

St. Andrew's Church Kildwick

News and Views from Kildwick, Farnhill and Cross Hills

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Parish Mission Statement

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

Church Website www.kildwick.org.uk

The Vicar's letter.....

Dear friends,

'Come, Holy Spirit, fills the hearts of your people and kindle in us the fire of your love.'

The Season of Easter is brought to a close with the celebration of the Day of Pentecost, when we celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit. This is

the day when we remember how God came amongst the first followers of Jesus with what seemed like a rushing wind and touched them with what seemed like tongues of fire. On that day many people's lives were transformed through the joyful experience of knowing the truth of God's presence with them.

This experience was real 2000 years ago and is still real for people today. Of course, we won't all be touched by tongues of fire or buffeted by a rushing wind, but being given a glimpse of the truth of God's love, of God's presence, through that 'special moment' is a real possibility for each of us.

Many people can speak of the time when they felt 'something', when they were aware of a 'presence', or had an insight in a 'deeper truth'. Such moments are, of course, mysterious and often beyond explanation.

We can find it hard to describe such moments and even be fearful of telling others about them for fear of ridicule. But such experiences are real and we must not be afraid to name them for what they are: glimpses into that which lies beyond ourselves, glimpses of the divine, glimpses into the reality of God.

The hope is that this reality of God's presence will touch each of us and affect all that we do in all of life. God in Jesus came to show us a new and a better way of living alongside our neighbour; God wants us transform our society. In our Communion services we often pray: '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.

Through the life-giving Spirit of Pentecost the risen Jesus says there is a new way for people to live.

Jesus says in his society....

You show wisdom by trusting people You handle leadership by serving You handle offenders by forgiving You handle money by sharing You handle enemies by loving You handle violence by suffering You have a new attitude:

Towards everything Towards everybody

Towards nature

Towards the state

Toward all and every single thing

And in a Jesus Society, you repent, not by feeling bad,

but by thinking differently.

May the Holy Spirit fill your heart and transform your life.



Robin

K is for Kildwick – BBC Look North comes to town!

Following an email nomination, Kildwick was chosen by BBC Look North to be included in their "A to Z around Yorkshire" on Wednesday 23rd May. Presenters Harry Gration and Jenny Hill spent 2 hours filming around the village which after editing become a 2 minute 45 second piece on the evening programme.



In the church Robin Figg was filmed speaking about the Lang Kirk 21 project and Peter Ford was filmed winding the church clock. A quick visit to the top of the tower was followed by a moment of humour as Harry invited Jenny to 'walk down the aisle' with Barry Houghton as stand-in 'bride's father'.

Kildwick School was the next place to visit where the children – and staff – were

thrilled to meet the stars of local television. A hard morning's work for everyone concluded with a visit to the White Lion for a well earned drink. Lorna Smith, who sent in the email, offered the final thoughts about Kildwick being a wonderful English village which is looking to the future with great hope!



Meet our new CMS Mission Partners Tim & Kate Lee & family Tuesday 19th June in the Parish Rooms



7.00pm for 7.30pm Bring & Share Supper

8.30pm – 9.30pm Illustrated talk by Tim & Kate about their work in Manila, Philippines

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH

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

Parish Weekend at Parcevall Hall

A group of fifteen have recently spent a most enjoyable weekend away at Parcevall Hall, the Bradford Diocesan Retreat House near Appletreewick. The weekend was led by Canon Graham Bettridge and explored the theme 'Windows into faith'. Kathryn Taylor offers her reflection on the weekend.

"Cloud gazing...well, not quite, but we used a hand painted and sometimes wayward cloud as a



vehicle to help us explore and record our thoughts (and finally our prayers) on Faith: what it might be; what it means to us; where it is rooted; what disrupts, alters and impedes it.

"Absorbing discussion, and lots of attentive listening, was prompted by looking at the views of three very creative people on their faith (or lack of) and how it connected to their background and work. We also looked at faith as documented and exhorted in the Letter to the Hebrews. Exploring other's viewpoints enabled us to explore what we mean by terms like 'faith', 'belief', 'spirituality' and 'God's relationship with us', as humans and as individuals. We talked about the value (or otherwise) of formulaic faith and religion, boundaries, boxes and the erosion of Christianity's influence in our society – amongst other things!

"In both the prompter (a more accurate title than 'leader') Graham and in Robin, we had two clergy who are neither prescriptive nor proscriptive, and who are unafraid to say they do not know the answers. This lifted people's initial reluctance to talk openly. We all benefited from frank discussion and a breadth of views which could be aired openly and without feeling in any way judged. And all of this in a comfortable cloud of faith, hope and love!

"To be able to engage in gentle debate in the very special and undoubtedly spiritual place which is Parcevall Hall, was a delight. The sense of sharing, belonging and enjoying was enhanced by the great but simple pleasures of good food, friendships made and deepened, laughter and a beautiful landscape.

"The best bit? Feeling time slow down as we granted ourselves permission to step out of our routine rushing, and then sensing space expand for our heads, hearts and spirits. You should come!"

Next year's parish weekend away will take place at Rydal Hall in the Lake District from 16th to 18th May. Book it in your diary now!

Signs & Symbols: Yew Trees

There are few trees that can be traced back in time as far as the Yew tree, which is thought to have descended from paleotaxus rediva, which was found more than 200,000,000 years ago. This species is long-living, self-regenerating, and evergreen. It is not surprising then that we find it in many churchyards today.

Many churchyard yews are over 900 years old and were planted after the Norman Conquest during a spate of church building. However the most common were introduced only from County Fermanagh from 1780, the Irish Yew, Taxus fastigiata.



So what made early Christians place a yew in the churchyard? Well, sometimes it may well have been the other way round – the Christians 'converting' a pagan site for Christian worship.

Whichever came first, the church building or the Yew tree, it is clear that Yews convey a wealth of meaning largely due to its reputation for long life. This is due to the unique way in which the tree grows.

Its branches grow down into the ground to form new stems, which then rise up around the old central growth as separate but linked trunks. Meanwhile the central part may decay leaving a hollow tree but with the indistinguishable new growing life around the original tree. So the yew has always been a symbol of death and rebirth, the new that springs out of the old; resurrection life.

Because it is a slow-growing tree, it is a tight-grained wood, tough and resilient, used in the past for spears, spikes, staves, small hunting bows and eventually the famous long bow of the Middle Ages. The arrows were tipped with poison made from the yew. The entire tree is poisonous: wood, bark, needles and seed, all except the fleshy part around the seed. Hence it is often called, 'The Death Tree'.

In churchyards the yew trees were usually planted in a deliberate manner, with one often beside the path leading from the funeral gateway of the churchyard to the main door of the church – a symbol of resurrection hope for the mourners and a practical place for the priest and clerks to await on a wet or windy day.

This month: Have a look in a churchyard at a yew and consider where it is planted and what it is currently being used for. What does it say to you about life everlasting and resurrection, and death?

We do have a 'Millennium Yew' which has been loving tended since it's arrival, we plan to plant him (his name is Pelagius) after the re-ordering project is completed!

BIBLE HISTORY

This is part 9 in a series of articles written by Michael Baumber The Good 'king Josiah'



mon succeeded Manasseh in 642 BC but was murdered by palace officials scarcely two years later so Josiah became king when he was only eight years old. According to 2 *Chronicles 34* Josiah began to seek the Lord in the 8th year of his reign i.e. c632 but that he did not begin to purge Judah until the 12th year c627-8. *2 Kings 23* is not so detailed but both regarded the 18th year of his reign as the key c621-2. In that year the priests discovered an old book of the law in the temple treasury which described the Genesis covenant and detailed all the feasts, sacrifices and regulations which needed to be observed to satisfy it. Most historians think that it was an early version of *Deuteronomy* either made up by the priests themselves or dating from the reign of Hezekiah. Some contend that it went back to Solomon's time when the earliest material in the Old Testament was first assembled and edited. Only a small minority think that Moses had anything to do with it.

By this time Josiah was clearly in control of the old Israel as well because the purge extended from Naphtali in the north to Simeon in the south. With the high places removed and temple worship reformed the whole population flocked to Jerusalem for a magnificent celebration of the Passover. Was the Lord about to accomplish his purpose?

There is a more mundane explanation. Asshurbanipal died in 627 and his sons quarrelled over their inheritance which led to risings and enabled Judah to regain full independence. The Assyrian empire's problems were made worse by an invasion of savage Scythians from the Asiatic steppes who roamed far and wide over the Middle East. They certainly attacked the Jordan valley forcing Josiah back to his mountain fastnesses. Yet once they were sated with loot they retired to their steppes and Josiah was able to venture out again and create the old united Israel once more. By now the empire was in chaos with Babylon the centre of the opposition as usual. The Assyrians, on the defensive, asked Egypt for help. Pharaoh Necho responded but he had to march through the new Israel. Josiah attempted to stop him but at the battle of Megiddo in 609 he was defeated and killed.

Why had the Lord deserted so good a king? *Kings* running true to form occupies *all* chapter 22 with a prophesy that he would be punished for the behaviour of his ancestors. *Chronicles* was closer to the mark putting into Necho's mouth the words. 'What quarrel is there between you and me, O king of Judah? It is not you I am attacking at this time, but the house with which I am at war. God has told me to hurry; so stop opposing God, who is with me, as he will destroy you.' Yet again the Jahweist insistence on playing a lone hand had brought its supporters to disaster.

Next month: 'Jeremiah

High Days and Holy days

June 9th Columba of Iona (c. 521 -97)

Columba was born in Donegal of the royal Ui Neill clan, and trained as a monk. He founded the monasteries of Derry (546), Durrow (c.556) and probably Kells. But in 565 Columba left Ireland with twelve companions for Iona, an island off southwest Scotland. Iona had been given to him for a monastery by the ruler of the Irish Dalriada.



Why would a monk in his mid 40s go into such voluntary exile?

Various explanations include: voluntary exile for Christ, an attempt to help overseas compatriots in their struggle for survival, or even as some sort of punishment for his part in a row over a psalter in Ireland. Whatever the reason, Columba went to Iona and spent the rest of his life in Scotland, returning to Ireland only for occasional visits.

Columba's biographer, Adomnan, portrays him as a tall, striking figure of powerful build and impressive presence, who combined the skills of scholar, poet and ruler with a fearless commitment to God's cause. Able, ardent, and sometimes harsh, Columba seems to have mellowed with age.

As well as building his monastery on Iona, Columba also converted Brude, king of the Picts. Columba had great skill as a scribe, and an example of this can be seen in the Cathach of Columba, a late 6th century psalter in the Irish Academy, which is the oldest surviving example of Irish majuscule writing. In his later years Columba spent much time transcribing books.

Columba's death was apparently foreseen by his community, and even, it seems, sensed by his favourite horse. He died in the church just before Matins, and it is a tribute to this man that his traditions were upheld by his followers for about a century, not least in the Synod of Whitby and in Irish monasteries on the continent of Europe. Here is a prayer of St Columba:

Christ With Us

My dearest Lord, Be Thou a bright flame before me, Be Thou a guiding star above me, Be Thou a smooth path beneath me, Be Thou a kindly shepherd behind me, Today and evermore.



NEWS FROM THE CROSS HILLS & DISTRICT FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES



Annual Meeting - 7.30pm Wednesday 13th June St Peter's Methodist Church, Cross Hills

All are welcome to this important meeting to review the past year in the life of our fellowship of churches and look ahead to the coming year. Reports will be presented from the various ecumenical groups and activities. Come and find out what God is doing across his church locally!

United Services

6.00pm Sunday 10th June at St Joseph's RC Church, Cross Hills 3.00pm Sunday 8th July Praise in the Park in Sutton Park

No smoking regulations - how they affect churches

New regulations banning smoking in public places in England come into force on 1st July.

Church representatives have met with the Head of the SmokeFree team from the Dept of Health. A number of useful practical points arose:

- the signs do not have to be permanently fixed to the fabric a poster on the noticeboard, or a sign in a portable stand, will do;
- the Regs do require one A5 notice at all public entrances, which must include the international (red circular 70mm) no smoking sign. It must also carry the wording 'NO SMOKING It is against the law to smoke in these premises'. But the 'in this premises ' wording can be changed to read 'in this church' 'in St Mary's Church' etc: and could be adapted to be included in a general notice encouraging appropriate behaviour for a house of prayer;
- a small 70mm international sign is also required at all staff (i.e. not public) entrances;
- there will be no cost to parishes /cathedrals: signs will be provided on request, via local authorities/Dept of Health.
- enforcement (by local authority officials) will be light touch: priorities will be premises such as pubs where non-compliance is likely to be more of a problem;

The whole signage policy is to be reviewed by Government in three years' time. It is hoped that by then, no smoking will be much more absorbed into the public culture and signage unnecessary.

This month's recipes



Fruit Charlotte

1 lb. Breadcrumbs
8 ozs melted butter
4-6 ozs brown sugar
Mixed seasonal fruits e.g. 4 bramley apples –peeled cored and chopped +1 or 2 punnets of blueberries or blackberries. or summer fruits.

Anything with colour—however rhubarb and gooseberries also taste well, but have little colour.

Method

- 1. Mix bread crumbs, melted butter and sugar
- 2. Stew fruit with a small amount of sugar.
- 3. Layer up crumbs and fruit in 8 in. loose bottomed cake tin, 2 lb. Loaf tin or individual ramekins.
- 4. Cook at 160° 180° for 1/2 hour till browned
- 5. Turn out when cool if required as a cake.

Recipe from Mary Peake

Edith's chocolate pudding

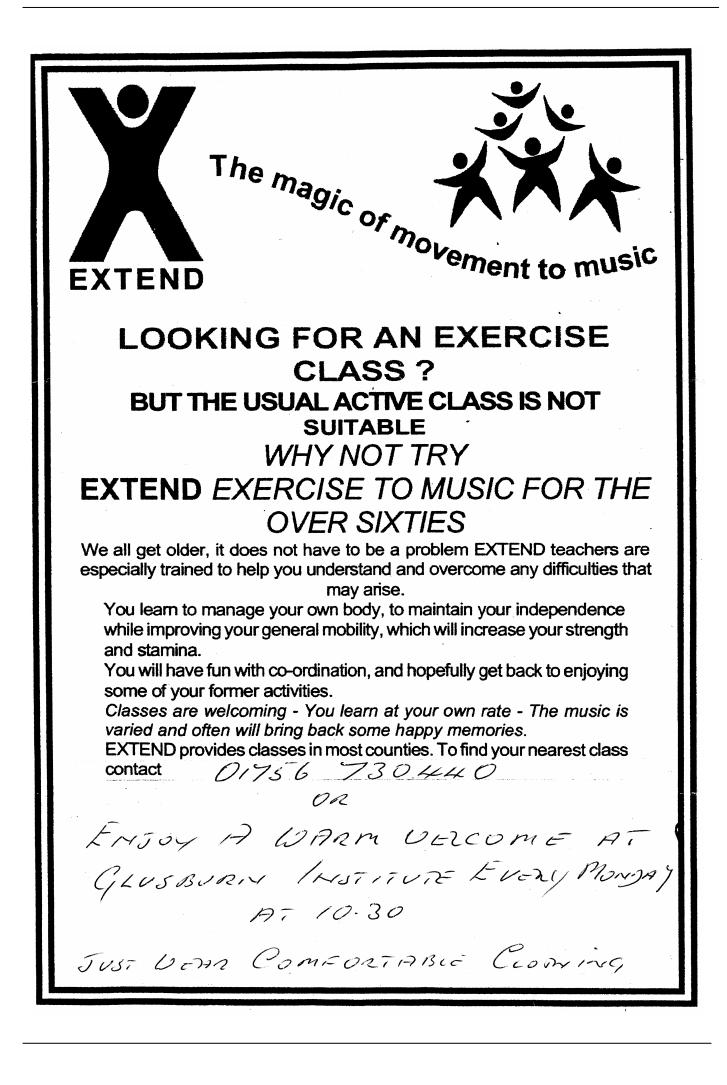
- 4 rounded tablespoons drinking chocolate
- 1 level tablespoon coffee powder.
- 4 ozs white breadcrumbs
- 4 ozs Demerara sugar.
- 1/2 pint whipping cream

Chocolate flak to decorate.

Method

- 1. Place coffee, drinking chocolate, breadcrumbs and sugar in a bowl and mix well.
- 2. Whip cream until just thickens.
- 3. Spread alternate layers of crumb and cream in serving dish, finishing with the cream.
- 4. Decorate with the flake. Chill before serving. Can be made 2 days in advance and refrigerated until required. Does not freeze.

Recipe from Lesley Hudson



Page of Prayer

Sometmes, as a Christian, I feel as if there's a club I don't belong to. I feel like that when people talk about praising God. Probably the nearest I get is when I feel that wonderful rush of joy (often to do with music of course!) which usually makes me



say thank-you. I have an honorary Godmother at Kildwick - she said the other day that if we all said grace at every meal, we'd "remember God" more often.

A few weeks ago as I checked my list of hymns before the morning service, I saw *Ye Holy Angels Bright* and "remembered God". I remembered school assemblies, I remembered being dazzled by visionary beautiful words and I remembered the joy of learning these amazing and inspiring tunes. I remember God when I see a grin of delight on a child's face when I play them something they're going to learn or when I show them a particularly cool chord sequence! I remember God when I hear my choir and the congregation at St.Andrew's lifting the roof when they sing something they love and I remember God when I hear an old Elvis, Neil Sedaka or Beatles tune that takes me back to a time when I made a new discovery about music every single day. As for the St Matthew Passion......!

So whether you're taking something out of the oven, reading, looking at a glorious view, walking on the moors, re-discovering a forgotten flower opening in the garden, painting, stitching or holding a new grandchild (I could go on!), you could **remember God.** Thank Him for whatever it is that gives you joy, and celebrate His gift to you in feeling that joy in a way that is unique and precious. I think perhaps that is praising God.

James 1 v. 17 (from the Message)

Every desirable and beneficial gift comes out of Heaven. The gifts are rivers of light cascading down from the Father of light

And from "Prayers of life" by Michel Quoist

Our days are filled with the gifts the Lord showers on us. If we were in the habit of taking stock of them, at night we should be like "a queen for a day", dazzled and happy with so many blessings.

and...

(he had spent a whole lecture sitting just behind someone with a magnificently bald head.....!)

Lord, you who make bald heads, but above all beautiful lives,

You, the divine Attentive one,

the divine Patient one,

the divine Present one,

See that at no time I forget your presence. Give me the grace to discover and to live what you have dreamed for me.

Women's Institute News

Glusburn and Cross - May Meeting

At our meeting on 1st May a 100th birthday card was passed round and signed for Gertie Whitaker for her 100th birthday on 10th May. Pat Walker agreed to take the card to Gertie on members' behalf.

13 members had taken part in the 10 pin bowling and had thoroughly enjoyed the evening. It was agreed to arrange another evening of 10 pin bowling in the near future.

The Resolution,

"This resolution urges H. M. Government to stop the closure of Community Hospitals which provide essential services to local people.",

was supported unanimously. It was agreed in the discussion to keep in touch with developments regarding Skipton Hospital, as local WIs could probably make a difference if closure was planned in the future.

Unfortunately the speaker did not arrive but much fun was had playing a game over a cup of tea.

Forthcoming events included "Casino Royale" on 23rd June and a visit to "Shakespeare In the Garden" at Ripley Castle on 27th June. This production is to be "Much Ado about Nothing" and members who wish to go were asked to pay Margaret Johnson £13.50 for her to buy the tickets.. Names were taken for the summer trip. We were reminded that 2008 will be the 60th anniversary of the foundation of our WI and we will be discussing ideas for celebrating this.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 5th June at 7.30 in the Cross Hills Rest Centre. Bob Lees. Visitors and new members are welcome.

Cross Hill Naturalists' Society (Founded 1904)

Summer Programme 2007

Microscope Meetings will take place on the second Thursday from April to September 1845-2100 hours at the Senior Citizens Centre, North Street Sutton-in-Craven.

June Events

- Thurs. 7th Day in the Dales Natural History and local interest. Meet Co-op car park, Cross Hills 1000 hours with cars and packed lunch. Leader Allan Butterfield
- Wed. 20th Cowling flowers and birds. Meet Co-op car park. Cross Hills with cars 1330 hours. Leader Alan Wilson.

Visitors welcome at all events.

For further details 'phone Jean Kendrew 01535 632447



St Andrew's Kildwick

Talk by

Bill Mitchell

editor, journalist and writer about the people he has met during his long career

> Saturday July 28th 7pm

£6 / £5 in church including refreshments for tickets and information ring 01535 / 653997

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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	In church		
		Please note the deadline the		

Regular Events at Kildwick



Please note the deadline the for the June Bridge is 25th May

JUNE

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Sun 3rd Jun	2.30—4.30 pm Tea and Scones (Parish Rooms) and Open Church		
Tue 5 th Jun	7.30pm	Prayers for the Parish (Parish Rooms)	
Fri 8 th Jun	2.45pm	Kildwick School Collective Worship in church	
Mon 11 th Jun	7.30 pm	Fellowship and Focus (Parish Rooms)	
Tue 12 th Jun	10.00am	Pastoral Care Advisory Group (Vicarage)	
Tue 12 th Jun	7.30pm	Deanery Synod (St Michael, Haworth)	
Wed 13 th Jun	10.30 am	Worship Advisory Group (Burnside, Bucklar Hill)	
Wed 13 th Jun	7.30pm	CDFC Annual Meeting (St Peter's Church, Cross Hills)	
Thurs 14 th Jun	10.30 am	Mission Fellowship group (Parish Rooms)	
Sat 16 th Jun	7.30pm	Opus 44 Choir Concert	
Tue 19 th Jun	7.30pm	Open evening to meet Tim & Kate Lee (Parish Rooms)	
Wed 20 th Jun	7.30pm	CDFC Pastoral Care Meeting	
Sat 23 rd Jun	11.00am	Summer Fair	
Mon 25 th Jun	7.00pm	Kildwick School Governors' Meeting (School)	

JULY

Sun 1 st Jun 2.30—4.30 pm Tea and Scones (Parish Rooms) and Open Church

Tues 3rd Jul	10 am	NotheKnot all day stitching (White Lion)
Tues 3rd Jul	2 pm	Building Development Group (Vicarage)
Fri 6 th Jul	2.45pm	Kildwick School Collective Worship in church
Sat 7 th Jul		CDFC Safari Supper
Tue 10 th Jul	7.30pm	PCC meeting (Parish Rooms)
Sat 14 th Jul	9.00am	Sponsored organ play (until 9.00pm)
Sat 28 th Jul	7.00pm	Talk about the Yorkshire Dales by local writer Bill Mitchell

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.

03/06/07	8.15 am	Holy Communion
Trinity Sunday	10 am	Family Service with baptisms
6.00pm Eucharist	6 pm	Eucharist
10/06/07	8.15 am	Holy Communion
First Sunday after	10 am	Sung Eucharist
Trinity	6 pm	CDFC Service at St Joseph's
17/06/07	8.15 am	Holy Communion
Second Sunday after	10 am	Sung Eucharist with prayer for healing.
Trinity	6 pm	Choral Evensong
24/06/07	8.15 am	Holy Communion
Third Sunday after	10 am	Sung Eucharist with hymn practise
Trinity	6 pm	Taize service

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Church Rotas

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Trinity Sunday 6.00pm Eucharist	First Reading - Proverbs 8.1-4,22-31 Second Reading - Romans 5.1-5 Gospel - John 16.12-15			Lesley Hudson Glyn Evans Pam Brown
10/06/07 First Sunday after Trinity	First Reading - 1 Kings 17.17-24 Second Reading - Galatians 1.11-24 Gospel - Luke 7.11-17			Kath Morris Elizabeth Figg Libba Utley
17/06/07 Second Sunday after Trinity	First Reading - 2 Samuel 11.26- 12.10,13-15 Second Reading - Galatians 2.15-21 Gospel - Luke 7.36- 8.3			Gill Jowett Lesley Bannister Sandie Walton
24/06/07 Third Sunday after Trinity	First Reading - Isaiah 65.1-9 Second Reading - Galatians 3.23-29 Gospel - Luke 8.26-39			Margaret Jowett Alan Jowett Pam Brown
Flower Rota	June		Tea and coffee	
3rd	Vacant		June Whitaker Betty Hawkins	
10th	Miss Tetley			Beth Taylor Marjorie Gee
17th	Mr Doult		Ann Mosley Christine Anderton	
24th	Mrs	s Boden		Joyce Bonham Libba Utley
				Maureen Vink Kath Morris
June		Cleaning	3	
10th		Marian Baxter, June Whittaker, Mary Peake Joan Tillotson		
24th		Lesley Hudson Libba Utley Margaret Jowett	Brass cleaning Mrs. J Roberts & Mrs. J Bonham	

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Date	Sidesperson	Intercessor	Communion		
03/06/07 Trinity Sunday 6.00pm Eucharist	Joan Houghton Barry Houghton Sandi Walton Isobel Stirk	Peter Bannister	Michael Baumber		
10/06/07 First Sunday after Trinity	David Baxter Libba Utley Christine Anderton Ann Mosley	Sue Hargreaves	Tim Littler Gill Jowett		
17/06/07 Second Sunday after Trinity	June Whitaker Pam Brown Brian Green Howard Stirk	Elizabeth Figg	Gary McKinney Janet Swain		
24/06/07 Third Sunday after Trinity	Eleanor Eastwood Dorothy Ward Christine Hutchinson Joyce Boden	Gill Jowett	Michael Baumber Christine Anderton		

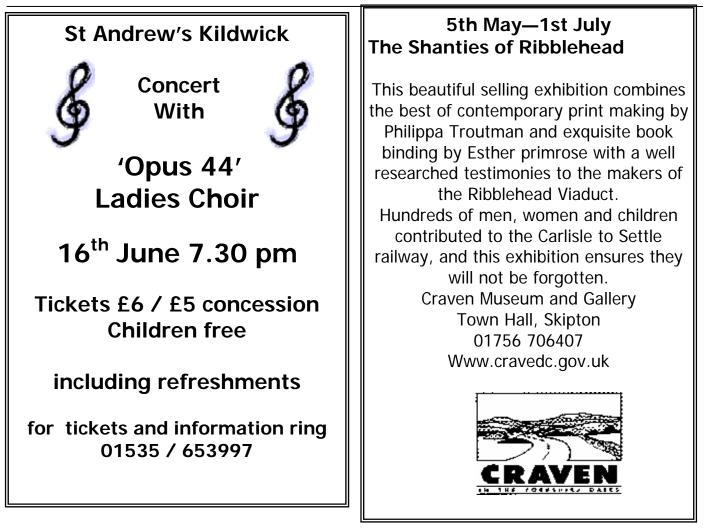
Fellowship & Focus

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. Each meeting focuses on a seasonal or topical item followed by discussion and light refreshments.

The meetings are free. If you want to know more or tell us you are coming to the meeting, please talk to one of the

following: Sandie Walton; Lesley Bannister; Eleanor Eastwood or Kevin Feather.

Next meeting Mon 11th June 7.30pm (Parish Rooms)





Smile lines

Exam papers explained

For any teachers marking dissertations, research papers, or exam papers, the following explanations of certain phrases that students use might help:

"IT HAS LONG BEEN KNOWN"... I didn't look up the original reference.

"A DEFINITE TREND IS EVIDENT"... These data are practically meaningless.

"WHILE IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE DEFINITE ANSWERS TO THE

QUESTIONS"... An unsuccessful experiment, but I still hope to get it published.

"THREE OF THE SAMPLES WERE CHOSEN FOR DETAILED STUDY"... The other results didn't make any sense.

"TYPICAL RESULTS ARE SHOWN"... This is the prettiest graph.

"IT IS GENERALLY BELIEVED THAT"... A couple of others think so, too.

"CORRECT WITHIN AN ORDER OF MAGNITUDE"... Wrong.

"ACCORDING TO STATISTICAL ANALYSIS"... Rumour has it.

"A STATISTICALLY-ORIENTED PROJECTION OF THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THESE FINDINGS"... A wild guess.

"A CAREFUL ANALYSIS OF OBTAINABLE DATA"... Three pages of notes were obliterated when I knocked over a cup of coffee.

"IT IS CLEAR THAT MUCH ADDITIONAL WORK WILL BE REQUIRED BEFORE A COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING OF THIS PHENOMENON OCCURS"... I don't understand it.

"AFTER ADDITIONAL STUDY BY MY COLLEAGUES"... They don't understand it either. IN MY EXPERIENCEonce

CASE AFTER CASE... twice

"IN A SERIES OF CASES"... Thrice

"IT IS HOPED THIS STUDY WILL STIMULATE FURTHER INVESTIGATION IN THIS FIELD"... I quit.

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Isobel's page

S was discussing recently how, when the classics are adapted for television or made into a film, often the actors portray the characters just as you imagine they would be when reading the books but sometimes you are a little disappointed. Of course the conversation turned to 'Bronte' and I was asked which adaptation was one nearest to my imagination of the characters and my reply was Zefferelli's film of 'Jane Eyre' when William Hurt played Mr Rochester and Charlotte Gainsbourg -Jane.

Passing the Royal Hotel in Scarborough recently I saw a plaque commemorating that the actor Charles Laughton had spent much of his childhood there. Those above a certain age will remember him as Quasimodo in 'The Hunchback of Notre Dame' and I can still recall watching, a little nervously, during what seem quite appropriate, a heavy thunderstorm, that film. Of course he was made up to look the part but he fitted it perfectly for me.

In more recent years the C.S. Forester books have been adapted for television with Ioan Gruffudd paying a good part as Captain Hornblower and I enjoyed watching 'Great Expectations' with him taking the role of Pip. Apparently, although I have not seen it, the more recent film 'Amazing Grace' has had good reviews and may be worth seeing with, again, Gruffudd starring as William Wilberforce.

Wilberforce dedicated his life to what he called his 'two great objects'- abolishing slavery in the British Empire and 'the reformation of society'. To this end he advocated for child labour laws, campaigned for the education of the blind and deaf and even founded the R. S. P. C. A. In the book, 'Uncle Tom's Cabin' by Harriet Beecher Stowe, he was praised and he has been compared to Gandhi. So why is a film about a man who

fought to end slavery called 'Amazing Grace'?

The famous hymn of the same name was written by John Newton. At one time he was a captain of a slave carrying ship plying its trade between Africa and America

He generated to the company of. scoundrels and lawless men and grew himself into a godless and abandoned individual and was for a



time a slave himself. During one of his voyages he began re- reading' The Imitation of Christ' by Thomas a Kempis, a book he had read before and had been indifferent to, but this time he began to question if the things written were true and this sowed the seeds of him turning to Christ. One night after reading the book a violent storm erupted. People were shouting for the Lord to have mercy on them. John was steering the ship and wondered what mercy there would be for him. Four weeks later when all were losing hope, were in despair and down to the very last of their food, the wind turned to their advantage. Anchoring off the coast of Ireland, Newton marvelled how he had been saved. Although going back to sea, he continued as a slave trader for a time, but ensured that the slaves under his control were humanely treated. After a serious illness he gave up on the seafaring life forever and, after meeting George Whitefield and John Wesley, decided to become a minister and later accepted the curacy of Olney in Buckinghamshire. He became friends with the poet William Cowper and together they wrote 'the Olney Hymnary'. Amongst Newton's contributions were- 'Glorious things of Thee are spoken',' How Sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear' and' Amazing Grace' which reflected Newton's wonder that God had been concerned enough about him to save the

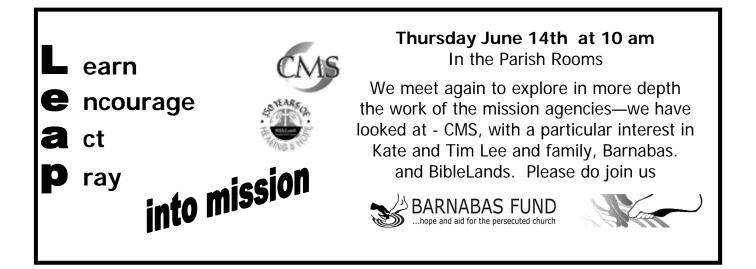
wretch he considered himself to be- the wretch who had participated in the degradation of his fellow human beings. He looked upon that part of his life as being lost and he too, like Wilberforce, spent the rest of his life trying to eradicate slavery.

Newton knew that God never gave up on him, knew that His love is endless. As the stories in the Bible of The Lost Coin and The Lost Sheep celebrate, God's love is always there even when people like Newton are in despair and feel completely alienated from Him and lost themselves.

Newton once said that the name of Jesus did indeed sound sweet in a believer's ear and enscribed on his grave stone, he died in 1807, is this epitaph written by himself.

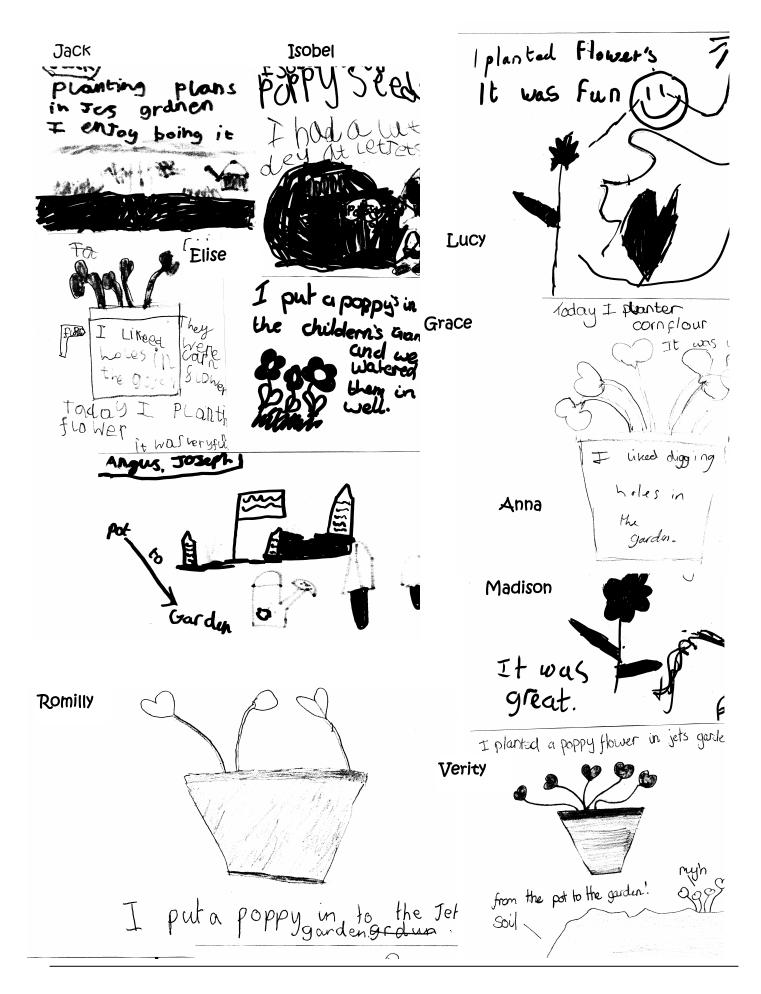
'Once an infidel and libertine. A servant of slaves in Africa was, by the rich mercy of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, restored, pardoned and appointed to preach the Gospel which he had long laboured to destroy'







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