



Very happy and peaceful
New Year to all our readers

St. Andrew's Church Kildwick

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Kildwick, Farnhill and Cross Hills

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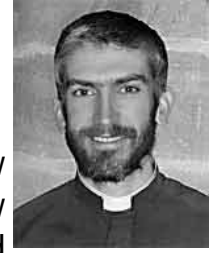
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Parish Mission Statement

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

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The Vicar's letter.....



Dear friends,

Happy Christmas and a happy New Year! Our celebration of the new life born at Christmas continues as we move into another new year. New life, new year - the key word is *NEW*. Newness brings with it hope and expectation.

The New Year is traditionally 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. We do need to remember the past, to allow the past to inform the present and carry us forward into the future.

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 two short pieces that invite us to contemplate the meaning and nature of the peace that we seek for ourselves and others.

First, the Central American Archbishop Oscar Romero, who was murdered whilst celebrating Mass, wrote:

"Peace is not the product of terror or fear.
Peace is not the silence of cemeteries.
Peace is not the silent result of violent repression.
Peace is the generous, tranquil contribution of all to the good of all.
Peace is dynamism.
Peace is generosity.
It is right and it is duty."

Second, the American First Lady, Eleanor Roosevelt, said in 1951:

"It isn't enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn't enough to believe in it. One must work at it."

Peace, then, is not something passive; it is active and has to be worked at and worked for. In the story of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus we see God actively at work reaching out to those who would come and listen.

In Jesus, God speaks to you and to me and invites us to come to him and find in him new life, a new depth of meaning and purpose.

This New Year you are invited to ponder the message that lies at the heart of God's story, which is your story and mine. It is the most incredible story of love – God's love

for us and, hopefully, our love for God and all his people.

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 our extraordinary Saviour and work together to bring peace to our community, our nation and our world.

I wish you a Happy and a Peaceful New Year!

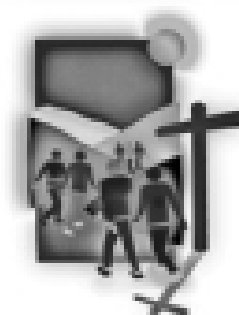
Robin

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 lifetime'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 15th January) from 8.00pm to 9.30pm (or 7.30pm to 9.00pm).

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

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH

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



***NEWS FROM THE
CROSS HILLS & DISTRICT
FELLOWSHIP of Churches***
Local Christians working together



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

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

Monday 19 th	12 noon	Braidagarth, Baxter Wood, Cross Hills
Tuesday 20 th	11.00am	1/3 Napier Street, Cononley
Wednesday 21 st	9.30am	St Peter's Methodist Church
Thursday 22 nd	12 noon	31 The Hawthorns, Sutton
Friday 23 rd	12 noon	13 Beech Street, Cross Hills

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

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

The theme and material for this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has been chosen by the church in Korea. The theme is "Reconcile Your People" and the chosen text is Ezekiel 37.15-28.

God spoke to the Prophet Ezekiel and said *"they shall be one in my hand... They will be my people and I shall be their God"*.

The Churches in Korea have found that this passage in Ezekiel resonates with their own sense of sadness over the division of their own country since the Korean War and have brought some of the insights they have gained to the worship for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

We too may feel the pain of a divided church.

The "Charta Oecumenica" (Guidelines for the Growing Co-operation among the Churches in Europe) states "Fundamental differences in faith are still barriers to visible unity. There are different views of the church and its oneness, of the sacraments and ministries. We must not be satisfied with this situation. Jesus Christ revealed to us on the cross his love and the mystery of reconciliation; as his followers, we intend to do our utmost to overcome the problems and obstacles that still divide the churches."

A crucial part of this task is for us – people of different churches and traditions – to come together to pray for this unity, in faithfulness to our Lord Jesus Christ who prayed that his disciples might be one.

'Pulpit Swap'.

As part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, on Sunday 18th January across the churches of CDFC some of the ministers will be preaching 'away', as follows:

- Robin Figg will be at Holy Trinity, Cowling at 9.30am;
- Michael Cowgill will be at St Andrew's, Kildwick at 10.00am;
- David Warrington will be at St Joseph's, Cross Hills at 9.30am and St Thomas', Sutton at 10.30am;
- Peter Bannister will be at South Craven Baptist, Sutton at 10.30am.
- Clive Tedd will be at St Peter's, Cross Hills at 10.30am

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

The Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield

A Weekend Away - Friday 19th to Sunday 21st June 2009



The Community of the Resurrection at Mirfield in West Yorkshire is a community of 21 monks living a corporate life within the monastic tradition, the heart of which is worship, issuing in many forms of engagement with contemporary church and society. The weekend will be give time and space to find renewal and refreshment for body, mind and spirit.

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

The cost will be £115 full board, from Friday supper to Sunday lunchtime. For more information please pick up a leaflet in church or the parish rooms or contact the Vicar, Robin Figg, 633307. **To book a place please send a £25 deposit to Robin at The Vicarage as soon as possible.**

Thank you

John and Anne Hall wish to thank all their many friends at St Andrew's for the prayers offered for their great grandson Spencer Bloxham and the many enquiries and good wishes received since his birth.

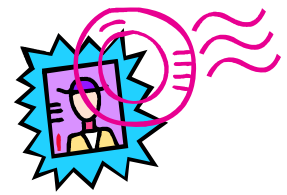
Spencer is now just over a year old and is making very good progress.

Royal Mail receives Church of England's stamp of approval

The Church of England warmly welcomed the Royal Mail's decision last year to issue Christmas stamps with a Christian theme in parallel to their 'Pantomime' series. The Royal Mail printed tens of millions of both sets of stamps.

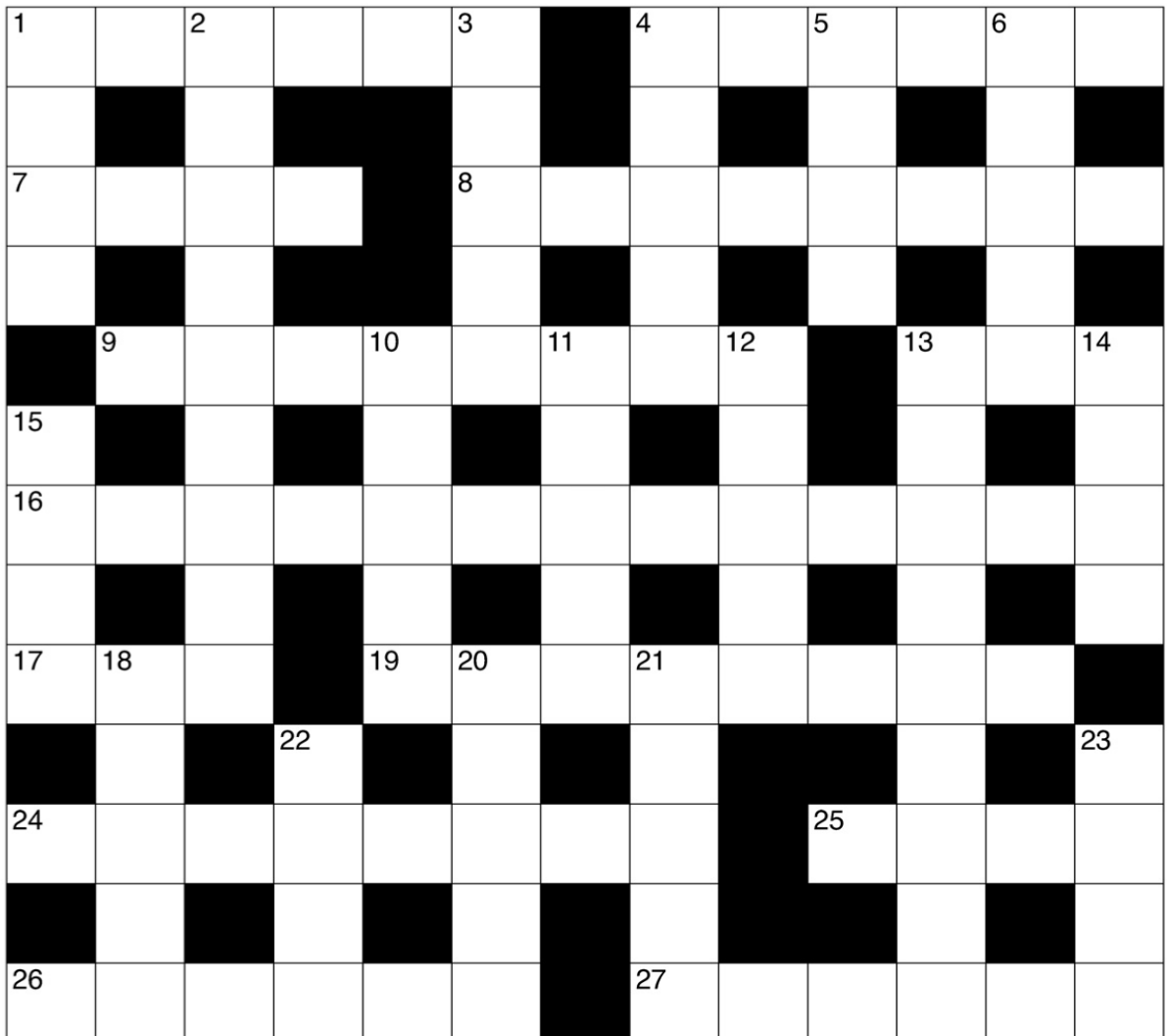
Canon Dr Christina Baxter, Principal of St John's College, Nottingham, and sponsor of the 2004 General Synod motion about Christian Christmas stamps, said: "I am delighted that the Royal Mail produced Christmas stamps which recognise that people celebrate Christmas as the birth of Jesus. I welcome stamps that carry images that are explicitly Christian, and hope that the Post Office will continue to produce Christian stamps each Christmas."

This was the first time that both religious and secular stamps were available to consumers simultaneously.



Don't forget to save all your pictorial Christmas stamps, bring them to church and put them in the box provided.

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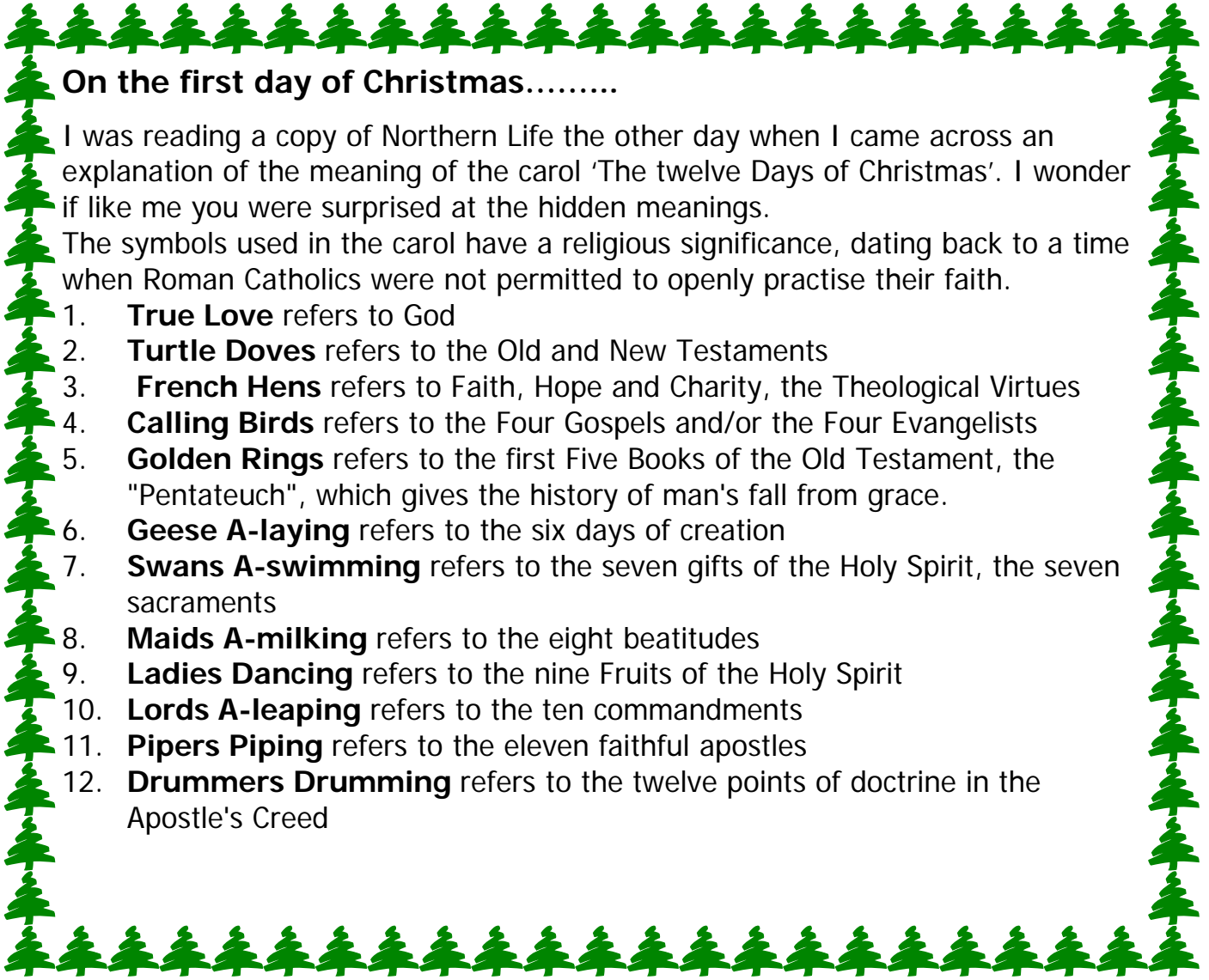


Across

- 1 Under these Hagar put Ishmael to die (Genesis 21:15) (6)
 4 Vantage point from which Moses saw the promised land before he died (Deuteronomy 34:1) (6)
 7 'The Lord is compassionate and gracious,- to anger, abounding in love' (Psalm 103:8) (4)
 8 'When he sees the wolf coming the hired hand - the sheep and runs away' (John 10:12) (8)
 9 The world's first steam-worked public railway, - to Darlington (8)
 13 It helped to provide the honey inside the carcass of the lion Samson killed (Judges 14:8) (3)
 16 High Church (5-8)
 17 Possessive pronoun (3)
 19 Plotting (Nehemiah 6:2) (8)
 24 'Lovers of - rather than lovers of God' (2 Timothy 3:4) (8)
 25 Destroy by fire (Deuteronomy 7:5) (4)
 26 'He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something - with his hands' (Ephesians 4:28) (6)
 27 One of the colours of the riders' breastplates in John's vision (Revelation 9:17) (6)

Down

- 1 'The father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring me the - robe and put it on him"' (Luke 15:22) (4)
 2 Ghosts are (anag.) (9)
 3 A small one can set a great forest on fire (James 3:5) (5)
 4 Instrument used as accompaniment in some churches (5)
 5 'A Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other - ' (Luke 10:32) (4)
 6 Swiss illustrator of the Good News Bible, - Vallotton (5)
 10 'In the - of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time' (5)
 11 Paul told Timothy that an overseer in the church must be able to do this (1 Timothy 3:2) (5)
 12 Comes between Micah and Habakkuk (5)
 13 Ill in a bug (anag.) (9)
 14 'They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on - of them' (Acts 2:3) (4)
 15 Controversial artist best-known for his Christ of St John of the Cross, Salvador - (4)
 18 'Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' - ' (1 Timothy 4:7) (5)
 20 Barbaric (Jeremiah 6:23) (5)
 21 Adversary (Luke 10:19) (5)
 22 The portion of his possessions that Zacchaeus told Jesus he would give to the poor (Luke 19:8) (4)
 23 'Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as - ' (Isaiah 1:18) (4)



On the first day of Christmas.....

I was reading a copy of Northern Life the other day when I came across an explanation of the meaning of the carol 'The twelve Days of Christmas'. I wonder if like me you were surprised at the hidden meanings.

The symbols used in the carol have a religious significance, dating back to a time when Roman Catholics were not permitted to openly practise their faith.

1. **True Love** refers to God
2. **Turtle Doves** refers to the Old and New Testaments
3. **French Hens** refers to Faith, Hope and Charity, the Theological Virtues
4. **Calling Birds** refers to the Four Gospels and/or the Four Evangelists
5. **Golden Rings** refers to the first Five Books of the Old Testament, the "Pentateuch", which gives the history of man's fall from grace.
6. **Geese A-laying** refers to the six days of creation
7. **Swans A-swimming** refers to the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, the seven sacraments
8. **Maids A-milking** refers to the eight beatitudes
9. **Ladies Dancing** refers to the nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit
10. **Lords A-leaping** refers to the ten commandments
11. **Pipers Piping** refers to the eleven faithful apostles
12. **Drummers Drumming** refers to the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle's Creed

Not the Knot stitching and fellowship group



Sadly we had to say good bye to Gill Jowett who has guided us so well over the past few years. We will really miss her but I suspect she will receive a few SOS phone calls on occasions!

We have decided that we will now be meeting on Wednesday mornings from 9.30am to 12 noon downstairs in the Parish Rooms.

We are working on a series of banners depicting the 'I am' sayings of Jesus. Anyone with an interest in sewing (note interest not expertise!) will be welcome to join us.

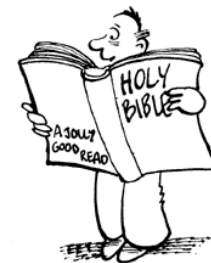
We are not experts in any way (well some are better than others) and so if you fancy just coming along to have a go to see if you like it you will be most welcome.

Our first meeting of the New Year will be on January 7th when we will be assessing progress so far on the banners currently in production.

BIBLE HISTORY

This is part 11 in the next series of articles written by Michael Baumber

THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS AND QUMRAN



In 1947 seven scrolls were bought by scholars in Jerusalem from the Bedouin which

had been found in sealed jars in caves at the northern end of the Dead Sea. Between 1947 and 1950 fragments of more scrolls were found by organised investigations of the caves and others have since surfaced. By 2000 931 separate scrolls had been identified but many proved to be copies and the total number of different texts appears to be about 350. Tests suggest that they can be dated from their scripts as follows : -

- Archaic 250-150 BC - 21 manuscripts;
- Archaic to Hasmonean 200-150 BC - 20;
- Hasmonean 150BC - c50 BC - 224;
- Transition to Herodian c75 BC- 1 AD - 5;
- Herodian and Roman 50 or 30 BC - 68 AD - 418.

There is now a consensus that the scrolls were a library belonging to a religious community which occupied the site at Qumran close by. Archaeological evidence suggests that the community first settled there around 100 BC. It remained at Qumran, with a short break between 31 and 26 BC due to an earthquake, until it was destroyed by the Romans in 73 AD. The library was probably hidden in the caves at or just before 73 AD.

Some scholars think the community numbered as many as 200, others not more than 20, depending on whether there was temporary hut or tent attachments which have since disappeared or whether everyone was housed in the community buildings. There are a number of cemeteries. In the main one all the tombs excavated were those of males. The north and south cemeteries however had both male and female adults and children but they are now thought to be Muslim burials from a later time so the odds are that Qumran was a male celibate community. This was a feature of the Essenes. According to Josephus there were groups of Essenes in most towns which is probably why they do not feature in the Gospels because Jesus taught mainly in the countryside.

The leader of the community was called the Teacher of Righteousness and we are told that he had a sharp disagreement with a person called the Wicked Priest. An attempt seems to have been made to murder the Teacher so he and his followers fled to Damascus and then later settled at Qumran. Attempts have been made to identify the Wicked Priest. If the dating from the Babylonian Conquest is accurate the Teacher was at his most influential c160-140 BC which would suggest that the 'Wicked priest' was Jonathan Maccabeus but that would mean he was already dead when the community settled at Qumran so any of the Hasmonean priest kings could be a candidate. The group was hostile to the Pharisees partly because they failed to support the Teacher in his original quarrel and partly because of the way they sought the support of a Seleucid army during the civil war. The character described as the Liar is thought to have been a leading Pharisee.

Next month: THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS AND THE OLD TESTAMENT

This month's recipes

Here are some easy biscuit recipes I found in the Mother's Union recipe book from Hexham Abbey.

Ginger Crunchies

4 ozs (115G) Self-raising flour
4 ozs (115G) Margarine
3 ozs (85G) Granulated sugar*
1 dsp Golden syrup

2 ozs (60G) Porridge oats
1 tsp ground ginger*
1 tsp Bicarbonate of soda

Method

1. Melt margarine, syrup and sugar
2. Pour into dry ingredients and mix well
3. Place teaspoonfuls on to a greased baking sheet
4. Cook in oven gas 3 325°F 160°C for 30 minutes



Date Crumble Cookies

8 ozs (225G) Plain flour
3 ozs (85G) Caster sugar*
4 ozs (115G) porridge oats
1 ozs (30G) chopped walnuts*

5 ozs (140G) butter or margarine
6 ozs (180G) chopped dates*
¼ pint (115 mls) cold tea*

Method

1. Sieve flour into bowl add sugar and oats.
2. Rub in butter to form a crumbly mixture.
3. Put nuts, dates and tea in a pan and cook for a few minutes until soft.
4. Put half of the crumble mixture into the base of a greased swiss roll tin.
5. Cover with date mixture and top with remaining crumble.
6. Press down well and bake at Gas 4 350°F 170°C for 55-60 minutes.
7. Cut into squares when cold.

*=Fairtrade

**Do you have a favourite recipe you would like to share?
Let Lesley have a copy to include in our recipe page.**



Page of prayer

A New Year is unfolding, like a blossom with petals curled tightly concealing the beauty within
Lord, let this year be filled with 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.

Time for New Beginning – Taylor Addison

This is a time for reflection as well as celebration.

As you look back on the past year and all that has taken place in your life,
Remember each experience for the good that has come from it and for the knowledge you have gained,

Remember the efforts you have made and the goals you have reached,
Remember the love you have shared and the happiness you have brought,
Remember the laughter, the joy, the hard work and the tears.

As you reflect on the past year, also be thinking of the new one to come,
Because most importantly, this is a time of new beginnings and the celebration of life.

May God make your year a happy one!

Not by shielding you from all sorrow and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;

Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;

Not by taking hardship from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;

Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;

Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you when people and their causes need you most, and by making you anxious to be there to help.

God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.

Come, Holy Spirit,

Spirit of our 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

Isobel's Page

Image

Poems can leave wonderful images in your mind. Anyone who has had to bury a beloved pet will empathise with the poignant image a friend of mine conjures up in a poem of his as a group of children help one of their number bury her dog.

*'Sadie alone was dressed in black, as mourner chief and next of kin,
And with a soft restraining grief she let her weeping drip the ground.
But Linda climbed a pile of stones and from this place a slight
command with paining voice and shaking lips she spoke her childish
elegy*

*"Dearly beloved we are gathered today to mourn the loss of Topsy
Hartley"*

Ian Emberson- 'Pirouette of Earth'

So strong is that image to me- I feel I'm there among the young mourners myself.

Charles Dickens wrote marvellous descriptions of a traditional Victorian Christmas. In one such from 'Sketches by Boz'- he wrote *'draw your chair nearer the blazing fire- fill the glass and send round the song'*. You can almost feel the heat from the log fire and smell the spices in that smoking glass can't you and in later writing, by Dylan Thomas, we are transported back to images of traditional carol singers- who don't really seem to be around anymore- walking from house to house on a night so dark not even a 'shaving' of a moon lights the secret white flying streets. It makes an image, as Thomas intended, of Christmas when it always snows, Christmas as white as Lapland without the reindeer.

A couple of months ago we had a 'Songs of Praise' service in church. One of the hymns chosen was that old Boys' Brigade hymn- 'Will your anchor hold'? Now some may think the words out of date and rather old fashioned- they aren't to me, though- for its jolly tune and vivid imagery make it a perennial favourite. In late autumn, on the East Coast, I saw a life boat go out. As it disappeared from view, battling against a particularly heavy sea, it seemed quite small on the horizon and I thought how brave those men were to venture out and of course it was only a few miles up the coast that, over a century ago, Grace Darling had braved similarly heavy seas, without thought of personal safety- and in a much smaller boat. Van Gogh once said that fishermen and seamen know that the sea is dangerous and the storm terrible but have never found these dangers sufficient reason to remain ashore. I do not have first hand knowledge of the utility of an anchor but I should imagine that a strong one, which digs firmly into the sea bed, is some reassurance in many a tricky situation. In a verse in the hymn- a verse we do not usually sing- what a wonderful image is portrayed by Priscilla Owens, the author.

*'It is safely moored, will the storm withstand, for it's well secured by
the Saviour's hand, and the cables passed from His heart to mine
can defy the blast through strength divine'*

Some images are hard to forget. Those of a certain age will never forget the image of a little girl, her body on fire, running from her village during the Vietnam War or the blackened, anguished, faces of desperate parents as they dug with bare hands through

the mud and dirt which had covered the school in Aberfan. My friend has recently visited the Holocaust Museum in Nottinghamshire and told me that it was not so much the dreadful images captured in photographs which had remained with him but the pile of children's shoes on display- shoes belonging to young feet which had so long ago made their last walk to gas chambers in Auchwitz and Belsen and Buchenwald. It was interesting to find out that the most vivid image for both of us, in the film 'Schindler's List' was the glimpse we were repeatedly given, sometimes from quite a distance, of a little girl in a bright red dress, skipping happily along- unaware of the horrors towards which she was skipping.

Elie Wiesel, a holocaust survivor, was fifteen years old when he and his family were deported to Auchwitz. His mother and younger sister perished and his father died in Buchenwald just before it was liberated. Wiesel is the author of fifty seven books and given his terrible experiences and the images forever burned in his memories some may find it surprising that in 1986 he was awarded the Nobel Peace prize and the Norwegian committee called him a messenger to mankind and said he delivered a power message of peace atonement and human dignity.

Elie Wiesel wrote about an image that would stay with him for ever. Two men and a boy were hung before the inhabitants of the camp .The men died quickly but the boy did not. 'Where is God?' came the cry from behind. As the boy still hung in agony the voice was heard again in the crowd- 'Where is God now?' Wiesel said at that very moment a voice within himself answered, 'Here He is, here He is, hanging on this rope'. Not all the images we store in our memories can be pleasant and the sight of a ship floundering in heavy seas and the sailors, being buffeted by the wind and waves, fighting to remain afloat or waiting for the bravery of their fellow man, is one we should not like to experience personally. Priscilla Owens answered her own question of '*Will your anchor hold?*' with the words- '

We have an anchor that keeps the soul steadfast and sure while the billows roll, fastened to the rock which cannot move- grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love'.

Perhaps the key word is 'love'. Love will sustain us- the love we receive and the love that we too can give.

The Lang Kirk 21 Prayer

Gracious God, we thank you for the resources you give us in the service of your mission and ministry; guide us as we seek to care for and develop the building we have inherited from those who have served you in years past, that it will continue to speak to those who seek you today; may the Lang Kirk continue to proclaim your presence in the world and draw people to know and to love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Want to put 101% into everything you do?

Here's a little mathematical formula that might help answer these questions:

If:

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Is represented as:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26.

H-A-R-D-W-O-R-K

$$8+1+18+4+23+ 15+18+11 = 98\%$$

And:

K-N-O-W-L-E-D-G-E

$$11+14+15+23+ 12+5+4+7+ 5 = 96\%$$

But:

A-T-T-I-T-U-D-E

$$1+20+20+9+20+ 21+4+5 = 100\%$$

THEN, look how far the love of God will take you:

L-O-V-E-O-F-G-O-D

$$12+15+22+5+15+ 6+7+15+4 = 101\%$$

Therefore, one can conclude with mathematical certainty that:

While Hard Work and Knowledge will get you close, and Attitude will get you there, It's the Love of God that will put you over the top!

How long has our church magazine been going? Does anybody know?

2009 may mark the 150th anniversary of the first church magazine ever published. While religious magazines have proliferated for centuries, it was not until January 1859 that there seems to be any clear evidence of a local church getting in on the act.

Then the lively young vicar of St. Michael's, Derby, the Rev J Erskine Clarke, had a brilliant idea... why not a magazine aimed at a parish? He jumped to supply it. *Parish Magazine* was born, with Erksine Clarke as editor. He was still editing it at its demise 37 years later.

This wasn't yet a fully local production. But it was an important first step. 'Parish Magazine' offered parishes a monthly 'kernel' of 16 pages to clad in a 'shell' of their own material. There might be only four local pages, but it was distributed under the local church's name.

The idea caught on. 60 churches joined that first year alone, and were thereby encouraged to start publishing even just a few pages of their own each month. In its heyday, the 'Parish Magazine' insert was to be found in some 200 parish churches in England. And it spawned competitors, two of which 'inserts' survive today: *Home Words* and *The Sign*.

Peter Croft tells much of this story in *The Parish Magazine Inset* (Parish and People, 1993).

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Regular Events at Kildwick

Monday 1.30 pm	Ryedale, Ryecroft Rd Glusburn	Informal Bible study and fellowship, all welcome
Tuesday 10-11.30	Chuffs (Not in school holi- days)	Fun for pre-school children and their grown-ups!
Tuesday 7.30 pm-8.30 pm	Choir practice	In Parish Rooms
Wednesdays 9.30am-12.noon	NottheKnot Group down- stairs in Parish Rooms	Stitching and fellowship group.
Wednesday 6.30-7.30 pm	Jets in Parish Rooms (Not in school holidays)	Primary school children's group
7.30 pm	Bellringing	
Thursday 2 pm	Open House in Parish Rooms	Refreshments and items for sale



Sun 4 th Jan		THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
	10.00am	Family Communion
Weds 7 th Jan	9.30am	Not the Knot –stitching group (Parish Rooms)
Thu 8 th Jan	7.30pm	Prayers for the Parish (Parish Rooms)
Sun 11 th Jan		THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
Mon 12 th Jan	1.30pm	Bible study group (Ryedale, Ryecroft Rd Glusburn)
Mon 12 th Jan	7.30pm	Fellowship & Focus Group (Parish Rooms)
Weds 14 th Jan	6.30pm	Jets restarts (Parish Rooms)
Thu 8 th Jan	10.00am	Mission group (Parish Rooms)
Thu 15 th Jan		Emmaus Nurture Course begins
Sun 18 th Jan	a.m.	'Pulpit Swap' for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Mon 19 th – Fri 23 rd Jan		Ecumenical meetings for prayer
Tue 27 th Jan	7.00pm	PCC meeting (Parish Rooms)

Services at Kildwick

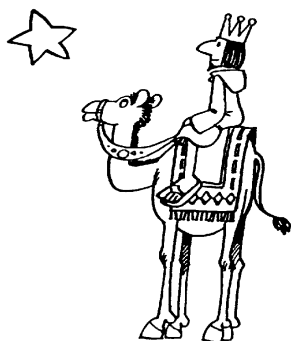
Morning Prayer is said Tuesday-Friday at 7.30am
 Evening Prayer is said Tuesday-Friday at 4.45pm
 Mid week Eucharist on Wednesday at 9.15am.

Sunday 4 th January 2009	8.15 am	Holy Communion
Epiphany	10 am	All-age family communion with baptisms
Sunday 11 th January	8.15 am	Holy Communion
Baptism of Christ	10 am	Parish Communion
Sunday 18 th January	8.15 am	Holy Communion with prayers for healing
Second Sunday of Epiph-	10 am	Parish Communion
Sunday 25 th January	8.15 am	Holy Communion
2009	10 am	Parish Communion
Third Sunday of Epiphany		
Sunday 1 st February	8.15 am	Holy Communion
The Presentation of	10 am	All-age family communion with Christingles
Christ in the Temple		

Come and join us for our

**All Age Eucharist
for Epiphany
on**

**Sunday 4th January at
10.00 am**



Sunday 1st February 2008

At 10 am

The Presentation of Christ in
the Temple

Family Service with
Christingles
All welcome

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



Church Rotas

Sunday 4 th January 2009 Epiphany	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Isaiah 60 v1 - 6 Ephesians 3v1 - 12 Matthew 2v1 - 12	1 or 2 Readings arranged Separately
Sunday 11 th January 2009 Baptism of Christ	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Genesis 1v1 - 5 Acts 19 v1 - 7 Mark1v4 - 11	Elizabeth Figg Glyn Evans Brian Charter Please see Robin
Sunday 18 th January 2009 Second Sunday of Epiphany	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	1 Samuel 3 v1 - 10 (11 - 20) Revelation 5v1 - 10 John1 43 - 51	John Hudson Ruth Ward Stephen Westcott
Sunday 25 th January 2009 Third Sunday of Epiphany	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel	Genesis 14v17 - 20 Revelation 19v6 - 10 John 2v1 - 11	Marie Stinson Barry Houghton Christine Anderton

Flowers

4th	Mr Baxter
11th	Mrs Kendrew
18th	Vacant
25th	Mrs Peake

Brass cleaning

Brian Charter
Isobel Stirk

Church Cleaning

4th	Lesley Hudson, Libba Utley, Margaret Jowett
18th	Helen Hulley, Rosie Hargreaves, Sylvia Ackroyd

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

Sunday 7th December Evie Lou Karakiozakis, daughter of Christopher & Lindsay, of Mary Street, Farnhill

Funeral

Wednesday 19th November Barbara Shaw, of Neville House, Gargrave (and formerly of Cononley)

Burial of cremated remains

Tuesday 16th December Zack Boyd of Cowling

Date	Sidesperson	Intercessor	Communion
Sunday 4 th January 2009 Epiphany	Joan Houghton Barry Houghton Pam Brown	Lesley Hudson	Michael and Sue
Sunday 11 th January 2009 Baptism of Christ	David Baxter Libba Utley Christine Anderton Ann Mosley	Elizabeth Figg	Tim and Isobel
Sunday 18 th January 2009 Second Sunday of Epiphany	June Whitaker Brian Green Howard Stirk Isobel Stirk	Peter Banister	Christine and Janet
Sunday 25 th January 2009 Third Sunday of Epiphany	Eleanor Eastwood Dorothy Ward Christine Hutchinson	Janet Swain	John and Sandie

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Erskine Clarke was a remarkable man. As well as his parish ministry, he wrote - prolifically. As well as a number of book, he launched several other periodicals, including the children's weekly *Chatterbox* and a religious newspaper *Church Bells*.

Parish Magazine was written not for the committed church member, but for the parishioners who didn't attend regular worship. It was evangelistic, yes, but most of all it promoted the values of temperance and family life. The first article in the first issue, 'Evenings at Home', evokes in five pages the attractions of the domestic fireside over the public tavern. (Dad, please read this!)

Today, our church magazine looks quite different to 'Parish Life', and rightly so - for one thing, parish life has changed in the last 150 years! But even so, our magazine might not be here today if it had not been for Erskine Clarke and his *Parish Magazine*, way back in 1869.



Do any of our readers know when our own magazine first began? What is the earliest copy we can find? I know we have some copies from the 1960's. Does anyone know of a church magazine that began before 1859?

FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of Farnhill Parish Council was held on the 4th December 2008 in Kildwick/ Farnhill Institute. The meeting was chaired by Counc. M. Scarffe. Five members of the council were present.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 6th November were proposed, seconded and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

Two copies of the Contract with E.ON for the street lighting energy costs were received and signed by the Parish Council. The new light for Newby Road has been temporarily fixed in place. It was reported that the pole is actually swaying in the wind. The Council are not happy with the pole and think it would look more in proportion if the pole was shortened by one metre. Clerk to report both matters to NYCC, also to ask them to put a ladder bar on the top and ask about the adornments that we were supposed to have for the pole.

Clerk to ask NYCC for a keep clear line adjacent to the turning to the entrance of Lower Arbour as parked cars are making it difficult to negotiate the turn.

NYCC have asked the Parish Council for their views on the adequacy of the path under Kildwick Bridge. Clerk to respond stating that the path would benefit from widening to 5ft to allow the street cleaner to clean and also raising the path up to help prevent flooding. With regard to the trees blocking the light the Parish Council to state that they would not want all the trees cut down, but possibly thinning and trimming. The situation could then be reviewed once the work has been undertaken.

NYCC are in the process of getting quotes for levelling work and a new surface for the footpath from Redmans Bridge to the A629 and will contact the Parish Council when they have further information.

NYCC have carried out work to prevent flooding outside Whitehouse Farm. The two manholes have now been connected with piping.

A further issue was raised about flooding along the A629 and the Parish Council asked for the complaint to be put in writing in order for them to follow it up.

The Freedom of information Act which came into force at the beginning of 2005 obliges every public authority to adopt an approved publication Scheme. The information Commissioner's Office has produced a new model publication scheme that must be adopted by the 1st January 2009.

The Parish Council agreed to adopt and maintain the new model publication scheme in full alongside the guide to information.

The Parish Council has received several requests for funding from various organizations and it was agreed to make donations to Craven Citizens Advice Bureau and WRVS of £50.00 each.

It was agreed by the Parish Council to continue with membership of the SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks) for a further year at a cost of £61.00

Counc. M Scarffe met with Liz Jowitt the tree officer from CDC to discuss removing some of the trees at the Lower Arbour. She advised that the trees should be removed in stages

and replaced with some other trees. The Council have asked Dr Canaway to draw up a plan for the removal of the trees and give advice on funding that may be available. The Clerk reported that the footpath that runs through the Arbour is a public footpath and a diversion order must be obtained before moving it. The cost of this would be approx £1500.00. Counc. M Scarffe to check that the footpath that has been discussed with NYCC is the correct one. Clerk to ask the footpaths officer for an up to date Divinity Footpaths Map.

The next step in preparing a Risk Assessment is to consider health and safety issues relating to work carried out on behalf of the Council by volunteers, members of the public or employees. The first stage of this was carried out by the Council and referred to the risk associated with the Infant Play Area. The next stage will be carried out at the next meeting.

The date of the next meeting was changed to the 8th January due to the usual meeting date falling on New Years Day.

Clerk reported to YEDL that the electric box at the bottom of the pole in the field near the junction with Main Street and Grange Road was in a bad condition and in need of attention.

Clerk to report to NYCC that the grit bins in Farnhill are in need of attention. The bin at Mary Street needs the old grit which is rock solid) emptying out and refilling. The bin at Bucklar Hill needs the dog dirt cleaning out and refilling and the bin at Starkey Lane needs refilling. Clerk to stress that they attend the bins as a matter of urgency due to the difficulty of access for residents on the steep side streets.

Counc.M Scarffe reported that the Refuse Wagon had knocked down a piece of wall at the top of the Arbour . Clerk to ask CDC if the driver has reported the matter and ask for the wall to be rebuilt.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 8TH JANUARY 2009
IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL INSTITUTE AT 7.30PM
All members of the village are welcome to attend.**

Across

1, Bushes. 4, Pisgah. 7, Slow. 8, Abandons. 9, Stockton. 13, Bee. 16, Anglo-Catholic.
17, Its. 19, Scheming. 24, Pleasure. 25,
Burn. 26, Useful. 27, Yellow.

Down

1, Best. 2, Shortages. 3, Spark. 4, Piano. 5, Side. 6, Annie. 10, Cross. 11, Teach. 12,
Nahum. 13, Bilingual. 14, Each. 15, Dali. 18, Tales. 20, Cruel. 21, Enemy. 22, Half.
23, Snow.





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Thursday 8th January at 10 am
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Cross Hill Naturalists' Society (Founded 1904)

Winter Programme 2009

Meetings held in St. Peter's Church, Cross Hills on Saturday Evenings at 1900 hours

January

- 17th In the Steps of Linnaeus Miss J kendrew and Mr M Jackson
- 31st The Works and Aims of the Yorkshire River trust. Dr J Shillcock

The Society's Microscope Group meets on the second Thursday of the month at the Senior Citizens Centre, Sutton-in-Craven at 18.45 hours. Anyone interested in joining should contact Robert McDougall on 01274 599958. Young people (with an adult) are welcome and microscopes are available for use at meetings.

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Children's page



STARS

January 6th is the Feast of the Epiphany, the day when we remember the wise men that followed the star to where it rested over the stable at Bethlehem.

Every Christmas we sing about Three Kings but we don't really know that they were kings, or even that there were three of them. The Bible just says 'wise men'; you can check the details in St Matthew's Gospel, chapter 2.



We do know that they brought with them very expensive gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Traditionally the gifts have a special meaning: gold is for a King, frankincense (sweet smelling incense) for God and myrrh (a spice used to prepare bodies for burial) for mortal man. Not the usual kind of gifts that people give to a small baby but symbols that show what Jesus was and would be.

WHICH STAR....

The wise men followed a star to find Jesus – each of the answers to this quiz start with the letters STAR, so can you say which STAR is....

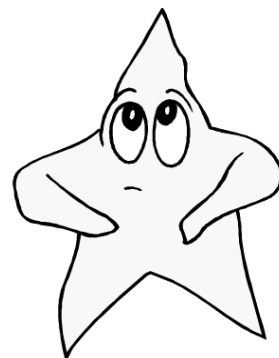
1. Used to stiffen washing?
2. The right side of a ship?
3. A beginning?
4. Another name for the American flag?
5. A bird?
6. Surprising?
7. What Patrick, Sponge Bob Squarepant's friend, is?

Answers at the bottom of the page.



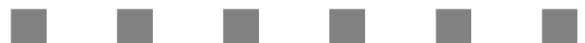
When is a window like a star?

When it is a sky light.



What is big, bright and stupid?

A fool moon.



Answers: 1.starch, 2.starboard, 3.start, 4.stars and stripes, 5.startling, 6.startling, 7.startish

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