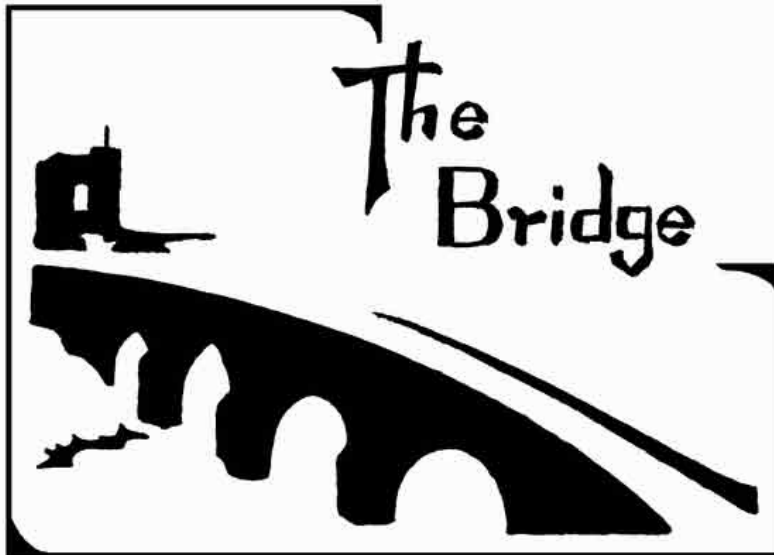

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Happy New Year to
all our readers.

St. Andrew's Church Kildwick

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Kildwick, Farnhill and Cross Hills

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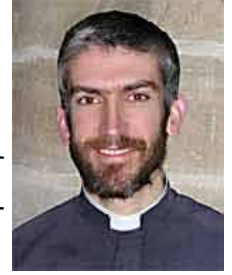
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Parish Mission Statement

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

Church Website www.kildwick.org.uk

The Vicar's letter.....



Dear friends,

Happy Christmas and a happy New Year to you! I wonder what your hopes and dreams are for the coming year. What is your ultimate desire – for yourself and for the world?

I wonder if your answer includes words such as: peace, freedom, justice. The child whose birth we have once again just celebrated was born to show us the way of peace; he came to set us free to be the people God wants us to be; to come to show us the way to make the Kingdom of God a reality on earth.

Jesus is the human face of God and wants us to know that God is very close to us sharing our human life. St Paul tells us that 'God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself'. St Augustine said, 'You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you'.

The reading heard every Christmas from the beginning of the Gospel according to John speaks of the light coming into the world. At the start of each monthly Kildwick School collective worship in church we say the words, 'We light our candles to remind us that Jesus is the light of the world and is with us now'. God, in Jesus, is indeed the light who shines in the darkness to show us the way.

Here is a favourite story of mine that helps us think more deeply about the light of God's love...

A rabbi once asked his disciples how one decided at what hour the night was over and the day had begun.

'It is perhaps when, from a distance, one can recognise the difference between a cow and a pig?' asked one of the disciples.

'No,' came the answer.

'It is perhaps when, from a distance, one can recognise the difference between a black and a white dog?'

'No,' the rabbi replied.

'But how can one decide?' asked one impatient disciple.

The rabbi responded: 'It is when one looks into another person's face and one can see one's brother or sister. Until then, the night is still with us and it is still dark.'

Surely our ultimate desire should be to see all people living in peace alongside their neighbour. The challenge is to do all in our power to help break down the barriers that keep people separated from one another.

Just before Christmas four English Church leaders visited Bethlehem. Rowan Williams spoke of the pain caused by the wall erected by Israel around the 'little town'. He said, "The wall which we walked through a little while ago is a sign not simply of a sign of a passing problem in the politics of one region; it is sign of some of the things that are most deeply wrong in the human heart itself. That terrible fear of the other and the stranger which keeps all of us in one another kind of prison."

You and I are invited to carry the Christmas story with us in our hearts into the New Year that lies before us. We are invited to welcome God into our lives to help us make a difference in the world around us. God has given us the greatest gift in Jesus and we are to share that gift in every way possible.

The Primate of Canada offered the following suggestion for a Christmas gift: "To your enemy, forgiveness; to an opponent, tolerance; to a friend, your heart; to a customer, service; to all, charity; to every child, a good example; and to yourself, respect".

What better New Year's resolution could you make but to commit yourself to making the gift as defined above a reality for you this year!

Happy New Year! God bless you!

Robin



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, KILDWICK

DEVELOPING KILDWICK CHURCH FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

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CHURCH LAUNCHES BUILDING DEVELOPMENT PLANS (as sent to the local press last Month)

Plans to develop the inside of St Andrew's Church, in Kildwick have taken a major step forward with the presentation of architect's plans to the church's congregation on December 3rd.

The development, led by the Parochial Church Council, is aimed at providing many new facilities and opportunities for the local community to use the Grade 1 listed building and follows consultation to find out what people living in the community want to see in the future.

A wide range of both community and church groups, including young people's groups, women's organisations and study groups, currently use the church building and the neighbouring Parish Rooms. Concerts are also a regular event at St Andrew's.

Results of the consultations in the community, which began in 2004, demonstrated that groups who use the facilities want significant changes, with improved spaces for activities, better access for people with disabilities, a new kitchen and toilets and adequate heating.

Plans drawn up by architects Buttress Fuller Alsop Williams include

- more flexible space in the main body of the church which will benefit all users of the building including Kildwick C of E Primary School and allow larger scale events to be held.
- comfortable, moveable seating to replace the old pews
- a meeting room for use by clubs and societies
- a dedicated crèche area
- a heritage area to celebrate and display the historical and archaeological artefacts associated with the church over the centuries
- a kitchen and toilets, including an accessible toilet for people with disabilities
- improved secure vestry space and parish office
- an upgraded heating system
- professional quality lighting and sound system

Estimated costs to date are up to £800,000 and major fundraising from church and

charitable sources will begin in earnest at the beginning of 2007.

The church has been helped with its consultation and business planning by development consultants Jackson Quigg Associates, who have also prepared a long-term fundraising strategy.

The Reverend Robin Figg, Vicar of Kildwick said: "St Andrew's Church has played a major role in the life of the community here for centuries. In common with many churches it is very well used but its facilities are badly in need of updating. Churches have always adapted to meet local needs as time passes by, and we intend to provide the very best facilities that we can for our community.

"St Andrew's has a wonderful history and we are combining the old with the new, to bring everything in line with the needs and demands of the 21st century while respecting the building and its place at the heart of the community."

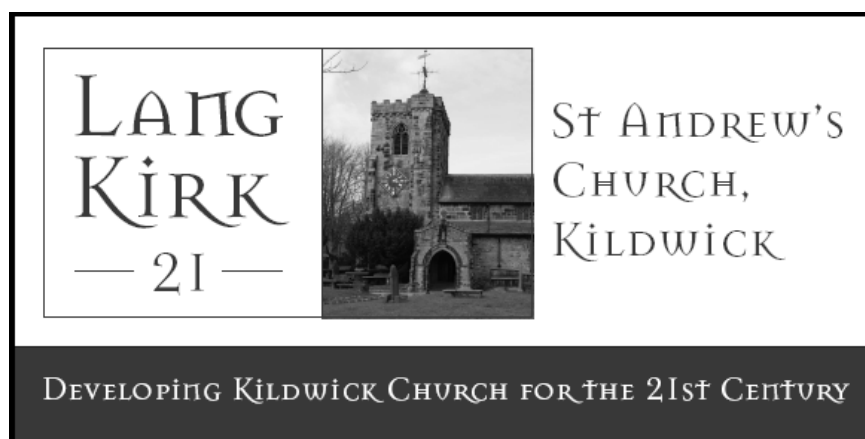
Mr Figg added: "We will be providing improved facilities for all sections of the community, young, old and in between. The organisers of our regular activities are delighted with the plans and we are discussing the possibility of new activities too, including arts, crafts and music workshops, conferences and exhibitions.

"It's an exciting time and though we have a lot of hard work to do to raise the funds we need, everyone is committed to making this vision happen for the future of our community."



The Lang Kirk 21 Prayer

Gracious God, we thank you for the resources you give us in the service of your mission and ministry; guide us as we seek to care for and develop the building we have inherited from those who have served you in years past, that it will continue to speak to those who seek you today; may the Lang Kirk continue to proclaim your presence in the world and draw people to know and to love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.





The Abolition of the Slave Trade Act, passed on 25 March 1807, outlawed the slave trade in the British Colonies. Although Christians played a key role in the efforts to end slavery, the Church at times colluded with this unjust system and even profited from slavery itself. The bicentenary provides a unique opportunity to remember the full role of Christians. It is also a time to assess our own attitudes towards injustice and inequality, and whether we are willing to finish the work began by yesterday's abolitionists to end slavery and its legacies once and for all.

British Churches have prepared material to inspire and encourage people, as well as effect confession, healing and reconciliation between men and women made in the image of God. Today's Church is diverse in its make-up with many congregations in our towns and cities filled with the descendants of enslaved Africans. Their stories are central to the abolition narrative and must be heard at this particular time.

set all free aims to remember the past and apply its lessons to tackle the legacies of Transatlantic Slavery and its modern day equivalent. Go to www.setallfree.net for more information.

The following meditation has been prepared to link with the celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany: The Manifestation of God.

He came 'to release the oppressed'.

Oppression takes various forms, the most common being political oppression. Until recently the world had many powerful despots who violated the human rights of the weak. To individuals and groups of people oppressed by a dictator, or by a sadist or by sin, the good news is that Jesus came 'to release the oppressed'. He is 'God with us' in all our human experiences.

Read Luke 4.16-19.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, the incarnate Word that came to set all free from all forms of slavery; we confess with shame the presence during the Transatlantic Slave Trade, of Christian chapels in slave castles on the West coast of Africa. Forgive our modern manipulation of circumstances that cause deadly attacks on peaceful people: putting round their necks and ankles chains and shackles similar to those of the men and women, Africa's economic base, on slave ships...some of whom died and were thrown to ocean floors.

We thank you Lord Jesus for men and women of every clime and time who fearlessly raise prophetic voices of social justice to set all free from all forms of slavery.

Sierra Leone Council of Churches

BIBLE HISTORY

This is part 4 in a series of articles written by Michael Baumber

ELISHA AND JEHU



Elijah did not long survive Ahab and his prophetic mantle fell on Elisha, a far more complicated character. Joram, the new king of Israel, followed the same policy as Ahab, his father. He maintained a balance between the Baalite and Jahweist parties and he continued the alliance with Judah. Elisha's attitude was enigmatic. In *2 Kings 3* he reacted very sourly when their joint armies met him near the Dead Sea on their way to attack Moab but later he used his influence in Israel's favour when fighting with Aram recommenced. The Naaman story in chapter 5 implies that the Aramaeans regarded him as an enemy. Chapter 6 describes him deliberately misleading the Aramaean forces and Chapter 7 tells how his rumours of the coming of a Hittite army persuaded the Aramaeans to raise the siege of Samaria.

Yet Elisha was clearly planning a coup. The trigger apparently was the poisoning of Benhadad, king of Aram, by a rival named Hazael, described in Chapter 8, though what the connection was is obscure. Joram had retired wounded and Elisha arranged for an army officer called Jehu, to ride from the camp, ostensibly with news about peace negotiations, get him away from his guards, murder him and seize the throne. The plan succeeded. When they met in the plain of Jezreel, Jehu killed Joram with an arrow between his shoulder blades and got into Samaria with his men before the king's death was known where he murdered Jezebel and all the rest of the royal family. He was assisted by a fanatic called Jehonadab son of Recab and his followers. Together they rounded up all the Baal supporters and massacred them in their Jezreel temple. .

Jahweism was triumphant but the result was disastrous. The elimination of Ahab's family destroyed the political and trading relationship so carefully built up with Tyre and Sidon. Worse, the king of Judah was present when Jehu was killed. Jehoshaphat had died and his grandson Ahaziah was the current ruler. Ahaziah was wounded by the plotters but managed to escape only to be pursued and killed. When information of his death reached Jerusalem, power passed into the hands of his mother Ataliah. She was the daughter of Jezebel and an uncompromising supporter of Baal worship so Jehu and his friends could expect no help there either. Israel was wide open to attack by Hazael. v32 of Chapter 10 says that he occupied all the territory of Israel east of the Jordan.

Reactions to this disaster have always been muddled. If Elisha foresaw Hazael's invasion, as *Kings* claim that he did, (c8 vv12-4) why did he organise the coup which facilitated it? What were pious 17th century Quakers doing calling so many of their children Jonadab and 19th century benevolent societies naming themselves Rechabites? Perhaps it was their forswearing of wine which did it but anyone less pacific and less benevolent than Jonadab the Rechabite (*Authorised Version*) is difficult to imagine.

<i>Next month: Amos and Hosea</i>

Keep in touch with the affairs of the Church and the World

Here is some information about a very useful web based group which can help you engage, from a Christian perspective, with the issues facing our world.

Thinking Anglicans

Thinking Anglicans is a website for thoughtful contributions to the proclamation of the gospel message. Here writers reflect on what it means to be a Christian, particularly in Britain today. *Thinking Anglicans* report news, events and documents that affect church people, and comment on them from a liberal Christian perspective.

Thinking Anglicans proclaims a tolerant, progressive and compassionate Christian spirituality, in which justice is central to the proclamation of the good news of the kingdom of God. Our spirituality must engage with the world, and be consistent with the scientific and philosophical understanding on which our modern world is based.

Thinking Anglicans takes the form of weblogs (or 'blogs') in which writers place their thoughts in public for all to read. There is no central definition or declaration of faith to which contributors must subscribe, although most of our writers are active Christians in communion with the see of Canterbury. Rather there is a range of opinions, which contributes to debate, and is legitimate diversity within the Christian faith. The site is updated frequently, with regular contributions from the team of writers, commenting on news events and exploring wider issues and deeper meanings.

Thinking Anglicans is a focal point where you can find the words of informed contributors to the contemporary understanding of Christian faith, as well as the views of ordinary 'Anglicans in the pew'. In a world where the voices of fundamentalism and conservatism are frequently heard, *Thinking Anglicans* is a place for a tolerant, thoughtful and understanding exploration of Christian faith. We hope this shared witness of the vision of God's kingdom in the world will help and encourage both Christians and others.

Look at www.thinkinganglicans.org.uk for more information.

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Confirmation – Taking a step on the journey of faith

A Service of Confirmation will take place in St Andrew's Church on Sunday 22nd 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.

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.

Page of Prayer

Editor: This is a stirring challenge to anyone's faith for the New Year!

Dedicating the 'wild waves' of 2007 to God - a Pilgrim's Plea

Shall I abandon, O King of mysteries, the soft comforts of home? Shall I turn my back on my native land, and my face towards the sea? Shall I put myself wholly at your mercy, without silver, without a horse, without fame and honour? Shall I throw myself wholly on you, without sword and shield, without food and drink, without a bed to lie on?

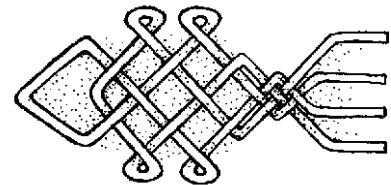
Shall I say farewell to my beautiful land, placing myself under your yoke? Shall I pour out my heart to you, confessing my manifold sins and begging forgiveness, tears streaming down my cheeks?

Shall I leave the prints of my knees on the sandy beach, a record of my final prayer in my native land? Shall I then suffer every kind of wound that the sea can inflict?

Shall I take my tiny coracle across the wide sparkling ocean? O King of the glorious heaven, shall I go of my own choice upon the sea?

O Christ, will you help me on the wild waves?

Attributed to Brendan, an early Celtic saint



January means the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

A prayer for Love

O Lord, you have brought all your faithful people into a single, universal family, stretching across heaven and earth. Bind us together with a spiritual love which is stronger than any human love, that in serving one another we may neither count the cost nor seek reward, but think only of the common good.

Mozarabic Sacramentary 3rd century

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH

Our next monthly meetings to pray for the parish will take place on Tuesday 2nd January in the Parish Rooms from 7.30pm until 8.15pm. For information contact Robin Figg, 633307.

This month's recipes

This a recipe given to me many years ago and has been a firm favourite with all the family ever since. My children used to enjoy helping—watch the boiling bit as it is very hot!!

Fudge Fingers

- 4 ozs (125 g) margarine
- 4 ozs (125 g) castor sugar (F/T)
- 1 tablsbn syrup
- 1 small tin condensed milk
- ½ lb (250 g) crushed digestive biscuits
- 8 ozs (250 g) chocolate (F/T)

Method

1. Melt the margarine, sugar and syrup, add the condensed milk and boil together for 7 minutes—watch out it doesn't stick!
2. Add the crushed biscuits and quickly spread into a greased and lined swiss roll tin.
3. Allow to get cold and then cover with the melted chocolate.
4. Cut into fingers when cold.



Now if you are feeling adventurous you could go on to make :

R and E's Fudge Finger Failure (oops) Fantasy!

Follow the instructions above but add the melted chocolate to the final mixture and press into the tin. Cut into fingers when cold as before!!

Do let the editor have your favourite recipes to include in the Bridge

Parcevall Hall: A Weekend Away **18th – 20th 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.

Lent Course 2007 – *Can we build a better world?*

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 21st February. During the following weeks a number of small groups will meet across the Cross Hills & District Fellowship of Churches to study, think and pray together.

The course chosen is titled is "*Can we build a better world? learning from William Wilberforce*". The course celebrates the work and faith of William Wilberforce. 'We pay tribute to his achievements in combating slavery 200 years ago. We draw inspiration from his life – but it is not a history lesson. Like William Wilberforce we live in a divided and hurting world and with a burning question. As Christians in the 21st century can we – together with others of good will – build a better world?'

"*Can we build a better world*" is a five session course, using audio input produced in the style of five 14 minute radio programmes. Each session features the three main participants – Archbishop John Sentamu, Leslie Griffiths (Lord Griffiths – Minister of Wesley's Chapel in London) and television actress Wendy Craig. Each session closes with a reflection by a Poor Clare from BBC TV's series *The Convent*.

The sessions are: 1. Slavery, then and now; 2. Friendship & Prayer, then and now; 3. Change & Struggle, then and now; 4. The Bible, then and now; 5. Redemption & Restitution, then and now.

Look out for more details of venues and times of groups in the coming weeks and make plans to join a group this Lent.

The Storm Clouds Gather

Those who wish to follow Christ in 2007 must face and consider some serious issues. We shall be looking at two of the most serious: climate change and debt over the coming year. Both have deep biblical roots, both take us to the very nature of God and his purposes for his people and his created universe.

Climate change surrounds us. Despite efforts by some industrial and political groups to rubbish the idea, the reality of climate change is now being recognised, along with the facts that this earth's inhabitants are responsible for it, and that drastic measures will be needed to avoid it becoming a global disaster.

For this is not like some natural disaster where we can reflect on what our faith means when good people suffer bad things. Climate change is the result of the lifestyle of the affluent West and humanity's squandering of God's gifts for more than a century. Putting things right will take more than low-energy light bulbs or double glazing.

Yet we need to see this in the light of God's love for his people and his creation. It is a love which provides generously for all to live in community with God, something expressed by the word "shalom". But it is also a love which judges those who seek to appropriate wealth for themselves instead of sharing it. The riches of the world are provided for all to enjoy, not for a few to squander.





NEWS FROM THE CROSS HILLS & DISTRICT FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

18th – 25th January

Each year the worldwide Christian Church observes a special week of prayer for peace in the world and unity between Christians. Within the Cross Hills & District Fellowship of Churches there will be the following opportunities to gather together for one hour for prayer during the week:

Monday 22 nd	12 noon	Braidagarth, Baxter Wood, Cross Hills
Tuesday 23 rd	12.30pm	31 The Hawthorns, Sutton
Wednesday 24 th	9.30am	St Peter's Methodist Church
Thursday 25 th	7.30pm	Parish Rooms, St Andrew's Church, Kildwick
Friday 26 th	12 noon	13 Beech Street, Cross Hills

At the lunchtime gatherings a simple lunch will be available. In the evening tea & coffee will be served.

A leaflet giving a form of prayer to be used during the week will also be available in each church for those people unable to join one of the meetings detailed above.

The theme for 2007 is *He even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak* and was chosen by people from Umlazi, South Africa. Reflecting on the suffering and death caused there by HIV/AIDS, and that the shame of the victims and ignorance of the ways of preventing it, they feel that Christ gives them courage to speak out. Each gathering for prayer is invited to draw on the experiences of overlooked suffering in our own community, for whatever cause.

'Pulpit Swap'.

Following the positive response last year there will again be a 'pulpit swap' on Sunday 21st January across the churches of CDFC when some of the ministers will be preaching 'away', as follows:

- Robin Figg will be at St Joseph's, Cross Hills at 9.30am;
- Marion Smith will be at St Andrew's, Kildwick at 10.00am;
- Gill Jowett will be at St Peter's, Cross Hills at 10.30am;
- David Warrington will be at St Thomas', Sutton at 10.30am;
- Nigel Barton will be at South Craven Baptist, Sutton at 10.30am.
- Michael Cowgill will be at Holy Trinity, Cowling at 10.30am

The ministers of CDFC would encourage people to attend a service 'away' from their 'home' church that morning as a sign of the unity we share as Christians worshipping and working together.

MAGAZINE SURVEY.

In order to let us know your views about "The Bridge", would you please spend a few minutes filling in this survey.

How much of the magazine do you read?	All	Most	Little
Which articles interest you most?	Church News	Local Village News	General Articles
Are you?	Male	Female	
Age group	Under 30	30-50	Over 50

Are there any topics you would like to see covered which aren't usually in the magazine?

Suggestions.....
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CHILDRENS SECTION

Do your children read their page?

Do they enjoy the puzzles and jokes?

Is there anything else they would like to have included?

Please return to the Vicar, Magazine Editor or place in the box at the back of church.

Women's Institute News

Glusburn and Cross Hills WI - December meeting

At our meeting on 5th December we filled in menu slips for our Christmas/New Year Dinner at the White Lion, Kildwick, on 9th January. Names were taken for two teams to play in the Federation Darts Tournament, the preliminary rounds on Tuesday 13th April at Gargrave Village Hall.

Flowers and a card signed by members were presented to Hilda Eddison to mark her 90th birthday.

The speaker for the evening was Stanley Walmsley, who gave a very informative talk on church and hand bell ringing entitled "Ringling the Changes". He used a model to show how bells in a belfry were rung and played recordings of different sequences. At the end of his talk 8 volunteers were invited to join him in ringling handbells, while other members identified the tunes. Much fun was had by all!

During the tea and mince pies interval Val Harrison distributed gifts from "Santa's Secret Sack".

Forthcoming events include 10 pin bowling ,provisional date Tuesday 17th April, and lunch at the New Inn, Cononley, on Tuesday 13th February.

There will not be a meeting on 2nd January. The New Year Dinner on 9th January will take the place of our January meeting. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 6th February at the Cross Hills Rest Centre.

Kildwick and Farnhill W.I December Meeting

Our December Meeting was a very enjoyable Chinese meal at Tams Cantonese Restaurant in Crosshills. The January meeting takes place on Thursday January 11th at 7.30 pm in The Parish Rooms, Kildwick. Our speaker will be Mrs. Janet Clarke from Skipton who will be demonstrating the art of making scrapbooks and members will participate.



Kildwick and Farnhill Institute invite you to

A Ceilidh

on Saturday 13th January 7pm-10pm

In the Institute

Admission: adults £5.00, children £3.00 to include pie and pea supper.

Licensed Bar. Come and have a great evening.

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 7pm-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 February 2007
Bridge is 20th January

Tue 2nd	7.30pm	Prayer for the Parish (parish Rooms)
Wed 3rd	8pm.	Emmaus Nurture Group begins (Vicarage)
Sun 7th		The Epiphany of Our Lord. 10am Family Service 6pm Holy Communion (Parish Rooms)
Tue 9th	2pm	Building Development group (Vicarage)
Wed 10th	12noon	Ministry Development Team Working Group meeting with John Daniels. (Vicarage)
Sun 14th		The Baptism of Our Lord.
Mon 15th	7.30pm	Fellowship and Focus Group (Parish Rooms)
Sun 21st	am	Pulpit Swap for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.
Mon 22nd-Fri 26th		Ecumenical meetings for prayer.
February		
Sat 3rd	7pm	Talk by an officer from the Yorkshire Dales N.P. (Parish Rooms)
Thur 8th	10am	LEAP Group (Parish Rooms)

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.

07/01/07 Epiphany	8.15 am	Holy Communion
	10 am	Family Service for Epiphany
	6 pm	Holy Communion
14/01/07 Baptism of Christ	8.15 am	Holy Communion
	10 am	Sung Eucharist
	6 pm	CDFC service at St Thomas' Sutton
21/01/07 Third Sunday of Epiphany	8.15 am	Holy Communion
	10 am	Sung Eucharist with prayers for healing
	6 pm	Christmas Carol Service by candlelight
28/01/07 Presentation of Christ in the Temple	8.15 am	Holy Communion
	10 am	Christingle Service for Candlemass
	6 pm	Said Evening Prayer

Sunday 7th January

10am
Family Service
for
Epiphany
All welcome



Sunday 28th January 2006

10am
The Presentation of Christ
in the Temple
Family Service with
Christingles
All welcome



If you have a
Children's' Society
collecting box please
bring it in for
emptying.

Church Rotas

07/01/07 Epiphany	6.00pm Eucharist First Reading - Isaiah 60.1-6 Second Reading - Ephesians 3.1-12 Gospel - Matthew 2.1-12	Glyn Evans Brenda Brock Lesley Hudson
14/01/07 Baptism of Christ	First Reading - Isaiah 43.1-7 Second Reading - Acts 8.14-17 Gospel - Luke 3.15-17,21-22	Michael Baumber
21/01/07 Third Sunday of Epiphany	First Reading - Nehemiah 8.1-3,5-6,8-10 Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a Gospel - Luke 4.14-21	Marjorie Gee Lesley Bannister Elizabeth Figg
28/01/07 Presentation of Christ in the Temple	First Reading - Malachi 3.1-5 Second Reading - Hebrews 2.14-18 Gospel - Luke 2.22-40	Jennifer Roberts Isobel Stirk
Flowers		Cleaning
January 7th	Mr. Baxter	Lesley Hudson Libba Utley Margaret Jowett
14th	Mrs Kendrew	
21st	Mrs Peake	Helen Hulley, Rosie Hargreaves Sylvia Ackroyd
28th	Mrs Downs	
Tea and Coffee 1st Sunday 2nd 3rd 4th 5th	(10am service) June Whitaker and Betty Hawkins Beth Taylor and Marjorie Gee Ann Mosley Christine Anderton Joyce Bonham and Libba Utley	Brass cleaning Mr. B. Charter & Mrs. I. Stirk

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.



Coffee Morning

Church Rotas

Date	Sidesperson	Intercessor	Communion
07/01/07 Epiphany	Joan Houghton Barry Houghton Sandi Walton Isobel Stirk	6pm Lesley Hudson	Tim littler Christine anderton
14/01/07 Baptism of Christ	David Baxter Libba Utley Christine Anderton Ann Mosley	Michael Baumber	Michael Baumber Gill Jowett
21/01/07 Third Sunday of Epiphany	June Whitaker Pam Brown Elaine Jamieson Howard Stirk	Isobel Stirk	Gary McKinney Janet Swain
28/01/07 Presentation of Christ in the Temple	Eleanor Eastwood Dorothy Ward Christine Hutchinson Joyce Boden	Gill Jowett	John Exley



FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

Sunday 26th November Bethany Hannah Meakin, daughter of Douglas & Tina of Aire-dale View, Cross Hills
 Oliver James Wylde, son of Richard & Melanie of Banks Road, Riddlesden

Weddings

Friday 1st December Francis Fitzpatrick & Karen Beckett, of The Mallards, Silsden
 Saturday 9th December James Patchett & Emma Robinson, of The Drive, Denholme

Burial of Cremated Remains

Thursday 14th December Peter Hingley, of Manse Way, Suttton-in-Craven
 Thursday 28th December Syd Hulley, of Winston Avenue, Cross Hills

Cross Hill Naturalists' Society (Founded 1904)

Saturday 13th January, 2007

- Biodiversity of Ecuador - Mr. Bejarano Santiago (Wildlife Naturalist on Galapagos and Ecuador)

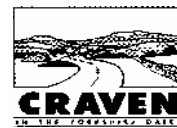
Saturday 17th January, 2007

- 'New Climates, New Crops, New Pests' - Dr. Bake

The above meetings will be in St. Peter's Church, Cross Hills and commence at 1900 hours

Everyone Welcome.

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



"Exhibition from Art Clubs in Craven & paintings from the Roebuck Trust" Saturday 13 January - Saturday 17 February

Paintings from the various arts clubs throughout Craven will be on display, together with a selection of the less well known pieces from the Roebuck Trust collection. Free

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

St. Andrew's Church Kildwick

Talk by an officer from the
Yorkshire Dales National Park

Saturday 3rd February 2007 at
7 pm in St Andrew's Parish Rooms

To be preceded by Buffet Meal at
5.15 pm

Booking Essential as space is limited

Tickets £5
Available from Isobel Stirk 01535
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Proceeds for St Andrew's Building
Development Fund

FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL

The Meeting of Farnhill Parish Council was held on the 7th December 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.

Street Lights No's 19 & 20 are in need of new poles and the Parish Council have been given two options with regard to the replacement of them.

- Option 1 to have the poles cut to base height & put temporary poles alongside with the same electric supply and then put in permanent poles next year would cost £400 per pole now and the rest later.
- Option 2 To replace with two new columns at a cost of £700 per pole. Option 1 would mean the lights could be working in the next two weeks, but Option 2 would mean waiting for the electric company to connect the electric supply which could take some time.

The Parish Council decided to go for Option 1, which would mean having the lights working sooner, provided the overall cost would not be more. An application form to apply for the Tender for Electric Supply to eon energy was approved by the Council.

The Parish Council have been asked by Highways Agency if they will consider removing their objections to the The A629 Trunk Road (Skipton to Kildwick Improvement and Slip Roads) Order 1996 (Revocation) Order200(). Clerk to reply that on the basis of the letter we will not withdraw the objections until they clarify more clearly why we should be reassured and give further explanation of exactly what the plans are.

The Area Rights of Way Officer has confirmed that the path that runs alongside the Play Area is a Public Footpath, but she does not have any information about the ownership of the path. NY Counc M Wheeler to ask her to look into who owns the path and ask about access over the path.

CDC have agreed to put a litter bin on the wall on Newby Road provided that British Waterways will send written consent. Clerk awaiting reply from them.

NYCC have been contacted to authorise the addition of the verge outside the Play Area to be added to CDC's GM Contract. They will contact us to confirm whether the site will be maintained by them.

The Community Officer for Farnhill is to monitor the parking at the Bus Stop at the top of Starkey Lane and deal accordingly with the miscreants.

The setting of the precept was discussed for the year 2007-2008 and it was decided to give donations to the British Legion for a wreath, £50.00 to South Craven Community Action CareFree, £1200.00 as agreed last month to the Kildwick/Farnhill Institute and £50 to WRVS & Citizens Advice if requests were received. The precept was set at £8345.00 which is a rise of 5% on last year to cover inflation plus an additional £1400.00 to cover the cost of two new street lights.

The kerbing alongside the balance beam in the Play Area has now been replaced with rubber kerbing.

No information has been received from the Play Area Committee on the noticeboard or

seat so it was held over till the next meeting.

The Parish Council were disappointed with the attendance at the meeting held in November for Parish Plans. Despite the meeting being advertised in the Craven Herald, Bridge Magazine and Parish Council Noticeboard and letters sent to interested parties only five members of the public attended the meeting.

Following this lack of interest in taking the Parish Plan Forward, it was decided not to pursue the matter at the moment but for it to remain open for people to come forward in the future.

A letter was received from a member of the public at the meeting asking the Parish Council to consider some work on a piece of land at the top of the Arbour in the Development Plan. Counc. M Scarffe to have a word and explain that the land is actually rented out by the Parish Council.

Reports were received from CDC Counc P Fairbank & CDC & NYCC M Wheeler.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF TBE PARISH COUNCIL 4TH JANUARY 2007
IN FARNHILL INSTITUTE AT 7-30 PM
All members of the village are welcome to attend.**

Smile Lines

Editor: as students prepare to go back to university...

Why universities would never give God a Ph.D.

1. He had only one major publication.
 2. It was in Hebrew and Greek, and had no references.
 3. It wasn't published in a refereed journal.
 4. Some even doubt he wrote it by himself.
 5. It may be true that he created the world, but what has he done since then?
 6. His cooperative efforts have been quite limited.
 7. The scientific community has had a hard time replicating his results.
 8. He never applied to the ethics board for permission to use human subjects.
 9. When one experiment went awry he covered it by drowning his subjects.
 10. He rarely came to class, just told students to read the book.
 11. Some say he had his son teach the class.
 12. He expelled his first two students for wanting more knowledge.
 13. Although there were only 10 requirements, most of his students failed his tests.
 14. His office hours were infrequent and usually held on a mountain top.
 15. He has no record of working well under anyone else's authority.
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Isobel's page

At Christmas time there is usually a song that is top of the charts – the Christmas number one – or one everyone is humming as they dash out to do last minute shopping. For example - the group Slade with 'Merry Christmas Everybody' or 'Happy Christmas (War is Over)' with John Lennon and Yoko Ono. There has been 'Last Christmas' by 'Wham' and, not to be forgotten, Cliff Richard singing 'Christmas Time – Mistletoe and Wine,' and 'I wish it could be Christmas everyday' by the group with the intriguing name of 'Wizard'.

In 1943 Bing Crosby recorded something that instantly topped the charts as one of America's most popular Christmas songs. Its title was 'I'll be home for Christmas' and it touched the hearts of soldiers and civilians alike who were still going through the rigours and difficulties of World War II. In December 1965, when the astronauts Frank Borman and James Lovell were returning to Earth, after setting a record for the longest flight in the space programme, aboard the Gemini 7 spacecraft, they requested 'I'll be home for Christmas' to be played for them.

Before Christmas, just passed, I was in Durham. This is a lovely place with the Cathedral dominating the skyline above the winding river Wear and it is always busy with the usual hustle and bustle associated with a university city. However, when I was there in December, it seemed more hectic than ever, with taxis flying hither and thither, students with heavy backpacks or wheeling luggage making their way towards the railway station, for the colleges were finishing for the Christmas break and their residents were going home.

'Home for the holidays' - 'Home for Christmas'. There is something quite special about the phrase. It captures a lot about our feelings for Christmas, our sense of belonging, our connection to family and friends, reviving old traditions, reaching back to customs that comfort us and connect us to our past,

We will all have earliest memories of Christmas. My cousin and I were talking recently of Christmas we had spent together as children. We always went to see Father Christmas together and we recalled the apprehension and excitement of entering the beautifully decorated grotto and approaching the slightly intimidating large, bearded figure dressed in red, wearing Wellington boots. We remembered making crude looking paper chains from coloured paper which we stuck together. I, apparently, getting very annoyed when his chain came unstuck just as we pinned it up. I can't remember that bit- anyway that's my story and I'm sticking to it -although he may have a point- after all I was five years older and probably felt a little superior! However we're still great pals so it couldn't have been too traumatic for him!

Sometimes our Christmas memories are hard to recreate. My cousin and I realised that much of what constitutes 'home' in our minds is in the past. Our parents are dead and we understand that 'home for Christmas' – 'home for the holidays' means the homes we ourselves have created more than the homes of our forebears.

Sometimes we long for home and then wonder exactly where home has gone.

Things keep on changing - we move away, generations come and go – the world moves quickly on.

Many people in our country, who have nowhere they can call home, will have spent Christmas, if they are lucky, on the floor of a warehouse converted for use over the holiday period. Those not so lucky will have spent it in a cardboard box or a shop doorway.

Thousands of men and women serving in Iraq or Afghanistan will have been in danger and very far from home this last Christmas.

During Advent at St Andrew's we followed the centuries' old tradition of 'Posada' when Mary, Joseph and the donkey and some sheep are given a home for the night by different families.

In similar fashion in Mexico, a young couple wander through the neighbourhood going from door to door asking for lodging. Always the answer from behind the door is "this is not an inn, go away". As Joseph and Mary move from house to house they are turned away everytime until they finally come to the stable where Jesus Christ is born.

That stable is their 'home for the holidays'. How strange that such an important person should be born under those circumstances – a displaced family who couldn't find a decent place to stay – a maternity ward in a dirty, draughty stable, surrounded by animals, a child born into danger, a child born in a district where male babies would be slaughtered within a very short period of time, but in this makeshift home God came to live with us.

Perhaps we could call ourselves 'Posadas' – seekers of home, because home is where we return to year after year, maintaining our own personal traditions.

Hopefully we will discover that home is actually where Christ is. God loved us all so much that He chose to make his home with us and that is the reason we celebrate Christmas as we come to his manger and worship Him – giving thanks for the gift that is given to us. God with us – God 'at home' with us and that is not just 'at home for the holidays' or 'home for the festive season' but everyday – for the place where God is found love and hope are there also.

As we worship him surely his message to us is 'You're home'.



Resting Supplication

O God, preserve the house, the fire, the kine, all those who here tonight in sleep recline. Preserve myself, my love-fold children's band, from attack keep us and from harm withstand; keep us this night from foes and hatred shun, for the dear sake of Mary Mother's Son, here and each where to-night they resting dwell, this evening's night and every night as well, this evening's night and every night as well.

From Poems of the Western Highlanders

LEAP into Mission - World Mission Group

At the December meeting of the LEAP (learn, encourage, act and pray) group we met together to learn more about the work and mission of BibleLands. We explored the key areas of ministry undertaken by BibleLands, which are, education, social care, medical care, special needs, vocational and adult training and the support and care of refugees.

We looked at the history of this non-governmental, non-denominational Christian charity, who work in partnership with Christian-led projects in the lands of the Bible.

The Society began in 1854 and its original name was "Turkish Missions Aid Society". This was a time when the powerful and far-reaching grip of the Ottoman Empire held the lands of the peoples of Armenia, Greece, Bulgaria, Palestine, Lebanon, Sudan, Egypt and Assyria under its rule. Their cruelty and injustice was directed towards all the inhabitants of these countries, but the Armenians in particular suffered considerably. Their plight struck a chord with Christians in England. In the book written by Jean Hatton, which tells the history of BibleLands from its small beginnings, and powerfully relates the accounts of the amazing men and women who were led by the Holy Spirit to offer God's love and healing to those suffering.

We focussed particularly on four BibleLands projects, The Four Homes of Mercy at Bethany, the girls' school of Rawdat El Zuhur in Jerusalem, Beit-el-Nour school in Southern Lebanon, Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza City and El Saray Evangelical Church in Alexandria. We shared some of our experiences of visiting two of these projects, and we used candles as we prayed for them to remind us of the Love and Light of Christ at work in these dark areas. We shared the words of Psalm 16 and concluded our time together with Advent prayers.

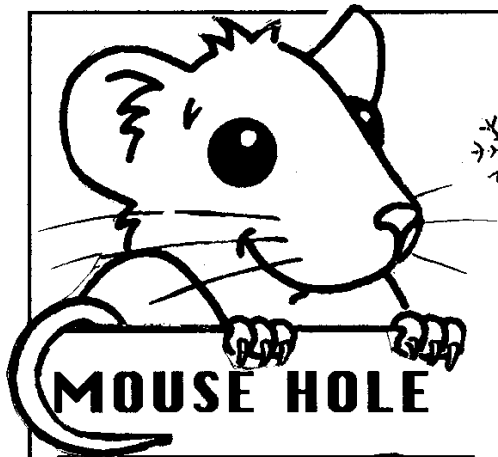
We plan to meet again to explore in more depth the work of the mission agencies we have looked at - Barnabas. CMS and BibleLands. Please consider joining with us on Thursday 8 February 2007 in the Parish Rooms at 10.00 a.m.

Contact Sue Hargreaves for further details.



Despite the very bad weather, traffic problems in Crosshills and a change of date, the Autumn Fair raised the sum of £660 this year.

Many thanks to those who helped in any way and to those who braved the elements to buy the goods and enjoy the refreshments.



Edible Snowmen

Make edible snowmen with large white marshmallows.



Stack three on top of each other holding them together through the centre with a cocktail stick.

(Be careful, the sticks are sharp, you may need an adult to help you)

Cut a circle from edible rice paper to make a hat brim, thread onto the stick and finish with another marshmallow.

Make a scarf by plaiting together different coloured sweetie bootlaces.



Make tiny snowmen from mini marshmallows!

'Praise the Lord!

It is good to sing praise to our God, it is pleasant and right to praise him...

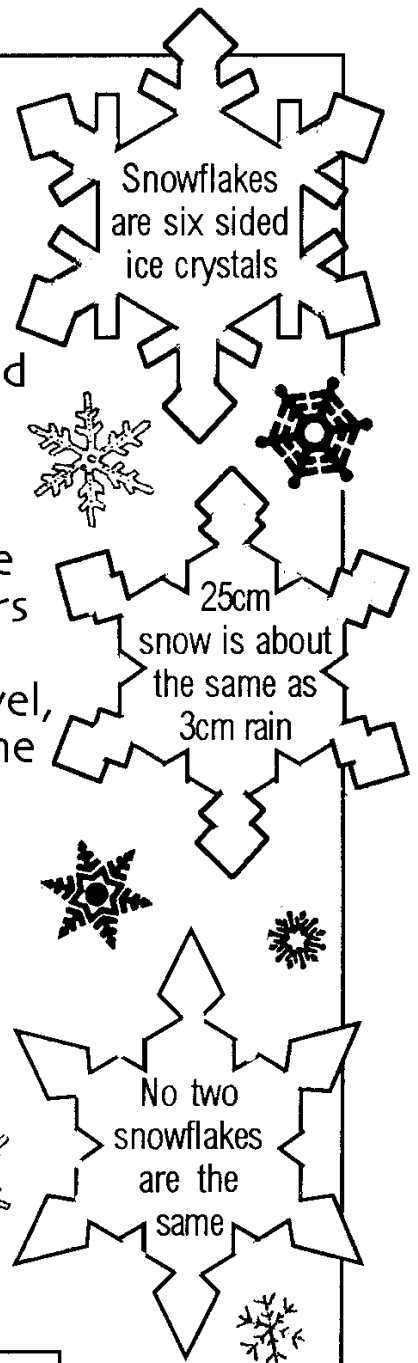
...He gives a command to the earth, and what he says is quickly done.

He spreads snow like a blanket and scatters frost like dust.

He sends hail like gravel, no one can endure the cold he sends.

Then he gives a command and the ice melts, he sends the wind and the water flows.'

-from Psalm 147



CUT A SNOWFLAKE

- Cut a circle from paper
- Fold in half fold into 3.
- Fold in half again
- Cut notches and open out

CATCHING SNOWFLAKES

Put a sheet of dark paper in a freezer to chill. Take it outside as the snow falls and look at the snowflakes through a magnifying glass as they fall onto the paper.

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...I wonder if I could have a quick word with the flower arrangers at the end of this service...?

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