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St Andrew's Church Kildwick

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Kildwick, Farnhill and Cross Hills**

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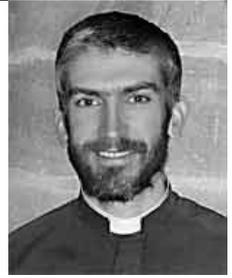
Parish Mission Statement

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

Church Website www.kildwick.org.uk

Dear friends,

October invites us to give time to reflect on our relationship with God, with our neighbour and with creation. We do this as we celebrate three important Sundays in the life of the Church: Harvest Festival, One World Week and Bible Sunday.



The good news that Christians are called to proclaim is that God was in Christ reconciling the world to God's self. This means the whole world, all of creation, not just some people, not just part of creation, but the **whole** world and **all** people. As we celebrate the riches of the harvest we enjoy, we must not forget our sisters and brothers who are trapped in poverty and 21st century forms of slavery or caught up in the evil that is the violence of the world today.

One commentator wrote recently: "A hundred years after the outbreak of the First World War and we are forced to ask ourselves whether we are on the brink of the Third - or has it already broken out in a thousand different places, in a thousand different guises? We look at North Africa, the Near and Middle East; at parts of sub Saharan Africa, the Indian subcontinent; at Malaysia and even further afield; and then are brought up short by reflecting that even here, on our own streets, there is violence and the threat of violence, talk of radicalisation and extremism."

What are we to make of it all? What does a Christian response to the frightening events around the world, far away and nearer to home, look like? What might it mean to speak the truth of the Gospel message of Peace into the situations of evil that are ravaging our world today?

These are not easy questions to answer and we have to wrestle hard to discern an acceptable answer. To help us, we might draw on the wisdom of those past who were victims of oppression and persecution. Martin Luther King sought after justice, but knew that our popular understanding of justice is mired with violence. For King, true justice is always based on love and nonviolence, because violence always carries with it a fatal flaw. As he wrote in his book *Strength to Love*, "Violence brings only temporary victories; violence, by creating many more social problems than it solves, never brings permanent peace".

The hope must be that the world will one day learn what it means when God says "I desire mercy, not sacrifice". Our God is a God who identifies with the victims of violence and wants us to stop sacrificing one another. We must learn what it means to pray for the coming of the Kingdom (or Reign) of God on earth as in heaven. The hope must be that we will look at God's story as revealed in the human person Jesus, see the folly of our human way of revenge and retribution and turn to follow God's way of forgiveness and reconciliation.

As I continue to wrestle with all this I recall the words of a song by the Franciscan songwriter John Michael Talbot titled 'Behold now the Kingdom'. I invite you to ponder the following words:

"A multitude followed a man, a prophet, who spoke words of wisdom.
And they listened trying to understand the paradox of His great truth.
He said, Blessed by those who are poor for you shall inherit the kingdom
And blessed be those who are weak for you shall inherit great strength.
Blessed be those who are children for you shall be counted as wise.
Blessed be the blind man for you shall see with new eyes.
Behold now the Kingdom, See with new eyes."

Peace, Shalom

Visit by Michael Hardin of Preaching Peace



American theologian and author Michael Hardin, the co-founder and Executive Director of Preaching Peace based in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, made a welcome return visit to St Andrew's recently during a 6 week speaking tour including York, Manchester, Birmingham, Dublin and Kildwick!

The motto of Preaching Peace is "Educating the Church in Jesus' Vision of Peace" and Michael expounded this vision as he led seminars on The Creed and How Jesus Read His Bible.



A total of 30 people (12 from St Andrew's and 18 from elsewhere) attended one or more of the seminars and each person was encouraged and challenged by what Michael said.

Spending two evenings exploring the words of the Apostles Creed and the Nicene Creed, the two principal statements of faith that we are familiar with from our regular Sunday services, Michael reminded us that texts are essential to our understanding of what it means to be Christian, followers of Jesus.

We were helpfully reminded that the Creeds speak of our shared expression of belief. The Creeds do not say we are saved by knowledge, but through belief. This implies that the Creeds are not interested in certainty, but in trust. The Creeds are not showing us what to believe, but rather how to believe. These texts are a lens through which we interpret our faith; they are a lens through which we move into relationship with God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit or God as Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life.

A full day on How Jesus Read His Bible began with Michael leading us through an reflection of the Lord's Prayer as a key text which, again, serves as a lens through which to interpret the message of Jesus and thus how he used the sacred texts of his time.

As we moved through the day we saw again and again how the biblical texts show a move from the voices of sacrificial religion through which the cycle of violence is perpetuated as the voice of the victim is silenced, to the voice of Revelation in which the cycle of violence is ended as the voice of the victim is heard in the words of the crucified Jesus, who speaks from the Cross, 'Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing', and in the words of the Risen Jesus, who speaks, 'Peace

be with you; do not be afraid'. Jesus is the Forgiving Victim who reveals that in God there is no violence. 'God is light and in God there is no darkness at all' (1 John 1.5).

On Sunday Michael preached at the 10am Parish Communion service. Again, Michael spoke of the God who reaches out and welcomes everyone to be part of God's reign of radical love. Talking about the table around which God's people gather to share the meal of the Church, Michael said:

"Tables where God is present are messy; they include all kinds of people...When we break bread together every single person who is with us belongs at this table...this table is for everyone...And it is the whole person who is welcomed at the table. This is the table of grace...it is a table of mercy, it is not a table where we keep people away. So we bring our whole selves, not just the good parts, but the broken parts as well. Know that the word of forgiveness is for your whole person, your whole life, your whole story. You belong here, everyone belongs here."



Michael had arrived in Kildwick earlier in the week and was able to enjoy a day tour of the Dales, visiting Hawes, the Buttertubs Pass, Muker and Ribbleshead.

He was also able to make a return visit to Ermysted's Grammar School to speak with groups of Year 12 and 13 Religious Studies students. This was a wonderful opportunity to engage with the students on issues including politics, philosophy, psychology as well as theology and spirituality.

Those who attended some or all of the seminars were invited to offer a reflection on their experience of hearing Michael teach. Here are some of their thoughts:

- ◆ Unfortunately I was not able to attend all Michael's talks but those I heard were very interesting and thought provoking. I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to have fellowship with him and look forward to the next time!
- ◆ Thank you for arranging the Seminar. I was keen to meet Michael having followed the 'Jesus driven Life' course. I warmed to Michael immediately and enjoyed the day immensely.
- ◆ Completely fascinating interpretation! Very stimulating, delivered with humour and not at all heavily. That's the positive. I'd also say that MH tends to use long words and lots of names, which are great for people with more knowledge of theology than me, but I do feel that habit can make his points more difficult to access than needs be. But I'd definitely join when he visits us again. And he causes me to think!
- ◆ Another challenging but enthralling day with Michael, I will be working through all that was shared for some time to come. The opening words of his sermon on Sunday, about the wording on the gravestone in the aisle, reminded me, yet again, how we see without seeing!
- ◆ I am currently enjoying his book 'Walking with Grandfather.'
- ◆ Michael is so interesting injecting some humour & I liked his straight speaking!
- ◆ I have a lot of food for thought!
- ◆ Just to say I thoroughly enjoyed the seminars and listening to Michael and the discussions and found them really worthwhile.
- ◆ Thank you for organising this Robin, I really enjoyed it.

News from the Parochial Church Council

Recent meetings of the PCC have included discussion about the important theme of church growth and how the PCC can best help to facilitate the mission and ministry of God's Church in this parish.

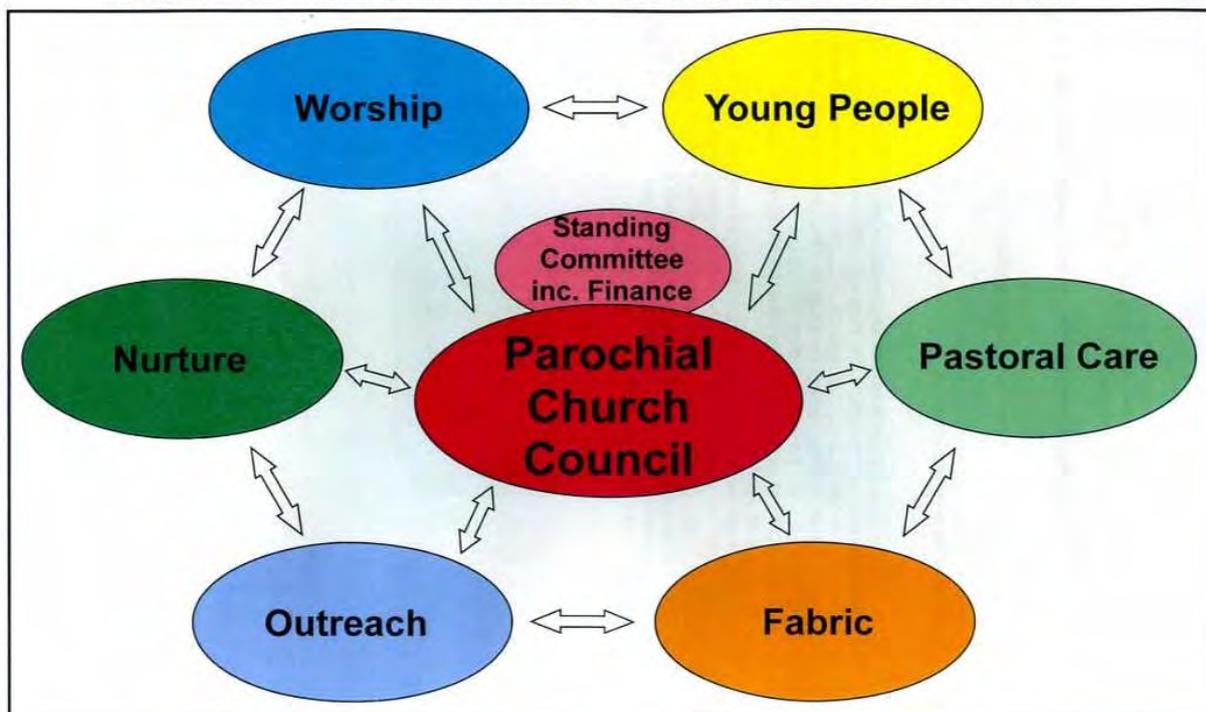
Mindful that the function of the PCC includes promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, the PCC has agreed to work across six 'areas of mission', namely: worship, nurture, outreach, young people, pastoral care and fabric. The intention is that each member of the PCC will be involved in co-ordinating one or two 'areas of mission', helping to encourage and develop parish life within their 'area of mission'.

In addition, the PCC Standing Committee will also serve as the finance committee.

Next month we will add names to the diagram below which is an easy guide to the PCC mission structure so you know who to contact if you have a question or a comment.

PCC Areas of Mission

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.



A prayer for the growth of the Church.

God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your Church,
 send your Holy Spirit to give
 vision to our planning,
 wisdom to our actions,
 and power to our witness.

Help our church to grow in numbers,
 in spiritual commitment to you,
 and in service to our local community;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.



'Love is more important than anything else'
Colossians 3.12-17



Bible Sunday - Sunday 26th October

Supporting the work of the Bible Society

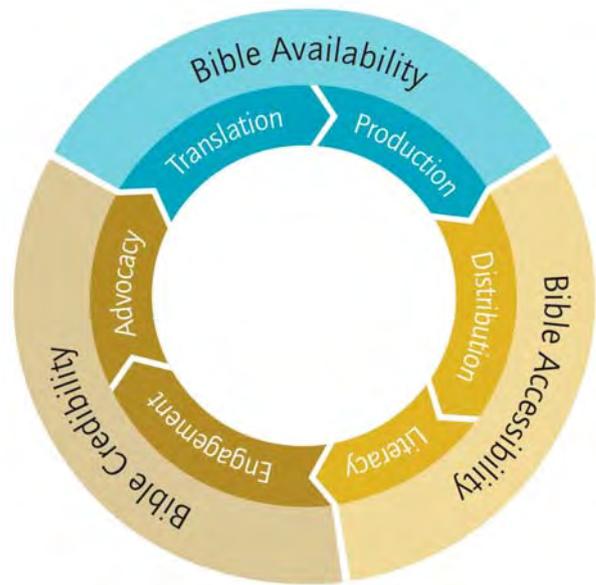
Bible Society is working to circulate the Scriptures across the world, in the church and through the culture just like air conditioning circulates air through a building.

The strategy of Bible Society (how we achieve our mission) centres on Bible availability, accessibility and credibility. It's what we call the 'lifecycle' of the Bible. These strategic approaches encompass all of our activity: translation, production, distribution, literacy, engagement and advocacy.

We believe this work can be transformative

The lifecycle of the Bible

- ◆ **Translation:** making the Bible available in new spoken and signed languages, and revising existing Bibles to bring the language up-to-date, so that everyone can experience the Scriptures in their 'heart language'
- ◆ **Production:** printing physical copies of the Bible and producing visual, audio and digital forms of the Scriptures in order to meet the demands of the millions around the world who want a Bible of their own
- ◆ **Distribution:** taking the Bible to places it might otherwise be hard to come by, in formats that people can use
- ◆ **Literacy:** helping people to read and to read well, using the Bible as a resource
- ◆ **Engagement:** helping people grapple with the Bible, read and respond to it wisely
- ◆ **Advocacy:** giving the wider culture a reason and opportunity to encounter the joys of the Bible



For more information go to www.biblesociety.org.uk

The Bible for non-readers

For millions, having the Bible in a printed format is of little or no help at all. This is an issue for those who **don't read, are blind or deaf**. Most live in the world's poorest countries and communities.

Our commitment to everyone being able to personally encounter the Bible's life-changing message means putting the Bible into:

- ◆ **Audio** – for the billion people in the world who can't read, and for those living in cultures where telling and hearing stories is the natural way to communicate.
- ◆ **Braille** – for more than 800 million blind or visually-impaired people in the world.
- ◆ **Sign language** – for thousands of deaf or hearing-impaired people whose natural way to communicate is in this dynamic, expressive language.

Making the Bible affordable

A billion people in our world **live on just 60p a day**. That makes owning a Bible a luxury they can't afford.

More than that, it is among these poor communities that the Church is growing fast – including **China, Nepal, Vietnam and many parts of Africa**. This creates an urgent need for the Bible at a price people can afford. For some, like prisoners and refugees, that means free of charge.

Demonstrating the Bible's relevance

In our own country the Bible is readily available and affordable. But the **Bible is no longer shaping the nation** or enriching its life.

Landmarks include 'Winterval' replacing Christmas, 'faith' words omitted from a children's dictionary and fewer people knowing the Bible's stories. And the Bible is no longer seen as a reference point for everyday life.

This is why we are:

- ◆ **Working with key influencers** – in the media, education, politics and the arts – to help them see the Bible's connection with today's issues.
- ◆ Running initiatives designed to **make the Bible, rather than religion, the issue** and for it to be taken seriously and viewed positively.
- ◆ **Equipping the Church**

Many assume Christians are avid Bible readers and well able to live out what it has to say. The reality is that most churchgoers:

- ◆ Seldom read the Bible.
- ◆ Lack confidence in their knowledge of the Bible.
- ◆ Struggle to apply the Bible's message to their daily lives or the decisions they make.





NEWS FROM
CROSS HILLS & DISTRICT
FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES



United Service for
One World Week



Living Differently

Breaking Chains - Making Change
19th - 26th October 2014



10.30am Sunday 19th October
South Craven Baptist Church, Sutton-in-Craven

NB: There will not be a 10am service at St Andrew's on this day

Saturday 25th October

CDFC Harvest Supper

6pm at St Peter's Cross Hills

Barn Dance and Pie and Pea Supper

The cost will be £6 to include a raffle



Sunday 19th October
2.30-4.30 pm

Your family is invited to

Messy Church at St Andrew's Kildwick

Messy Church has become very popular around the country and is a way of being church that families and others can enjoy together. It's very relaxed for all-ages with lots of fun, music, making things together to explore the Bible, then celebrating Jesus in a

Editor: October brings St Luke's day, and as St Luke is the patron saint of physicians and surgeons, thought you might enjoy these comments, allegedly taken from actual medical records, dictated by doctors.

From medical records....

On the second day, the knee was better and on the third day it had completely disappeared.

The patient has been depressed ever since she began seeing me in 1983.

Discharge status: Alive but without permission.

She slipped on the ice in early December and her legs went in separate directions.

The patient was released to the outpatient department without dressing.

She is numb from the toes down.

18th October St Luke the Evangelist

– linking the sacred and the profane

To St Luke, a Gentile, we owe the beautifully written Gospel of Luke, and the Book of Acts. He was a Greek physician, a disciple of St Paul, a companion on some of his missionary journeys, and an inspired writer.

Luke's gospel focuses on the compassion of Christ. His gospel contains some of the most moving parables, such as the Good Samaritan and Prodigal Son. This, with his emphasis on poverty, prayer and purity of heart, make up much of his appeal to the Gentles, for whom he wrote.

Women figure more prominently in Luke's gospel than any other: look out for the extended story of the Virgin Birth, and stories of Mary, Elizabeth, and the woman who was a sinner.

In Acts, Luke is remarkably good at linking sacred and profane history, as subsequent archaeology has shown. A principal theme of his Acts is how the early Christians moved away from Jerusalem into the pagan world, and especially on to Rome.

Luke is the patron saint of doctors, surgeons and artists (due to his picturesque style of writing). His symbol is an ox, sometimes explained by reference to the sacrifice in the Temple at the beginning of his Gospel. In England 28 ancient churches were dedicated to him.

4 Felix of Thibiuca - the saint who would not give up his Bible

Do you value your Bible? If so, Felix of Thibiuca (247 – 303) is a good patron saint for you.

The year was 303, and Diocletian was emperor in Rome. In February he decided that Christians were NOT a good thing. So he issued an edict: all copies of the Christian scriptures and all liturgical books were to be surrendered and burnt. Diocletian had decided to 'wind up' this upstart religion.

The persecution began in Rome. By June of that year, the edict had reached North Africa, and Thibiuca, where Felix was bishop. Felix was arrested and interrogated. Yes, he said, he did have a copy of the Scriptures. No, he said, he would not hand them over.

Felix was a highly respected bishop, and even the authorities were loath to take immediate action against him. So they gave him three days grace to see sense, and back down. But Felix prayed and became only more certain that this was a conflict between the commandments of God and the commandments of men.

At the end of the three days Felix was referred to the proconsul. He still refused to hand over his Scriptures. His last words in public were memorable "God, I thank you. I have passed 56 years in this world. I have preserved my chastity; I have observed the Gospels; I have preached the faith and the truth. Lord God of heaven and earth, Jesus Christ, I bend my neck as a sacrifice for you, who abides for ever." He was condemned to be beheaded at Carthage, and became one of the first martyrs to die under Diocletian.

Needless to say, Diocletian did not succeed in destroying the Scriptures. Today there are hundreds of millions of copies around the world, and this month, Sunday, 26th October, Christians will thank God for the Scriptures when they celebrate Bible Sunday.

Prayer page



So many shades of gold
Autumn
Another miracle we take for granted
Another expression of the artist's vision
The blending of the autumn hues
with the setting sun
Warm
Comforting
Perfect
Thank you for autumn, Lord

For the promise of harvest
contained within a seed
we thank you.
For the oak tree
within an acorn
The bread within a grain
The apple within a pip
The mystery of nature
gift wrapped for us to sow
we thank you.

Creator God, for daily bread
and all who work
to bring your harvest home
we bring our thanks today.

'As long as the earth endures, seedtime
and harvest, cold and heat, summer and
winter,
day and night will never cease.'
(Gen 8:22)

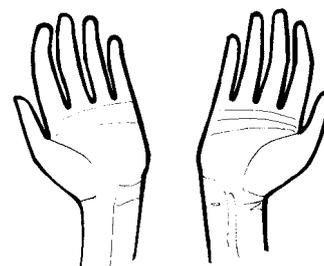
Forgive our ingratitude
we who have so much
yet waste what you have given.

For those whose harvest is poor,
whose crops have withered,
water tainted, children starve,
help those who bring relief
and bestow on us
an unaccustomed generosity,
that all might share from your garden
and all might sing your praise.

Creator God, provider of all
we bring our thanks today.

Prayers for the Parish & World Church

The next monthly meeting to pray for the parish and worldwide Church will take place on **Monday 27th October** in the parish rooms from 7.00pm until 8.00pm. For more information contact Robin Figg, 633307.



Church Rotas

Date	Sidespersons	Intercessor	Communion
5 October Harvest Festival	Joan and Barry Houghton David Baxter	Di Halliday	Peter and Michael
12 October Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity	Marie Stinson Peter McNeill	Marie Stinson	Sandie and Christine
19 October Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity	Christine Anderton Ann Mosley June Whitaker	<i>No service at St Andrew's</i>	<i>No service at St Andrew's</i>
26 October Last Sunday after Trinity Bible Sunday	John Mitchell Michael Baxter Sandie Walton Kath Morris	Sue Hargreaves	Christine and John

Flower Rota	
October 5th	Harvest
12th	Vacant
19th	Rev.D.Halliday
26th	Mrs.Reithermann

Brass Cleaning September/October	Jan Richardson and Libba Utley
Church Cleaning: October	Helen Hulley, Rosie Hargreaves, Sylvia Ackroyd Sylvia Clark

Fri 24th & Sat 25th October **Church & Churchyard maintenance days**



It's that time of year again when we need to tidy up the churchyard and collect millions of leaves!!! If you are free please come along from 10 am and help, the more people we have the quicker it will get done!

Further details from Lesley 01535 523291

Readers Rota

5 October Harvest Festival	Deuteronomy 8.7-18 2 Corinthians 9.6-end Luke 12.16-30	2 readings – tbc Lesley Bannister Lesley Hudson
12 October Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity	<i>Isaiah 25. 1-9</i> Philippians 4.1-9 Matthew 22.1-14	<i>Reading not used</i> Kathryn Morris Katharine Calvert
19 October Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity	<i>Isaiah 45. 1-7</i> <i>1 Thessalonians 1. 1-10</i> <i>Matthew 22. 15-22</i>	<i>No 10 am service.</i> <i>CDFC service at the</i> <i>Baptist Church</i>
26 October Last Sunday after Trinity Bible Sunday	Nehemiah 8.1-4a, 5-6, 8-12 Colossians 3.12-17 Matthew 24.30-35	Glyn Evans Sylvia Clark John Mitchell

Harvest Festival Celebration



Join us for our Harvest Festival services
on **Sunday 5th October** as follows:

8.15am Holy Communion

10.00am Family Communion

to be followed by the auction of produce.

Proceeds from the services and the auction
will be given to support the work of
the **Church Mission Society**
and the **Jigsaw Kids Ministries** project in Manila, Philippines.



Why not also join us for a
Cross Hills & District Fellowship of Church

Harvest Supper

at St Peter's Methodist Church Hall
on **Saturday 25th October** at 6.00pm.

Look out for details of how to book.

Sunday Services at Kildwick

Morning Prayer will be said in church at 7.30am Monday to Wednesday & Friday
Midweek Eucharist on Wednesdays at 9.30am (in the Parish Rooms)

5 October Harvest Festival	8.15 am 10.00 am	Holy Communion Family Communion followed by auction of harvest gifts
12 October Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity	8.15 am 10.00 am	Holy Communion Parish Communion
19 October Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity	8.15 am 10.00am No service at Kildwick	Holy Communion CDFC at South Craven Baptist Church
26 October Last Sunday after Trinity Bible Sunday	8.15 am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion

From the registers

Baptisms

Sunday 31st August

Caitlin Louise Booker, daughter of Ben Booker & Rebecca Berrisford, of Greenway, Glusburn

Sunday 7th September

Elle Grace Mulloy, daughter of Liam Mulloy & Samantha Saggars, of Beech Street, Cross Hills

Austin Andrew Plumb, son of James & Donna Plumb, of Long Lee, Keighley

Sianna Jasmine Strazieri, daughter of Ben Craven & Francesca Strazieri, of Woodturners Close, Sutton-in-Craven

Luisa Jessica Strazieri-Roe, daughter of Jessica Strazieri & Angela Roe, of Acre Meadows, Cowling

Funerals

Monday 15th September

Julia Lee, formerly of Teal Court, Steeton

Monday 22nd September

Christine Sutcliffe, formerly of Grange Road, Farnhill

Across

1 'Those who were standing near Paul said, "You — to insult God's

high priest?"' (Acts 23:4) (4)

3 They were assigned to guard the tree of life (Genesis 3:24) (8)

9 'Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the — of — , the son

of Zuph, an Ephraimite' (1 Samuel 1:1) (3,4)

10 Surrender (Joshua 24:23) (5)

11 Where American livestock can be reared (5)

12 Listen (anag.) (6)

14 Alternative name for Kiriath Jearim (2 Samuel 6:2) (6,2,5)

17 He founded Westminster Abbey, — the Confessor (6)

19 Hebrew word for the place of the dead (5)

22 Allies of Persia in the fifth century BC (Esther 1:3) (5)

23 Where John Wesley was forced to preach a lot (4,3)

24 Rebellion against God; abandonment of religious belief (8)

25 Note (anag.) (4)

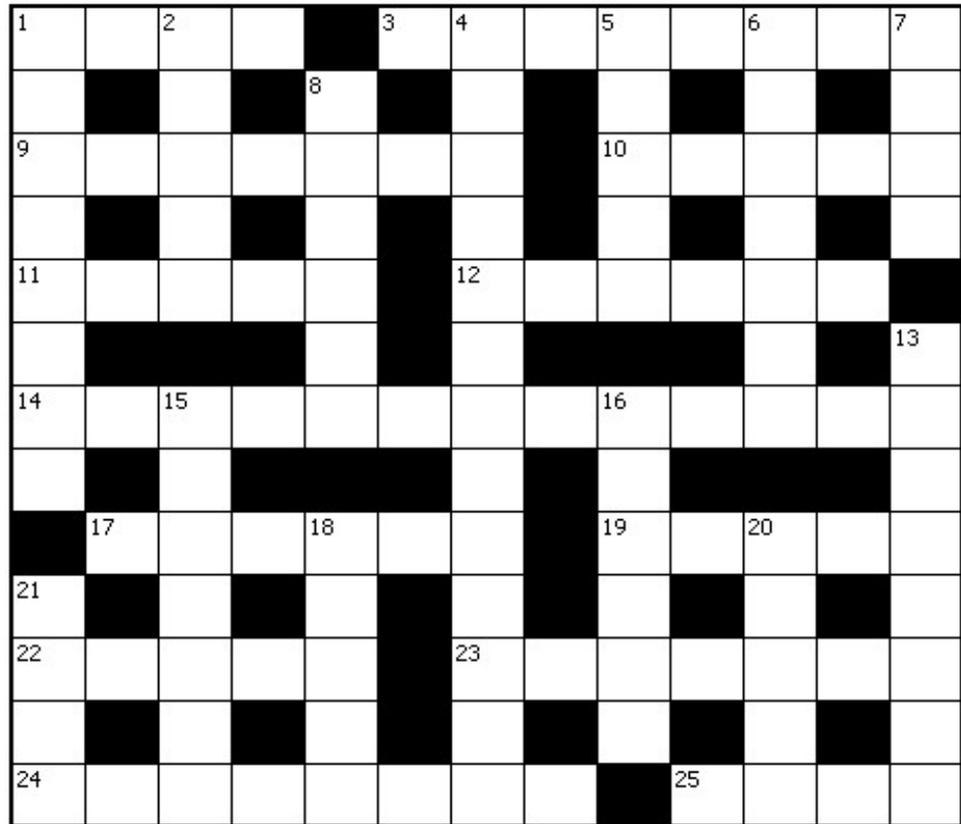
Down

1 Give an account of (Mark 4:30) (8)

2 'I — — the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free' (Psalm 119:32) (3,2)

4 'He took the ephod, the other — — and the carved image' (Judges 18:20) (9,4)

5 'You are a chosen people, a —



priesthood' (1 Peter 2:9) (5)

6 The meek, the merciful and the mourners are all this (Matthew 5:4–5, 7) (7)

7 Musical Instrument Digital Interface (1,1,1,1)

8 He was the son of Nun (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)

13 'Let the little — come to me' (Matthew 19:14) (8)

15 'About three thousand were — — their number that day' (Acts 2:41) (5,2)

16 In John's vision, the wall of the new Jerusalem was made of this (Revelation 21:18) (6)

18 'Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly — a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus

Christ' (Philippians 3:20) (5)

20 'Glorify the Lord with me: let us — his name together' (Psalm 34:3) (5)

21 Young Men's Christian Association (1,1,1,1)

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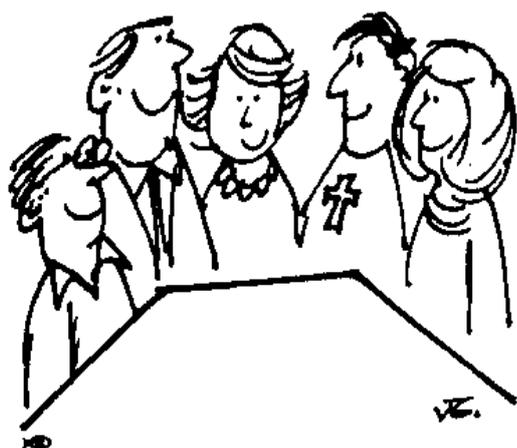
Farnhill Methodist Church holds a *Coffee Morning*

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.

St Andrew's Pastoral Care Group



Want someone
to talk to?

Lonely?

Need some
help?

Call June on
01535 655320

Need a
listening ear?

BIBLE HISTORY

written by Michael Baumber

THE GOSPEL STORY: THE ROAD TO THE CROSS 12: THE TRIAL BEFORE PILATE



The chief priests had Jesus' confession but it had been extracted by forcing him to incriminate himself which was illegal and the rules of the Sanhedrin also decreed that a day had to elapse before a final vote. The delay could be crucial and in any case a death sentence would require Pilate's approval, so Jesus was taken to the praetorium, which was located in the palace built by Herod the Great in the west of the Upper City. As the priests ritual purity would be contaminated by entering either the building or the grounds Pilate came out for the hearing and sat on a judgment seat on the 'Gabbatha', a stone pavement just outside the city walls on the south side of the palace grounds.

If Jesus had expected Pilate to treat it as a charge of blasphemy and a local matter he misjudged his man. Pilate's task was to ensure that the Passover feast was peaceful and that could not be achieved without the support of the chief priests. We only have to read about the large numbers of people crushed to death at Mecca when even small disturbances spread among the crowds there to realise the problems he faced. So when Jesus was brought before him and accused of behaviour likely to cause a serious breach of the peace his only hesitation in ordering his crucifixion was to find a reasonable excuse to report to his superior, the governor of Syria.

Luke records how Jesus' accusers reported to Pilate how he had claimed to be a 'Son of God', which in Roman eyes was the equivalent of an earthly King. Both Mark and Matthew have Jesus declaring that he was a 'King of the Jews' so Pilate had his excuse. He seems to have thought that Jesus was a sort of religious fanatic and that his crucifixion would be enough so there was no need to pursue his disciples. It was effective and there was no disturbance. Pilate probably never gave it a thought afterwards. It was all just in a day's work.

The need the gospel writers felt to demonstrate that Christians were loyal Roman citizens, unlike the Jews, has obscured this straightforward explanation. They could not deny that Pilate was responsible for Jesus' death because he was crucified but they did their best to show that he did it reluctantly and under extreme pressure. The Pilate of history may not have been the brutal man described by Josephus and Philo but he would not have held on to his office for ten years if he had used the methods attributed to him by Luke. A procurator, who tried to get rid of a case by involving people like Herod Antipas or, when that failed, of washing his hands of the matter, would not have lasted long. Most commentators regard the Barabbas story with scepticism. There is no record in Jewish literature of the time of any custom of releasing a criminal at the Passover festival and Barabbas was potentially a far more dangerous threat to the peace than Jesus.

FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL SUMMARY OF DRAFT MINUTES

The meeting of Farnhill Parish Council was held on the 2nd September 2014 in Kildwick/Farnhill Institute. The meeting was chaired by Counc. G Harling. Four members of the council were present plus CDC & NYCC Rep Counc P Mulligan & CDC Rep Counc P Fairbank, the Clerk and one member of the public. The minutes of the meeting held on the 5th August were approved by the Council and signed as a correct record by the Chairman after some minor alterations.

A member of the public expressed concerns about the deterioration of the condition of land at Bucklar Hill stating that over the summer conditions have worsened and there has recently been a vast amount of loading and unloading often blocking access to the garages. They consider this to be an infringement of the enforcement order on the premises at No 5 and the nuisance activities are spreading to the drive of No 3. The Parish Council advised that they would pass on the information to Craven District Council.

NYCC have stated that they will not be cutting back the verges on Bradley Road as the cut back in funds has meant they have had to reduce the amount spent on verge cutting and they no longer cut the verges of minor roads unless it is a safety concern. They also stated that further cutbacks on verge cutting are to be made next year.

Darren Griffiths the team leader for traffic engineering has agreed to attend a site meeting at Cononley Lane Crossroads to discuss issues raised at the public meeting and the recent fatal collision. Clerk to ask him to provide the survey and time study promised in April before the meeting. Clerk to invite Cononley Parish Council to attend the meeting and arrange a pre-meeting with them to discuss how to put forward our case to NYCC.

NYCC Representative Counc P Mulligan informed the Parish Council that even though the government have pulled out of funding the Allerton Park Waste Disposal Plant officers from NYCC are making the recommendations to go ahead with the project. Planning permission was granted for the next four years before the funding was stopped and the project will sort all the waste and save a lot of carbon emissions over the years and eliminate methane from landfill.

CDC Representative Counc P Fairbank reported that Car Parking Charges for Car Parks at Crosshills has been referred back to the Select Committee by Policy Committee. The car park charges refer to the Hall Street Car Park and the Co-op Car Park.

Clerk to inform NYCC Street Lighting that they wish to go ahead with a connection and feeder pillar for a Christmas Tree if they can confirm that it will be completed in time for Christmas and that they can clarify who will own and maintain the feeder pillar and confirm that it is tamperproof. Clerk to ask them to provide the method statement for the Canal & Rivers Trust prior to the work commencing so they can give final authorization. Clerk to ask NYCC Street Lighting to paint the new light outside Bainbridge Wharf. Clerk to contact the Parish Council Insurance to check that the Christmas Tree and Feeder Pillar would be covered under their Insurance Policy

Two quotes have been received for the clearance work at the Arbour and it was agreed to engage DTMS to do the work. Clerk to confirm the area to be cleared and

that the materials will be removed from site. Arbour Tree Surgeons have sent a list of suitable plants for the area which has recently been cleared, but Counc J Waring to make further enquiries and get a quote for the planting.

Training has been arranged for Councils M Scarffe & R Bramley with Chris Wright . The Register of Interests for Farnhill Parish Council on Craven District Council's website has now been updated with the correct details.

The consultation document for the Leeds & Liverpool Canal Access Development Plan has been circulated round the members of the Council and Clerk to provide a response based on comments received from members of the Council.

A member of the public complained about two pallets left at the back of Upper Arbour and also about ground damage from a previous fire. The clerk to inform them that the pallets are to be used to make a compost heap for materials from the Arbour The compost heap will be shielded by bushes and that the area round the tree has no long term damage and has been planted with bluebells.

A request had been received from the history club to lend a booklet for the Kildwick & District War Memorial Unveiling & Dedication Service and extracts from The Parish Council's Minutes relating to WW1 that would be of interest. The documents will be used for a WW1 exhibition @ Skipton Library on the 11th November. The Parish Council were in agreement provided that the documents were kept safely.

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The Birds in Your Garden



Having talked about individual species of birds in my last few articles, I thought it might be interesting to look at how garden birds in general fared last winter, when a combination of plenty of natural food with mild weather, led to few birds visiting our garden feeders. Everyone I talked to asked the same question: "Where have all the birds gone?"

The season started with some species, such as Mistle Thrush, absent and Coal Tit and Nuthatch among others, seen in low numbers. Generally, species variety followed the usual patterns, there were just fewer of each.

Whilst the autumn was mild, it was also very wet. October started with an interminable succession of showers and ended with a major storm: we had a third more rain than usual. Thankfully most species were helped by the bumper autumn crop of berries, oak and beech. Even Blackbirds became a relatively rare visitor to garden feeding stations, choosing to feast elsewhere.

November started with immense storms followed by below average temperatures and was the driest since 2004. With natural food diminishing, species such as Blackcap, Blue Tit and Starling visited more frequently.

December was both the warmest since 1988, and the windiest since 1969. Some species did return to make the most of garden berries but few ventured onto feeders.

January saw more wind and persistent rain with some areas in the UK receiving more than double the average rainfall. Having mostly used up the buffer of food in the countryside, and with insects taking a battering, many species, including Great Tit and Dunnock were seen more often.

We had the third wettest February on record, punctuated by terrible storms. Flooding meant garden feeders were much used in some places, but numbers were still low generally.

While March provided some wet weather, it was mostly dry and sunny with above average sunshine hours leading to an early start to the breeding season, so visits to feeders were further reduced.

In rural gardens it was the quietest winter for many years. The three most frequently seen species were still the Robin, even if in their lowest numbers since 1979; the Blackbird, two thirds less in number; and the Blue Tit.

Unlike many of the smaller birds, corvids were seen in larger numbers at garden

feeders, especially in the suburbs. We saw the most Rooks and Jackdaws since 1972, with their numbers growing as winter ended. Rook numbers may have been supplemented by rural birds, due to farmland grain running out and the soil becoming too waterlogged to find earthworms and other invertebrates.

The number of House Sparrows seen on feeders also grew towards the end of the season, presumably as food crops elsewhere became depleted. Their numbers seem to be holding up well now, and to judge from my garden, they've benefited from the mild winter followed by a long breeding season. I've never seen so many!

Finally, migrant birds were noticeably lacking in numbers. Compared to winter 2012-13, numbers of Redwing were down by half and those of Fieldfares by three-quarters. Starlings and Blackbirds, whose winter populations are normally added to by migrants, were also down in numbers, probably due to the good berry crop across mainland Europe.

If you find the lives of our garden birds to be of interest, and would like to join in and count the feathered occupants of your garden, please contact me or visit the BTO Garden Bird Watch website (www.bto.org/gbw). If you know of a local organisation who would like a talk on garden birds call: **Mike Gray 07596 366342** or mikegbw@btinternet.com.



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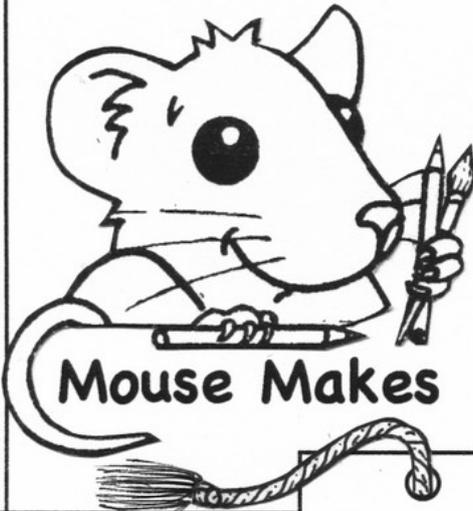
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