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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**

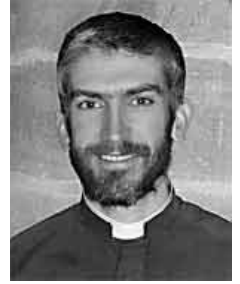
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Parish Mission Statement

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

Church Website www.kildwick.org.uk



Dear friends,

A very happy Christmas and New Year to you. Our celebration of the birth of Jesus continues through January until we celebrate the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (also known as Candlemas) on Sunday 29th; at the 10am service on this day we will enjoy lighting our Christingles and we will pray especially for the work of The Children's Society.

Jesus was presented in the temple 40 days after his birth in accordance with the custom of the day. The family of a first-born male child would travel to Jerusalem to dedicate the child to God and to give an offering of thanks for God's blessing.

Earlier, when the child was 8 days old he would have been circumcised and given his name. So the 1st January is sometimes marked as the Naming of Jesus.

Choosing a name for a child is a very important responsibility. Often parents consider many things when choosing a name for their child. The choice may be to honour a family member or a close friend or in admiration of a famous person.

A person's name is an essential part of their identity. Sometimes the name is significant to the circumstances of the child's birth or their destiny. The name Jesus is the Greek form of the Hebrew name Joshua, which means 'The Lord saves' or simply 'Saviour'. The name, chosen by God for this infant born in Bethlehem, is a message of hope for God's people. The name carries the message that God has not abandoned humanity. Despite the hardship and sorrow of earthly life, God's saving grace is always at hand to provide hope, courage and strength for the present and the future.

To name a child is a great privilege and the name carries the hope and promise for what the child will bring to the world. The name Jesus carries the hope and promise of God's peace, joy and love for you and all people.

Names are a gift and a blessing which are to be shared with each other. Using the other person's name is to acknowledge the very essence of the other person's humanity. To use another person's name is to acknowledge the mutual relationship that binds us together.

In our modern, hi-tech world of quick-fire communication it does seem that we are losing touch with the importance of acknowledging each other by name.

Maybe a New Year resolution could be to make a special effort to remember to greet each other by name in all your communications and so give life to each other as you acknowledge your shared humanity as people of God.

As we look back on 2011, I want again to give thanks for the success of the *Giving in Grace* programme which saw some 1,600 letters and leaflets delivered to every house in the parish and to those with a connection with St Andrew's. I can now update the figures given last month and am pleased to tell you that 80 responses were received, with almost £2,500 given as single donations and an increase in our regular annual income of just over £4,000. I and the PCC are most grateful for all the response made to *Giving in Grace*.

As you read this month's magazine you will notice that there is no *Isobel's Page*. After writing regularly for *The Bridge* for 23 years, Isobel has decided to stop her page to enable her to concentrate on her other writing. On your behalf I thank Isobel very much for her contributions over the years.

Now may the God who calls you by name bless you and journey with you through the coming year.

Robin

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.

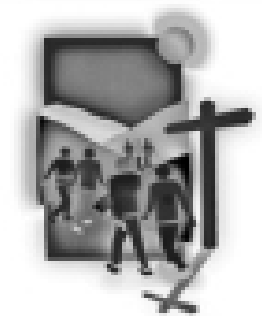
Who is the course for?

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 26th 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).



Rydal Hall - A Weekend Away Friday 18th to Sunday 20th May 2012



Rydal Hall is the Carlisle Diocesan Retreat House, located in the centre of the Lake District. The Hall is a 200 year old Grade II listed house, enjoying outstanding views towards Windermere. It is an ideal place to find renewal and refreshment for body, mind and spirit.

The programme for the weekend will be a relaxed mixture of worship, talks & discussions, fellowship and free time.

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

Lent Course 2012 – *“Christian Inter-denominational relationship”*

This year we will again be having one meeting each week on Wednesday evening when a visiting speaker will come and help us reflect on an issue of importance to us all. We will explore the following Christian traditions: Roman Catholic, Quaker, Baptist, Methodist and Anglican.

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

Full details about the programme of sessions will be given next month.

6 January - Epiphany

6 January is the feast of the Epiphany - the visit of the wise men to the baby Jesus. But who were these wise men? No one knows for sure. Matthew calls them 'Magi', and that was the name of an ancient caste of a priestly kind from Persia. It wasn't until the third century that they were they called kings - by a church father, Tertullian.

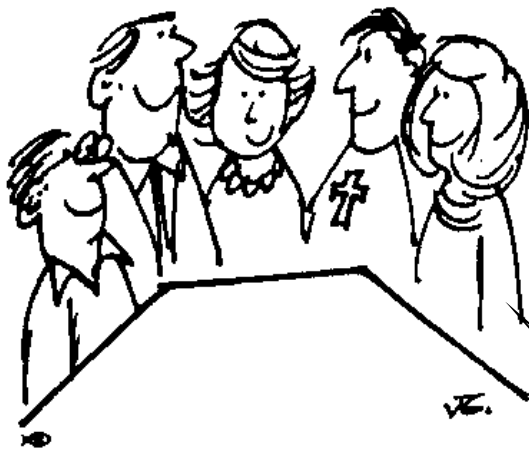
Another church father, Origin, assumed there were three - to correspond with the gifts given. Later Christian interpretation came to understand gold as a symbol of wisdom and wealth, incense as a symbol of worship and sacrifice, and myrrh as a symbol of healing - and even embalming.

Certainly Jesus challenged and set aright the way in which the world handled all three of these things.

Since the eighth century, the magi have had the names Balthasar, Caspar and Melchior.



St Andrew's Pastoral Care Group



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Want someone
to talk to?

Need a
listening
ear?

Lonely?

Need
some
help?



NEWS FROM THE CROSS HILLS & DISTRICT FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES



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

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

This year the theme is "We will all be changed".

Change is at the heart of our Christian faith. Saint Paul said that anyone who is in Christ is a new creation, and we are called to live as children in the light.

Change is at the heart of human life. The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2012 comes to us from the churches in Poland, who have reflected upon their own experience as a nation, and in particular how, as a nation, they have been changed and transformed by the many upheavals of their history, and sustained by their faith.

Change is also at the heart of the ecumenical movement. When we pray for the unity of the church we are praying that the churches that we know and which are so familiar to us will change as they conform more closely to Christ. This is an exciting vision, but also a challenging one. Furthermore, when we pray for this transforming unity we are also praying for change in the world.

The particular history of Poland gives rise to the worship material provided by the churches in Poland for the 2012 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The secular and ecclesiastical histories of Poland intertwine and the Polish writers remind us of "the many times that Poland was invaded, the partitions, oppression by foreign powers and hostile systems." The secular history has prompted a particular perspective for the issue of church unity. "As we pray for and strive towards the full visible unity of the church we – and the traditions to which we belong – will be changed, transformed and conformed to the likeness of Christ". The – often heartbreaking – history of the Polish nation makes such a perspective all the more inspiring. Further details can be found at www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer



Prayer Page

New Year Prayers



Holy Father,
God of our yesterdays, our today, and our tomorrows.
We praise You for Your unequaled greatness.
Thank You for the year behind us and for the year ahead.
Help us in Your new year, Father, to fret less and laugh more.
To teach our children to laugh by laughing with them.
To teach others to love by loving them.
Knowing, when Love came to the stable in Bethlehem, He came for us.
So that Love could be with us, and we could know You.
That we could share Love with others.
Help us, Father, to hear Your love song in every sunrise,
in the chirping of sparrows in our backyards,
in the stories of our old folks, and the fantasies of our children.
Help us to stop and listen to Your love songs,
so that we may know You better and better.
We rejoice in the world You loved into being.
Thank You for another new year and for new chances every day.
We pray for peace, for light, and for hope, that we might spread them to others.
Forgive us for falling short this past year.
We leave the irreparable past in your hands, and step out into the unknown new year
knowing You will go with us.
We accept Your gift of a new year and we rejoice in what's ahead, depending on You to
help us do exactly what You want..
I say it again, we rejoice!
In Jesus name,

Amen.

I am the new year. I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.
I am your next chance at the art of living. I am your opportunity to practice what you
have learned about life during the last twelve months.
All that you sought and didn't find is hidden in me, waiting for you to search it but with
more determination.
All the good that you tried for and didn't achieve is mine to grant when you have fewer
conflicting desires.
All that you dreamed but didn't dare to do, all that you hoped but did not will, all the
faith that you claimed but did not have—these slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened
by the touch of a strong purpose.
I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to Him who said, "Behold, I make all
things new."

Amen

BIBLE HISTORY

written by Michael Baumber



JESUS AND THE LAW 4. THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY

The 5th Commandment required all Jews to honour their father and mother, which was vital in a time when there was no state machinery for pensions and the care of the old. The support was even more important if the mother was widowed. She would normally be without an income and she would rely on a son for a home. I suggested in the series I wrote on 'The Lost Years of Jesus' that when Joseph died Jesus probably took on his father's responsibilities and did not leave home until the next eldest brother was old enough to supply his place. The gospels also tell us that when he was on the cross he confided the care of his mother to his disciple John, so he did satisfy the basic demands of the 5th Commandment. Yet the whole tenor of his teaching shows that he had a quite different understanding of the nature of his family. He proclaimed that those who followed him and accepted his teachings were his real family and that they took precedence over his biological family. It is noticeable that it was to a disciple that he entrusted the care of his mother, not one of his four brothers.

This concept was to become the vital ingredient in the rise of the medieval European state. The original unit of organisation was the clan and in clan society there was endemic warfare. Few countries enjoyed internal peace for any length of time. When Christian missionaries came preaching the gospel of the wider christian community, shrewd rulers realised that the concept could be used to extend the influence of their clan over the surrounding clans and weld them into larger units. The coming of Christianity thus played a major part in the appearance of medieval states such as England and France. It was also responsible for the creation of a Europe wide medieval culture.

Yet old ways died hard. After Jesus ended his earthly life, his brother James inherited the leadership of the Jerusalem church and when he in his turn was martyred, they selected Simon, another relative. The great missionary Patrick tells us that his grandfather was a Christian priest and that his father was the decurion (the word deacon comes from it) or landowner who owned the local church. Patrick himself would have inherited the position of priest if he had not been kidnapped. This was the pattern all over Europe in his day and it was to break it that the Roman Catholic Church began to insist that all its priests should be celibate. The continuing strength of the clan structure is what is bedeviling practically every Middle Eastern country today.

And what about our own attitudes, do we as Christians see our Christian community as more important than our biological families? Or do we equate the interests of our Church with those of the state as medieval rulers did? Or do we feel that our Christian faith commits us to a community which spans many states and that may involve us in controversy with our own secular state? I suspect that for most of us our biological families still come first and that national interests will trump Christian principles as they have done in the past.

The Way I See It: RING OUT THE OLD, RING IN THE NEW

It's probably because I'm just a Grumpy Old Man, but I do find it hard to see the point of 'celebrating' New Year. For me, the event has all the stupendous excitement of the milometer in the car clicking over from 39,999 to 40,000. It isn't the solstice or equinox. Nothing actually happens. It doesn't commemorate anything, except that we're all that much older, that much nearer a pension or the great retirement home in the sky.

Nevertheless, whatever the weather, New Year always sees vast crowds on the streets of our great cities, cheering, getting drunk and dancing in the fountains of Trafalgar Square. Dark men for some obscure reason carry bits of coal into neighbours' houses, and people who have no idea what the words mean, sing 'Auld Lang Syne'. So what is it that they're celebrating?

Surely not 2011 and its miserable economic news, recession and unemployment? Surely not, either, the remorseless tread of time. I suspect in fact most of them have simply turned up for the party, or perhaps it's not 2011 at all that they have in mind, but the new year, 2012 - hope triumphing over experience.

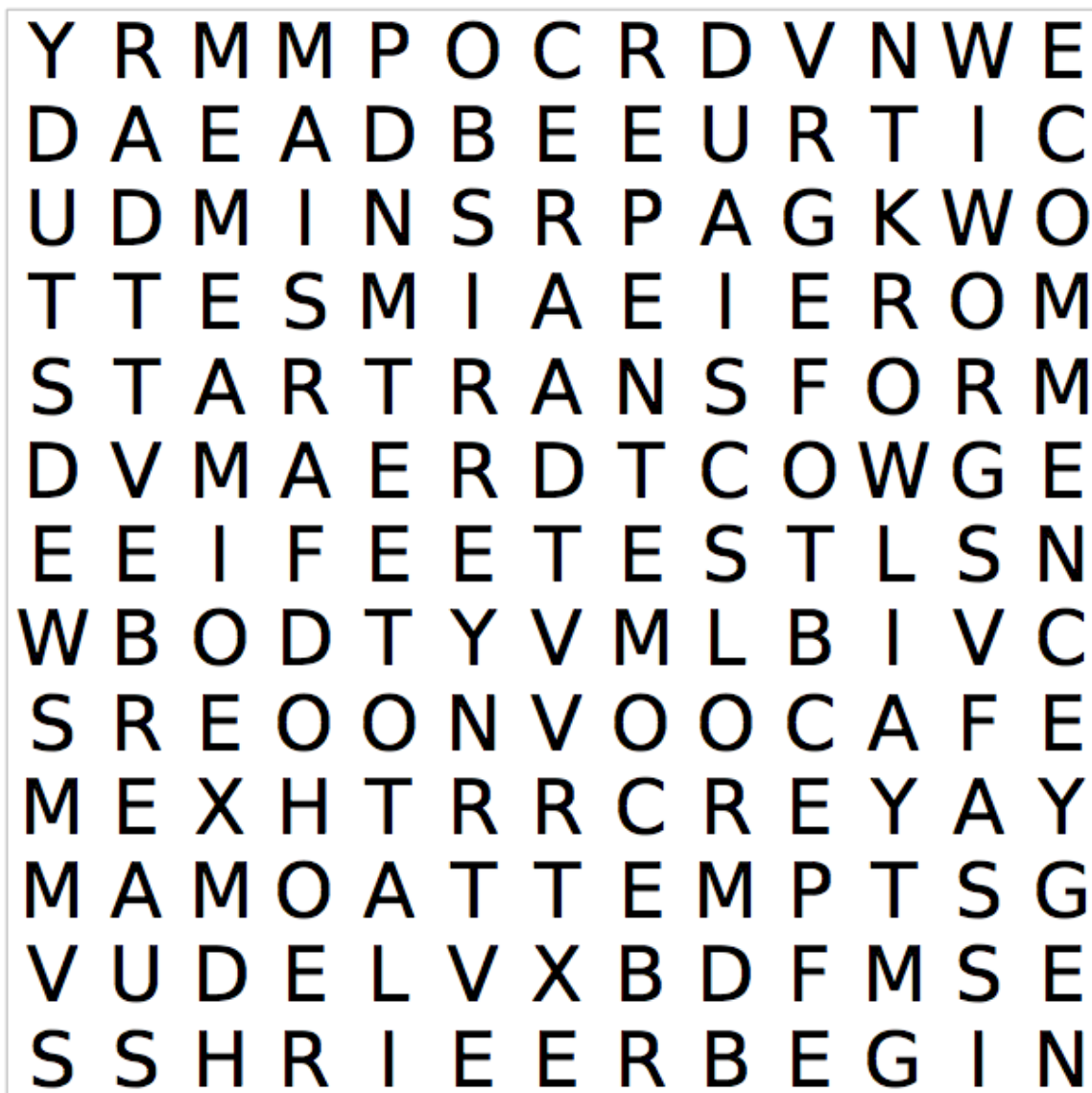
Of course the gloom of 2011 was lightened by personal highs - the birth of a child or grand-child, perhaps, a marriage, a new friend. But reason (and in my case long experience) tells me that 2012 will be very much like 2011, but, hey, hope springs eternal.

So is it stupid, or pointless, or even wrong to celebrate the New Year? No, of course not. Time is too serious, too important for us to take it lightly. The Old Preacher in the Bible assures us that 'for everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven'. He sees the passing of time as part of the way the Creation works - 'God has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into our minds' (Ecclesiastes 3:11). Humans, in other words, have an understanding of past, present, future: we live in a world with *tenses*. And he has done this 'so that all should stand in awe before him'. Time, a gift of God, is awesome, and its passage deeply significant.

No reason, then, not to mark the passing of the old year and the birth of the new one, but every reason to recognise that we too are part of the process, carried along by time's tide but not helpless to make choices. Some of those choices may change us, or our families, or our neighbours during the coming year. Some may eventually change the world.

In God's purpose, there is no reason at all why 2012 has to be like 2011. Let the old year go, with all its memories, joys and hurts. And turn to the new one with faith and prayer and - yes - hope. For myself, definitely no freezing fountains, excess alcohol or lumps of coal. But even this Grumpy Old Man will raise a glass, say a prayer, and watch the clock tick past midnight into a brave new year.

Canon David Winter, writer and broadcaster and a former Head of Religious Broadcasting at the BBC. (Re-printed from The Parish Pump)



Wordsearch

Wordsearch for January 2012

A whole new year stretches ahead of you. What are you going to do with it? What changes do you want to make to your life this year? What changes SHOULD you make in your life? What bad habits are still dragging you down? This month's word-search is about transformation.

Start
Commence
Begin
Resolve
Become

Attempt
Aim
Dream
Work
Study

Diet
Exercise
Save

Earn
Improve

Detox
Abstain
Teetotal
Behave
Reform

Repent
Grow
Sanctify
Redeem
Transform

Answer grid on page 26

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 Parish Rooms	
Wednesdays from 10.15 am- 12.30pm	NottheKnot Group in Parish Rooms	Stitching and fellowship group.
7.30 pm	Bellringing	



Wed 4th Jan 7.30pm *The Jesus Driven Life* course (Parish Rooms)
 Sun 8th Jan THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
 10.00am Family Communion
 Sun 15th Jan THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST
 Mon 16th Jan 7.30pm Fellowship & Focus group (Parish Rooms)
 Wed 18th Jan 7.30pm *The Jesus Driven Life* course (Parish Rooms)
 Fri 20th Jan 10.00am Prayers for the Parish & World Church (Parish Rooms)
 Tue 24th Jan 6.30pm PCC meeting (Parish Rooms)
 Sun 29th Jan THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE
 10.00am Family Communion with Christingles

Sunday 29th 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.

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 church on Wednesdays at 9.30am

1 January First Sunday of Christmas	8.15 am 10 am	Said Holy Communion Sung Eucharist
8 January Epiphany	8.15 am 10 am	Said Holy Communion Family Eucharist
15 January Baptism of Christ	8.15 am 10 am	Said Holy Communion Sung Eucharist
22 January Third Sunday of Epiphany	8.15 am 10 am	Said Holy Communion Sung Eucharist
29 January Presentation of Christ in the Temple.	8.15 am 10 am	Said Holy Communion Family Eucharist with Christingles

Come and join us for our



**Family Eucharist
for Epiphany
on**

**Sunday 8th January at 10.00
am**

Prayers for the Parish & World Church

The next monthly meeting to pray for the parish and worldwide Church will take place on Friday 20th January in the parish rooms from 10.00am until 11.30am. We will use material prepared for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. For more information contact Robin Figg, 633307.



News from Jigsaw Kids Ministries

It took over 3 years of searching but finally Jigsaw has found the perfect centre for Angeles kids clubs. Jigsaw has been operating in Angeles for 9 years and we have moved from building to building as difficult circumstances changed in an insecure and difficult place. Our dream has been for our own place with plenty of room outside to play and a secure building for our kids clubs, literacy classes and other projects to continue. Our dreams have come true. Praise God and thank you to all of you who have made this possible. The first Jigsaw activities will be Christmas parties and Christmas nativity services for the 250 + Jigsaw children who attend our work in Angeles City.



THANK YOU to everyone who decorated a Christmas star for your sponsored child. These stars are so important and will bring Christmas greetings and love to each sponsored child this Christmas. School sponsorship is so important and we would like to introduce Debs from St Ives who is our new school sponsor coordinator in the UK. Debs is doing a FANTASTIC job. Last June Jigsaw identified a number of children from the kids clubs who desperately needed to go to school, some graduates of our literacy classes, but we didn't have enough sponsors in the UK. In response to Jesus' command 'Bring the children to me and don't hinder them' Jigsaw decided to send them to school using money from our general funds. They are going to school and are growing wonderfully but we really need sponsors for them to provide the financial costs and more importantly regular prayer for them. If you would like to sponsor a child or contribute to the sponsorship program then please contact Debs through our Jigsaw email or by post.

PRAISE GOD FOR LENDEHL: Lendhl is a Pilipino mission partner supported by CMS from the Anglican Church in the Philippines to work at Jigsaw. Lendhl and Jigsaw's story is a remarkable one. He came to Jigsaw in 2005 for six weeks as part of his priest training requirement. Lendhl said this experience was to change his life. After graduating from the seminary 20 months ago Lendhl joined Jigsaw as a mission partner and his journey has been amazing. He started as a kid's worker, working, feeding, playing and knowing the children and over time he experienced several jobs as we worked to find his place in Jigsaw, this process was vital. He was a programs manager and on the exec committee, he worked with me in developing Jigsaw's projects and organizational structures. Now he is vice president of the Jigsaw Philippines board of trustees. Lendhl is an amazing person who understands the heart of Jigsaw as it is the same heart as his. His CMS agreement is 4 days with Jigsaw and 2 days working in his own parish each week. One fantastic outcome is that he is now developing kids work for children and families in poverty not only in Jigsaw but through the church he serves in his parish. The key to Lendhl's leadership and work is a love and humbleness that I have rarely found. Thank you Lendhl you are truly sent for the children through CMS to



In July this year Jenalyn graduated as a fully qualified and government registered social worker. Jenalyn was sponsored through Jigsaw supporters to go to college and after four years of study we are very glad to have her back. Jenalyn and Jeannette our senior social worker have been carrying out an extensive social assessment of Jigsaw's work through a research study with the children, families and communities with whom Jigsaw works. The structured and professional support of our children's work is already in serious action. Just last week Jenalyn was able to refer a family of malnourished and sick children to a medical project run by German doctors through a link she made whilst studying. Jenalyn said to Tim, 'you have never seen children in this terrible condition, no clothes, starving hungry, covered in sores and seriously sick.' Slowly the Jigsaw vision of working with others in welfare action and love to bring practical 'hope' is coming into place. Please pray for this family and these 5 girls this Christmas time.
Jigsaw's Social Welfare Program



Prayer Requests

- Please pray for Judith one of our kids workers who is about to have a baby any day soon. Pray for a safe delivery and healthy baby.
- Please pray for a family of five abandoned girls. Our social workers referred them to the department of social welfare but Jigsaw is keeping in touch to try and ensure that their best interests are met.
- Please pray for the family in Batasan who were referred to the doctors for malnourishment and sores. Pray for wisdom for Jeannette and Jenalyn as they work with this family.
- Please pray for the new members who have been elected onto the board of trustees in the Philippines. Pray for wisdom as they govern and oversee Jigsaw Philippines.
- Please pray for Lendhl as he prepares for his ordination in February.

**'WE THANK GOD' FOR PROVIDING THROUGH YOU THE FINANCE NEEDED FOR
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'PRAISE GOD OUR FATHER'**

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All in the month of JANUARY

It was....

600 years ago:- on 16th Jan 1412 that the Medici family were made the official bankers of the Papacy.

250 years ago:- on 4th Jan 1762 that the Seven Years' War began when Britain declared war on Spain and Naples.

150 years ago: - on 10th Jan 1862 that Samuel Colt, American firearms manufacturer who popularised the revolver, died.

100 years ago:- on 1st Jan 1912 that the Republic of China was officially established.
Also 100 years ago:- on 4th Jan 1912 that the Boy Scout Association was granted a Royal Charter, and became established throughout the Commonwealth.

Also 100 years ago:- on 8th Jan 1912 that the African National Congress (ANC) was founded in South Africa.

Also 100 years ago:- on 18th Jan 1912 that British explorer Robert Falcon Scott's expedition reached the South Pole, but discovered that Roald Amundsen's Norwegian team had beaten them by over a month.

90 years ago:- on 11th Jan 1922 that 14 year-old Leonard Thompson became the first diabetes patient to be treated with insulin, at Toronto General Hospital, Canada.

70 years ago:- on 1st Jan 1942 that during World War II 26 countries signed the Declaration of the United Nations in Washington, DC, USA, pledging to employ their full resources against Hitler and the Axis powers.

70 years ago:- on 26th Jan 1942 that the first American troops arrived in Europe. 4508 soldiers from the 34th Infantry Regiment docked in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Also 70 years ago:- on 29th Jan 1942 that the BBC Radio 4 show 'Desert Island Discs' was first broadcast. It is the world's longest running weekly factual radio programme.

50 years ago:- on 1st Jan 1962 that The Beatles auditioned for Decca Records in London, but were turned down because 'guitar groups are on the way out'.

40 years ago:- on 5th Jan 1972 that US President Richard Nixon announced the programme to develop the space shuttle.

Also 40 years ago:- on 30th Jan 1972 that Bloody Sunday took place. British paratroopers opened fire on a civil rights demonstration in Londonderry, Northern Ireland, killing 13 people (plus another who died later) and injuring many others.

30 years ago:- on 10th Jan 1982 that the lowest temperature ever recorded in England was taken. It was -26.1C at Newport, Shropshire. Scotland's lowest ever temperature was equalled: -27.2C at Braemar, Aberdeenshire.

15 years ago:- on 10th Jan 1987 that Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy in the Middle East, was kidnapped in Beirut, Lebanon while on a peace mission to negotiate the release of hostages. (Released Nov 1991)

10 years ago:- on 1st Jan 2002 that the euro became the official currency of Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal and Spain.

Christians affected by worsening crisis in Syria

Christian leaders in Syria and neighbouring countries have expressed growing concern about the deteriorating situation in Syria, and in particular what it means for the vulnerable Christian minority.



The Arab League recently suspended Syria over its crackdown on protestors in a move that highlights how far conditions in the country have worsened since anti-government demonstrations broke out in March 2011. The UN says that at least 3,500 people have been killed.

As the Assad regime comes under mounting international pressure, Christians, who comprise around ten per cent of the population, are particularly concerned about what the future holds for them and Iraqi Christian refugees living in the country.

Should Assad fall, it is feared that Syria could go the way of Iraq post-Saddam Hussein. Saddam, like Assad, restrained the influence of militant Islamists, but after his fall they were free to wreak havoc on the Christian community; hundreds of thousands of Christians were consequently forced to flee the violence. Many of them went to Syria.

A Syrian church leader explains: *Most of the Iraqi Christians living in Syria are worried because they do not want to see Syrian Christians passing through the same path as happened with them in Iraq. They are lifting their prayers for a safe and secure Syria and for it [to] continue to be a safe haven.*

Dr Patrick Sookhdeo, International Director of Barnabas Fund, explains: "Syria has been very much a safe haven for Christians in the Middle East, one of the few Arab countries where they were treated with respect and had equality with the Muslim majority. Syria also has a history of welcoming in persecuted Christians from other countries.

"But I greatly fear that within the near future we will see a new Iraq developing in Syria. Barnabas Fund is standing with our brothers and sisters during this tumultuous time through both prayer and practical support. Please help us to help them." If you would like to help, please visit: www.barnabasfund.org.uk/

Recipe Page

Coronation Chicken



Ingredients

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| 1 clove garlic | 1 onion |
| 2 tbsps tomato purée | 1 tsp curry powder (could use mild Korma) |
| 1 tsp ground turmeric | 1 tblsp lemon juice |
| 3 tbsps mango chutney | ¼ pint mayonnaise |
| ¼ pint Greek yoghurt | 1 tblsp oil |
| Cooked chicken portions of small whole chicken | |

Method

1. Saute onion and garlic in oil until soft
2. Add curry powder and turmeric and cook 3 minutes more
3. Add chutney, lemon juice and tomato purée, simmer 10 minutes.
4. Allow to cool and then whiz in food processor with mayonnaise and yoghurt
5. Cut up chicken and add to sauce.

Pork and bacon with prunes

Serves 4

PREP: 15 mins COOK: 1 hr 15 mins

Ingredients

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| 3 tbsp olive oil | 225g/8ozs shallots, peeled |
| 700g/1lb 8oz boneless leg of pork, cubed | |
| 2 garlic cloves, peeled and chopped | 6 rashers back bacon chopped |
| 175g/6oz closed cup mushrooms | 1 tbsp fresh thyme leaves |
| 525g/8oz no-need-to-soak prunes | 600mls/1pt pork stock |
| 6 tbsp Madeira wine | fresh chopped parsley |
| 150ml/¼pt double cream | |
| 1 tbsp cornflour mixed to a paste with a little water | |

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180C/Fan 160C/Gas Mark 4.
 2. Heat the oil in a large trying pan and fry the shallots for 5 mins, until golden and tender
 3. Add the pork to the pan, fry for 5-6 mins until browned.
 4. Add the garlic, bacon, mushrooms and thyme;
 5. Cook for 5 mins until the mushrooms and bacon start to turn golden.
 6. Add the prunes to the pan. Pour in the stock, Madeira and cornflour paste. Stir well.
 7. Cook, stirring, until the liquid boils and thickens slightly.
 8. Transfer to a casserole. Season and cover; cook in the oven for 45-50 mins until the meat is tender.
 9. Stir in the cream and garnish with parsley
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Cross Hill Naturalists' Society Winter Programme

www.crosshillsnats.co.uk

Affiliations: Yorkshire Naturalists' Union, Yorkshire Wildlife
Trust



Lectures:

Are held on Saturday Evenings at 19.00 at St. Peter's Church, Main Street, Cross Hills
BD20 8TF

Microscope Meetings:

Take place on the second Thursday of each month at the Sutton-in-Craven Community
Centre, North Street, Sutton-in-Craven BD20 7HA

Annual Subscription: Adults £6.00 Juniors 10 pence
Visitors and new members will be very welcome

2012

14 th Jan.	Fascination of Dragonflies	David Alred
28 th Jan.	Microscopic Marvels, Moving Videos Photographed at 200 x Magnification	Gordon Fitton
4 th Feb.	AGM at 18.30 hours followed by Members' Eve- ning	
18 th Feb.	Duncan Clough Memorial Lecture The Science and Folklore of British Plants	Dr. R. Freethy
3 rd March	Biodiversity of Swinden Quarry	Sean Milward
17 th March	Supper Evening in the Schoolroom	

Church Rotas

1 January First Sunday of Christmas	First Reading - Isaiah 61.10 - 62.3 Second Reading - Galatians 4.4-7 Gospel - Luke 2.15-21	Marjorie Gee Christine Anderton Ruth Ward
8 January Epiphany	First Reading - Isaiah 60.1-6 Second Reading - Ephesians 3.1-12 Gospel - Matthew 2.1-12	Readers arranged separately
15 January Baptism of Christ	First Reading - Genesis 1.1-5 Second Reading - Acts 19.1-7 Gospel - Mark 1.4-11	Brenda Brock Stephen Westcott Marie Stinson
22 January Third Sunday of Epiphany	First Reading - Genesis 14.17-20 Second Reading - Revelation 19.6-10 Gospel - John 2.1-11	Glyn Evans Michael Baumber Kathryn Morris
29 January Presentation of Christ in the Tem- ple	First Reading - Malachi 3.1-5 Second Reading - Hebrews 2.14-18 Gospel - Luke 2.22-40	Not used Elizabeth Figg

Brass Cleaning: Christine Westcott

Church Cleaning

January: Helen Hulley, Rosie Hargreaves, Sylvia Ackroyd

February: Marian Baxter, June Whitaker, Mary Peake, Christine Hutchinson

What children have to say about angels

It's not easy to become an angel! First, you die. Then you go to Heaven, and then there's still the flight training to go through. And then you got to agree to wear those angel clothes. - Matthew, age 9

Angels work for God and watch over kids when God has to go do something else. - Mitchell, age 7

My guardian angel helps me with maths, but he's not much good for science. - Henry, age 8

Angels don't eat, but they drink milk from holy cows. - Jack, age 6



Date	Sidesperson	Intercessor	Communion
1 January First Sunday of Christmas	Joan and Barry Houghton David and Marian Baxter	Sue Hargreaves	Sandie Michael
8 January Epiphany	Marie Stinson Peter McNeill	arranged separately	Sue Tim
15 January Baptism of Christ	Christine Anderton Ann Mosley June Whitaker	Lesley Hudson	John Michael
22 January Third Sunday of Epiphany	Libba Utley Michael Baxter Sandie Walton Kath Morris	Marie Stinson	Christine Sandie
29 January Presentation of Christ in the Temple	Joyce Bonham Elaine Carter Marie Stinson/Sandie Walton	Lesley Bannister	Christine Sue

From the registers

Baptisms

Sunday 4th December Theo James Michael Savoury, son of Adam and Olivia, of Station Grove, Cross Hills
 Anya Elise Curtin, daughter of Steven & Miquette, of Black Abbey Lane, Glusburn

Burial of cremated remains

Saturday 3rd December Pam Brown

FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL SUMMARY OF DRAFT MINUTES

The meeting of Farnhill Parish Council was held on the 6th December 2011 in Kildwick/Farnhill Institute. The meeting was chaired by Counc. I Fulton. Five members of the council were present plus NYCC Rep Counc P Mulligan

The minutes of the meeting held on the 1st November were approved by the Council and signed as a correct record by the Chairman .

Clerk to report to Kevin Wailes at CDC that the tarmac at the Car Park is cracked due to works that were carried out by the contractors when repairing the wall. If repair work is not carried out it may become worse with the frosty weather.

A report has been received regarding Fly Tipping on Bradley Road and CDC have been notified.

NYCC Rep Counc P Mulligan informed the Parish Council that the application for funding made by the Institute to go towards the cost of new windows had been successful, provided that 3 written quotes were received. The £500.00 has been secured and will be released as soon as the quotes are received.

Clerk to thank CDC Rep Counc M Wheeler for his offer of help with the Localism Bill and Neighbourhood Plans, and to say that the Parish Council have decided to wait while more details are available before commencing with a Neighbourhood Plan. Also to ask him to keep us updated on any information or further developments as they become available.

A further request was made for estimates for the wall at the Arbour to include a 6metre stretch of wall at the bottom corner to be rebuilt to ground level and a 3metre stretch 2 1/2 metre from the opening to be rebuilt from track level. Two quotes were received and the Parish Council resolved to go with the cheaper quote. Part of the track between Hillbrow and Arbour Cote may be closed for 3 days between the hours of 8.00am & 4.30pm. The work is expected to take place sometime in January. Clerk to inform residents of the Arbour about the possible closure, and to inform both parties of the outcome.

The Parish Council discussed taking over responsibility for the Noticeboard at the Car Park on Main Street so that it can be used for local issues more appropriate to the village. The Parish Council resolved that they would be interested in taking over responsibility, further to more discussion with CDC. Counc H Matysniak to discuss it further with CDC.

The new heritage lamp has now been installed by NYCC and is awaiting painting by them. Discussion took place regarding the positioning of the adornments on the pole and whether they were in the right position, but the Parish Council determined that they were okay.

One quote has been received for a heritage fingerpost for the sign from the junction of Main Street and Grange Road, but the supplier only makes two types of fittings and these would prove difficult to fit to the sign due to the old collars being seized on. To remove them may cause damage to the sign. The Parish Council resolved to ask NYCC to reinstate the sign with just the two fingerposts for the time being. The sign has been painted and if the Parish Council decide to add a further finger at a later stage this can

NYCC say they are not sure if we really need the sign for the Play Area, but if we wish they would reposition it on a new post on the canal side of the British Waterways wall, provided we get permission from them. They are happy for it not to go up if the Parish are happy with that. Clerk states the only problem may be when it comes to the next Play Area Inspection as they do a risk assessment of the Play Area Signs. They may downgrade us on not having a sign. The sign is at moment being kept by NYCC.

Yorkshire Housing have been approached by the Parish Council with regard to the possibility of them fitting a handrail from Langkirk Close to the bottom of Main Street, but they have stated it is highly unlikely that they would be prepared to fit one at the moment. The Parish Council resolved that it would be too expensive for them to undertake as permission would not be given to attach the handrail to the walls of houses and would involve digging up the road and pavement.

The Clerk prepared a draft budget account which was considered by the Council and to be amended for the meeting in January. The Parish Council discussed setting the precept for 2012/2013 but did not come to a decision, therefore it will be decided upon at the January meeting. Requests for donations will also be considered in January.

Clerk to congratulate the Institute Trustees and volunteers for the excellent event held recently to celebrate the Institute's Centenary year.

It was agreed to change the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council to the 10th January instead of the 3rd January. Clerk to check availability of the room.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING


TUESDAY 10TH JANUARY 2011 IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL INSTITUTE AT 7.30PM

All members of the village are welcome to attend

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Winter travel



A government warning said that anyone travelling in icy conditions should take: shovel, blankets, sleeping bag, scarf, hat and gloves, 24 hours supply of food and drink, de-icer, rock salt, torch, spare batteries, road flares, reflective triangles, tow rope, a five gallon petrol jerrycan, first aid kit, and jump leads.

So ... I looked a complete pratt on the bus this morning!

Making a good journey of it

At the start of the New Year a man was going on a journey to a distant country. He spent hours looking at maps, wanting the most scenic route. Should he go by plane, train or car? He spent days looking into the comfort of the seats provided, the leg-room, the restaurants he would be able to use, the entertainment on offer, and especially important to him, would the other passengers be good enough company?

In every way the man made sure that his journey would be perfect: a scenic route by good transport in total luxury, with great entertainment, superb food, accompanied by people he was happy to be seen with.

The trip itself would take two weeks at most – even by car. It was a one-way journey: the man would spend the rest of his life in the distant country.

Yet in all his preparations, the man concentrated solely on the trip itself. He never took thought of what he would do when he arrived. What about Passport Control in the distant country? Would he even be allowed in without a visa? Would he be suitable for life there?

Our life can be a bit like that. As we hurtle through the years, we can spend all our time trying to get an 'upgrade' on our careers, our homes, our cars, our social opportunities. We may indeed make our journey a fantastic trip – but what happens when we arrive? Are we ready for what comes after?

Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life: he who believes in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whoever lives and believes in me shall never die." John 11:25-26

Proofreading is a dying art, wouldn't you say?

These newspaper headlines didn't quite make it!

1. Man kills self before shooting wife and daughter
2. Something went wrong in jet crash, expert says
3. Miners refuse to work after death
4. Juvenile court to try shooting defendant
5. War dims hope for peace
6. If strike isn't settled quickly, it may last awhile
7. Cold wave linked to temperatures
8. Enfield (London) couple slain; police suspect homicide
9. Red tape holds up new bridges
10. New study of obesity looks for larger test group
11. Kids make nutritious snacks
12. Hospitals are sued by seven foot doctors



1952 – 2012 – Celebrating 60 years of The Queen's reign

Queen Elizabeth II came to the throne on 6 February 1952. Her coronation took place on 2nd June 1953. She celebrated her Silver Jubilee (25 years) in 1977 and her Golden Jubilee (50 years) in 2002. The only other British monarch to celebrate a Diamond Jubilee was Queen Victoria, in 1897. The main celebrations for The Queen's Diamond Jubilee will be from Saturday 2nd June to Tuesday 5th June. For your interest, here's how that weekend will look:

Saturday 2nd June:

The Queen will attend the Epsom Derby.

Sunday 3rd June:

The Big Jubilee Lunch Building on the already popular Big Lunch initiative, people will be encouraged to share lunch with neighbours and friends as part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. This might be a traditional street party or even a picnic lunch. Visit: <http://www.thebiglunch.com/>

The Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant: This event will consist of up to 1,000 boats assembled from across the UK, the Commonwealth and around the world. The Queen will travel in the Royal Barge which will lead the flotilla.

Monday 4th June:

BBC Concert at Buckingham Palace:

There will be a televised Diamond Jubilee Concert at Buckingham Palace, with tickets being available to UK residents by public ballot. The musical programme will feature British and Commonwealth musicians.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons: A network of 2,012 Beacons will be lit by communities and individuals throughout the United Kingdom, as well as the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man and the Commonwealth. As in 2002, The Queen will light the National Beacon.

Tuesday 5th June, 2012

Service of Thanksgiving and Carriage Procession: There will be a Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral and a formal carriage Procession by The Queen.

One billion

A billion is a difficult number to comprehend, but one advertising agency did a good job of putting that figure into some perspective in one of its releases.

- A billion seconds ago it was 1959
 - A billion minutes ago Jesus was alive
 - A billion hours ago our ancestors were living in the Stone Age
 - A billion days ago no-one walked on the earth with 2 feet
 - A billion pounds ago was only 13 hours and 12 minutes at the rate Government spends money!
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Cross Hills & Glusburn Senior Citizens

The Senior Citizens of Cross Hills and Glusburn meet in the Rest Centre in the village. Coffee Mornings are held there every Saturday morning.

Subscriptions, which are the same as last year, are due on the 30th September. The Rest Centre is open for tea and biscuits on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 2.30. until 4.00.pm

Everyone is most welcome to come for a tea or coffee whenever the Rest Centre is open- you don't have to be a Senior Citizen.

If any Charitable Organization would like to hold a Coffee Morning in the Rest Centre they should contact Pauline Wellard on 631436.

Farnhill Methodist Church holds a Coffee Morning from 10–11.30 am on the second Saturday of each month.

There is a cake stall, greetings cards, bric-a-brac and paintings on sale. It is a regular date for many villagers and for visitors from around the area.

Glusburn Luncheon Club



Tired of cooking every day or eating on your own?
Why not come along and have your lunch at Glusburn Institute Baths Hall every Wednesday at 12 noon.
2-course hot lunch and a cup of tea for only £3.00

Women's Institute News

Glusburn & Crosshills WI met for their December meeting on Tuesday, when the theme was "Christmas Customs with Bells On". Stanley Walmesley gave a talk on our much-loved Christmas customs, such as why we kiss under the mistletoe, the history of Father Christmas and the pagan origins of the Christmas tree! Volunteers then gave a demonstration of hand-bell ringing whilst the rest of the group tried to guess the Christmas carol being played. The evening was rounded off with mince pies and stollen.

New members and visitors are most welcome to join us in the New Year to sample next year's programme which kicks off in January with the annual dinner.

Please ring Pat on 01535 634965
or Margaret on 01535 634207 for details



St KENTIGERN

13th January

Kentigern (more often called by his nickname Mungo, meaning 'dear one') was the son of a pagan king who became a pupil in St Serf's monastery in Fife, Scotland.

St Mungo is the patron saint of Glasgow, and he is famous for many miracles, some of which are illustrated on the city's coat of arms. The rhyme goes:

Here is the bird that never flew

Here is the tree that never grew

Here is the bell that never rang

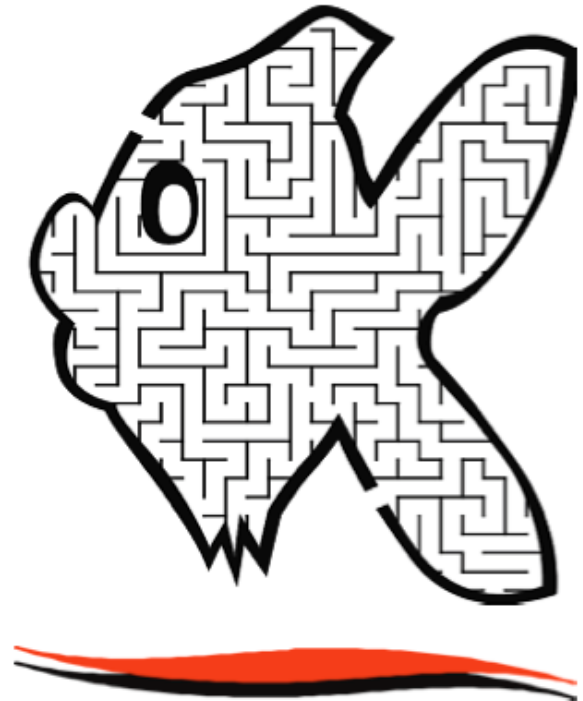
Here is the fish that never swam

The bird was Serf's pet robin, which Mungo brought back to life. The tree was a hazel branch that he lit when the fire at the monastery had gone out. The bell was brought back from a visit to Rome and Mungo helped the Queen of Strathclyde find her lost ring inside a salmon.

There is even the story of his meeting the wizard, Merlin, who is said to have become a Christian and been baptised by Mungo. Mungo died around 612AD and his tomb is in the crypt of Glasgow Cathedral.

FISH MAZE

It is not a salmon and there is no ring hidden in it, but can you find your way through this fish?



Where do fish wash?

In a river basin.

Why did the whale cross the road?

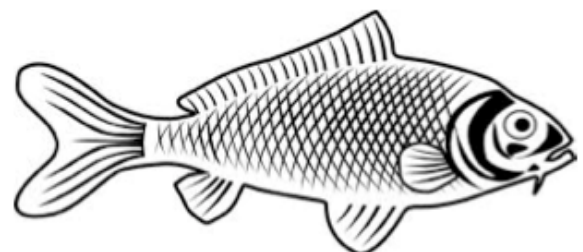
To get to the other tide.

Where do little fishes go every morning?

To plaice school.

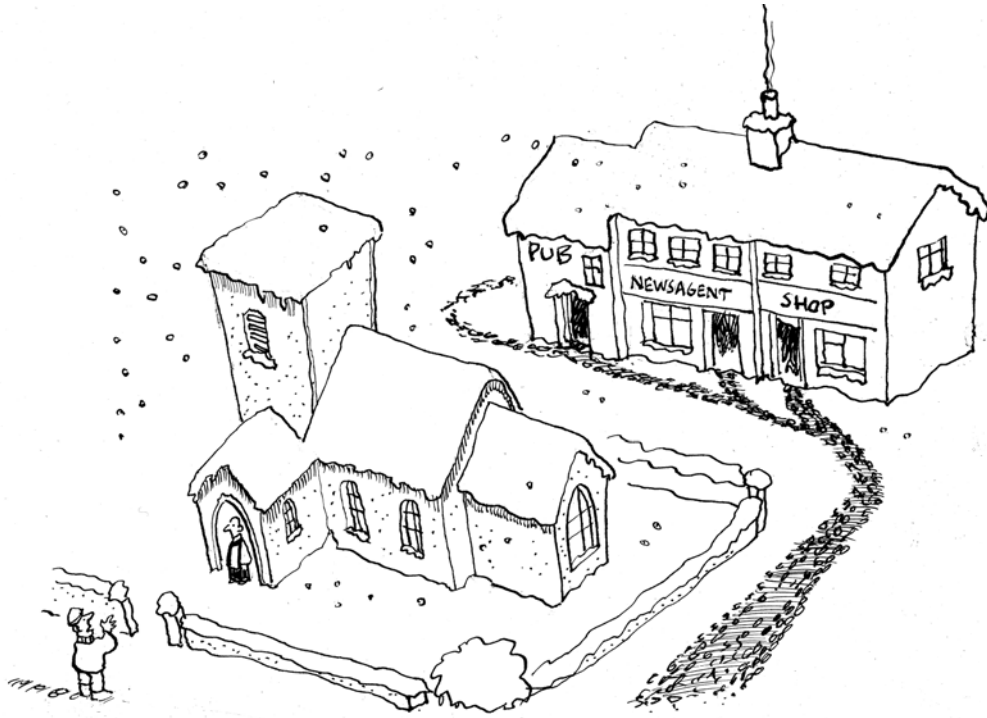
What do you get from a bad-tempered shark?

As far away as possible.



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...I am so sorry Vicar - but with all the snow this week - no-one has managed to get to church...

The Village Pump
A meeting Place for over 50's
Every Wednesday
2.00-3.30 pm

Chat over Tea

Scrabble



Dominoes

*Cards
and more.....*

Farnhill Methodist Church
(in the foyer)