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

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

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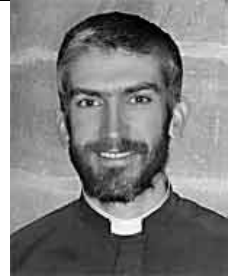
## **January 2014**

### **Parish Mission Statement**

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

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

Dear friends,



Happy Christmas and a happy New Year! I hope you are continuing to celebrate with great joy the festival of Christmas as we rejoice in God's gift to us of the Christ-child, God with us, Emmanuel.

Unlike the world around us, the Church invites us to remember that Christmas Day is not the end but the beginning of the great celebration, which continues for 40 days until we celebrate the Presentation of Christ in the Temple on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. As a reminder of this we keep the Christmas Crib and the Christmas tree in the church throughout these six weeks.

The birth of a child is, of course, a sign of new life coming into the world and so the birth of Jesus, the Christ-child is the sign of God's new life that God offers to the world. As the season of Christmas includes the move into a new calendar year, so the hope and expectation of God's new life is offered to all God's people anew for the coming year.

The New Year is a time for us to reflect on the past; not only the year that has just gone, but also as events and people from long ago in our lives come to mind at this time of year. Memories, both happy and sad, rush in as we look back, see what we got wrong (or right!) and resolve to make a new start.

What are your hopes for the future; for the coming year, for next week, for tomorrow? What is your dream; for yourself, for your family and friends, for humankind?

I have no doubt that somewhere in your hopes and dreams will be the theme of peace and justice. But how can we know peace when the world is as it is? There is so much going on around us that can leave us feeling that there is little hope and expectation of peace in the future. Each day we hear of the effects of humankind's destructive intolerance of those with a different viewpoint, religion or culture.

At Christmas we gaze in wonder at the new born Christ-child and celebrate God coming into his world in love, in joy, in peace. We celebrate the birth of Jesus, who is the Prince of Peace.

Recently I came across the following piece written by Johann Christoph Arnold, a Mennonite Christian in the United States:

"True peace is not merely a lofty cause that can be taken up and pursued by good intentions. Nor is it something to be simply had or bought. Peace demands struggle.

"God's peace does not automatically include inner tranquillity, the absence of conflict, or other, worldly estimations of peace. As we can see from the life of Christ, it was precisely by his rejection of the world and its peace that his perfect peace was established. And this peace was rooted in his acceptance of the most harrowing self-sacrifice imaginable: death on a cross.

"Many of us who call ourselves Christians today have forgotten this, if not wilfully blinded ourselves to it. We want peace, but we want it on our own terms. We want an easy peace. Yet peace cannot come quickly or easily if it is to have any genuine staying power."

Peace has to be worked at and worked for. In the story of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus we see God at work reaching out to those who would come and listen.

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As we start this New Year, my fervent hope and prayer is that we will hold fast to the ideals set out for us by Jesus the Christ and work together to bring peace to our community, our nation and our world.

I wish you a Happy and a Peaceful New Year!

*Robin*

## The new Diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales

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

Our new diocese will be one of the most populous in the Church of England, bringing together the three cities of Bradford, Leeds and Wakefield and key towns such as Huddersfield and Harrogate.

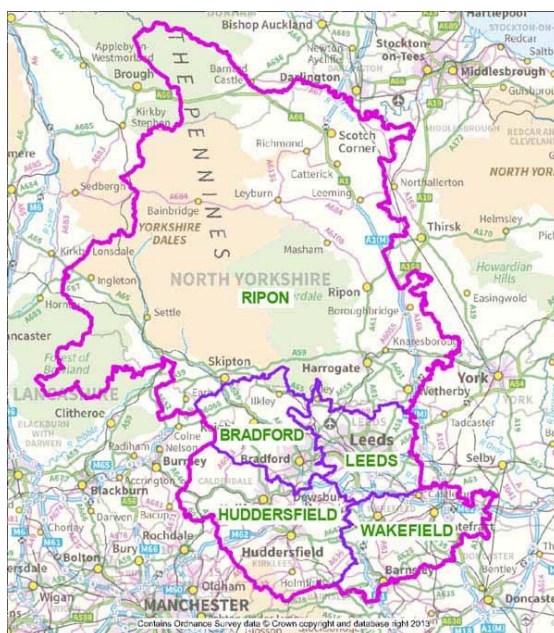
*Loving God, pour upon us, we pray, your Holy Spirit and prepare us for the new Diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales; send us a bishop to lead and encourage us; foster bonds of love that cross old boundaries; open our hearts and minds to new possibilities of welcome, witness and mission; and grant wisdom to all who shape our future in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

### What's different about the new diocese?

It comprises five distinct areas – Bradford, Leeds, Wakefield, Huddersfield and Ripon - each with a distinct character and degree of autonomy in how they serve their particular region.

There will be one Diocesan Bishop and four Area Bishops. The Diocesan Bishop's title is Bishop of Leeds; he will be both the Diocesan Bishop and Area Bishop of Leeds. He is scheduled to be enthroned in the summer of 2014.

The three current Cathedrals - Ripon, Bradford and Wakefield – will remain with equal status.



### What are the advantages of a large diocese?

The advantages include:

- Having a Diocesan Bishop who will be one of the most influential in the country.
- Stability and robustness of a large organisation with considerable financial resources.
- Ability to develop full time specialists and support people who can work diocese-wide.
- Clergy employment and deployment opportunities.



also embodies diversity in expressions of Christian faith. Living with this diversity, but being faithful to Christ's desire for the unity of his disciples, has led them to a reflection on Paul's provocative question in 1 Corinthians, "Has Christ been divided?" In faith we respond, "No!" yet our church communities continue to endure scandalous divisions. 1 Corinthians also points us to a way in which we can value and receive the gifts of others even now in the midst of our divisions, and that is an encouragement to us in our work for unity.

The Churches of Canada have a strong history of co-operation and mutual support. Their history includes examples of common efforts, shared ministries, and even the union of several churches. Where organic unity of churches has not been possible, they have often achieved common agreements and shared ministries that witness to growing unity in Christ. The churches have acted together on issues related to poverty and social justice, and together many of the churches are beginning to take responsibility for what they see as their un-Christ-like attitudes towards indigenous peoples in their country.

And yet, despite these encouraging movements towards the unity that Christ desires, disunity prevails. A consequence of this disunity is revealed in behaviour towards neighbours and the planet.

In considering the many blessings and gifts of God made manifest in their country and peoples, the Canadian Churches have begun to recognize that they must treat one another, and the very land from which they derive their living, with dignity and respect. We can share this recognition and how it calls us all to confession and repentance, and to the seeking of new and sustainable ways of living on the earth.

It raises our consciousness about how God has blessed us all, and that no one group can decide how to use the world's resources without hearing and including the voices of our fellow human beings.

Further details can be found at [www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer](http://www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer)

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### **Why?**

A young couple invited some people to dinner. At the table, the mother turned to their six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?"

"I don't know what to say," the girl replied.

"Just say what you hear Mummy say," the father answered.

The daughter bowed her head and said, "O Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

### **Windows**

A wife texted her husband on a cold winter morning: "Windows frozen."

Her husband texted back: "Pour some lukewarm water over it."

The wife texted back five minutes later: "Computer's completely not working now."

### **Friday**

Nothing ruins your Friday like realising it's only Wednesday.

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## All in the month of JANUARY

It was....

- 175 years ago:- on 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 1839 that Paul Cezanne, French Post-Impressionist artist, was born.
  - 100 years ago:- on 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 1914 that Hugh Trevor-Roper, Baron Dacre of Glanton, was born. This British historian was best known for work on Elizabethan England and on Adolf Hitler. His reputation was damaged in 1983 when he certified 60 volumes of 'Hitler's Diaries' as genuine – they proved to be forgeries.
  - 90 years ago:- on 22 Jan 1924 that Ramsay MacDonald became Britain's first Labour Prime Minister.
  - 75 years ago:- on 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 1939 that Hewlett-Packard, the information technology company, was founded in a garage in Palo Alto, California.
  - 70 years ago:- 17<sup>th</sup> Jan to 18<sup>th</sup> May: the Battle of Monte Cassio, Italy. This WW2 Allied victory was regarded as the hardest-fought and bloodiest battle of the war, with 250,000 casualties.
  - 65 years ago:- on 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 1949 that RCA launched the 7-inch 45-rpm vinyl record.
  - 50 years ago:- on 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 1964 that Bob Dylan released his album 'The Times They Are A-Changin'.
  - 30 years ago:- on 24<sup>th</sup> Jan 1984 that the first Apple Macintosh computer went on sale.
  - 25 years ago:- on 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 1989 that the Kegworth air disaster took place when a British Midland Boeing 737 crashed onto the M1 motorway in Leicestershire while attempting an emergency landing at East Midlands Airport. 47 people died and 74 were injured.
  - 20 years ago:- on 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 1994 that the Duchess of Kent converted to Catholicism; the first member of the royal family to do so for more than 300 years.
  - Also 20 years ago:- on 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 1994 that Sir Matt Busby, Scottish football player and manager (Manchester United) died.
  - 15 years ago:- on 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 1999 that the euro officially became the new currency in 11 European countries.
  - 10 years ago:- on 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2004 that the world's largest ocean liner RMS Queen Mary 2 was christened by Queen Elizabeth II. (Note: later cruise ships are larger.)
  - Also 10 years ago:- on 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 2004 that NASA's Mars Exploration Rover 'Opportunity' landed on Mars.
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## A hymn for Epiphany

Epiphany, 6 January, is also known as 'Twelfth Night', or the last night of the Christmas festival. According to the song, it is also the day when that over-enthusiastic 'true love' of yours dumps no less than 78 presents on your doorstep, among them a dozen leaping lords of the realm and a final partridge – to go with the 11 you have already been given.

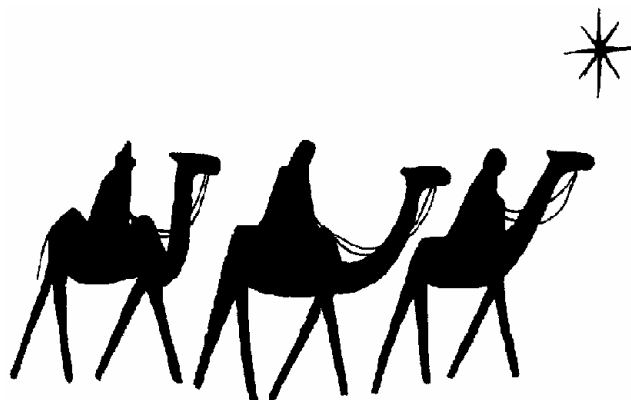
In many parts of the world 6 January is celebrated as Christmas Day. As we Western Christians are packing away our tree, the Greek Orthodox world and Catholic Spain are giving presents and celebrating the wise men, or magi. For what better time to give presents to each other than on the day the wise men presented gold, frankincense and myrrh to the infant Jesus?

As the famous carol 'We Three Kings of Orient Are' puts it:

Born a king on Bethelam plain  
Gold I bring to crown him again –  
King for ever, ceasing never,  
Over us all to reign.

Frankincense to offer have I;  
Incense owns a deity nigh;  
Prayer and praising, all are raising,  
Worship him, God most high.

Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume  
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb...



What do we make of these presents? Gold is for kingship, proclaiming a royal child. Frankincense carries a feeling of worship about it: it was used in the temple, and indicated access to the presence of God. Frankincense is thus for worship and incarnation. The third gift, myrrh, finds its place at Calvary. After the crucifixion, Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea prepared Jesus' body for burial, using myrrh as an embalming fluid. (Thus when the wise men visit the baby Jesus, the shadow of the cross falls on the crib.) But myrrh is also symbolic of love, so you could say that the third gift is about adoration as well as death. Christ's death on the cross is for love of the Church, his bride.

As for the magi, they were NOT Jewish grandees, but foreign Gentiles. And so it was clear, even as early as the manger in Bethlehem, that Jesus was not just the Messiah for the Jews, but the Saviour of the whole world.



# BIBLE HISTORY

written by Michael Baumber

## THE GOSPEL STORY: THE ROAD TO THE CROSS

### 4: WHO DID JESUS THINK HE WAS?



A major stumbling block to assessing the role Jesus played is the different meanings of the titles which were given to him. First of all there is *Christ* which is simply the Greek version of the Hebrew *Messiah*. *Messiah* had three different meanings. It could refer either to a prophet, a priest or a king. Jesus certainly saw himself as a prophet because the mark of a prophet is that he could perform miracles. He also saw himself as a priest because he claimed to be able to forgive sins and he reinterpreted the law without ever having had any rabbinical training. King is more obscure. He certainly rejected the role of a warrior king but he did foreshadow the coming of God's kingdom which would not be of this world in which he believed he would play an important role.

There are also references to Jesus as a '*son of God*'. This term is even more obscure. All Jews, both male and female, believed that they were 'sons of God' because they were descended from Abraham. Jesus rejected this claim but he did say that his followers could 'become sons of God' if they lived their lives according to his precepts. It is in this sense that Jesus became a '*son of God*' by adoption at the time of his baptism by John in the Jordan. Yet for Greeks the term 'son of God' had an entirely different meaning. Alexander the Great claimed that he was the offspring of a god and an earthly mother and was therefore 'divine'. Both Augustus and Tiberius Caesars claimed divine status so the evangelists felt compelled to invent similar infancy stories to convince their converts that Jesus, the son of an obscure Jewish carpenter, was their equal. There is no evidence that Jesus thought himself divine in this way.

Jesus calls himself a *Son of Man*. This is often simply a circumlocution for 'I' similar to the way Ezekiel used the term. In his vision Daniel saw the kingdoms of this world as four fantastic beasts but Israel as a *Son of Man*, i.e a human being. Yet there are occasions when it clearly does refer to the arrival of God's representative who signals the beginning of his kingdom but there is still some confusion about whether this being is Jesus or someone else.

Titles can be misleading and there is other information which tells us more about how Jesus saw himself. He told his 12 disciples that they would be judges over Israel so as their superior he could forgive sins and reinterpret the law in his own way, overruling both the priests and the scribes. He considered his mission of paramount significance and how the people who heard him responded more important than any of their other duties. Finally he thought that he was God's last emissary before the coming of his kingdom.

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## Prayer page



"A new year is unfolding—like a blossom with petals curled tightly concealing the beauty within.

Lord, let this year be filled with the things that are truly good—with the comfort of warmth in our relationships, with the strength to help those who need our help and the humility and openness to accept help from others.

As we make our resolutions for the year ahead, let us go forward with great hope that all things can be possible—with Your help and guidance

"Heavenly Father, for this coming year just one request I bring.  
I do not pray for happiness or any earthly thing.  
I do not ask to understand the way you lead me;  
But this I ask—teach me to do the thing that pleases You.  
I want to know Your guiding voice,  
To walk with you each day.  
Heavenly Father, make me swift to hear and ready to obey;  
And thus the year I now begin a happy year will be,  
If I am seeking just to do the thing that pleases You."

Come, Holy Spirit,  
Spirit of the Risen Christ, be with us today and always.  
Be our Light, our Guide, and our Comforter.  
Be our Strength, our Courage, and our Sanctifier.  
May this new year be a time of deep spiritual growth for us,  
A time of welcoming your graces and gifts,  
A time for forgiving freely and unconditionally,  
A time for growing in virtue and goodness.  
Come, Holy Spirit, be with us today and always. Amen.

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.  
Good 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. Amen.

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## JIGSAW TEN YEAR CELEBRATIONS



*A light has come into the darkness and the darkness  
cannot put out the LIGHT*

Jigsaw celebrated its ten year anniversary in October which was an amazing and joyous time. We were so happy to have 4 ladies from the UK with us for the celebrations, 'Diana, Cecily, Helen and Heather. We celebrated with a thanksgiving service and 4 days of games and activities with all of the 1000+ Jigsaw children and young people. It was truly a children's ministry celebration (if you were not a child it may have seemed a little crazy at times!) We ate together, danced together and sang together. The children led a march around the streets with Jigsaw banners that they had made celebrating with many surprised passers by. The children read the scriptures, led the worship, sang and danced for one another and afterwards played games together. A highlight for me was that Raymond, Marvin and another 6 of the very first Jigsaw boys (now aged 21!) joined the celebrations which was an emotional and special time. We celebrated ten years of the growth of FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE. As we looked back at the wonder of Gods work it helped us to look forward and pray for a renewed vision for the next years ahead. God revealed his vision to the staff which we believe is to continue to grow faith, hope and love in children's lives by Jigsaw moving physically and spiritually deeper into the heart of communities. We look forward to share more of this new vision in 2014. God miraculously over the last ten years has not only grown Jigsaw in the Philippines but in the UK and beyond too. There would be no Jigsaw without the 'friends of Jigsaw' (which are you the supporters) who from day one have surrounded Jigsaw with prayer, love and resources for its work. We are so grateful to you all and would like to share this ten year celebration with you. Each child who has been part of Jigsaw over the last ten years has a story to share of how their lives have been touched. Marvin, a former Jigsaw child who is now 21 on replying to my question 'What more could Jigsaw have done for you?' remarkably said "Just keep it going because it makes us HUMAN, who else sat with us, who else talked with us, listened to us, comforted us, shared our lives, with us, who else visited us and taught us of Jesus . don't ever let Jigsaw stop." Words failed us and we Praise God for His deep work in so many children's lives now and over the last ten years.

### **SUPER TYPHOON HAIYAN**

'On 8 November one of the most powerful storms on record struck the Philippines leaving millions of people without a home. Nearly 15 million people have been affected by Typhoon Haiyan with over 50,000 people dead and over 4 million people being displaced from their homes. The most vulnerable and affected are the children with so many losing everything, said the High Commissioner for UNICEF.

Jigsaw asked for prayer on how they could be used to help with the typhoon relief. Despite the overwhelming size of the trauma and destruction being suffered by so many God has led Jigsaw (alongside many others) to be a small light shining in the darkness bringing love and hope into the heart of hurt, pain, trauma and destruction. The staff have often felt their efforts are so small

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## *Church Rotas*

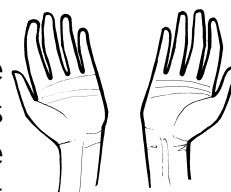
Date	Sidesperson	Intercessor	Communion
<b>January 5</b> <b>Epiphany</b>	Joan and Barry Houghton David Baxter	Michael Baumber	Christine and Sue
<b>January 12</b> <b>The Baptism of Christ</b>	Marie Stinson Peter McNeill	Peter Bannister	Sandie and Tim
<b>January 19</b> <b>The Second Sunday of Epiphany</b>	Christine Anderton Ann Mosley June Whitaker	Lesley Hudson	Christine and Michael
<b>26 January</b> <b>The Third Sunday of Epiphany</b>	John Mitchell Michael Baxter Sandie Walton Kath Morris	Sue Hargreaves	Sue and John

Flower	Rota	26th	
<b>12th</b>	Glyn Evans		
<b>19th</b>			

<b>Brass Cleaning</b> <b>Jan/Feb</b>	Pauline Underwood and Sylvia Ackroyd
<b>Church Cleaning:</b>	Helen Hulley, Rosie Hargreaves, Sylvia Ackroyd, Sylvia Clark

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

The next monthly meeting to pray for the parish and worldwide Church will take place on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.



## ***Readers Rota***

<b>January 5 Epiphany</b>	Isaiah 60.1-6 <i>Ephesians 3.1-12</i> Matthew 2.1-12	Sylvia Clark <i>This reading not used</i> Katharine Calvert
<b>January 12 The Baptism of Christ</b>	Isaiah 42.1-9 Acts 10.34-43 Matthew 3.13-17	This reading not used Tim Littler Marie Stinson
<b>January 19 The Second Sunday of Epiphany</b>	Isaiah 49.1-7 1 Corinthians 1.1-9 John 1.29-42	Glyn Evans Kathryn Morris John Mitchell
<b>26 January The Third Sunday of Epiphany</b>	Isaiah 9.1-4 1 Corinthians 1.10-18 Matthew 4.12-23	Christine Anderton Michael Baumber Lesley Hudson

**Sunday 2nd February**

**At 10 am**

**The Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

**Family Service with Christingles**

**All welcome**



*If you have a Children's' Society collecting box please bring it in for emptying.*

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

## Regular Events at Kildwick

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



- Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Jan THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD  
10.00am Family Communion
- Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Jan THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD  
10.00am Parish Communion with Baptism
- Sun 18<sup>th</sup> to Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Jan Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Jan 10.00am Prayers for the Parish & World Church (Parish Rooms)
- Tue 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 6.30pm PCC meeting (Parish Rooms)
- Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE  
10.00am Family Communion with Christingles. Preacher: Steve  
Grasham
- Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2.45pm Kildwick School collective worship in church
- Tue 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 7.30pm Deanery Synod meeting (Keighley Shared Church)
- Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Mar ASH WEDNESDAY  
9.30am Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes  
7.30pm Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes (St Peter's  
Methodist Church, Cross Hills)
- Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Mar 6.30pm Kildwick School governors meeting (School)
- Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Mar 2.45pm Kildwick School collective worship in church
- Sun 30<sup>th</sup> Mar Mothering Sunday

## Sunday Services at Kildwick

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

<b>January 5 Epiphany</b>	8.15 am 10.00 am	Holy Communion Parish Communion
<b>January 12 The Baptism of Christ</b>	8.15 am 10.00 am	Holy Communion Parish Communion with baptisms
<b>January 19 The Second Sunday of Epiphany</b>	8.15 am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion
<b>26 January The Third Sunday of Epiphany</b>	8.15 am 10.00 am	Holy Communion Parish Communion

### The Pilot and the Priest

A priest died and was waiting in line at the Pearly Gates. Ahead of him was a man dressed in sunglasses, a loud shirt, leather jacket, and jeans. St Peter addressed this cool guy, and said: "Who are you, so that I may know whether or not to admit you to the Kingdom of Heaven? "

The man replied: "I'm Jim, retired pilot from a low-cost airline based at Gatwick." St Peter consulted his list and smiled. "Take this silken robe and golden staff and enter the Kingdom." So Captain Jim went into Heaven with his robe and staff.

Next, it was the priest's turn. He stood erect and boomed out, "I am Father Bob, pastor of St Mary's for the last 43 years."

St Peter consulted his list. He said to the priest, "Take this cotton robe and wooden staff and enter the Kingdom."

"Just a minute," said the good father. "That man was a pilot and he gets a silken robe and golden staff, and I get only cotton and wood. How can this be?"

"Up here - we go by results," says St Peter. "When you preached - people slept. When he flew, people prayed..."

## From the registers

### Baptisms

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December Charles James Ackroyd, son of Samuel and Helen, of Duffield, Derby  
Scarlett Elizabeth Hodgson, daughter of Gary & Michelle, of Fell Lane, Keighley  
Emma Edith Pickles, daughter of Ryan & Sarah, of Wheatlands Avenue, Cross Hills

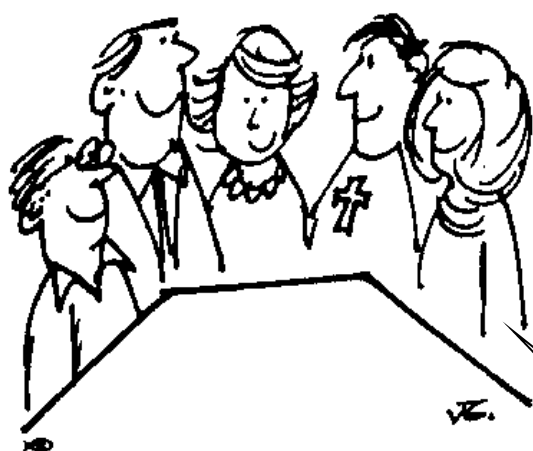
### Funerals

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> December John Ward, formerly of Westlands Close, Cross Hills

### Burial of Cremated Remains

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December Brian Charter, formerly of Newby Road, Farnhill

## St Andrew's Pastoral Care Group



Want someone to talk to?

Need a listening ear?

Need some help?

Lonely?

Call June on  
01535 655320



## **My Tanzanian trip by Brenda Brock**

Retire?...., yes, this time I would. I was just coming to the end of a few months of part time work at Airedale and planning the next bit of my life. 'Do you still go to Tanzania?' I enquired of one of my colleagues. 'Yes do you want to go?' Was the reply. 'There's loads to do I will send an email straight away' And so it happened that on 1<sup>st</sup> November I was at Leeds/Bradford Airport checking in for my flight to Dar es Salaam with two heavy suitcases containing training gear, manuals, exercises, notebooks, pens, pencils, laptop and a few clothes! I was to do workshops with the clinical coders in the big teaching hospital Muhambili to help with the recording of patient's diagnoses and procedures performed whilst in hospital.

After a few days in a city centre hotel where I felt quite isolated I moved to a small informal leafy hotel about 10 mins walk from the hospital and soon discovered a myriad of Europeans all in Tanzania on different projects and as we all ate together the company was quite exhilarating, Swedish Anaesthetists investigating maternal deaths, Americans working on an HIV project, a Swiss/Canadian health economist, an English Health Economist working for the open university, an American Haematologist and so on... even a lady from Ben Rydding working with an international charity!

My first day I must admit I was pretty nervous, well not exactly, but apprehensive as I entered the room of 18 clinical coders eager to listen to my every word! And were they eager!! They were so attentive, so appreciative and full of questions, a joy to teach. I taught in English and most of them understood pretty well but my host did quite a bit of translation just to make sure they understood. The hospital is huge and very open as it is so hot. Patients travel long distances with their food and families to be treated, most have to pay a nominal fee for treatment but on a means test basis. Although many of the buildings were in poor repair there were some modern facilities built with the help of overseas aid but not always appropriate or with the accompanying staff or equipment for them to be any use. HIV is still a big problem in Tanzania and malaria is endemic but the main causes of premature deaths are road traffic accidents. The roads are in dreadful condition and the increase in traffic especially motor bikes is causing a huge problem. A new Orthopaedic hospital is being built with the help of Chinese money to accommodate the increase in injuries...maybe some money could be diverted into improving road safety first but I can't change the world!

I had a little time off teaching and was invited to attend a Pentecostal Church Service which was extremely interesting with plenty of singing and dancing. We started off with breakfast and I realised why as the service was rather long to say the least! I also managed a short trip on a local bus to a National Park where I saw elephant, lions, zebra, baboons, water buffalo, giraffe, all in the most spectacular of African landscape.

The whole trip was an enormously rewarding experience. I felt I had been able to offer the benefit of my knowledge and experience in my own field of work as well as enjoying the company of some wonderful people. I hope I will be able to obtain some funding to return and continue the work in the future.

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compared to the huge scale of suffering, please pray for them in these difficult times. See following articles for details of Jigsaw's role in the relief effort.

Two of Jigsaw's staff, Gemma and Mary Rose had presumed their families (who lived in the worst affected areas) were dead, but miraculously they have recently heard that although they have lost everything they have been found alive! which is amazing news and relief. However, it is estimated that over 50,000 people lost their lives and that the devastation and trauma that the survivors face will affect generations to come.

### **Children's play area in Manila Airbase**

God led Jigsaw through its 'Viva Network' connections to establish a children's play area in Manila's air base for children in the worst conditions being airlifted out of the worst hit areas. Our social workers described how at the arrival area in the air base Jigsaw had set up a small play area with toys, cushions and soft toys from Jigsaw. As children and families arrived at the airbase the children had chance to play while they were being processed through the systems. Jeannette said that the children that came were very traumatised and just sat with the staff and cuddled the soft toys. After a while the children would slowly start to share their horrendous stories and then gradually some would begin to play. Our social workers wept as they shared some of the traumatic stories. The children stayed in the play area for an hour or two before being moved on to UNICEF and other organisations for re-location. Jeannette and Jenalyn said a few hours comfort may seem so little in such trauma but they believed it was such an important time for many children who were welcomed and found a space to share, play and be loved. The work was very traumatic for the staff but we praise God for using Jigsaw in this significant way.

### **Trauma counselling in Tacloban**

Jigsaw is also part of the 'Viva Network' trauma counselling initiative. A few days ago our social worker Jeannette flew on an air force C130 flight to Tacloban; the very centre of the typhoon destruction. The team she is with will be there for a week meeting with pastors and churches to plan and begin the set up of child trauma counselling units. This will be followed up with further visits and training of local church members and community volunteers in trauma counselling. Please pray for Jeannette and the team for strength, wisdom and peace.

### **Vans and Emergency Supplies**

Over the last weeks Jigsaw's amazing vans (which never stop moving for God's work) have been part of a huge combined operation to help collect and take relief to the airbases and docks. Jigsaw staff and volunteers from the local community were also part of a national effort to pack relief supplies.

### **10,000 Hugs**

10,000 hugs is an initiative to collect soft toys for child trauma counselling. It may not seem much but it aims to gather new and good condition soft toys to give to children who have lost their families so they have something to hold and cuddle through their suffering. Jigsaw and Lendehl's Anglican church have been collecting money and soft toys to be sent to the worst affected areas for children who

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## **DOWN AND OUT IN LEBANON**

**– 10th – 20th Nov 2013**

**by Maggie Tookey**

**International Project Director, Edinburgh Direct Aid (EDA)**

I watched a trail of desperate people snaking towards us along the mountain road that led to the Syrian border from the high Bekaa valley town of Aarsal.

Ten thousand displaced people, most of them wearing only the clothes in which they'd fled, had made their way to this small Lebanese town by any means possible. Some had got lifts on battered trucks, some had come in old cars and some had walked.

All the main players in this conflict continue to slug it out with varying degrees of success or failure, while tens of thousands of ordinary Syrians watch as the fabric of their lives disintegrates, explodes and vaporises in front of their eyes.

All too often family members are caught up in this carnage or get picked off by an invisible sniper when they try to flee. That's the reality of life in Syria right now.

And flee they do. Anything to stay alive, even if they have to leave behind treasured possessions, valuables, domestic pets, and sometimes even the frail and the elderly.

This human tide of misery arrived a couple of days ago in this small frontier town high up in the eastern Bekaa valley. It's a procession that will continue for weeks, maybe even months to come as a new offensive is launched against the rebels along the Lebanon/Syria border.

The local Lebanese populations try to help, but they become swamped, overwhelmed by the numbers crossing the border.

Local NGO's try to provide food and blankets and some sort of registration process. They were coping well until a few days ago, when a mass of around 10,000 refugees began to flood into Aarsal as the Syrian troops began their offensive on the other side of the border in Qalamoun.

Refugee families who arrived earlier are now attempting to host some of those newly arrived. They are crammed into every half-built open concrete structure, every hastily constructed plastic sheet shelter, every spare room made available by Lebanese families. Most have no toilet, no water, no heating and very little to lie on.

They are traumatised and desperately want someone to tell them what to do.

I feel so guilty even allowing myself to be seen. Maybe a foreigner brings hope? What if I can't give them hope of any help? Allowing them to feel false hope seems cruel.

EDA will try its hardest but we don't have enough to meet the needs of even a small proportion of them. There are just too many.

However we have to do what we can. People who glibly use that phrase 'just a drop in the ocean' have no real grasp of how valuable that 'drop' can be. It's almost as though just saying that phrase absolves the speaker from any duty to act. It's too big a problem so there's no point in tackling it.

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Not true. EDA will tackle as much as its resources allow.

Winter has almost arrived in Aarsal. The temperature at 1500 metres will soon be well below zero. The refugee situation will become more desperate. Many will try to move to lower level sites in the Bekaa Valley - if they can find them. But many will have to stay around Aarsal.

We hope that soon our 40ft container will arrive in Lebanon loaded with winter family clothes/bedding packs. We also hope that this will be followed by another and another and backed up with cash that will allow us to purchase blankets, plastic sheeting, basic food items and all the goods that can sustain life for refugees through the coming winter.

Most of my journey in Lebanon was a bleak experience. This tiny country also is now beginning to feel the effects of violent unrest yet again, spawned by the conflict along its porous borders.

Having to endure two nights of fierce sectarian fighting in the northern Lebanese town of Tripoli was not pleasant, Lying on the floor in my small, balconied room while tank shells, mortars and grenades flew about outside, was not an uplifting experience.

However even in Aarsal, I managed to have a little laugh with two refugee women who were waiting quietly and patiently for someone to formally register their needs whilst all around them was noise and chaos. Their dignity, although under attack in this plight, shone through.

The strength and fortitude most of these people show in such horrendous circumstances is breathtaking.

I felt humbled and helpless.

I will continue to feel humbled, but I hope, perhaps not quite so helpless if EDA can make a small difference to the plight of even a few of these displaced people.

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**Old and New (2 Cor 5:17)**

The old has gone, the new has come.

What difference will it make?

A new year, a new day,

Same old me,

Muddling on,

Searching for meaning

In the mess that is life.

Always tired,

Always aware that something,

Something is missing.

Or, someone...

And Jesus says,

Come to me,

I will refresh you,

Come to me,

Receive forgiveness and peace,

Come to me,

This year – today,

Become a new creation

And live!

The old has gone, the new has come.

Jesus makes the difference.

*By Daphne Kitching*

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## **FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL SUMMARY OF DRAFT MINUTES**

The meeting of Farnhill Parish Council was held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2013 in Kildwick/Farnhill Institute. The meeting was chaired by Counc.G Harling. Five members of the council were present plus NYCC Rep Counc P Mulligan. No members of the public were present.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> November 2013 were approved by the Council and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

A vacancy has arisen within the Parish Council due to the failure to attend meetings for six consecutive months without any apologies for absence from one Councillor. Because it is only six months to the next election there is no requirement for the Parish Council to advertise the vacancy, but they can co-opt if wished. If anyone is interested in becoming a Parish Councillor please contact the Clerk.

A member of the public complained about the timing of publication of minutes and agenda's in the notice board and on the website. Clerk has written and explained that there had been a slight problem with a delay of information available on the website but this has been rectified. The agenda is displayed on the notice board at the appropriate time and the minutes have to be approved by Council at the following meeting before being published on the notice board. The clerk will in future display the date that the information was published.

NYCC Rep Counc P Mulligan informed the Parish Council that Pendle and East Lancashire Council are currently holding a consultation on their Highways & Transportation Major Plan. The plan includes a proposal for a small section of bypass to tackle longstanding congestion problems in the North Valley area of Colne and Foulridge. It would see around 4km of new road linking the M65 to the A56 north of Foulridge. No consultation has taken place with NYCC.

Following the recent ROSPA Report for the Play Area, a new main seat support bar for the sit in rocker has been purchased and will be fitted shortly. Counc Bramley will remove some strips from the wall by the gate posts at the entrance to the Play Area to resolve the problem with the entrapment area. Protective caps have also been purchased for the crawling tube and play panels to replace the missing ones.

The Parish Clerk has spoken to the Clerk from Cowling Parish Council about their solar lit Christmas Trees which they have had for three years and they are very happy with their performance. The suppliers do not supply the lights on their own, only small christmas trees with the lights already attached. The trees are only available for hire and the cost per tree is reduced the more trees purchased.

The Parish Council resolved that they would not be suitable for Farnhill and it would be better to stick to the previous plan and look into having a large tree for next year. Counc D Atkinson to get more information for the January meeting so more detail can be provided to the Canal and Rivers Trust in order to gain permission to have the tree on their land.

North Yorkshire County Council Street lighting have informed the Parish Council the

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heritage style lantern to replace Light No 25 at Main Street should be in place by the second week in December.

The Parish Council resolved to keep the budget for 2014/2015 the same as last year and to precept for the same amount as last year, but resolved that if the grant from Craven District Council was reduced then the Council would make cuts to the budget rather than add to the precept.

The Parish Council received a complaint from a resident in Farnhill regarding rubbish being dumped both at the top of the Arbour and also a private road in the village. The Clerk advised that the Parish Council have passed the complaint to Craven District Council. The area at Arbour Top has now been cleared of the rubbish and the private road has also been cleared.

It was agreed that on a short time basis Lower Arbour should be kept to minimum maintenance to include clearing the public footpaths, keeping the bottom grass by the washing lines fairly short and keeping the ivy and brambles under control. Counc R Bramley agreed to clear the footpath by Arbour House and clerk to contact the contractor who recently carried out maintenance at the Arbour and ask if he can recommend when and how often the brambles and ivy need to be cut back to keep them under control. Counc M Scarffe to provide a drawing of the path that goes down the middle of the Arbour in order that the Parish council can look into getting some quotes for improving the path and the steps.

A complaint was also received about glass bottles rolling down the road at the back of Mary Street due to recycling bins blowing over. Clerk to inform CDC Rep Counc P Fairbank.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2014 IN KILDWICK/  
FARNHILL INSTITUTE AT 7.30PM**

**All members of the village are welcome to attend**

**Children need nature**

Are your children often outside? Probably not, as a three year study had led the RSPB to conclude that as many as four out of five British children are not 'connected' to nature.

The charity is concerned, as RSPB's chief executive Mike Clarke says: "Nature is in trouble and children's connection to nature is closely linked to this. The recent State of Nature report shows that nature in the UK is being lost at a dramatic rate: 60 per cent of the wildlife species studied have declined over recent decades."

Yet experts say that children need nature: good contact with it can improve their physical health, emotional well-being, and personal and social skills. So why not make 2014 the year when you and the family spent more time in the great outdoors?

have lost their families. Please keep those so terribly affected in your prayers.

### **Jigsaw Kids Ministry answers to prayers:**

- For a number of months Jigsaw has been praying for a place from which to operate in the largest slum area in Visayas Avenue called Metro Heights. Just last month Jigsaw was led miraculously to a small community church building 'right in the heart' of the slum area. Lendehl met with the lady who was responsible for its use, she was overjoyed as she said that they had been praying for some people to use the church for the community. Now all Visayas Jigsaw activities (kids clubs, SEN, school home work clubs, literacy) and much more have started in this church.
- A huge need of Jigsaw has been for a space or building for our survivor street children's work. This was shared as a prayer request to the Huddersfield 'Friends of Jigsaw' group. One week later the staff were led to a perfect building. The space is a church which is on top of the roof of a building right next to the traffic lights in Visayas, where many street families live, beg and sell flowers in the traffic. Praise God we are able to use it for 5 afternoons a week for free! This has come just in time for our street children's Christmas parties. Praise God
- In the Forestry community (a very difficult place of poverty and drugs) Jigsaw is building stronger and stronger relationships. Lendhel has met with the community leaders who are suggesting we use an open space in the centre of the community for our ministry. It maybe that in the future we erect some roofing over this area so it can be used in all weathers. This is an exciting vision and we seek Gods guidance for our work in this community.
- We Praise God for providing all the funds Jigsaw needed for 2013 including additional costs for our typhoon relief work and end of year audit costs. We also praise God that his provision has not only included finance but also buildings for free through local churches.
- God in his wisdom has also taken care of small yet significant needs. A local cub scout group had collected a large box full of new or nearly new toys for Jigsaw and paid for it to be shipped out to Manila. Then last week we received 15 boxes of cross stitch materials from a Dutch friend in Manila.
- We are continuing to develop the UK Jigsaw charity and office and we praise God for the answer to prayer for admin and office staff. We remember all those too on the Jigsaw UK board and praise God for their faith and dedication to Jigsaw.

### **CONTACT DETAILS**

If you would like to give a gift to Jigsaw you can send a cheque to the office address or pay direct into the 'Jigsaw Kids Ministries' bank account. If you would like to sponsor a child or set up a standing order to Jigsaw please email or write to the Jigsaw office for the appropriate

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Gift aid forms available on post/email request. Jigsaw Kids Ministries First floor Chapel House Chapel Lane St Ives—PE27 5DX

[info@jigsawkidsministries.org](mailto:info@jigsawkidsministries.org)

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## CHANGING FACES AT OUR BIRD TABLES



The way we feed garden birds has changed dramatically during the last few decades, as have the species of birds we see. In wintertime in the 1970's an average garden might have 16 species visiting it: by the end of the "noughties" this number had risen to 23. We used to be encouraged to put out kitchen scraps, but only during the winter; more recently we were advised not to feed birds during their breeding season as many foods were thought to be unsuitable for chicks. How things have changed!

As you might expect, some species have benefited and some have not. Since the 1990's Bullfinches have increased in number more than sixfold during the winter. Traditionally found in scrubby woodland they have started to appear more and more in urban and suburban gardens.

Likewise Lesser Redpolls have increased their garden use significantly recently, seen most often in late winter or early spring when the natural seed crop is at its lowest. Previously, when alder and birch seeds failed, they would migrate to continental Europe. Now, offered nyger seed, more of them are turning up in our gardens.

But some species have lost out: the Starling has declined by three-quarters since the 1970's, echoing its wider population fall. We're not sure why, but it may mirror a fall in insect numbers. Song Thrush numbers have also fallen by half over the same period. The reasons for this are complex too. Both species are red-listed as being of conservation concern.

Amongst the species still as numerous as ever in Yorkshire gardens, the most reported bird in 1995 was the Blackbird, and it still is. The Blue Tits, Robins, Great Tits and Dunnocks all still feature in the top six. The question is, will they still be familiar to us in another 18 years?

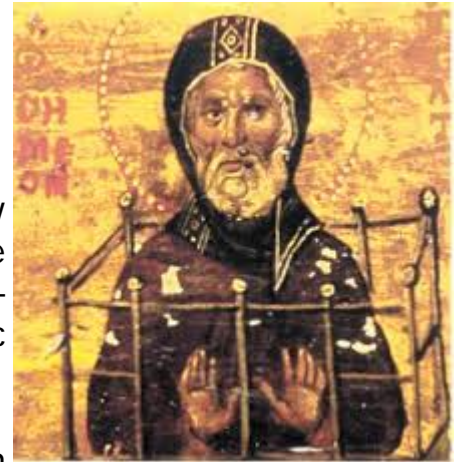
Nothing is ever straightforward though, and with more bird species visiting our gardens, there is an increased risk of disease transmission. Washing your garden feeding equipment regularly with disinfectant or dilute bleach solution is essential to help prevent the spread of diseases.

If you find the lives of our garden birds to be of interest, and would like to join in and count the feathered occupants of your garden, please contact me or visit the BTO Garden BirdWatch website ([www.bto.org/gbw](http://www.bto.org/gbw)). If you know of a local organisation who would like a talk on garden birds call: **Mike Gray 01904758510** or [mikegbw@btinternet.com](mailto:mikegbw@btinternet.com).

# Saints and Such January

## 5th Simeon Stylites - one of the weirder saints

Quite frankly, this hermit was about as weird as they come. But he loved God, and God blessed him, strange though he was. So perhaps Simeon Stylites (390 – 459) should be the patron saint of all REALLY eccentric people.



Simeon was the son of a shepherd on the Syrian border of Cilicia. He joined a monastery near Antioch, where he practised mortifications and penances that nearly killed him. When the abbot dismissed him in disgust as crazy, Simeon moved on to Telanissos (nowadays Dair Sem'an) and spent his first Lent there in a total fast. He was found unconscious on Easter Day. After three years in that monastery he felt life was too easy, and moved himself to the top of the nearby mountain, where he chained himself to a rock. He began to be talked about, and more and more people came to see him.

Simeon did not want their company, and so planned his escape: to the top of a pillar. For the next four years he lived on top of a pillar that was nine feet high. More people came by, and so Simeon in desperation added to his pillar, until it grew to be 18 feet high. Still people came to see him, and so three years later, Simeon built himself a real skyscraper – a pillar 33 feet high, from the top of which he enjoyed 10 years of comparative solitude.

Still people came to see him – both Christians and pagans, and so Simeon decided to somehow to build a pillar that was 60 feet high and six feet wide. Here he found peace and quiet, and so here he lived for the last 20 years of his life. People still came to see him, and tried to catch the 'sacred' lice that fell off his body. They enjoyed his twice daily exhortations to everyone below. Even the odd emperor came by for a look – Theodosius, Leo and Marcian.

A scholar has written of Simeon: "His preaching was practical, kindly, and free from fanaticism. ... In an age of licentiousness and luxury he gave unique and abiding witness to the need for penance and prayer; his way of life provided a spectacle at once challenging, repulsive and awesome."

Simeon finally died and was buried at Antioch. Perhaps he would have enjoyed the chance to take the plinth at Trafalgar Square!

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## St BERNADETTE

In February 1858 Bernadette was 14 years old and lived with her family in the little town of Lourdes in the Pyrenees in France. While she was out collecting wood to keep the family warm Bernadette had a vision of St Mary, the Mother of Christ. The lady in blue and white appeared 18 times in all and asked Bernadette to tell the priests to make a procession to the grotto where she appeared and to build a chapel there. At first the priests didn't believe Bernadette's story because she was only a poor, uneducated girl.

People who were ill came to bathe in the spring of water that appeared at the Grotto and in time a large church was built. And still today pilgrims from all over the world visit the shrine.

What happened to Bernadette? She became a nun. When they asked her if she was sad that the visions had ended she answered: 'I was like a broom. When the sweeping is finished you put it behind the door and forget about it.'

## WATER WORDS

All the answers to this Bible Quiz are to do with water. Answers at the bottom of the page.

1. Where the disciples fished (Mark 1).
2. It parted to allow Moses and the Israelites through (Exodus 14).
3. Jacob met his future wife here (Genesis 29).
4. Paul was on his way to Rome when this happened (Acts 27).
5. How Jonah travelled when the sailors threw him overboard (Jonah 1).
6. The river in which Jesus was baptised (Matthew 3).



Why was Moses hidden quickly?  
**It was a rush job.**

What do you call small rivers that flow into the Nile?

**Juveniles.**



1. Sea of Galilee
2. The Red Sea
3. at a well
4. he was shipwrecked
5. in a large fish or whale
6. River Jordan

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*"That's two t's in Matthew", said Osric*

### Church-speak

- MAGI: The most famous trio to attend a baby shower.  
PEW: A medieval torture device still found in churches  
AMEN: The only part of a prayer that everyone knows.  
BULLETIN: Your receipt for attending a church service.