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St. Andrew's Church Kildwick

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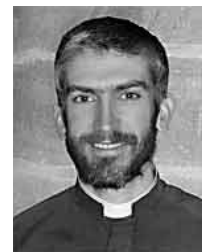
March 2010

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 in the world,
through the power of the Holy Spirit

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The Vicar's letter.....



Dear friends,

Last month I reflected with you on the devastating earthquake that hit the tiny country of Haiti on 12 January. The death total is now reckoned to be 250,000! I asked you the question, 'how long will Haiti remain on your mind?' So...how often have you thought about Haiti? And...how often have you thought about the 16,000 children who die every day because of poverty and preventable diseases?

The season of Lent is a "season of penitence and fasting", a time to "take to heart the call to repentance" through "self-examination, prayer, fasting and denial and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word" (quotes taken from the introduction to the Ash Wednesday service).

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** all God's people.

Our CDFC Lent Course this year is looking at "Faith and...Health". The sessions got off to an excellent start when the Revd Bob Shrine, the Minister in the Deaf Community in the Dioceses of Bradford and Wakefield, helped us think about Faith and Disability Issues. Bob, who has been deaf since his childhood, began by noting that: (1) people with disabilities have long been oppressed by society, and (2) traditional theology and the Church have often failed people with disabilities and assisted in their oppression.

I was struck when Bob highlighted the truth that "throughout history it is the fear of difference that has led majorities to oppress minority groups, either by excluding them, or by assimilating them, whereby the majority absorbs the minority by pressuring them to become as much like the majority as possible".

It was the phrase "fear of difference" that leapt out at me. This Lent let us be honest and admit that every one of us, in some way, at some level, has a "fear of difference". Of course, who or what you are fearful of may not be the same as whom or what I am fearful of; but a "fear of difference" there will be.

Bob Shrine's talk had people in mind. He quoted a disabled theologian, Nancy Eiesland, who said, "the physical and psychological restrictions that people with disabilities face are primarily due to prejudice and social discrimination".

It is true that our fear of difference can easily lead to prejudice and discrimination. History is tarnished with the consequences of prejudice and discrimination against such minority groups as the Jews, the Romany people, homosexuals; we might do well also to remember such atrocities as the Rwandan genocide and the Balkan conflict.

It is right that the Christian Church, Christian people do all within their power to counter all kinds of prejudice and discrimination which leads to violence of any kind – physical, verbal, psychological, et al.

As our thoughts turn increasingly towards the forthcoming General Election let us think hard about what sort of society we want for ourselves and our children. I hope you will agree with me that such –isms as racism, ageism, sexism, genderism, have NO place in today's world.

The Christian, as a follower of Jesus, is called to all they can to challenge all that is wrong in our world. As we move towards Holy Week and Easter let us hold before us the image of the One who was raised up on the Cross as the forgiving victim, Jesus the Lord.

May the crucified and risen Lord bless you on your Lenten journey.

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The General Synod of the Church of England met in London from 8th to 12th February. Among other matters, it discussed:

Children and young people

Synod discussed *Going for Growth*, the Board of Education's strategy for working alongside children and young people, which offers both a theological framework and priorities for practical action at diocesan and parish level.

Mission

Synod considered research from the Mission and Public Affairs Council into the growth of the 'mixed-economy Church', and carried a motion encouraging further development of pioneer ministers and the making of Bishops' Mission Orders. The Rt Revd Graham Cray, Archbishops' Missioner and Fresh Expressions Team Leader, gave a presentation on Fresh Expressions.

TV coverage of religion and ethics

The Synod carried a motion expressing appreciation of the vital role played by those engaged in communicating religious belief and practice through the media, while also articulating deep concern about the overall reduction in religious broadcasting across British television in recent years.

Legislation

Synod completed several items of legislative business – including approving the Ecclesiastical Fees (Amendment) Measure, which introduces a new framework for the making of orders for parochial fees. Synod also approved two codes of practice setting out the capability and grievance procedures that will apply to clergy holding office under 'Common Tenure' when that is introduced early next year.

Clergy pensions

Synod approved changes to the Clergy Pensions Scheme, subject to the necessary statutory consultation with members, and approved the recommendations of a report on changes to ill-health retirement provision. Synod also carried a motion requesting changes to the pension scheme's rules to remove the remaining differences between the pension benefits for surviving civil partners and surviving spouses.

Science and religious belief

Synod carried a motion urging the House of Bishops to promote a better public understanding of the compatibility of science and Christian belief.

Church buildings

The Synod carried a motion calling on government for a substantial increase in the amount of money available for the repair of listed church buildings, including a commitment to continue the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme.

Relations with the Anglican Church in North America

Synod carried a motion expressing its awareness of the distress caused by recent divisions within the Anglican churches of the United States of America and Canada, and recognising and affirming the desire of those who have formed the Anglican Church in

North America to remain within the Anglican family. The motion asks the Archbishops to report back to the Synod on the issue in 2011.

Other Private Members Motions and Diocesan Synod Motions

Synod carried a motion expressing concern about the potentially damaging effects on young people of computer games containing violent and sexual content, congratulating the government on the action it has taken in this area and calling upon it to continue to keep under review the regulatory system for advertising video games.

Synod also carried a motion requesting dioceses, deaneries and parishes to undertake initiatives to celebrate and teach the Bible to mark the 400th anniversary of the King James Version.

Women bishops

The Bishop of Manchester updated the Synod on the work of the Revision Committee on Women in the Episcopate, explaining that having undertaken a considerable amount of work, the Committee was not yet at a position to bring forward revised draft legislation. It is anticipated that such material will be prepared in time for debate at the July Synod.

Other addresses

The Synod heard from:

- The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, who gave a Presidential Address on the nature of human freedom.
- The President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, the Revd David Gamble and Dr Richard Vautrey.
- The most senior chaplains representing each of the Armed Forces, who gave a joint presentation on the role of chaplains in military operations overseas.

Background papers for each debate, alongside links to an audio archive of each session, are available at:

<http://www.cofe.anglican.org/about/gensynod/agendas/feb2010/index.html>



Fairtrade Fortnight, 22 February - 7 March.

Take part and play your part by joining a powerful global movement for change! Two billion people - a third of humanity - still survive on less than \$2 a day. Fairtrade is a people's movement for change that aims to tip the balance of trade in favour of poor producers.

We all need Fairtrade more than ever and we all have the power to create positive change for people and planet. Make it happen. Choose Fairtrade.

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CROSS HILLS & DISTRICT FELLOWSHIP of Churches

Local Christians working together



Lent Course 2010 – “Faith and...Health”

Following the success of last year's format for our ecumenical Lent course, we will again be having one meeting each week on Wednesday evening when a visiting speaker will come and speak about an issue of current interest.

Each evening will take place in St Peter's Methodist Church, Cross Hills and will begin at 7.30pm. The speaker will speak for up to 30 minutes and there will then be time for questions and discussion. Refreshments will then be served.

The programme of sessions will be as follows:

- 24th Feb **Faith and Disability Issues** with the Revd Bob Shrine, Minister in the Deaf Community in West Yorkshire.
- 3rd March **Faith and Stories of hope in the Land of Forgetfulness** with the Revd Gaynor Hammond, Baptist Minister and writer & speaker on dementia.
- 10th March **Faith and Mental & Spiritual Health in Mission** with Dr Jonathan Blakeborough, tutor for the Hull York Medical School.
- 17th March **Faith and the Ethics of Assisted Suicide** with the Revd Dr Rod Anderson, University Chaplain and former Chair of the Bradford Diocesan Ethics Committee.
- 24th March **Faith and Keeping Healthy** with the Revd Dr Paul Severs, Baptist Minister and former Community Paediatrician.

Parcevall Hall: A Weekend Away 9th – 11th July 2010



Parcevall Hall is the Bradford Diocesan Retreat House, situated near Appletreewick. It has excellent facilities, offering the comfort of an old house, the peace of a rural situation and the scenic beauty of Wharfedale.

The Hall has been booked for a weekend away next July. The leader will be the Revd Paul Booth. Paul is an experienced leader of church quiet days and weekends.

The cost will be £115 full board, from Friday supper to Sunday teatime. To book a place please send a £25 deposit to Robin Figg, The Vicarage. For more details contact Robin, 633307.

Page of prayer

Meditation on Jesus' words from the Cross

"Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

Jesus has just experienced the first excruciating pains on the cross. Yet his first thoughts are for the crowd and those who have condemned him. Father forgive them. How could he do that when suffering such dreadful agony? Help us to forgive those who cause us hurt.



"Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." Which thief has the better attitude? The one who rails on Jesus to save himself and us; or the one who sees that he is being punished for his misdeeds, whilst Jesus is being punished although he is innocent. Help us to accept responsibility for our sins in the sure knowledge that Jesus freely offers the gift of forgiveness. Help us to make the very best use of this wonderful gift of forgiveness.

"Woman, behold, your son!" "Behold, your mother!" Jesus places his mother in the care of John; the beloved disciple. One wonders how Mary felt standing there? On one level she must have desperately wanted to save him. But, maybe, she had some sense that something very important was going to happen. Still Jesus found time to care for his mother. Help us to care for others whenever the opportunity arises.

"My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?" It is a cry of utter dereliction. Deserted by the disciples and even his heavenly Father. In the words of The Crucifixion by Stainer, 'Here in abasement, crownless, poor, disrobed and bleeding.' It is so hard to imagine such desolation and aloneness. Help us to be with you, O Lord, during this Lent, through good and bad, until we celebrate a wonderful Easter with you.

"I thirst." Having rejected the drugged wine earlier, Jesus is thirsty. Was Jesus just thirsty? People thirst for power, money, happiness, love, knowledge and righteousness. What do we thirst for?

"It is finished." For some this was the end of all they had hoped for. But others have understood it as a cry of triumph. Jesus had completed his mission on earth – all things were now accomplished. A victory had been won on the cross – once and for all. John encourages us to come, and see, and believe.

"Father, into Thy hands I commit my spirit!" Jesus having completed his task, commits himself to his Father. We commit ourselves to you, O Lord. Help us to see that our salvation is assured through the cross.

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Annual Revision of the Church Electoral Roll Page 7

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.

If your name is not yet on the Roll you must apply for enrolment not later than Sunday 4th April 2010. The new Roll will come into operation on Sunday 11th April 2010. 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 25th April.

Annual Church Meetings – Sunday 25th April

The Annual Meetings which take place next month following the 10am Parish Communion on Sunday 25th April 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 up to 2 persons to serve on the Deanery Synod (to serve for a period of 1 year), up to 2 persons to serve on the Cross Hills & District Fellowship of Churches Council (to serve for a period of 1 year), and up to 4 people to serve on the Parochial Church Council (3 to serve for a period of 3 years, 1 to serve for a period of 2 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.



Thank you to everyone who supported the **Coffee morning in aid of the Lees & the Jigsaw Project**. A total of £840 was raised from last Saturday's event.

Well done and thank you.



Women's World Day of Prayer
Friday 5th March 7.30pm
at St. Joseph's R.C. Church, Aire Street, Cross Hills

The service this year has been prepared by the women of Cameroon and the theme is:

**'Everything that has breath
praise
God'**



We do hope as many women and men will attend this ecumenical service.

Services in local Residential & Nursing Homes

Services held at the care homes are successful and well appreciated. They are held on either a Tuesday or Wednesday.

Since the start there have been some changes within the teams which consist of mainly 4 – 6 people, with a leader. The teams would value offers of more leaders and team members to take part on a rota basis.

The lay teams hold services at the local care homes, alternating with the ministers and assisting the ministers according to the rota.

Anyone who wants more information please contact a member of the clergy or a member of the steering group as follows:

Mrs Marjorie Gee Tel. 01535 630060
Mrs Jean Field Tel 01535 637038
Mrs Glennis Attwood Tel. 01535 632880

The homes visited by the different teams are:

Townend Close, Cross Hills
Yeadon House, Sutton
Sutton Hall & Sutton Lodge, Sutton
Langdale, Cowling

BIBLE HISTORY

written by Michael Baumber



The Gospel Story : The Lost Years 4

GALILEE AND THE TEMPLE

Galilee had always been a part of the Jewish nation. Originally it had been the territory allotted to the tribes of Zebulun and Naphthali and its loyalty was never in doubt. After the destruction of Jerusalem in 587BC the Babylonians, Persians, Greeks and Romans had all recognised the right of the High Priest to the religious oversight of Galilee. Galilean jews had joined in the persecution of the Samaritans by John Hyrcanus I with relish. It was this hostile behaviour that was largely responsible for the refusal of Samaritan villages to offer hospitality to the large numbers of Galileans who regularly went to Jerusalem not only for the Passover but often for Booths and Weeks as well. Pilgrims with accents like that of Peter would have been common at the feasts and their place of origin easily recognised. Yet despite this constancy Galileans were regarded rather as country bumpkins and never given the respect that they thought they deserved.

One of the reasons was not far to seek. While Galileans were always prepared to make the correct sacrifices they were notoriously slow to pay the temple tax. As we have seen taxation was high but other parts of the country had to pay the same secular taxes and were blighted by road tolls just as Galilee was so the explanation had to be sought elsewhere. After the break up of the kingdom of David and Solomon Galilee had formed part of the old Israel which had priests or levites in every village. Ezra's campaign after the return from Babylon to concentrate sacrificial worship at Jerusalem and eliminate the 'high places' had met with considerable opposition all over the country but particularly in Galilee, which felt isolated after the Assyrians transported the ethnic Jewish population of Samaria. By Jesus's time local sacrifices had long since disappeared but there was still the feeling that more should be spent on the local synagogue and less on the temple.

Reform minded Pharisees found the 'northern knotty dispositions' of the Galileans just as frustrating as the temple bureaucracy. They railed against the corruption of the temple and saw the way forward in a shift from a sacrificial religion to one based on the living of life exactly according to the scriptures and they devised a series of rules which the truly religious were expected to obey sometimes referred to as the 'halakhah'. Galileans were observant jews. They had their children circumcised and they obeyed the food laws but they had no time for the 'halakhah' at all. If Jesus had not 'supped with sinners' he would not have supped with anybody. When Jesus allowed his disciples to pluck ears of corn and advocated both rescuing sheep and curing people on the Sabbath he would have had no difficulty in convincing his audience. There were few resident Pharisees in Jesus's day. Those who questioned him were probably 'missionaries' from Jerusalem and as late as 66 AD they were still getting very short shrift.

Voluntary Chaplaincy Visitors Wanted

Do you enjoy meeting people, listening and sometimes sharing your faith? We have a team of volunteer Chaplaincy Assistants who spend an hour or two a week visiting the patients on a ward of Airedale Hospital. They offer unconditional friendship, sympathetic listening, spiritual and religious support as required. This team includes Christians of various denominations and followers of other faiths. New Chaplaincy assistants do a six session course before they start visiting patients.

If you would like to discuss joining us please telephone me at the Chaplaincy office, and leave your name and telephone number on the answer phone. I will telephone you back to arrange a meeting.

Jane Peers, 01535 294088

Airedale Hospital Chapel Sunday Morning Volunteers Wanted

A team of helpers arrive on Sunday morning between 10.15 and 10.30 to fetch patients in wheelchairs from the wards for the 11.00am Sunday Service. They then take patients back to the wards after the service. Many volunteers attend the service, but some go for coffee in the canteen. Volunteers may also help with setting up the chapel and communion. The organ is played by volunteer organists. Some volunteers come every week, some come on a rota system.

If you would like to discuss joining us please telephone me at the Chaplaincy office, and leave your name and telephone number on the answer phone. I will telephone you back to arrange a meeting.

Jane Peers, 01535 294088 or Voluntary Services Manager Mike Yates, 01535 295316.

Diocesan Day 2009 – Saturday 17th April

When is it? Saturday, April 17th.

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.

2010 will see Diocesan Day enter its 5th year with Ministry 4 Mission as the main theme. The keynote speaker will be Bishop Robert Paterson from Sodor & Man. Bishop Robert is Chair of the Central Readers Council and Vice Chair of both the Liturgical Commission and the Fresh Expressions Board. He is married to Pauline, an RE teacher, and they have three grown-up children.

Diocesan Day will be a day of celebration, teaching and fellowship and as usual there will be a wide range of seminars and workshops to choose from. Worship will be led by musicians from St. John's, Ben Rhydding and the groups for children will again be organised by the team from Thorpe Edge, expanding to cover children up to the age of 15.

There are 600 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>

Coffee Morning

St Peter's Church Hall

Saturday 17th April

10am-12noon

Raffle & various stalls all proceeds to:-

Sue Ryder care Manorlands Hospice

Cross hills & Glusburn Manorlands Support Group

Concert

by Halifax Gilbert & Sullivan Society

St Peter's Church

Saturday 24th April at 7.30pm

Admission £6 inc. light refreshments

for further information please telephone 01535

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all proceeds to:-

Sue Ryder care Manorlands Hospice

Cross hills & Glusburn Manorlands Support Group

Isobel's Page

Earlier this year I am sure that most of you would agree that the weather forecasts on television and radio played a big part in daily life as each day we hoped that presenters would be giving us news of a thaw and an end to the cold weather and atrocious conditions. Last month I wrote about some of the sayings connected with Candlemas and there was one forecaster who relied heavily on sayings and folk lore connected with the weather. Indeed, in March 1988, he quoted, exactly, the one I had mentioned...If Candlemas dawn fair and clear... etc. Bill Foggitt was a weather enthusiast from Thirsk whose family had kept records dating back to 1830 and who won international recognition for the accuracy of his quirky weather forecasts which relied, in the main, on nature's signposts. He monitored insect activity, noted whether frogs laid spawn in the middle or edge of his pond- if in the middle of the pond it would be a hot summer for the frogs would not risk the spawn drying out if they had laid it round the edge- he looked for swallows departing south, noted the conditions of seaweed and even the behaviour of his cat 'Blackie'- apparently this feline went a little 'strange' before the onset of a storm. On July 18th 1888, according to the family records, Bill's grandfather recorded a heavy snowfall and then one hundred years later Bill himself had a theory that we will soon be entering a mini ice age. Oh dear- late 2009 and January this year were quite enough for me!

A man, a life long abolitionist and who is said to have influenced the political thoughts and actions of Leo Tolstoy, Mahatma Ghandi and Martin Luther King was someone with whom Bill Foggitt would have great empathy. American, Henry Thoreau, born in 1817, made a lasting contribution to writings about natural history. He was fascinated by it and all nature, recording how fruit ripened over time, the fluctuating depths of his pond and the days certain birds migrated. He embarked on a two year experiment in simple living in 1845 when he moved into the countryside to live in a small self-built house. When I am 'standing in' as organist (now that's an oxy-moron if ever there was one as I have not yet mastered the art of not sitting on the organ stool whilst playing!) very often I get one or two requests to play certain pieces before the service starts. Reading Thoreau's biography it was interesting that a frequent request which I play with great pleasure- it being a favourite of a lady in the congregation- is stated as being the favourite song of his too and that is 'Tom Bowling' or 'The Sailor's Epitaph'- an elaborate tribute to an idealized sailor. The song was written by Charles Dibdin- born in the mid 18th century- on the death of his sea faring brother Captain Thomas. In 1803 Dibdin was asked by Pitt's government to compose and sing war songs in order to stir up popular feeling against France and it would be hard for Dibdin to imagine that his song 'Tom Bowling' would form part of the medley of English sea songs played in the Albert Hall on 'The Last Night of the Proms.' Many of these old folk songs have their origins based on real people and reading about one of the many chefs who appear on our television screens having a restaurant in the village of Bray in Berkshire brought to mind the old song 'The Vicar of Bray.' This recounts the career and political quislingism of the eponymous vicar as he endeavours to retain his ecclesiastic position despite the changes in the established church through the reigns of quite a few English monarchs. There have apparently been some very interesting characters holding the position of the vicar of Bray, but as the most frequently sung words refer to 17th century monarchs, Simon Simonds is the proposed model for the song. He certainly did his utmost to retain his position- being an

Independent during Cromwell's Protectorate, a Church of England cleric under Charles 11, a Roman Catholic under James 11 and a moderate Anglican under William and Mary. In this day and age these methods may seem somewhat drastic- adapting political and ecclesiastical beliefs to fit the governments and church parties of the day- but times were certainly different then and people were being hung for sheep stealing or poaching on someone else's land. It seems inconceivable today that a man could go to prison at one time for burying a family member in a shroud containing cotton fibres. The Burial in Woollen Acts stated that a body, except for a plague victim, had to be buried in fleece and the cotton garments we wear today would have cost us, at least, a heavy fine. At one time cotton was called vegetable wool and there is a legend that Pliny- himself a natural philosopher and naturalist- thought that cotton pods looked like the fruit quince and because the Latin name for quince was cotoneum that is how the name originated. In times past raw cotton and fleeces would be brought to the textile mills of Lancashire and Yorkshire and ultimately leave as finished materials.... ' From tiny acorns come mighty oaks'. In the Bible Jesus tells the parable of the mustard seed- Jesus sees that the mustard seed is tiny but he also tells us of the potential it has to unfold into something very big- and apparently in those days that plant was huge- where birds could roost. From the smallest things the world can be changed. The Christian faith started off as twelve men with Jesus. Jesus planted a tiny seed when He called His disciples to follow Him and that seed grew and is still growing today It is growing when people give their lives in the service of Christ, when they are willing to risk their lives to follow Him, and when people work in soup kitchens, refuges, dig with bare hands in disaster areas or give of their own time and talents to help others less fortunate. It is growing when people are kind, generous, loving and full of compassion even if they are not always aware of it at the time. Dibdin would never realise that the death of his brother and the writing of a song would give such pleasure to so many. Did Thoreau ever dream that his essay 'The Success of Forest Trees'- which was the result of the experiments and analysis he carried out to explain how forests regenerate after fire or human destruction, through the dispersal of seed bearing winds and animals- would, with the rise of environmental history and ecocriticism, show him to be a great ecological analyst and that, also, his example would encourage other people to carry on the fight for equal rights for all? Grandfather Foggitt would never envisage that all the accumulated weather wisdom his family had collected would result in his grandson Bill becoming quite a celebrity, having a nightly spot on television and, as his reputation grew, professional meteorologists taking him very seriously.

So yes indeed -'Great things may come from small beginnings'. George Orwell writing about the notorious vicar of Bray- the vicar who has a very poor reputation because of his political opportunism- says that even he left two positive legacies. He left the entertaining song and also a giant yew tree which he planted and on which have rested the eyes of generation after generation .Orwell in the essay also says that every time we do something we are ashamed of we should make a note in our diaries and then at the appropriate time plant the same number of acorns. Although only one may ever take hold- and even if we have done things we are not proud of- like the vicar of Bray we may end up a public benefactor after all- leaving something for future generations!

Regular Events at Kildwick

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| Monday 1.30 pm | Beanlands Glusburn | Informal Bible study and fellowship, all welcome |
| Tuesday 10.00-11.30am | Chuffs (Not in school holidays) | Fun for pre-school children and their grown-ups! |
| Tuesday 7.30-8.30 pm | Choir practice | In Parish Rooms |
| Wednesdays from 10.15 am | NottheKnot Group downstairs in Parish Rooms | Stitching and fellowship group. |
| Wednesday 6.30-7.30 pm | Jets in Parish Rooms (Not in school holidays) | School children's group |
| 7.30 pm | Bellringing | |
| Thursday 2.00 pm | Open House in Parish Rooms | Refreshments and items for sale |



March

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| Tues 2 rd Mar | 5.30pm | Lang Kirk 21 Steering Group/Standing Committee meeting (Vicarage) |
| Fri 5 th Mar | 7.30pm | Women's World Day of Prayer (St Joseph's Cross Hills) |
| Mon 8 th Mar | 7.30pm | Fellowship and Focus (Parish Rooms) |
| Tue 9 th Mar | 6.30pm | PCC meeting (Parish Rooms) |
| Sun 14 th Mar | | Mothering Sunday |
| Sun 28 th Mar | | PALM SUNDAY |
| Thu 1 st Apr | | MAUNDY THURSDAY |
| Fri 2 nd Apr | | GOOD FRIDAY |
| Sat 3 rd Apr | | EASTER EVE |
| Sun 4 th Apr | | EASTER DAY |
| Sat 17 th Apr | 9.30am | Diocesan Day (Bradford Grammar School) |
| Sun 25 th Apr | 10.00am | Parish Communion followed by Annual Meetings |
| | 6.00pm | Easter Service of Thanksgiving for Departed Family & Friends |



Sunday 7th March 10 am
Family Eucharist with baptism
All welcome

Services at Kildwick

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

Mid week Eucharist in the Parish Rooms on Wednesdays at 9.15am

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| Sunday 7 th March | 8.15 am | Holy Communion |
| The Third Sunday of Lent | 10 am | Family Eucharist with baptism |
| Sunday 14 th March | 8.15 am | Holy Communion |
| The Fourth Sunday of Lent. Mothering Sunday | 10 am | Sung Eucharist |
| Sunday 21 st March | 8.15 am | Holy Communion |
| The Fifth Sunday of Lent | 10 am | Sung Eucharist with prayers for healing |
| Sunday 28 th March | 8.15 am | 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> |



Sunday 14th 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.

Lent, Holy Week & Easter

Holy Week & Easter Services

Sunday 28th 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.*

Monday 29th, Tuesday 30th, Wednesday 31st March

12.30pm Stations of the Cross

7.30pm Meditative Service

Thursday 1st April – Maundy Thursday

7.30pm Eucharist of the Last Supper followed by vigil of prayer until 11pm

Friday 2nd April – 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 Peter's Methodist Church)

Saturday 3rd April – Easter Eve

8.45pm Easter Vigil and Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Sunday 4th April – 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 CDFC Celebration Songs of Praise

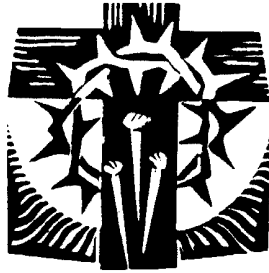
Women's Institute News

Kildwick with Farnhill W. I. met at the home of Rosemary Bowskill for a talk by Clive Bowers on his work in the Antiques Trade. He showed us pictures from his collection and talked about his experiences in local antiques trading. There was a short business meeting after supper.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 11th, at the home of Anne Greenwood, when Ian Butterfield will speak about Bats. For further information, please telephone 01535 633673.



Jesus, I need healing.
At times I have a Judas voice
which betrays the Christ in me and
others.
There is also a Pontius Pilate who
will shrug
and walk away from the suffering in
the world,
a Peter who panics and denies the truth.
Jesus, the scenes of your trial and
crucifixion
get acted out in me, time after time,
and there are days when I find it hard
to look at myself in the mirror.
I need you to remind me
that forgiveness begins with self.



Life is a journey of contrasts.
It is light which makes shadows,
hills which cause valleys,
and it is your life in me
which makes me so aware
of the beauty and frailty of being
human.

Jesus, show me how to be gentle
with myself and others.
And in my moments of despair,
draw me back to the Easter message -
there can be no resurrections
without crucifixions.

Joy Cowley

Parish Rooms

Many thanks to the team from the Community Payback scheme who spent last week redecorating the Parish Rooms. Thanks also to Libba Utley for all her hard work in planning and managing the event. The Rooms now look very bright, fresh and clean.



Community Payback can be given to offenders as part of a 'community sentence'. A 'community sentence' means that the offender may have to carry out up to 300 hours of unpaid work. This work benefits the community - and means the offenders pay back the community for their crimes.

Projects can include:

- removing graffiti
- picking up litter
- repairing and decorating community centres
- clearing undergrowth from paths and other public areas
- working on environmental projects.

We are hoping that another team will be doing some work in the New Churchyard later in the year.

Thanks again to all concerned

Church Rotas

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| Sunday 7 th March The Third Sunday of Lent | 1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel | Isaiah 55 v1 - 9 1 Corinthians 10 v1 - 13 Luke 13 v1 - 9 | |
| Sunday 14 th March The Fourth Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday | 1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel | Exodus 2 v1 - 10 Colossian 3 v12 - 17 John 19 v25 - 27 | This reading not used Marjorie Gee Christine Anderton |
| Sunday 21 st March The Fifth Sunday of Lent | 1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel | Isaiah 43 v16 - 21 Phillippians 3 v4b - 14 John 12 v1 - 8 | Barry Houghton Sandie Walton Stephen Westcott |
| Sunday 28 th March Palm Sunday | 1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel | (At Barrett's Bridge) Luke 19 v29 - 40 (in the church) Luke 19 v29 - 40 Isaiah 50 v4 - 9a Philippians 2v5 - 11 Luke 22 14 - 23 56 | Lesley Bannister Marjorie Gee Michael Baumber Ruth Ward Dramatised gospel arranged separately |

Brass Cleaning: John and Dorothy Ward

Church Cleaning

March: Lesley Hudson, Libba Utley, Chrstine Anderton

April: Helen Hulley, Rosie Hargreaves, Sylvia Ackroyd

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

Sunday 7th February Alexander Jacob Wylde son of Richard & Mel, of Banks Road,
Riddlesden

Burial of cremated remains

Tuesday 2nd February Moira Elliff, formerly of Westlands Close, Cross Hills

| Date | Sidesperson | Intercessor | Communion |
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| Sunday 7 th March The Third Sunday of Lent | Joan and Barry Houghton Libba Utley Brian Green | | Christine and John |
| Sunday 14 th March The Fourth Sunday of Lent | David Baxter Marie Stinson Pam Brown Peter McNeill | Lesley Hudson | Christine and Sandie |
| Sunday 21 st March The Fifth Sunday of | Christine Anderton Ann Mosley June Whitaker | Sue Hargreaves | Tim and Christine |
| Sunday 28 th March Palm Sunday | Eleanor Eastwood Dorothy Ward Christine Hutchinson | Robin Figg | Sue and Michael |

Fellowship & Focus Group

Our next meeting on Monday 8th March and will focus on a NOOMA film 'Flame'.

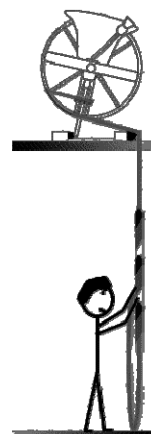
I love those shoes. Really? The same way I love my wife? What's up with the word "love"? It doesn't have much meaning when we use it so loosely. Maybe we don't really get it. Maybe we don't understand what real love is. What it involves to really love somebody. What it means to give yourself to someone else, We mistake things like friendship, commitment, or lust for love, but God wired us a certain way to experience all that love was meant to be. Not to hold us back or to make us miss out on the best that life has to offer. God created love, and wants us to feel it all in the way it's meant to be felt.

The Focus is led by Peter Bannister. Then we have a short time of prayer followed by drinks, nibbles and fellowship. Do come and join us we are delighted to see new faces.

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PROVIDED**

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Cross Hill Naturalists' Society (Founded 1904)

Meetings are held at St. Peter's church, Cross Hills on Saturdays at 7pm.
The Microscope Group meets at the Senior Citizen Centre, Sutton in Craven on the
second Thursday of the month at 6.45 pm

WINTER PROGRAMME March 2010

- 11th Microscope Workshop
- 27th Alpines through an artist's eye. Miss R. Cox

Our summer programme begins in May. Full details next month.

New members and visitors welcome at all meetings. Visit the society's website for more
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FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL SUMMARY OF DRAFT MINUTES

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The meeting of Farnhill Parish Council was held on the 4th February 2010 in Kildwick/Farnhill Institute. The meeting was chaired by Counc. M. Scarffe . Five members of the council were present plus NYCC Rep Counc. P Mulligan and CDC Reps Counc. M. Wheeler and P. Fairbank.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 7th December were approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

NYCC Counc P Mulligan gave an update on the proposed 1 Way Traffic Order from the A629 Cononley Lane Ends Junction towards Farnhill. He stated that there have been a lot of objections to the proposal, but it will be discussed at the Area Committee, when both the safety issues and objections will be considered.

Counc P Mulligan apologized for missing the January meeting, but has been following up the issue with the lights at the underpass. He has been with Keith Midgley to see Peter Ball from NYC Street Lighting, but they are struggling to find a solution, Peter Ball stated that if the lights are lowered, people would be blinded by the light and the lights would be prone to vandalism. He will be continuing discussions with Mr. Ball to try and find a solution.

NYCC sent a copy of the comments received so far for the 1-Way Traffic Order and objections were received from Box Tree Farm, Farnhill, NYCC Passenger Transport section, Kildwick Parish Meeting, Police, Farnhill Hall Farm, Farnhill Parish Council, Cononley and the Cyclist Touring Club.

Their reply to suggestions for the junction was that signals for the junction have been considered but they feel this would lead to shunt accidents on the approach from the South, due to the poor visibility round the bends. They gave their reasons for the proposal to be that the junction is the 6th worst accident site in Craven and the 47th worst in North Yorkshire.

A request has been made from a resident of the village for a grit bin mid-way up Starkey Lane. It was decided that a review of grit bins in the village be put on the agenda for next month.

The new light has now been put up on Starkey Lane, but has not been connected yet. Concerns were raised about the positioning of the light, due to it being quite close to the one at the Crofts and maybe it would have been better slightly lower down. Peter Ball from NYCC Street Lighting stated that the light could not be moved any further down as there was no supply further down. Clerk to ask if the report has been done yet for the survey of lights in the village.

Counc. R Bramley reported that there had been quite a bit of cement rendering laying about in the Play Area, but he had cleared it. He did not think it was due to vandals but caused by frost damage.

It was decided to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on the 15th April 2010 at 7.30pm in Kildwick/Farnhill Institute. The Annual meeting of the Parish Council will be held on the

13th May 2010 at 7.30pm in Kildwick/Farnhill Institute. This will replace the meeting of the 6th May due to it being an election year.

Counc M Scarffe to draft a letter explaining about the ongoing plan for the Arbour and asking for volunteers to help out with the work or put forward ideas of what they would like to see at the Arbour. Once the letter is completed it will be delivered to all residents of the village. A suggestion was made that it might be a good idea to involve the school with the improvements.

Part of the community governance review concerns boundary issues and CDC are asking Parishes to start considering issues which they would like to submit for further investigation. Kildwick are of the opinion that the four houses at Kirkgate would be better moved from Farnhill to Kildwick Parish. Clerk to write to the occupants of the four houses and ask them for their opinion on the proposal. A suggestion was made on the possible grouping of Farnhill and Kildwick Parishes, but it was considered that the identity of Farnhill may be lost.

CDC Reps Councs P Fairbank and M Wheeler answered questions about the new waste collection service and re-cycling. The Council stated that some people in Farnhill who have storage problems still do not know what is happening, despite being promised a visit from CDC. They replied that officers had been to several properties in Farnhill but they would have a word with the officers concerned.

The grass by Redmans Bridge has finally been cut and British Waterways have stated it will be added to the routine grass cutting rota. Repairs have also been made to the surface of Redmans Bridge.

NYCC have stated that they did clear the footpaths at Cross Hills, but due to the adverse weather conditions and shortage of salt the pavements have been prioritized like the roads. NYCC Skipton Area have been issued with strict instructions from Northallerton which pavements they are allowed to clear.

Concerns were expressed about a notice in the Bridge Magazine stating that the Churchyard at Kildwick would be closed for one day from the 26th to 27th February 2010 in support of its claim that the paths through the churchyard are permissive paths, not rights-of-way. Clerk to express their concerns to the church and ask for more clarification on the closure.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 4th MARCH 2010 IN KILDWICK/
FARNHILL INSTITUTE AT 7.30PM
All members of the village are welcome to attend.**



FOLLOW ME

We quite often look at saints on this page, people who have lived their lives for others, who followed Jesus Christ and did His work. But time and time again the people that Jesus chooses aren't the ones we would have thought of as natural leaders or preachers. Someone who knew him wrote that St Paul was 'a little man, a big red nose, bandy legs and not able to speak very well'!



Moses tried to convince God that he wasn't the right person to persuade Pharaoh. In the end Moses had to take his brother Aaron to speak for him (Exodus, chapter 4).

We have to remember that we are all called to follow Jesus. We might think that it is too difficult and someone else would do the job better than we could. But by our baptism we are all called to serve and we all have different gifts and talents to bring to the job. How boring it would be if we were all the same and how great the excitement in finding out just what God want us to do.

JUMBLLED JOBS

All the answers to this are jobs but the letters have been jumbled up. For example TVE unjumbled is VET. Can you work out what these people do?

1. Sarah is a TODROC.
2. Peter is a RORLY VERDIR.
3. Amelia is a THEERAC.
4. Jack is a EFCH.
5. Rose is a GEDUJ.
6. Sam is a NICEOMPLA.
7. Liz is a HOSP STAISTSAN
8. Calum is a TOPLI.
9. Emma is a READRENG.
10. Andy is a MAFRER.



How many schoolteachers does it take to change a light bulb?

None. Anything not completed during the lesson is added to the homework.

How many firemen does it take to change a light bulb?

Four - three to cut a hole in the roof and one to change the bulb.



Answers: 1.doctor 2.lorry driver 3.teacher
4.chef 5.judge 6.policeman 7.shop assistant
8.pilot 9.gardener 10. farmer

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I'm still not convinced that what works for Disneyland will work for us!



Wanted bicycle in good condition for boy aged 5 to 6 years
Tel 01535 635239

Farnhill Methodist Church holds a Coffee Morning from 10—11.30 am on the second Saturday of each month. There is a cake stall, greetings cards, bric-a-brac and paintings on sale. It is a regular date for many villagers and for visitors from around the area All are welcome.

THE VILLAGE PUMP

A Meeting Place for Over 50's

Every Wednesday
2.00 - 3.30 pm

Chat  over Tea

Dominoes

Scrabble 

Cards  and more ... 

Farnhill Methodist Church
(in the foyer)