



# St. Andrew's Church Kildwick

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## **Parish Mission Statement**

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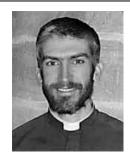
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### The Vicar's letter.....

Dear friends,

Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

We continue to proclaim this joyful acclamation at every service until we conclude the great fifty days of celebration between Easter Day and the Day of Pentecost (12<sup>th</sup> June). During these seven weeks the Christian Church proclaims to the world that we are an Easter people and Alleluia! is our song.



It has been a busy few weeks locally, nationally and globally. The weekend after Easter saw us caught up in significant events that could not have been more contrasting. On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April the world enjoyed the splendour of the wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton. In his sermon the Bishop of London reminded us that "In a sense every wedding is a royal wedding with the bride and the groom as king and queen of creation, making a new life together so that life can flow through them into the future". The wedding service was rich in symbolism that spoke of the God who gives life to all.

The following Sunday the world was caught up with news that could not have been more different. The killing of Osama Bin Laden in Pakistan left many people with uncomfortable questions about the role of violence in sorting out the conflicts of the world.

Will bin Laden's death bring us closer to healing? Should we celebrate his death, or mourn it? Can we control violence, or does violence control us? Is bin Laden a scapegoat? How do we move forward if we want to end violence? Throughout human history, we have found unity through violence against a common enemy. But what are the risks of finding unity through violence? Does that human tendency make us mirror images of our enemies? Does that violence against a common enemy distract us from other problems?

These are important questions that we must not avoid; neither must we be too quick to offer easy, simplistic answers.

As an American priest, Jay Johnson, wrote on his blog: "I am not sorry that Osama bin Laden is dead...But I don't celebrate his death, either. That distinction, though subtle, is an important one for Christians who claim to be an 'Easter people'. Easter celebrates God's decisive victory over death. We taint that celebration if we find anyone's death a cause for celebration and jubilation, and perhaps especially when that death is violent."

The Dean of Washington Cathedral, Samuel Lloyd, said that those at the cathedral "share with our fellow Americans a sense of relief that Osama bin Laden's life of hatred and violence is over". He then added, "As followers of the Prince of Peace, however, we Christians regret profoundly the necessity of this killing" and he also called for "prayerful reflection on Jesus' call to love our enemies" and "prayers for peace and for all the victims of the spiralling violence in Iraq, Afghanistan, and all across our globe".

This call to love our enemy was a key message for those who attended the parish weekend recently. The theme for our studies was *The Jesus Driven Life* and we were reminded that Jesus' teaching included not just love of God and love of our neighbour, but also love of our enemy: "Love your enemy, pray for those who persecute you" (Matthew 5.44).

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May our new bishop, Nick Baines, was enthroned within an most uplifting service in a full cathedral. Bishop Nick spoke of the need to have confidence in God and the Christian message. In his sermon (printed in full on page **M**) he said,

"Christianity is not airy-fairy. It is rooted in a God who deals with particular people in particular places. In Jesus he plunges into the real world at a particular time and in a particular context. And we are called to do the same".

The call is to affirm and celebrate everything that gives life and reject all that suppresses and kills life. The call is to be people of love, light, forgiveness, mercy and non-violence.

We look forward to welcoming Bishop Nick and his wife, Linda, to St Andrew's on the Day of Pentecost (12<sup>th</sup> June) when we will proclaim, 'Come, Holy Spirit, fills the hearts of your people and kindle in us the fire of your love.'

Wishing you peace and every blessing,

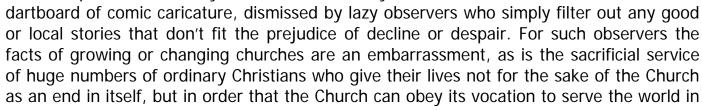


# Enthronement of the Rt Revd Nick Baines as the 10<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Bradford, Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May

Addressing a congregation of over 650, Bishop Nick joked that he was particularly grateful to them for coming on the day that the end of the world had been predicted.

He said that despite some of the negative rumours about Bradford and the Church, he wanted to encourage confidence in both - as well as confidence in God.

He said, "The Church is ridiculed in much of our national press, uncritically stuck on the easy



which it is set . . .

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". . . I want to encourage us to deny the naysayers and contradict the miseries with a confidence not only in God, but also in the Church itself . . . Let's change the rumours, for God's sake."



#### The full text of the sermon follows.

I am glad to see you all here today, especially as we had been warned by an American pastor that today was to be the Day of Judgement, the moment of Rapture and the end of the world. Well, all I can say

is: if it happened, and we are all left behind, we'd better start worrying. Although, I couldn't hope for better company in whatever counts as 'the other place' where the 'raptured' obviously are not. I am particularly grateful to those who decided - in the circumstances, courageously - to take the risk of travelling long distances to be here this afternoon.

Joking apart, some people have travelled a very long way indeed. Bishop Saman from Northern Sudan – a country that will soon be divided into two, but with an Anglican Church that is determined to remain one church in a commitment to mutual service. Bishop Weber, the German Co-chair of the Meissen Commission has come here with his wife and I am extremely grateful for his support, encouragement and friendship as we work together on the Commission to pursue unity between our churches and common service of the Gospel in Europe. Other friends from Germany are here – Silke and Christoph Römhild – who manage to check the German texts of my sermons without laughing. Our guests from Erfurt are also wonderfully welcome. And Bishop Neff Powell has travelled from our link Diocese of Southwest Virginia, and I am grateful for his fellowship and encouragement.

Friends and colleagues from the Diocese of Southwark, where I served for the last eleven years, have clearly come to check that it is true beyond contradiction that they have finally got rid of me. In coming here today they show the love and encouragement that has characterised my time in that diocese south of the Thames. I am deeply grateful. Members of our families have travelled from Kuwait, France, Nottingham and (breathe deeply) the other side of the Pennines to be here today.

But, these wonderful people have not come here today out of mere curiosity. They have not strayed onto our small island and ventured north of Watford simply to attend a mere service in a church. They represent what is too often ignored even by those of us within the Church: the fact that we belong to one multi-coloured, multi-ethnic, multi-cultural, multi-lingual community in which we are united in and around Jesus Christ. Called to serve in different contexts and in different places and cultures, yet we belong together and serve one God... whom we see in Jesus Christ who laid down his life for the sake of the world and whom death could not hold. I am also grateful for the generous attendance and accompaniment of civic leaders, Christian ecumenical partners and representatives from other faith communities in and around Bradford. We have a common interest and a common accountability for how we serve the people of our communities. And this we need to do with honesty, integrity, mutual commitment and humour.

Here in Bradford – a place many here today are visiting for the first time – we might well take the opportunity to think through, briefly, what we are about and what you might expect from the new bishop. For we live in challenging times – on many fronts – and we face serious questions about where our priorities lie. We can allow ourselves to get side-tracked by relative trivia – a form of what I often call 'distraction therapy'... thrashing around in the murky darkness – or we can choose to unite in obeying the call of Jesus Christ to be people who bring light into the world, with all that implies. And I want to think about this call – this challenge not only to the churches in Bradford, but also to those elsewhere where the cultural dressing may be different, but the essence remains the same – and I want to think about it in terms of confidence.

But, first let me tell a story. A man went to the doctor for some medical tests. When all was finished the doctor looked at him sadly and said: 'I'm sorry Mr Jones, there's

# Prayer Page

### This month we pray for all who suffer for their faith

Father we thank you for the freedom we have to worship and follow you.

As we travel on our own journey of faith may we always be aware of those who travel on a difficult path

May we never take for granted the blessings we have received.

Keep us faithful in prayer for those who face hardship and persecution.

We pray for Christians who live in dark and fearful places of the world.

For those crushed with violence because of their faith.

For those facing pain and the evil intentions of others.

We pray for Christian minority groups who live under strict Islamic regimes May they have courage to face the threat or reality of persecution.

We pray for Christians in Egypt and for better understanding Between Christians and Muslims.

We pray that a just and fair Government may be established.

We give thanks for all who work for peace and reconciliation between different religious groups

We especially pray for all who work for peace between Israel and Palestine We uphold in prayer the churches of the Holy Land.

We give thanks for the faithful witness of the church in Iran.

We pray for those imprisoned for their faith and ask for their release.

We pray for the Church in Pakistan and especially pray that the Pakistani Government May be willing to discuss the current blasphemy law.

May the darkness of the world and our lives Be conquered by the light of Christ's love.

This month's page compiled by Sue Hargreaves

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

The next monthly meeting to pray for the parish and worldwide Church will take place on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May in the parish rooms from 10.00am until 11.30am. For more information contact Robin Figg, 633307.

# KILDWICK SCHOOL, KILDWICK CHURCH, FARNHILL & KILDWICK INSTITUTE SUMMER FAIR

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# Report on PCC meeting May 10th

The meeting will began with a celebration of the Eucharist. Apologies for absence received from Marie Stinson.

The minutes of the PCC meeting held 8 March, 10th April and the APCM were approved

Agenda items discussed were

- The responses to the use of the portable lectern during Lent were noted. It could be possible to construct a hand rail to make access to the brass lectern safer.
- Back to Church Sunday would be at the Harvest Festival (as last year)
- The role of the PCC and Standing Committee. The Standing Committee would act as the Finance committee and agenda committee. It was noted that the SC would prepare the agenda and supporting documentation for the PCC meetings. Members would be: Robin Figg (Vicar), Lesley Hudson (churchwarden), Marie Stinson (treasurer), and Stephen Westcott (GiftAid and Planned Giving secretary)
- There were no volunteers to stand as PCC secretary so it was agreed to appoint a secretary for each meeting to take the minutes.
- The PCC carried the following vacancies: 1 x Churchwarden; 2 x Deanery Synod representatives; 3 x elected representatives of the laity.
- A report on Giving in Grace was received
- The heating fans will be serviced during the summer. A small improvement in the heating had been noticed since that last maintenance. No further decision would be taken on producing a performance specification at present.
- The Quinquenial was due on 11th July
- A report on the highly successful spring clean was given.
- Charitable giving was discussed at length and the status of our CMS Mission Partners. A review of the detail of Charitable giving would be a on the agenda for the July meeting.
- The use of the Altar rails. Opinions varied on this emotive issue. The difficulties of the restricted space at the front would be discussed with our architect when he was here for the Quinquenial.

The date of the next meeting will be July 12th and will take place in the School, and will start with a tour of the school and discussion with Alan Robershaw

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nothing we can do for you. You've had it.' 'Nothing you can do?' asked Mrpages? 'No,' replied the doctor, 'I'm afraid there's no hope.' 'No hope?' replied Mr Jones. 'No hope?! Look, I want a second opinion.' 'OK', said the doctor, 'there's no hope... and you're ugly.'

Now, I am not recommending that as an example of good pastoral method, but it does make the point that a second opinion can sometimes be essential. In his first words in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus quietly opens the possibility of a second opinion about God, the world and us. Not the opinion with which everyone was familiar: the tired old certainties that those who obeyed the rules got God's favour and those who didn't didn't. Not the sad opinion that you just had to accept the way the world is and hope God would one day make it better. And not the tediously self-serving opinion that God was on the side of people with a particular ethnicity or national identity. No, Jesus was inviting people to look and think differently about God, the world and us... in order to live differently in that world and make a difference to the lives of people who make up that world.

We actually live in a world that hasn't really changed much since the time Jesus sat on a hill and started to talk to whoever wanted to listen. Open to being misheard and misunderstood (as in Monty Python's epic *Life of Brian* when the people at the back heard him say 'Blessed are the cheesemakers' and went on to guess that Jesus must have been referring in a non-discriminatory way to manufacturers of all dairy produce...), Jesus suggested that we don't have to accept the lazy assumption that 'the way the world is is the only way the world can be'.

Is it inevitable that the powerful always dominate and get their way? That the rich and independent should be both secure and happy – especially at the expense of the poor? That those who lose or grieve or don't – what's that awful phrase? – 'believe in themselves' are to be pitied? Are those who 'win' in life really to be admired and valued? Or is there another way of seeing – another way of thinking and, therefore, living in this world? Jesus suggests there is... and it revolves around himself. (No wonder they nailed him in the end.)

According to these revolutionary words of Jesus, those who have lost everything – health, family, things, hope, prospects, beauty, and so on - have nothing else to fear losing; so, they are liberated to live freely and to take whatever comes their way. They don't need to be told of their need of grace, of redemption or of salvation: they swim in a pool called 'freedom' and they are blessed by being free not to have to pretend or to keep up appearances or the empty rhetoric of false glory.

And that is why Jesus tells his friends that they must shine like lights on a hill – not hide away for fear of being found out or for lack of confidence that the way they see and think and live won't hold out. They are to be as recklessly free as the sort of salt that gets mixed as fertiliser into the soil or preserver into the meat: losing their own shape and substance in order to let the soil become fertile and the meat to feed the hungry. It's about generosity and giving away and laying down and challenging the values of a world that is bound by its own insecurities, its deep fears, and the violence that instinctively erupts where hope has dissolved into the chaos and void of fatalism and destructiveness.

Which is why I want to speak of confidence. Confidence in **God**; confidence in a **Church** shaped by this Gospel, this good news that sounds to some people like bad news; confidence in our **context**.

Along with brothers and sisters of other faiths, I am confident in God. Why? After all, the Richard Dawkinses of this world would have us believe that I am actually confident in

the airy-fairy subject of a fairy story. But, the Scriptures tell us that God is in the business of bringing order out of the chaos of life and lives. From the beginning onwards (which is the whole point of the Genesis narrative), God offers to bring healing and order out of the messes and pain we suffer. This is the God who in Jesus Christ looks us in the eye and dares us to believe that death and destruction do not have the final word – whatever Hollywood or fearful dictators think.

Christians need to be confident in God and in the call of God to reflect his life and face in the world of today. This means that the Christian community in Bradford and our diocese right up into Lancashire and the edge of Cumbria should look and sound and feel like the Jesus we read about in the Gospels. That is our vocation. And we can be confident in this God who calls us simply because he has a track-record in getting stuck in to the reality of the world and, through those who bear his name, offering transformation of both individuals and communities.

This is the God who loves his world so much that he refuses to exempt himself from it and all that it can throw at him. In Jesus he opts into it. And he calls his people to be like him – to do the same. Get stuck in – whatever the cost – and be so grasped by the generosity of God that we cannot but live generously with our neighbours. This is not, then, about point scoring or domination; rather, it is about confidence that the God who calls us has promised never to abandon us as we dare to take him at his word. He is the God who, in the words of the Old Testament theologian Walter Brueggemann, brings 'newness after loss' and dares us to hope and not despair.

But, secondly, confidence in God has to be earthed in a growing confidence in the Church. You might think this is a rather forlorn task. The Church is ridiculed in much of our national press, uncritically stuck on the easy dartboard of comic caricature, dismissed by lazy observers who simply filter out any good or local stories that don't fit the prejudice of decline or despair. For such observers the facts of growing or changing churches are an embarrassment, as is the sacrificial service of huge numbers of ordinary Christians who give their lives not for the sake of the Church as an end in itself, but in order that the Church can obey its vocation to serve the world in which it is set. Yet, this state of affairs sometimes has a corrosive effect on Christians who can wonder if they are wasting their time maintaining worship and witness in their community. It can be hard to counter the negative rumour.

So, I want to encourage us to deny the naysayers and contradict the miseries with a confidence not only in God, but also in the Church itself. Don't knock it! I was once asked on national radio what is the point of the church. Put on the spot like that, I had to come up with something quickly – and this is how I answered: *the church is called to create the space in which people can find that they have been found by God.* OK, that's just one description of what we exist for. But, I want to go further. Different churches and denominations celebrate the fact that God is not boring. There are different ways of worshipping and serving him and different ways of organising how we do so. Good ecumenical work must always revolve around the purpose of our calling and not simply around organisational tidiness or uniformity. But, I want to affirm the particular vocation and responsibility of the Church of England in that context.

The Church of England is very public and, therefore, open to scrutiny. We are rightly regarded as public property, but this brings with it great responsibility for using the opportunities for service and proclamation that are unique to us. We believe in being present in every community and engaged in the life of that community in order to bring

light and life to all. Sometimes we fail disastrously; sometimes we successing glarjously; mostly, we just get on with it in a rather muddly way and we don't always find it easy to tell our stories. But this vocation is ours and we need to believe in it, give ourselves to it and ask our Christian brothers and sisters of other churches to pray for us as we pray for them in their unique vocations. It is not a competition; but it is about being accountable to the God who calls us and accountable to one another.

Yes, the Church faces change and uncertainty – especially in the light of proposals to dissolve three Anglican dioceses and create one new, larger one. But, we have always faced change and uncertainty; it is the one certain feature of God's pilgrim people from the moment Abram left Ur of the Chaldees and started walking into the unknown, with only the call of God to hold on to. He didn't know the destination or what might happen along the way. But, none of that stopped him from going. The debate will carry on, but we must not be distracted by the engineering and lose sight of the purpose of the enterprise itself (which I described briefly earlier).

It will come as no surprise, then, that confidence in God, worked out through confidence in the life and mission of the Church that is supposed to resemble the Jesus of the Gospels, is not an end in itself. No. Thirdly, our being grasped by God's generosity and invitation brings us together with others who share that mysterious condition, but in order that we might be a blessing to the world and that part of it in which we are put. And that means having confidence in our context: Bradford and its rural hinterlands, full of beauty and challenge and opportunity.

Let's be honest: the rumours about Bradford and its particular challenges are not hard to uncover. Last Friday we were filming in the city centre and I found myself stopping random people, asking them what it was like to live here. The answers were interesting. They began with the inter-communal differences and tensions, but ended with an affirmation of their own personal life here. I wondered afterwards how we can most effectively change that rumour. I know that our parishes and communities are pregnant with creative celebrations of Christian presence: from arts festivals to interfaith partnerships, from faithful worship to community projects. Presence and Engagement is more than a slogan (or the title of a church initiative) – it captures our confidence in Bradford and its environs. Not blind wishful-thinking, but confidence that the resources for human flourishing and positive development of our society are already here in the people who are prepared to escape the confines of their own narrow interests and make it happen for the good of all.

Christianity is not airy-fairy. It is rooted in a God who deals with particular people in particular places. In Jesus he plunges into the real world at a particular time and in a particular context. And we are called to do the same. Which means loving our communities, nurturing the common good in Bradford, Keighley, Ilkley, Skipton, Dent, Settle and everywhere else. It means working together for human flourishing in all these places. And it means being confident about the potential for where we live, not colluding in the running down of reputation.

Confidence in God and the Good News of Jesus Christ for the world including the communities that make up the Diocese of Bradford. Confidence in the Church and its unique vocation to be grasped by God and to live in response to that love and mercy. Confidence in our context – a confidence that commits us to change the rumours that so demoralise and inhibit our communities from thriving.

As your new bishop I promise to work with all who seek the common good in these

places. I promise to commend unashamedly the Good News of God. I promise to build up and not knock down. I promise to do my best in keeping focused on the call of God and to using my best endeavours - in body, mind and spirit – to work together with all who refuse to hide their light or leave their salt in the cellar.

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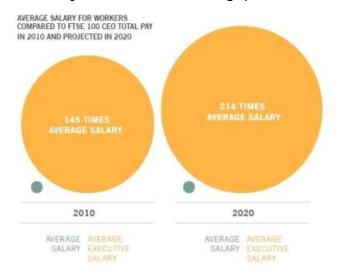
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# Commission finds gap between rich and poor could return to Victorian era

The top earners' slice of national income is currently 5%. However, it could rise to 14% by 2030 according to the High Pay Commission. By this, it warns, the gap between

the highest and lowest earners in the UK would reach the levels of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Its latest report calls for more effective measures to control and limit high pay as a way to build a fairer society.

The gap between rich and poor is widening; it is a global trend reflected in the UK. According to the latest report of the High Pay Commission – the independent body established in 2010 to scrutinise top pay in private and public sector – those with high earnings are seeing them continue to increase whilst the average wage has stagnated.



As the authors of The Spirit Level found in Source: Interim Report of the High Pay Commission May 2011 their research, the more inequality the less likely it is that there will be social cohesion and stability.

In 2010, top earners were paid 145 times the average wage – they took home £3,700,000 compared to the national median full-time salary of £25,800. But in a decade's time, at current projections, the differential could reach 214 times. What's more, the top earners are just 0.1% of the working population, a privileged tiny minority.

For the High Pay Commission, this situation is socially destructive. Unfair salaries have a negative effect on attitudes and deteriorate citizens' commitment to society. They may even make people assume the winners – whether bankers or business leaders for example – deserve their higher salaries because of their level of effort. But are they really working much harder than the people earning much lower rates?

The High Pay Commission regrets that government and industry has failed to tackle the issue. They suggest that we should simplify pay structures, reform remuneration committees and gain transparency.

It seems to be a call for a different way of doing business – if, that is, we don't want to see the disparity between highest and lowest earners and the return to the level of the Victorian era. Can we let this continue?

You can take immediate action. Why not sign and share the petition to narrow the gap between rich and poor? <a href="https://www.uk.coop/yourstoshare/petition">www.uk.coop/yourstoshare/petition</a>

## **BIBLE HISTORY**

written by Michael Baumber

# The Gospel Story: THE MIRACLES OF JESUS: 5.THE NATURE MIRACLES



he so-called nature miracles described in the Bible and attributed to individuals such as Moses and Elijah have different roots from the healing miracles. Some are just fabrications designed to bolster the reputation of the individual to whom they are attributed. Others are designed to disguise the true nature of what happened and yet others are the result of genuine puzzlement about the real course of events. Nevertheless their association with such figures as Moses and Elijah was part of their mystique so we should expect that the gospel writers would try to manufacture similar ones for Jesus. Looked at in that way what is quite remarkable is the lack of them in the account of the Galilean ministry itself.

The temptations in the wilderness set the tone but there are one or two violations of the precepts. Jesus did not turn stones into bread but according to John he did turn water into wine during the wedding at Cana in Galilee. Like the one about Lazarus it has Jesus acting out of character. In the Lazarus story Jesus apparently dawdles on his way to his rescue. In this one he behaves towards his mother in what can only be described as a boorish manner. It is also distinctly curious that she apparently believes that he can turn water into wine but along with the rest of the family can still regard him as mad! suspect that he did provide genuine wine but used the purification jars which caused a scandal and led John to use the story as one of his signs. Another 'nature' miracle is Matthew's claim that when Jesus was asked for the temple tax he instructed Peter to go to the lake and catch a fish, predicting that he would find the money in the fish's mouth. This is one of a number of fabrications by Matthew designed to restore Peter's rather battered image. Another is the story of him walking on the water. This is part of a larger story in which Jesus walks on the water which I shall deal with at more length when I come to consider the story of the feeding of the five thousand. Sufficient to say for the moment is that I think the disciples were confused at the time and that Jesus did not walk on the water either.

If we discount the nature miracles and provide explanations for the healing ones there is a great temptation to downgrade their importance but it should be resisted. The healing powers exhibited by Jesus are truly remarkable. I know of no exorcist either in the Bible or elsewhere who comes anywhere near him. Without them we would probably have never heard of Jesus and they were the direct cause of his crucifixion. This was because Jesus claimed through them the power to forgive sins. In every religion, including Christianity, only the priest can absolve a person from his or her sins. If the Jerusalem priests were to admit Jesus' claim the whole position of the temple would be undermined.

# Isobel's Page

egular readers of my ramblings (excuse the pun) will know that the area around the North York moors is a favourite walking place for me. Nothing can beat that first glance, way off in the distance, of the North Sea or the dramatic ruins of Whitby Abbey as seen from a path crossing a purple carpet of heather. Dotted all over the moors are ancient crosses and prehistoric stone alignments- many with rather strange names and which have legends attached to them. One such is 'Young Ralph Cross', standing above Rosedale, which dates back to 1200, and was probably originally made of wood. The present stone is probably of the 18th century and it is said to have been erected in memory of a traveller who died from exhaustion when crossing the moors. He was found underneath the snow by a farmer called Ralph who decided to put up a cross where the body was found. Another stone cross goes under the rather intriguing name of 'Fat Betty' and it lies on a disused packhorse route at the junction of three parishes. The stone is also known as 'White Cross' and at its head is an ancient wheel head. Legend has it that a woman named Betty, from nearby Castleton, fell from the back of her husband's cart as they were travelling home, on a very foggy night, across the moors. Retracing his steps to pick up his wife all the man found was a squat shaped stone. More plausible perhaps is that the stone was named after a nun who was rather on the rotund side, and who lived at Rosedale Priory. She was known as one of the 'white ladies' because the habits the nuns wore were made of un- dyed sheep's wool. Further down from the moors towards the Vale of Pickering is a beautiful church, at Lastingham, which I always like to visit when in the area and which has a crypt with a long history. St Cedd served in the monastery of Lindisfarne and he was one of four priests sent to preach the Gospel to Peada, King of the midland English, who had been baptized by Finan, Bishop of Lindisfarne. Eventually going back to his own province, and ordained as Bishop of the East Saxons, Cedd built churches and ordained priests and deacons. He accepted a gift of land from Ediwald, son of Oswald, to build a monastery and this was founded in 659BC and called Lastingay- in the Lastingham area. In 664 plague broke out and Cedd died of it and, since the monastery was later destroyed by the Danes, its exact site is not known. Not long after a stone church was built and Cedd's body was laid on the right side of the altar- the site of the crypt in Lastingham today.

Some of the stones on the moors had a practical use and could have been used when pestilence struck that monastery. The stones held vinegar in which the stricken people would place money. The idea was that food would be left for them in exchange for the money and it was hoped the vinegar would have killed any lingering germs.

Vinegar therefore is a very versatile thing- not just used to put on fish and chips and it features in many old fashioned recipes for many differing things- from cleaning windows, removing soap scum on wash basins and in washing machines, to mixing with sugar and warm water to prolong the life of flowers. I can remember being the recipient of an old family remedy when afflicted with a 'tickling' cough- butter, syrup and vinegar, all mixed together- and it didn't taste too bad either! At spring cleaning time my mother would wash all the furniture down with diluted vinegar which, when mixed with the sweet scent of wax polish- with which we had made the edges of the floor shine within an inch of their lives- left the house smelling quite strange for a few days. Spring cleaning, unlike the normal cleaning of dusting and vacuuming, was a once yearly assault on floors, walls, the taking down and washing of curtains and the lifting of carpets and hanging them outside over the washing line. I always used to enjoy hitting them vigorously with a strange

wand shaped wooden carpet beater to dislodge dirt and dust. This intense planting used to start when the sun began to shine early in the morning and Father would be required to take up the carpet- no fitted ones then - before he went to work and then, if the scrubbed floor was dry, the whole thing would be done in reverse when he arrived home in the evening. It was a time when cupboards and drawers were turned out and unused items disposed off. I am not very good at getting rid of things- my junk always seems to have a special value. To say I am a bit of hoarder is to put it very mildly, for when I decide to go through things with the intention of getting rid of them I tend to only rearrange my clutter- after all you never know when something may come in useful and you have to pay for plastic carriers now!

If you had been in the vicinity of the church at the beginning of May you would have found a band of willing workers, armed with dusters, brooms, pruners and the like, for it was the time of the annual church spring clean which has left the building and grounds looking really good. Jesus once carried out a grand spring clean- at great cost to Himselfwhen He cleared out the Temple, an event which sealed His fate. It was not unusual in those times to see the Temple used as a market and this is not what angered Jesus but the fact that people were being exploited and excluded. The temple taxes could not be paid with coins that had a human image on and money had to be exchanged for the approved currency. The religious leaders were taking advantage of the people and they profited by highly inflated exchange rates. Worshippers were also offering animal sacrifices as part of the Passover celebration but inspectors frequently found the animals to have defects but of course these people would always advise where perfect animals could be bought- but at a higher price. So this is what made Jesus angry- the poor were being exploited- the temple economy was a barrier for them to enter for they could not pay the dues or buy the proper sacrifices. They were actually victims of racketeers and also if you were a Gentile or a leper, or had any disease, you could not enter. Jesus was having none of this- He overturned the tables and confronted the greedy and corrupt leaders- but He was at the height of his popularity and after this the religious and political leaders know they must kill Him. Jesus had a good clear out- he wanted to restore integrity, honesty, compassion, grace, inclusiveness and get rid of anything that prevented this. Because He did this it was one of the reasons why He was put to death on the cross but His Resurrection shows that He triumphed and that there are now no barriers at all- for nothing can separate us from the love of God. There is a wonderful poem written by the early 17th century poet George Herbert called 'Love' which accentuates that God welcomes every one. The setting of the poem is a house with a host serving dinner. This is a metaphor- the house is Heaven, the host is God. The poet however sees himself too unclean to sit at God's table and partake of His love but God has the last word, for He is serving love, compassion and understanding- the very things that Jesus wanted in the Temple at Jerusalem.

'Love bade me welcome, yet my soul drew back guilty of dust and sin. But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack from my first entrance in, drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning if I lacked anything. "A guest", I answered, " worthy to be here." Love said, "You shall be he." "I, the unkind, ungrateful? Ah my dear, I cannot look on Thee." Love took my hand and smiling did reply, "Who made the eyes but I?" "Truth, Lord, but I have marr'd them: let my shame go where it doth deserve." "And you know not," says Love, "Who bore the blame?" "My dear, then I will serve." "You must sit down," says Love, " and taste my meat." So I did sit and eat.'

# Regular Events at Kildwick

Monday 2 pm	5 Beanlands Glusburn	Informal Bible study and fellowship, all welcome
Tuesday 10.00-11.30am	Chuffs (Not in school holidays)	Fun for pre-school children and their grown-ups!
Tuesday 7.30-8.30 pm	Choir practice in Parish Rooms	
Wednesdays from 10.15 am- 12.30pm	NottheKnot Group in Parish Rooms	Stitching and fellowship group.
7.30 pm	Bellringing	
Thursday 2.00 pm	Open House in Parish Rooms	Refreshments and items for sale



Thu 2 <sup>na</sup> Jun	ASCENSION DAY		
	7.30pm	Holy Communion	
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jun	6.30pm	Kildwick School governors meeting (School)	
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup> Jun	7.30pm	CDFC Annual Meeting (St Peter's Church t.b.c.)	
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Jun	2.45pm	Kildwick School collective worship in church	
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Jun	DAY OF PENTECOST		
	10.00am	Service of Baptism, Confirmation & Affirmation of Faith.  Officiant: The Bishop of Bradford	
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Jun	10.00am	Prayers for the Parish & World Church (Parish Rooms)	
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> Jun	11.00am	Summer Fair	
July			
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Jul	2.45pm	Kildwick School collective worship in church	
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Jul	3.00pm	CDFC Praise in the Park (Sutton Park)	
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Jul	All day	Quinquennial Inspection of the church	
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> Jul	6.30pm	PCC meeting (Kildwick School)	
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Jul	10.00am	Prayers for the Parish & World Church (Parish Rooms)	
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Jul	10.00am	Prayers for the Parish & World Church (Parish Rooms)	
September			
Tue 13 <sup>th</sup> Sep	6.30pm	PCC meeting (Parish Rooms)	
Thu 15 <sup>th</sup> Sep	7.30pm	CDFC Grief & Loss Support Group meeting (Parish Rooms)	
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Sep	7.30pm	Fellowship & Focus Group meeting (Parish Rooms)	
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> Sep	2.45pm	Kildwick School Harvest Festival service	
October			
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	10.00am	Harvest Festival Family Communion	

## Services at Kildwick

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Morning Prayer is said in the church Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 7.30am

Mid week Eucharist in the church on Wednesdays at 9.30am

2 June Ascension Day	7.30pm	Sung Holy Communion
5 June Seventh Sunday of Easter	8.15 am 10 am	Holy Communion Family Eucharist with baptism
12 June Pentecost	8.15 am 10 am	Holy Communion Baptism, Confirmation & Affirmation of Faith. Officiant: The Bishop of Bradford
19 June Trinity Sunday	8.15 am 10.00am	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist
26 June First Sunday after	8.15 am 10 am	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist

# **Ascension Day**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 7.30pm Sung Holy Communion



# From the registers

**Baptisms** 

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May Isla Jean Karakiozakis, daughter of Christopher & Lindsay, of

Mary Street, Farnhill

**Funeral** 

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May Connie Charter, of Newby Road, Farnhill

**Burial of Cremated Remains** 

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May Albert Brayshaw



Co-operatives Fortnight is the annual campaign from the UK co-operative sector. It aims to raise awareness of how co-operatives offer a way of doing business in which everyday employees, customers and residents have an equal say in decisions and share the profits. This year, the theme 'Yours To Share' represents the shared ownership

and the share in profits that makes co-operatives different.

Sponsored by key businesses in the co-operative sector and co-ordinated by Co-operatives UK, the national trade association for co-operatives, Co-operatives Fortnight ran for the first time in 2010. In its first year, over 160 events were held, 70,000 people got involved online, 2.3 million people were engaged overall and 43 million people heard about it from the media. This year Co-operatives Fortnight runs from 25<sup>th</sup> June to 9<sup>th</sup> July with the aim of showing how co-operatives help to build a better world by giving everyone a share of the profits and an equal say.

At the centre of this is the petition calling for government action to narrow the gap between rich and poor in the UK.

The gap between rich and poor is widening. One half of the UK population now owns just one percent of the wealth. A generation ago, they had twelve per cent.\*

Unlike bankers' bonuses, giving employees, consumers and residents a wider share of ownership and wealth is good for society and the economy.

Co-operatives and mutuals are businesses that are owned by members and share their profits.

The call on government is to support action to share ownership and wealth in a cooperative way by:

- encouraging business to share profits with staff, customers and communities more widely;
- promoting community ownership as one way to save lifeline services, such as village shops and pubs, and enable people to take action on housing, arts, sport, land, finance and green energy;
- cutting red tape so that it is as easy to start a co-operative as any other form of business

Co-operative enterprises help to build a better world. Co-operatives UK works to promote, develop and unite co-operative enterprises. It has a unique role as a trade association for co-operatives and its campaigns for co-operation, such as Co-operatives Fortnight, bring together all those with a passion and interest in co-operative action.

Any organisation supportive of co-operation and mutuality can join and there are many opportunities online for individuals to connect to the latest co-operative news, innovations and campaigns. All members benefit from specialist services and the chance to network with other co-operatives.

Members work across the economy, from high street consumer-owned co-operatives to pubs to football clubs, healthcare to agriculture, credit unions to community owned shops.

Together the co-operative economy is worth some £33.5 billion and has 12.9 million members. Co-operatives are the largest membership movement in the UK.

## Women's Institute News

This month's meeting of Glusburn & Crosshills WI was given over to a lively discussion of the topical issues of factory farming of cattle in so called "mega dairies" and the closure of our local libraries.

The arguments for and against each resolution were then put to the vote and the results will be carried forward for discussion at the National AGM in June.



Our guest speaker for the evening was Anne Harrison, the Vice Chair of the National Federation of WIs, who gave a very interesting account of the his-

tory of Denman College, the WI's home of cookery, craft and lifestyle courses in Oxfordshire. Anne encouraged everyone to consider attending a residential course at the college to develop new skills

and knowledge, start a new hobby or purely for pleasure. There are over 500 to choose from, including those offered by the famous WI cookery school, the college's "jewel in the crown"

If you would like the opportunity to meet new friends and take part in a varied programme of events, talks and outings, our local meetings are normally held on the first Tuesday of each month at the Crosshills

Rest Centre. Please call 01535 634207or 01535 634965 for details "



## **Praise in the Park**

3.00pm Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July "Praise in the Park" in Sutton Park. Come and sing some of your favourite hymns led by Silsden Town Band. If the weather is inclement, the service will take place in South Craven Baptist Church.



### Whalley Abbey away weekend

15 of us gathered at Whalley Abbey Conference centre for our annual weekend away.

The theme of the weekend was 'The Jesus Driven Life', a book by Michael Hardin, an American theologian. Each session was centred around a DVD of a talk given by Michael Hardin in his church.

We began with an excellent



evening meal which set the standard for the rest of the weekend. The first 4 sessions were based on chapter one of the book. The first session was titled Beginning with Jesus, and introduced us to some of the challenging ideas in the book. Compline followed and then we were free to chat or retire to our rooms (some bigger than others!!)

Most of us made the early morning Eucharist in the beautiful chapel and all of us made breakfast! The second session was called 'The great commandment' and began with Jesus' commandment to 'love one another with all your heart, soul, strength and mind', and introduced the theme of how Jesus interpreted the Hebrew scriptures, which may not have been the same as our Old Testament. The third session was called 'Jesus' Abba' and looked at the concept of a loving non-violent God who does not require sacrifice. After lunch we were free to relax. The more energetic of us went walking in the grounds or surrounding countryside, dodging the rain showers. We gathered after tea for the fourth session on 'The life of the Kingdom of God' which looked at new ways of reading the Sermon on the mount. After the evening meal we gathered for a highly entertaining cabaret. Compline followed and we were then free to relax and chat before bed.

On Sunday after breakfast we began the second chapter of the book, 'How Jesus read his bible' with our final session 'Discovering the beloved God'. This was based around the Jesus' sermon at Nazareth and how it could be understood in quite a different light if we read the Old Testament the way Jesus did.

The Eucharist in the chapel was particularly meaningful as we shared our thoughts on the challenges of the weekend. Many of us felt that we would like to continue on the journey we had begun with the themes of the weekend and we hope there will be opportunities to do so in the near future.

Some of the comments on the weekend

- With a challenging Course, excellent fellowship, an amazing DIY cabaret, superb food and meaningful worship, the Parish Weekend was a thoroughly worthwhile event.
- Time for Reflection, Reassessment and Re-formation.
- A challenging time—made me re-think many ideas I have held for a long time.

- Has left me feeling 'uncomfortable' and challenged.
- I want to know more, I need to read the book!

On a lighter note one of our number felt inspired to pen the following:-

We've ventured into Lancashire, and arrived at Whalley Abbey. Libba in her sporty car, but she's no Candy Cabby. The food is good and we're well fed. For spiritual food by Robin we're led The rooms are great, some have slept well We look out on ruins with a story to tell Once monks lived in this place But for the weekend it's become our base It's brought us together and we've had fun Even though we've had no sun We've had lots of discussion and different ideas We voiced our hopes and sometimes our fears We've come to know each other better than before And some have needed help to rise from chair to floor!

The Jesus driven life we've watched on DVD
Time will tell if united we can be
For not all agree with what the speaker says
But we all find God in a variety of ways
So the serious, the funny, binds us as one
And if the going gets tough we'll help each other on
This weekends given us, precious times of quiet
But certainly no time to try out a diet!
Much we have learned, and much we've been given
But only Jesus knows if our lives by Him are driven
For it's easy to love each other, but here comes the rub,
Do we love our enemies or the brawler in the pub?
But fear not little flock continue to take heart
And the Jesus driven life is a good place to start.

So Sunday dawned what was in store?
Another good breakfast that's for sure
Robin' topped up on caffeine set up for the day
Now he could cope come what may.
We gathered in the Chapel for the Eucharistic meal
And shared together, how the studies made us feel
We sang our hearts out, in hymns of joy and praise
And hopefully a joyful sound, to the roof did raise.
Something happened in that place, in a powerful way
Where it eventually leads us to is for another day.

Anon

# **Church Spring Clean & Churchyard Tidy Up**

This event was very successful. Over the 3 days we had 28 helpers. Total of person hours spent working was in excess of 200 hours.

The church was prepared prior to cleaning by

- Covering large items
- Stacking chairs
- Packing smaller items into boxes.

#### All areas were then

- Swept
- Dusted
- Washed and scrubbed
- Vacuumed
- Polished

#### This included

- Chancel
- Lady Chapel
- Vestries
- Bell tower
- Porch

#### Outside work included

- Clearing the air drains, boiler house steps, gutterings, paths and steps
- Tending garden
- Weed treating paths
- Repair and painting of notice boards

#### Materials involved were

- 5 litres of liquid floor polish
- Wood and varnish for notice boards
- Large quantities of cleaning materials (which were donated)
- Innumerable cups of tea, coffee and scones, cakes and biscuits

The atmosphere throughout was one of happy participation which I consider a good way of giving in grace.

Helen Hulley

Thank you Helen and your team for all you did, and for all the cakes, scones, biscuit and cups of tea and coffee you provided, well done everyone.





# **Cross Hill Naturalists' Society**

#### www.crosshillsnats.co.uk

Affiliations: Yorkshire Naturalists' Union, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust



#### **SUMMER PROGRAMME 2011**

#### **Microscope Meetings:**

Take place on the second Thursday of each month 18.45 to 21.00 at the Senior Citizens Centre, North Street, Sutton-in-Craven BD20 7HA

Annual Subscription: Adults £6.00 Juniors 10 pence

Wednesday Botanical Ramble in the Kildwick/Farnhill area, in- Jean Kendrew

1<sup>st</sup> June **cluding The Arbour. Wednesday 1st June** 

Meet 13.00 Kildwick Church

Max distance 3 miles steep terrain in The Arbour

Wednesday Botanical Walk in limestone area focussing upon Alison Evans

15<sup>th</sup> June **FERNS** 

Meet 13.30 hours at Victoria Road, Cross Hills with cars or

Meet at O/S ref: SD 835659 at 14.30

Moderate to rough walking boots required approx 3 miles

Sunday 19<sup>h</sup> **Summer Sunrise** Allan

June Meet Co-op Car Park, Cross Hills **03.30 hours** *with cars* Butterfield

Meet Co-op Car Park, Cross Hills **03.30 hours** with cars
Contact Leader to confirm 01535 634140

Wednesday **Himalayan Balsam Pull** Mrs. Beaufoy 29<sup>th</sup> June Meet 10.00 hours at Victoria Road, Cross Hills with cars

Meet 10.00 hours at Victoria Road, Cross Hills with cars Wellingtons & Black bags essential, gloves if needed. Followed by optional lunch at the Dog and Gun

# Church Rotas

2 June Ascension Day	First Reading - Acts 1.1-11 Second Reading - Ephesians 1.15-23 Gospel - Luke 24.44-53	
5 June 10am Family Eucharist with baptism, Seventh Sunday of Easter	First Reading - Acts 1.6-14 Second Reading - 1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11 Gospel - John 17.1-11	
12 June 10am Baptism, Confirmation & Affirmation of Faith Pentecost	First Reading - Acts 2.1-21 Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13 Gospel - John 20.19-23	Glyn Evans Michael Baumber Lesley Hudson
19 June Trinity Sunday	First Reading - Isaiah 40.12-17,27-31 Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 13.11-13 Gospel - Matthew 28.16-20	Lance Peake Christine Anderton Stephen Westcott
26 June First Sunday after Trinity	First Reading - Jeremiah 28.5-9 Second Reading - Romans 6.12-end Gospel - Matthew 10.40-end	Ruth Ward Jennifer Roberts Marie Stinson

**Brass Cleaning:** Jennifer Roberts and Joyce Bonham

# **Church Cleaning:**

June: Lesley Hudson, Libba Utley, Christine Anderton

July: Helen Hulley, Rosie Hargreaves, Sylvia Ackroyd



Flower Rota		
5th	Mrs.Houghton	
12th	Mrs. Anderton	
19th	Mr. Doult	
26th	Mrs.Boden	



Date	Sidesperson	Intercessor	Communion
5 June 10am Family Eucharist with baptism, Seventh	Joan and Barry Houghton David and Marian Baxter		Christine and Michael
12 June 10am Baptism, Confirmation & Afirmation of Faith	Marie Stinson Peter McNeill		Sue and Tim
19 June Trinity Sunday	Christine Anderton Ann Mosley June Whitaker	Marie Stinson	Christine and John
26 June First Sunday after Trinity	Libba Utley Michael Baxter Sandie Walton	Lesley Hudson	Sandie and Michael

# **Giving In Grace Prayer**

Heavenly Father give grace to us, the living stones who form your Church,

to reflect prayerfully at this special time

on our love for You and our neighbour.

Make us mindful of the many gifts You bestow upon us and we ask that your Holy Spirit will inspire and direct us in our choice of giving remembering that we are only giving back that which is truly yours.

Strengthen us Lord to meet this challenge according to your will.

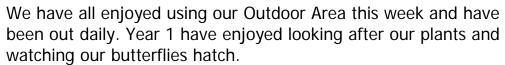
Through Jesus Christ our Lord who has given all that we may live.

**Amen** 



# Kildwick CE Primary School Striving for Excellence and Promoting Christian Values

#### Class 1



We have also made a beautiful new display inside with Miss Stretch.

Please could you bring in any duvet covers/old sheets for Den making. Also could Class 1 and 2 please ask if you can spare a few 'butterfly attracting' plants! These are for our butterflies that are hatching because they will need releasing very soon.



#### Class 2

This week we have written our fantastic Mr Benn stories and he really has been on many of exciting adventures! In numeracy we have been solving problems using multiplication or repeated addition. Our Growing Plants topic continues by looking into the conditions that plants need to grow healthily. There is a super game on the BBC Science website that the children enjoyed.

#### Class 3 and Class 4

Huge well done to all the children in Years 3, 4 and 5 who have completed all their SATs this week. They all worked so hard and deserve a relaxing weekend. There will be no homework now until after half term, when we are back into the normal routine.

#### Class 5

Hurray, SATS are completed! The children have applied themselves brilliantly this week and should feel very proud of the attitude they have displayed – I certainly am. Humphrey Head, here we come!



Thursday afternoons from 2pm in
St Andrew's Parish Rooms.

Come and join us for a cup of tea and a chat.

Books, clothes and bric-a- brac for sale.

All welcome.

# FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL SUMMARY OF DRAFT MINUTES

The annual meeting of Farnhill Parish Council was held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2011 in Kildwick/ Farnhill Institute. The meeting was chaired by Counc. Ian Fulton, Six members of the council were present and two members of the public.

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

Counc. I Fulton was nominated for Chairman for the coming year and Counc G Harling was nominated for Vice Chair.

Times of meetings were fixed for the coming year and will take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in every month with no meeting in August. The meetings will be held in the downstairs room, providing availability is confirmed by the Institute Booking Agent.

The Chairman reported that it had been a year of change with several new Councillor's. The Council were aiming to be more open and accessible and this had been achieved through the creation of a web site. He reported that the work on the Play Area should start shortly and that plans were being put in place for work on Lower Arbour and an assessment of Street Lighting.

A member of the public reported that she lived half way up Mary Street and it was very dark up there and asked the Parish Council if they would be willing to put an extra Street Light up. She stated that there was also a double kerb with a high step which made it difficult in the dark. She said other residents on Mary Street had also complained to her about how dark it was. The Parish Council informed her that they had organized for North Yorkshire Street Lighting to carry out an assessment of all the lights in the village and they would have a word with them about the costings for an extra light. She also complained about the state of the streets and said that the only time they were swept is after the snow & ice to clear the salt. She was also concerned about the speed of traffic as they came through the tunnel and up Main Street. The Parish Council informed her that this is an ongoing problem and the Council are aware of it, but it is difficult to do anything about. The police have said if the vehicle numbers of any speeding vehicles were reported they would have a word with the people responsible.

A member of the public not present at the meeting had written to the Parish Council to ask if a tree at the Arbour which was blocking the light from her house could be cut back. Counc's I Fulton & Counc G Simon are to take a look at the tree and have a word with the lady.

NYCC are to remark the lining on the A629 Kildwick roundabout in June and the Parish Council discussed improvements that might make the roundabout safer. Clerk to report to NYCC that they feel that the lining should be remarked as it is now, the roundabout would benefit from additional signage to make people more aware of the Kildwick turn off and it would help if the trees between the Skipton & Kildwick exits were trimmed.

NYCC Rep Counc P Mulligan was not present, but he reported that he was expecting the updated road statistics for the A629 by the middle of May and is aiming to get the road safety campaign going by early June. Clerk to inform him that the Parish Council will support him in any way they can as it is of extreme importance to get some action to improve safety both for traffic and pedestrians as soon as possible.

The Parish Council reported that there had recently been another accident on the A629,

but after the talks with Chris Craven & the Police at the Annual Parish Meeting, the diversion signs for the one way system at Kildwick/Farnhill had been put into action more quickly than on other occasions.

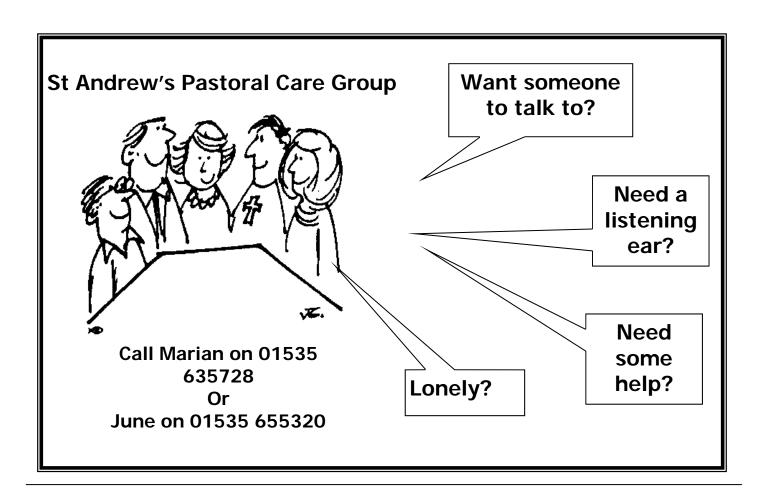
A reply has been received from D Wilson the Maintenance Manager at NYCC regarding the maintenance issues reported by the Clerk. He states they are constantly attending to potholes but alas with significantly less resources than would be preferred so it is possible that some potholes will be in a poor state for some time.

He has asked his inspector to bear the missing signs in mind, but they may not at the present time take a high priority.

A copy of the receipts & payments account and supporting statement for the year ended March 31<sup>st</sup> 2011 was provided to all members by the clerk. The Accounting Statement for the Annual Return year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March was approved and signed by the Council. Clerk to send the accounts in for the Internal Audit.

A draft copy of the Financial Risk Assessment was provided by Counc D Atkinson to be approved at the next meeting.

# DATE OF NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2011 IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL INSTITUTE AT 7.30PM All members of the village are welcome to attend



#### **SOUTH CRAVEN WALKING 4 HEALTH GROUP**

Andy Glen Walks Coordinator

There are some 600 health walk schemes throughout the UK. They aim to encourage people who are sedentary to take part in a pleasant but gentle physical activity, i.e. walking. There clear health benefits from walking as walking at any pace can help:

- Reduce weight and helps maintain weight loss
- Improve levels of cholesterol
- Reduce high blood pressure
- Improve muscle strength
- Improve coordination and balance so reducing risks of falls
- Relieve depression and anxiety.

Set up in June 2008 **South Craven Walking for Health Group** is an <u>Accredited Scheme</u> because of the quality and type of walks we offer. This means that we are recognised nationally as being able to offer walks that are appropriate to people with a range of different health needs. The walks specifically cater for people who need to undertake regular exercise for health reasons. Both short, low gradient walks and slightly longer walks on more challenging terrain are offered. Trained voluntary walk leaders lead our walks that meet health and safety insurance standards and we offer walks for beginners. There are similar groups based in Skipton and Settle.

We are a friendly and mutually supportive group who enjoy our splendid local scenery and wildlife and share heritage knowledge. We have close links with local health professionals including at the local health centre and with community and voluntary organisations in the area.

#### The Walks

The group meets weekly at 9.30am on **MONDAYS** at various local locations in South Craven.

We have <u>20 short local walks</u> mapped out that take place in and around Farnhill and Kildwick and also in Crosshills, Glusburn, Sutton-in-Craven, Cowling, Cononley, Bradley, and Silsden. 'Day Walks' are also offered on a monthly basis throughout most of the year when we travel further afield, e.g. Bolton Abbey, Haworth Upper Wharfedale.

Walks are carefully planned and led by trained Voluntary Walk Leaders. All walks are risk assessed in advance. We are able to offer walks that accommodate people's varying health needs and abilities within the Walks' Programme. For our walkers, the benefits are clear:

'Its good exercise & social contact',

'We have excellent leadership, acceptance of being able to go at own pace and distance ...variation excellent'

'Its made me get up on Monday mornings',

'I've met lots of nice new friends + health benefits of moving better' 'Health improvement & fitness, friendship and interesting places I've never seen' 'Feeling good and enjoying the beautiful countryside'.

If you are interested and want further information. please contact:

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**South Craven Walking 4 Health** website via *'Walk Finder'* on: www.wfh.naturalengland.org.uk

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

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

### Glusburn Luncheon Club

Tired of cooking every day or eating on your own?

Why not come along and have your lunch at Glusburn Institute Baths Hall every Wednesday at 12 noon.

2-course hot lunch and a cup of

tea for only £3.00

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Ring Val 633052 or Margaret 634207

# **Tea and Scones**

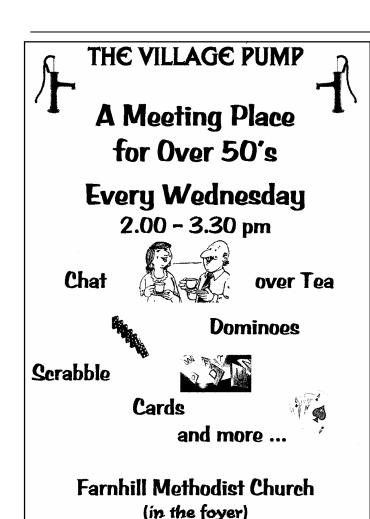


We will be again serving Tea and Scones the Parish Rooms, next to Kildwick Church every Sunday afternoon from 2.30pm until 4.30pm, beginning on 8th May until the end of September.

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

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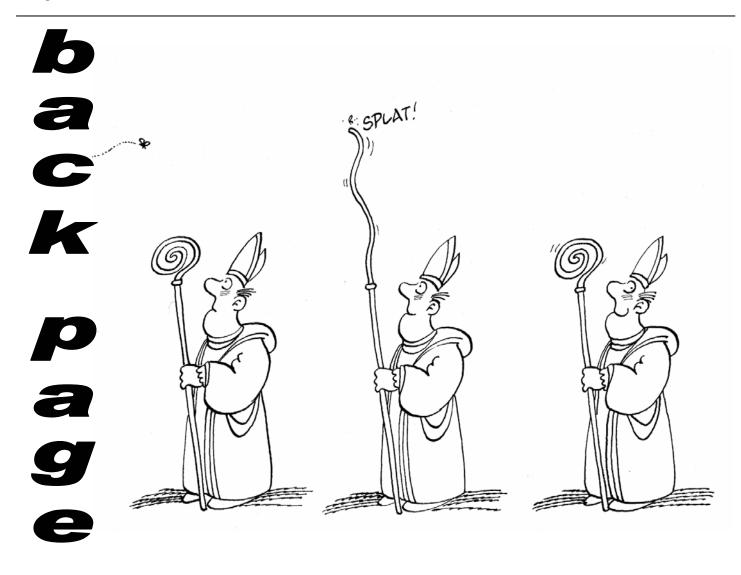
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