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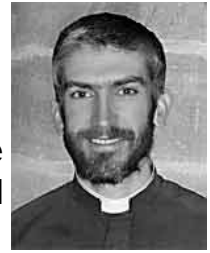
## **Parish Mission Statement**

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,

We have now brought the great season of Easter to a close with the celebration of the Day of Pentecost; this is the day when we give special thanks for God's gift of the Holy Spirit.

It is the Spirit of God present within us that inspires and empowers us to share in God's work of proclaiming his Kingdom in the world. At the end of the service of the Day of Pentecost the people hold a lighted candle as a reminder of God's call to every member of the Christian community to go out in the power of the Spirit to be a light in all the dark corners of the world.

In the opening verse of the Gospel according to John we read, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it". Jesus is the light of the world and those who seek to follow Jesus today are called, similarly, to be lights in the world.

What does it mean to be a "light in the world"? How can you bring light into the darkness and so make a difference to those around you? What are the values that you seek to uphold in your daily life and which we would have other uphold in theirs?

As we come to exercise our democratic voice once again in the European and local government elections, the question of what values make up our society and community is at the forefront of much of our debate.

What do we expect from those who represent us in the parliaments and councils that determine our laws? Clearly, the ongoing saga concerning our MPs' expenses has done little to endear us to politicians of any kind. Reform is clearly necessary if the values of trust and respect are to be rebuilt.

Those who govern our affairs have a lot of hard work to do. But, dare I say, I think we all have a lot of hard work to do ensure that the right values are kept at the centre of our individual and collective lives.

There are many people who could be quoted as a reminder of what is important in life. Someone whose words are always worth returning to is Mohandas Gandhi. Back in 1925 he named seven social sins:

**Politics** *without Principle*

**Wealth** *without Work*

**Commerce** *without Honour*

**Pleasure** *without Conscience*

**Education** *without Character*

**Science** *without Morality*

**Worship** *without Sacrifice*

Later his grandson Arun Gandhi added an eighth: **Rights** without **Responsibility**,

We would all do well – not just our politicians – to post these words on our kitchen notice board. It is easy to slip into ways of living that can destroy us without our even noticing.

The Day of Pentecost reminds us that we need the empowering of the Holy Spirit if we are to live lives full of love, joy and peace, full of wisdom, humility and grace.

May God be your light and your guide day by day.

*Robin*

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## PCC meeting held on 12 May 2009.

The meeting opened with a celebration of the Eucharist using a Celtic liturgy.

Eleanor Eastwood, our CDFC Council representative, was co-opted onto the PCC and Brenda Brock was elected as a member of the Standing Committee.

Various items of business were transacted and updates received from the Lang Kirk 21 Steering Group and the school foundation governors.

The upkeep and security of the churchyard was discussed and the possibility of strimming the churchyard more than the twice a year contracted by Craven District Council was explored.

There was a discussion about the purpose, direction and operation of the PCC. It became clear that it is difficult to balance the business needs of the PCC with the social and ministry aspects of the Council. It was recognised that in order to be more open and trusting and for the team to grow, there needs to be more time spent getting to know each other better. Change is not easy, nor is taking the responsibility for leadership and service in the church.

It was agreed that an extra meeting be held in June which will not be a business meeting. The possibility of meeting more frequently in order to lessen the pressure of long agendas will be considered.

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JETS would like to thank every one who came to their Tea and Scones on 17th May. There was an excellent turnout and we all enjoyed being waiters, waitresses and washer-ups (well not really enjoyed the washing –up) for the afternoon!

We had loads of cakes and bric-a-brac to sell on the stall and plenty of customers to buy our goodies. We raised £125-75 for Christian Aid which was amazing. Thanks to Libba for working so hard in the Kitchen!

Thank you very much.



### Dear friends at St Andrews,

Joan and I would like to thank you for the book, voucher and beautiful flowers presented to us at the Parish meeting, together with your cards, letters and good wishes.

I have not met Hannah Hauxwell although Joan has, but we look forward to reading her book.

Thank you for the support you have given to the Church and to us in particular during my time as Church Warden.

God bless

Barry



## The Church Year - Pentecost

Pentecost was originally an Old Testament festival, calculated as beginning on the fiftieth day after the beginning of Passover. In the Christian calendar, it falls on the seventh Sunday after Easter. It was called the Feast of Weeks (*Shavuot*), and in the Old Testament was originally an agricultural festival celebrating and giving thanks for the "first fruits" of the early spring harvest .

By the early New Testament period, it had gradually lost its association with agriculture and became associated with the celebration of God's creation of His people and their religious history. By the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 C.E., the festival focused exclusively on God's gracious gift of *Torah* (the "Law") on Mount Sinai. It continues to be celebrated in this manner in modern Judaism.



While there are other references to Pentecost in the New Testament (*e.g.* 1 Corinthians 16:8), it is most significant in Acts 2 and the familiar scene of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on those in the "upper room." The New Testament writers associate the events of Acts 2 with Pentecost, and relate it to the prophecies of Joel 2 and promises of Jesus (Acts 1:8). In both, the emphasis is on an empowerment through the Holy Spirit to enable the people of God to witness to Jesus the Christ.

There is much debate in some circles about exactly what happened at Pentecost, whether it is a repeatable event or only for the early church, or whether it should or should not become a paradigm for personal religious experience. Those who advocate it as a paradigm are sometimes termed Pentecostals, although that term usually refers more specifically to church traditions who advocate speaking in "tongues" or a special Spirit-inspired prayer or praise language. In any case, what seems clear is that Pentecost represents God's gracious, enabling presence actively at work among His people, calling and enabling them to live out in dynamic ways the witness of being His people. Perhaps at this point there is direct contact with the Pentecost of Judaism, for in Judaism the Torah, God's instruction to His people, is the means by which they become His witness to the world.

The colour for Pentecost Sunday is red, the colour of the church. The red symbolizes the fire of Pentecost as well as the apostles and early followers of Jesus who were gathered in the Upper Room for the empowerment from God to proclaim the Gospel throughout the world.

For Christians, Pentecost Sunday is a day to celebrate hope, a hope evoked by the knowledge that God through His Holy Spirit is at work among His people. It is a celebration of newness, of recreation, of renewal of purpose, mission, and calling as God's people. It is a celebration of God's ongoing work in the world. Yet, it is also a recognition that His work is done through His people as He pours out His presence upon them.

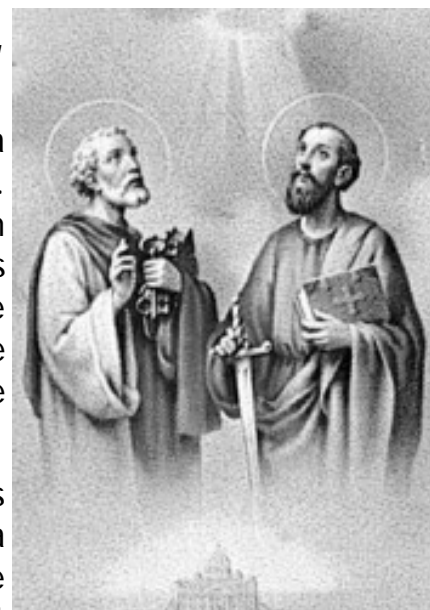
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## 29 June Feast of SS Peter & Paul

The two most famous apostles are remembered this month, for they share a feast day.

**St Peter (d. c. 64AD)**, originally called Simon, was a married fisherman from Bethsaida, near the Sea of Galilee. He met Jesus through his brother, Andrew. Jesus gave him the name of Cephas (Peter) which means rock. Peter is always named first in the list of apostles. He was one of the three apostles who were privileged to witness the Transfiguration, the raising of the daughter of Jairus, and the Agony in the Garden.



When Peter made his famous confession of faith, that Jesus was the Christ, Jesus recognised it as being the result of a revelation from the Father. He in turn told Peter that he would be the rock on which his Church would be built, that the 'gates of hell' would never prevail against it. Peter and the apostles would have the power of 'binding and loosing', but Peter would be personally given 'the keys of the kingdom of heaven'. Jesus also forewarned Peter of his betrayal and subsequent strengthening of the other apostles. After his Resurrection, Jesus appeared to Peter before the other apostles, and later entrusted him with the mission to feed both the lambs and the sheep of Christ's flock.

Peter played a big part in the early Church, and is mentioned many times in the Book of Acts, where in the early chapters he organised the choice of Judas' successor, preached with stirring authority at Pentecost; and was the very first apostle to work a miracle. Peter went on to defend the apostles' right to teach at the Sanhedrim, and to condemn Ananias and Sapphira. It was Peter who first realised that Christianity was also for the gentiles, after his meeting with Cornelius. Later he took a prominent part in the council at Jerusalem, and went on to clash with St Paul at Antioch for hesitating about eating with gentiles.

Early tradition links Peter with an apostolate and martyrdom at Rome. The New Testament does not tell us either way, but Peter being in Rome would make sense, especially as Peter's first epistle refers to 'Babylon', which was usually identified with Rome. Peter's presence in Rome is mentioned by early church fathers such as Clement of Rome and Irenaeus. Tradition also tells us that Peter suffered under Nero and was crucified head-downwards. There is no conclusive proof either way that St Peter's relics are at the Vatican, but it is significant that Rome is the only city that ever claimed to be Peter's place of death.

St Peter was a major influence on Mark when writing his gospel, and the First Epistle of Peter was very probably his. (Many scholars believe that the Second Epistle was written at a later date.)

From very early times Peter was invoked by Christians as a universal saint. He was the heavenly door-keeper, the patron of the Church and the papacy, a saint both powerful and accessible.

In England there were important dedications to Peter from early times: monasteries such as Canterbury, Glastonbury, Malmesbury, Peterborough, Lindisfarne, Whitby,

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Wearmouth, and especially Westminster. Cathedrals were named after him, too: York, Lichfield, Worcester and Selsey. In all, it has been calculated that 1,129 pre-Reformation churches were dedicated to St Peter, and another 283 to SS Peter and Paul together.

Images of Peter are innumerable, but his portraiture remains curiously the same: a man with a square face, a bald or tonsured head, and a short square, curly beard. Not surprisingly, his chief emblem is a set of keys, sometimes along with a ship or fish.

### **St Paul (d. c. 65)**

Like Peter, Paul also started life with another name: Saul. This great apostle to the Gentiles was a Jew born in Tarsus, and brought up by Gamaliel as a Pharisee. So keen was he to defend the god of his fathers that he became a persecutor of Christianity, and even took part in the stoning of Stephen. He hunted Christians down and imprisoned them, and it was while on his way to persecute more Christians in Damascus that he was suddenly given his vision of Christ. It was the decisive moment of Paul's life – Paul suddenly realised that Jesus was truly the Messiah, and the Son of God, and that He was calling Paul to bring the Christian faith to the Gentiles. Paul was then healed of his temporary blindness, baptised, and retired to Arabia for about three years of prayer and solitude, before returning to Damascus.

From then on Paul seems to have lived a life full of hazard and hardship. He made many Jewish enemies, who stoned him, and wanted to kill him. Nevertheless, Paul made three great missionary journeys, first to Cyprus, then to Asia Minor and eastern Greece, and lastly to Ephesus, where he wrote 1 Corinthians, then to Macedonia and Achaia, where he wrote Romans, before returning to Jerusalem. After stonings, beatings and imprisonment in Jerusalem he was sent to Rome for trial as a Roman citizen. On the way he was shipwrecked at Malta; when he finally reached Rome he was put under house-arrest for two years, during which time he wrote the four 'captivity' epistles. Later Paul may have revisited Ephesus and even have reached Spain. Tradition tells he was eventually martyred at Rome during the persecution of Nero, being beheaded (as a Roman citizen) at Tre Fontane and buried where the basilica of S Paul 'outside the walls' now stands.

The belief that Peter and Paul died on the same day was caused by their sharing the same feast day.

Paul was not only a tireless missionary, but a great thinker. His epistles played a major part in the later development of Christian theology. Paul's key ideas include that Redemption is only through faith in Christ, who abrogated the old Law and began the era of the Spirit; that Christ is not just the Messiah, but the eternal, pre-existent Son of God, exalted after the Resurrection to God's right-hand; that the Church is the (mystical) body of Christ; that the believers live in Christ and will eventually be transformed by the final resurrection. It is difficult to overemphasise the influence of Paul on Christian thought and history: he had a major effect on Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, Luther, Calvin and others.

In art, Paul is depicted as small in stature, bald and bandy-legged, with a long face, long nose and eyebrows meeting over deep-set eyes. His usual emblems are a sword and a book.

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



**CDFC United Service, 6.00pm Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June  
at St Andrew's Church, Kildwick.**

### **Tea and Scones**

We will be again serving Tea and Scones the Parish Rooms, next to Kildwick Church every Sunday afternoon from 2.30pm until 4.30pm, beginning on 3rd May until the end of September.

A warm welcome awaits our regular and new customers.

If you are able to help by hosting an afternoon, baking scones or church sitting so that our historic church can be open for visitors please sign the list in church or contact Lesley Hudson  
01535 633887

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In England he was never as popular as St Peter, and ancient English churches dedicated to him alone number only 43.

The history of the relics of Peter and Paul is not very clear. Tradition says that Peter was buried at the Vatican and Paul on the Ostian Way under his basilica. Certainly both apostles were venerated from very early times both in the Liturgy and in private prayers, as testified by Greek and Latin graffiti in the catacombs of the early 3rd century.

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### **PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH**

The next monthly meeting to pray for the parish will take place on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June in the Parish Rooms from 7.30pm until 8.15pm. For information contact Robin Figg, 633307.

# Emily's Childminding



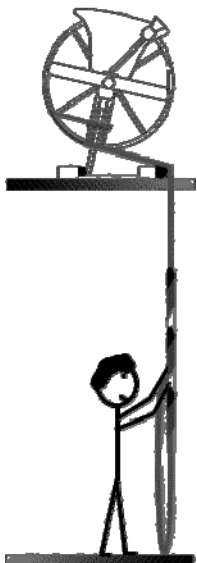
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**The Historic Wardrobe  
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Further details from  
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**Kildwick School, Kildwick Church &  
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 Summer Fair**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 11am – 3pm**

*Lots of stalls. Jazz Band. Local Crafts. Raffle.  
 Refreshment Tent. Tea & Scones. Teddy Bear 'Slide'.  
 Children's games. Grand Finale!  
 And much more!*

**Come and enjoy a fun packed day for all the family**

## GOD IN THE ARTS

*Editor: This is one of a series the Rev Michael Burgess has written in The Parish Pump on God in the Arts.*

**'Christ before the High Priest and the Denial of Peter.** This painting, done in tempera on wood, now hangs in the Museo dell'Opera del Duomo, Siena.

*The picture is not reproduced here very well but you can see it online at [www.biblical-art.com](http://www.biblical-art.com)*

### **'I do not know the man', the fearful Peter said**

At the end of this month, on June 28, we celebrate two of the great saints of the early church: Peter and Paul. We might relate more easily to Peter because his humanity and vulnerability spill out of the pages of the New Testament in everything he said and did. Peter was a fisherman, who was impetuous and headstrong, not once, but over and over again, saying one thing, and doing another. And yet our Lord chose Peter as the rock on which he would build his church, and at Caesarea Philippi Peter acknowledges that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Then, when Jesus is arrested, the same Peter in the High Priest's courtyard declares with an oath, 'I do not know the man.'



That denial is in all four Gospels. We might have expected the evangelists would have had greater respect for this follower of Jesus. But they are not intimidated by his later fame and importance, and they record the episode in vivid detail.

That episode is recorded by Duccio in this month's painting, 'Christ before the High Priest and the Denial of Peter.' Duccio worked in Siena in the late 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> centuries. In his paintings Jesus and the saints are no longer remote, austere figures: he portrays them in a natural, simple way. His greatest work was a series of 45 panels called the Maesta.

This month's picture is the first painting to depict Jesus' trial and Peter's denial together. The scene is a two storey building: the figures above, apart from the High Priest, are all on their feet. Below, the figures are all seated, with the exception of the serving girl. Notice the wonderful array of hair styles and beards that are typical of Duccio's work.

In the painting Peter is recognisable by his halo, like Jesus above. He is in a direct line below Jesus, but look at the contrast between the two. Jesus is standing with his hands bound in front of him and his head to one side. Peter below is seated, looking straight at the girl, raising his hand to protest his ignorance and warming his feet by the fire. It needed courage for Peter to be there, but the gospels tell us how quickly his vulnerability is exposed. As he answers the questions and reveals his Galilean accent, he starts to curse. He denies Jesus three times, and the scene ends in bitter tears. For all the bravado, a human, broken figure leaves the scene.

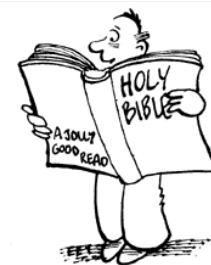
On his feast day we rejoice in that humanity of Peter, which brought him low, but encouraged him to try again. In Duccio's painting his denial takes place by the fire of the courtyard. It will be by another fire lit on the shore of the sea of Tiberias that Peter will be asked another three questions – not by a serving girl, but by Jesus. This time he will respond with affirmation, knowing that his Lord has come in resurrection glory to bring a new way forward for him and for everyone as he offers life in abundance.

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# BIBLE HISTORY

*This is part 16 in a series of articles written by Michael Baumber*

## HEROD THE GREAT 37BC - 4BC



One of the first problems Herod had to address was that of the religious establishment.

He had not forgotten the opposition of the council. 45 of its 71 members were executed and the body itself replaced by a circle of advisers of his own. Most of the victims were Sadducees who had been associated with the old Hasmonean regime. With the more moderate wing of the Pharisees led by Hillel and Shammai he was able to establish a *modus vivendi* and the Essenes too presented little difficulty. Both were prepared to accept the status quo, if without much enthusiasm, and relations proved so good that he was able to exempt them from taking the general oath of allegiance to which they objected on religious grounds. The old hereditary chief priesthood was abolished. Instead chief priests were appointed for periods of years and the office revolved round a limited number of priestly families that Herod felt he could trust.

Herod inherited his father's financial acumen and his use of the combined resources of the temple and his own played a key part in the unexampled prosperity for which his reign is remembered. He constructed fortress complexes at Sebaste (the old Samaria) Herodium, Masada and Jericho and employed his own army of mainly foreign mercenaries. These secured the internal peace of the country by deterring uprisings and by putting an end to the invasions. He constructed an entirely new port, Caesarea Maritima, which helped increase Israel's trade and he built granaries in which he kept the surplus from good harvests and then distributed the contents in famine years to the poor usually without charge. Nor did he confine his activities to Israel itself. Practically every Jewish community in the Roman empire found itself presented with funds with which to build synagogues and communal buildings, Our modern financiers could learn a good deal from him.

Greeks also benefited from substantial loans because Herod admired Greek ways which he did his best to promote in Israel where he built theatres and stadia and established an offshoot of the Olympics called the Actian Games. Most of the buildings were put up in the non-jewish parts of the country but he did erect a theatre and an amphitheatre at Jerusalem which caused murmurings among the orthodox. These he was able to still by the biggest building project of them all - a magnificent new temple. Begun around 20BC it was still unfinished at his death but already enough of it was up for people to describe it as one of the seven wonders of the world. Jews from all over the Roman empire flocked to it every Passover and even from outside. Augustus added the territory of Trachonitis to his kingdom specifically because it was a vital part of the route pilgrims from Babylonia took to get to Jerusalem. Despite heavy taxation Herod's reign was a golden era in the history of Israel, yet he is remembered today as an ogre and a hate figure. Why?

Next month: HEROD AN ASSESSMENT



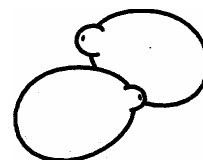
## ***This month's recipes***

### **Lemon Pudding**

When this goes into the oven, it appears a sloppy mess. Miraculously, on cooking, the mixture separates to form a hot spongy mousse, with a layer of zesty, thick lemon custard underneath.

#### **Ingredients**

4 eggs, separated	2 large lemons
8 ozs (225 gs) caster sugar	1 oz (25 gs) butter
2 ozs (50 gs) plain white flour	16 fl ozs (475 mls) milk



#### **Method**

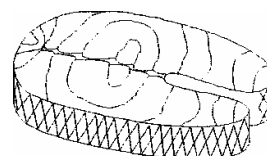
1. Put egg yolks, grated rind and juice of lemons, sugar, butter and flour into a food processor and blend. (It can of course be blended by hand).
2. Add milk (it won't matter if the mixture curdles at this stage).
3. Whisk the egg whites until firm, then fold into the mixture.
4. Pour into a 2½ pint (1.5 litres) greased ovenproof dish.
5. Stand this in a roasting tin half filled with boiling water. Bake at 180°C/Gas Mark 4 for 35 minutes.
6. Serve hot with crème fraîche, cream or ice cream.

Variation: if wished, 1-2 tablespoons of poppy seeds can be added along with the milk. This adds texture and gives a speckled appearance to the pudding.

### **Salmon Flan**

#### **Ingredients**

2 tbsps chopped onions	50 gs (2 ozs) butter
Medium tin pink salmon	2 tbsps dry sherry
Salt and pepper	3 eggs
140 mls single cream (¼ pint)	25 gs (1 oz) grated cheese
1 tbsp tomato puree	
Baked pastry flan case (20-23 cm/8-9 ins)	



#### **Method**

1. Preheat oven to 190°C/Gas Mark 5.
2. Cook onions in butter for a few minutes. Add flaked salmon and sherry.
3. Beat eggs, cream and tomato puree together. Blend into salmon mixture.
4. Fill pastry case, sprinkle with grated cheese. Bake for half an hour or until ready.

*'It was a bold man who first swallowed an oyster' - King James 1 of England.*

## Page of prayer



Heavenly Father we thank You for Your love which abounds in the joy of creation so evident all around us during the months of summer and we thank You for the times of rest and relaxation which are also given to us at this time.

Under the warmth of the summer sun the world awakens and blossoms into every imaginable colour.

You created a garden for us to enjoy and within it planted the most magical of flowers and trees.

You needed no horticultural training to plan your colour scheme- no gardening expert to recommend variety or design.

Your garden is perfect, its colours harmonious, its scale immense- spoilt only by the clumsiness of those who tend it.

Creator God who breathed this world into being- who is discernible within the harmony of nature- the perfection of a butterfly's wing- the grandeur of a mountain range- the soaring eagle and humming bird- thank you for this world which you have created.

Thank you for the summer sun which reminds us that creative breath is still alive and active.

Thank you for the warmth of Your love sustaining this world – Your garden.

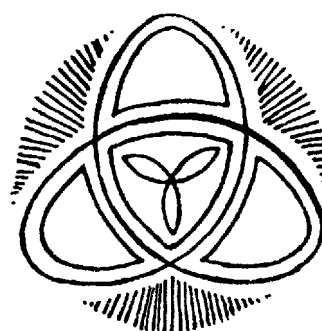
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### Three aiding

An eye saw thee beholding,  
A mouth naming thee mentioned,  
A heart thought thee enfolding,  
A mind desired, intentioned.

Three Persons sanctifying,  
Three Persons thine aiding be,  
Father and Son supplying  
And perfect Spirit to thee.

*From an ancient Celtic prayer*



*With Trinity Sunday (7th June) in mind:*

How can God be One and Three at the same time? Perhaps the Father is like the sun in the sky – dazzling in majesty and glory, whose light, Jesus Christ, illumines all mankind; and whose invisible warmth, the Holy Spirit, brings us to life. Sun, light and warmth – eternally the same, but eternally different. - Anon

## Isobel's Page

We all have days when nothing seems to go according to plan and we are actually glad to turn out the light and end that particular one. Fortunately however there are days when we retire and think that it's been good, we've thoroughly enjoyed it! Thus it was so for me one evening in late Spring. I was driving to a lecture, the end of one of those warm, sunny days, the lambs skipping and playing happily together in packs in the fields, and the white horse at Kilburn standing out clear and proud on the hillside- way out to the east. My evening drive was during the week that Radio 3 was commemorating the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of my favourite composer- George Frederic Handel and so I approached the outskirts of Ripon with the strains of 'Messiah' filling the car. What a wonderful end to the day- the daffodils making a blaze of bright yellow down the side of the road, the cathedral still bathed in late evening sunshine, and an hour and a half of Bronte discussion to look forward to and the magnificent chorus, 'Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest' coming over the airwaves.



Handel wrote the oratorio in just days and on completing the Hallelujah Chorus was found in tears, with the manuscript in his hand, by a servant who was told that Handel had thought he had seen the face of God. Whilst Handel is synonymous with Messiah perhaps the librettist, Jennens, is not as well known. Born in 1700, an English landowner and patron of the arts, who never married, he was educated at Baliol and assembled the text for five of Handel's oratorios and understood just what he needed in such a text.

The libretto of Messiah consists of verses from the King James' Bible- mainly from the Old Testament. Much of the first section comes from Isaiah and prophesies the coming of the Messiah. In the second section there are a few quotes from the Gospels including the angel going to the shepherds- from Luke- two enigmatic quotes from Matthew, and one from John- 'Behold the Lamb of God'. The last part draws from the quote in Job- 'I know that my Redeemer liveth' and the rest from 1 Corinthians with the beautiful final chorus, actually my favourite piece in the whole thing, 'Worthy is the Lamb'

All writers are influenced by others and such is the case with The Brontes who were very familiar with John Milton and 'Paradise Lost', as is evident in their own writing, and both Handel and Jennens would know Milton too for the words of the quartet 'For as in Adam all die' confirm this. Following this is the wonderful soaring chorus 'Even so in Christ shall all be made alive'- telling us that with Christ's death we are forgiven.

Many hymns and choruses use words from the Scriptures. A friend and I were recently talking about how the words of one of the hymns we sing -'Be still and know that I am God'- come from Psalm 46. *Still* - a word that means much more than being silent -*still*- pausing, stepping back, letting go.

On television recently there has been a series of programmes where a millionaire goes undercover to a deprived area of the country where people are striving to make a difference in their local communities. After giving away thousands of pounds to different projects and individuals, without exception each millionaire states that their lives will

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change after their experiences and vow that they will not be so obsessed with making money and rather than settling for transient happiness they will find true joy with their own families. Nowadays it's quite hard to rest- maybe we feel that if we stop running we will get run over- maybe it's easier these days to be human doings rather than human beings! In the film 'The devil wears Prada', the lead character never allows anyone, even herself, to take a break. Only when everything goes wrong does she find she needs to go to some deserted place for rest, to be still and meditate. The following poem accentuates this theme:-

*On a two lane road through the hills I'm taking the corners too fast,  
My head is spinning as fast as my wheel, shifting from future to past.  
So many things to attend to, so many places to be  
The hills roll right past my window- liked a half watched front room  
T.V.  
I remember this friend up in Swaledale- she used to get lost just for fun.  
She'd take any turn that presented itself, just to see where the road might run.  
It's amazing the places they'd take her- the people and things she'd find- I've been meaning to look her up again but I can't seem to find any time.  
Trying to make ends meet, it's like skating the edge of a knife. I'm so busy making money- I've got no time for a life!*

In Mark's Gospel Jesus saw how tired the disciples were and said that they should go with Him to a quiet place and get some rest. Many of us will be planning to go away on holiday in the coming weeks. It is important that in a busy world we take time to stand back. In Psalm 23 we are told-'He leads me beside the still water'. We will all have our own favourite places where we can relax and sit beside whatever our own 'still water' is. Holidays are periods of rest and relaxation. Whether we are sitting in the sun with a good book, climbing a mountain or walking along the sea shore, hopefully, we will not be too busy to 'stop and stare' – to watch a tree blowing in the breeze or a bird making lazy circles overhead before soaring high into the sky- to be still and know God.

In our busyness and rushing about what are we missing? What don't we hear- what don't we feel- what don't we experience simply because we are so poorly practised at being still? The good news is that God is never too busy for us and whilst we know that Jesus never lacked things to do He made time for Himself and His disciples to be still.

Wherever you find time to rest and relax this summer I hope you all enjoy yourselves and are ready to face, once more, the winter - refreshed and renewed- full of renewed purpose and energy.

To go back right to the beginning of my ramblings- on my return journey home, although I had missed 'Worthy is the Lamb' and the final 'Amen' in Messiah- as I climbed the steep hill up Kex Ghyll 'Zadok the Priest' was being sung heartily on Radio 3 so I arrived home happy and contented and thought- Yes, today's been more than just O.K!

## ***Regular Events at Kildwick***

Monday 1.30 pm	2 Ryecroft road Glusburn	Informal Bible study and fellowship, all welcome
Tuesday 10-11.30	Chuffs (Not in school holidays)	Fun for pre-school children and their grown-ups!
Tuesday 7.30 pm-8.30 pm	Choir practice	In Parish Rooms
Wednesdays from 10.15 am	NottheKnot Group downstairs in Parish Rooms	Stitching and fellowship group.
Wednesday 6.30-7.30 pm	Jets in Parish Rooms (Not in school holidays)	Primary school children's group
7.30 pm	Bellringing	
Thursday 2 pm	Open House in Parish Rooms	Refreshments and items for sale



### **June**

Thu 4 <sup>th</sup> Jun	7.30pm	Prayers for the Parish (Parish Rooms)
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Jun	2.45pm	Kildwick School collective worship in church
Tue 9 <sup>th</sup> Jun	10.30am	Worship Task Group meeting (13 Park Road, Cross Hills)
Tue 9 <sup>th</sup> Jun	7.30pm	Deanery Synod (St Matthew, Wilsden)
Tue 9 <sup>th</sup> Jun	8.00pm	PCC meeting (Parish Rooms)
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Jun	7.30pm	CDFC Annual Meeting (St Peter's Church, Cross Hills)
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Jun	10.00am	LEAP into Mission Group (Parish Rooms)
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Jun	7.30pm	Concert by Leyburn Brass Band
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Jun	6.00pm	CDFC united service (St Andrew's, Kildwick)
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> June		Parish Weekend (Mirfield)
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> Jun	11.00am	Summer Fair
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Jun	6.30pm	Kildwick School Governors meeting (School)

### **July**

Thu 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jul	7.00pm	Prayer Walk for parish (Kildwick - Cross Hills – Glusburn)
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> Jul	7.30pm	Undressing Mr Darcy – The Historic Wardrobe
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Jul	3.00pm	CDFC Praise in the Park (Sutton Park)
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup> Jul	7.00pm	PCC meeting (Parish Rooms)

### **August**

Thu 6 <sup>th</sup> Aug	7.30pm	Prayers for the Parish (Parish Rooms)
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> – Thu 27 <sup>th</sup> Aug		Children's Holiday Club



## ***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 7 <sup>th</sup> June	8.15 am	Holy Communion
2009 Trinity Sunday	10 am	Family Eucharist with baptism
	6 pm	No service
Sunday 14th June	8.15 am	Holy Communion
1st Sunday after Trinity	10 am	Sung Eucharist
	6.00 pm	CDFC united service at Kildwick
Sunday 21st June	8.15 am	Holy Communion
2nd Sunday after Trinity	10 am	Sung Eucharist with prayer for healing
	6.00 pm	Choral Evensong
Sunday 28th June	8.15 am	Holy Communion
3 rd Sunday after Trinity	10 am	Sung Eucharist
	6pm	Praise Service

### St Andrew's Kildwick



Invite you to come and join us for an

### **Informal service of Praise and Worship.**

Sunday 28th June at 6pm

Further details form Lesley (633887) or Glyn (630735)

### **What the drain will cost churches, charities and clubs**

The 'rain tax' is expected to cost the Church of England over £15 million a year, plus a further £10 million as churches employ professional services to appeal the initial bills. This is equivalent to the Church of England being permanently drained of the resources to employ 375 clergy (a loss of 10 clergy in every diocese), or being unable to support 3,000 community groups, or 7,500 pensioner lunch clubs, or the loss of 357 Church School teachers. Larger churches will see their bills rise from £140 to £8,000 and Cathedrals will between £5,000 and £71,000 a year.

## Low Cost Home Ownership Properties in Sutton

Available for reservation now on the Woodturners Site at Holme Lane, Sutton from Jephson Homes Housing Association

3 x 3 bed shared ownership properties (50% share from £76,250 - £82,500 with rent per week from £7.19 - £7.91)\*.

2 x 3 bed discounted sale properties at £94,000 each with no rent payable\*.

These properties are expected to be complete around October 2009.

Initial priority is being given to people who have a local connection with Sutton in Craven, have been nominated by Craven Housing and satisfy the local connection criteria. After this Jephson Homes Housing Association will look at people connected to the additional parishes of Bradley's both, Cononley, Cowling, Farnhill, Glusburn, Kildwick and Lothersdale, who have been nominated by Craven Housing. If no suitable applicants have been found at this stage the search will go Craven District wide, but any nominations will be taken from the Craven Housing waiting list.

If you are a first time buyer this may be your opportunity to own your own property. Please contact Craven Housing on 01756 704500 to be sent an application form in order to be added to the waiting list.

Alternatively if you would like to have a chat about whether or not you will qualify please call Diana or Becky at Jephson Homes Housing Association on 01422 313783.

*\* valuations as at May 2009, subject to change*



## Women's Institute News

### Glusburn and Cross Hills WI - May meeting

At our meeting on 5th May Val Harrison introduced the resolution which is to be considered at the coming National Conference of the WI. This resolution calls for the Government to increase funding for research into the cause of the decline in numbers of bees both in the United Kingdom and all over the world. Bees are valuable not only for honey but to pollinate crops and other plants everywhere. The resolution was briefly discussed and then supported unanimously.

Our speaker was Hazel Costello, who told us about the struggle by a group of which she was one to convert the old Otley courthouse and police station into a modern Arts Centre. The building is historic and listed, causing the alterations to be difficult and expensive, but the Otley Courthouse is finished and working as a cultural centre for the community, a great triumph for the dedicated group who worked so hard.

At our next meeting on 2nd June Miss M Greene will speak on "Adventures of a Traveller on the Orient Express". Visitors and new members will be welcome.



Pam Brown

### **O happy day**

Here's some good news: you are likely to be happy on at least one day this month. According to research, 20<sup>th</sup> June is the happiest day of the year. One academic has even worked out a formula which runs:

$$O + (N \times S) + Cpm/T + He = \text{Happiness.}$$

The letter 'O' stands for enjoying outdoor activity. 'N' is for connect with nature, which is in full bloom in June. 'S' is for socialisation with neighbours and friends. 'Cpm' stands for childhood positive memories, 'T' is the mean temperature, which should be warm in June. 'He' is the symbol for holiday expected. The research was commissioned by Wall's ice cream, who asked a psychologist to find the happiest day of the year.

Sadly, his equation does not take into account other powerful factors that may detract from your happiness this summer: the economic crisis, swine flu, and the weather – not to mention our chances at Wimbledon this year. Any of these could well dampen down that odd surge of spontaneous joy.

## *Church Rotas*

Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2009 Trinity Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Isaiah 6 v1-8 Romans 8 v12-17 John 3 v1-17	
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 1st Sunday after Trinity	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading  Gospel	Ezekiel 17 v22-24 2 Corinthians 5 v6-10 (11-13) 14-17 Mark 4 v26-34	Ruth Ward Lesley Bannister  Margaret Jowett
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2nd Sunday after Trinity	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading  Gospel	Job 38 v1-11 2 Corinthians 6 v1-13 Mark 4 35-41	Lance Peake Barry Houghton  Sandie Walton
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading   2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading  Gospel	Wisdom of Solomon 1 v13-15, 2 v23-24 2 Corinthians 8 v5-15 Mark 5 v21-43	Marjorie Gee   Kath Morris  Brenda Brock

<b>Flowers</b>		21 <sup>st</sup>	Mr Doult
7 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Houghton	28 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Boden
14 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Anderton		
<b>Brass Cleaning</b>		<b>Church Cleaning</b>	
Jennifer Roberts Joyce Bonham		Lesley Hudson Libba Utley Eleanor Eastwood	

# Chuffs



Thank you very much to Elizabeth Figg who has now stepped down as co-ordinator of our Chuffs toddler group and also to Sandie Walton. Please continue to give your support to the continuing team of leaders and helpers: Peter Bannister, Elaine Carter, Lesley Hudson, Gillian Nelson and Libba Utley. If you would like to help regularly or occasionally speak to one of the team.

Date	Sidesperson	Intercessor	Communion
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2009 Trinity Sunday	Joan Houghton Barry Houghton		Tim and Christine
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 1st Sunday after Trinity	David Baxter Pam Brown Marie Stinson	Sue Hargreaves	Janet and Christine
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2nd Sunday after Trinity	Christine Anderton Ann Mosley June Whitaker	Janet Swain	Michael and Sue
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity	Eleanor Eastwood Dorothy Ward Christine Hutchinson	Peter Baninster	John and Sandie

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### Baptism

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May                      Ruby Johnson, daughter of Michael and Stephanie of Hargreaves Street, Cross Hills

### Funerals

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May                      Jean Ayrton of Campbell Street, Cross Hills

### Burial of Cremated Remains

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May                      Ronald Smith, latterly of Cross Hills

## Help for people under pressure in rural areas

Many people in rural areas are finding life very tough at present. The Rural Stress Helpline (RSH) <http://www.ruralstresshelpline.co.uk/> provides a confidential listening and signposting service for rural people who may be feeling anxious, stressed or needing information.

The helpline, a project of the well known Arthur Rank Centre, can be contacted at: <mailto:ruralstresshelpline@rase.org.uk> or phoned on 0845 094 8286

Specific help for the farming community is also available from the Farming Help Partnership <http://www.farminghelp.org.uk/> or on 0845 367 9990.

Children's Holiday Club  
St Andrew's Church Kildwick

Monday 24th to Thursday 27th August

10am-12noon

Come and join us as we



**£2.00 per session or £7.00 for all four if you pay in advance!**

**Suitable for children aged 4+**

**Places are limited so booking is essential.**

**Please return the registration form on the next page with payment by 15th August to:**

**Lesley Hudson, Burnside, Bucklar Hill, Farnhill.**

**Or ring 633887. Email [lesley.hudson@kildwick.org.uk](mailto:lesley.hudson@kildwick.org.uk) for more details.**

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# Registration Form for



Monday 24th to Thursday 27th August  
10am-12noon

Please fill in one form per child

Full name of child-----

Date of birth-----

Boy ☐ Girl ☐

Address-----

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-----Postcode-----

Telephone number-----

School-----Year-----

I enclose payment of £..... for.....Sessions on -M T W Th  
(Please delete as appropriate)

(Cheques payable to St Andrew's Kildwick)

Please return to Lesley Hudson, Burnside Bucklar Hill Farnhill BD20 9AS.

Any queries call Tel 10535 633887

**L**earn  
**e**ncourage  
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**into mission**

Thursday 11th June at 10 am  
In the Parish Rooms

We meet again to explore in more depth the work of the mission agencies. Please do join us



**BARNABAS FUND**  
...hope and aid for the persecuted church



## ***Cross Hill Naturalists' Society (Founded 1904)***

The Society's Microscope Group meets on the second Thursday of the month at the Senior Citizens Centre, Sutton-in-Craven from April to September 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.

### **Summer Programme 2009**

June

Thurs 11th      Microscope Workshop    1645 hrs (see above)

Weds 17th      **Ilkley Moor.** Botany and Archaeology. Meet Victoria Road, Cross Hills with cars at 1300 hrs. Leader John Webb.

Sun 21st        **Summer Sunrise.** Meet Co-op car park Cross Hills 0330 hrs. Contact Allan Butterfield to confirm 01535 634140.

Tues 23rd      **Dale Head Churchyard and Stocks Reservoir.** Botany and birds. Meet Victoria Road Cross Hills at 1000 hrs with cars. Leaders Marjorie Burnett and Jean kendrew.

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

The next meeting of Focus and Fellowship will be on Monday September 14th when we will begin the new season with a Prayer Party.



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## FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL SUMMARY OF DRAFT MINUTES

The meeting of Farnhill Parish Council was held on the 7<sup>th</sup> May 2009 in Kildwick/Farnhill Institute. The meeting was chaired by Counc. M. Scarffe. Five members of the council were present, plus NYCC & CDC Rep Counc M Wheeler

The minutes of the meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April were proposed, seconded and signed as a correct record by the Chairman after one alteration.

Counc M Scarffe was elected to carry on as Chairman for the next year and the Council thanked Counc Scarffe for leading the Parish Council over the last 12 months.

Counc D Atkinson was elected to carry on as Vice Chairman for the next year.

It was agreed to continue having the monthly meetings of the Parish Council on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in the month with no meeting in August.

The April minutes were proposed, seconded and signed as a correct record by the Chairman after one alteration.

The Council were asked to delegate 2 members of the Council to represent the Parish Council at meetings of the YLCA, Counc. M Scarffe and Counc J Waring were chosen.

The Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009 were presented to the Council by the clerk and were agreed by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

The Annual Return Statement of Accounts was completed by the Clerk and agreed by the Council and the Annual Governance Statement was completed and signed by the Council.

Counc. R Bramley reported that the usual daily checks had been carried out at the Play Area and no problems to report. The grass had been cut and the edges trimmed. Counc Fulton reported that a lady had voiced concerns about the uneven surface and tufted grass in the Play Area. Counc. Fulton to ask the lady to get in touch with the Council and elaborate her concerns.

Clerk to contact NYCC about the new lights on Newby Road and ask them to remove the old pole and shorten the pole of light No 34 by 1 metre as requested previously.

A quote was received for the new light on Starkey Lane and the cost of a column with embellishment kit and Windsor Lantern would be £2044.26. This would include the YEDL emergency disconnection and the re-connection and painting it black. The cost for a standard street light the price would be £1094.95 again including emergency disconnection and re-connection.

The Parish Council thought the price difference was quite significant and decided to defer a decision till more information was received from NYCC on the standard of lighting acceptable for NYCC to take over responsibility. Clerk to ask if a lighting consultant can attend a Parish Council meeting to explain about the standard of lighting required in order for NYCC to take over responsibility.

NYCC have stated that they are not prepared to carry out maintenance on the road at Castlegate, Lower Arbour as the road is private and therefore the footpath is part of the private road.

The Parish Council made a decision to try and do something about speed and noise issues on the A629 and Councillors were asked to put some thought into which direction to take for the next meeting. NYCC Rep M Wheeler to email the Clerk with information on a grant that NYCC is getting of £18M from the Regional Transport Board. Schemes can be put forward for inclusion such as pedestrian crossings or junction improvements but not highway maintenance.

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A response has been received from British Waterways regarding the vegetation maintenance of the section of the canal by Redmans Bridge. They state that due to constraints of Health & Safety and Liability Insurance it is difficult to allow private individuals to carry out maintenance work. Alternatively they could register the Parish Council through their volunteer group process, which would once resolved allow the area to be mowed by an approved volunteer organisation. Counc. D Atkinson to contact them about becoming registered.

Liz Jowit the tree officer from Craven District Council visited the Arbour to take a look at the tree that is in need of trimming and had no concerns over the work to be carried out. Clerk to get two estimates for the cost of the work and to ensure the contractors had adequate Insurance cover.

The section of the risk assessment covering Council and Activity Work equipment was approved by the Council. Counc. D Atkinson prepared an Accident Report Form which was also accepted by the Council and prepared a risk assessment document on IT equipment for the Clerk to complete.

Counc M wheeler reported that at the scrutiny review they were looking at emptying bins every 2 weeks. Only Harrogate and Craven are now collected every week. A minority of people would have problems keeping waste for 2 weeks.

Counc Wheeler has had a meeting with Lynn Bannington who runs the Little Red Bus and they are looking at the time tabled route being expanded possibly through Bradley.

Craven Policy Committee has had a review of charges and contract tendering and stricter procedures are to be introduced.

Fire & Rescue Services have had two workshops on road safety at Skipton & Settle which were very popular and are looking to have a further one for South Craven at St Peters Crosshills

Clerk to ask Highways to clarify what actual remedial work has been carried out to prevent flooding on the A629. Clerk to respond to the gulley cleaning consultation stating that they are happy to see how the schedule works over the next year and will register any concerns that may arise.

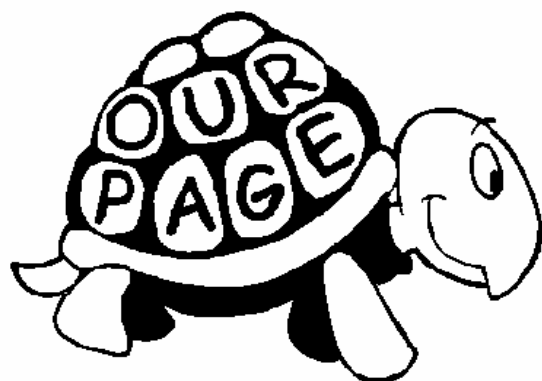
Counc R Bramley informed the Parish Council that unfortunately the heather seed that he had taken from Lower Arbour had not germinated. He also stated that the lawnmower which was used for cutting the grass at the Arbour was coming to the end of its life and may last for this year but would possibly need replacing for next year. It was also reported that the seat outside Craglands was in need of repair. Clerk to get an estimate from N Atkinson for repairing it.

Clerk to get clarification on the footpath at Lower Arbour from NYCC as to whether it is a public footpath or not.

A seat at Crag Top on Farnhill Moor is in poor condition. Clerk to write to John Roberts stating that the seat is in bad condition and could it be replaced. Clerk to get legal advice on who is responsible for equipment believed to be owned by the Parish Council but on someone else's land.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2009  
IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL INSTITUTE AT 7.30PM  
All members of the village are welcome to attend.**

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## WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

I wonder if your parents would have been allowed to choose your particular name in past? In Puritan times, in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, it was thought wrong to call children with the names of saints or even an angel, so names like Angela and Michael were banned.

They solved the problem by choosing worthy phrases - how do you fancy being called **Zeal of the Lord** **Busy** or **Tribulation Wholesome**? The longest name I've found was when a leather worker called **Praise the Lord Barebones** called his son **If Christ Had Not Died For Thee Thou Wouldst Have Been Damned Barebones**. I wonder what they called him at home? Do you think they might have said 'Time for school, If' or 'Eat your porridge before it gets cold, Damned'?



**ANSWERS:** all are there, except for WHET and YOKE which are words in the Bible but not names.

## BIBLE NAMES

Even if you stuck to names from the Bible there are some very strange ones there! Out of this alphabet of names can you tell which ones aren't in the Bible? Answers at the bottom of the page.

A is for ABEL

B is for BALSHAZZAR

C is for CLEMENT

D is for DRUSILLA

E is for EBED-MELECH

F is for FELIX, G is for GAD,

H is for HAM, I is for ITTAI

J is for JERUBBAAL

K is for KISH, L is for LEAH

M is for MEPHIBOSHETH

N is for NAPHTALI

O is for OBED, P is for PEKAH

Q is for QUIRINIUS

R is for REZIN, S is for SISERA

T is for THEOPHILUS

U is for UZZAH, V is for VASHTI

W is for WHET

X is for XERXES

Y is for YOKE

Z is for ZIPPORAH



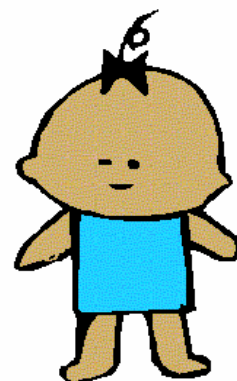
**1<sup>st</sup> 5 year old:** What's your name?

**2<sup>nd</sup> 5 year old:**

Um, let me see.

(Singing quietly...)

Birthday to you,  
happy birthday to  
you, happy  
birthday dear  
Molly. Oh yes!  
It's Molly.



# **back page**



"Due to our failure to secure a holiday-relief organist, the next hymn will also be sung to the tune, *Chopsticks*."

## **Where there's smoke...**

One Sunday morning when my son, David, was about five, we were attending a church in our community. It was common for the preacher to invite the children to the front of the church and have a small lesson before beginning the sermon. He would bring in an item they could find around the house and relate it to a teaching from the Bible. This particular morning, the visual aid for his lesson was a smoke detector. He asked the children if anyone knew what it meant when an alarm sounded from the smoke detector. My son immediately raised his hand: "It means Daddy's cooking dinner."

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You never really appreciate how many expensive parts your car has - until it hits a tree.

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You know you are having a senior moment when you enter a revolving door, and then you can't remember whether you were going out or coming in.

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Wouldn't it be great to live in that town on television where the hero always finds a parking place right in front of the bank, the supermarket, and the Post Office?