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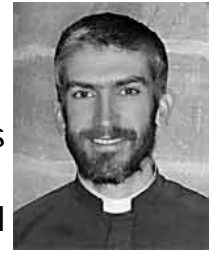
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Parish Mission Statement

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

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The Vicar's letter.....



Dear friends,

I offered the thought last month that October reminds us that Christians are to have an active concern for the whole of Creation.

Looking ahead to November, with its celebration of All Saints' Day, All Souls' Day, Remembrance Sunday and finally St Andrew's day, our focus in the coming month might rightly be our relationship with all humankind; remember the second commandment is to "Love your neighbour as yourself" and, of course, every other person is your neighbour!

At the recent ecumenical service for One World Week our speaker, Dr Philip Lewis, the Interfaith Adviser to the Bishop of Bradford, spoke about his book *Young, British and Muslim*. Reflecting on many years working across community boundaries, Dr Lewis reminded us how important it is that we make every effort to understand, and respect, the different cultural and religious teachings that give us our different identities across our societies.

This is not to say that any cultural or religious group has to water down, or in any way deny, its own teachings or beliefs. At an Evangelical Christian-Muslim Dialogue in Tripoli some months ago participants sought to honour three principles in the dialogue: frank and honest witness to their respective faiths, without compromise; a willingness to be challenged and transformed through conversation; and a readiness to change preconceived notions and reformulate ways of thinking.

Archbishop Rowan Williams writing specifically about the Christian Church (but with words that can be applied to any cultural or religious community) said: "The church is meant to be supremely a community of persons in the sense [that] it is a place for distinctive vocations to be discovered in such a way that they are a source of mutual enrichment and delight, not threat. It is place where real human difference is nourished...A healthy church is one where there is evident diversity in this respect, with plenty of bizarre characters...An unhealthy one is a group in which the unity of the church has been reduced to a homogeneity of opinions and habits, so that certain styles of devotion, for example, or certain expressions of what God means to this or that person are frowned on, virtue becomes identified with uncontroversial ordinariness and there is a nervous cultural 'sameness' in the way people talk, dress and so on. Beware of thinking this is a problem just of the right or of the left or, in general, of 'them' rather than us..." *Silence and Honey Cakes, page 58f.*

In my listening and reading I have been challenged to remember that if I am to grow in my own maturity as one human being alongside the billions of other human being, I have to hold up the mirror to myself and realise the extent to which I am both saint and sinner.

Dom Helder Camara, a Latin American Christian leader, surely got it right when he said: "Instead of being so eager just to reform others, let us also make a serious effort to bring about our own transformation."

So, in this month of remembrance let us commit ourselves to be generous in all our dealing with others, not hiding from or denying the world and its learning and endeavours. Let us look at what is good and useful in any and everything and look at how to integrate and be made whole.

Wishing you God's blessing day by day.

Robin

Church Finances (2)

Where does the Church's income come from?

Kevin Feather—Honorary Church Treasurer

In last month's magazine we looked at how the current annual running expenses of £70,000 is spent. This month we consider how the money is raised to meet these costs.

Income can be categorised into four components: fees from church activities, generated income, investment income and voluntary income. The budgeted income for this year is slightly in excess of £68,000 (*i.e. £2,000 less than budgeted costs*). We will look at each category.

Fees from church activities — the church derives income from fees charged to hold weddings and funerals. This category also includes subscriptions to young peoples' groups (Chuffs & Jets) as well as income from the sale of religious literature. This category generates 6% of total income.

Generated income — income is generated from ancillary activities associated with the church. These include fees for the hire of the parish rooms, fees for advertisements in the parish magazine as well as specific fundraising events (summer and autumn fairs). Generated income accounts for 16% of total income.

Investment income — at less than 1% this is the smallest category of income and represents interest earned on current account and the small cash reserve.

Voluntary income — this is the most significant source of funds representing 78% of total income. Collections taken at normal services, weddings and funerals are the most obvious form of voluntary income and generate 8% of total income. Donations made to the church this year will account for a further 7% of income. The largest source of income representing 61% comes from planned giving whereby parishioners give regular amounts weekly or monthly either by standing order or via the envelope scheme. The fourth category of voluntary income is legacies left to the church. By their nature legacies can't be budgeted for on an annual basis but represent an increasingly important source of income.

A significant aspect of voluntary income (and included in the voluntary income figures) is the ability of individuals to make their contributions using the **Gift Aid** scheme. All UK residents paying either income or capital gains tax can Gift Aid their giving at no additional cost to themselves. The benefit to the church is considerable in that just over 28 pence can be reclaimed from HMRC for every £1 given (£10 given under gift aid becomes £12.82 in the hands of the church). This year Gift Aid claims will amount to £9,000 (or 13% of total income).

Approaching 90% of all planned giving is made by way of Gift Aid; this compares with 57% for collections and only 4% for donations. Clearly it makes sense for all those who are eligible to use Gift Aid to maximize giving.



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



**Open Air Christmas Nativity Play
4pm Sunday 14th December**

Following the great success of the initial outdoor nativity last year, the event is to be repeated this year. We will again need lots of people to be involved in difference ways.

There are only a few speaking parts in the production but we require a lot of people to be shepherds, Nazarenes, parts of the crowd etc. People will also be needed to help with preparing costumes and scenery, to act as stewards, assist with publicity and various other things. The event is something that young and old (and those in between) can all be involved in.

The date of the presentation is Sunday 14th December at 4pm - starting behind the Kings Arms and moving to the safety of Sutton Park.

For more information or to find out how you can be involved contact Peter Bannister, 636036 or Michael Cowgill, 633372.

Do Christians Need to Read the Bible?

*The last Sunday in October was observed as Bible Sunday. At St Andrew's several people use the **New Daylight** bible reading notes published by the Bible Reading Fellowship. The following article was written by Naomi Starkey, Commissioning Editor for BRF's adult list and Editor of New Daylight.*

Here's a provocative question: do Christians need to read the Bible?

Yes, we can follow Jesus without owning a copy or reading it ourselves; that was the experience of believers until the invention of printing made books widely available. And it's still the case for Christians around the world who cannot afford a Bible - or simply cannot read.

Yet getting to know the Bible is a vital part of growing into mature faith. If we think of it as no more than an interesting option, our faith can lack solid foundations. The Bible gives us the 'big picture' for what we believe: starting with the story of creation and culminating in Jesus' death and resurrection, and the promise of his return.

The Bible not only tells us about God; through the work of the Holy Spirit, the Bible can become his word for us today. And as we read it, we face the challenge of forging links between its teaching and values, and how we live our daily lives.

To make this easier, we need a translation that we find easy to understand; if we have been reading the same version for years, switching to a different one can bring familiar verses alive.

Bible reading notes or an accessible commentary – BRF's [People's Bible Commentary series](#), for example – offer different levels of help in understanding the Bible. There are also a host of Bible atlases, handbooks and websites offering with background information.

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Posada (Travelling Crib) – A Project for Advent

This year we will again be sending two travelling cribs on a journey around our community during Advent. Posada is a Spanish word meaning 'inn'. Posada celebrations originated in Mexico where two young people were chosen to dress up as Mary and Joseph. They used to travel from house to house in their village telling people about the imminent arrival of Jesus and asking them if they would give him a room. On Christmas Eve they would re-enact a community play and bring figures of Mary and Joseph to be placed in the crib.



The modern day equivalent is based on this concept, but enables different people to give a home to the nativity figures for a night. Beginning their journey at the 10am service on Advent Sunday (30th November) the figures in the cribs will travel around the parish each day from home to home arriving in church at the Crib Service at 4pm on Christmas Eve in time for the first celebration of the birth of Jesus.

Posada has been encouraged in this country by the Church Army and many parishes now enjoy sharing in this special Advent project. We look forward to using Posada to help people celebrate more meaningfully the season of Advent.

Look out for the signing up lists in church or parish rooms or contact Robin Figg, 01535 633307 or vicar@kildwick.org.uk

Have you heard the story about the person stranded on an island for years and years? Finally a ship comes, and the rescue party sees three huts. They say to the castaway, "This hut is obviously your living place, but what are the other huts?" The answer: "This nearer one is my church. The other one is the church I used to belong to."

A burglar broke into a house and shined his flashlight around looking for valuables. He picked up a CD player when a strange, disembodied voice echoed from the dark saying 'Jesus is watching you.'

He nearly jumped out of his skin, clicked off his flashlight and froze.

When he heard nothing more he continued. Just as he pulled the stereo out he heard: 'Jesus is watching you.'

Freaked out, he shined his light around frantically.

Finally, in the corner of the room his light beam came to rest on a parrot.

'Did you say that?' he hissed at the parrot.

'Yep,' the parrot confessed, then squawked, 'I'm just trying to warn you that he's watching you.'

The burglar relaxed. 'Warn me, huh? Who in the world are you?'

'Moses,' replied the bird.

'Moses?' the burglar laughed.

'What kind of people would name a bird Moses?'

'The kind that would name a Rottweiler Jesus'



Lang Kirk 21 Building Development Project



We have now received the Judgement; it is a 5 page document. The Chancellor said that he was prepared to grant a faculty for a “major reordering of St Andrew’s”. However the Chancellor decided he could not, at the moment, rule on specific elements of the plans due to the present “extraordinary economic climate.” He wants to ensure that sufficient funding will be available for the reordering and would therefore give the church and its supporters until the end of 2010 to raise enough money to enable the project to proceed. He will then deliver his final ruling on the details of the Lang Kirk 21 project. So it is a positive Judgement for us in that the Chancellor has agreed to the principle of our proposed scheme.

Judge Walford acknowledged that the plans had been the product of a lot of “time, thought and hard work” and had evolved over several years. He described the plans as “imaginative and ambitious” and agreed that “there is a need for some reordering of the church”. He noted that there was “substantial local support” as well as the support of the national amenity societies. He also acknowledged there had been “considerable objection” to the proposals.

In a press release issued after receipt of the Judgement, Robin Figg said: “We are very relieved that the long wait for the judgement is over and that the Chancellor has approved the principle of our Lang Kirk 21 project. We have always agreed that it is important to raise sufficient money before works can begin and we are thankful that we can now move towards a major fundraising appeal. In the present economic climate we are aware that raising substantial sums will not be easy, but we believe that it is our responsibility, as the present generation of Christians here at St Andrew’s, to do all that we can to ensure the survival of our beautiful building. So many equally beautiful churches have fallen into disuse because they have been unable to adapt: it would be tragic to see St Andrew’s follow the same path.

Judge Walford also commented that, in these uncertain times, “it could seem insensitive, if not offensive, for the church to be lavishing huge sums of money on a scheme of reordering on this scale.” In response Robin said: “Were the worshipping community to be suggesting these plans purely for selfish reasons such as wanting to be warm and comfortable in church and to have ready access to toilet and refreshment facilities for themselves, then I would share these concerns. However, we want St Andrew’s to be at the heart of the life of the local community, not only for the committed Christians who worship here Sunday by Sunday, but for all the groups which the reordering could enable to use the building seven days a week. In putting forward these proposals we have sought to enhance the social and spiritual life of the whole community and we will do our utmost to raise the necessary money to achieve this.”

The BDG and PCC will now consider the Judgement in detail. A fuller response will be given in due course, probably at a congregation meeting.

Make a Will: Make a Difference in November with Will Aid



Will Aid is a partnership between solicitors and 9 UK charities. The campaign puts you in touch with participating solicitors who will draw up a basic Will free of charge during November. In return for this service, the solicitors hope you will choose to donate to the Will Aid charities the fee they would normally charge. The suggested donation level is: £75 for a single Will, £110 for a pair of matching or 'mirror' Wills, or £40 for a change or codicil to an existing will.

Since its launch in 1988, the scheme has raised almost £7m in donations and very much more in legacies. The money donated is shared between the participating charities: ActionAid, British Red Cross, Christian Aid, Help the Aged, NSPCC, Save the Children UK, Sight Savers International, SCIAF and Trocaire. But this isn't the only benefit of making your Will with Will Aid. Many people also take this opportunity to leave a legacy to their favourite charity, church or other good cause.

Making a Will and keeping it up-to-date is an important way of protecting family and loved ones in the future. This year, people should take advantage of Will Aid to review their arrangements, especially since the Chancellor announced changes to the Inheritance Tax ("IHT") rules. These changes, which were incorporated in this year's Budget, should reduce the tax burden on married and civil partnership couples or at least enable many Wills to be simplified, bringing more within the scope of a Will Aid basic Will.

Amongst the participating solicitors is **Turners, 41 Main Street, Cross Hills, Tel: 01535 634149.**

For more information about Will Aid go to www.willaid.org.uk

The Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield A Weekend Away - Friday 19th to Sunday 21st June 2009



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

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

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

Thinking about a church wedding? Getting married in church has just got easier.



Whether you're just contemplating marriage, or already planning your wedding day, your church wants to help and support you.

And, on 1st October 2008 a new law came into effect, meaning there are now [more churches to choose from](#) for your special day and for generations to come. The new Church of England Marriage Measure means that the Church of England's network of 16,000 churches - ancient or modern, intimate or grand, simple or spectacular - can offer a wider wedding welcome than at any time in the Church's history.

The law used to give a right for a couple to marry in the Church of England in the parish church where one or both of them live, whether they are baptised or not, and whether they are churchgoers are not. The new laws make it just as easy for couples to marry in a church where they have a family or other special connection, even if they don't live there.

The changes will mean an engaged couple are welcome to be married in church in a parish if just one of these applies:

- one of them was baptised or prepared for confirmation in the parish;
- one of them has ever lived in the parish for six months or more;
- one of them has at any time regularly attended public worship in the parish for six months or more;
- one of their parents has lived in the parish for six months or more in their child's lifetime;
- one of their parents has regularly attended public worship there for six months or more in their child's lifetime;
- their parents or grandparents were married in the parish.

The Church wants to make your wedding personal and memorable for you. Churches are special places and there are some things about a church wedding that you just can't get anywhere else.

If you think St Andrew's is the right place for your wedding contact the Vicar on 01535 633307 or vicar@kildwick.org.uk for an initial conversation.

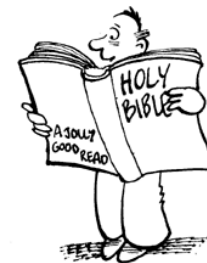
Studying the Bible in a group can be very helpful, as we can learn from the insights and questions of fellow-members. Reading groups have become a popular forum for book discussion – the Bible reading group (which has been around for years) deserves a higher profile!

What's the reward? The times when words written thousands of years before connect with our walk as 21st century believers, when a scene or truth leaps into vivid life, when we sense God speaking to us, telling us that we are not alone, that he watches over our way.

BIBLE HISTORY

This is part 9 in the next series of articles written by Michael Baumber

ALEXANDER JANNAEUS



Aristobulos was succeeded by his younger brother, Alexander, who proved himself to be a notable soldier. As the result of a series of victories over the Seleucids and the Nabateans the whole of Palestine with the sole exception of the city of Askelon fell into the hands of the Jewish state. Alexander also maintained excellent relations with the Parthians who controlled most of what we now call Iraq and Iran where there was a large Jewish community and it is during his reign that Jerusalem became the focus of pilgrimages from Iraq to the temple which were to continue into Roman times.

In other ways his reign was less successful. From the time of Judas Maccabeus onwards there had been disagreements about who should be the high priest. For the secular ruler it was imperative that he should control the appointment otherwise the holder could form the focus a rival policy but many believed that in a theocratic state like Israel the offices of military leader and high priest should be kept separate. The first Hasmonean to combine the two was Jonathan Maccabeus, At the time the right to nominate the high priest lay with the Seleucid monarch and Jonathan accepted the office of high priest from him in 152 BC as part of an agreement by which the Jews contributed troops to the Seleucid army in return.

Simon Maccabeus also combined the two offices but he broke free from the Seleucids and accepted the nomination of the Jewish assembly instead. John Hyrcanus dispensed even with that formality and it appears to have been during his reign that a third of the tithe was appropriated by the state treasury in order to pay the army. Josephus records how his fitness for the post was openly questioned on the grounds that his mother had been a slave which would have disqualified him if it had been true.

Despite growing unease John was sufficiently tactful to gain the support of the overwhelming majority of the Jewish leadership but by the time Alexander succeeded religious factionalism was rife. Alexander was an extremely arbitrary ruler and his army was no longer that of national freedom fighters like that of Judas Maccabeus. Instead it consisted largely of mercenaries and his court more and more resembled that of his Greek speaking neighbours. Two broad parties emerged. He was supported by a group who became known as the Sadducees and opposed by their rivals the Pharisees. A civil war broke out during the later part of his reign which lasted nine years and in which over 6,000 Jews lost their lives before he suppressed the revolt. Ironically when he died in 76 BC his children were too young to succeed and power passed to his widow, Salome Alexandra. If there was one thing on which all Jews agreed it was that a woman could not be the high priest. Indeed it was said that Alexander's dying wish was that she should take Pharisees as her advisers!

Next month: 10. SADDUCEES AND PHARISEES

This month's recipes



Autumn Fruit crumble

8 ozs (225g) plain flour. (you could use wholemeal)
4ozs (125g) soft brown sugar
3 ozs (75g) butter
1 level tsp baking powder
3ozs (75g) chopped nuts (walnuts or cashew nuts are nice)
Cooking apples or plums
Sugar and mixed spice (optional)

Method.

1. Stew the fruit gently with the spice until just soft, sweeten to taste. Spoon into pie dish.
2. Whiz the flour, baking powder and butter in a food processor or rub butter into flour.
3. Mix in sugar.
4. Spread the crumble mixture over the fruit and then sprinkle the chopped nuts on top.
5. Bake in oven gas reg 4 (350° F or 180° C) for about 30 minutes
6. Serve with custard or cream—or both!!



Saturday 22nd November

10am

St Andrew's Parish Rooms

Come and start your
Christmas shopping!

Any items to be donated for this year's Autumn Fair will be gratefully received and can be left in the chest at the back of the Church.

Stalls this year are, Cakes, Toys and Games, Plants Toiletries, Books, Vicar's stall, Raffle, Christmas goods, pictures, Bric a Brac and Knot the Knot.

Mince pies will be needed for refreshments and if you are able to contribute any please sign the list at the back of Church.

If you have any queries please ring Maureen Vink on 636294

Page of prayer

November 1st, is a time to turn attention to those who have inspired us by their unselfish actions. Here is a prayer for quiet reflection on the lives of saints who've come before us. Take some moments after reading to sit in stillness before going on with your day.

"In times of need we turn for strength
To those who've come before our days
That their unseen presence might
Come to us as guiding rays.

We need the voice of bygone times
In our present plight for peace
May the saints who lived for all
Bless us each in their outreach.

Continue to embrace our world
Hold us in your constant love
Dear holy ones in heaven's sight
Emblazon our hearts from up above.

Remind us in your quiet ways
That we can reach the worthwhile goal
World peace will reign forever on
With kindness shown to one and all!"



All Saint's day remind us the truth about common vocation to the holiness.
Every Christian, irrespective of their way of life, is called to be Saint.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
Where there is injury, let me sow pardon.
Where there is doubt, let me sow faith.
Where there is despair, let me give hope.
Where there is darkness, let me give light.
Where there is sadness, let me give joy.
O divine master, grant that I may
not try to be comforted, but to comfort;
not try to be understood, but to understand;
not try to be loved, but to love.
Because it is in giving that we receive,
in forgiving that we are forgiven,
and in dying that we are born to eternal life.

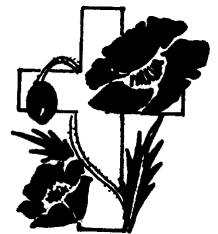
Isobel's Page

'Greater Love has no-one than this ,that he lay down his life for his friends.' John 15

In late September, at morning service, we sang the hymn 'What a friend we have in Jesus'. The words were penned by one, Joseph Scriven in 1855, who had certainly more than his fair share of tragedy in his life. The evening before his wedding his fiancée was drowned. Leaving his native Ireland he made a new life in Ontario where he became engaged once again but, ironically, shortly before they were to be married, his fiancée died. It was on hearing that his mother was seriously ill back in Ireland, and the probability was that he would never see her again, that he put pen to paper and wrote the words we still sing today.

What is really the definition of a friend? A person well known to another and regarded with liking, affection and loyalty- an ally in a fight or cause, a supporter, someone on the same side, someone to be trusted, someone who may actually be prepared to make sacrifices for the benefit of their friends.

Later this month, in common with churches up and down the country, we will be having a service on Remembrance Sunday at the war memorial, when we honour those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the World Wars- in order that we might have the freedom we enjoy today- and in subsequent conflicts.



'Greater love has no-one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends'

Our world is filled with examples of what people have been willing to do for one another. We hear of people diving into waters to save someone from drowning or rushing into burning buildings to rescue people trapped inside- people putting their own well being to one side as they help people to safety through the smashed windows of a crashed train. In the 15th century Albrecht Durer and his friend Franz Knigstein were studying to be artists but they had little money and had to work hard, to make ends meet , in employment which was to the detriment of their art lessons. A solution had to be reached and by drawing lots they decided that Albrecht would study full time and Franz would support them both. When Albrecht had completed his studies they would reverse places and Franz would then study. All went, at first, according to plan and Albrecht's studies came to an end and his work acclaimed. He returned to change places with his friend and it was then that Albrecht discovered what a great sacrifice Franz had made for him. He had worked so very hard at manual labour that his hands and fingers had become crippled and it was no longer possible for him to become an artist. You might envisage that Franz became an embittered man but this was not the case- his happiness was in the joy that he had made Albrecht's career, as an artist, possible. One day Durer, who is regarded as the greatest artist of the Renaissance, in Northern Europe, saw his friend kneeling, his rough gnarled hands clasped in silent prayer. He began to sketch those hands and out of that sketch came what is Durer's most famous painting, movingly entitled 'Praying Hands'- the hands those of someone who was prepared to play second fiddle so his friend could achieve his dream.

Then there was the scientist who worked long and hard and did not care who got the credit as long as the cause was being advanced. Only after his death did Edmund Halley's

name come to prominence and, because the comet, which he predicted would orbit and return, only comes back every seventy six years, the notice is rather infrequent. However Halley made one of the most selfless examples in the records of science. We have all heard of Isaac Newton and his encounter with the apple and his subsequent discovery and introduction of the laws of gravity- but if it was not for Edmund Halley the world might never have learned from Newton. It was Halley who corrected Newton's mathematical errors and prepared figures to support his discoveries. He encouraged Newton to write his great work 'Matters and Principles of Natural Philosophy' and, after editing and supervising the publication, actually financed its printing- although Newton was a much wealthier man. Newton immediately reaped the benefits- Halley received little credit.

If by any chance you had been reading, in 1987, an article in an American publication- a true story written by a colonel in the United States' Air Force- you would have read a more up to date story about true friendship and possible sacrifice.

In a small Vietnamese village mortar rounds had landed in an orphanage- killing the missionaries in charge and several children outright- leaving many other children gravely wounded. Hours later an American doctor and nurse arrived with their medical kits and found an eight year old girl- the most critically injured- without swift action they were certain she would die. A blood transfusion was absolutely vital but neither doctor or nurse was compatible, however some of the uninjured children were. Using a combination of pidgin Vietnamese and high school French and sign language the doctor tried to explain to the young frightened audience that unless one of them gave blood the girl would die. Silence met the request until a little hand went slowly up, dropped back down and then went up again. Quickly the doctor and nurse swabbed the arm of a little boy and a needle was inserted. Throughout all this the boy remained perfectly still but from time to time would let out a shuddering sob, quickly covering his face with his free hand. The doctor asked if he was in pain but the little boy shook his head but after a few minutes another sob escaped and then the sobs became a steady but silent crying. The medics were very worried because the needle should not have been causing any discomfort- something was seriously wrong. Just when they were going to abandon the procedure a Vietnamese nurse arrived and spoke to him, listened to his reply and answered him in a reassuring voice. The boy stopped crying, looked at the nurse who nodded and a look of relief came over his face. The Vietnamese nurse told the Americans that the little boy thought he was dying- he thought that he had been asked to give all his blood so the girl could live but that in doing so he would die.

'Ask him why he agreed if he thought that' said the doctor.

The Vietnamese nurse put the question to him and he simply answered- 'She's my friend'

' Greater love has no-one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends'

There are many stories of friendship in the Bible. We have Naomi and Ruth, David and his friendship with Jonathan- the son of King Saul who sought to destroy and kill David. Jonathan looked out for David and warned him of dangers. David knew he could depend upon this friend.

Then there is the friendship between Paul and Barnabas. The church in Jerusalem did not easily forget what 'Saul' had done and they wanted to hound him out of town but Barnabas stood up for his friend and explained what had happened.

In the hymn I mentioned at the beginning there is the line- 'Do your friends despise forsake you?' In Jesus, here is a friend who stands by us in all things- who will never

forsake us. In His farewell message to His friends He speaks about love and friendship. He says-'I have called you friends'. Jesus did not use the word lightly- he demonstrated friendship in the greatest way that it has ever been shown.

'Greater love has no-one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.'

Jesus did just that. Jesus' words on friendship are memorable- his actions are unforgettable. In Jesus we know what true friendship is all about.

Our Advent and Christmas Gift Appeal

It has been agreed that the Salvation Army in Keighley will receive gifts from St Andrew's to be distributed at Christmas.

NEW, UNWRAPPED presents suitable for the ages 0-16 can be brought to church during November or presented at the 10am service on 30th November.

There will be a box at the back of church during November and if anyone would like further information Isobel will be pleased to provide it. 01535 653997



Lecture

given by



**Prize Winning Author
Tamar Yellin**

Saturday 15th November at 7.30pm

Ms Yellin, winner of the Ribelow Prize 2006, the Sami Rohr Prize 2007 and short listed for the Wingate Prize 2006, whose writings are described as 'stunning' and her book described as a 'deeply enthralling narrative of epic spiritual proportions' Will speak about her book 'The Genizah at the House of Shepher'.

This is a saga based on true events within her family in Jerusalem, but also a thriller about the missing biblical codex and the search for the true text of the Bible and, along the way a love story.

**Lecture £5 – pay at the door
to include refreshments**

Further information from **Isobel on 653997.**

Regular Events at Kildwick

1st and 3rd Sunday 7.pm-9pm	Craven Rock leaders meet for prayer	Ecumenical Youth fellowship
Monday 1.30 pm	Bible Study at Low Green, XHills (not in Lent)	Informal Bible study and fellowship, all welcome
Tuesday 10-11.30	Chuffs (Not in school holidays)	Fun for pre-school children and their grown-ups!
Tuesday 7.30 pm-8.30 pm	Choir practice	In church
Tuesdays 12.30 pm-3 pm	NottheKnot Group downstairs in Parish Rooms	Stitching and fellowship group.
Wednesday 6-30-7.30 pm	Jets in Parish Rooms (Not in school holidays)	Primary school children's group
7.30 pm	Bellringing	
Thursday 2 pm	Open House in Parish Rooms	Refreshments and items for sale



Sun 2 nd Nov	6.00pm	Evensong for ALL SOULS DAY
Tue 4 th Nov	7.30pm	CDFC Council meeting (The Manse, Glusburn)
Mon 10 th Nov	7.30pm	Fellowship & Focus group (Parish Rooms)
Tue 11 th Nov	7.00pm	PCC meeting (Parish Rooms)
Thur 13 th Nov	10.00am	Mission Fellowship Group (Parish Rooms)
Sat 15 th Nov	7.30pm	Lecture by Tamar Yellin
Sun 16 th Nov	p.m.	Parish visit to Bradford Cathedral
Sat 22 nd Nov	10.00am	Autumn Fair (Parish Rooms)
Sun 30 th Nov	ADVENT SUNDAY	
	6.30pm	Advent Carol Service

December

Mon 1 st Dec	7.30pm	Patronal Festival Eucharist. Preacher: Fulvio Ornato, Church Army
Sun 14 th Dec		4.00pm CDFC Christmas Nativity Play (Sutton Park)
Sun 21 st Dec	6.00pm	Christmas Carol Service

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH

The next monthly meeting to pray for the parish will take place on Tuesday 4th November in the Parish Rooms from 7.30pm until 8.15pm. For information contact Robin Figg, 633307.

Services at Kildwick

Morning Prayer is said Tuesday-Friday at 7.30am

Evening Prayer is said Tuesday-Friday at 4.45pm

Mid week Eucharist on Wednesday at 9.15am.

Sunday 2 nd November	8.15 am	Holy Communion
All Saint's Day	10 am	All-age family communion with baptisms
	6 pm	No service
Sunday 9 th November	8.15 am	Holy Communion
Third Sunday before	10 am	Parish Communion with act of remembrance
Advent	6 pm	CDFC Service at Baptist church
Remembrance Sunday		
Sunday 16 th November	8.15 am	Holy Communion
Second Sunday before	10 am	Parish Communion
Advent	2 pm	Visit to Bradford Cathedral
Sunday 23 rd November	8.15 am	Holy Communion
Christ the King	10 am	Parish Communion
	6 pm	No service
Sunday 30 th November	8.15 am	Holy Communion
First Sunday of Advent	10 am	Parish Communion
	6 pm	Advent Carol Service by Candlelight

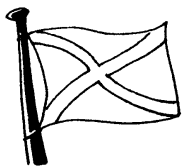
Advent Sunday, 30th November



8.15am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

6.00pm Advent Carol Service by Candlelight



St Andrew's Day: Patronal Festival Eucharist

7.30pm Monday 1st December

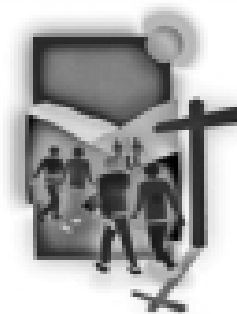
Preacher:

Mr Flavio Ornato, Church Army

Service to be followed by refreshments in the Parish Rooms

EMMAUS: THE WAY OF FAITH

The Emmaus Nurture Course is a 15-week course that explores: What Christians believe; How Christians grow; Living the Christian life.



Why attend this course?

For most people the journey of faith is a gradual discovery, a life-time's exploration. The process of growing in faith affects our whole lives. There is no one point at which we can say 'we have arrived'. The potential to gain deeper understanding and knowledge and grow in love is always there. The course aims to support the individual on their journey by providing friends and fellow travellers. There will be opportunities to ask questions, learn and reflect.

Who is the course for?

The course is suitable for:

- enquirers who are aware of their spiritual needs and want to find out what it means to be a Christian;
- those who have recently joined Church but feel they have much to learn;
- those who have attended Church for a long time but want a 'refresher';
- those who feel there must be more to the Christian faith than turning up for an hour on Sunday mornings;
- those wishing to be Confirmed.

The Nurture Group will meet on Wednesday evenings (commencing 14th January) from 8.00pm to 9.30pm (or 7.30pm to 9.00pm).

For more information please pick up a leaflet from the church or parish rooms or contact Robin Figg at the Vicarage (tel. 633307).

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

Sunday 12th October Harry Luke Forrest, son of Jamie & Rebecca, of Clayton Hall Road , Cross Hills

Burial of cremated remains

Tuesday 21st October Joan Pickles

Tuesday 21st October Edmund (Dickie) Easto

GLUSBURN INSTITUTE – A PART OF OUR HERITAGE

Most local people will have attended Glusburn Institute as children – the Pantomime, the Gang Show, playgroups, Brownies etc. But how many continue to use the facilities on offer – adult education, dancing, fitness classes, bowls and weekend concerts and events? With this in mind the Management Committee opened up the Institute on the Heritage Open Weekend on 13th and 14th September when more than 100 people enjoyed conducted tours of the building.

A booklet with the above title has also been written about the building, the architecture and the various uses of the Institute over almost 120 years since its opening in 1892. There is a great deal of interest in the booklet which is well illustrated with photographs both past and present.

The centre of Glusburn was built as a model village on the stamp of Saltaire incorporating Hayfield Mill as well as the Institute. Its visionary creator, Sir John Cousin Horsfall was made a baronet for his works just as was Sir Titus Salt. The Institute was designed to serve religious, educational and recreational uses and until the year 2000 incorporated a Baptist Chapel. Baths were provided right from the start in 1892 and many local people learned to swim in the swimming bath that continued in use right up to 1975. (The swimming bath is still there hidden under the floor.)

The architecture is interesting as the Institute was built in 4 main phases between 1890 and 1911. As the changes after the first phase were not planned in from the start the result is a complex structure which, while achieving a unity externally, presents something of a warren inside.

The aim of the booklet is to increase knowledge of the Institute in the local community, to provide funds through sales and to increase support both through attendance at the regular and weekend functions, which it describes, and much needed participation in the wide variety of activities involved in running the Institute.

We do hope that readers will purchase the booklet and recommend it to friends. With Christmas coming up it will make a handy stocking filler. The booklet is available, price £4, from a number of shops in Cross Hills, from Reids in Keighley or on request to Glusburn Institute (tel. 63023) or the author, Bernard Peel (tel. 636117).

Glusburn Institute gratefully acknowledges the contributions made by Glusburn Parish Council and Craven District Council towards the cost of the Heritage Days and the production of the booklet.

Bernard Peel
(Secretary to the Glusburn Institute Management Committee)

Church Rotas

Sunday 2 nd November All Saint's Day	10am Family Eucharist with Baptisms	1st Reading 2nd Reading Gospel	Revelation 7 v 9 - 17 1 John 3 v 1 - 3 Matthew 5 v1 - 12	Readers tba
Sunday 9 th November Third Sunday before Advent	10am Eucharist	1st Reading 2nd Reading Gospel	Wisdom of Solomon 6 v12 - 16 1 Thessalonians 4 v13 - 18 Matthew 25 v1 - 13	Sandie Walton Stephen Westcott Isobel Stirk
Sunday 16 th November Second Sunday before Advent	10am Eucharist	1st Reading 2nd Reading Gospel	Zephaniah 1 v7,12 - 18 1 Thessalonians 5 v1 - 11 Matthew 25 v14 - 30	Michael Baumber Brian Charter Marie Stinson
Sunday 23 rd November Christ the King	10am Eucharist	1st Reading 2nd Reading Gospel	Ezekiel 34 v11 - 16, 20 - 24 Ephesians 1 v15 - 23 Matthew 25 v31 - 46	Ruth Ward Lesley Bannister Lance Peake
Sunday 30 th November First Sunday of Advent	10am Eucharist	1st Reading 2nd Reading Gospel	Isaiah 64 v1 - 9 1 Corinthians 1 v1,3 - 9 Mark 13 v24 - 37	Pam Brown Brenda Brock Christine Anderton

Brass cleaning	Rosie Hargreaves and Beth Taylor
Church Cleaning	
2nd	Helen Hulley, Rosie Hargreaves, Sylvia Ackroyd
16th	Marian Baxter, June Whitaker, Mary Peake, Joan Tillotson
30th	Lesley Hudson, Libba Utley, Margaret Jowett
Flowers	
2nd	Mrs Houghton
9th	Mrs Proud
16th	Mr Butterfield
23rd	Vacant
30th	ADVENT

Date	Sidesperson	Intercessor	Communion
Sunday 2 nd November All Saint's Day	Joan Houghton Barry Houghton Pam Brown	Isobel Stirk	
Sunday 9 th November Third Sunday before Advent	David Baxter Libba Utley Christine Anderton Ann Mosley	Sue Hargreaves	
Sunday 16 th November Second Sunday before Advent	June Whitaker Brian Green Howard Stirk Isobel Stirk	Michael Baumber	
Sunday 23 rd November Christ the King	Eleanor Eastwood Dorothy Ward Christine Hutchinson	Robin Figg	
Sunday 30 th November First Sunday of Advent	Joyce Bonham, Albert Bonham, Elaine Carter	Elizabeth Figg	

Parish trip to Bradford Cathedral

On November 16th we are planning a Parish trip to Bradford Cathedral to include a tour, afternoon tea and Evensong. The cost will be approximately £5.



Please sign the list in church or contact Lesley Hudson (01535 633887) to book a place and indicate whether you need a lift or could offer a place in your car.

CDFC United Service

Sunday 9th November at 6.00pm
South Craven Baptist Church

FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of Farnhill Parish Council was held on the 2nd October 2008 in Kildwick Parish Room. The meeting was chaired by Counc. M. Scarffe. Four members of the council were present plus representatives from CDC & NYCC, four members of the public and John Sutcliffe the Waste Minimisation and Recycling Officer from CDC.

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

Two members of the Village Institute Committee gave an update on the work that has been carried out at the Institute during the refurbishment. The renovations are now complete, and they thanked the Parish Council for their support. A full report will be sent to the Parish Council shortly. The Parish Council were asked if they would continue to support the Institute in order for them to build up a capital fund for future refurbishments. The request will be considered at the next meeting when setting the precept for 2009/2010.

A member of the public reported that despite drainage work being carried out on the A629 at Farnhill the road was still flooding. Clerk to write to Highways and explain that the work carried out had not provided a solution to the matter and ask if they would be prepared to meet with somebody from the Parish Council at the site to discuss the matter and try to resolve the problem.

John Sutcliffe from CDC gave a talk on recycling and improvements they are aiming to make. Some of the areas that can be improved upon are :

- Reduction in the amount of waste food. An environmental charity called Waste Watch are currently looking at volunteer families from each district who will be set 3 x 2 weekly challenges to try and reduce food waste. The project is being run on behalf of all Councils in the York & North Yorkshire district.
- Home composting. CDC are offering subsidized compost bins which can reduce waste by 25%
- Reduction in Junk Mail. People can register with a mail preference service to stop any junk mail being sent.
- Real nappies. A grant is available to obtain £30.00 off the 1st £50.00 spend on real nappies.
- Schools. CDC are going round the schools to push an award scheme called Eco schools.

The Parish Council stated that recycling for some residents of Farnhill was quite difficult due to the narrow streets and hilly terrain and the bin wagons not being able to get to some properties. Would CDC consider providing either a mobile recycling facility that would come to the village once a week, where people could deposit their waste or providing permanent bins at the lay by at Kildwick where the buses used to pull in. Mr Sutcliffe will transfer the request to CDC and will let us know the outcome.

Counc R Bramley reported that the usual checks had been carried out at the Play Area and the grass and hedging had been cut. A hole in the concrete at the top of the steps had also been repaired. A member of the ex Play Area Committee thanked the Parish Council for keeping the play area tidy and providing the seat and plaque to finish off the refurbishment.

A letter was received from NYCC Street lighting offering the Parish Council the opportunity to benefit from the rates offered by their energy supplier. They state the rate would be significantly less than we are paying and we would save in two areas, a reduction in the cost per kwh and a reduction in administration charges. Unfortunately the Parish Council have recently agreed to a new contract starting the 1st October with EON. Clerk to seek legal advice to see if the contract can be terminated.

A meeting took place on the 22nd September with two members of Farnhill Parish Council, Chairman of Kildwick Parish Meeting, NYCC Rep Mark Wheeler and two Officers from NYCC Highways and Transportation to discuss various issues.

The main issue that was discussed was buses and bus stops. Several options were discussed and the preferred option of all present was to reintroduce the route through Kildwick. The Parish Council agreed that this was the best option and Clerk to confirm this to NYCC and ask them to approach Keighley & District Travel with the offer of a subsidy to reintroduce the route fully or as a minimum at least four buses a day at convenient times for villagers.

Another issue discussed was the Proposed Signage for Kildwick/Farnhill in Case of Emergency Closure of the A629. NYCC and the Police did not agree with the Parish Council on certain points, but after discussion the Parish Council accepted their decision and agreed to go ahead with their proposal, which will be monitored when an incident happens.

The mini 30mph signs that have appeared in the village are repeater signs where there are no street lights in the 30mph limit. Without these signs the speed limit is unenforceable.

With regard to the traffic speeds which were measured on the A629 the 85 percentile speed of traffic was measured at 43mph at Cononley Cross Roads. Checking traffic speeds on the long straight was discussed but NYCC stated that speed enforcement is a police matter and the County Council would only get involved where excessive speeds are related to an injury accident record and there are proposals to carry out a scheme to reduce accidents. Therefore a 50mph speed limit would not be introduced.

There is no prospect of providing physical traffic calming measures for Farnhill due to the low score of the scheme in NYCC's prioritization system, but 20mph signing alone may be a possibility and NYCC will investigate. It is expected to be considered in late 2009 as this year's allocation is already spent.

The priority of the give way markings at the junction of Newby Road and Starkey Lane has been assessed by NYCC and they feel the markings are safer as they are now. The Parish Council accepted their decision, but the Clerk to ask them to re-examine the possibility of providing a footpath.

The County Council state they have no obligation to screen dwellings from road noise unless it has realigned a road nearer to the dwellings, therefore screening for the A629 will not be pursued.

A report was received from Dr Canaway who carried out the botanical survey on the Lower Arbour. It was decided to discuss the issue more fully at the next meeting when everybody had had a chance to read through the report. The wall at Lower Arbour is in need of repair, but the Parish Council agreed to wait one month in order to agree what work would be carried out on restoring the Arbour first.

CDC Rep Counc P Fairbank informed the Parish Council of the Regeneration Masterplan for South Craven.

A public meeting is due to be held at South Craven School on the 16th October at 6.30pm where the public can make their views known. The Parish Council will be responding to the document.

NYCC are to take a look at the Footpath at Red Lane to see if any improvements can be made.

The dog warden has been asked to put no dog fouling signs up on the Arbour path.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2008
IN KILDWICK/FARNHILL INSTITUTE AT 7.30PM
All members of the village are welcome to attend.**

Women's Institute News

WI News - Glusburn and Cross Hills WI - October meeting

Our meeting on Tuesday 7th October was our Annual General Meeting. Reports were given of the year's activities by the Treasurer, Secretary and President in turn. The 2007 committee was re-elected for a further year with the addition of Margaret Golightly and Jean Norris and President Alison Abbey was unanimously persuaded to remain our President for 2009.



Forthcoming events included our New Year Dinner at the "White Lion", Kildwick, taking the place of our January meeting on Tuesday 6th January 2009.

Then followed an auction of new and "new to you" items brought by members. This was followed by puzzles to work on just for fun while the committee, who were hostesses for the evening, produced supper, which was delicious.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 2nd December when the speaker will be Mrs Pam Smith, her subject "Family History". Visitors and new members are welcome.

Harvest Festival Celebration

Thank you to everyone who supported our harvest festival celebration. The amounts raised were as follows:

School collective worship collection	£27.71
Sunday collections	£317.38 (including £52.05 gift aid)
Auction of produce	£243.77 (including £41.77 gift aid)
TOTAL	£588.86

This is another excellent result – well done! Most of the non-perishable goods were given to Keighley Salvation Army and Keighley Women's Aid. Several small boxes of fruit and vegetables goods were distributed to members of our community. Thank you again and well done.

Learn
encourage
act
pray

into mission

Thursday 13th November at 10 am
In the Parish Rooms

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



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Cross Hill Naturalists' Society (Founded 1904)

Winter Programme 2008/9

Meetings held in St. Peter's Church, Cross Hills
Saturday Evenings at 19900 hours

November

- 8th Small Mammals. Mr Bob Masheder.
- 22nd Archaeology of the Limestone Dales. Prof. T.O'Connor

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

Stuck for a gift for that Special Occasion?

Are you celebrating the birth of a baby or perhaps a special Birthday or Anniversary? Why not commission a unique hand-embroidered card that you can later frame as a memento of the event? They have been very popular as personal gifts and are especially suitable too for wedding, baptism or confirmation cards.

Cost, dependent on size and complexity, £10 to £12 Minimum time needed, 7 days.

Larger commissions for anniversary samplers considered.

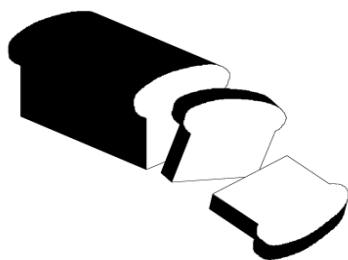
If you have an enquiry, or an order, please telephone Gill on 632405.
10% of all proceeds to St. Andrew's church funds.

Children's page



DAILY BREAD

The prayer we use most often is the one that Jesus gave us, The Lord's Prayer. And there is one line in it that comes to mind specially in the autumn when we are celebrating the harvest – 'give us this day our daily bread'.



Jesus told us to prayer for 'daily bread'. This had a

special meaning when the women would bake only one day's supply of bread at a time. Lots of families now have freezers or can easily get to the shops so conditions have changed. But the lesson of the prayer is still as important – it is for the needs of life, not the luxuries.

As with all The Lord's Prayer we don't pray for 'me' or 'I', we pray 'give us our daily bread'. It isn't a prayer for one person but for all of us. In our present world, where so many suffer hunger and poverty, this prayer reminds us that we are all part of the same world and all need the basics of life to survive.

ENOUGH TO SHARE

This recipe makes some very nice Smartie Biscuits to share...

115g/4oz margarine
 115g/4oz light muscovado sugar
 1 tablespoon golden syrup
 ½ teaspoon vanilla essence
 175g/6oz self-raising flour
 85g/3oz Smarties

Preheat the oven to 180C, 350F, Gas 4. Grease or line 2 baking sheets.

Beat together the margarine and sugar until light and fluffy. Then beat in the golden syrup and vanilla essence. Stir in half the flour and work it into the mixture. Stir in the Smarties and the remaining flour and work the dough together with your fingers.

Roll the dough into 16 balls and place them on the baking sheets, well apart to allow for spreading. Do not flatten the balls.

Bake in the preheated oven for 10 – 12 minutes or until pale golden at the edges. Leave to cool on the baking sheets for 2 minutes then transfer to wire racks to cool completely.



Why did the sandwich go to the dentist?

Because he had lost his fillings.

What is yellow, brown and hairy?

Cheese on toast dropped on the carpet.

A decorative border of musical notes surrounds the central text.

A concert of Seasonal Music

By the renowned

Lothersdale Singers

St Peter's Church Cross Hills

Saturday 6th December 7.30 pm

Admission £5 inc. Refreshment

Please pay at the door

All proceeds to Manorlands

Cross Hills and District Manorlands Support group

Fellowship and Focus

Belief Encounters

- 10th November Fish Supper – Feeding the 4-5000

The DVD is inspired by Alan Bennett (Talking Heads), Biblical Archaeology and Street Theatre.

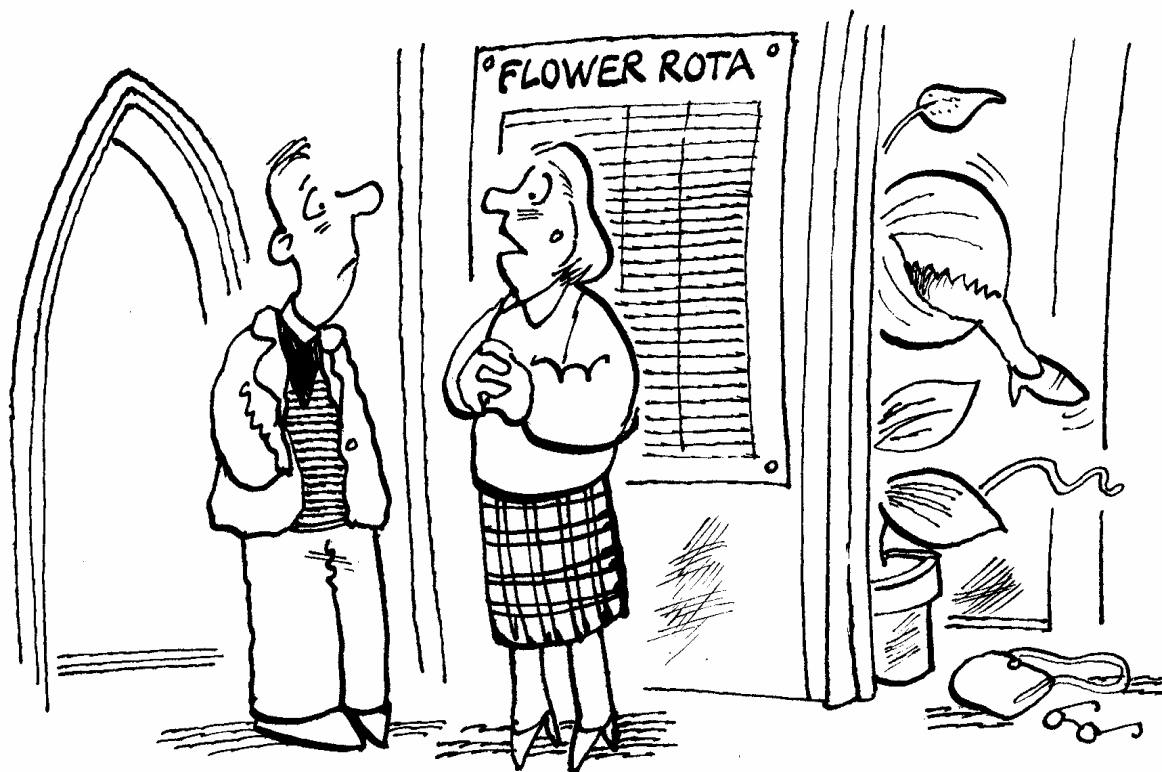
Brian Pearson, who has written and presented this DVD, says:-

"I trust the outcome is entertaining, interesting and informative. And while my intention is certainly not to preach or teach, nor anything else so worthy, I hope this material brings people a little closer to those who themselves were very close to Jesus- perhaps even close enough to see and hear Him rather more as they saw and heard Him."

EVERYONE is most welcome to join us, beginning at 7.30 pm. We aim to feed the mind with fairly digestible fare and then enjoy each other's company over coffee and nibbles. Do come!

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...er Vicar, it's about that flower Mrs Brindle's brought back from her foreign holiday...

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