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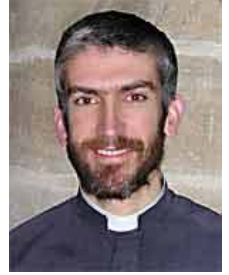
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Parish Mission Statement

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

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The Vicar's letter.....



Dear friends,

Why did Jesus die? This is the big question as we journey on through Lent towards Easter. We continue to ponder the mystery of our Lord's death and resurrection and wonder what God wants to teach us and show us.

Looking at it in human terms, the answer to the question is fairly straightforward. Jesus was killed because he was challenging the power of the political and religious leaders of the day. His preaching was considered too radical, too revolutionary; and we know what those in government are prone to do to revolutionaries – fight back and remove them from the scene!

People in power don't like it when someone tries to usurp their position! People don't like it when the old, traditional ways are challenged, when change is suggested, when life becomes uncomfortable!

Looking at the death of Jesus in God's terms, the answer may not seem so straightforward. Historically people believed in the need to make sacrifices to appease the gods as the means of assuring their protection. At first these would have been human sacrifices; later this changed to animal sacrifices.

But in the Old Testament it is clear that "the sacrifice of God is a broken and contrite heart", not the execution of animals or human beings (or even of the incarnate Word). The prophets spoke a time when God's own servant would give up his own life willingly out of love for the people.

There certainly is a notion of sacrifice in the Cross - where Christ freely chooses to suffer in order to prove once and for all that love (divine love) is stronger even than death.

This is the difference and it is so important for us to grasp. The death of Jesus is not about satisfying the wrath of God, but about God reaching out to humankind with a revolutionary love, a radical grace.

True love cannot desire eternal punishment, only eternal forgiveness. True love does involve judgement: but not the judgement imposed on us by someone else, but rather the judgement that we impose on ourselves as we come to realise how unloving and unforgiving we so often are!

From the Cross God gives us a new vision of love and invites us to a new understanding of how we can love – each other, ourselves and, of course, God.

Someone once asked God how much he loves us. God stretched out his arms and said, "This much"!

As God embraces us in all our suffering, so may we embrace each other in all our suffering, loving and forgiving in a way that brings healing and new life to the world.

May the God of love make himself known to you again this Easter as you celebrate the joy of the resurrection of our Lord.

Robin

The Ministry of the Church through Funerals

An important part of the ministry of the local Church is often referred to as that of 'hatch, match and despatch'. Baptisms, weddings and funerals are known collectively as 'Occasional Offices' and are done alongside the regular pattern of services and other activities of the church.

Over the next 3 months I am going to write a little about each of these occasional offices. I am going to begin, perhaps interestingly, with funerals.

Unlike the other two occasional offices, funerals are not planned a long time ahead! Often the first I will know of the need for a funeral is a phone call from the funeral director who has been contacted by a member of the family of the person who has died. The request will invariably be for a service to take place during the next 10 days or so.

Where there can be some flexibility regarding the day and time of the service it is very likely that I will be able to take the service either in the church or at the crematorium.

Sometimes it is the case that due to the needs of the deceased's family the day and time of the funeral service has already been fixed when I am contacted by the funeral director. Unfortunately, in these cases, it may not be possible for me to take the service due to prior commitments in my diary which cannot be moved. When this is so, the funeral director will arrange for another local minister to take the service.

If I am to take the service I will contact the deceased's family and arrange to visit them at home. This initial visit is an important time to meet the family, to hear the story of the deceased's life and to discuss in detail the funeral service – choice of music, hymns, readings, personal tribute by a family member or friend, etc.

It is, of course, helpful when some, or all, of these details have already been chosen by the deceased prior to their death. There is certainly nothing morbid about planning your own funeral service! I would encourage you to do this, sharing the conversation with close family.

After a funeral service I and/or a member of our local fellowship of churches' Grief & Loss Support Group will be in touch with the next of kin of the deceased to offer continuing support as appropriate.

Each year during the Easter season we hold a Service of Thanksgiving for Departed Family and Friends and all are very welcome to this service at which we light candles in memory of those we love but see no longer. This year the service will be at 6.00pm Sunday 27th April.

In conclusion, please know that the ministry to the dying and the bereaved is an important part of the ministry of the Church; I have always felt it a privilege to be invited to share in people's lives at such times.

I will continue to officiate at funeral services and do all I can to support people in their time of loss. (Any rumours to the contrary are, I assure you, untrue!)

Robin Figg

Diocesan Day - 2008

When is it? Saturday, April 12th.

Where is it? Bradford Grammar School.

What's it all about? Going for Growth.

Who's it for? Everyone!

Yes Diocesan Day is here again - a great opportunity to gather together as a Diocesan family to celebrate, worship and learn. Our first Day in 2006 put the emphasis on young people; the second one focussed on caring for God's earth and His people. This year we are looking at mission.

Paul Bayes is the National Mission & Evangelism Officer and his keynote address will hopefully offer us a big picture of what's going on up and down the country. Then there will be over 25 seminars looking at different ideas and strategies for encouraging growth - not just numerical growth but growth in spirituality and discipleship too.



Some seminars will address very practical topics such as how to make the most of Back-to-Church Sunday or how to run a nurture course while others will look at such diverse subjects as Leading Your Church into Growth, Fasting, Drug-Proofing your Kids, the God Delusion, Internet Discipleship, Fresh Expressions, Faith Sharing.... and much more!

There are 600 places at Diocesan Day but if the last two years are anything to go by they will all be taken so don't delay! Brochures and booking forms are available from clergy, PCC secretaries or the Diocesan Office. You can also book online by going to:

<http://events.dowson.eom>

Rydal Hall- A Weekend Away Friday 16 to Sunday 18 May 2008

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



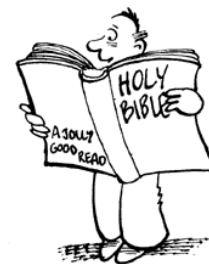
The programme for the weekend will be a relaxed mixture of worship, talks & discussions, fellowship and free time. The speaker will be the Revd Canon Ken Medhurst from Oxenhope. Ken will be helping us think about the Christian faith through films.

The cost will be £125 full board, from Friday supper to Sunday teatime. For more information please pick up a leaflet in church or the parish rooms or contact the Vicar, Robin Figg, 633307. **To book a place please send a £20 deposit to Robin at The Vicarage as soon as possible.**

BIBLE HISTORY

This is part 1 the next series of articles written by Michael Baumber

THE KING OF THE SOUTH



In the early 4th century BC a new power appeared on the political scene. Macedon successfully threw off the Persian yoke and then under its king, Philip, conquered Greece.

When Philip was murdered in 336 BC he was succeeded by his son, Alexander the Great. In 331 BC Alexander defeated the Persian king, Darius III, at Gaugamela and over the next eight years he conquered the entire Persian empire. When he died at Babylon in 323 BC his conquests were divided between his generals. At first there were no less than 14 but they soon reduced to three and then to two. Egypt and Coele-Syria, as Palestine was known at the time, fell to Ptolemy. He was the king of the South of Daniel 11.

For the vast majority of the population the change from Persian to Egyptian rule was a harsh one. Some of the inhabitants were taken by Ptolemy I as slaves to Egypt and employed on building his new capital, Alexandria. Taxes were high and collected by tax farmers who added their own profits to what they took. In compensation none of the Ptolemies interfered with the Jerusalem temple and they even had their tax collectors collect the temple tax.

Ptolemy II also suppressed a Jewish temple at Elephantine in Egypt which the Jerusalem priests considered to be a rival and it is in this period that stories of the fabled wealth of the temple began to circulate. The Jews seem generally to have welcomed the change of masters because there is evidence of a revolt against the Persians, the leaders of which were exiled to Hyrcania near the Caspian Sea. The Samaritans did not and a rebellion in Alexander's lifetime was put down harshly, the inhabitants of Samaria being expelled from the city and replaced by Greek colonists. Galilee was also influenced. Tyre and Sidon on the coast with which it had close trading links, together with the port of Acco, renamed Ptolemais, were reconstituted as Greek cities. Galilee itself already had one Greek city, Scythopolis, and another, Philoteria, was added at the southern end of the lake.

Slaves were not the only Jews in Egypt. The community created in Babylonian times was now augmented by large numbers of voluntary migrants, leading to racial tensions between it and the Greek and Egyptian inhabitants. A stream of virulent anti-semitic propaganda emerged, largely from Egyptian sources, fanned by the priest, Manetho. By this time too Hebrew had ceased to be a spoken language even in Palestine where Aramaic had taken its place. So, both to counter the propaganda and to instruct Egyptian Jews, a new Greek version of the scriptures was produced known as the Septuagint. The name comes from the story that Ptolemy II invited 70 scholars (or 72 in some versions) to Alexandria to make the translation. It is from this time too that the 'persecution' novellas Esther, Judith and Tobit (last two in the Apocrypha) appear to date.

Next month THE KING OF THE NORTH



NEWS FROM THE CROSS HILLS & DISTRICT FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES



Women's World Day of Prayer Service, 7.30pm Friday 7th March at St Peter's Church, Cross Hills

This year's ecumenical service will be held at St Peter's Church, Cross Hills. It has been prepared by the Christian women of Guyana and the theme is 'God's wisdom provides new understanding'. The speaker will be The Revd Charlotte Common. Both men and women are welcome at this service. More information from Marjorie Gee, 630060.

CDFC Hunger Lunch for Lent, 12 noon Sunday 9th March at St Peter's Church, Cross Hills

All are welcome to this simple soup & roll lunch. There will be a free will offering for Christian Aid.

CDFC United Service, 6.00pm Sunday 9th March at St Peter's Church, Cross Hills

This service will include the Stations of the Cross and Lenten hymns.

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Lent, Holy Week & Easter

We continue our journey through Lent, our journey with Jesus to the Cross. Lent is a time for prayerful reflection on the meaning of our Lord's Passion. All Christians are encouraged to observe a 'Holy Lent' by a disciplined pattern of prayer and worship, reading and reflection. An increasingly popular aid to this reflection is the service of Stations of the Cross. The service lasts 30 minutes and takes place each Friday at 12.30pm in church. All are encouraged to experience this service at least once during Lent.

Holy Week is the most important of all weeks in the Christian calendar and, again, all Christians are encouraged to join in with as much of Holy Week as possible. Of particular importance is experiencing the great period from Maundy Thursday through to Easter Day. It is only by experiencing the sorrow of the Cross on Good Friday that we can most fully experience the joy of the empty tomb on Easter Day.

On Maundy Thursday and Easter Eve the preacher will be the Revd John Peet, Vicar of Cononley & Bradley.

Holy Week & Easter Services

Sunday 16th March – Palm Sunday

8.15am Blessing of Palms and Holy Communion

10.00am Blessing of Palms, Procession (from Barretts Bridge, Priestbank Road) and Holy Communion. *Those who prefer not to process meet in church for Blessing of Palms.*

6.00pm Said Evening Prayer

Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th March

12.30pm Stations of the Cross

7.30pm Meditative Service

Thursday 20th March – Maundy Thursday

7.30pm Eucharist of the Last Supper followed by vigil of prayer until 11pm (Preacher: The Revd John Peet)

Friday 21st March – Good Friday

10.00am Procession of witness from St Andrew's to Cross Hills for...

10.30am United Service at St Peter's Methodist Church.

12 noon Prayer around the cross until...

2.00pm Liturgy of the Cross

7.30pm Ecumenical Devotional Service (St Thomas' Church, Sutton)

Saturday 22nd March – Easter Eve

8.30pm Easter Vigil and Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Sunday 23rd March – Easter Day

6.00am Ecumenical Sunrise Service at Farnhill Pinnacle

8.15am Holy Communion

10.00am Family Holy Communion and Renewal of Baptismal Vows (followed by Easter Egg hunt)

6.00pm Celebration Songs of Praise

Annual Revision of the Church Electoral Roll

Each year we revise our Electoral Roll. Those on the Roll are signifying, firstly, a commitment to the Church of England. Secondly, they signify an undertaking to the Parish of St Andrew, Kildwick. This undertaking should indicate a willingness to make a contribution to the life of the Church. Such a contribution does not just mean 'giving money', although our church does need such a resource, but ideally giving of yourself, for the sake of God's Kingdom. Application forms for the Electoral Roll are available in church.

All persons who wish to have their names entered on the new Roll, whether their names are entered on the present Roll or not, must apply for enrolment not later than Sunday 6th April 2007. The new Roll will come into operation on Sunday 13th April 2007. Forms of application for enrolment can be obtained from the church or from the electoral roll officer, Christine Anderton, 6 Airedale View, Cross Hills.

Only those persons on the electoral roll will be able to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 27th April.

Annual Church Meetings – Sunday 27th April

The Annual Meetings which take place next month following the 10am Parish Communion on Sunday 27th are important occasions in the life of a parish. At the meetings we elect those who will share in the leadership of the parish for the coming year and we have the opportunity to reflect together on the past year and to help think about the future life of God's church in this parish.

At the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (open to everyone resident in the parish and those on the electoral roll) we will elect our two churchwardens for the coming year.

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (open to those on the electoral roll) we will elect 2 persons to serve on the Deanery Synod (for a period of 3 years), 2 persons to serve on the Cross Hills & District Fellowship of Churches Council (for a period of 1 year) and 3 people to serve on the Parochial Church Council (to serve for a period of 3 years). To share in the leadership of the parish is an important function and everyone is encouraged to prayerfully consider if they are being called by God to serve in this way.

We hope as many members of our church community as possible will come to our Annual Meetings. Please book the date in your diary.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

Sunday 13 th January	Toby Keith Lister, daughter of Stephen & Suzanne of Clayton Hall Road, Cross Hills
Sunday 10 th February	Isobel Grace Smith, daughter of Robert & Nicola of Priest Bank Road, Kildwick

Isobel's page

Every month at St Andrew's we sing the most popular song in the English Language- 'Happy Birthday to you' - when people who have birthdays in that month receive a card and a candle. Two American schoolteacher sisters, living in Kentucky, wrote it in 1893 intending it to be a classroom greeting entitled 'Good Morning to all'



We surprised Canon Edward with our rendition of it at his surprise party in January and as John, a member of our choir, had a special birthday, too, the week after, at his party again the song came into its own. They were in good company for in May 1962 Marilyn Munroe sang it to President J.F. Kennedy and apparently Stravinsky, having been introduced to the tune, when, to his bafflement an orchestra with whom he was rehearsing, played it for one of their members, arranged a variation of the tune. So as you may gather the start of 2008 involved us, at Kildwick, with two really lovely parties.

Everyone likes a party and thinking about it there are lots of stories in the Bible about parties.

Jesus' first miracle at Cana happened at a party- a wedding party. Picture the scene- in those days apparently hospitality was a sacred duty and a feast followed a wedding and for such a feast wine was essential but at this particular wedding the wine ran out- a catastrophe. If the guests had discovered this it would probably have meant humiliation for the bride and groom and their families.

Any organiser of a party does not want to run short of anything- I can vouch for that! The numbers at Edward's party grew and grew- of course they would because he is loved and respected by so many people- and I wanted everybody to have a good 'tuck in'. I need not have worried- our ladies rose to the challenge and eight tables absolutely groaning with food ensured we too had a feast. However you can imagine how the organisers at that Cana wedding, Mary, Jesus' mother among them, felt when they realised the wine had run out. Then Jesus comes to the rescue and turns the water into wine and apparently it wasn't your basis 'plonk'- the steward said that they had saved the best wine until the last- it was your superb Bordeaux or the best Shiraz from South Eastern Australia- what a party!

Jesus tells parables about parties too. When the shepherd found the sheep he had lost he calls his friends and neighbours to celebrate with him. Then there's the party when the woman loses a coin and after sweeping the house from top to bottom finds it and asks her neighbours to rejoice with her. Perhaps the best known party takes place with the return of the Prodigal Son. That must have been really something because a fatted calf was killed and that probably meant the biggest celebration, a really big party.

I read recently about a party with a difference in Honolulu. A professor who was a Christian was there attending a Christian conference and on his first night, not being able to sleep, got up in the middle of the night and made his way to a local coffee shop. In an empty café he ordered coffee and something to eat but it was not long before the place began to fill up with women- women who, in his hearing, began to discuss their night's work- for they were all women who worked the streets. Listening to their conversation he

heard one of them say that tomorrow would be her birthday and she would be thirty nine. Her companion, in quite a nasty way, replied by asking her what she thought she could do about it- did she want her to organise a party and sing 'Happy Birthday?' The first woman looked quite downcast as she said that she was only 'just saying' and that she had never had a birthday party.

The professor waited until all the women had dispersed and asked the proprietor if the same women came in at the same time every night. When he was told they did he began to arrange a surprise birthday party. He would come early and decorate the café- the owner would make a cake and he would also get word round the streets for the other women to come a little earlier and then they would be there before the birthday girl. So it was that, at three thirty in the morning, all was ready and when the woman came through the door she was greeted, just like Edward and John had been greeted, with everyone singing 'Happy Birthday'

When the birthday cake was carried through it was all too much for her and she broke down and cried. Everyone stood motionless not really knowing what to do and then the professor, surrounded by an astonished coffee shop owner and a dozen prostitutes prayed for her and prayed that God would watch over and protect them all. As he finished the prayer the proprietor leaned over the counter and asked the professor what kind of church did he belong to.

The professor answered 'The kind of church that throws parties for prostitutes at three in the morning'

I bet Jesus would approve for, like Him, who by producing more wine than could be drunk- wine of the highest quality, introduced abundance, joy and fellowship, the professor brought the same to someone who had little experience of those things.

Yes- Jesus will certainly approve!

2 March Mothering Sunday

There is an old Jewish saying: *God could not be everywhere, and therefore He made mothers.*

Mother Church, Mother Earth, Mother of the Gods - our human mothers - all of them have been part of the celebration of 'Mothering Sunday' - as the fourth Sunday in Lent is affectionately known.

In Roman times, great festivals were held every Spring to honour Cybele, Mother of all the Gods. Other pagan festivals in honour of Mother Earth were also celebrated. With the arrival of Christianity, the festival became one honouring Mother Church.

During the Middle Ages, young people apprenticed to craftsmen or working as 'live-in' servants were allowed only one holiday a year on which to visit their families - which is how 'Mothering Sunday' got its name. This special day became a day of family rejoicing, and the Lenten fast was broken. In some places the day was called Simnel Day, because of the sweet cakes called simnel cakes traditionally eaten on that day.

The Simnel cake dates back many hundreds of years. It's mentioned in a verse from the 17th century:

*I'll to thee a Simnell bring
'Gainst thou go'st a mothering,
So that, when she blesseth thee,
Half that blessing thou'll give to me*



Page of Prayer

EASTER

How terrible it must have been for the disciples to think that Jesus was dead! But with the dawn of another day comes hope, opportunity and new beginnings. Not just any day but the day of resurrection.



Jesus is Alive.

As the morning light arrives, there is new life, a fresh start, all things are possible today. The tomb is empty, our Easter faith begins. Again and again, God lifts us up to new heights of joy and praise.

Jesus is Alive.

Let us go forward in the knowledge and power that Christ has overcome death, defeated its grasp, transformed its darkness and leads us forward with newness of life.

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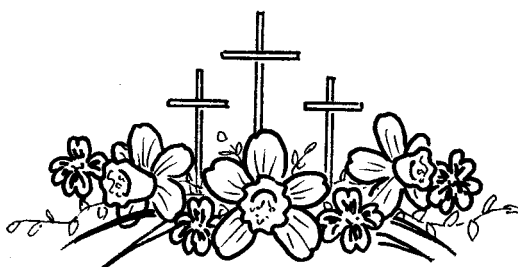
We pray that today's good news may reach the ears of men and women in every part of the world.

May they see that evil has not conquered good, nor hatred proved stronger than love,

Nor the light been overcome by darkness.

Father we ask that this resurrection which is for all of us may be re-enacted over and

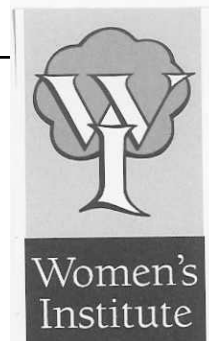
Over in countless human hearts.



The Lang Kirk 21 Prayer

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

Women's Institute News



WI News - Glusburn and Cross Hills WI - February meeting

At the beginning of our meeting on 5th February members paid their subscriptions for the coming year.

The Federation mailing included notices of the Healthy Living Day, a Cream Tea canal cruise, the Federation 21st Birthday Celebration and the Spring Walk.

Our speaker was Cath Raynor. She told us about the Craven District Handyman Scheme and other benefits offered, many to older members. Her talk was very informative and particularly helpful to some members.

A raffle was held in aid of Manorlands.

Forthcoming events included the Federation Darts Tournament on 10th March, in which we have entered two teams, lunch at The Beeches, Keighley on 18th March and a shared meeting with Sutton WI at St Peter's on 14th July. Margaret Golightly will attend the Annual General Meeting in Liverpool, accompanied by Margaret Rowley as a visitor. Plans were discussed for celebrating our club's Diamond Anniversary this year.

The speaker at our next meeting on 4th March will be Kathy Liddle, her subject Silsden and Local History. Visitors and new members will be welcome.

Can You help?

As many of our readers will know access to Kildwick Church for those with limited mobility is very difficult if not impossible. If you are a wheelchair user you can get in via some portable ramps but if you cannot managed steps and do not use a wheelchair then the ramps are no help at all. (they are not that brilliant when you do have a wheelchair!!). We know that there are members of our church family who now are not able to attend church because of this access problem.

Come the alterations to the church the problem will be solved but in the mean time it is sad to think that some people are excluded from worshipping in our church. We have given this much thought and have decided that a temporary solution would be to provide a wheelchair in the church for the use of those who need it.

If anyone could loan/donate a wheelchair that we could use we would be extremely grateful. Please contact Lesley Hudson on 01535 633887 or email lesley.hudson@kildwick.org.uk



Fellowship & Focus Group

The Fellowship & Focus Group will once again meet on Monday 10th March at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Rooms to watch the DVD "**Changing Lives**". **Changing Lives for Good** and **Changing Lives by Loving** are the two remaining topics. Come and join us and be inspired as you watch and hear stories from ordinary people who are changing the lives of individuals, groups and communities. Discuss situations in our community where can we help to make changes for good. For further information contact Sandie Walton 01535 636501



Luncheon Club

If you are retired, why not join us at the luncheon Club to enjoy a meal and meet up with friends.

At Glusburn Institute on Wednesdays
For information ring Val Harrison on 01535 633052

Pattern of Services – Winter Routine

This winter we will be making the same changes to our services as last year during November to March inclusive. The following services will take place in the Parish Rooms;-

- All Wednesday 9.15am Eucharists;
- All Sunday evening 6.00pm services



Cross Hill Naturalists' Society (Founded 1904)

March Events

- Saturday 8th **Duncan Clough Memorial Lecture.**
Reconstructing the past Landscape of Yorkshire.
Dr. Margaret Atherden.
- Thursday 12th Microscope Workshop

Details of the Summer programme will be available next month.

Further details from Jean Kendrew 01535 632447 or for Microscope group from Robert McDougall 01274 599958.

Regular Events at Kildwick

1st and 3rd Sunday 7pm-9pm	Craven Rock leaders meet for prayer	Ecumenical Youth fellowship
Monday 1.30pm	Bible Study at Low Green, XHills (not in Lent)	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!
Tuesdays 12 noon- 3 pm	NottheKnot Group downstairs in Parish Rooms	Stitching and fellowship group.
Wednesday 6-30-7.30pm	Jets in Parish Rooms (Not in school holidays)	Primary school children's group
7.30 pm	Bellringing	
Thursday 2pm	Open House in Parish Rooms	Refreshments and items for sale
7pm-8pm	Choir practice	Burnside, Bucklar Hill, Farnhill



Sun 2 nd Mar	Mothering Sunday
	10.00am Family Communion
Tue 4 th Mar	7.30pm Prayers for the Parish (Parish Rooms)
Thu 6 th Mar	7.30pm Deanery Synod (St John's, Cullingworth)
Fri 7 th Mar	7.30pm Women's World Day of Prayer service (St Peter's Methodist Church, Cross Hills). Preacher: The Revd Charlotte Common
Sun 9 th Mar	12 noon CDFC Hunger Lunch (St Peter's Church, Cross Hills)
Tue 11 th Mar	7.00pm PCC meeting (Parish Rooms)
Fri 14 th Mar	2.45pm Kildwick School Collective Worship in church
Sun 16 th Mar	PALM SUNDAY – HOLY WEEK begins
Thu 20 th Mar	MAUNDY THURSDAY
Fri 21 st Mar	GOOD FRIDAY
Sun 23 rd Mar	EASTER DAY
Sat 12 th Apr	10.00am Diocesan Day (Bradford Grammar School)
Sun 20 th Apr	10.00am Parish Communion. Preacher: Bishop Colin Buchanan
Sun 27 th Apr	10.00am Parish Communion followed by Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Sun 27 th Apr	6.00pm Easter Service of Thanksgiving for the Departed

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 2nd March	8.15 am	Holy Communion
Mothering Sunday	10 am	All Age Eucharist for Mothering Sunday
Sunday 9th March	8.15 am	Holy Communion
Fifth Sunday of Lent	10 am	Sung Eucharist with Baptisms
	6 pm	CDFC Service
Sunday 16th March	8.15 am	Blessing of Palms and Holy Communion
Palm Sunday	10 am	Blessing of Palms, Procession (from Barretts Bridge, Priestbank Road) and Holy Communion. <i>Those who prefer not to process meet in church for Blessing of Palms.</i>
	6 pm	Said Evening Prayer
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Tuesday 18th,	7.30pm	Meditative Service
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Maundy Thursday		
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Good Friday	10.30 am	Hills for...United Service at St Peter's Methodist Church.
	12 noon	Prayer around the cross until...
	2 pm	Liturgy of the Cross
	7.30 pm	Ecumenical Devotional Service (St Thomas' Church, Sutton)
Saturday 22nd March	8.30 pm	Easter Vigil and Renewal of Baptismal Vows
Sunday 23rd March	6 am	Ecumenical Sunrise Service at Farnhill Pinnacle
Easter Day	8.15 am	Holy Communion
	10 am	Family Holy Communion and Renewal of Baptismal Vows (followed by Easter Egg hunt)
	6 pm	Celebration Songs of Praise
Sunday 30th March	8.15 am	Holy Communion
2008	10 am	Sung Eucharist
Second Sunday of Easter	6 pm	Said Evening Prayer

Church Rotas

Sunday 2nd March Mothering Sunday	First Reading - Exodus 2.1-10 Second Reading - Colossians 3.12-17 Gospel - John 19.25-27	John Hudson Lesley Bannister
Sunday 9th March Fifth Sunday of Lent	First Reading - Ezekiel 37.1-14 Second Reading - Romans 8.6-11 Gospel - John 11.1-45	Barry Houghton Isobel Stirk
Sunday 16th March Palm Sunday	First Reading - Isaiah 50.4-9a Second Reading - Philippians 2.5-11 Gospel - Matthew 26.14 - 27.66	Kath Morris Sandie Walton Dramatised Reading
Thursday 20th March Maundy Thursday	First Reading - Exodus 12.1-14 Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 11.23-26 Gospel - John 13.1-17,31b-35	Lesley Bannister Lesley Hudson Michael Baumber
Friday 21st March Good Friday	First Reading - Isaiah 52.13 - 53.12 Second Reading - Hebrews 10.16-25 Gospel - John 18.1 - 19.42	Glyn Evans Ruth Ward Robin Figg
Sunday 23rd March Easter Day	First Reading - Acts 10.34-43 Second Reading - Colossians 3.1-4 Gospel - Matthew 28.1-10	Pam Brown Elizabeth Figg
Sunday 30th March 2008 Second Sunday of Easter	First Reading - Acts 2.14a, 22-32 Second Reading - 1 Peter 1.3-9 Gospel - John 20.19-31	Margaret Jowett Lance Peake John Hudson

Brass Cleaning:	Mr and Mrs John Ward
Church Cleaning	
9th	Lesley Hudson, Libba Utley Margaret Jowett
23th	Helen Hulley, Rosie Hargreaves, Sylvia Ackroyd
Flower Rota	
2nd, 9th, 16th	LENT
23rd	EASTER
30th	Vacant

Date	Sidesperson	Intercessor	Communion
Sunday 2nd March Mothering Sunday	Joan Houghton Barry Houghton Sandi Walton Isobel Stirk	Elizabeth Figg	Michael and Gill
Sunday 9th March Fifth Sunday of Lent	David Baxter Libba Utley Christine Anderton Ann Mosley	Michael Baumber	Tim Littler Christine Anderton
Sunday 16th March Palm Sunday	June Whitaker Pam Brown Brian Green Howard Stirk	Sue Hargreaves	Janet Swain John Exley
Thursday 20th March 2008 (Maundy Thursday)		Robin Figg	
Friday 21st March 2008 (Good Friday)		Robin Figg	
Sunday 23rd March Easter Day	Eleanor Eastwood Dorothy Ward Christine Hutchinson Joyce Boden	Janet Swain	Michael Baumber Christine Anderton
Sunday 30th March 2008 Second Sunday of Easter	Joyce Bonham Albert Bonham		Tim Littler Gill Jowett

Sunday 2nd March 10.00 am

Family Service for

Mothering Sunday

with flowers for mothers and others

All welcome



FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL

The Meeting of Farnhill Parish Council was held on the 7th February 2008 in Kildwick & Farnhill Institute.

The meeting was chaired by Counc M Scarife Vice Chairman. Four members of the council were present, CDC & NYCC Representatives and one member of the public.

A member of the public reported that the drains at the junction of Bradley Road and Grange Road and further up the hill by Moorgate Cottage were blocked and full of debris, which had recently caused flooding. Clerk to ask Highways to clean them and to ask for them to be cleared on a regular

basis. Counc I Fulton passed on information from a member of the public regarding the drains and storm relief ducting on the A629. Clerk to put on agenda for next month..

Counc. R Bramley confirmed that the usual safety checks had been carried out in the Play area.

Clerk awaiting a quote from NYCC for two Windsor Authority Lanterns and one new post for the lights on Newby Road. NYCC have stated that it would be less expensive and the job could be done sooner if the new pole could be sited alongside the original pole and the supply changed over at a later date. It was agreed by the Parish Council that this would be acceptable. Clerk to report to NYCC that light No 54 on the A629 by the bus stop is out at the moment and ask them if there is an intermittent fault as it appears to alternate between on and off. Clerk to ask NYCC why the Parish Council are responsible for light No 54 which is on the A629, when all the other lights on the A629 are the responsibility of NYCC.

NYCC. Highways Area Manager responded to the Parish Councils request, stating that the current road surface on the A629 is in good condition and would expect it to be ten years before replacement is considered. Clerk to respond stating that the Parish Council are extremely disappointed with the outcome and that the road noise appears to be getting worse.

NYCC also provided a figure of around £33k for the value of the works that had been carried out by Highways Agency just before the A629 was detrunked.

Clerk to write to CDC to ask them to clear the footpath on the underpass at Kildwick Roundabout as it is covered in leaves and very slippery.

The waste bin which was put up on Newby Road came off the wall and has now disappeared, Clerk to ask CDC to replace.

Clerk to ask CDC to empty the dog bin at the top of the Arbour on a more frequent basis as it is often overflowing.

Clerk provide copies of Responses sent to the Post Office Consultation by CDC & NYCC on the Parish Councils behalf and a response from Post Office to MP David Curry in which they admitted that the access report was flawed. Councs. J Waring & M Scarife met up with a representative of Post Watch and took her on a tour of the village and the nearest bus stops. Counc. J Waring provided her with a bus timetable of buses into the village

and stops on the A629 A petition with around 60 names signed by residents showing their support for the Post Office was sent to Post Office and Postwatch.

CDC have supplied dog fouling stickers as asked. Clerk to pass to Counc G McKinney The small tree has been cut down at the Arbour and the large sycamore is to be pulled down shortly. Work has now started on clearing the lower Arbour.

The situation with the moving of the bus stop on the A629 is more complicated than it first appeared but the matter is still ongoing.

Clerk to ask for minutes of the South Craven Service Centre Transportation Strategy meeting.

CDC Counc. P Fairbank reported that CDC are setting up a transport group and she has been asked to be a member of the group.

She also gave an update on recycling stating that glass and tins can now be mixed.

NYCC & CDC Comic M Wheeler reported that it is likely that NYCC will have a tax increase of 4.73% partly due to the fact that they have to invest a large amount of money into recycling. The tax increase for CDC will be negible. CDC are investing money over the next 3 years on extending the plastic recycling sites.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL 6T11 MARCH 2008
IN FARNHILL INSTITUTE AT 7-30PM**

All members of the village are welcome to attend.

Saturday April 26th 2008

**Church open with music, readings and flowers.
Refreshments will be available.**



More details in the Bridge's April edition.

For information please contact

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Learn
encourage
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into mission



Thursday 13th March at 10 am
In the Parish Rooms

We meet again to explore in more depth the work of the mission agencies—we have looked at - CMS, with a particular interest in Kate and Tim Lee and family, Barnabas. and BibleLands. Please do join us



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This month's recipes

Summer fruit Muffins



10 ozs plain flour 8 flozs milk
3 tsps baking powder 3 flozs vegetable oil or 3 ozs melted butter
1/2 tsp salt 4-5 ozs fine white sugar
5-6 ozs summer fruits (blueberries, raspberries, strawberries, blackberries, cherries, red currants)
1 egg
Makes 10-12 standard size muffins

Method

1. Prepare muffin tins. Preheat oven to 375-400°F, 190-200°C, gas mark 5-6.
2. Sift together in a large bowl flour, baking powder, salt and sugar.
3. In another bowl beat egg with a fork. Stir in milk, followed by oil or melted butter.
4. Pour all wet ingredients into dry. Stir to just combine. Batter will be lumpy, but no dry flour should be visible. Gently fold in berries, using only a couple of strokes to avoid crushing fruit.
5. Spoon into muffin cups. Bake 20-25 minutes. Muffins are done when tops are lightly browned and spring back when pressed gently.

Sent in by Sylvia Clark

If you have a recipe you would like included in the Bridge please let Lesley have a copy.

Julie Kendrew would like to thank all her friends at St. Andrews' for their prayers cards, visits and many other kindnesses shown to her over the past few weeks.

Thank you so much and God bless you all.

Julie Kendrew



I send my sincere thanks to family and friends for your cards, good wishes, and most of all your prayers, for my recovery after my operation.

I am feeling much better, and hope it will not be long before I am back among my friends at St. Andrews.

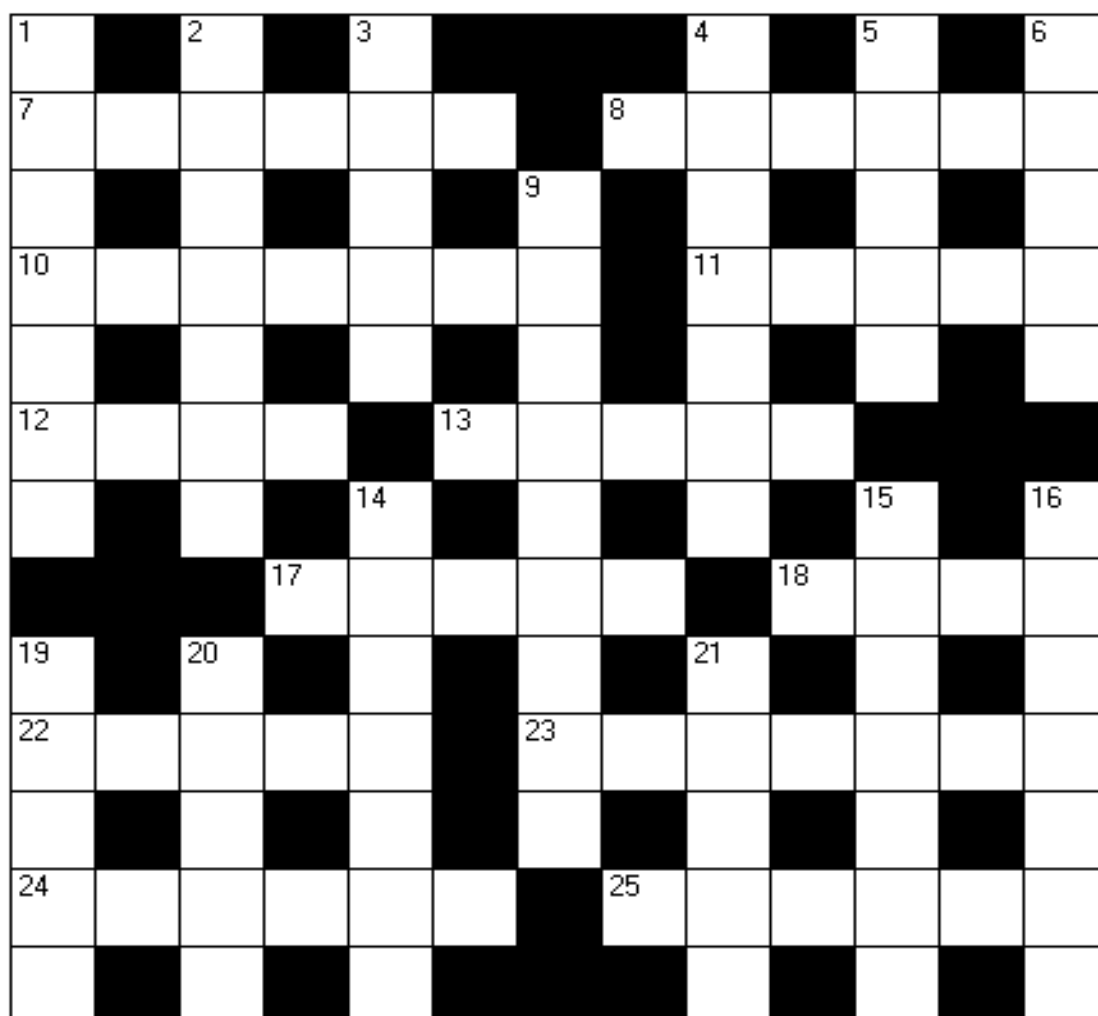
God bless you all.

David Baxter

Anne and John Hall would like to thank everyone for their prayers for baby Spencer Bloxham. He is making progress, thank you all very much.

Anne and John Hall

Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 7 Bigger (6)
 8 9 down having charge of a diocese (6)
 10 eg Rome or Lisbon (7)
 11 Mother-in-law of Ruth (5)
 12 Garden home of Adam and Eve (4)
 13 Christian symbol (5)
 17 She _____ no-one (Zeph 3.2) (5)
 18 Description of the horse ridden by 3 across in Revelation ch. 6 (4)
 22 ..they _____ the winepresses (Job 24.11) (5)
 23 City where the disciples were first called Christians in Acts ch. 11 (7)
 24 Country (6)
 25 More hallowed (6)

Down

- 1 Darken (7)
 2 Fell like the bindings on Samson's hands

in Judges ch. 15 (7)

- 3 A king's wrath is its messenger, according to Proverbs ch. 16 (5)
 4 Animal whose cubs are scattered in Job ch. 4 (7)
 5 Fire an arrow like Jehoshaphat in 2 Kings ch. 13 (5)
 6 24 across whose 10 across is Madrid (5)
 9 Priest (9)
 14 Angel of the Abyss in Revelation ch. 9 (7)
 15 Included in the canon of the bible (7)
 16 Ropes for fastening animals (7)
 19 ..the basin with its _____ (Ex 31.9) (5)
 20 God (5)
 21 ..observe them on the delivery _____ (Ex 1.16) (5)

Answers on page 30

Children's page



MOTHERING SUNDAY 2nd March

The old Gospel reading for this Sunday was about the feeding of the five thousand so it was called Refreshment Sunday. Over time this Sunday became associated with family reunions and gatherings and became Mothering Sunday.

Mother's Day, which in this country is on the same day as Mothering Sunday, is an American invention which was started in 1906. Mother's Day is about the mother of a family but Mothering Sunday is more connected with Mother Church, the family meaning has been added on.



Whatever we think about commercial inventions, it is still good to thank those who care for us, no matter how old we are.

MOTHER'S DAY CARD

Nice cards for Mother's Day can be rather expensive so why don't you make your own? You don't have to be artistic to make this simple lacy card. You will need some coloured card, glue and a paper lace doily.

Cut a piece of card twice as big as the card you want and fold it in half. Then cut up the doily to make the decoration – some have lovely patterns of harts, flowers and leaves.



Put a very small amount of glue on the back of the 'lace' and press it onto the card. Finish off the card by writing a nice message inside.



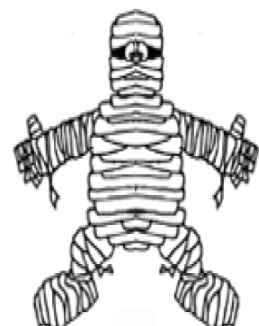
THE OTHER MUMMY?

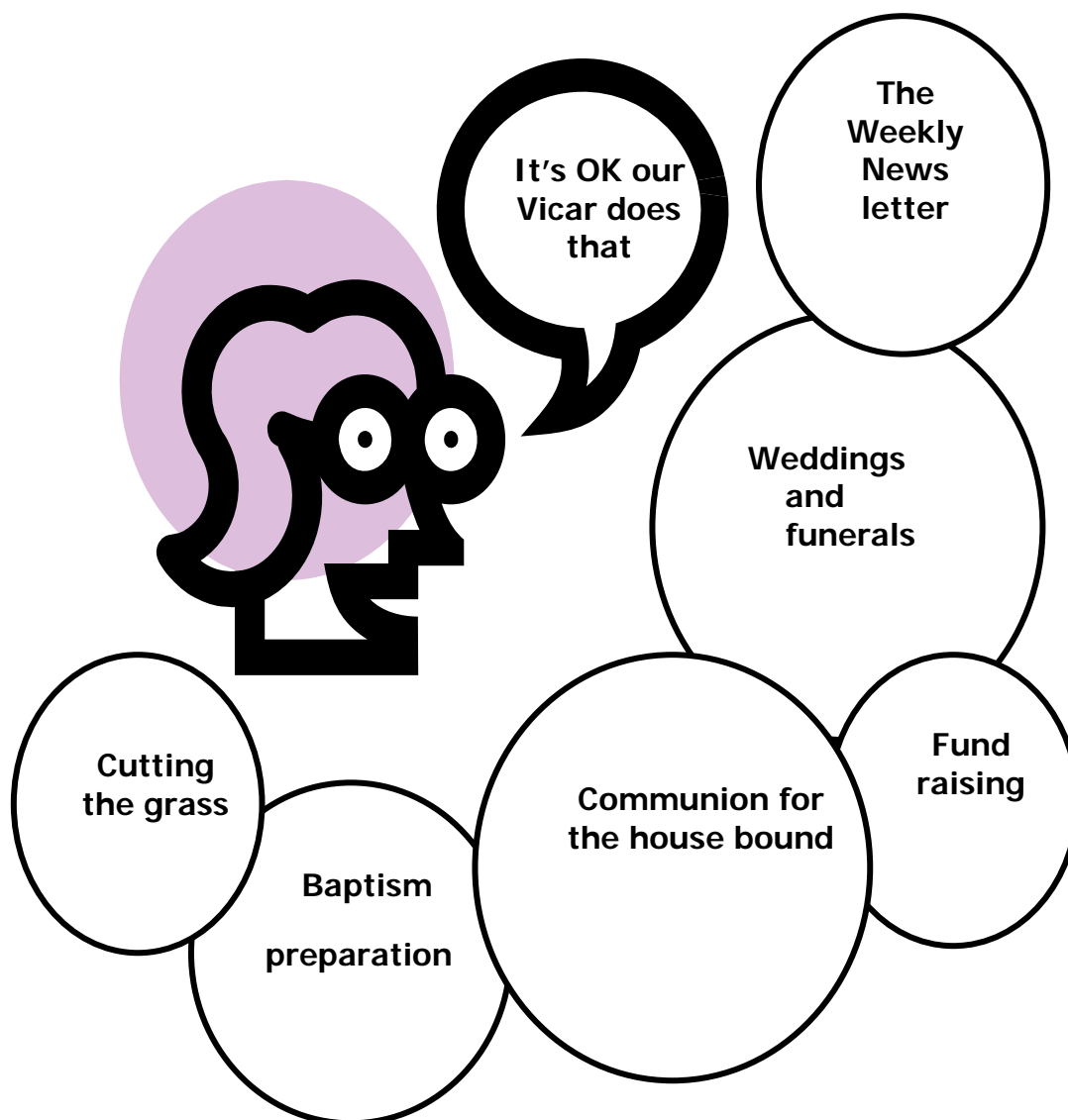
Why do mummies tell no secrets?

Because they keep everything under wraps.

How can you tell when a mummy is angry?

He flips his lid.





Some things only the vicar can do. Do you know what they are? There is only one of the tasks listed above; and no its not grass cutting.

The PCC asked for a review of how the work of the church is organised and the group with that responsibility has found that our vicar is doing all these and more. We have become too dependent on one person and this must change. All are invited and all need to take an active part in our church life for in the next few years; it is very likely that Kildwick will only be eligible for half-time clergy and we will need to share with another parish.

Now read on.....

The way in which St Andrew's church manages its life should always be open to review. All church communities are pilgrim people; people on a journey with God, seeking ways to make the gospel relevant in today's world. The church community is made up of individuals and in the present age, these numbers have decreased and the Anglican Church has to make adjustments to remain viable.

A strong church community has energy to look outwards to the wider community and find ways to serve "new customers". This is also the primary vision of the Lang Kirk 21

project. This work is commonly called the *mission* of the church. New customers are obviously necessary to any organisation.

The PCC asked seven members of the congregation to carry out a strategic review of the way we operate here at Kildwick. The team is called the Ministry Development Team. They were given the tasks of finding a way to operate when the parish is served by a part-time vicar and with devising a plan that would improve communication and build up the existing community.

- Initial research by the Ministry Development Team confirmed that the vicar has become over-burdened with responsibilities that should rightly belong to the congregation
- Communication relies too heavily on the vicar
- Too many administrative duties are bogging down everyone
- There are no structures for attracting new customers as most of the parish energy is focused on keeping the status quo
- A draft plan was formed based on information collected from the existing structure of Advisory Groups
- Advisory Groups comprise a cross-section of the whole congregation and was felt therefore to be a sufficiently broad base to represent the collective view
- From this research it was decided to group our activities into four policy areas listed below
- Duties that church and civil law require can be grouped together under a heading of 1) "Statutory"
- These include financial obligations with which St Andrew's church as a charity, must comply
- The obligations and duties of the Church Wardens or Readers
- and those which fall to the Incumbent
- The second area of activity deals with 2) "Existing customers"; i.e. the current congregation in the widest sense. The Team looked at the many and varied activities and the care extended to those already known to the congregation
- It soon became obvious that there are areas where care and nurture **could be** provided, **if** time and human resources were made available: e.g. taking better care of the many families who bring children for baptism, being more available to the many tourists who wish to visit our church. This third group became known as the 3) "New customer"
- And finally the fourth group which held so much of what we do and which needs to go on a strict slimming diet, 4) "Administration"
- When the team listed all the activities in which people are involved, they covered two sides of A4 paper, about 40 tasks altogether

It took sometime to work out a plan to make sure that all these important jobs continued to be done, allow room for growth and to develop a model that recognised the value of the past experience and uses it to inform the new. This will be explained next month.

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Across

7 Larger 8 Bishop 10 Capital 11 Naomi 12 Eden 13 Cross 17 Obeys

18 Pale 22 Tread 23 Antioch 24 Nation 25 Holier

Down

1 Blacken 2 Dropped 3 Death 4 Lioness 5 Shoot 6 Spain 9 Clergyman

14 Abaddon 15 Canonic 16 Tethers 19 Stand 20 Deity 21 Stool

The Cab Driver Goes to Heaven

A cab driver reaches the Pearly Gates and announces his presence to St Peter, who looks him up in his Big Book. Upon reading the entry for the cabbie, St. Peter invites him to pick up a silk robe and a golden staff and to proceed into Heaven.

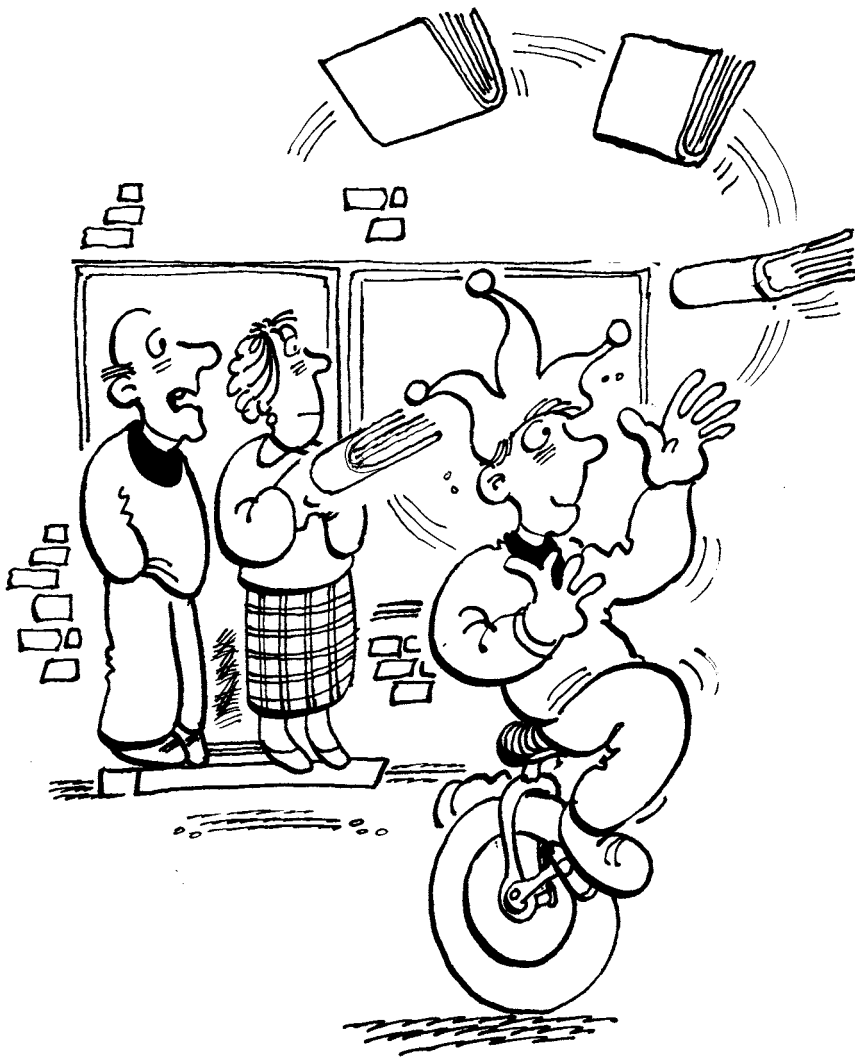
A preacher is next in line behind the cabby and has been watching these proceedings with interest. He announces himself to St. Peter. Upon scanning the preacher's entry in the Big Book, St Peter furrows his brow and says, "Okay, we'll let you in, but take that cloth robe and wooden staff."

The preacher is astonished and replies, "But I am a man of the cloth. You gave that cab driver a gold staff and a silk robe. Surely I rate higher than a cabbie."

St Peter responded matter-of-factly: "This is heaven and up here, we are interested in results. When you preached, people slept. When the cabbie drove his taxi, people prayed."

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*...I think I must have missed that module
when I was at theological college!*

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