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Happy Christmas  
and a peaceful  
New Year to all our  
readers.

# St. Andrew's Church Kildwick

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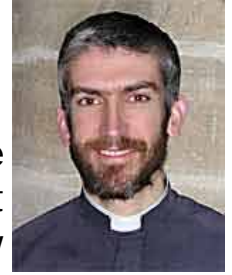
### **Parish Mission Statement**

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,

Our celebration of the Nativity of our Lord is fast approaching. The build up to Christmas has, of course, been going for weeks (or is it months!) and very soon we will begin the round of school nativity plays and carol services.

What is it that we celebrate again this Christmas? Or rather, WHO is it that we celebrate? The technical word which explains what Christmas is about is Incarnation. At the very heart of all the razzamatazz, the turkey and the tinsel, is the story of God, the Creator of all that is, coming amongst us as one of us. In Jesus, born in the simply surrounding of a stable, we see God incarnate, born as a human.

Why did God choose to become like you and me? Why then and why there? What does it mean for you and me today? Important questions, but ones without neat, simple answers. The mystery of God has baffled, excited, confused, intrigued people throughout history and we are no different. Great minds have wrestled hard seeking to explain God; ordinary minds have been content just to experience God.

I like to think of the Christmas story being about God choosing to get his hands dirty. The incarnation is about God choosing to get stuck in amongst the nitty gritty of life, not staying on the sideline and just watching it all happen. As a child we are often given a picture of God as someone "up there" in the heavens, "watching over us" from a safe distance. As we grow and ponder the mystery of God we move, hopefully, from this way of thinking to one that understands God to be "down here", right where we are, closer to us than we can imagine.

The story of God in Jesus is a story of God sharing fully in our humanity, the good and the bad, the highs and the lows. In a world that is still, in too many places, tearing itself apart God comes to offer a new vision; a vision of a new way of being.

The new Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in America, Katharine Jefferts Schori spoke in her investiture sermon about God's vision for the world – the vision of Shalom. Bishop Katharine said: 'Shalom doesn't just mean the sort of peace that comes when we're no longer at war. It's that rich and multihued vision of a world where no one goes hungry because everyone is invited to a seat at the groaning board, it's a vision of a world where no one is sick or in prison because all sorts of disease have been healed, it's a vision of a world where every human being has the capacity to use every good gift that God has given, it is a vision of a world where no one enjoys abundance at the expense of another, it's a vision of a world where all enjoy Sabbath rest in the conscious presence of God. Shalom means that all human beings live together as siblings, at peace with one another and with God, and in right relationship with all of the rest of creation.'

This surely is why God came; to give us this vision of Shalom. This surely is what the Kingdom that Jesus spoke of is all about. The first recorded words of Jesus in

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his adult ministry are: 'The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news'.

Christmas tells us that the kingdom of God has come near. I found the following poem recently that speaks of this truth.

This we know, Lord: Christmas comes early or it comes late, but it does come.

**It comes at the bus stop. It comes in the soup line, or in the middle of the night.**

Christmas comes in that still moment when we lay down our whole lives in a small, chilly manger warmed only by the hearts of the lowly,

**And know with perfect joy that we are home.**

Come, little Word, there's a weary world awaitin'.

**Come, little Word, with your eyes open wide.**

Come, little Word, the welcome table is ready.

**Now, little Word, would be a good time.**

O come, Lord Jesus. Come.

**Amen.**

God has come, and he keeps coming. God keeps calling and challenging; he keeps inviting us to believe and trust that his ways are worth following. The way to make a better world is not to seek after power and continually demand "my rights". A better world will come about when we all learn to live with a little more humility and grace, recognising our responsibilities towards our fellow human beings.

As one writer put it: 'The Kingdom of God is the world in which peace and righteousness kiss. That is why Jesus' message is so politically explosive and subversive. It's revolutionary because it tears at the fabric of a universe that is structured on other grounds, not because Jesus is advocating revolution'.

The world-wide Anglican Communion has five Marks of Mission. The fourth Mark is: 'To seek to transform unjust structures of society'. Words regularly said at our Parish Communion service are: 'Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth'.

This is why God came amongst us in Jesus; to show us that a love that reaches out with a genuine compassion for our neighbour is possible. The challenge is to accept that, as one Bishop said recently, 'In the end, there is no one God does not love'.

I hope you will come and join us at our Christmas services this year as we think again about the message of God's love for his world.

May Jesus find a place in your heart this Christmas.

***Robin***

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## Parcevall Hall: A Weekend Away 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> May 2007

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



The Hall has been booked for a weekend away next May. The theme of the weekend will be *'Windows onto Faith'* and the leader will be the Revd Canon Graham Bettridge, recently retired Team Rector of the Kirkby Lonsdale Team Ministry. Graham is an experienced leader of church quiet days and weekends.

The cost will be £105 full board, from Friday supper to Sunday teatime. To book a place please send a £10 deposit to Robin Figg, The Vicarage. For more details contact Robin, 633307.

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## Pattern of Services – Winter Routine

This winter we will be making the same changes to our services as last year during November to March inclusive. The following services will take place in the Parish Rooms

- All Wednesday 9.15am Eucharists;
- All Sunday evening 6.00pm services (except the Advent and Christmas Carol Services).



## 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 (3<sup>rd</sup> December) 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 using Posada to help people celebrate more meaningfully the season of Advent.

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25 March 2007 will mark 200 years to the day that a Parliamentary Bill was passed to abolish the slave trade in the British colonies. Although slavery was finally abolished in the Americas in 1888, it is estimated that there are tens of millions of people still in forms of servitude today.

**set all free** aims to remember the past and apply its lessons to tackle the legacies of Transatlantic Slavery and its modern day equivalent.

**set all free** has been set up by Churches Together in England as a collaboration between those who are happy to work with a Christian ethos on the relevance of the bicentenary.

We are focusing on three main elements to describe the work of **set all free**:

#### REMEMBER

- the horrors of the Transatlantic Slave Trade
- the abolitionists – Black, white, male, female
- the role of the Church in both slavery and abolition

#### REFLECT

- on the consequences of the Transatlantic Slave Trade and slavery, e.g.
  - racism
  - under-development
  - the impact on commerce

#### RESPOND

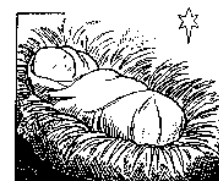
- to legacies of slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade
- by taking action to end modern forms of slavery
- by working to effect healing and reconciliation

*After all, what makes any event important, unless by its observation we become better and wiser, and learn 'to do justly, to love mercy, and walk humbly before God'? - Olaudah Equiano*

## Christmas Carol Service at St Andrew's Sunday 17 December 6 pm

Traditional service of carols and readings for Christmas  
with children's nativity tableau

(children are welcome to come dressed as shepherds,  
angels or nativity animals and join in the tableau)



God sent his own Son.

## BIBLE HISTORY

*This is part 3 in a series of articles written by Michael Baumber*

### ISRAEL AND ARAM



The biblical accounts of Ahab's reign are dominated by the wars between him and Benhadad, King of Aram. The capital of Aram was Damascus and the country occupied territory which approximated to the present state of Syria. It was much the strongest of the Palestinian states. In the first war described in *1 Kings 20* Benhadad twice invaded Israel. Each time he failed to take Samaria, showing how wise Omri and Ahab were in constructing it, and each time he sustained a bloody reverse. After the second defeat he was forced to sue for peace, conceding to Israel valuable trading rights in Aram and returning cities Omri had lost to him. This seems to be a reference to the disputed territory of Moab which controlled a vital stretch of what was known as 'the King's Highway' the main trading artery down the east side of the Jordan.

Benhadad was compelled to make peace because Aram was being threatened by the rise of the Assyrian Empire in Mesopotamia (modern Iraq). An alliance was forged which included Israel, Aram and the Phoenician cities of Tyre and Sidon among its members. The need for their support led Ahab to marry Jezebel, daughter of the ruler of Sidon. The only state which did not contribute any soldiers was Judah. A big battle was fought with the Assyrians in 852 BC near the city of Qarkar on the upper Euphrates. The Assyrians claimed that they won but the facts suggest otherwise. They did not campaign again anywhere for three years and another generation was to pass before they troubled Palestine again. Once the Assyrians had been driven back Israel and Aram resumed their quarrelling over Moab. This time *1 Kings 22* tells us that Ahab made an alliance with Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, but their combined armies were defeated at Ramoth Gilead with Ahab being killed in the battle.

The handling of these stories is typical. The biblical writers approved of wars against Aram but they did not like ones in which Aram and Israel were allied especially when they were as successful as the campaign against the Assyrians seems to have been. They have therefore excised the joint campaign from the account altogether. The successful campaigns against Benhadad, according to them, were the result of Jahweh fighting on Ahab's side, something quite unprovable one way or the other, but the defeat was a more difficult matter to explain. So first of all they insert the story of Naboth's Vineyard to show that it was God's anger that was the cause and then the prophet Micaiah was put up to prophesy defeat. There was no real link with Naboth and the prophesy was undoubtedly pure invention as was the attempt to portray Ahab's death as dishonourable. It was a warrior's dream to die in battle at the head of his army. The story really illustrates one very uncomfortable fact which is that following Jahweh's commands almost invariably led to military disaster.

*Next month: Elisha and Jehu.*

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## Christmas shopping with a difference

If you are still looking for that special present for someone here are some ideas that will really help to a positive difference is someone's life! The interest in "alternative" gifts has increased greatly which is very good news for people in the developing world. So why not investigate the following Charities and their range of gifts.

**OXFAM.** Their scheme is called 'Oxfam Unwrapped'. The website is at [www.oxfamunwrapped.com](http://www.oxfamunwrapped.com)



**WORLD VISION.** One of the first to offer a scheme they have 'the alternative gift catalogue'. The website is at [www.worldvision.org.uk](http://www.worldvision.org.uk)

**CHRISTIAN AID.** Their scheme is called 'Present Aid'. The website is at [www.presentaid.org](http://www.presentaid.org)



Roanan Keating, the pop star, said, "I have seen the value small-scale farmers get from keeping goats. So it's the kind of gift I would be really happy to give. To help transform someone's life in one of the world's poorest countries is the right thing to do."

**Real gifts that are wanted, not wasted**

## CONFIRMATION – SOME THOUGHTS

A Service of Confirmation will take place in St Andrew's Church on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, to be taken by Bishop Ian Harland, retired Bishop of Carlisle. This will be a very special occasion not just for those people who have decided to take this important step in their journey of faith, but for the whole church community as we celebrate together the way that God leads us to deepen our life of faith.

It is right, of course, that there is a period of preparation for confirmation. For adults this may be through the Emmaus Nurture course or some guided reading. For young people there is a Youth Emmaus course and it is hoped to form a small group of interested people after Christmas.

Enquiries from adults or young people (or their parents) will be welcome. Please contact the Vicar, Robin Figg, as soon as possible; tel. 01535 633307.

### PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH

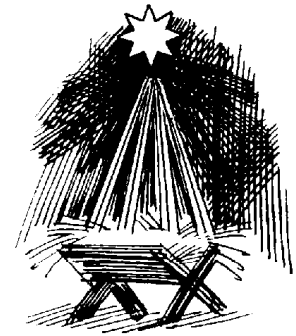
Our next monthly meetings to pray for the parish will take place on Tuesday 5th December in the Parish Rooms from 7.30pm until 8.15pm. For information contact Robin Figg, 633307.

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### December

During this busy time leading up to Christmas it can be so easy on a day full of seasonal preparations to forget our prayers. So we need to set aside a few moments each day to thank God for his goodness to us all and to remember all those less fortunate than our selves.

Here are one or two short prayers that we may find helpful:-



*Make room  
for God  
this Christmas.*

Father God- Help us to remember your goodness to us - All you have given us which brings us happiness. Help us to share your love with one another and all those we meet throughout the passing days. Make us aware of each others needs and show us how to make time for one another. For Jesus' sake.

God our Father we pray that thanking you for all you have given us, you will show us how to share with others. As Christmas approaches help us not to forget those less fortunate than ourselves, those who will be alone, unwanted, or those who are in great need. Let us remember all those who have no place to call their own, and out of thankfulness to you, help us to share what we have with others, so we can all help to make a difference to this world of ours

Finally a little Celtic Prayer:-

You are to be found in all our lives. Help us to seek you. You do wonders among us. Help us see you. You reign over our world. Help us to obey you. You triumph over all. Help us to rise with you. You enter your kingdom. Help us to live with you.

#### **You are the One**

You are the One  
In that baby small,  
God as man  
In a manger stall!

You are the One  
God sent for me.  
To live and die  
That I might be free.

You are the One  
Who reigns on high,  
Waiting to welcome us  
Home when we die.

So Jesus, we thank You.  
And we praise God above,  
For all that You've done  
Is because You are Love.

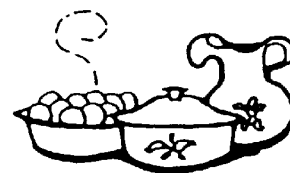
*Elizabeth Tomlinson*

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## ***This month's recipes***

Desserts are usually popular at Christmas time, here are two of my favourites.



### **Raspberry Pavlova**

4egg whites	To complete
pinch of salt	250ml (½ pt) double cream
200g (8oz) caster sugar (F/T)	200g (8oz) frozen raspberries
1 teasp. cornflour	
1 teasp. lemon juice or	
white wine vinegar.	

1. Line a baking tray with non-stick baking parchment and heat the oven 140°C Gas 2.
2. Separate the eggs making sure there is no yolk mixed with the whites, if there is the whites will not thicken. Place the whites in a grease-free bowl.
3. Whisk the whites until stiff, using an electric whisk if possible. Add the sugar gradually whisking all the time until you can stand a spoon up in the middle. At this stage whisk in the cornflour and lemon juice or vinegar.
4. Pile the mixture onto the prepared tray, shape it to an oval or round 3cm (1½") thick. Make a slight dip in the middle. Bake for 1-2 hours until pale biscuit coloured, and hard to touch.

Allow to cool then peel off the paper, the meringue can then be kept in an airtight container for up to a week.

To complete

Place on a serving dish, whip the cream to soft peaks and pile this on top, then sprinkle with the raspberries. Do this 2-3 hours before serving, store in the fridge.

### **Tirimasu**

2 tablesp. instant coffee (F/T)	200g (8oz) mascapone cheese
2 tablesp. caster sugar (F/T)	300ml (½pt) double cream
3 tablesp. boiling water	300ml (½pt) ready made custard
3 tablesp. brandy	1-2 teasp. cocoa powder (F/T)
8 trifle sponges	50g (2oz) plain chocolate grated (F/T)

1. Place coffee and sugar in a measuring jug, add 3 tablesp. boiling water and stir well. Add brandy then cold water to make 250ml (just under ½pt)
2. Cut sponges into thick fingers, place half of these in a serving dish. Pour on half of the coffee liquid.
3. Whisk cheese, cream and custard together until smooth. Spread half over soaked sponges, sprinkle with the cocoa and half of the chocolate.

4. Top with remaining sponges and drizzle with remaining coffee liquid. Spread with remaining cream mixture and decorate with chocolate.  
Serve chilled.  
(F/T) = fair-trade

This will be my last recipe page in the Bridge Magazine. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to contribute each month since 1988 and I trust the recipes have been useful.

**A very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year to you all.**

With my best wishes

Helen Hulley

*Thank you Helen for 18 years of delicious recipes. I'm sure the pleasure has been all ours in cooking and eating all your contributions over that time!  
We may be producing a recipe book including some of Helen's recipes so watch this space!!*



*I thought it would be good to continue a cooking theme on this page so if you have a favourite recipe you would like to be included please send it to me, preferably by e mail ([Lesley.hudson@kildwick.org.uk](mailto:Lesley.hudson@kildwick.org.uk)) or drop it into me at Burnside, Bucklar Hill, Farnhill.*

*Many thanks*

*Lesley*

St. Andrew's Church Kildwick  
**A Christmas Concert**  
**An evening of music and readings with  
the choir & pupils of Malsis School Glusburn**  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm  
£5 - children free to include refreshments  
Proceeds for St Andrew's Building Development Fund  
**Tickets available from Isobel Stirk 01535 653997**

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## “Let these stones speak”

### Part 4



This is the final part of the short series looking at sharing what we have at Saint Andrew's Church with the wider world. We might do this because we want to share either what we have found helpful about our Christian faith or because what we are custodians of things with a wider interest. We also wish to listen to the experience of the visitor or pilgrim; what are the values and tenets that *they* live by and can we see God at work in those ways? The sharing may lead to all kinds of things as yet undreamed of.

Thinking about what we have to share with others, I was inspired by something written by a sister in an Anglican Religious Order. She was writing to her Order ahead of a meeting they were all to attend titled "A Future with Hope". She had statistics to show that in Anglican religious communities in England, 53% had fewer than 10 members and only 18% have more than 20. A similar story is told by other Christian denominations in the UK. The same kind of pattern is reflected in the average congregation.

In the light of these facts, the sister explains why the title of the conference should be a reason for hope when so many people find religion irrelevant and Christianity equally so and the idea of being a monk, friar or nun incomprehensible. At the heart of her article was a reference to the recent TV programme "The Convent" which followed four women as they experienced convent life from their very varied and not necessarily Christian backgrounds. The gist of her article revolved round something Sister Aelred said. "To refuse (to allow the filming) might have been to chicken out of an important opportunity of enlightening people who have some spiritual hunger, some openness to values other than the current ones."

The visitors to the Convent experienced something of what we as Christians may take for granted: "that the best things are invisible and that there is a God who loves them unconditionally." (Sister Aelred)

Religious Orders may fade away and the congregations may not be filling the pews, but the Church also needs to find ways of working to God's agenda with people who are visiting the building and gardens looking for something to satisfy their spiritual hunger. It is something we all will need to have an opinion about especially in the newly-ordered building that we are working towards.

As a result of writing these articles, I now have a better understanding of what I want to share and I know that there are many church congregations seeing their

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buildings and grounds as given opportunities to challenge their ideas of stewardship and lead them in new and imaginative ways of thinking about the future. They recognise that God's people are using these spaces already and they are trying to meet people where they are not where we might want them to be. This is a two-way exchange, for God doesn't live in St Andrew's Church but in the "Church" that is busy outside the building.

*Janet Swain*

## ***The Great North Run***

**W**ell, I did it! Yes, on the 1<sup>st</sup> October, at 10:40am, the race began. I seemed like we had to wait for ages before we actually crossed the start line, due to the thousands of other runners in front of us, but eventually, in our little white tutu's and running attire, my Kim and I set off!. We'd both decided to run at a steady pace throughout, as this was our first big run, so we started off with a nice relaxed pace. The first few miles seemed to pass really quickly, there was so much to look at and take in, what with the amazing fancy dress costumes, to the people lining the streets cheering and urging everyone on. The atmosphere was fantastic, it got the adrenaline pumping and helped keep us going! I wasn't until about the 6 mile mark when reality kicked in, and I realised what I actually had to do, 'I'm only ½ way' I thought, but we stayed positive and kept powering on. By this time many people had slowed to a walk, but Kim and I were determined to run the whole way so we kept dodging past and everything was going well. I started to rain quite early on and we got absolutely soaked but it was actually quite refreshing and spurred us on more. It wasn't until the 8 mile mark when my legs really started to ache, my knees especially! But Kim kept saying, 'pain is temporary' and I kept chanting this in my head but the miles began to drag! I couldn't believe how slow they seemed to be going compared to the beginning. At about the 11 mile mark there's a steep hill you have to run down, which is easier said than done at this stage, as our legs were difficult to control and just kept moving from under us, you just had to hope for the best and try and stay upright! After this we knew we were on the home straight and we picked up the pace. Then last few miles are a bit of a blur, I just remember looking a head and running! The last mile is broken down into sections by markers, and gradually we went past them! After 2 hours and 19 mins of running, Kim and I held hands and crossed the finishing line together. It was an extremely exhilarating moment!



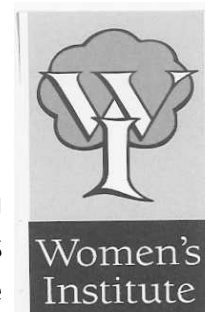
I'd like to say a big thank you to all those who very kindly sponsored me! I raised over £ 450 for the Arthritis and Rheumatism Campaign!

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## *Women's Institute News*

### WI News\_Glusburn WI - November meeting

The speaker at our meeting on 7th November was Mike Breeze, who told us with beautiful photography about his "African Experience". It was a most enjoyable talk and the still photographs he showed us after his talk were even more stunning than the video photography which had illustrated it.



Forthcoming events included our Christmas/New Year meal at the White Lion in Kildwickon 9th January and the Federation Darts Tournament in which we have entered two teams. The first round is on 13th March, 2007 at Gargrave.

The speaker at our December meeting will be Stanley Walmsley, his subject "Ringing through the Changes". There will also be a "Secret Santa Sack" for which we are all invited to bring a wrapped gift, value not more than £2.

Visitors and new members are always welcome to join us.

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## *Regular Events at Kildwick*

Sunday 10am	KICKs in Parish Rooms (Starts in church)	School aged children's group. (not running at present)
1st and 3rd Sunday 7.pm-9pm	Craven Rock	Ecumenical Youth group for 11+
Monday 1.30pm	Bible Study at Low Green, XHills	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!
Tuesdays 10am	NottheKnot Group at the White Lion until further notice	Stitching and fellowship group.
Wednesday 6-30-7.30pm	Bubble and Laser Jets in Parish Rooms (Not in school holidays)	Primary school children's group
7.30 pm	Bellringing	
Thursday 2pm	Open House in Parish Rooms	Refreshments and items for sale
7pm-8pm	Choir practice	At Burnside, Bucklar Hill



**Please note the deadline the**  
Deadline for the January 2007  
Bridge is 20th December

### DECEMBER

- Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec ADVENT SUNDAY  
 Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 6.00pm Advent Carol Service  
 Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 12.00pm Building Development Group meeting (Vicarage)  
 Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2.45pm Kildwick School Collective Worship in church  
 Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 7.00pm Concert by Malsis School choirs  
 Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 10.00am Parish Communion. Preacher: The Revd John Daniels,  
 Ministry Development Officer  
 Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 6.30pm Glusburn School Carol Service  
 Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 1.30pm  
 & 6.00pm Kildwick School Christmas play  
 Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 2.30pm Kildwick School Christingle Service  
 Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 6.00pm Christmas Carol Service by candlelight  
 Tue 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 12.00noon Building Development Group meeting (Vicarage)  
 Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Dec CHRISTMAS EVE  
 10.00am Parish Communion with Admission to Communion  
 4.00pm Crib Service  
 11.30pm Midnight Eucharist for Christmas

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Dec CHRISTMAS DAY

8.00am Holy Comunion

10.00am Family Service followed by Holy Communion

### *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.

<b>03/12/06</b>	8.15 am	Holy Communion
First Sunday of Advent	10 am	Family Eucharist
	6 pm	Advent Carol Service by candlelight
<b>10/12/06</b>	8.15 am	Holy Communion
Second Sunday of Advent	10 am	Sung Eucharist
	6 pm	CDFC service at St Thomas' Sutton
<b>17/12/06</b>	8.15 am	Holy Communion
Third Sunday of Advent	10 am	Sung Eucharist with prayers for healing
	6 pm	Christmas Carol Service by candlelight
<b>24/12/06</b>	8.15 am	Holy Communion
Fourth Sunday of Advent. Christmas Eve	10 am	Sung Eucharist.
	4 pm	Crib Service
	11.30 pm	Midnight Eucharist
<b>25/12/06</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion
Christmas Day	10 am	Family Service followed by Eucharist
Stephen, Martyr	9.15am	Eucharist
John, Apostle	9.15am	Eucharist
Holy Innocents	9.15am	Eucharist
<b>31/12/06</b>	8.15 am	Holy Communion
First Sunday of Christmas	10 am	Family Eucharist

Dear Friends at St Andrew's,  
Barry and I thank you so much for your prayers,  
beautiful cards and telephone calls received during my recent illness;  
your support and love helped us both a great deal at a very difficult  
time.

I am now beginning to feel a lot better and hope that I will be back  
with you all soon.

Thank you once again

Joan



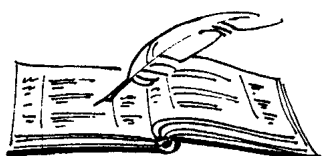
## *Church Rotas*

<b>03/12/06</b> First Sunday of Advent	First Reading - Jeremiah 33.14-16 Gospel - Luke 21.25-36	Glyn Evans Margaret Jowett
<b>10/12/06</b> Second Sunday of Advent	First Reading - Baruch 5.1-9 Second Reading - Philippians 1.3-11 Gospel - Luke 3.1-6	Jennifer Roberts Christine Anderton Brenda Brock
<b>17/12/06</b> Third Sunday of Advent	First Reading - Zephaniah 3.14-20 Second Reading - Philippians 4.4-7 Gospel - Luke 3.7-18	Brian Charter Lesley Hudson Kath Morris
<b>24/12/06</b> Fourth Sunday of Advent Christmas Eve Midnight	First Reading - Micah 5.2-5a Second Reading - Hebrews 10.5-10 Gospel - Luke 1.39-45(46-55) First Reading Isaiah 52 7 - 10 Second Reading Hebrews 1 1 - 4 Gospel John 1 1 - 14	Sandie Walton Gill Jowett Ruth Ward Lesley Bannister Barry Houghton Isobel Stirk
<b>25/12/06</b> Christmas Day- Morning	First Reading - Isaiah 62.6-12 Second Reading - Titus 3.4-7 Gospel - Luke 2.8-20	
<b>31/12/06</b> First Sunday of Christmas	First Reading - 1 Samuel 2.18-20,26 Second Reading - Colossians 3.12-17 Gospel - Luke 2.41-end	Sandie Walton Gill Jowett Ruth Ward
<b>Flowers</b>		<b>Cleaning</b>
3rd	ADVENT	Helen Hulley, Rosie Hargreaves Sylvia Ackroyd
10th	ADVENT	
17th	ADVENT	Marian Baxter June Whitaker Mary Peake Joan Tillotson
25th	Mrs. I Stirk	
<b>Tea and Coffee</b> 1st Sunday 2nd 3rd 4th 5th	<b>(10am service)</b> June Whitaker and Betty Hawkins Beth Taylor and Marjorie Gee Ann Mosley Christine Anderton Joyce Bonham and Libba Utley	<b>Brass cleaning</b> Mrs. J Roberts & Mrs. J. Bonham



## *Church Rotas*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sidesperson</b>	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Communion</b>
<b>03/12/06</b> First Sunday of Advent	Joan Houghton Barry Houghton Sandi Walton Isobel Stirk	Peter Bannister	Michael Baumber
<b>10/12/06</b> Second Sunday of Advent	David Baxter Libba Utley Christine Anderton Ann Mosley	Lesley Hudson	John Exley Christine Anderton
<b>17/12/06</b> Third Sunday of Advent	June Whitaker Pam Brown Elaine Jamieson Howard Stirk	Elizabeth Figg	Gary McKinney Gill Jowett
<b>24/12/06</b> Fourth Sunday of Advent	Eleanor Eastwood Dorothy Ward Christine Hutchinson Joyce Boden	Isobel Stirk	10am Michael Baumber Janet Swain
Christmas Eve 11.30 pm		Midnight Robin Figg	
<b>25/12/06</b> Christmas Day		Elizabeth Figg	
<b>31/12/06</b> First Sunday of Christmas-	Albert Bonham Joyce Bonham Brian Green	Janet Swain	John Exley



### *From the Registers*

#### **Baptisms**

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November Kyla Mia Curtin, daughter of Steven & Miquett of Black Abbey Lane, Glusburn

#### **Weddings**

Saturday 11 November Robert Mount & Cheryl Repton, of Rhodesia Street, Cross Hills

#### **Funerals**

Friday 24 November Kathleen Hardaker, of Sutton

# Fellowship & Focus

Do you enjoy discussing stimulating topics relevant to Christians in a relaxed atmosphere? If you do (or think you might) please join us in a series of monthly informal get-togethers. Running from October to March, each meeting focuses on a seasonal or topical item followed by discussion and light refreshments.

The meetings are free and you don't need to 'sign-up' for all six. If you want to know more or tell us you are coming to the first meeting, please talk to one of the following: Sandie Walton; Lesley Bannister; Eleanor Eastwood or Kevin Feather.

**Dates next meetings:**

• **Monday 11th December**

**Meetings will be held in the Parish Rooms at St Andrews, Kildwick, starting at 7.30 pm.**

**Interested? Need to know more? Want to come to the first meeting? Talk to one of us or call Kevin on 01535 635049.**

## Cross Hill Naturalists' Society (Founded 1904)

### December events

Saturday 9th

- ◇ Annual SUPPER AT 7PM (in the school room)
- ◇ Thursday 14th Microscope Workshop at 6.45 pm at the senior citizen centre, Sutton in craven

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## CRAVEN MUSEUM & GALLERY Town Hall, High Street, Skipton EVENTS AND EXHIBITIONS

**"Contemporary Craven Christmas" Exhibition**  
**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October - Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

Our annual Christmas treat of contemporary art made by professional artists living or working in Craven. This year features an 'emerging artists' section showcasing new talent, all at affordable prices. A selling exhibition, prices start at £10; see it, want it, buy it! Throughout the exhibition there will be opportunities to meet some of the artists. Check our website for details.

For further information/bookings, please telephone 01756 706407.

Email: [museurn@cravenc.gov.uk](mailto:museurn@cravenc.gov.uk) Please contact the museum or consult the museum pages on the website for updated information, [www.cravenc.gov.uk](http://www.cravenc.gov.uk)



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## ***FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL***

The Meeting of Farnhill Parish Council was held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2006 in Kildwick & Farnhill Institute.

The meeting was chaired by Counc G McKinney Five members of the council were present and Representative from CDC & NYCC. No members of the public were present.

Confirmation was received from NYCC that Lights Nos. 41 A, 41B, 41C, on Langkirk Close were owned by NYCC and Light No.41 is owned by CDC and maintained by NYCC on their behalf.

NYCC have had contact from Yorkshire Electricity regarding the light on Cononly bridge for which the work was agreed the best part of three years ago and hope to bring this issue to a conclusion. They will keep us informed of progress.

A member of the public who has an old gas lamp outside their home has asked the Parish Council if they were intending to have the lamp painted and if not could she paint the lamp herself. The Parish Council decided that the lamps should be painted by the Parish Council and would consider the matter for the future.

NYCC Passenger transport did take a look at the bus stop outside White House Farm and asked the engineer to do a costing and design spec for some hardstanding. Unfortunately the work was not completed and they have now commissioned it do be done. They will advise us as soon as they get the information.

British Waterways have given permission for a litter bin to be place on the wall at Newby Road providing we confirm that the Council will take responsibility for installing emptying and maintaining the bin. If there is any trouble the contract will be terminated. Clerk to inform CDC and ask for a bin to be placed on the wall opposite the ramp at Bucklar Hill.

NYCC do not at present provide any Urban grass cutting in Farnhill, but they do not believe that removing the area of grass outside the Play Area with tarmac would be the appropriate answer. The Parish Council disagreed and want to pursue the matter, but Clerk to ask to be put on the verge cutting contract in the meantime..

Parkdale Play & Leisure have confirmed that the balance beam does not comply with one of the regulations and have offered to replace the one kerb edging with rubber. The Parish Council accepted their offer. Information was passed around on plaques and seating for the Play Area to be discussed next month.

Counc Fulton prepared a report on the Play Area to be discussed next month. The Parish Council thanked Counc Fulton for the work he had done in and around the Play Area. A decision was made for safety reasons that electric cables must not be used on footpaths or on the road.

Clerk reported that letters have been sent to interested parties informing them of the forthcoming meeting for Parish Plans, and notices have been displayed in both Kildwick & Farnhill Noticeboards and a notice put in the Craven Herald. Counc R

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Bramley provided a Kildwick and Farnhill Village Institute Business Plan for Sept 2006 to August 2007 and Counc P Hay wood asked on behalf of the trustees of the Institute that the Parish Council continue their support for the institute for the coming year. The Parish Council agreed to continue their support. The rest of the precept discussion was held over till the next meeting due to lack of time.

Information was received from the Highways Agency that the secretary of state for transport gives notice that he proposes to make the following orders:-

**The A629 Trunk Road (Skipton to Kildwick Improvement and Slip Roads) Order 1996 (Revocation) Order200)**

A notice of the order will be placed in the Parish Council Noticeboard and anyone wishing to make an objection to the order may do so.

The Parish Council objected to the making of the Revocation Orders on the grounds that

by not pursuing the detrunking of the A629, it would leave the road open to increased levels of pollution and noise, when the noise level is already unacceptable due to inappropriate road surfacing. The region also already has a congested infrastructure.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL 7TH DECEMBER 2006 IN FARNHILL INSTITUTE AT 7-30PM All members of the village are welcome to attend.**

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## *Isobel's page*

I recently attended an exhibition by an artist associated with 'Britart', Cornelia Parker, who once wrapped a mile of string around Rodin's- 'The Kiss'. What was so interesting about the evening was, that in conversation, the artist said that she had looked at ordinary things, like hair or a handkerchief, using electron microscope image technology and, by examining things so very closely, had then seen something very different- had seen them transformed. For example by looking at a strand of hair, the split ends were shown in great detail and the whole image was turned into an underwater plant. The unseen stains on a washed handkerchief formed weird and wonderful patterns and the hole caused by a pin in a pin cushion was transformed into the opening of an enormous black cavern. During the same weekend I also saw a sculpture by a Romanian artist which was in three parts. The bottom was made of cherry wood with marks which looked like two feet- interpreted as the journey of life, which we all undertake. Above was apple wood, cut to resemble an open shutter, which represented birth, and the top part, on a piece of oak, was the sign of the Trinity. However it was only when the lights were switched off, and the room was in total darkness, that the magnificence of the sign, lit by fluorescent blue and white, could be seen.

I have always found driving on the motorways much easier when it is dark and also, although in complete contrast to motorway driving, driving home recently from Malham, one night after dark, I made the return journey much quicker, because it was so easy to see any lights approaching on that narrow road through the all pervading darkness.

I know someone, a keen astronomer, who makes regular visits to the Dalby Forest, in North Yorkshire, to observe the stars, because in the pitch black, amongst the trees, without any lights for miles and miles, so many wonderful things can be seen so clearly in the sky.

At this time of year it can be guaranteed that Handel's 'Messiah' will be heard on radio or in a television broadcast. In the first part are the familiar words.

"The people that walk in darkness have seen a great light"

and

"Arise, shine, for Thy light has come."

There is a lot of darkness in the world today – darkness in Iraq and Afghanistan, darkness in the slums of Rio or Soweto or the run down areas of many of our own inner cities- in the refugee camps of Darfur, wherever children go hungry or are abused or neglected. There is darkness present in families where there is addiction, sickness and depression. However there is light that shines through all this darkness if we really look- the darkness can be transformed just like the ordinary mundane things I saw in that exhibition.

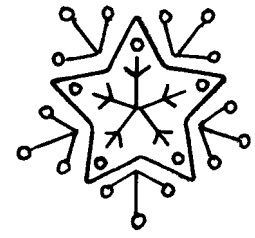
In John's Gospel we read 'The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it' This light is Jesus, who himself passed through darkness and yet lives.

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Sometimes in our darkest times we most clearly feel the presence of God. God makes His light available to us, a light that calls us to travel many roads, a light that guides us through, bringing us out of the darkness.

Just as I could only see the magnificence of the sculpture when there was no light at all in the room, God's radiance will shine through our darkness leading us forward- for Christ came to show us what life really looks like when that life is illuminated from within.

Reginald Heber, who is associated with the local area- Marton and Hubberholme- wrote some wonderful words, in the 19<sup>th</sup> century , with which I will end my writings for this year and wish you all a happy, bright and peaceful Christmas.



“Brightest and best of the sons of the morning!  
Dawn on our darkness, and lend us your aid.  
Star of the East! the horizon adorning,  
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.”

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## LEAP INTO MISSION

The focus of the new monthly study group on the second Thursday morning of each month is Leap into Mission – Learn Encourage Act and Pray.

At the first session Sue Hargreaves introduced us to the Barnabas Fund. Barnabas serves the suffering Church and makes its needs known to Christians around the world, encouraging them to pray. It provides practical help to strengthen and encourage the Church in many different ways. It was established in 1993 and channels aid to projects run by Christians in more than forty countries.

Problems faced by Christian minorities range from discrimination to genocide. Even in places that allow worship and evangelism a convert to Christianity will almost always be rejected by family and community.

In accordance with Biblical teaching Barnabas believes that Christians should treat all people with love and compassion even in the face of violence and persecution. It believes that it is possible to be deeply critical of elements of the Islamic faith without hating Muslims and inciting violence against them.

Barnabas also teaches us how to pray for the suffering Church as often having never experienced injustice or persecution we find it difficult. They offer Daily Prayer Points and a Prayer Focus Update which can be found on their website

[www.barnabasfund.org](http://www.barnabasfund.org)



Specifically during our study we heard about how Algeria is persecuting Christians and we decided to contact the Algerian Ambassador in London and our local MP highlighting our concerns. At our second meeting in November one reply had been received fr David Curry MP setting out the government's position on the persecution of Christian minorities and giving details of specific interventions.

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More details about the Barnabas Fund can be found on the website or from group members.

At our second meeting in November Christine Anderton gave a brief overview of the work of the Christian Mission Society, CMS, the mission society of the Anglican Church. Jesus said "Go forth to every part of the world and proclaim the Good News to the whole creation" CMS bases its work on this: It is a pioneering mission community with roots dating to 1799. It strives to share the love of God with all peoples and gather them into the fellowship of God's Church. Today CMS supports nearly nine hundred people in mission in twenty six countries in Africa, Asia, Europe and the Middle East. A budget of £7.02 million is needed to maintain and expand this work. This is funded by members and supporters giving generously and sacrificially and by the support of Churches, Trusts and legacies. We then looked at how CMS undertakes its aims through Faithful Presence, Active Proclamation, Practical Ministry and Service and Moving in the Power of God. We also looked at how CMS is planning for the future, the basis on which its programmes are structured and the priorities that the mission strategy seeks to fulfil.

Details of CMS literature, Prayerlines for each month and mission updates were available for people to look at and take home.

We picked out one particular item to consider further. Next March CMS is supporting the launch of a major new theatrical event to mark the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Abolition of the Slave Trade Act. African Snow is a new play by the well known Christian dramatist Murray Watts and CMS has commissioned the play to be performed by The Riding Lights Theatre Company premiering at York Theatre Royal from 30.03.2007. African Snow is the meeting of two men cast from opposite sides into the hell of the slave trade. The English sailor John Newton is well known as the converted slave trader who gave the world the famous hymn Amazing Grace. Less well known is the African Olaudah Equiano who became the leading black voice in the campaign against slavery. Both men survived to write accounts of their experiences and were urged by William Wilberforce to testify before Parliament in the 18<sup>th</sup> century campaign for Abolition. African Snow tells its story from a black perspective and from this CMS asks its audiences to examine their relationships in the world from sweat shop labour in developing nations, sex trafficking in Europe or race relations at home. The challenge to move from guilt or oppression to forgiveness and reconciliation is always a contemporary one.

We are hoping to organise a group from Kildwick to see the play and more details will be available later.

**Our next meeting on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 10am will focus on BibleLands Charity and we offer a warm welcome to everyone.**

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I have discovered some adults who read this page, are there any children who do? If you do send me a picture and your name and I'll try to include it next month (adults could as well I suppose -don't want to be ageist!) Ed



**MOUSE HOLE**

## Christmas Windows

Make stained glass decorations for your windows:

Pour P.V.A. white glue into a pot and colour with a few drops of food colouring.



Make several pots of different colour glue.

On a sheet of acetate or a clear plastic pocket file use your glue paint to paint a Christmas picture, like an angel or a star.

(A simple design can be copied by putting it underneath the acetate or in the pocket file.)

When completely dry cover the design with a thick layer of plain P.V.A.

To add sparkle sprinkle over with a little glitter then leave overnight.

When dry, your design can be peeled from the plastic sheet and will stick to the window.



God had a message for **Mary**- she was going to have a very special baby!

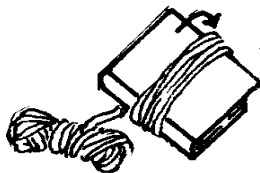
God had a message for **Joseph**- God's angel spoke to him in a dream.

God had a message for the **shepherds**-

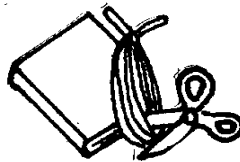
**Jesus our Saviour is born!**

Look up the verses on the cards above to find out what God's message was for Mary, for Joseph and for the shepherds.

## Christmas Angels



1. Wind wool or raffia 30 times around a small book.



2. Tie the top loops together slide off, cut at the bottom.



3. Cut shorter 10 strands on each side then tie to make arms.



4. Tie again at the waist. Glue on paper wings and a golden halo.





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*We don't sing carols no more...  
you 'ave to listen to 'em off me iPod!*

## **swap and shop**

Why not sell your unwanted items here **FREE**.  
Contact Lesley on 01535 633887 or email  
lesley.hudson@kildwick.org.uk

- For sale:** Mahogany coffee table with glass insert. Good condition.  
£30 Tel 01535 635175
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Good condition. £50.00 Tel 01535 633586
- For sale:** Double bed with 4 drawers. Sprung interior, thick beige colour padded  
headboard. Very little used. £100.00 01535 633602
- Free to good home:** Large (3 ft) healthy Rubber plant in ceramic pot. Rather  
outgrown his welcome in our conservatory!! Tel 01535  
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### **Festive smile lines**

Did you hear about the aggressive tom cat that lived in Jerusalem? It was named Herod Anti-puss.

Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.

A Christmas sign on a reducing salon: '24 Shaping Days until Christmas.'

Reindeer: horses with hat-racks.

A turkey crossing the road is poultry in motion.

