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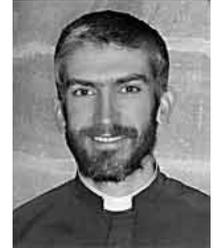
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Parish Mission Statement

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,

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song! This is the message we continue to proclaim with great joy during this Easter season. During the great 50 days from Easter Day to the Day of Pentecost every gathering of Christian people for the Eucharist begins with the acclamation that Jesus the Christ, who died on the Cross, defeated death by rising to new life and making that new life available for you and for me.

The resurrection of Jesus is **the** event in history that shows us what God is really like and what God is really about. When Archbishop Rowan Williams was asked to 'tell me about Jesus', he said:

"Trust me", says Jesus, "when I tell you that God loves you. Believe the good news". "Trust me", says Jesus, "when I tell you that God wants to be where you are." And know that even when we push Jesus off the edge and kill him, he comes back and says, "Now, as I was saying - it is still true; God still loves you and God stills wants to be where you are."

It is the resurrection of Jesus, the one that we killed on the Cross, that points to the truth of God's love for humankind, shown as radical forgiveness even to those who would commit the worst possible evil, the ultimate violence of killing the Son of God.

It is the Cross that is the judgement on all our human violence and it is the Resurrection that is the forgiveness and mercy which is the only way to transform human hearts and minds and lead us away from violence to non-violence.

This is the transformation; this is the new life, the resurrection life, that you and I so long for, not just for ourselves and those close to us, but for all people, now and in the future.

The Church is called to share in God's mission of transformation; the call is to make a difference in our own community and in the wider world; it is about making God's love and forgiveness a reality for all creation.

The Archbishop of Wales in his Easter Day sermon talked about 'resurrection moments'. He said: "There are Resurrection moments when parents find it in their hearts to forgive their children's murderers; where church communities cease to look after their own interests and defend the rights of others; where people stand up for truth, justice and integrity at great personal cost across the globe; and where attitudes that limit and frustrate, imprison, degrade and dehumanise people are overcome. Believing in resurrection is refusing to accept the world as it is, but knowing it can be changed, it can be transfigured."

God is a God of change - of movement and growth. God's world - our world, our society, our Church - can not, and will not, stay the same. Our recent church annual meetings have brought change to our PCC membership; the new PCC will lead our thinking about the consequences for the local church of the recent death of our Lang Kirk 21 project. Whatever result the General Election and Local Government Election on 6th May brings, there will be change ahead for our country.

The Resurrection, **the** God-event without which there would be no Christian Church, tells us that the old can, and will, be transformed into the new.

The question, perhaps, is whether we will accept the new or fight against it. Either way, what we can be sure of is that the future cannot be the same as the past or the present.

May the risen Jesus bless you, and those you love and pray for this Easter season and always.

Robin

Annual Church Meetings – Sunday 25th April

The meeting heard that there are now 95 people on the church electoral roll. It was also reported that the average Sunday attendance in 2009 was 62; the average number of visitors included in these figures was 11.

The number of occasional offices in 2009 was 9 baptisms, 5 weddings, , 10 funerals and 3 burials of cremated remains.

Following the elections at the meetings the Parochial Church Council membership in the coming year will be:

Vicar: Robin Figg

Churchwardens: Lesley Hudson, *one vacancy*

Deanery Synod: *two vacancies*

PCC: Lesley Bannister, Brenda Brock, Kevin Feather, Helen Hulley, Marie Stinson, Libba Utley, Sandie Walton, Stephen Westcott, June Whitaker

CDFC Council: Christine Anderton, Kathryn Morris

Thanks are expressed to Eleanor Eastwood who stepped down as a member of the CDFC Council and the PCC.

The new PCC meets together for the first time on 11th May and will begin with a celebration of the Eucharist. At the end of May the PCC is having an away day facilitated by the Archdeacon of Craven. Members of the parish and local community are invited to raise matters of interest and concern for discussion by the PCC by contacting the PCC Secretary, Lesley Bannister (see back page for contact details).

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.

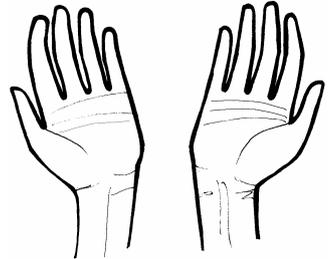


**CROSS HILLS & DISTRICT
FELLOWSHIP of Churches**
Local Christians working together



Day of Prayer

**Saturday 15th May –
St Thomas' Church, Sutton**



10.00am until 3.00pm. We invite everyone to drop in for 5 minutes or 5 hours! Light refreshments throughout in the parish rooms

Ascension Day

Thursday 13th May 7.30pm

St Andrew's Kildwick

Sung Holy Communion



CDFC Walk of Witness for Pentecost, 3.00pm Sunday 23rd May.

Similar to our Good Friday walk, all our invited to gather by Cross Hills Co-op to walk along Holme Lane to Sutton Park.

There will be short service of readings and prayers, followed by picnic tea (bring your own).



General election - churches getting ready

Although the date of the General Election is still unknown the closer we get to the poll the more likely it seems that May 6th will be chosen as the date when we can all cast our vote.

Christians across the country will be campaigning for different parties or standing for election. And voters will have the opportunity to decide who they wish to vote for, and which parties' policies most closely match their own hopes and values.



Churches Together in Britain and Ireland has produced a range of exciting election materials to help keep you informed and engaged as the General Election campaign moves into a higher gear. These can be found at the Churches election website - www.churcheselection.org.uk

People will take a range of subjects into account when they decide how to vote. A 16-page guide to some of the key policy areas likely to be debated in the run up to polling day has been produced. It is titled *Faith in Politics: Preparing Churches for the General Election* and covers a range of the most important policy issues, such as children and young people, criminal justice, the economy, education, environment, health, migration and poverty.

This booklet has been prepared by individuals from within the Churches or Church agencies who have expert knowledge in their fields. It does not represent a 'Church' view or support a party line. However, it does aim to help Christians engage with a range of important issues facing our country however they may decide to vote. For each subject it provides a background, raises some key issues and suggests a series of questions for personal reflection or to ask of party candidates. It can be downloaded from www.ctbi.org.uk/455

Here is a prayer published to help voters prepare for the election.

Lord, we give thanks for the privileges and responsibilities
of living in a democratic society.

Give us wisdom to play our part at election time,
that, through the exercise of each vote,
your Kingdom may come closer.

Protect us from the sins of despair and cynicism,
guard us against the idols of false utopias

and strengthen us to make politics a noble calling that serves the common good of all.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

Page of prayer for Pentecost

When was the last time that we heard the wind of your Spirit roar through this place?
When was the last time your fire lit up this room?
When was the last time we took you at your word
and met together in expectation of your Spirit filling this place
and these lives with your Glory and Power?

Lord, you challenge us with Pentecost.
Do we believe that this was a once in eternity experience never to be repeated?
That the Holy Spirit was poured out on your followers for a single purpose
and ended His work at that instant?

If so, then maybe that is why the Church seems so powerless in this age
helpless when faced with the needs both spiritual and physical
that we see in the world.

Lord, as we meet together and celebrate once again
the memory of that first Pentecost may it be for us as it was then
a moment of empowerment
an awareness of your Glory in this dark world a life changing experience.

Spirit of life -Fill our emptiness with your fullness
Spirit of power -Stir our hearts afresh
Spirit of love.—Touch us, and through us, our neighbour
Spirit of Creativity. -Enable and empower the gifts you have given
Spirit of Eternity. -Draw us ever deeper into your Kingdom

God of surprises, startle us:
show yourself in new and wonderful ways.

Show yourself as peace which passes human understanding;
show yourself as holy love, searing our souls with judgement,
but, in mercy, saving us from condemnation.

Show yourself in the presence of the Resurrected Christ, breathing on us,
saying, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'

Then, in the peace and power of the Spirit, send us to the world
with faith, hope and love renewed,
and give us power of utterance, so that people may see and hear in us
the great things you have done, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christine Anderton

Diocesan Day10– Saturday 17th April

Christine Anderton and Lesley Hudson attended this event.

The sun shone outside and there was a warm and positive atmosphere inside as just over 450 of us gathered for what was the fifth annual Diocesan Day. Musicians from Ben Rhydding led in worship before Bishop Robert Paterson (Sodor and Man Diocese) gave a challenging keynote address and then we split into 26 seminars exploring all manner of topics from Working in Partnership with local schools to Turning round smaller Churches to Growing Leaders. After the afternoon seminars we gathered for a service of Holy Communion at which Adrian Plass preached in his own inimitable style! He spoke of 'laying down' our (human) weapons, being vulnerable and trusting in God.

Bishop Robert spoke of the need to change our priorities - "away from repairing the institution and out towards the world". "The critical danger is that we are searching for a cure for institutional ageing by selectively examining the symptoms - numbers and money - and then prescribing often drastic remedies! It is my contention that this course of action confirms decline because it doesn't first ask the question, 'What is the Church for?'"

Rocks and Swamps Seminar

This seminar was led by Adrian and Bridget Plass who are writers, speakers and 'stumbling followers of Jesus' and was about the way of grace in beleaguered lands. They were a great double act following seamlessly from each other, very

entertaining and thought provoking. Adrian and Bridget are now at Scargill and working with others to resurrect the Community there.

They spoke about Jesus showing us the way through the rocks and swamps of life, the rocks being the rules and regulations in life and Church and the swamps being the way of licence and suiting oneself. They illustrated this by quoting Jesus's parable of the Prodigal Son

who returned and the father simply welcomed him home saying I have missed you without condemnation or condoning of his previous actions.

They spoke about their travels with World Vision visiting children suffering Aids and loss of parents in Zambia and

child prostitutes on the border between Zambia and Congo.

They also spoke about The Child Ambassador Scheme in Latin America. This was started by Toybox and works directly with street children through local partners. The children in each of their projects are empowered to vote democratically for two children to represent their interests and be a point of contact for supporters. They then receive special training from Toybox and its partners.

Going into all the World

This seminar was led by Mick and Margaret Foster who have served God for 35 years working in Papua New Guinea and the former Soviet Union with the Wycliffe Bible Translators. This provides people with scriptures in their native tongue.

They explained how they were called to serve in this way and the pitfalls and problems of translation. Different cultures

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future faithful

What's inside is not what's on the tin. Outside the church says, 'Open here for salvation, peace, healing, purpose, the kingdom', but when you open the tin, what do you find? Humbugs!

have different meanings of words and phrases and so literal translation does not necessarily give the same meaning. Therefore Bible translation involves translating the spirit as well as the actual words.

They told us about some of the people they had met during their work, provided us with examples of the different meanings in other cultures and encouraged us to try a little translation.

Christine Anderton

Growing/Turning- round Smaller Churches

This seminar was led by Anne Wood, Families Missioner for the South Bradford Diocese. She talked to us of examples of how churches she had been in were turned from decline to growth and how it had been extremely hard but rewarding work. She asked to look at why our churches were not growing

- Why isn't the 'product' selling? - not enough advertising?
- What is the 'packaging'? - the building, services, people
- The product –no one interested? - people are searching to a 'spirituality'
- What is the product? -God –father, Son and Holy Spirit, eternal life—not the church!
- To grow a church we need new Christians –no maternity ward no baby Christians!
- A church grows by attracting visitors.
- Are we prepared to change
- A church that W A G S! **W**elcome

Acceptance

opportunities for **G**rowth
opportunities for **S**ervice

- Start with contact list of 'friends' -
School
Holiday Clubs
Baptisms
Weddings
Funerals

Guides/scouts etc

- Use personal invitation—I'm going –its going to be good-will you come with me.
- Invite to social events
- DO LESS & DO IT WELL

Thomas Merton, Monk and Mystic (31 January 1915 – 10 December 1968)

We began this seminar with a brief history of Thomas Merton. He was a 20th century American Catholic writer. A Trappist monk of the Abbey of Gethsemani, Kentucky, he was a poet, social activist and student of comparative religion. In 1949, he was ordained to priesthood.

Outside his monastic life, his writing, which included poetry, meditations, and works of social criticism, brought him prominence in American letters.

His autobiography, *The Seven Storey Mountain* (1948), became a bestseller. Merton's social criticisms burned deeply into public awareness of racism, economic injustice, and militarism. He believed in finding solitude and contemplation even in the busy, noisy world.

Then we had a time of quiet contemplation, rather difficult as the room above us was being used by the young people! (may be we were following in the steps of Thomas Merton who wrote about finding solitude at a busy street junction!)

We then spent a few minutes in discussion with our neighbour, considering a few of the sayings of Merton. The one I found most helpful was:

'At the centre of our being there is a still small point of nothingness which is untouched by sin and illusion, a point of truth, a point or spark which belongs entirely to God-this little point is the pure glory of God in us.....it is like a pure diamond blazing with the invisible light of heaven. It is in everybody'

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*Brown who was Page 9
member of the original
planning team for
Diocesan Day and who
contributed every year
until she passed away in
March.*

As well as being a delegate I was also running the Fair trade Stall, it is amazing the amount of chocolate that people buy—but at least it is fair trade!! I was also giving away free samples of humbugs—rather ironic considering the comments made by Bishop Robert!

It was good to see in the acknowledgements and thanks at the end of the programme the following:

*Finally, we remember
with thanksgiving Pam*

Pam would have been there helping where ever she could and encouraging and welcoming everybody, it seemed strange not to see her there.

Lesley Hudson

A DAY ON THE KENYAN UGANDAN BORDER (March 2010)

**By Maggie Tookey – Farnhill resident
for 30 years.**

It's always so hot here. I'm not good at extremes of heat. The thick, humid air wafting up from Lake Victoria, to our orphanage/Aids community site, makes normal daily functioning, uncomfortable for me.

Today has been a difficult one. Apart from the 26 Aids and street orphans, being cared for in the motley collection of run down buildings at our bush site outside the city of Kisumu, we are trying to care for around 300 Aids widows in the surrounding area.

Of these 300, we have 20 who we class as 'desperate'.

Today has seen the funerals of two of our 'desperate' 20 group. They died alone of malnutrition in their mud huts. It makes 4 we've lost since mid February. We're now down to 16 in this group but there is plenty more who fit the criteria for the 'desperate' list. We won't have trouble filling these places.

Malnutrition is not the only killer. Their weakened immune systems make them vulnerable to simple infections that most of us would shrug off in a couple of days. They contract simple infections because of filthy polluted water systems. It's another problem my Aid Agency needs to tackle. It's a huge problem. Anyone working here knows that.

So today we said goodbye to Petronella and Delphina. I went to both funerals with our Kenyan project leader, Nancy. It was a long bush walk –hard enough for me in 38degrees but how much harder and more demoralizing for those of the 'desperate' group strong enough to make it.

But come they did.

Magdalena arrived, almost blind and leaning heavily on her stick, her left leg almost useless, the result of a severe infection. She wanted to say goodbye to her friend.

Maggie came. She's a bit fitter than Magdalena but is terribly thin and bears the scars of recent and severe facial skin eruptions as a result of Aids.

Flora and Ludfina arrived too. I think I could read what was written on all their faces.

'Will it be our turn soon?'

The pastor invited the congregation to view the 2 dead widows lying in their coffins under the canvas sun shelter. I didn't go. I

wanted to remember Petronella as I'd last seen her in her little hut, when I'd delivered some food.

I was struggling with a feeling of guilt. We had started to provide a very basic food parcel to these widows once a month. We also tried to give them some cash – 200KS a month – around 90pence.

It was too late and not sufficient to save these lives but it was all we had. If only we'd tried to give more and sooner. If only this, if only that.....

'If only's' are not constructive and don't help us progress.

I have a plan. Tonight I'm going to put some detail on my idea. **We will make a difference to these widows lives. We must.**

POST SCRIPT.

April 2010 – with very small amounts of money from friends, family and well wishers, we have started a Day Centre for the 'desperate' group, 3 days a week at our Community site.

They sit under a newly created BANDA – a palm thatched sun shelter. They are given:

A nourishing meal of beans and porridge.

Basic craft materials to pursue their old skills of basket making etc.

Social interaction with the orphans and each other.

Basic medicines for their ailments.

It's working! Health and morale is improving. We can only run this until the end of May. **We have no more money.**



Ludfina, Maggie, Flora, Magdalene, Ludiaka and Joyce waiting for a food parcel

A sack of beans (the best food for them) costs £10 and lasts 1 week.

Background.

Maggie works for a small International NGO based in Edinburgh. (EDA- Edinburgh Direct Aid)

Their programme at the Arise and Shine Orphanage/Community site has created a small Vocational Training workshop for the local population of around 15,000, which is now offering Income Generating opportunities for this impoverished community.

They have also built a large Dining Hall/Community centre building, on site.

EDA is also implementing a clean safe water supply to 4000 local people.

The Desperate widows programme has no funding. It's an **EXTRA.**

If anyone feels they could help, however small a donation, please either:

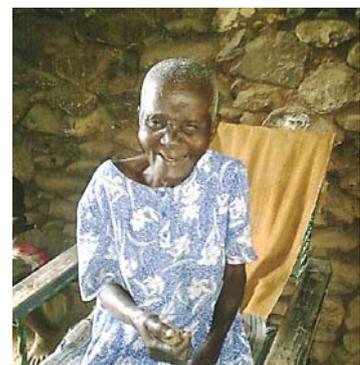
Call at Maggie's house at 1. Mary Street, Farnhill, or put an envelope through the letter box.

b) Send any donation to Edinburgh Direct Aid: 29 Starbank Rd, Edinburgh, EH5 3BY

Donate online at www.edinburghdirectaid.org

Email: maggiетооkey@yahoo.com

EVEN £1 WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE – REALLY! (Every penny goes to the programme)



Petronella at home died
05:03:10

This a poem by one of our loyal Jets members. She wrote it ^{Page 11} for a school Easter competition and it won first prize. Well done Lucy!

Easter

E is for Easter when all is at peace,
When no hate is here,
All will live,
None will die,
Because that has been done,
When Jesus died for us,
On the cross,
Then came back from the dead,
To live again,
And so we will,
None on this day,
Will die,
So like I say,
E is for Easter,
When all is at peace.

By
Lucy Smith
Age 10



Christian Aid Week 9th – 15th May



Seven amazing days

Christian Aid Week is seven amazing days of fundraising, action and prayer. It's a time when communities all over the country get together to raise funds to make real and lasting changes in the lives of some of the world's poorest people.

For example, people such as Catherine Nyaata, in the slums or informal settlements of Nairobi, Kenya have been given a significant boost as they try to work their way out of poverty. Thanks to Christian Aid partner organisation MNU, members of Catherine's community have been able to install five toilet and shower blocks. 'They have brought us more dignity. Previously there was none,' says Catherine.

Christian Aid is an international development agency with a vision – an end to poverty – and it believes that vision can become a reality. It works through partner organisations in around 50 countries for profound change that eradicates the causes of poverty, striving to achieve equality, dignity and freedom for all, regardless of faith or nationality.

The beginnings

The week started out as the churches' response to the horrors of the refugee crisis in Europe after the Second World War. The different churches in the UK and Ireland got together and started fundraising – sending the money through partner organisations that were best placed to make a difference on the ground.

Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid Week is Britain's longest-running fundraising week and has been a firm fixture in the calendar of many thousands of people each year. It continues to make a massive impact in the fight to end the scandal of poverty around the world.

The week raises about £9 million each year – and nearly £1 million in Gift Aid alone. The red Christian Aid envelope is an iconic symbol of the generosity of people in the UK and Ireland – giving money to those who need it most.

Some 22,000 churches work together to help make the week the success that it is. And it's not just the churches who are involved – schools, workplaces and individuals are all getting involved – whether through fundraising or by giving directly.

For more information go to www.caweek.org

Jets

**invite you to Tea and Scones on May 9th.
2.30-4.30pm**

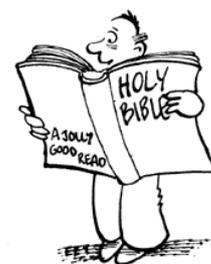
Please come and support them.

Offers of baking and gifts for the cake and Bring and Buy stall very welcome.

Proceeds for Christian Aid

BIBLE HISTORY

written by Michael Baumber



The Gospel Story : The Lost Years 6

JESUS THE CARPENTER

The gospels describe Joseph as a carpenter which means in our terms that he was an artisan not a peasant. In ancient subsistence societies carpenters could also have a patch of land on which they cultivated crops as well. Some in really favourable circumstances managed to buy land with the surplus money they earned but ownership was not absolutely necessary and they were not tied to the soil. This independence made them more mobile but less secure than their neighbours. Joseph was free to go to Jerusalem or elsewhere when he liked but he had no crops which would grow automatically in his absence.

Joseph himself migrated from Bethlehem to Nazareth, attracted by Galilee's greater prosperity, and Mary seems to have belonged to a Jerusalem family, if she and Elizabeth's John the Baptist's mother, were related as Luke claims. They were 'offcumdens' as Yorkshire folk would say and probably regarded initially with suspicion if only because they did not speak with the notorious Galilean accent. If we count Jesus, Joseph and Mary had seven children living - five boys and two girls- at the time he began preaching. It would have been common for a woman to have seven birth events, many would have had more, but it high infant mortality rates made it unusual for so many of them to reach naturity. Joseph may well have found that Nazareth itself did not provide enough work to employ both himself and his sons as they grew to maturity. If this was the case he would not have had to look far for alternatives.

Galilee as a whole was not as radical religiously as had previously been supposed except for the arearound Sepphoris. Under the independent kingdom it had been dominated by the Hasmonean aristocracy and there was a violent rising in 37 BC when Herod personally murdered their leader Hezekiah. He was forced to flee and it needed a Roman army to reinstate him. Opposition simmered on and it was a renewed rebellion there in 6 AD, led by Judas the Galilean who appears to have been Hezekiah's son, led to a second Roman intervention. This time they not only suppressed the rebellion but slaughtered practically the entire population of Sepphoris and burnt the city to the ground. For some time it remained a smoking ruin but in 11 AD when Jesus would have been a teen ager Herod Antipas decided to rebuild it. Jesus' frequent use of the word 'hypocrite' which is the greek word for an actor has led some to speculate that he worked on the theatre there. Herod Antipas had other building plans too. Two years later he embarked on building a new town on the Sea of Galilee which he called Tiberias, the centre of which was to be his summer palace. Did Jesus find work in one or other of these two extensive building sites and what effect would it have had on him? We do not know

Isobel's Page

Last month I wrote about Frederick Douglass, a former slave, who devoted his life to the abolition movement. Recently I heard a well known piece of music, we know it as 'Jerusalem', and this reminded me that the words we sing as a hymn to the tune were written by someone who also abhorred slavery. William Blake, born 1757, wrote a poem that centres on a love that transcends race.

*'When I from black and he from white cloud free and round the tent
of God like lambs we joy, I'll shade him from the heat 'til he can bear
to lean in joy upon our Father's knee'.*

Those words portray the skin, either black or white, as only a cloud and all are welcome to share the love of God. 'Jerusalem' was a preface to Blake's epic 'Milton – A poem' and was not very well known during the century following its writing but was published in a patriotic anthology of verse during the First World War. When the high number of casualties was being reported it was hoped that the words would raise morale. Quite a few famous musicians have connection with it. Hubert Parry was the first to put the words to music, the score was conducted by his student, Walford Davies, and the most famous version was orchestrated by Sir Edward Elgar in 1922 for a large orchestra at the Leeds Festival.

The words 'Dark satanic mills'- which entered the English Language from this poem- could possibly refer to the early Industrial Revolution- the effects of which Blake is known to have hated. 'And did those feet in ancient times walk upon England's mountains green?' In those well known words Blake alluded to the legend that Jesus may have travelled to Britain, when still a boy, accompanying his relative, Joseph of Arimathea, who was an importer of metals and went to Cornwall to engage in the tin trade. In his book 'Did Jesus come to Britain?' Glyn Lewis, after studying locations that Jesus is said to have visited, produces evidence and makes a convincing case for Him indeed having 'walked upon England's mountains green'. On Radio 4's 'The World at One' recently, a Church of Scotland minister said that coming that distance over the seas was not really so far in those days. The Romans, arriving here round about the same time, had found it quite easy and it is plausible that Jesus did come to England.

Walking through some fields on a Spring day, seeing lambs basking in the warm sunshine- some more adventurous and lively- running in packs with their friends -and observing a shepherd gently carrying a new born lamb in his arms reminded me of another poem Blake wrote, 'The Lamb'. I think this is a very symbolic poem and the picture of the lamb feeding by the stream and 'o-er the mead' is a beautiful one and echoes similar descriptions in the psalms and the parables of Jesus. Pastoral scenes like the one I witnessed when out walking accentuate to me just how lucky I am to live in this area, for some people, living in busy cities, will never have seen sheep with their shepherd and all they know of them could be from creations in literature like Hardy's Gabriel Oake in 'Far From the Madding Crowd', the shepherds in Aesop's fable 'The Panther and the Shepherds' or the hardy shepherds of our own Yorkshire Dales depicted so often in the books of James Heriott.

Possibly the most descriptive images painted in the Gospels are those of Jesus as the Good Shepherd- concerned as a shepherd for the welfare and care of His flock .Palestinian shepherds, in those days, shared in the hardships and dangers of the flock, constantly alert to dangers of attack .The sheepfolds were circular with walls ten feet high with a single opening serving as a door. Several flocks would go in and one of the shepherds would lie across the opening. There were flocks in there belonging to different shepherds and sometimes they would become intermingled and mixed up. However, when the shepherd called his own flock, they recognised his voice and followed him. He then lead them from the front, seeking out a safe path, leading them to food, water and shelter and the sheep followed because they trusted him.



A few years ago a sheep was born in Edinburgh. Popularly known as Dolly she was actually called 6LL3 and had been cloned by scientists by the process of nuclear transfer and technically had no name, just a number. Jesus tells us all that we are more than just a number. He knows each one of us- He knows each one of us by name- and calls to each of us. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, knows our individual weaknesses and failings, notes our doubts, fears, trials, conflicts which disturb our peace and watches over us with love, sympathy and understanding.

Just as lambs featured strongly in the writings of Blake there are numerous hymns that have been written about Jesus the Shepherd. I have two favourites- both quite modern- the first written by John Wimber, keyboard player, producer and manager with the Righteous Brothers, who put into words and music his deep love of Jesus.

*O let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit and His love.....
O give Him all your tears and sadness, give Him all your years of pain
and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name..... Jesus, O Jesus, come
and fill Your Lambs, come and fill Your lambs.*

The second is by Stuart Townend and both are just a selection from many based on a theme of the Twenty Third Psalm.

*The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want,
He makes me lie in pastures green,
He leads me by the still, still waters, His goodness restores my soul.*

*And I will trust in You alone, and I will trust in You alone
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

Regular Events at Kildwick

Monday 2 pm	5 Beanlands Glusburn	Informal Bible study and fellowship, all welcome
Tuesday 10.00-11.30am	Chuffs (Not in school holidays)	Fun for pre-school children and their grown-ups!
Tuesday 7.30-8.30 pm	Choir practice	In Parish Rooms
Wednesdays from 10.15 am	NottheKnot Group 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



- Mon 3rd to Wed 5th Grand spring clean of church and churchyard
 Fri 7th May 2.45pm Kildwick School collective worship in church
 Sun 9th May Christian Aid Week begins.
 Sun 9th May 2,30 pm Tea and Scones for Christian Aid.
 Mon 10th May 6.00pm Evening Picnic with the Archbishop of York (Coniston Hall)
 Tue 11th May 6.30pm PCC meeting (Parish Rooms)
 Thu 13th May ASCENSION DAY
 7.30pm Holy Communion
 Fri 14th May 10.00am Prayers for the Parish & World Church (Parish Rooms)
 Sat 15th May 10.00am CDFC Day of Prayer (St Thomas' Church, Sutton)
 Sun 16th May 12 noon Parish Lunch (Skipton Golf Club)
 Sun 23rd May DAY OF PENTECOST
 3.00pm CDFC Walk of Witness to Sutton Park for picnic tea
 Wed 26th May 7.30pm Archdeacon's Visitation Service (St John's, Cullingworth)
 Sat 29th May 9.30am PCC Away Day (Kadugli House, Steeton)
 Wed 9th Jun 10.30am Worship Task Group
 Wed 9th Jun 7.30pm Deanery Synod (Wilsden)
 Fri 11th Jun 2.45pm Kildwick School collective worship in church
 Tue 22nd Jun 7.30pm CDFC Annual Meeting (St Peter's Church, Cross Hills)
 Sat 26th Jun 10.00am Summer Fair
 Fri 9th to Sun 11th Jul Parish Weekend at Parcevall Hall
 Tue 13th Jul 6.30pm PCC meeting (Parish Rooms)

Services at Kildwick

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

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

Sunday 2 May, The Fifth Sunday of Easter	8.15 am 10 am	Holy Communion Family Communion with baptism
Sunday 9 May, The Sixth Sunday of Easter	8.15 am 10 am	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist
Thursday 13 May, Ascension Day	7.30 pm	Festival Eucharist
Sunday 16 May, The Seventh Sunday of Easter	8.15 am 10 am	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist with Prayers for healing
Sunday 23 May, Day of Pentecost	8.15 am 10 am 3 pm	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist CDFC Walk of Witness and picnic. Meet Coop Crosshills.
Sunday 30 May, Trinity Sunday	8.15 am 10 am	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist

From the registers

Funerals

Friday 9th April Florrie Whtaker, latterly of Ashfields Nursing Home, Skipton and formerly of Farnhill

Burial of Cremated Remains

Friday 16th April Eric Stoney

Tea and Scones



We will be again serving Tea and Scones the Parish Rooms, next to Kildwick Church every Sunday afternoon from 2.30pm until 4.30pm, beginning on 3rd May until the end of September. A warm welcome awaits our regular and new customers.

If you are able to help by hosting an afternoon, baking scones or church sitting so that our historic church can be open for visitors please sign the list in church or contact Lesley Hudson
01535 633887



Kildwick School, Kildwick Church & Kildwick & Farnhill Institute

Grand Summer Fair

Saturday 26th June 11am – 2pm



*Lots of stalls. Jazz Band. Local Crafts. Raffle.
Refreshment Tent. Tea & Scones. Teddy Bear 'Slide'.
Children's games. Grand Finale!
And much more!*

Come and enjoy a fun packed day for all the family

Saints and Such

May 2nd Athanasius (296-373)

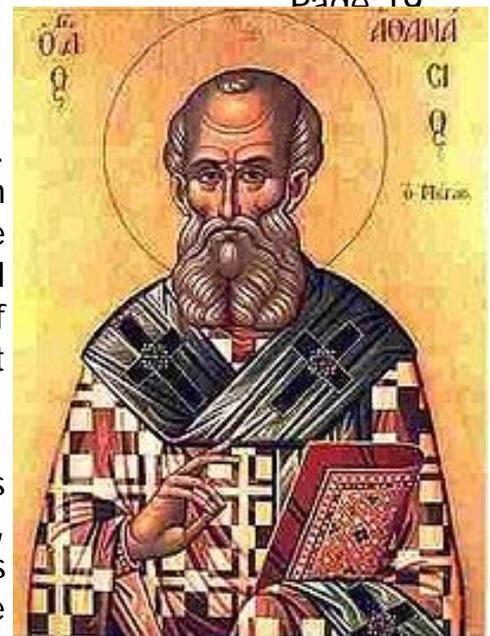
This is the name behind the Athanasian Creed. Athanasius was born into a prosperous family in Alexandria in Egypt, studied in the Christian school there and entered the ministry. He was twenty-nine years old when he accompanied Alexander, the bishop of Alexandria, to the Church's first ecumenical Council, at Nicaea in 325.

Although Athanasius could not take part in the Council's debates because he was a deacon and not a bishop, Alexander consulted him on the meaning of biblical texts and theological distinctions. With Emperor Constantine sitting as President, three hundred bishops argued about the Person of Christ. How is he the Son of God? Is he God or man or both together? Did he exist before he was born? If we worship him does that mean we are worshipping two Gods?

The young Athanasius saw that some bishops wanted to impose the teaching of Arius on the Church. Arius was a popular preacher in Alexandria who taught that Christ was not eternal but was a 'Saviour' created by the Father. Athanasius worked with his bishop, Alexander, in framing what became known as the Nicene Creed. Our Lord's full divinity was safeguarded in the words, 'eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one substance with the Father.'

When Bishop Alexander died in 328, Athanasius succeeded him as Bishop by popular demand. For the next forty-five years Athanasius' devotion, scholarship, and forceful leadership established the Nicene Creed in the Christian Church. His enemies, both in Church and state, conspired against him, and he was exiled five times from the See of Alexandria and spent a total of seventeen years in flight and hiding. It was his uncompromising stand for Nicene theology that gave rise to the familiar saying, *Athanasius contra mundum*, 'Athanasius against the world.'

Athanasius' name will always be linked with the triumph of New Testament Christology over every form of reductionism. Of his many writings the most significant was his great study on the person and work of Christ; 'On the Incarnation of the Word of God', written before he was thirty years old. The whole Church of Christ is always in need of bishops, leaders and theologians in the mould of Athanasius.



May Word Search

Prize for the first completed one to me !

What a joyful month May is in the church calendar! On Ascension Day (13th) we remember with joy the completion of Jesus' work on earth and his return to his rightful place in heaven.

But he did not leave his followers all on their own: for on Pentecost (23rd) the Holy Spirit was sent from heaven to indwell the followers of Jesus. He did not come quietly! Instead, there was a roaring of wind, tongues of flames, and such rejoicing that all Jerusalem was stirred up. It was a dramatic birth for the Christian Church!

Finally, on Trinity Sunday (30th) we celebrate the very nature of our God: manifest in the love shown to us by God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

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Cross Hill Naturalists' Society (Founded 1904)

Summer programme 2010

Microscope Meetings will take place on the second Thursday of each month from April to September 1945-2100 hours at the Senior Citizen Centre, North Street Sutton-in-Craven

Date	Venue	Leader
May Tues. 4th	Clapham to Ingleborough Cave. Botanical and geological interest. 3 mile walk, with possible extension. Visit to the caves optional (admission charge). Meet 100.00 hours at Victoria Road, Cross Hills <i>with cars and packed lunch.</i>	Michael Jackson
Thurs. 13 th	Dawn Chorus. Meet Co-op Car Park, Cross Hills 0600 hrs <i>with cars</i> . Numbers limited, contact Liz Clinton to book a place. 01535 635866	Rod Brown (RSPB)

Details of times, meeting places will be given monthly.

To find out more visit our website
[www . crosshillsnats.co.uk](http://www.crosshillsnats.co.uk)
email www.crosshillsnatsaol.co.uk

Women's Institute News

Kildwick with Farnhill W. I.

Members met at the Parish Rooms in Kildwick for a talk on "Pilates" by Liz Calmey and Teresa Calder. After a brief history of "Pilates", Liz demonstrated some movements using Teresa as a model, and then explained some breathing techniques and answered questions.

The next meeting is on Thursday May 13th at 7.30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Elaine Dewhirst and is on "Making Fabric Flowers." Members are asked to bring a small pair of sharp scissors.

For further details please telephone the secretary on 01535 633673.



Church Rotas

Sunday 2 May, The Fifth Sunday of Easter	First Reading: Acts 11.1-18 Second Reading: Revelation 21.1-6 Gospel: John 13.31-35	
Sunday 9 May, 2010 The Sixth Sunday of Easter	First Reading: Acts 16.9-15 Second Reading: Revelation 21.10,22 - 22.5 Gospel: John 14.23-29	Elizabeth Figg Glynn Evans Lesley Hudson
Thursday 13 May, 2010 Ascension Day	First Reading: Acts 1.1-11 Second Reading: Ephesians 1.15-23 Gospel: Luke 24.44-53	Readings to be arranged separately
Sunday 16 May, 2010 The Seventh Sunday of Easter	First Reading: Acts 16.16-34 Second Reading: Revelation 22.12-14,16-17,20-21 Gospel: John 17.20-26	Isobel Stirk Jennifer Roberts Brenda Brook
Sunday 23 May, 2010 Day of Pentecost	First Reading: Acts 2.1-21 Second Reading: Romans 8.14-17 Gospel: John 14.8-17,25-27	Christine Anderton Marjorie Gee Kath Morris
Sunday 30 May, 2010 Trinity Sunday	First Reading: Proverbs 8.1-4,22-31 Second Reading: Romans 5.1-5 Gospel: John 16.12-15	Marie Stinson John Hudson Michael Baumber

Brass Cleaning: Rosie Hargreaves and Beth Taylor

Church Cleaning

MAY : Marian Baxter, June Whitaker, Mary Peake, Christine Hutchinson

JUNE: Lesley Hudson, Libba Utley, Christine Anderton

23 May is Pentecost – the birthday of the Christian Church

Only Jesus Christ by his Holy Spirit can open blind eyes, give life to the dead and rescue souls from Satanic bondage. John Stott

The Spirit is the source of all our natural gifts. D MacLeod

The Holy Spirit is the heavenly Lover's engagement ring given to us. Michael Green

He who has the Holy Spirit in his heart and the Scriptures in his hands has all he needs. A MacLaren

The Spirit-filled life is not a special, deluxe edition of Christianity. It is part and parcel of the total plan of God for his people. A W Tozer

Date	Sidesperson	Intercessor	Communion
Sunday 2 May, The Fifth Sunday of Easter	Joan and Barry Houghton Libba Utley Brian Green		Christine and John
Sunday 9 May, The Sixth Sunday of Easter	David Baxter Marie Stinson Peter McNeill	Lesley Hudson	Christine and Michael
Sunday 16 May, The Seventh Sunday of	Christine Anderton Ann Mosley June Whitaker	Isobel Stirk	Tim and Sue
Sunday 23 May, Day of Pentecost	Eleanor Eastwood Dorothy Ward Christine Hutchinson	Marie Stinson	Sandie and John
Sunday 30 May, Trinity Sunday		Peter Bannister	Sue and Michael

Fellowship & Focus Group

Our next meeting on Monday 10th May and will focus on a NOOMA film 'Store'.

We all get angry with things from time to time – some of us more often than others. For some of us, it feels like we're constantly on the brink of losing it, where it doesn't take much to get angry about anything. And this kind of anger can be seen everywhere we go – at work, in traffic, at the store, at home. But what is really at its root? Anger is often looked at as a bad thing, but are there things actually worth getting angry about? Maybe if we had a better understanding of our anger and where it comes from, we could learn how to channel it toward something constructive – something that is bigger than ourselves.

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 do find it a useful time together.

All in the month of : MAY

It was....

700 years ago: - on 12th May 1310 that 54 members of the Knights Templar were burned at the stake for heresy in Paris.

500 years ago: - on 17th May 1510 that Sandro Botticelli, the Italian artist, died.

400 years ago: - on 11th May 1610 that Matteo Ricci, the Italian Jesuit missionary who introduced Christianity to China, died.

350 years ago: - on 29th May 1660 that the English monarchy was restored with Charles II on the throne after several years as a Commonwealth under Lord Protector Oliver Cromwell.

250 years ago: - on 10th May 1760 that Claude-Joseph Rouget de Lisle, the French army officer who wrote 'La Marseillaise', the French national anthem, was born.

200 years ago: - on 3rd May 1810 that the British poet Lord Byron swam across the Hellespont (now called the Dardanelles), a tumultuous four-mile strait in Turkey that links Europe to Asia. He did it to emulate the legendary Greek hero Leander.

150 years ago: - on 9th May 1860 that J M Barrie, the Scottish dramatist and novelist ('Peter Pan') was born.

125 years ago: - 2nd May 1885 that the Congo Free State was established by King Leopold II of Belgium.

100 years ago: - on 1st May 1910 that Halley's Comet began a spectacular show in the sky as the Earth passed through part of the comet's tail on 18th May.

80 years ago: - on 24th May 1930 that British aviator Amy Johnson became the first woman to fly solo from England to Australia.

75 years ago: - on 19th May 1935 that T E Lawrence ('Lawrence of Arabia'), British

soldier and writer, died in a motorcycle accident.

70 years ago: - on 10th May 1940 that British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain resigned, succeeded by Winston Churchill. That same day Germany dropped its first bombs on England.

60 years ago: - on 21st May 1950 that a violent storm and tornado swept across south-eastern England, killing two people and injuring many others.

50 years ago: - on 6th May 1960 that Princess Margaret married photographer Anthony Armstrong Jones at Westminster Abbey.

40 years ago: - on 8th May 1970 that The Beatles released their final album 'Let It Be'.

30 years ago: - on 5th May 1980 that Operation Nimrod took place – the British SAS stormed the Iranian embassy in London after a six-day siege.

25 years ago: - on 29th May 1985 that 39 football fans were crushed to death during rioting at the European Cup Final between Liverpool and Juventus in Brussels, Belgium. All English football clubs were subsequently banned from playing in Europe.

20 years ago: - on 16th May 1990 that in an attempt to calm fears over BSE ('mad cow disease') that Agriculture Minister John Selwyn Gummer tried to get his daughter to eat a beef-burger in front of the media. She refused, so he ate it himself.

15 years ago: - on 1st May 1995 that The World Health Organisation (WHO) published its first annual survey of global health.

10 years ago: - on 4th May that Ken Livingstone was elected mayor of London. Three days later, on 7th May, Vladimir Putin was inaugurated as President of Russia.

FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL SUMMARY OF DRAFT MINUTES

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The meeting of Farnhill Parish Council was held on the 1st April 2010 in Kildwick/Farnhill Institute. The meeting was chaired by Counc. M. Scarffe. Five members of the council were present. No members of the public were present.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 4th March were proposed, seconded and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

It was noted that there had been a couple of accidents on the A629 and although the road was closed the diversion system through Farnhill had not been put into use. But it was decided that as there had been no significant traffic problems no action would be taken and the situation would be monitored on further occasions.

A request has been made to CDC for the provision of a grit bin halfway up Starkey Lane. CDC have replied stating that there are new criteria to meet for grit bins and they will be getting rid of some and providing additional ones elsewhere. They are currently assessing all bins based on a scoring system, and will take a look at the site on Starkey Lane and let us know the result of the assessment. They do have a policy where Parish Councils can help towards the cost of providing bins and they will send some information regarding the provision of bins.

Clerk to ask the Parish Council's Insurance Company if the Insurance provides cover for maintaining grit bins and the spreading of salt.

The light at Starkey Lane has now been connected to the electricity supply.

Counc. R Bramley reported that there were no problems with the Play Area, apart from there still being a few pieces of rendering falling off the wall which have been picked up. The receipts and payments account and supporting statements were presented to Council by the Clerk and were approved and signed by the Council.

The Accounting Statement was completed by the Clerk and approved by Council and the Annual Governance Statement was completed by the Council for the Annual Return for the Audit. The financial risk assessment was reviewed and it was agreed that no amendments were necessary.

Chris Craven from NYCC Highways, Paul Florentine CDC Waste & Recycling Manager & Sue Marklew the Community Police Officer have all confirmed that they will be at the Annual Parish Meeting on the 15th April and will be available to answer questions. Reports from CDC Rep P Fairbank & Mark Wheeler & NYCC Rep Patrick Mulligan will also be made.

A proposal to purchase a new lawnmower for cutting the grass at the Arbour, which had been discussed previously, was put forward to Council. It was decided that the old one was not up to the standard agreed in the risk assessment and therefore a new one should be purchased. It was agreed to write the old one off the asset register and dispose of it.

Counc M Scarffe agreed to carry out the annual inspection of open spaces and trees on land that belonged to the Parish Council, as agreed in the risk assessment.

It was decided that the Community Governance Review of Parishes in Craven should be raised at the Annual Parish Meeting and if any issues were raised then it was delegated to the Chairman and Clerk to put forward issues for investigation.

A complaint was received from a member of the public about excess water which flows from Farnhill Moor and due to blocked drains runs down the side of the road into Farnhill. Clerk has reported it to NYCC Highways. Another item mentioned was the confusion over the footpath direction disc at the side of Milking Hill Canal bridge, which tends to direct strangers up Mr Roberts field rather than along the correct footpath. Clerk to report to NYCC Rights of Way.

Clerk to report to Yorkshire Water that the slates have disappeared from the pump house at the bottom of Grange Road.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 13TH MAY 2010 IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL
INSTITUTE AT 7.30PM**
All members of the village are welcome to attend.

Don't look back

The Sunday School teacher was telling the story of how when Lot's wife looked back at Sodom and Gomorrah, she turned into a pillar of salt. One youngster nodded in a knowing fashion. "My mummy looked back once while she was driving," he confided, "and she turned into a lamp post."

THE VILLAGE PUMP

**A Meeting Place
for Over 50's**

**Every Wednesday
2.00 - 3.30 pm**

Chat  **over Tea**

Scrabble  **Dominoes**

Cards  **and more ...** 

**Farnhill Methodist Church
(in the foyer)**



UNDER THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

In the month of May we can remember two very different men who fought under the sign of the cross.

On the night before a great battle, the Roman Emperor Constantine dreamt of a cross in the sky and the words 'in this sign conquer'. After his victory, Constantine ended 300 years of persecution and Romans were allowed to become Christians. Christianity became the official religion of the Roman Empire. Constantine died on 22nd May in the year 337.



Some 1,500 years later, Jean Henry Dunant (who was born on 8th May 1828) was horrified to see the dreadful suffering after the Battle of Solferino. He spent the rest of his life working for the casualties of war, fighting under the banner of the Red Cross to relieve world-wide suffering.

WHAT'S IT FOR?

What would you do with these things? All the words are in the Bible but are rarely heard today. Answers at the bottom of the page.

1. KNOP a) polish it
 b) eat it
 c) harness it
2. DARIC a) herd it
 b) sharpen it
 c) spend it
3. HYSOPP a) carry it
 b) cultivate it
 c) dig with it
4. SHOFAR a) drive it
 b) play it
 c) prune

it



**Roses are red,
Violets are blue.
Some poems rhyme,
This one doesn't.**



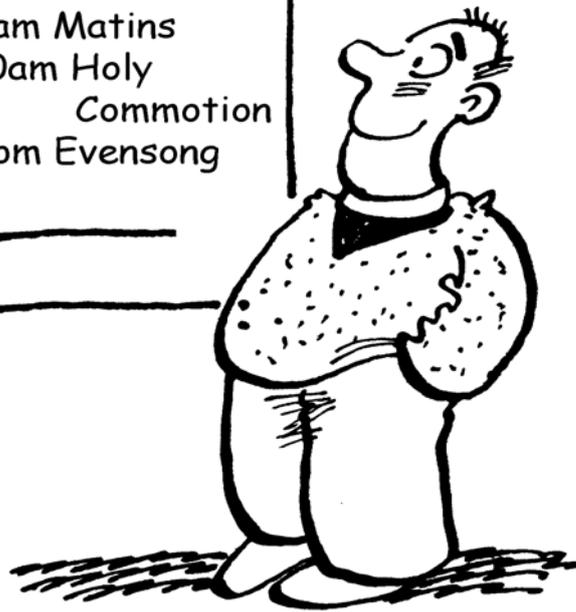
Answers: 1. a) polish it, it is an ornamental knob, part of the lamp-stands in the tabernacle. 2. c) spend it, it's gold coin 3. b) cultivate it, it's a type of plant 4. b) play it, it is musical instrument made from a ram's horn.

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My daughter, aged eight, attended the Parish Communion. She watched the bread and wine being prepared with great interest. When the congregation left their seats to receive the sacrament she whispered: "Do you think it would be alright if I joined in with the commotion?"

SUNDAY SERVICES
9.30am Matins
10.30am Holy Commotion
6.30pm Evensong



FIAN CRACKERS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR by Phil Mason, published by Monarch



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.

For Sale

Dolls pram suit 6-8 year old. Soft light blue body, shopping tray. Nearly new. £25 Tel 01535 635239