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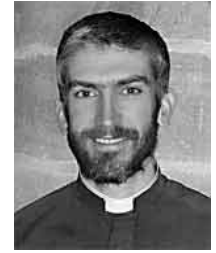
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Parish Mission Statement

Called to be the body of Christ,
we are here to share God's love with all people,
through outreach and service,
in our community and in the world,
through the power of the Holy Spirit

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The Vicar's letter.....



Dear friends,

We will soon find ourselves in the season on Lent, the 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 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 choices 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 and write about the other person. Living and working together in a true spirit of love and forgiveness 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, how much better God's world would be!

The call is none other than the call God gave to the people of Israel when God said, "You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy".

As one commentator said, "This holiness is not about being pious or even about keeping away from anything that might taint you. No. Holiness is about the way you treat other people. Holiness is making sure that the refugee is protected and the asylum seeker is given enough to eat. Holiness is being honest when it comes to money matters. Holiness is paying your bills on time. Holiness is showing respect to people with disabilities and enabling them to participate in society. Holiness is not jumping to conclusions before you've heard both sides of the story. Holiness is about being fair to rich and poor alike. Holiness is not taking advantage of someone else's misfortune. Holiness is not hanging on to hate or bearing a grudge, but sorting out the problems you have with other people. Holiness is loving your neighbour as yourself.

"Holiness is what we do because we are God's people. God is holy, and he calls us to be holy. Holiness is how God treats us and that is how we should treat other people.

And no, it's not easy. There aren't many people who can tick every item in the checklist, but it matters that you try and it matters that you long for holiness, to be like your loving heavenly father. When you desire holiness, God will help to make it happen in you. If you give up on holiness, then you will be just like everyone else out there. You are Christians. You are God's family. A higher standard is required of you."

This Lent use your time well to reflect on how you can play your part in making the reign of God a reality today.

May God bless you on your journey.

The Season of Lent

This year Easter Day is not until Sunday 24th April. (Three years ago you may remember it was 23rd March.) This means **Ash Wednesday**, the start of Lent, is not until Wednesday 9th March. This is one of the Principal Feasts in the church calendar and so it good to flag up the date now so you can get into your diary; everyone is encouraged to attend a service on this day. At St Andrew's there will be services at 9.30am. The evening service at 7.30pm will be at St Thomas' Church, Sutton. Both services will include the imposition of ashes.



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.

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 20th March 2010. The new Roll will come into operation on Sunday 27th March 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 10th April.

Annual Church Meetings – Sunday 10th April

The Annual Meetings which take place next month following the 10am Parish Communion on Sunday 10th 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 3 years), 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 5 people to serve on the Parochial Church Council (3 to serve for a period of 3 years, 2 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 that all those whose names are on the church electoral roll and as many other members of our church community as possible will come to our Annual Meetings. Please book the date in your diary.

Prayers for the Parish & World Church

The next monthly meeting to pray for the parish and worldwide Church will take place on Friday 18th March in the parish rooms from 10.00am until 11.30am. For more information contact Robin Figg, 633307.

Prayer Page for Lent



Forty days alone,
a wilderness of thoughts,
tempting and inviting thoughts,
which could so easily have distracted you
from your task, your mission,
your vision.

Yet you emerged, stronger and more
attuned
to all that had to be done,
despite a time constraint
that to our eyes would have seemed
hopeless.

We too live in stressful times.
Demands are made of our time,
that leave so little
for the important things of life.
We are easily distracted
in the wilderness of our lives,
by every call to go this way or that,
to turn stone to bread
leap from mountains,
and do all that would keep us from the
truth.

We listen to the voices of this world,
and ignore the one who endured all this
and so much more,
and emerged triumphant,
that we might not have to suffer so.
Forgive us, Father,
when we get distracted from our task.
Forgive us those times when we try
to be all things to all men,
and fail to be anything to anyone

Loving Father,
all the fancy words
in the world,
expressed in eloquent prose,
decorated with emotion,
spoken with conviction,
cannot compete with a heartfelt
'sorry'
when all other words fail.
There are times

when we are all too aware
of our limitations,
conscious of sin,
and the distance it creates between us.
Sometimes 'sorry'
is all the heart can bear to say aloud.
It is only you
who can read and understand
the language of our hearts,
only you who can translate our 'sorry'
into the prayer we would have prayed,
if we had the words within us.
Then you forgive,
and having forgiven
surround us in an embrace of love,
drawing us close to your heart,
as it was always meant to be.
Thank you, Loving Father,
that you listen to hearts,
as well as voices
Thank you.

Lord, we would grow with you
New shoots reaching out
Hands stretched upward
Like leaves newly formed
Soaking up your light and warmth
Lord, we would grow with you

Lord, we would grow with you
In sunshine and rain
In darkness and light
In cold days and summer days
From Springtime to Winter
Lord, we would grow with you

Lord, we would grow with you
And bring forth fruit
That is pleasing to you
Fed by your living water
Giving sustenance to others
Lord, we would grow with you

The work of US theologian Stanley Hauerwas provides a challenging alternative vision of church as subversive, exemplary community - rather than the cement or glue of society, as in the top-down Christendom model.

Most famously, he has declared: "The church does not *have* a social ethic; the church *is* a social ethic" - or not, I would add, looking at its actual performance in many instances.

Back in 1981, Hauerwas published *Reforming Christian Social Ethics: Ten Theses*. The appeal echoed Luther's famous 95 Theses, which disputed the ideology and practice of church in his era. Hauerwas' theses recognise that reformation is a continual (radical) process, not a one-off event.

Hauerwas' ten theses, summarised below, offer a critique of 'Christendom' (the historic collusion of institutional churches with governing authorities and vice versa) and assume the voluntary, non-state form that church must take in order to be true to its vocation.

1. The social significance of the Gospel requires the recognition of the narrative structure of Christian convictions for the life of the church.

The church is founded on the premise that the creator God decisively calls and forms a people to serve him through the history of Israel and through the work of Jesus Christ to bring about the redemption of the creation.

2. Every social ethic involves a narrative, whether it is concerned with the formulation of basic principles of social organisation and/or with concrete policy alternatives.

The form and substance of the Christian community is story formed.

3. The ability to provide an adequate account of our existence is the primary test of the truthfulness of a social ethic.

The first task of the church is to help Christians form a community that looks like their story. The story of God showing up in unlikely places to bring about transformation and restoration.

4. Communities formed by a truthful narrative must provide the skills to transform fate into destiny so that the unexpected, especially as it comes in the form of strangers, can be welcomed as a gift.

From our story, we learn that we own nothing, and whatever we have is a gift. This understanding allows us be less attached to our stuff.

5. The primary social task of the church is to be itself - that is, a people who have been formed by a story that provides them with the skills for negotiating the danger of this existence, trusting in God's promise of redemption.

The church is a people on a journey who insist on living lives that are consistent with their conviction that God is the lord of history. They thus refuse to resort to violence in order to secure their survival.

6. Christian social ethics can only be done from the perspective of those who do not seek to control national or world history but who are content to live "out of control".

This means that Christians must find the means to make clear to both the oppressed and the oppressors that the cross determines the meaning of history. They should thus provide imaginative alternatives for social policy as they are released from the

“necessities” of those that would control the world in the name of security. To be out of control means Christians can risk trusting in gifts and not on what we can achieve and hence must protect at all costs.

7. Christian social ethics depends on the development of leadership in the church that can trust and depend on the diversity of gifts in the community.

The authority necessary for leadership in the church should derive from the willingness of Christians to risk speaking the truth to and hearing the truth from those in charge. This is the kind of community that can afford to have their leader’s mistakes acknowledged without their ceasing to exercise authority.

8. For the church to be, rather than have, a social ethic means we must recapture the social significance of common behaviour, such as kindness, friendship, and the formation of families.

Trust is impossible in communities that always regard the other as a challenge and threat to their existence. One of the most profound commitments of a community, therefore, is providing a context that encourages us to trust and depend on one another.

9. In our attempt to control our society [American] Christians have readily accepted liberalism as a social strategy appropriate to the Christian story (that is, story-less living).

We must constantly remember that we are a story formed community and that story is what defines our existence.

10. The church does not exist to provide an ethos for democracy or any other form of social organisation, but stands as a political alternative to every nation, witnessing to the kind of social life possible for those that have been formed by the story of Christ.

The church’s first task is to help us gain a critical perspective on the stories that have captivated our vision and lives. By doing so, the church may well help provide a paradigm of social relations otherwise thought impossible.

Supermarkets Back the Real Easter Egg

A church-backed campaign has succeeded in convincing retailers to stock The Real Easter Egg, the UK’s first Fairtrade charity egg to mention Jesus on the box.



Morrison’s, Waitrose, Co-op and Booths are to stock a limited ‘trial listing’ of the Real Easter Egg and sell it in their biggest stores. A number of independent shops and a selection of cathedrals are also stocking The Real Easter Egg. And hundreds of Traidcraft supporters have ordered thousands of eggs on behalf of their communities.

UK’s biggest direct mail order egg

Despite selling over 80 million Easter eggs a year, supermarkets initially turned down The Real Easter Egg. But when 70,000 eggs were ordered by church schools, churches and individuals, the demand was proven. The Rt Revd Nigel McCulloch, Bishop of Manchester, said; “It’s great news that for the first time people will have the chance of buying an

Women's World Day of Prayer



'HOW MANY LOAVES HAVE YOU?'

On **Friday March 4th** 2011 women from around the world will celebrate the Women's World Day of Prayer. The service has been written by the women of Chile. It is an appropriate theme for bread is eaten at every meal and is very much part of every day life. The women of Chile offer what it means to them as they share this service with us.

Jean Hackett, president of the National Committee of the Women's World Day of Prayer Movement, said:

'This is always an exciting day as a great wave of prayer sweeps the world, beginning when the first service is held in Tonga and continuing around the world until the final service takes place, some 35 hours later, in neighbouring Western Samoa. By then the day will have been celebrated in over 170 countries and over 5,000 services will have been held in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.'

**There will be a service at South Craven Baptist Church
at 7.30pm
Speaker will be Ruth Parry**

IS CHILE A WEALTHY COUNTRY?

Currently Chile is the world's foremost producer of copper, most of which is extracted from the Chuquibambilla Mine, the largest open-cast mine in the world. It is also one of the major world exporters of fish and shell-fish. Fruit, vegetables and wine are likewise exported. Important crops include wheat, maize, barley, rice, potatoes, and sugar beet and large numbers of cattle, sheep, pigs and goats are reared for their meat, milk and wool. The country's forests of pine, oak and laurel –from which excellent-quality timber is produced – are another source of wealth. Tourism is also a significant source of revenue. Approximately 700,000 Chilean workers (10% of the labour force) earn the minimum wage. In 2009 this was increased to 165,000 Chilean pesos (£205) per month. However, this increase has not kept pace with inflation and actual buying power has decreased, pushing an additional 300,000 Chileans below the poverty line. Despite the economic growth shown in the past 20 years, the gap between rich and poor is very wide. Twenty per cent of Chileans own 80% of the nation's wealth and at least 12% of the population exists in extreme poverty. The most affected are the elderly (especially women) and children under the age of 15. Even though the law prohibits it, many boys and girls work from an early age in supermarkets or in street markets, selling second-hand goods in order to supplement the family income.

IS CHILE AFFECTED BY GLOBAL WARMING?

Environmentally, Chile is facing a challenging time. Misuse of natural resources and the uncontrolled growth of cities and industrial areas have caused a deterioration of the environment and have adversely affected its development and productivity. According to



the World Health Organisation, Santiago is one of the most polluted cities in Latin America. A pall of smog hangs over the city which lies in a valley and the illnesses that are occurring as a result are threatening future generations. Multi-national companies searching for precious metals and constructing dams to produce energy have done so to the detriment of the country's enormous water reserves, such as Pascua Lama in the north and Patagonia in the south. The careless expulsion of biological and chemical waste into the waters is gradually exterminating animals and plants that help to maintain the ecological balance: one example is the disappearance of a native willow in the south.

In rural areas too, people have contributed to the destruction of both flora and fauna – decimating forests, killing animals or secretly selling species that are in danger of extinction. The government is currently looking at developing the bio-fuel industry – as a renewable and less polluting source of energy compared to fossil fuels. However there are concerns over pressure from some producers to use genetically modified plant species.

IS EDUCATION FREE?

Education in Chile is free and compulsory from the ages of five to 18 and there is a high level of literacy. Lessons are in Spanish. Opportunities for further education are available at universities or technical colleges. However, only 25 universities are funded by the state – the rest are private and require the applicant to pass an entrance examination and pay fees or apply for a long-term loan. A small minority of the adult population is illiterate (3.2%) for whom volunteers run a free education programme.

WHAT ARE THE HEALTH ISSUES IN CHILE?

Within South America, Chile is recognised as having a high-quality public health service, with the lowest mortality rates in the region. The main health issues for Chileans are cardiovascular disease, obesity (particularly in children), diabetes and depression. Recent public health policies have concentrated on preventative health. The government has developed and implemented the Indigenous Health System specifically for communities such as the Aymara in the north and the Mapuche in the south, where traditional medicine is still much in practice. Primary health care is provided by the government and includes regular check-ups, vaccinations and emergency medical services for children. Pregnant women are entitled to check-ups when pregnancy is confirmed and are also offered milk, vitamins, ante-natal exercises and free dental treatment. There are an undisclosed number of teenage pregnancies; responsibility for the welfare and schooling of these girls is undertaken by the government.

In Chile, the National Aids Commission is responsible for the prevention and treatment of people living with HIV and Aids. Anti-retrovirus treatments are guaranteed to all adults and children who require them.

IS THEIR CULTURE VERY DIFFERENT?

Chile has a rich and diverse culture. From the north to the furthest south, cave paintings, drawings made on stones (petraglyphs) and painted **Continued overleaf**

figures in open desert areas (geoglyphs) can be found. Inca influence can be seen in brightly-coloured ponchos, which women still make by hand from naturally-dyed llama wool in the north and sheep's wool in the south. The pre-Colombian Diaguita people have left their legacy of distinctive ceramics decorated with geometric designs in black, red and white.

Easter Island is known for its enormous stone statues called moais and its boatshaped, straw-roofed, windowless houses made from volcanic rock. On the island of Chiloé, beautiful painted houses (palafittes) are built on stilts at the edge of the sea. One tradition here is the 'minga' when the whole community comes together and takes part in a collective task, such as moving a wooden house. Throughout Chile both indigenous and European influences can be seen in drama, painting, music and dance. European influence is also evident in architecture, furniture and handicrafts in the south where many immigrants have settled.

HOW DO PEOPLE WORSHIP?

Chileans enjoy freedom of worship. The Aymara people speak of 'God-man and man-God' as creators of life. Aymara theology attempts to find common ground with Christianity in its 'Plan of Life' and seeks to blend the essence of the gospel and the Aymara cultural order. They worship the 'Pachamama', Mother Earth. The Mapuches invoke Ngeenechen Lord, who is both male and female and nurture their ancestral heritage through music, which they say makes the heart speak. The majority of Chileans are Roman Catholics and celebrate with festivals throughout the year. These are often colourful affairs with dancing and music. One popular festival, originating from colonial times, is the Feast of Cuasimodo, which takes place on the Sunday after Easter. It involves colourfully-dressed 'knights' on horseback escorting the priest as he takes the Eucharist to the sick and infirm of the parish. Another popular festival is the Feast of La Tirana, much celebrated in Iquique. Ten percent of the population is Protestant and the remaining 1% consists of small Jewish, Orthodox Christian and Muslim communities as well as other minorities.

WHAT IS IT LIKE TO BE A WOMAN IN CHILE?

Chilean women represent just over a third of the workforce and have only entered the labour market in recent years to augment family income. Most are in domestic service and earn two thirds of the basic minimum wage. Women tend to work in less prestigious and less well-paid jobs. They are the 'heads of the household', putting up with heavy work as seasonal workers (in the fruit and vegetable season), selling in street markets and garage sales, working in private homes, caring for children, making bread, producing bait for fishing, making handicrafts, sewing and discovering other intelligent ways to earn more money. It is very common to see women on tricycles in poor neighbourhoods, collecting cardboard and discarded objects for re-sale. The Code of Labour Law stipulates special benefits for pregnant workers and mothers of new-born babies, including a prohibition on dismissal. Employers are not allowed to require women to take a pregnancy test before hiring them.

A study carried out in 2005 by the University of Chile revealed that 87% of women interviewed felt that women suffer discrimination in some form or another. Equal opportunities are being pursued.

Chile has the highest incidence of domestic violence in Latin America. It is said that 28% of Chilean women suffer physical or sexual violence and nearly 20% suffer psychological violence. However, these figures do not include secret or hidden violence. 'Femicide' (when a woman is violently attacked and dies as a result) is a cause for

concern. The churches have taken a stand on this issue, offering Prevention Workshops and providing referral and spiritual support for ill-treated women. By the end of 2008, there were 29 government centres and other private ones caring for the victims of domestic violence and taking responsibility for women's legal rights and protection.

Some notable Chilean women are Gabriela Mistral – awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1945 and the national prize for literature in 1951; Violeta Parra (1917-1967), expert in folklore, composer and singer, craftswoman and painter; and Isabel Allende, contemporary novelist and story-teller. These women are renowned for their talents. Similarly, Michelle Bachelet Jería made history as the first woman President of the Republic.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER IN CHILE

The World Day of Prayer in Chile began in 1980 under the wing of the Ecumenical Women of Latin America (MELA) but it was not until 1996 that a national WDP committee was formed. Preparing the material for the 2011 service has helped to unite and consolidate the movement in Chile.

Whalley Abbey - A Weekend Away Friday 13th to Sunday 15th May 2011

Whalley Abbey is the Blackburn Diocesan Retreat House and Conference Centre, located in the village of Whalley, 3 miles south of Clitheroe. The Abbey is a manor house built in the late 16th century and restored in the 19th century. It is an ideal place to find renewal and refreshment for body, mind and spirit.



The programme for the weekend will be a relaxed mixture of worship, input & discussions, fellowship and free time.

The theme will be "The Jesus Driven Life: Reconnecting Humanity with Jesus". Using talks on DVD based on material from the book of this title, we will explore questions such as: Who is Jesus Christ for us today? What has happened as Jesus, the rabbi from Galilee, has been displaced as the centre of the Christian faith and replaced with false portraits? How can we understand the relation between this nonviolent Jesus and the violent God of most Christian traditions? What might Christianity look like if it truly followed this Jesus?

Reviewers of the book have said: "...a great new resource in the Christian adventure. The Jesus Driven Life is thoroughly ecumenical in its scope, richly biblical in its sourcing and gloriously Christ-centred in its excitement about God"; "There is extraordinary value here for any reader who is hungry for a realistic, intelligent and peaceful version of the Christian faith".

The cost will be approximately £115 full board, from Friday supper to Sunday lunchtime. The centre was refurbished a few years ago and all rooms are now en suite. 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.**

BIBLE HISTORY

written by Michael Baumber



The Gospel Story : THE MIRACLES OF JESUS: 2. JESUS THE HEALER

The best attested of all the miracles of Jesus were those in which he cured people brought to him of various diseases. Some were apparently blind, others lame or bed ridden. All Jesus had to do was to tell them that they were cured of their maladies and they disappeared. Although some of the cures still defy our best efforts at explanation it is now generally accepted that many of them were what we call today exorcisms i.e. that the physical symptoms were the result of disturbances in the mind. They could be cured if the disturbances disappeared.

I still remember one of the boys I taught in Uganda many years ago, whose name was Geoffrey Sabiti. Suddenly, without warning, he began to exhibit symptoms of insanity, throwing off his clothes and rambling around the school naked. Puzzled, our Headmaster consulted an Austrian doctor, Dr. Karrach, who was a close friend of the family. A few days later Geoffrey's peculiar conduct ceased. Dr. Karrach explained that it was usual in African families for the children of both sexes to sleep together until the onset of puberty but Geoffrey's contact with Christian teaching had caused him to believe that the practice was sinful. Once he was convinced that he had done nothing wrong his peculiar behaviour disappeared. The demon had been exorcised. Maniacal behaviour of this sort was common in ancient societies particularly rural ones and was attributed to demons or evil spirits which had to be exorcised. Many of Jesus' miraculous healings were exorcisms of this sort.

An English couple, who taught with me at Kabale, was invited to an African wedding. Traditional ones could be very upsetting for Europeans because the woman often regarded her marriage, in which she had little or no choice, as a prison sentence and her female friends often set up a wailing. This one however was a Christian wedding and among the guests was a woman whom they were assured had been crippled for 30 years. During the rejoicing of the reception she suddenly threw away her crutches and not only began to walk normally but joined in the dancing. The other guests put the change down to her realisation that the Christian conception of marriage was quite different from traditional African society. Such illnesses with their sudden onset and apparently miraculous cures were of common occurrence. Some of them were the result of personal anxieties and others of pressures exerted by critical neighbours.

Few people in our society exhibit mental anxieties by throwing off their clothes or physical symptoms but this does not mean that we do not have them. Stress is a potent cause of heart problems, strokes and other illnesses. Turning to Jesus as a healer of our mental woes, either privately in our prayers or through the medium of healing services, can indirectly have a positive effect on our physical health. Surveys suggest that Christians are happier than the average - whatever that may mean – perhaps more contented with their lot. Maybe that is why they live two year longer than the average as well.

King Henry V111th was a colourful and complex character and is a person from history who has been brought to life in many books and films and of course William Shakespeare gave us a play. Shakespeare's writing here is very interesting because he avoids the disgrace of Anne Boleyn, Henry's second wife, and, in the play, there is no indication that he had any further wives after her. At a performance of this work, in 1613, at 'The Globe', the theatre's thatched roof was ignited by cannon shot which was being used for special effects and, although rebuilt the next year, was burned to the ground. Over the Christmas period I watched a film which featured someone associated with Henry- perhaps one not so well known. The film, 'The Other Boleyn Girl', based on the novel by Philippa Gregory, tells the story of Henry's relationship with the sister of Anne Boleyn- Mary. Rick Wakeman, the keyboard player, composer and song writer, based his interpretations of the musical characteristics of the many wives of Henry V111th using keyboard instruments. 'The Six Wives of Henry V111th' was the first solo album by Wakeman and because he is such a brilliant keyboard player- he accompanied Ozzy Osborne and was for a short time a pupil at the Royal College of Music- it is a masterpiece to listen to and what a wonderful setting Hampton Court Palace would be when the album was performed in whole there in 2009. In the part 'Anne Boleyn' Wakeman includes a very well known hymn- 'The Day Thou Gavest Lord Is Ended'- the tune St Clements. The words of this familiar hymn were written in the nineteenth century by John Ellerton and the tune is by Clement Cotterill Scholefield. Ellerton, a Cheshire vicar, is said to have composed the hymn whilst making his nightly walk to teach at a local Mechanic's Institute. Another film and a musical has connection to a prolific hymn writer of the nineteenth century who wrote 'Onward Christian Soldiers'. Sabine Baring-Gould, born in Exeter in 1834, became curate at Horbury in West Yorkshire in 1864- after obtaining degrees from Cambridge. Here he met and fell in love with sixteen year old Grace Taylor, daughter of a mill hand. His vicar arranged for the girl to go away for two years to learn 'middle class' manners. They married in 1868, had a long and happy marriage and were parents to fifteen children. Gould seems to have been a somewhat remote father. At a birthday party he asked a child whose little girl she was. Understandably quite tearfully, she replied, 'Yours Daddy'! The story of how a mill hand's daughter became the wife of a clergyman, who eventually inherited and took over the living and large family estate of Lew Trenchard in Devon, is said to have inspired their friend George Bernard Shaw to write 'Pygmalion'- which later was made into the film and musical 'My Fair Lady'.

There is a hymn which has connection with another real life incident which film makers have explored from many angles and points of view- a story that will forever represent one of the most poignant notes in the long sad story of the sea. Everyone will have heard of the 'Titanic' and her fatal maiden voyage across the Atlantic. Many films have been based on this tragedy including 'The Unsinkable Molly Brown' featuring the eponymous survivor who had risen from rags to riches, the 1996 film with George C Scott playing the role of Captain Smith, and of course the piece de resistance- James Cameron's blockbuster of 1997. If you travel into the town of Colne you will see a cemetery just before the shopping centre. Inside the gates is a magnificent memorial to a man who perished on the 'Titanic'. Wallace Hartley was born in Colne in 1878 and became a violinist. He became bandmaster with Cunard and made eighty voyages across the

Atlantic on the Mauritania and the Lusitania before being wooed away by the White Star line and in 1912 he sailed on 'Titanic'. On April 14th they ran into an iceberg. Wallace and the band were playing ragtime. Throughout terrible scenes of anguish he and his band played on although ragtime had given way to hymns. They moved from the salon to the boat deck hoping their music would rally and sooth the terrified passengers. Wallace then put into practice a resolution he had expressed to a friend that, if ever disaster struck the ship on which he was on board, he would stick to his violin and play the hymn he loved - 'Nearer My God to Thee'. The band played on- the water crept slowly and surely over them. Two weeks later Wallace Hartley's body, still in evening dress and with his music box still strapped to him, was recovered from the icy Atlantic waters. He was taken to Liverpool and on to Colne and a hero's welcome. The funeral was attended by about one thousand mourners and seven bands played as the rose-wood coffin was carried through the steep winding streets of that little Lancashire town. At the cemetery the chapel choir sang 'Nearer My God to Thee'. No compensation was received by any of the musicians' families and indeed the families were asked to reimburse the shipping line for loss of uniform!

Sarah Flower Adams- although suffering from ill health all her life- after having a successful career on the London stage as Shakespeare's Lady Macbeth in the nineteenth century, began to write. With her sister, who was musically gifted, she contributed thirteen texts and sixty two new tunes for a hymnal that was being compiled by their minister, One day he asked for a new hymn to accompany his sermon on the story of Jacob. Sarah spent some time studying the book of Genesis and read how Jacob had seen, in a dream, a stairway resting on earth which was reaching to Heaven. In Genesis she would have read, *'I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go – I will not leave you'* and the result was the hymn 'Nearer my God to Thee'. Since that hymn was written in 1840 it has given spiritual comfort to those who are hurt and expresses the common yearning to experience God's nearness and presence. Scriptures tell us that this experience is always there for us. The psalms say *'It is good to be near God'* and *'The Lord is near to all who call on Him'* and James tells us *'Come near to God and he will come near to you'*. From The Acts of the Apostles come the wonderful words, *'God did this so men should seek Him and perhaps reach out for Him and find Him though He is not far from each one of us'*.

'Nearer my God to Thee' was not just a favourite of Wallace Hartley, who met his fate playing the hymn he loved, and whose words comforted him when he knew there was no hope. The hymn was also a favourite of two American presidents, James Garfield and William McKinley- both assassinated whilst in office. The last words spoken before he died by President Mckinley were, 'Nearer my God to Thee- e'en though it be the cross that raises me- has been my constant prayer'.

Clement Scholefield could never have imagined that his tune 'St Clements' would be played on modern instruments unheard of in the 19th century- mellotrons and birotrons- that Rick Wakeman is an exponent of. Sarah Adams, similarly, would have no idea when she penned her words that they would go all round the world offering comfort and consolation to so many in differing circumstances at the time of their greatest need.

On Wallace Hartley's funeral card words from the hymn were printed- echoing the very words she had read, half a century before, from the book of Genesis; *'There let the way appear- steps into Heaven. All that Thou sendest me- in mercy given. Angels to beckon me nearer my God to Thee- nearer to Thee'*

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



- Mon 28th Feb - Sunday 13th March Fairtrade Fortnight
- Fri 4th Mar 7.30pm Women's World Day of Prayer service (Baptist Church)
- Tue 8th Mar 6.30pm PCC meeting (Parish Rooms)
- Wed 9th Mar ASH WEDNESDAY
- 9.15am Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes
- 7.30pm Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes (St Thomas' Church, Sutton)
- Sun 13th Mar 12 noon CDFC Hunger Lunch (Cowling Methodist Church)
- Wed 16th Mar 7.30pm CDFC Lent Course begins (St Thomas' Church, Sutton)
- Fri 18th Mar 10.00am Prayers for the Parish and World Church
- Mon 21st Mar 7.30pm Fellowship & Focus Group (Parish Rooms)
- Sun 3rd Apr Mothering Sunday
- Sun 10th Apr 11.10am Annual Meeting of Parishioners & Annual Parochial Church Meeting
- Sun 17th Apr PALM SUNDAY

From the registers

Baptisms

Sunday 5th February Oliver Smith, son of Robert & Nicola, of Priest Bank Road, Kildwick

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 9.30am

Sunday 6 March, The Sunday Next before Lent	8.15 am 10 am	Holy Communion Family Communion
Sunday 13 March, 2011 The First Sunday of Lent	8.15 am 10 am	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist
Sunday 20 March, 2011 The Second Sunday of Lent	8.15 am 10 am	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist with Prayers for healing
Sunday 27 March, 2011 The Third Sunday of Lent	8.15 am 10 am	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist

Fairtrade Fortnight 28th February to 13th March

What is Fairtrade?

Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world. By requiring companies to pay sustainable prices (which must never fall lower than the market price), Fairtrade addresses the injustices of conventional trade, which traditionally discriminates against the poorest, weakest producers. It enables them to improve their position and have more control over their lives.



What is the Fairtrade Foundation?

The Fairtrade Foundation is a development organisation committed to tackling poverty and injustice through trade, and the UK member of Fairtrade Labelling Organisations International (FLO). The Foundation works with businesses, civil society organisations and individuals to improve the position of producer organisations in the South and to help them achieve sustainable improvements for their members and their communities. Certification and product labelling (through the FAIRTRADE Mark) are the primary tools for our development goals. The backing of organisations of producers and consumers in a citizen's movement for change is fundamental and integral to our work.

To find out more go to: www.fairtrade.org.uk

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



Class 1

Children will not have any books over the holidays. After the holidays we are looking at plants as our topic.

We have had a super Art Week this week and done some beautiful drawings of plants which are on display now.

Thank you to all helpers this half term..

Class 2

Art week has been a great success in Class 2. We have drawn our designs onto Joseph's coat and sewn the pieces together. These are now proudly on display in the hall.

The Great Fire of London display has been completed. We have created some 17th Century houses using crayons and tissue paper. We have sponge painted some cobbled streets and the River Thames and drawn boats laden with possessions! Not forgetting the flames and smoke, which have been collaged using old magazines and tissue paper. If you have time, please call in one evening after school to have a look at our masterpiece.

Class 3, Class 4 and 5

We have had a very busy week doing lots of Art for Art Week. We have worked together on major projects and individually for class work.

We are currently organising visits of our new classrooms for any new parent whose child would start Kildwick School in September 2011. We still have places available so if you know of anyone who would like a place please ask them to get in touch with school as soon as possible

Supermarkets Back the Real Easter Egg continued

Easter egg from a shop that explains the significance of the festival on the box. Through the charitable donation and its Fairtrade chocolate the egg brings to light the Easter themes of hope and new life."



Virtual Real Easter Egg hunter

With demand expected to outstrip supply Google Maps is providing the 'Virtual Real Easter Egg hunter' which allows people to hunt for an independent shop or church in their area where they can buy the Real Easter Egg. See www.realeasteregg.co.uk .

Making a big chunk of difference

The retail price of The Real Easter Egg is £3.99. It is made from high quality Fairtrade chocolate. Two charities benefit from the sale of the egg: Traidcraft Exchange receives 30 pence from every egg sold and Baby Lifeline will receive 10% from Real Easter Egg net profits.



Women's Institute News



Glusburn and Crosshills WI met on Tuesday 1st February at the Crosshills Rest Centre. Several new members were welcomed to the group and speaker Enid Miller then gave a fascinating illustrated account of her journey overland to Sydney by truck! The adventurous group of travellers embarked on a seven-month trip through eastern Europe, the Middle East, India, China, the Far East and finally on to Australia.

Enid's lively and amusing account was rounded off with a number of questions from the floor as members wanted to know more about her epic adventure.

A raffle in aid of Manorlands hospice was then drawn with a total of £57 being raised.

Members were reminded that a Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 5th March at the Rest Centre in Crosshills in aid of WI funds. All welcome.

The Glusburn and Crosshills WI group meet on the first Tuesday of each month. The lively programme of illustrated talks, arts and crafts sessions and outings is always interesting and well-attended. The next meeting, 'All Buttoned Up' will be held on Tuesday March 1st at 7.30 pm; women of all ages are most welcome to come along. Please call Pat, our president, on 01535 634965 or Margaret, our secretary, on 01535 634207 for more information

What the teacher says and what the teacher means....

If you have ever wondered what the teachers think of your child....

Your son James has a remarkable ability in gathering needed information from his classmates. (He was caught cheating on an exam.)

Karen is an endless fund of energy and viability. (your hyperactive monster can't stay put for five minutes.)

Fantastic imagination! (He's one of the biggest liars I have ever met).

Margie exhibits a casual, relaxed attitude to school, indicating that high expectations don't intimidate her. (The lazy thing hasn't done one assignment all term.)

Sue is a real athlete, with superior hand-eye coordination. (The little creep stung me with a rubber band from 15 feet away.)

Nick thrives on interaction with his peers. (Your son needs to shut up and start working.)

Your daughter's greatest asset is her demonstrative public discussions. (Classroom lawyer! Why is it that every time I explain an assignment she creates a class argument.)

John enjoys the thrill of engaging challenges with his peers. (He's a bully.)

An adventurous nature lover who rarely misses opportunities to explore new territory. (Your daughter was caught skipping class in order to wade in the fish pond.)



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



Lent Course 2011 – “*Christianity in dialogue with other faiths*”

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 Thomas' Church, Sutton 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.

Look out for details about the programme in the church weekly notice sheet and on the noticeboards.

Report from the P.C.C. Meeting Tuesday 25/1/11

The opening worship was led by Stephen Westcott.

A report from the standing committee was received which included:-

- An update on repairs to the Church heating.
- Preparation for the APCM – where it was noted that there will be a total of 8 Vacancies for the P.C.C.9(including 2 synod reps)
- Volunteers also are needed for the cashiers rota.

A report was received from Marie Stinson (treasurer) on the current financial state noting that although we might expect that income will not increase our outgoings will do so as costs rise and also the Quinquennial inspection of the Church Fabric is due this spring which we expect will give rise to necessary repairs etc.

Purchase of equipment for recording Sunday services for those unable to attend was discussed and will be investigated.

A report on ‘Giving in Grace’ will hopefully be presented to the Church community around Easter time for consideration by everyone.

We also looked at a Diocesan commission report which contains recommendations for combining various diocese, although it was pointed out that it will be some time before this might happen.

Robin reported that the school building work is complete and that school no longer need the use of the parish rooms.

The meeting closed at 9pm. Next meeting Tuesday 8/3/11



Community News

Excerpts from a newsletter produced by Craven District Council

Community News' is a monthly newsletter produced by Craven District Council. It aims to give a snapshot of what's going on across the district. The newsletter goes out to parish councillors, voluntary organisations and community groups. If you would like to submit an article or have any suggestions/comments please contact Jo Fox, PR & Communications Officer at Craven District Council on 01756 706494 or email: jfox@cravendc.gov.uk.

Review of Parishes – Final Proposals

You have until 7 March to make your comments on the Final Proposals that Craven District Council has published regarding the Review of Craven's 73 Parishes. There are proposals for: changing the boundaries between some parishes, merging others, changing the numbers of parish councillors or introducing/abolishing some parish wards. The final decision about any proposed changes will be made at Craven DC's Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 21 March. The decisions made will come into effect from 1 April 2012. For more information, or copies of the Final Proposals email governancereview@cravendc.gov.uk or ring 01756 706241.

Try a Tri in 2011

The Council's annual novice-friendly Skipton Triathlon takes place on Sunday 17 April from Aireville Park and Craven Swimming Pool and Fitness Centre. Anyone over 15 years old and of any sporting ability can enter. The Triathlon includes a 400m swim (16 lengths), a 20km cycle and a 5km run. You can also enter as a team (one swimmer, one cyclist and one runner).

Last year's event attracted over 680 competitors, making it the biggest pool based Sprint Distance event in the North of England.

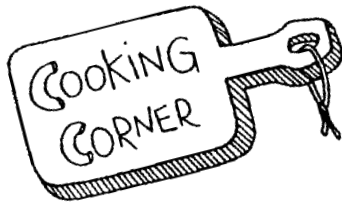
More information is available from the event organisers, Freebird Events at www.freebirdevents.co.uk, or pick up an entry form at Craven Pool.

Skipton Developments Update

Officers are continuing to negotiate the Skipton Developments contracts between the Council and the developers. This may come as a bit of a surprise to some people, but the intention was always to sign the contracts prior to planning applications being submitted which is standard practice. The handing over of the sites would then be conditional on planning permission and other conditions being met as detailed within the contract. The reason why Maple Grove submitted their planning application before the contracts were signed was to hit timescales for retailers to occupy the retail units in time for Christmas 2011. Such is their commitment to the scheme, Maple Grove have been prepared to put themselves in a high risk position. It is anticipated that contracts will be signed by the end of January, subject to the remaining points being agreed by both parties. For more information contact Hazel Smith 01756 706310.

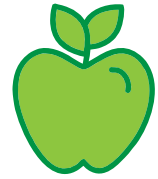
Wireless Coffee Lounge

The Coffee Lounge at Craven Pool has gone wireless, allowing customers to surf the web for free as they enjoy their coffee. All you need to do is pick up a password at the Pool reception. The password will be changed on a regular basis to prevent unauthorized usage. Customers can use the service outside the Coffee Lounge opening hours (as long as they buy a coffee/tea from the vending machines). For more information contact Lloyd Hancox on 01756 693929.



Apple and Cinnamon Cake

A thrown together cake which is wonderfully moist.



Ingredients

10 oz (280g) SR flour	1½ Teasps cinnamon
6 ozs (170g) Demerara sugar	2 large eggs
4 ozs (112g) melted margarine or ½ cup sunflower oil	
8 ozs (225g) peeled and chopped apples	
2 ozs (56g) sultanas or dried cranberries	6 fluid ozs (160ml) milk

Method

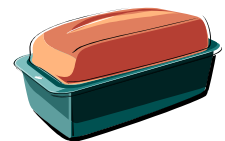
1. Sift flour and cinnamon into a bowl, stir in sugar and dried fruit.
2. Mix melted margarine or oil with eggs and milk, add to dry ingredients and beat well.
3. Stir in apples and mix well again.
4. Put into lined and greased 8 in cake tin and bake for 1– 1½ hours at 350°F
5. Leave to cool a few minutes before turning on to wire cooling rack.
6. Delicious served with cream or sprinkled with icing sugar. Keeps well if it gets the chance!

Gingerbread

Another very easy cake which will improve with keeping.

Ingredients

6 ozs (170g) brown sugar	6 ozs (170g) margarine
6 ozs (170g) treacle	3 tsps ground ginger
1½ tsps bicarbonate of soda	12ozs (349g) flour
¾ pint milk	



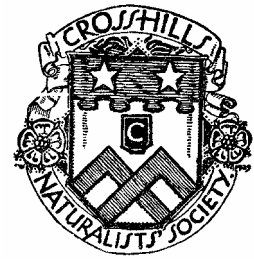
Method

1. Melt sugar, treacle and margarine
2. Mix dry ingredients and add melted mixture, mix well
3. Pour into greased and lined tin
4. Bake for about 1 hour oven reg. 4 or 140°C
5. Cool in tin slightly before turning out onto wire cooling rack

Cross Hill Naturalists' Society

www.crosshillsnats.co.uk

**Affiliations: Yorkshire Naturalists' Union,
Yorkshire Wildlife Trust**



WINTER PROGRAMME 2010/11

Lectures:

Are held on Saturday Evenings at 19.00 at St. Peter's Church, Main Street, Cross Hills BD20 8TF

Microscope Meetings:

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

Annual Subscription: Adults £6.00 Juniors 10 pence

E-mail: crosshillsnats@aol.com

Due to the flooding of St. Peter's Church our meetings Will be in St Peter's Schoolroom

The meeting for the 12th of March on **Wild Flowers of the Yorkshire Abbeys** has been **brought forward** to the **5th of March**, also in the Schoolroom

- 10th March Microscope Group 18.45 to 21.00
- 19th March Supper Evening Cancelled from 4th December

Smile lines

CHINESE KNITTING.

There was a woman who loved knitting, and delighted in all sorts of complex designs. One evening she went with some friends to a Chinese restaurant, and looking at the menu was intrigued by the calligraphy and the beautiful shapes it made. So she sneaked a menu into her bag, and used some of the words to make a wonderful jumper which she wore with pride.

Everyone admired it, until one day she met a Chinese friend who could not help but laugh. 'Why, what is the matter?' she asked.

'Do you know what it means?' the friend asked.

'No, do tell.'

"Cheap dish but still tasty"!!



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Sunday 6 March, The Sunday Next before Lent	First Reading: Exodus 24.12-18 Second Reading: 2 Peter 1.16-21 Gospel: Matthew 17.1-9	
Sunday 13 March, 2011 The First Sunday of Lent	First Reading - Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7 Second Reading - Romans 5.12-19 Gospel - Matthew 4.1-11	Marjorie Gee Kath Morris Marie Stinson
Sunday 20 March, 2011 The Second Sunday of Lent	First Reading - Genesis 12.1-4a Second Reading - Romans 4.1-5,13-17 Gospel - John 3.1-17	Michael Baumber Ruth Ward Jennifer Roberts
Sunday 27 March, 2011 The Third Sunday of Lent	First Reading - Exodus 17.1-7 Second Reading - Romans 5.1-11 Gospel - John 4.5-42	Sandie Walton Margaret Jowett Marie Stinson

Flower Rota March			
6th	Vacant	20th	LENT
13th	LENT	27th	LENT

Brass Cleaning: John and Dorothy Ward
Church Cleaning
March: Lesley Hudson, Libba Utley, Christine Anderton
April: Helen Hulley, Rosie Hargreaves, Sylvia Ackroyd

<p>Quotes</p> <p>Lent is a time for spiritual self-examination....where do we stand with God? Holiness is not something to be received in a meeting; it is a life to be lived and to be lived in detail. D Martyn Lloyd-Jones</p> <p>It is a great deal better to live a holy life than to talk about it. Lighthouses do not ring bells and fire cannon to call attention to their shining – they just shine! D L Moody</p> <p>Humility is to the Christian what ballast is to the ship; it keeps him in his proper position and regulates all his thoughts and feelings. Archibald Alexander</p> <p>Forgetfulness of God’s benefits is a sort of madness. John Calvin</p> <p>Every true prayer is a variation on the theme ‘Thy will be done.’ John R W Stott</p> <p>Satan doesn’t care what we worship, as long as we don’t worship God. DL Moody</p> <p>A man’s heart has only enough life in it to pursue one object fully. C H Spurgeon</p>
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Date	Sidesperson	Intercessor	Communion
Sunday 6 March, The Sunday Next before Lent	Joan and Barry Houghton David Baxter Brian Green		Sue and Tim
Sunday 13 March, 2011 The First Sunday of Lent	Marie Stinson Peter McNeill Libba Utley	Sue Hargreaves	Christine and John
Sunday 20 March, 2011 The Second Sunday of Lent	Christine Anderton Ann Mosley June Whitaker	Isobel Stirk	Christine and Michael
Sunday 27 March, 2011 The Third Sunday of Lent	Eleanor Eastwood Dorothy Ward Christine Hutchinson	Marie Stinson	Sandie and John

Saints and Such

25 March—Lady Day - the Annunciation

This beautiful event (Luke 1.26-38) took place in Nazareth, when Mary is already betrothed to Joseph. The Archangel Gabriel comes to Mary, greets her as highly favoured, tells her not to be afraid, that she will bear a son Jesus, and that her elderly cousin Elizabeth is already pregnant (with John the Baptist).



The church calendar is never quite as neat as some would like it. To celebrate the Annunciation on 25 March does indeed place the conception of Jesus exactly nine months from his birth on 25 December, but the latter part of March almost inevitably falls during Lent. But the birth and death of Jesus are intrinsically linked - he was born to die, and thus fulfil God's purposes.

The Annunciation is a significant date in the Christian calendar - it is one of the most frequent depicted in Christian art. Gabriel's gracious strength and Mary's humble dignity have inspired many artists. Certainly Mary's response to the angel has for centuries been an example of good faith in practice - humility, enquiry of God, and trusting acceptance in his will for her life.

FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL SUMMARY OF DRAFT MINUTES

The meeting of Farnhill Parish Council was held on the 8th February 2011 in Kildwick/Farnhill Institute. The meeting was chaired by Counc. Ian Fulton, Five members of the council were present and NYCC Dist Representative Council P Mulligan

The minutes of the meeting held on the 4th January were approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

CDC Reps were not present but informed the Parish Council that work on the wall at the Car Park & Play Area was going to tender and was due to start Spring/Summer but they were pushing for sooner rather than later. Counc M Wheeler provided a report on various Committee meetings.

Clerk reported that there had been 3 people had expressed an interest in being co-opted onto the Council. The Council resolved to hold a closed session at the end of the meeting to consider Candidates to fill the two vacancies.

Safety Issues were discussed concerning the A629 at Cononly Lane End. Counc P Mulligan provided a list from NYCC on the road casualties in Craven. Counc. P Mulligan to speak with Chris Craven and ask for a reappraisal of the Jacobs Consultancy Report on Highway Safety Criteria to be undertaken in shorter lengths of the A629. The Council asked that consideration be given to a speed restriction and accident zone signing for Cononly Junction. Counc. P Mulligan also to inform Mr Craven that the A629 diversion arrangements for emergency road closures are being ignored by some drivers and perhaps they could review the performance.

Clerk to ask the Fire Service for the latest data from the Speed Detection Equipment employed on the A629 and in Farnhill.

Counc. P Mulligan to investigate why the road signs have not been taken away from recent works carried out by the Gas Board at the junction of Main Street & Newby Road, as they are causing an obstruction for traffic entering and exiting Newby Road.

The Parish Council agreed that the seat at Pinfold should be repaired at a cost of £187.00 + Vat as this was considerably cheaper than buying a new seat.

It was resolved that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Tuesday 19th April 2011 at 7.30pm in the Downstairs room at the Institute, and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council be held on Tuesday 3rd May 2011 at 7.30pm. The Council resolved that a newsletter (Focus on Farnhill) be sent to all residents of the village before the Parish Meeting. Councillor's to forward items for inclusion in the newsletter to the Clerk to prepare a draft copy for approval at the next meeting.

Clerk to report that Light No's 39 & 42 at Starkey Lane had gone out again after being repaired and it could possibly be a circuit problem . A list of costs for repairing defects to Street Lights was provided by NYCC.

Clerk reported that NYCC have now replaced the grit bin on the Car Park and it is full of grit. NYCC have confirmed that they will remove the length of road from Cononly Lane Ends to Bradley Lane & up Crag Lane from the urban grass cutting schedule and it will revert back to being cut twice a year by the rural grass cutting contractors. Responses were sent by the Council for the NYCC. Consultation on Library Proposals & CDC. Community Governance Review 2010/11 – Final Proposals.

Clerk was asked to put Lower Arbour (to establish volunteer groups and discuss work to be carried out) on the agenda for next month.

Members of the public & press were excluded while the Parish Council conducted

confidential business to consider nominees to Co-Opt onto the Council
Three candidates were considered for co-option by the Council and after careful consideration it was resolved to Co-Opt David Atkinson and Gail Simon. They will take up office at the next meeting. Clerk to write to all three candidates and inform them of the Council's decision.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY 8TH MARCH 2011 IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL INSTITUTE AT 7.30PM
All members of the village are welcome to attend

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

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

Glusburn Luncheon Club



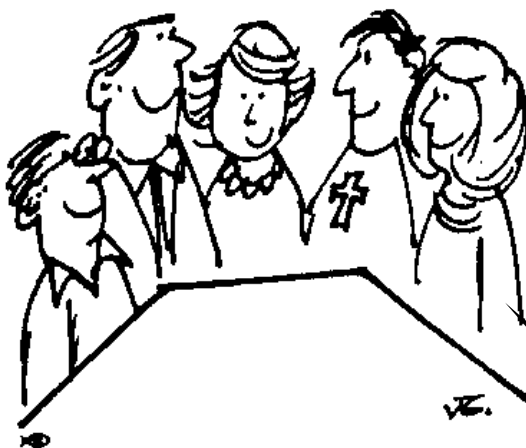
Tired of cooking every day or eating on your own?

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

2-course hot lunch and a cup of tea for only £3.00

Ring Val 633052 or Margaret 634207

St Andrew's Pastoral Care Group



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Need a listening ear?

Need some help?

Lonely?



PLEASE PRAY WITH US THAT OTHERS WILL JOIN THOSE OF YOU WHO ALREADY GIVE, SO THAT JIGAW WILL HAVE THE £6000 IT NEEDS EACH MONTH TO KEEP 'BEING THERE' FOR SO MANY OF MANILAS POOREST CHILDREN.

Dear everyone Greetings from Jigsaw,

Jigsaw is such a very important work of God and one of its key stones is BEING THERE; day after day, week after week, month after month, year after year for so many children whose lives are anything but stable and secure. Today over 1500 children have a Jigsaw centre they can call their own and a key children's worker who watches out for them and loves them no matter what. As our homes are our safe secure places so too are the Jigsaw centres for these children.

The cost of running Jigsaw each month is around £6000 and we thank you all so much for all your monthly sacrifices, gifts and donations that come from your hearts. You will never know the wonder that you all provide; Your gifts enable the Jigsaw workers to be the hands and feet of Jesus. It is they who wipe the tears, hold the hands, comfort and encourage, carry those who can't walk, sit with families who mourn the dead, teach those who have never been taught, register and give names to the nameless, feed those who are hungry, welcome by name those who hide in the shadows at the back of line. You all have committed so much so that these children can have a place they can call their own. A place of safety and security where they can sleep, wash, play, learn, eat with friends and hear of Christ's love for them. We believe it is now time to make these places even more secure for these children so that we can keep our commitment to 'BE THERE' for many years to come. This is why we have made the decision to send out this letter of prayer.

We would like people to join with us in prayer for others to give so that Jigsaw has the £6000 it needs monthly to support its staff and four centres. No amount is too small or big, we serve a God of miracles who fed 5000 people with only 2 fish and 5 loaves. If Jigsaw can cover its monthly costs then one off donations and gifts can be used for other vital things which are desperately needed; new toys, mats for the floor, chairs and tables, books for the literacy programme, money for our emergency health fund and day trips for the kids. Thank you to you all who are part of the Jigsaw family – your prayers and giving are building Gods kingdom on earth for the most needy of all.

Tim lee (Jigsaw Director)

This is our new 'Barnabas for Children' page is aimed at children aged 5 to 11 and will offer them fun crafts each month which will also help them to learn more about the Christian faith. Our first page, See What God Made, comes from Paper Plate Bible Crafts, by Anita Reith Stohs, BRF, £7.99. If you have any comments on our new page, we would be delighted to hear from you at enquiries@parishpump.co.uk.

Draw a picture of your favourite animals going into the ark.



Find the key words of today's Bible memory verse in the wordsearch.

_____ the _____ your _____ with all your
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 _____ , with all your _____ and love your
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Luke 10:27



love heart
 Lord soul
 God strength
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 neighbour
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In the early fifties my grandmother was Communion Steward at Thurscoe East in South Yorkshire. There was to be an early Communion Service on Christmas morning, so she went to the chapel on Christmas Eve to prepare the bread and wine. When the minister lifted off the cloth during the service, he discovered that the mice had eaten the bread.



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Bald spot? No, that's a solar panel for brain power.

Honk if you love Jesus! Text while driving if you want to meet Him.

Wearing a wedding ring on the fourth finger of the left hand dates back to ancient Egypt, where it was believed that the vein of love ran from this finger directly to the heart.

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