp Butter

100g Raspberries

Grated peel of a lemon

225ml Milk

These ingredients will make 12 portions.

1 tsp Baking powder

80g Sugar

150g Chopped white chocolate

2 Eggs lightly beaten

#### **Method**

1. Preheat the oven to 200c.
2. Line a 12-cup muffin tin with grease paper.
3. Mix the flour, baking powder and butter until it looks like breadcrumbs.
4. Stir in the sugar, chocolate, raspberries and lemon peel.
5. Whisk together the eggs and milk in a jug, then pour this into the dry mixture.
6. Mix briefly and do not worry if the mixture looks lumpy.
7. Spoon the batter into the muffin cases and bake until well risen, golden and firm.

Cooking time approx 18 to 20 minutes.

Serve warm or cold.

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*The Children's Society is a leading national charity that makes childhood better for all children in the UK*

Our network of community-based projects provide targeted, immediate and lasting help for children who feel excluded, isolated or abandoned; children who live in a vicious circle of fear and harm, and who are faced with a lifetime of danger and disadvantage in their daily lives.

Our schools work, children's centres and mentoring schemes help many more children avoid crisis by developing the skills and confidence they need to challenge and overcome difficult situations.

Our research and campaigning creates real change by influencing the thinking of everyone - from the general public to politicians and decision makers - about how to make childhood better.

The charity was established in 1881 when Sunday school teacher Edward Rudolf found two of his pupils begging for food on London's streets. Like The Children's Society today, Rudolf was a pioneer and wanted to do things differently.

He didn't like the large, institutional children's homes of the day and so set up a model children's home, offering vulnerable children a smaller, more caring alternative.

In recent times, the nature of our work has kept pace with the changing needs of children in an evolving society.

Our priorities for a good childhood are driven by what children tell us they need the most - to live in a world where they can experience loving, caring relationships in families and communities that respect and support them

*Make a difference to children's lives*

Contributions will ensure we continue to reach the most vulnerable and disadvantaged children in our society.

You can support the work of the Children's Society by becoming a box holder. Please contact Lesley Hudson (01535 633887) for more information.

The collection from the Christingle Service will go to the Children's Society.



**Sunday 30th 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.

## Isobel's Page

*'The last year has become wheezy, croaking and decrepit in its old age and we lay it asleep with a psalm of judgment and mercy.'*

Anyone reading the above could be forgiven for applying the words to this last year of 2010 but in actual fact they were said on January 1<sup>st</sup> 1885 by the Baptist preacher-known as the 'Prince of Preachers'- Charles H Spurgeon. Spurgeon went on to say *'We hope that this newborn year will be no worse than its predecessor and pray that it will be a great deal better.'* Not many reading those sentiments would disagree with applying them to 2011.

How time flies- it does not seem twelve months since we were celebrating the arrival of 2010 but time **does** move on in a relentless progression. Charlotte Bronte, in her poem 'Winter Stores,' describes this advancement very well;

*'But time, though viewlessly it flies and slowly, will not stay; alike through clear and clouded skies it cleaves its silent way.'* 'Father Time' is an imaginary figure, usually depicted carrying some time-keeping device and could be derived from Chronos- the Greek god of time. Peter, Paul and Mary, the successful folk-singing trio of the 1960s, sang about him;

*'Remember when we used to laugh at old Father Time. All in all the joke's on him. Isn't it funny how time flies.'*

No one person has any more time than any one else. We all have 1140 minutes in a day, 168 hours in a week, 8760 hours in a year and there are 657,000 hours in a life-time of seventy five years. What we choose to do with this time is up to the individual. Recently I came across the following words which made very interesting reading.

*'Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift. That's why it's called the present. Use it wisely'* The passing of time is marked by celebrating special occasions- birthdays, anniversaries and the like- and, although it is only in the imagination that there is any close to one year and the beginning of another, all over the world the dawning of a new year is celebrated in many differing ways. There are parties and gatherings spanning the transition of the year at midnight and resolutions, soon to be forgotten, are made. There are fireworks shooting up into the sky and on the beach at Copacabana in Brazil there is supposed to be the best fireworks' display in the whole world. If you were in France you would be sitting down to a feast of special dishes such as foie gras, oysters and champagne. In olden times, in Italy, you would have been wearing red underwear and throwing any old or unwanted items out of the window- although nobody seems to do it nowadays- that's the throwing, who knows regarding the other custom! Nearer to home the Scots go 'first footing'- which involves visiting each others' houses with a gift or sometimes a lump of coal- and Burns' famous words, which begin with a rhetorical question asking whether old times should be forgotten, are sung with gusto the world over. Bells have played a big part, through the ages, in welcoming in a new year and Mexicans down a grape with each of the twelve chimes of the bell during the 'New Year' countdown- making a wish with each. The chimes of Big Ben come through our televisions each year and a custom has taken place annually for many years at the 'National New Year's Eve' celebration in Sweden. This is the recitation of a poem written by Alfred Lord Tennyson - a poem which had been published in 1850, the year he was appointed poet laureate. It forms part of an elegy- which actually took him seventeen years to write- to his sister Emily's fiancée whom he had befriended at

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Trinity College, Cambridge and who died at the early age of twenty three. The poem, 'Ring out wild bells', is now generally considered a new year's hymn and the bells mentioned are probably the bells of Waltham Abbey in Essex. Tennyson has stayed near there and had heard the bells being rung on a very stormy night- each being swung by the wind. In the poem it is the hope of Tennyson, that as the old year passes by and a new one is greeted, everything weak and discordant will be replaced with all that is good and strong and peace giving.

*'Ring out wild bells, to the wild sky, the flying cloud, the frosty light; the year is dying in the night. Ring out wild bells and let it die.'*

As the poem was written in a time of great progress in science and industry but also a time when there was a great divide between rich and poor the poem could be said to be a social document and focuses on contemporary social problems which the author wishes to be rung out with the new year. *'Ring out the feud of rich and poor, ring in redress to all mankind. Ring out false pride in place and blood- the civic slander and the spite; Ring in the love of truth and right, ring in the common love of good. Ring out the narrowing lust of gold, ring out the thousand wars of old and ring in the thousand years of peace. Ring in the larger heart, the kindlier hand, ring out the darkness of the world, ring in the Christ that is to be.'*

Tennyson's words written long ago are still so relevant to this day and age- they could have been written yesterday. In the last year we have had wars, terrorism, political scandals, poverty and natural disasters and individuals will have faced illness, bereavement, unemployment, quarrels. Nobody can predict what 2011 holds- there will be good things and not so good- as has always been the case down the centuries. Wouldn't it be wonderful if everyone the world over took Tennyson's words to heart and acted on them in their own way- relating to the here and now.

We cannot tell what this coming year will bring in terms of politics, conflict, environmental issues, economic climates but as Isaac Watts told us, in words he wrote in the late seventeenth century- *'O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast and our eternal home'* - one thing is certain- God will be there walking alongside us just as He has been down every age.

With very best wishes to all my readers for a happy, healthy and peaceful 2011.  
Isobel

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*Editor: As a New Year begins, some lines from a poet of long ago*

### **Turn your love**

... Turn your love to Him, who in his love  
Upon a cross, our souls to save today,  
First died, then rose, and sits in heaven  
above;  
And now will fail no-one, I dare to say,  
That will his holy heart upon Him lay!

And since he best to love is, and most  
meek,  
Why should we feigned love go to seek?

*By Geoffrey Chaucer (1343 – 1400)*

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## *Regular Events at Kildwick*

Monday 2 pm	5 Beanlands Glusburn	Informal Bible study and fellowship, all welcome
Tuesday 10.00-11.30am	Chuffs (Not in school holidays)	Fun for pre-school children and their grown-ups!
Tuesday 7.30-8.30 pm	Choir practice In Church	
Wednesdays from 10.30 am- 12.30pm	NottheKnot Group in Parish Rooms	Stitching and fellowship group.
7.30 pm	Bellringing	
Thursday 2.00 pm	Open House in Parish Rooms	Refreshments and items for sale



- Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD  
10.00am Family Communion
- Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Jan THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
- Tue 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 10.30am CDFC Residential Homes visiting teams meeting (St Peter's Church, Cross Hills)
- Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 5.30pm PCC Standing Committee meeting (Vicarage)
- Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 2.45pm Kildwick School Christingle service in church
- Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Jan 10.00am CDFC Pulpit Swap for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 10.00am Prayers for the Parish & World Church
- Tue 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 6.30pm PCC meeting (Parish Rooms)
- Sun 30<sup>th</sup> Jan THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLEMAS)  
10.00am Parish Communion with Christingles

### **Just how many feet do you have?**

The start of a new year calls for a clean-out of your closet, and that is probably a good idea, because it seems that the average woman owns 44 pairs of shoes. Almost two thirds of women own about 10 pairs that they have actually never even worn – or worn only once. But shoes, like boots, are made for walking, and if you aren't going to use them, walk them down to your nearest charity shop. Charities are struggling for funds these days, and your shoes could help raise some much needed funds....

## ***Services at Kildwick***

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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 9.30am

<b>Sunday 2 January, 2011 Epiphany</b>	8.15 am 10 am	Holy Communion Family Communion
<b>Sunday 9 January, 2011 The Baptism of Christ</b>	8.15 am 10 am	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist
<b>Sunday 16 January, 2011 The Second Sunday of Epiphany</b>	8.15 am 10 am	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist with Prayers for healing
<b>Sunday 23 January, 2011 The Third Sunday of</b>	8.15 am 10 am	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist
<b>Sunday 30 January, 2011 The Presentation of Christ in the Temple</b>	8.15 am 10 am	Holy Communion Family Eucharist with Christingles

Come and join us for our



**All Age Eucharist  
for Epiphany  
on**

**Sunday 2nd January at 10.00 am**

## *God in Music*

**'Glorious the song when God's the theme': 'There is sweet music here'**



With those words Tennyson expresses the special gift of music to illuminate life and to comfort sleep. In the waking hours and as the day ends, music can open up a new world of sound and melody that somehow we feel hinges onto eternity. Last year we looked at settings of words to music through the centuries which do just that. For this year we shall explore instrumental music, to see how different instruments can express and conjure up a whole range of feelings and longings.

We open the year with the piano. George Bernard Shaw described it as 'the most important of all musical instruments: its invention was to music what the printing press was to poetry.'

Mozart, Beethoven and Schubert knew and understood the capabilities of the piano and so created some of the most enduring music for that medium, but here we focus on the Romantic composer, Robert Schumann. In a short life of 46 years, he composed music that inhabited worlds of the beautiful and the grotesque, the fantastic and the whimsical.

He was not always at ease with larger structures, but composing for the piano allowed Schumann to give full expression to his feelings on life and love. They were feelings he found fulfilled in his marriage to Clara Wieck, but sadly, they were short-lived. The last decade of his life was marked by poor health, and his final days were spent in an asylum where he died in July 1856.

The piano piece we look at this month is a short one – just a page long and entitled 'Dreaming.' It is from a collection of 'Scenes from Childhood' composed in 1838. It is characterised by a soaring, yearning melody that somehow expresses the dreams and hopes of a child.

As we listen to that melody, it can express the hopes and ideals we might have as we begin this new year. For all its twilight mood of nodding by the fireside, the melody is repeated eight times, and each time we feel it reaching up to the dawn of a new day. And reaching out to a new world in our relationships with those around and perhaps with God.

We know how easily the individualism that marks our secular world can move into isolation away from relationships. Henri Nouwen has written movingly of this in his book, 'Peacework', where he describes isolation as the greatest tragedy of our time. 'Young children feel lonely and unable to find friends, adolescents band together to have some sense of belonging, young families don't know their neighbours.' He writes of office workers sat at desks under neon lights, drinking instant coffee from paper cups and eating instant lunches out of paper bags who wonder if they make any contribution at

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Schumann knew that isolation which tragically in the end turned his mind. But in 1838 in this piano work, hope was alive; it is there in the notes that reach out from the page into our hearts and minds to tell us of a new world of peace and unity. With that hope we begin this year, praying for that peace of God, which can transform our lives and our world.

*The Rev Michael Burgess reprinted from The Parish Pump.*



**Word search for January**

*January brings Epiphany and a New Year. There will be resolutions that you'll break, and hopefully one or two that you will keep!*

*Solution grid on page 31*

- Epiphany
- Camels
- Star
- Herod
- Worship
- Frankincense
- Myrrh
- Gold
- Resolution
- Diet
- Cold
- Snow

- Work
- Dark
- Holiday
- Commute
- School
- Exercise
- Detox
- Run
- Sleep
- Hibernate
- Bills
- Year



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- 15th Jan. Timber Framed Buildings in Skipton Robert Greaves
- 29th Jan. Life & Colour in Our Northern Waters Ron Crosby

### From the registers

#### **Baptisms**

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December William Lewis Jay Anderton, son of Jamie Anderton & Alexandra Wright, of Gordon Street, Clayton

#### **Burial of cremated remains**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December Ian Robinson

**7 January Anthony of Egypt (251 -356)**

If your Christmas and New Year break included just too many people and even a bout of indigestion, then St Antony may be the saint for you. He was a hermit-monk with a reputation for making poorly people feel better.

Antony was born in Coma (Upper Egypt) in 251, and at 20 became an ascetic. He settled down in the complete solitude of a deserted fort in Pispir, where he spent the next 20 years busy fighting the whole range of usual hermit temptations, such as having queenly devils approach you for marriage, and other hazards like that.

In 306 Antony felt able to face the world again, and so he began visiting with some other hermits. One was Paul, and the story goes that the day they met, a raven provided lunch for them by dropping a loaf of bread nearby.



Antony was a godly man, and would pray for people. Stories went round that those he prayed for were healed, and so he became known as a miracle-worker. He was certainly brave: when in 311 the Roman Emperor Maximinus was persecuting the Christians, Antony went to Alexandria to encourage the church there to stand firm. Years later he was stoutly defending the Christian faith in disputes with heretics.

Antony died in 356, but even hundreds of years later he was not forgotten. A medical band of people adopted his name: The Order of Hospitallers of Saint Antony was founded (c.1100, in La Motte). It became a pilgrimage centre for those suffering from ergotism (called St Antony's Fire - a serious form of fungi poisoning).

Antony was a tremendously popular saint throughout the Middle Ages. By then he was seen as the patriarch of monks, and a healer of both men and animals. Antony even gave us the word 'tantony', a diminutive applied to the smallest pig in a litter, and to the smallest bell in a peal of bells.

The early church father, Athanasius, wrote The Life of Antony. This moving biography helped to convert the great Augustine.

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## *Church Rotas*

<b>Sunday 2 January, 2011 Epiphany</b>	First Reading: Isaiah 60.1-6 Second Reading: Ephesians 3.1-12 Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12	
<b>Sunday 9 January, 2011 The Baptism of Christ</b>	First Reading: Isaiah 42.1-9 Second Reading: Acts 10.34-43 Gospel: Matthew 3.13-17	Marjorie Gee Jennifer Roberts Isobel Stirk
<b>Sunday 16 January, 2011 The Second Sunday of Epiphany</b>	First Reading: Isaiah 49.1-7 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.1-9 Gospel: John 1.29-42	Kath Morris Brenda Brock Marie Stinson
<b>Sunday 23 January, 2011 The Third Sunday of Epiphany</b>	First Reading - Isaiah 9.1-4 Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 1.10-18 Gospel - Matthew 4.12-23	Michael Baumber Ruth Ward Sandie Walton
<b>Sunday 30 January, 2011 The Presentation of Christ in the Temple</b>	First Reading: Malachi 3.1-5 Gospel: Luke 2.22-40	Glyn Evans Lesley Hudson

<b>Flower Rota—January</b>			
3rd.	Mr. Baxter	17th	Vacant
10th	Mrs. Kendrew	24th	Mrs. Peake



There are several vacancies on the flower rota, if you would like to help have a word with June Whitaker 01535 655320

<b>Brass Cleaning: Christine Westcott and Beth Taylor</b>
<b>Church Cleaning</b>
<b>January 2011:</b> Helen Hulley, Rosie Hargreaves, Sylvia Ackroyd
<b>February:</b> Marian Baxter, June Whitaker, Mary Peake, Christine Hutchinson

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sidesperson</b>	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Communion</b>
<b>Sunday 2 January, 2011 Epiphany</b>	Joan and Barry Houghton Libba Utley Brian Green		Sandie and John
<b>Sunday 9 January, 2011 The Baptism of Christ</b>	David Baxter Marie Stinson Peter McNeill	Sue Hargreaves	Christine and Tim
<b>Sunday 16 January, 2011 The Second Sunday of</b>	Christine Anderton Ann Mosley June Whitaker	Isobel Stirk	Sue and Michael
<b>Sunday 23 January, 2011 The Third Sunday of</b>	Eleanor Eastwood Dorothy Ward Christine Hutchinson	Marie Stinson	Christine and John (Midnight)
<b>Sunday 30 January, 2011 The Presentation of Christ in the Temple</b>	Joyce Bonham Elaine Carter Sandie Walton	Lesley Hudson	

### **National Storytelling Week 2011 29th January –5th February**

When did you last tell someone a story? Most probably today! We tell stories all the time, even when we just tell someone what we did yesterday. Good story-tellers engage people's imagination, and take them on a journey.

This month the 11th National Storytelling Week is held. It will celebrate the storytelling that shapes all our lives, from nursery to school, from home to workplace. There are plenty of great stories in the Bible – from happy ones to heart-breaking ones. Of course, the greatest story ever told began one night in Bethlehem, in a manger, under a star. It plunged to deep sorrow one morning in Jerusalem, on a cross, under darkening skies. It took the biggest surprise twist in any story ever, just three days later in a tomb nearby, at dawn. And that story is still going on today....

### ***JOKES, QUOTES and STRANGE BUT TRUE***

- There is only one exceptional child in the world...and every parent has it.
- A child's greatest period of growth is the month after you've purchased new school clothes.
- 'The covers of this book are too far apart' (Ambrose Bierce's one line review of a book)
- 'How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world' (Anne Frank)
- 'The art of diplomacy is letting the other fellow have your own way' (Anonymous Indian diplomat) when there is nothing to take away' (Antoine de Saint-Exupery)
- Britain has more than 250,000 households in which no-one has ever worked in paid employment.
- China now exports as much every six hours as it did in the whole of 1978.
- An unemployed jester is nobody's fool.
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#### **GOOD DOG!**

A man went to visit a friend and was amazed to find him playing chess with his dog. He watched the game in astonishment for a while.

"I can hardly believe my eyes!" he exclaimed. "That's the smartest dog I've ever seen."

"Nah, he's not so smart," the friend replied. "I've beaten him three games out of five."

#### **DINNER FOR TWO**

Interviewer: "If you could have dinner with any person, living or dead, who would it be?"

Applicant: "The living one."

#### **JUMPING IN**

As a sergeant in a parachute regiment, I took part in several night-time exercises. Once, I was seated next to a lieutenant fresh from jump school. He was quiet and looked a bit pale, so I struck up a conversation.

"Scared, lieutenant?" I asked.

He replied, "No, just a bit apprehensive."

I asked, "What's the difference?"

He replied, "That means I'm scared, but with a university education."

#### **WEDDED BLISS?**

A couple was arranging for their wedding, and asked the bakery to inscribe the wedding cake with "1 John 4:18" which reads: "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear."

The bakery evidently lost, smudged or otherwise misread the noted reference, and beautifully inscribed on the cake "John 4:18": "For you have had five husbands, and the man you have now is not your husband."

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## JANUARY COLD

Is it cold or snowing while you are reading this? January is the coldest month of the year and traditionally 14<sup>th</sup> January is supposed to be the coldest day on the year.

On at least 2 occasions on 14<sup>th</sup> January the River Thames froze in London. In 1716 and again in 1814, Londoners held Frost Fairs on the frozen river. There were ox-roasts, stalls, tents and sports on the ice – even a printing press was set up on the ice! When the thaw came some people were drowned and lots of equipment floated out to sea.



One of the ways of warming up is to light a bonfire. In some country areas bonfires were lit on the bare fields, one to represent Our Lords and one each for the 11 apostles. If a thirteenth bonfire was lit, representing Judas Iscariot, it was stamped out just after being lit.

## JANUARY SAINT

The answer to each question is the name of a person in the Bible. When you have all the answers, rearrange the first letter of each name to make the name of a saint whose festival is celebrated in January. Answers at the bottom of the page.

1. He built the Ark (Genesis 6)
2. Paul's assistant (Acts 19)
3. Father of Jacob and Esau (Genesis 21)
4. King Saul's father (1 Samuel 9)
5. Eunice's son (2 Timothy 1)
6. Ruth's mother in law (Ruth)
7. Laban's daughter, mother of Joseph (Genesis 29)
8. Giant killed by David (1 Samuel 17)
9. The first woman (Genesis 3)

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**Who invented the first fire place?**

Alfred the Grate.

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Answers: 1 Noah 2 Erastus 3 Isaac 4 Kish 5 Timothy 6 Naomi 7 Rachel 8 Goliath 9 Eve. The letters spell out KENTIGERN (also known as Mungo) founder of the church at Glasgow, whose day is celebrated on 14<sup>th</sup> January.

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### CHANGE AND DECAY.

At our bank consulting firm, most of our customers liked that our credit card machines automatically print "Thank you, please come again" at the bottom of receipts. However, as we branched out to handling computer billing and credit card processing for other types of businesses some things changed.

One guy phoned to ask if I could take off the "Thank You, please come again" note.

"Sure," I said. His request pricked my curiosity, so I asked, "Do you mind my asking why?"

"It just seems inappropriate," he answered. "You see, we're a funeral home."

### Why churchwardens love January

Hail to the Lord's anointed,  
Both clergyman and lay,  
They're seldom disappointed  
To get past Christmas Day!  
The hectic Christmas season  
Of service constantly –  
There can't be better reason  
To welcome January!

The Curate and the Vicar  
A busy schedule keep,  
As they rush, ever quicker -  
They don't get that much sleep.  
The overworked Churchwardens  
And their sidespersons team -

Sure don't get time for boredom  
And only seldom scream!

So, when the season's over;  
The crib has been put by,  
The drapes to green changed over  
They breathe a heartfelt sigh!  
They laugh and smile with pleasure  
And sing a merry rhyme,  
But short-lived is their leisure –  
For soon comes Easter time!

*By Nigel Beeton*

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