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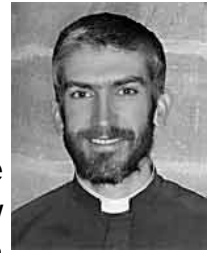
## **Parish Mission Statement**

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

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



Dear friends,

We are now in the season on Lent, a period of 6 weeks during which the Church invites people to prepare carefully for our observance of Holy Week and Easter, the days when we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus.

The introduction to the Ash Wednesday service invites us to keep a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance, by prayer, fasting and self-denial, and by reading and meditating on God's holy word. Lent invites us to hold a mirror up to ourselves and think about how well we are living our lives **as** God's people; how well are we living our lives **for** God's people.

Lent invites us to go on a journey; a journey inwards as we think about who we are in relationship with God, and a journey outwards as we think about who we are in relationship with all humanity and, indeed, the whole of creation. The journey needs to be both/and, not either/or.

It is also a journey that is not just about the past, where we have come from, but also about the future, where we are going to. We know that we cannot stay in the same place for ever. You may know the saying, "To grow is to change, to be fully grown is to have changed often".

Just as the world around us is continually changing, so we must learn to accept changes within ourselves. Then, by accepting the changes within ourselves, we are more able to be play our part in ensuring that the changes in the world are changes for good, rather than bad.

Our world can be a difficult and fearful place and it is all too easy to feel we are powerless to make a positive difference. But the truth is that, with God's help, we can change the world for good and little bit every day. Each of us can be the change we want to see in the world.

How? By the little choice we make, such as: what we buy at the supermarkets; making time for quiet and fun; sharing what we have; how we thank and talk about the other person. Living and working together in a true spirit of love we can build better and more generous communities.

Lent invites us to reflect deeply on what we know to be true Christian values. I often refer to the three virtues of "wisdom, humility and grace". If only we could each live our lives with these three evident in abundance, who much better God's world would be!

I came across the following piece recently and thought it very apt as we begin this Lenten time of self-examination and repentance:

'You are no more entitled to get what you want than anyone else is. ... If you maintain this understanding, arbitrary value judgments about inconvenient people start to fall away... The assertion that another person is bad, wrong, weak, lazy, ugly, or stupid is just a disguised assertion that you are more entitled to get what you want than s/he is.'

Will you commit to taking a few minutes each day during the coming weeks to think carefully about your own relationship with God and with your fellow humans? Will you commit to doing all that is within your power to change the way to think and act towards

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the other person? Will you commit to something different each day which will help to make this world, God's world, a better place?

Let your answer be "Yes" and play your part in making the Kingdom of God a reality on earth as it is in heaven. There can be no better way of observing this holy season of Lent.

May God bless you on your journey.

*Robin*

## **The Season of Lent – An Introduction**

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, one of the Principal Feasts in the church calendar. Lent may originally have followed Epiphany, just as Jesus' sojourn in the wilderness followed immediately on his baptism, but it soon became firmly attached to Easter, as the principal occasion for baptism and for the reconciliation of those who had been excluded from the church's fellowship for apostasy or serious faults. This history explains the characteristic notes of Lent – self-examination, penitence, self-denial, study, and preparation for Easter.

As the candidates for baptism were instructed in Christian faith, and as penitents prepared themselves, through fasting and penance, to be readmitted to communion, the whole Christian community was invited to join them in the process of study and repentance, whose extension over forty days would remind them of the forty days that Jesus spent in the wilderness, being tested by Satan.

During Lent churches are kept bare of flowers and decoration. The *Gloria in Excelsis* is not used. As Holy Week approaches, the atmosphere of the season darkens; the readings begin to anticipate the story of Christ's suffering and death, and the reading of the Passion Narrative gave to the Fifth Sunday its name of Passion Sunday.

There are many devotional exercises which may be used in Lent and Holy Week outside the set liturgy. The Stations of the Cross, made popular in the West by the Franciscans after they were granted custody of the Christian sites in the Holy Land, are the best known. Each of the stations stands for an event that occurred during Jesus' Passion and death at Calvary on Good Friday. The service lasts 30 minutes and will take place each Friday at 12.30pm in church. All are encouraged to experience this service at least once during Lent.

## **Lent Collection 2009 – Good Morning, Teacher!**

**Good Morning Teacher!** is a two year campaign by the Diocese of Bradford to raise funds for the capital improvements of community schools in their link Dioceses in Northern Sudan. Two of the four link dioceses (Khartoum and Port Sudan) have already nominated schools which urgently need expansion, and the other two dioceses are still in the planning stage.

In Sudan, the local church and community raise the modest fees for each student but the costs of permanent structures such as classrooms is out of reach of most people. Bishop Ezekiel from Khartoum and Bishop Yousif from Port Sudan have each asked

whether we can help build more classrooms to cater for the growing number of children who are queuing to get into school.

### **What sort of projects will the campaign help?**

#### ***El Thawra ECS Primary School, Diocese of Khartoum***

This school has 425 pupils crammed onto benches in nine classrooms —there is no room for desks. Khartoum Diocese wants to purchase the plot of land next door, and on the combined site to build permanent and larger classrooms. We have been asked to help with the cost of land, infrastructure and the first classroom. This will cost £18,000, with further classrooms costing approximately £1,800 each. In addition, each classroom will need desks, benches, and teaching aids (blackboards, books, paper and pens, etc).



#### ***Bread of Life Centre School, Diocese of Port Sudan***

This school opened in 2006 with 3 classrooms and 207 pupils. Churches in Bradford helped to fund the first classrooms and now Port Sudan Diocese wants to expand the school by purchasing land and adding two more classrooms. This is desperately needed as the school is oversubscribed, yet they do not want to turn children away. Estimates for the next phase are £10,000 – this will purchase land, build two new classrooms and a wall around the compound to keep the children away from the neighbouring railway line.

We have also been asked to help smaller projects, such as the installation of a water cistern in one school, a latrine in another and the building of one extra classroom to accommodate a kindergarten section in a third school.

### ***How will the money be handled?***

The good news is that all the administration in the UK is undertaken by either volunteers or existing employees of the Diocese of Bradford. This means that all the money we receive will be sent to Sudan. The only costs that will be incurred are the costs of payment transactions (such as credit card costs), and bank fees in sending the money from the UK to Sudan. In Sudan, the money is all managed by the receiving Dioceses with oversight from CMS. Stewardship reports will be sent back to Bradford on a regular basis.



### **Is this just for Christians in Sudan?**

By no means! The existing schools set a very high standard of education in deprived areas, and are open to all. Indeed in many of the church schools in Northern Sudan, there are more Muslim pupils than Christian. The schools are for the whole community, and are helping to build bridges between the different sectors – learning from work initially undertaken by the faith groups in Bradford in the UK.

To give your support this Lent to Good Morning, Teacher! please pick up a collecting pot from the church or simply use a spare jar at home. Bring your money back to church on Easter Sunday or any Sunday during April. Donations by cheque are welcome (make payable to "St Andrew's Church, Kildwick"). All donation can be Gift Aided of course to increase your giving.

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## 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 5<sup>th</sup> April 2007. The new Roll will come into operation on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> April.

## Diocesan Day 2009 – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April

- **When is it? Saturday, April 12th.**
- **Where is it? Bradford Grammar School.**
- **What's it all about? Spirituality**
- **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. This year the theme will be Spirituality and the keynote speaker will be Dr Christian Baxter, Principal of St John's College, Nottingham. Timothy Radcliffe, a Dominican friar, will also be there to share in the seminars programme and to preach at the Communion service which will round off the day.

As usual the seminar programme will be wide ranging; topics will include Prayer Journaling, Art & Spirituality and Comedy. There will be something on Spirituality & Sport and another on Spirituality through Movement as well as three seminars exploring aspects of spirituality and music. If that sounds a bit too active or noisy for you there will, for the first time, be a room set aside for quiet prayer.

Other seminars will address Spiritual Direction, the work of Thomas Merton, Faith & Film, Faith in the Workplace and Spirituality for Practical People. Another will look at Taizé spirituality and two seminars have been planned specifically with teenagers in mind!

There are 500 places at Diocesan Day but if recent years are anything to go by they will all be taken so don't delay! Brochures and booking forms are available from the Vicar, the church or the Diocesan Office. You can also book online by going to: <http://events.dowson.com/all/11>

*future faithful*



## ***NEWS FROM THE CROSS HILLS & DISTRICT FELLOWSHIP of Churches***



### **Lent Course 2009 – “Faith and...”**

This year we are doing something a little different to previous years. Instead of several small groups meeting in homes we will be having one meeting each week on Wednesday evening when a visiting speaker will come and speak about a contemporary issue from a faith perspective.

Each evening will take place in St Peter's Methodist Church, Cross Hills and will begin at 7.30pm (with refreshments available from 7.15pm). The speaker will speak for about 30 minutes and there will then be time for questions and discussion. The evening will conclude with a short act of prayer. The subjects will be:

- 4<sup>th</sup> March **Faith and Education** with Mrs Diana Chambers, Pro-Chancellor of Bradford University.
- 11<sup>th</sup> March **Faith and Community** with the Revd Canon Sam Randall, Bishop's Officer for Church in the World.
- 18<sup>th</sup> March **Faith and Politics** with the Revd Canon Professor Ken Medhurst, Hon. Professor in Peace Studies at Bradford University.
- 25<sup>th</sup> March **Faith and Science** with Mr Tim Calow, Lay Curate of Sutton.
- 1<sup>st</sup> April **Faith and War & Conflict** with Lt Col Desmond Bergin OBE, formerly of the Adjutant General's Corps, British Army.

**CDFC United Service, 6.00pm Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March at St Peter's Church, Cross Hills**

### **Annual Church Meetings – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

The Annual Meetings which take place next month following the 10am Parish Communion on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 2 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.

## The Woman's World Day of Prayer

The service this year will be held at South Craven Baptist Church Sutton on Friday 6th March at 7,30 pm.  
It has been prepared by the Christian Women of Papua New Guinea and the theme is

'in Christ there are many members yet one body'.

The speaker will be Bridget Rees Lay Canon of Bradford Cathedral.

This an ecumenical service and  
we hope men as well as women will attend.

More information from Marjorie Gee, 630060.



## CONTINUING THE ARTICLE ON PAPUA NEW GUINEA

### CULTURE

The indigenous inhabitants are one of the most heterogeneous in the world! However, cultural values and beliefs are the root of a PNG society. It is estimated that there are more than 1,000 cultural groups. There are many different languages, expressions of art, dances, costumes, music, architecture, and customs - such as initiations of adolescents into adulthood for males and females, marriage and family obligations and traditional beliefs.

One such culture is the patrilineal and matrilineal system. In a matrilineal society children inherit land, names and properties through their mother, whilst in a patrilineal society they inherit from their father. It is a concern that although a society is matrilineal a woman's son or brother tends to take the authority in decision making, thus leaving women to be silent figures while the men are seen as the head. The ownership of lands around the copper mines caused uproar in the province of Bougainville, resulting in a 10-year civil war.

Papua New Guineans are known for their kindness and hospitality. The offering and sharing of betelnut - which is chewed with mustard and lime - is a sign of welcome and friendship towards another person regardless of ethnic group, language and tradition. In the coastal areas a kulau (young coconut) is shared and in the Highlands sugar cane. A cup of hot tea is always a pleasure to offer to visitors.

The people support one another in fulfilling customs and traditions in death, payment of bride price, and compensation - whether a relative or not. For example in bride price payments, the husband's relatives often exchange money, food and shell monies with the woman's relatives as a sign of the bond between the two families and their extended relatives. Customary payments at marriage and on the birth of children are seen as giving





men the right to control their wives. When everyone helps a worthy cause, it is called a “wantok system”. Even if not related by blood, anyone who is an elder is respected and called mother or aunty, dad or uncle. The “wantok system” is rich and valued, but can be a burden when abused.

## **WOMEN**

In the past, Melanesian women had specific and distinctive roles to play in the community. They were the root of society and the backbone of stability and sustainability. Everything relating to the home was women’s responsibility. Gender inequality is now a great concern for women, as they are given a low status in society, especially in rural villages. Women are expected to tend to all family needs in addition to being child bearers. However, more women are now employed as pilots, engineers, doctors, lawyers, judges, lecturers and officers in the military forces – all positions previously dominated by men.

Approximately 60% of women are illiterate. Although they have land and property rights, many are still dependent on men for their economic survival. They continue to live in grass or sago thatched roof houses with no wooden floors and no electricity, and have to travel long distances for water and food.

Due to the low level of education, many women still lack power to make decisions in many situations. Even in the remotest areas where there is often no access by road, only by plane (which is very expensive) or by walking for hours, the churches, community based organisations and non-governmental organisations have helped in teaching adult literacy and other basic skills. The main factors in the spread of HIV and AIDS are gender inequality, gender violence and poverty. Churches, with the government and other stakeholders, work together against this deadly virus. Women learn as much as they can, at the same time raising awareness. They are also actively involved with people living with the disease. Churches have a distinguished history in the delivery of services in PNG, especially in relation to education, health and agriculture. Studies show that the rate of violence is very high, severely affecting the lives of the majority of women and children. Women and girls need initiatives that will empower them to claim their rights to education, secure women’s property and entitlements, protect rights to inheritance and promote women’s leadership, thus reducing violence against women and children.

## **REDUCING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN.**

PNG has a high rate of infant mortality. In 2000 there were 79 deaths out of 1,000 live births and 370 mothers died for every 100,000 births. The health of PNG women and children is at risk and is amongst the poorest in the Pacific. Some of these problems would be helped if people had safe water and medical supplies in order to treat common diseases such as TB, malaria and pneumonia.

## **RELIGION**

In recent years, a presence of Mormons and Muslims has begun to be seen. However, 96% of the population is Christian. Despite the many social issues including violence in its many forms, the churches have now acknowledged that they cannot remain silent. From PNG’s background of cultural and language diversity, all denominations have realised that working together to spread the love of God will influence society within homes and communities, and will be reflected in the nation.

The Women’s World Day of Prayer Committee is an example of this unity. It is comprised of women from different churches that are also members of the Papua New Guinea Council of Churches. Such unity is a living example of the theme:

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"In Christ there are many members yet one Body"  
 or in the common language of PNG,  
 "God I bungim yumi long bodi bilong Kraist".

## The Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield

**A Weekend Away - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> to Sunday  
 21<sup>st</sup> June 2009**



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

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

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

### Ever thought of becoming a childminder?



We are holding an information evening for anyone who would like to find out more about becoming an Ofsted Registered Childminder.

The session will be held at Otley Street Nursery School in Skipton at 6.30 pm on Thursday 30th April 2009.

Places can be booked by telephoning the Families Information Service on 0845 6011 630.

Further details can be obtained from Caroline Hannah 01609 533378.  
 Childminding Support Officer for Craven



**JETS Young People's Group** needs your help. Our

Wednesday evening group is in need of more

helpers. If you can spare a regular or occasional hour (and a bit) from 6.30 to 7.30pm on Wednesdays please speak to Lesley Hudson, 633887. (All volunteers are CRB checked.)

### **STILL WANTED!**

People to help on the church cleaning rota. Only once every 6 weeks. Full and expert training given!

You don't have to be a regular worshipper only have an interest in maintaining our historic church.

Apply to Lesley on 01535 633887

## Church – School Link: An Introduction



**St Andrew's Church,  
Kildwick**



**Kildwick CE VC  
Primary School**

St Andrew's Church and Kildwick Primary School enjoy a close link with each other. Here is some introductory information about the school and the link.

The school is a Church of England Voluntary Controlled school. This means that it was originally founded and paid for by voluntary effort but is now part of the state education system with recognition of the religious character.

Formal denominational interest is maintained through the 3 Foundation Governors (the Vicar and 2 others appointed by the PCC).

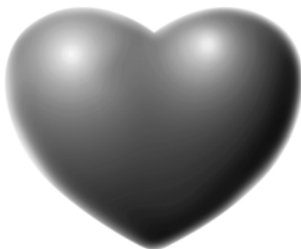
The school has approximately 120 pupils with 4 classes. Class 1 teaches the Reception children (aged 4/5) and some Year 1 children. Class 2 teaches some Year 1 and all Year 2 children. Class 3 teaches Year 3 and Year 4 children. Class 4 teaches Year 5 and Year 6 children.

Being a church school there is a strong pattern of daily collective worship. Once a month this takes place in the church and many parents and other family members also attend.

For some years the annual summer fair has been a joint event between the school and the church, and latterly also with the local Institute.

The Kildwick School mission statement is:

***Striving for excellence and promoting Christian values***



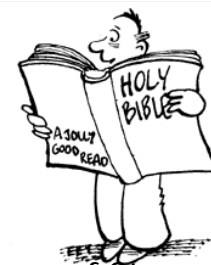
### **Love was in the air**

at the coffee morning on February 14th  
for it certainly prompted people to give with generous  
and loving hearts. As a result a magnificent sum of **£830**  
was raised for the support of our CMS Mission Partners  
Tim and Kate Lee. Thank you to so many people who  
gave so generously of their time and money and ideas to  
make it such a success.

# BIBLE HISTORY

*This is part 13 in the next series of articles written by Michael Baumber*

## THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS AND THE NEW TESTAMENT



Carsten Peter Thiede believed that he had identified nine fragments of a copy of St. Mark's gospel among the Dead Sea Scrolls but it has since been convincingly shown that five of them belong to a scroll of 1 Enoch and the other four are so small that nothing can be made of them in isolation. Scholars are now confident that the Qumran library has no copies of the gospels. Similarly the ideas of Robert Eisenman and Barbara Thiering that the Teacher was James, the brother of Jesus, the Wicked Priest, Ananus, who had him executed and the Liar, Paul, have been disproved by the evidence that the scrolls concerned all date from the Hasmonean period. There are, however, interesting parallels with the Gospel story.

Was John the Baptist the 'Prophet' of the Qumran texts? The evidence is not convincing. The theory that he may have been adopted by the community is incapable of proof one way or the other. His baptising does not resemble the Qumran ritual washing at all. He baptised a person once for life; Qumran monks bathed everyday; he baptised others, the monks emerged themselves. John's preaching took place in the Jordan valley but not in the part in which Qumran is located.

Qumran shared Jesus's contempt of the hypocrisy of the Pharisees but from a different angle. Their rule for instance specifically says that if a donkey falls down a well on the Sabbath no attempt should be made to rescue it until the following day. The scrolls in the library also have beatitudes very like those in the gospels. Like all Essenes Qumran taught that its members should go armed when travelling but should take no food or drink with them. Instead they should rely on those with whom they stayed for shelter and sustenance.

Qumran believed that their Messiah would be capable of raising the dead and it is significant that Jesus included the power in answering the queries of the disciples of John the Baptist but the community had no conception at all of a suffering Messiah, rather the reverse.

Qumran believed that when the end times came the temple and its priests would be physically destroyed and replaced by a new one. The existence of such concepts goes a long way towards explaining the violent reaction of the temple priests to Jesus's own claims. On the other hand early Christians shared the Qumran belief that they were living through 'the last days' and that the 'end times' were not far away. The vision of Heaven in the Book of the Revelation was clearly powered by the same kind of ideas as can be found in the Temple Scroll.

What the Dead Sea Scrolls demonstrate is that while the ministry of Jesus was unique it had its roots in the remarkable ferment of religious ideas which marked the Hasmonean and early Roman period of Jewish history and was not a variant of Graeco-Roman philosophy.

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

### **Yoghurt Cake**

A really easy cake to make—use the empty yoghurt pot to measure the remaining ingredients.



#### **Ingredients.**

- 1 pot natural yoghurt
- 3 pots S.R flour
- 2 pots sugar
- ½ pot sunflower oil
- 2 eggs.

Grated rind of lemon, orange or cocoa, coffee, spice any flavour you fancy!

#### **Method**

1. Mix all the above ingredients together well.
2. Put into greased tin—you could use a loaf tin or 7-8 in round or square sandwich tin
3. Bake for approximately 50 minutes in oven 180°C.
4. It is very nice split and sandwiched together with lemon curd or you could use jam or butter icing of the appropriate flavour.

### **Sweet and sour red onion salad**

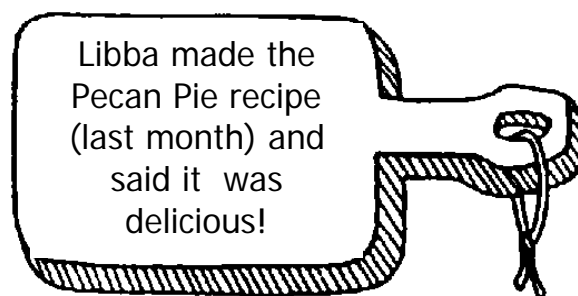
This can be served warm or at room temperature. Goes well with cold meats/cheeses and especially good old 'bangers and mash'!

#### **Ingredients.**

- 1 Medium red onion, cut into 8 wedges
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 rounded tbsp light soft brown sugar.
- 1 tbsp water
- 1 tbsp red wine vinegar
- 1 rounded tsp grain mustard
- Salt and black pepper

#### **Method**

1. Heat the oil in a small saucepan, add the onion and fry gently on a low heat for 5 mins.
2. Add the sugar and the water, stir well, put on the lid and simmer gently for another 10 mins.
3. Add the wine vinegar and mustard and seasoning, give it a good stir. Eat warm or leave to cool.



Do you have a favourite recipe you would like to share,  
Send it to [lesley.hudson@kildwick.org.uk](mailto:lesley.hudson@kildwick.org.uk)  
or Burnside, Bucklar Hill, Farnhill BD20 9AS

## *Page of prayer*

March is a busy month; in it we spring clean (sometimes), change the clocks (forwards), witness or take part in lambing time, prepare to sow seeds and make plans for the warmer weather. For Christians it includes days like Mother's Day; happy times when we can celebrate together.



**Spend time to say thank you to God for something that makes you happy and to reflect that in the midst of our busyness we can all remember to appreciate the good things of life.**

March is also a time for looking at the darker side of life. Lent has begun and Christians are turning their hearts and minds towards Jerusalem and the crucifixion of Jesus. As Christians we live again the events that delivered Jesus into the hands of threatening, powerful, envious people and examine our motivation and our reaction to conflicts and threats in our lives.

**Hold before God the things in your life that make you feel threatened, insecure and envious and ask that your attitude might be changed to one that is loving and fair.**

In obedience to God, Jesus turned his face towards all that was to happen in Jerusalem. As we witness all that is happening between Israel and Palestine and in many other places in the world, help us to try to image what it would be like to stand in the shoes of ordinary people who long for peace and justice but whose influence is non-existent; no power, no rights, no security, no water or shelter and nowhere to flee to.

**Spend a little time holding those ordinary people before God for a blessing.**

March also includes days which the church calls "red letter days" when Joseph of Nazareth and the Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary are celebrated. The Church remembers two people who started off as "ordinary" but whose lives were changed when they said "yes" to God's call. How the course of history would have developed if they had not responded as they did, it is not possible to tell. Their positive response brought them much conflict, trial and pain but they would also have been blessed by the joy and peace that comes from knowing that they were working with God to care for the baby, child and teenager Jesus, and furthering God's Kingdom here on earth.

Is it possible for you to remember a time when you enjoyed the joy and peace that working with God can bring?

**We pray for mothers and fathers, grandparents, teachers and carers everywhere, that they might have love, patience and the necessary strength to enable, encourage, guide and protect children and young people who are our future. Amen.**

**May God bless us that in us may be found love and humility, obedience and thanksgiving, discipline, gentleness and peace. Amen.**

This month's prayers are compiled by Janet Swain

## Isobel's Page

**G**n this year, 2009, a very important decision will have to be made. It won't be- do we all convert to euros or will there have to be a general election. The decision to be made will be- who will be appointed as our new poet laureate. The job used to be for life but on the appointment of Andrew Motion, in 1999, a new policy was made and he was the first poet laureate to be appointed for a fixed term of ten years. So there is great speculation about who will succeed him- will it- won't it be a woman- something which has never happened before and there are many names both male and female being bandied about. One of the names is Simon Armitage- who would certainly get my vote- not just because he is, just like a former laureate, Ted Hughes, a Yorkshire man through and through but he is also a down to earth, imaginative, wonderful writer. I heard him, in 2008, reading some of his own poems- an occasion when he was very reticent to answer questions about who might be the next laureate! One of his poems, which I like very much, is entitled 'You're beautiful'.



'You're beautiful because you stop to read cards in newsagents' windows about lost cats and missing dogs. I'm ugly because of what I did to that jellyfish with a lolly stick and a big stone' – you see what I mean!

Ben Jonson, a contemporary of William Shakespeare, whom legend says had some rivalry with the bard, was made the first poet laureate in 1616 but the title did not become an official royal office until 1668 when John Dryden assumed the honoured post.

The leap year of 1692 saw the Salem 'Witch' trials, the massacre in Glencoe and an earthquake and tidal waves destroyed the capital city of Jamaica. The year also saw the appointment of another poet laureate, Nahum Tate, who held the post for twenty three years, dying in The Mint, Southwark, where he had gone to take refuge from his creditors. Tate, who had collaborative works with Nicholas Brady- chaplain to King William and Queen Anne, was famous or infamous as the author of an adaptation of Shakespeare's 'King Lear' and his version of 'Romeo and Juliet' has a happy ending!

At Christmas time the words of Tate are sung in the well loved carol 'While shepherds watched their flocks by night'. Another hymn we sing penned by him is 'Through all the changing scenes of life in trouble and in joy..... 'when in distress to Him I called- He to my rescue came'

Change- changing- means the fact of becoming different or making something different and change is around every one of us all the time. Nothing stays static and changes must occur. From the moment we are born, even before, we are changing. The world changes- society and culture changes and sometimes change can be scary.

In Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol' Ebenezer Scrooge changes beyond recognition- much to the delight of all connected with him. He was probably quite happy, counting his money, living a miserly life, making those around him thoroughly miserable, but change he did.

A character from Tolkein's 'The Hobbit'- Bilbo Baggins- is quite content to live a somewhat reclusive life- following daily rituals of regularly timed meals and evenings in

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front of the fire- until someone calls and asks for his help. What is required of Bilbo is that he must leave his well ordered quiet life and go on a long journey. He regrets at first that he even answered the door but knowing what is required of him he leaves his home and sets off on a life changing adventure.

In the story of Moses we find him quite happy and content in the desert until he sees the burning bush and God asks him to go to Pharoah to ask him to let the people go. He was probably the best person to speak on their behalf, after all he had been brought up in Pharoah's house, having all the rich trappings that went with it. It is not hard to imagine that Moses would be quite afraid to go to Pharoah and risk changing all this- risk losing everything, maybe even his own life. However we know he did and when he viewed the Promised Land I bet he thought it all worthwhile. We also have the story of Ruth. She was not Jewish but her husband was and after he died she did the right thing- she devoted her life to caring for her mother in law Naomi. Naomi urged Ruth to go back to her own people, for her life would change dramatically as they journeyed together to an unknown land. The change for Ruth was worth it for a love story follows as she meets Boaz and they eventually marry.

Changes can differ. We can have wonderful changes when everything works out as we want- the mountain top experiences you could call them. Sometimes other changes are not so good- it could be the loss of a job, the breakdown of a relationship, the death of a loved one. These, which we could describe as the stony paths, the arid deserts, are as much part of the fabric of our lives as the mountain peaks. Isn't it reassuring that to quote from the words of that long gone poet laureate, who wrote them back in the mists of time 'through all the changing scenes of life in trouble and in joy'- God is with us- through thick and thin.

Perhaps another writer, Welshman William Williams, too, gave us that wonderful reassurance that, throughout all the fears we may have for the future and changes, that are constantly taking place in a changing world, for all of us both personal or on a wider level , we have the glory of God to focus on. 'When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.....'Strong deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield'



We also have, of course, further words of reassurance- written by Francis Lyte, who knew he was dying when he wrote them and penned them only three weeks before he did- that throughout all the inevitable changes that will occur there is something that will never change- God's unconditional love for us all.

'Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day,  
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away,  
change and decay in all around I see,  
oh Thou who changes not- Abide with me'



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

Monday 1.30 pm	5 Beanlands Drive Glusburn	Informal Bible study and fellowship, all welcome
Tuesday 10-11.30	Chuffs (Not in school holidays)	Fun for pre-school children and their grown-ups!
Tuesday 7.30 pm-8.30 pm	Choir practice	In Parish Rooms
Wednesdays from 10.15 am	NottheKnot Group downstairs in Parish Rooms	Stitching and fellowship group.
Wednesday 6-30-7.30 pm	Jets in Parish Rooms (Not in school holidays)	Primary school children's group
7.30 pm	Bellringing	
Thursday 2 pm	Open House in Parish Rooms	Refreshments and items for sale



Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	12 noon	CDFC Hunger Lunch (Parish Rooms)
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7.30pm	CDFC Lent Course begins (St Peter's Church, Cross Hills)
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	2.45pm	Kildwick School collective worship in church
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7.30pm	Women's World Day of Prayer (South Craven Baptist Church)
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7.30pm	Fellowship and Focus (Parish Rooms)
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7.00pm	PCC meeting (Parish Rooms)
Thu 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.00am	Leap into Mission group (Parish Rooms)
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9.30am	Standing Committee meeting (Lumb Ghyll, Glusburn)
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar		Mothering Sunday
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	6.30pm	Kildwick School Governors meeting (School)
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	2.45pm	Kildwick School collective worship in church
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> Apr		PALM SUNDAY
Thu 9 <sup>th</sup> Apr		MAUNDY THURSDAY
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Apr		GOOD FRIDAY
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> Apr		EASTER EVE
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Apr		EASTER DAY
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> Apr	9.30am	Diocesan Day (Bradford Grammar School)
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10.00am	Parish Communion followed by Annual Meetings
	6.00pm	Easter Service of Thanksgiving for Departed Family & Friends

## ***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 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar first	8.15 am	Holy Communion
Sunday of Lent	10 am	All-age family communion
	6 pm	No service
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	8.15 am	Holy Communion
Second Sunday of Lent	10 am	Parish Communion
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	8.15 am	Holy Communion with prayers for healing
Third Sunday of Lent	10 am	Parish Communion
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	8.15 am	Holy Communion
Mothering Sunday	10 am	Parish Communion
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	8.15 am	Holy Communion
Fifth Sunday of Lent	10 am	Parish Communion



### **Sunday 22nd March 10.00 am Service for Mothering Sunday**

with flowers for mothers and others.

Simnel cake and tea and coffee  
after the service.

All welcome.

## **PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH**

The next monthly meeting to pray for the parish will take place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March in the Parish Rooms from 7.30pm until 8.15pm. For information contact Robin Figg, 633307.

## ***Saints and Such***

### **9th Match**

#### **St Dominic Savio 1842 - 57**

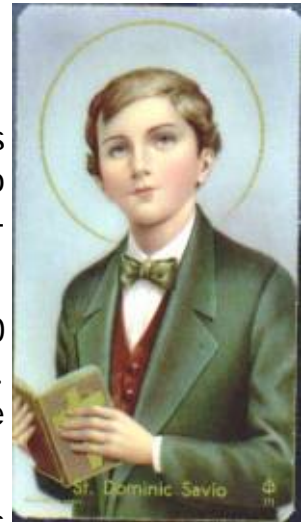
The hit film *Slumdog Millionaire* touched millions of people with its story of a youngster triumphing against all the odds. Dominic Savio did the same thing. In fact, he is a good patron 'child saint' for 2009 - this year of recession and of the International Year of the Child.

Savio was born into a poor family in Riva, near Turin. There were 10 children. The father was a blacksmith, the mother a seamstress. Somehow, they managed school fees, and when Dominic was 12, he was sent to the famous school of John Bosco at Turin.

A strict Roman Catholic school wasn't exactly the set for 'Who wants to be a Millionaire', but Savio loved it. He responded with enthusiasm to the wise and moderate spiritual guidance of Bosco, and began to grow. Instead of turning into a fanatic or prig, he was soon widely loved for his cheerfulness and friendliness to all. He was respected by fellow students for his mature, sound advice. Behind it all lay the key: Savio had discovered God for himself, and had responded with all his heart: - one story of him tells how he was rapt in prayer for six hours continuously.

Sadly, Dominic Savio contracted tuberculosis. Like AIDS today, it was incurable. He accepted his disease with dignity and composure. He did not fear death - his deep and radiant faith assured him that something far better lay beyond.

Savio died aged only 15. He had never been a millionaire; his riches lay in his faith in Jesus Christ. The memory of this lovable lad lived on, so deeply had he touched the hearts of the people who knew him. Over 100 years later he was still remembered - and made a saint by the Roman Catholic Church.



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## ***Church Rotas***

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar first Sunday of Lent	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Genesis 9 8 - 17 1 Peter 3 18 - 22 Mark1 9 - 15	1 Reading Arranged separately
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> March Second Sunday of Lent	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Genesis 17 1 - 7, 15 - 16 Romans 4 13 - 25 Mark8 31 - 38	Elizabeth Figg Stephen Westcott Marie Stinson
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> March Third Sunday of Lent	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Exodus 20 1 - 17 1 Corinthians 1 18 - 25 John2 13 - 22	Lance Peake Ruth Ward Marjorie Gee
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March Mothering Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	1 Samuel 1 20 - 28 2 Corinthians 1 3 - 7 Luke2 33 - 35 <b>1 or 2</b> <b>Readings</b>	Brenda Brock Christine Anderton Kath Morris <b>Please see Robin</b>
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> March Fifth Sunday of Lent	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Jeremiah 31 31 - 34 Hebrews 5 5 - 10 John12 20 - 33	Elizabeth Figg Lesley Bannister Jennifer Roberts

<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Brass cleaning</b>	John and Dorothy Ward
1st LENT	<b>Church Cleaning</b>	
8th LENT	1st	Helen Hulley, Rosie Hargreaves, Sylvia Ackroyd
15th LENT	15th	Marian Baxter, June Whitaker, Mary Peake, Joan Tillotson
22nd LENT	29th	Lesley Hudson, Libba Utley, Margaret Jowett

### ***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

Date	Sidesperson	Intercessor	Communion
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar first Sunday of Lent	Joan Houghton Barry Houghton Pam Brown	Lesley Hudson	Michael and Sue
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> March Second Sunday of Lent	David Baxter Libba Utley Christine Anderton Ann Mosley	Robin Figg	Tim and Isobel
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> March Third Sunday of Lent	June Whitaker Brian Green Howard Stirk Isobel Stirk	Sue Hargreaves	Christine and Janet
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March Mothering Sunday	Eleanor Eastwood Dorothy Ward Christine Hutchinson	Janet Swain	John and Sandie
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> March Fifth Sunday of Lent	Joyce Bonham, Albert Bonham, Elaine Carter	Isobel Stirk	Michael and Sue

## ***Women's Institute News***

### **Glusburn and Cross Hills—February meeting**

At our meeting on 3rd February the speaker was Dr Marie Stimson, Her subject was Lancashire Witches. She gave us a fascinating and detailed picture of the times, around 1612, the area round Pendle Forest and the people, mainly women, involved. Dr Stimson's great knowledge of the subject and her clear descriptions made this a very special talk which we will remember.

Two new members were welcomed by President Alison. The remaining prizes from the New Year Dinner draw were raffled, again for Manorlands and some books by Alec Woods were sold for the same cause. Hand-made greetings cards were on sale for club funds.

Forthcoming events included a coffee morning on Saturday 3rd March and 10th September.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday March 3rd. The speaker will be Penny Godfrey on Rag Rugs. New members and visitors are welcome.



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## ***FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL***

The meeting of Farnhill Parish Council was held on the 5<sup>th</sup> February 2009 in Kildwick/Farnhill Institute. The meeting was chaired by Counc. M. Scarffe. Seven members of the council were present, plus NYCC & CDC Rep. and two members of the public.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> January were proposed, seconded and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

A member of the public complained that the work on the drains on the A629 had still not been completed despite NYCC meeting at the site and stating that remedial work would be carried out. Clerk to write and ask for a site meeting with the Chairman of the Parish Council.

The usual checks have been carried out at the Play Area and everything is in order. NYCC have expressed that they do not know of a problem with the new lights on Newby Road it is just that they have a heavy workload at the moment and will complete as soon as possible. A new light has now been erected on Main Street.

Clerk to report that the light at the top of Starkey Lane with junction of Grange Road is out.

NYCC have put a keep clear line adjacent to the turning to the entrance of Lower Arbour, but the length of the line is short of what was required due to a car being parked there when the work was carried out. Clerk to ask them to extend the line when possible.

Clerk to report to NYCC that there is a loose kerb stone at the junction of Newby Road and Main Street.

NYCC have stated that they do not supply grit bins for private roads and therefore they cannot supply one for the top of the Arbour. Clerk to put in a further request stating that the road is also a public footpath.

The footpath at Redmans Lane has now been completed and NYCC state that there was a hard path underneath the grass but it was not cobbles just rough stone and was not a suitable surface. Clerk to ask British Waterways if they would be prepared to extend the path to the bridge.

Clerk to ask CDC to clean the leaves from the underpass at Kildwick Bridge and to ask for it to be put on the regular cleaning rota.

The Parish Council expressed concerns about the length of time being taken to complete the Bus Stop on the A629. NYCC Rep. M Wheeler has been informed that work will be completed within 2 weeks and when completed the bus will stop there.

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 7.30pm in Kildwick/Farnhill Institute and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm.

A request has been made to the Parish Council from South Craven Community Action-Fun 4 Kids(out of school club) for a donation towards an annual event called National Playday which is an event to celebrate play for young people and the communities. The event is to be held at South Craven and will have lots of activities on offer. Clerk to write and ask how much funding they require and what will happen to donations if not enough money is raised to hold the event. Also to inquire about how the event will be advertised so that

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everybody is aware of the event.

The guide to information which relates to the Freedom of Information Publication Scheme was drafted and Clerk to complete and make available to the public.

The next stage of the risk assessment, Parks and Recreation Grounds was discussed and the risk evaluated. Counc. D Atkinson to prepare draft copy for approval at the next meeting. Clerk to make enquiries into who is responsible for maintenance of the road at the Arbour as the land is owned by the Parish Council but the road was put down by residents of the Arbour.

Clerk to send in proposal form to Zurich Insurance for accident cover for volunteers carrying out Parish Council work in order to receive a quotation of the cost involved.

Progress on the plan for work to be carried out at Lower Arbour has been on hold due to personal circumstances of Dr Canaway but should continue shortly.

NYCC Rep Counc. M Wheeler gave an update on topics discussed at the Area Committee Meeting:- Gulley & Culvert Cleaning, Flooding Issues and Winter Gritting. He also reported on CDC Policy Committee and the savings CDC need to make over the next 5 years and the Spatial Strategy Document and the use of land for housing.

Clerk has spoken with British Waterways and they have no real objections to having recycling bins on the piece of land by Redmans Bridge, but will discuss the matter further when more information is available. Clerk waiting for a response from CDC to see if the site would be suitable and if they would be prepared to put and maintain bins there.

Clerk to ask CDC if the speed detection equipment has been deployed at Farnhill and if so what the results were.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2009  
IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL INSTITUTE AT 7.30PM  
All members of the village are welcome to attend.**

## **SEQUENCE DANCE**

And

## **PIE & PEA SUPPER**

At St Peter's Church Hall, Cross Hills

Saturday March 7th 7.30pm

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The Cross Hills and District Manorlands Support Group








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**Thursday March 12th at 10 am**  
In the Parish Rooms

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

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

### **Winter Programme 2009**

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

#### **March**

- 14th Observing and Recording, The Biodiversity of Slugs and Snails. Mr A Norris.

**This is the last lecture of the winter season.  
Details of the summer programme next month**

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

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

**Our next meeting on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm will focus on a NOOMA film 'Dust'.**

Believing in God is important, but what about God believing in us? Believing that we can actually be the kind of people we were meant to be. People of love, compassion, peace, forgiveness and hope. People who try to do the right thing all of the time. Who act on the endless opportunities around us every day for good, beauty and truth. It's easy for us to sometimes get down on ourselves. To feel 'not good enough' or feel like we don't have what it takes. But maybe if we had more insight into the culture that Jesus grew up in and some of the radical things he did, we'd understand the faith that God has in all of us.

## Children's page



## St DAVID'S DAY 1<sup>st</sup> March

St David, Saint Dewi in Welsh, is the national saint of Wales. When he was about 30 years old he established a monastery at Glyn Rhosyn, the Vale of Roses. A legend about Glyn Rhosyn says that years before David was born St Patrick came there to settle but an angel sent him on to Ireland, saying that the place was already reserved for David who would be Wales' patron saint. This place is now called St David's (Ty Dewi) where the cathedral now stands.

There are lots of legends about St David: one story is that there was very little fresh water near the monastery but when David prayed for water, a spring came up at his feet.

When he was a young man he attended an assembly of bishops where the crowd was so large that people couldn't be heard for the noise. But when David began to speak a hill rose under his feet so that everyone could see and hear him.

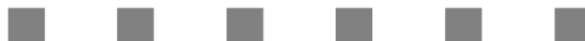
## MARCH

When we shorten the name of this month we write Mar. – all the answers to this quiz begin with the letters MAR, so which MAR is.....

1. A breakfast jam made with oranges?
2. A long distance race?
3. Author of one of the Gospels?
4. A small ball of glass?
5. The 4<sup>th</sup> planet?
6. A wooden puppet?
7. Lazarus' sisters?
8. An alternative to butter?



Answers at the bottom of the page.



### How do you get two whales in a car?

Across the Severn Bridge.

### Last month I wore white all the time so the traffic could see me.



That must have kept you safe.

### No, a snowplough knocked me down.



Answers: 1. marmalade 2. marathon 3. Mark 4. marble 5. Mars 6. marionette 7. Mary and Martha 8. margarine

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