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The Vicar's Letter . . .

Dear friends,

Happy Christmas! Yes, we are still in the season of Christmas and continue to celebrate God's gift to us of himself as the Christ-child, God with us; we continue to reflect upon the meaning of God coming amongst us with great humility, in the tiny child, born of a young unmarried woman. Through all the 'nice' comfortable trappings of our Western approach to the Christmas season God speaks to the world simply and quietly, yet with a message that challenges many of the values of our present day individualistic, materialistic culture.

As we move into another new year I hope all of us will spend time thinking hard about the world as it is now and the world as it might be in the future. The message of Christmas is that God is in the world offering us the hope of a new way of living. Each New Year many people make resolutions, hoping to make a new start in some areas of their life.

As we move into the new year we must take time to think hard about the resolutions we might make, not just for ourselves but for all humankind. A while ago I came across the following story that I found helpful in thinking about this.

A woman recently returned from India where a small group met with the Dalai Lama for several days. The meetings focused on discussing what they believed were the 5 most important questions to be considered as the world looks to the future. The group was asked to come up with five questions before meeting with the Dalai Lama. They asked:

- How do we address the widening gap between rich and poor?
- How do we protect the earth?
- How do we educate our children?
- How do we help Tibet and other oppressed countries/peoples?
- How do we bring spirituality - deep caring for each other - through all disciplines?

The Dalai Lama said all the questions fall under the last one. If we have true compassion, our children will be educated, we will care for the earth and for those who 'have not'. He asked the group: Do you think loving on the planet is increasing or staying the same? His own response was, 'My experience leads me to believe that love IS increasing'.

The message of love that God speaks to us demands a response and it should lead us to action. Each of us, in some appropriate way, is able to do something to make the Kingdom of God more of a reality. May we resolve this New Year to look on all the people of the world with a renewed compassion, love and gratitude, trusting that this is how our God looks at each of us.

May the Christ-child continue to speak to you in power and simplicity this Christmastide and always.

Robin

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER (3)

Having explored briefly, in my previous two articles on prayer, what prayer is and given some initial thoughts about how and when we might pray, I want now to offer some flesh to put on the bones!

'A growing church is a praying church', I quoted last month. So, where and when is this local church praying? It must be said, of course, that there is undoubtedly more praying going on than any of us will ever know; and we must thank God for that.

First, and foremost, the Church prays at home. The Church is the whole people of God and many people are faithful in spending time with God in prayer. Some follow a regular pattern of periods set aside for prayer, for many personal prayer may be more spontaneous, if not haphazard. But God is never absent, so any time is a good time to pray! It is certainly true that prayer offered at home is a vital ministry within the life of God's Church.

Regular prayer is offered, of course, in the context of our Sunday worship. Each service is a prayerful response to God of our praise and thanksgiving. As part of each service we offer prayers of intercession, bringing before God the needs of the Church and the world. Within these prayers we name individuals known to us in particular need. We also remember those who have recently died and those whose anniversary of death is that week. It is not just members of the local church community that we bring before God in prayer, but all for whom we have been asked to pray, family, friends and others. We believe that prayer works and that God will bless those who we name.

During the week the Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer are said in the church on Tuesday to Friday inclusive at 7.30am and 4.45pm respectively. Again, prayers of intercession are said for the Church and the world and those in need. It is always good when the Vicar is joined by people in the church, but others can join in at a distance from home or work! For those close to the church they have the advantage of hearing the bell rung to remind them to stop a moment and be still.

Prayer is also an important part of many other church activities: the Pram Service, JETS, Y@K, the Harvesters group and others all include prayer within their time together.

There is always more praying that could be done. I am keen to explore the use of Prayers for Healing within worship and elsewhere. I am sure there could be more ecumenical groups meeting for prayer. I would also invite people to think about having a service of "Blessing for the Home", perhaps soon after moving into a new house, or at anytime which feels right.

Whatever you do, keep praying!

The following words are taken from the Victorian children's hymn written by A. C. Hankey (1834–1911). They were used to help children remember the seasons of the Church year. Just as the seasons of the calendar year begin with spring and end with winter, so the Church year begins with Advent and ends with the Feast of Christ the King on the Sunday before the following Advent. In between we find Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity.

Advent tells us Christ is near:	Yes and Christ ascended too,
Christmas tells us Christ is here!	To prepare a place for you;
In Epiphany we trace	So we give him special praise,
All the glory of his grace.	After those great forty days.

Those three Sundays before Lent	Then he sent the Holy Ghost,
Will prepare us to repent;	On the Day of Pentecost,
That in Lent we may begin	With us ever to abide:
Earnestly to mourn for sin.	Well may we keep Whitsuntide!

Holy Week and Easter, then,	Last of all we humbly sing
Tell who died and rose again:	Glory to our God and King,
O that happy Easter day!	Glory to the One in Three
'Christ is risen indeed,' we say.	On the feast of Trinity.

Thank you

Joyce and Jim Boden would like to thank the members of the church family for their prayers, cards and help during Joyce's sudden illness. We hope to return to regular church attendance soon.

Thank you Joyce for all you have done for us over the years.

We need someone to take responsibility for organising the Brass Cleaning rota as Joyce is no longer able to do it. Please someone volunteer (before you're press-ganged!)
Ed.

Fireworks Display

The customers and others would like to express their thanks to Mr and Mrs Spence of Kildwick Hall for the magnificent firework display they provided on November 5th.

It was enjoyed greatly by customers and the people of Kildwick and Farnhill and further afield as well. Thank you very much indeed

Castle Cuttings

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your continued support and interest for us and the church here. We're sorry for the long delay since our last Link Letter. Here is some of our news.

Namirembe Cathedral

At long last the new Bible Study Groups began meeting at the end of June. Thank you for your prayers! After consultation among senior lay people and the interested people, we decided to hold a central meeting on Tuesdays from 5.15 to 6.30 pm (Most people prefer to go to a church meeting on their way back from work, rather than coming out in the dark).

After opening prayer and worship, we split into 2 groups of about 8 people. At the moment we are using a small conference room at Namirembe Resource Centre, just down the road (we have no suitable accommodation at the Cathedral). The intention is that in due course we will be able to start groups in people's homes. We are also considering holding a group after the 8.30 service on Sundays. Please pray that more people would see their need to meet with others to study the Bible and pray.

The 8.30 English service attracts about 600 people, mainly from the regional Baganda tribe but also from other tribes and African ex-pats, plus a handful of *Bazungu* (white people). Otherwise it's like many other Anglican churches in the UK, except that the average age is lower and some of the choruses are more African! Like many Anglican churches, there is a great need for spiritual revival. One hopeful sign is the group of 16 Wardens, most of whom were elected for the first time in May. Please pray that their enthusiasm and commitment will be sustained and bear fruit.

Money Problems

One sign of the spiritual situation is the financial state of the Cathedral. This would be massively helped by a combination of better planning and spiritual awakening. **Your prayers for both would be appreciated!** The Cathedral has two projects that ought to generate income but aren't: a house that is being built to let out for rent but isn't finished, and an old swimming pool that is in poor condition. The Cathedral also owns a large piece of land that we want to develop into a sports complex for the use of schools and youth organisations. We are praying for a suitable partner with the necessary expertise and finance. Other possibilities include re-developing Cathedral outbuildings for conference and reception rooms, which would bring in an income during the week and could be used for Sunday School and church meetings on Sundays. Meanwhile the clergy houses (ours excepted) are in a dire state, and the Cathedral roof needs frequent attention. Please pray that the finance Committee would get a clear sense of priorities and a realistic vision for the future.

To be continued next month

6 **Services for January at Kildwick Church**

Tuesday-Friday - 7.30am Morning Prayer
4.45pm Evening Prayer

Tuesdays at 10 am - Pram Service for pre-school children

Wednesdays at 9.15 am - Holy Communion

Sunday 6th Epiphany

8.15 am Holy Communion (Order 2)

9.30 am Sunday Special for Epiphany

Our short informal child-friendly service for families, followed by refreshments in the Parish Rooms.

10.30 am Holy Communion (Order 1)

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 13th - Epiphany 2

8.15 am Holy Communion (Order 1)

10.30 am Holy Communion (Order 1)

6.00 pm Fellowship of Churches United Service

Sunday 20th - Epiphany 3

8.15 am Holy Communion (Order 2)

10.30 am Holy Communion (Order 1)

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 27th - Epiphany 4

8.15am Holy Communion (Order 1)

10.30am Holy Communion (Order 1)

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 3rd February Candlemas

8.15am Holy Communion (Order 1)

9.30 am Sunday Special Christingle.

Our short informal child-friendly service for families, followed by refreshments in the Parish Rooms.

10.30am Holy Communion and Christingle (Order 2)

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Praying together through the month

New Year

1. Thank God for the New Year and new beginnings.
2. For people returning to work after the Christmas break.
3. For peace in the world, in Afghanistan, the Middle East, & N. Ireland.
4. For the leaders of the world as they seek to resolve its problems.
5. For community leaders in our multicultural society and a greater understanding between racial groups.
6. For the local farming community as they recover from the foot and mouth epidemic.
7. For the new school year, the teachers and pupil at Kildwick and South Craven schools and the Out of School club in the Parish Rooms.

Church Family

8. For God's guidance at tonight's PCC meeting.
9. For Robin, Elizabeth, Matthew, James and Paul.
10. For the choir and music group and a new organist and choirmaster.
11. Remember our wardens, Lesley and Gary, and John our treasurer.
12. For Yak, Jets, Junior church and all young peoples groups.
13. For our church family, all at today's services and those unable to come.
14. For are Reader Michael Baumber and Gill Jowett in training.
15. For the weekday services in church.

Wider Church

16. The Castle family in Uganda.
17. The work of CMS world wide.
18. He Tirwomwes in Leeds and their family in Uganda.
19. The work of Tearfund.
20. For Traidcraft and fair trade.
21. For the work of USPG.
22. For Christians in India and Pakistan.
23. For Christians in the Holy Land caught up in the Arab/Israeli conflict.
24. For our link diocese of Sudan, SW Virginia and Germany.

Christian Outreach

25. For Bishop David and the work of the Diocese.
 26. For the Bible Study day at the Cathedral, its leaders and participants.
 27. Our local fellowship of churches and their services and all local clergy.
 28. For progress towards Emmaus groups.
 29. For the Spiritual Growth meeting tonight.
 30. For Deanery Synod and our local representatives Sue Hargreaves and Sylvia Clark
 31. For Harvesters Bible Study group and the Friday group as they seek to grow in faith and draw more people into the groups.
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Out and About in January

A new year, new gardening challenges. Some ideas to keep gardeners busy during the 'close' season.

If you have room to grow your bedding plants from seed now is the time to be ordering them. Otherwise consider plug plants, they come on quickly with good results and cheaper than garden centre prices. Plenty of colourful catalogues available.

Clean and prepare seed trays and pots, take the mower to be serviced and shears, etc, sharpened..

Continue general tidying and clearing fallen leaves. Cut out dead or diseased wood from fruit trees

If heavy snow is forecast tie string, round conifers to prevent the weight bearing them down and breaking branches. Otherwise shake the snow off.

Remember to put out scraps for our garden birds and look out for visiting migrants in bad weather. Try and keep a supply of water available in frosty weather,

There is still plenty of colour to be seen. Look out for brightly coloured bark of Salix and Cornus and ornamental Acers. Winter heathers are coming into bloom along with Witch Hazel, Viburnums, bright yellow Mahonia and jasmine.

The shape and texture of our native trees can be seen at their best in winter especially when covered with a layer of hoar frost.

Cross Hills Naturalists' Society - January Events

Thursday 10th Microscope workshop, 6.45-9pm at the Senior Citizens Centre, North Street Sutton-in-Craven (cost 60p). Children welcome to come with an adult. Microscopes available for use at meetings.

Saturday 12th 'An Armchair Dive in the North Sea' Mr Jim Greenfield

Saturday 26th 'Craven from the air' Mr Ken Ellwood.

Meetings are held at St Peter's Church Crosshills from 7pm. All welcome

One of the most well used books in our household is a dictionary. We have many and I use them nearly every day. One such is quite dog eared now and it was given to me by a very dear friend of many of us at Kildwick Albert Cummings. I like to think that he would be pleased it is not in the pristine condition it was when he gave me it but it certainly helping me through many a sticky moment, with assignments for Leeds University, has seen Charlotte and Emily through GCSE English and now Charlotte English A level.

It is interesting to read the etymologies in a dictionary, to discover the source and development of words. One word that has fascinated me recently is *oxymoron* -from the Greek oxus-sharp, morus-stupid-a complete contrast in term, which is exactly what the word means. In the past few months I have had a kind of contest with a friend to see how many oxymorons we can find. It has been great fun and the list grows ever longer with examples such as cruel kindness, sad- celebration, mini - supermarket, unacademic - university to name but a few. One of the oxymorons I thought of was in a phrase "

the impossible has happened
 { impossible not able to be done}
 {happen to take place to occur}

I can remember reading many years ago, before it became popular with Roger Moore as the hero, one of the books by Leslie Charteris about 'The Saint'. In this particular book a bomb was placed at a very busy time in the Centre of London and the carnage was dreadful. At that time it seemed impossible that it would actually happen -it would be confined to the realms of fantasy but events since have proved that theory wrong.

. At the beginning of 2001 we would have thought it also impossible that later in the year we would actually witness the dreadful images brought to our screens when the two planes flew into the Trade Centre. If I had read that in a book years before I would have also thought it a complete impossibility- but unfortunately not.

None of us know what will happen in 2002- but we can be certain that whatever happens time will not stand still and we must be open to change and compromise for the good of all.

I finish the first article of 2002 as I did the last of 2001 with a quote y a little known poet.

I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year
 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown'
 And he replied
 'Go out into the darkness, and put your hand into the
 Hand of God.

That shall be better than light and safer than a known way'.

Sound advice in an certain world where we know the seemingly impossible can



Recipes for January

Two comforting winter puddings this month, both are easy to make and quick to cook in a microwave.

Sticky Toffee Pudding

pudding

75g (3ozs) butter or marg.

75g (3ozs) soft brown sugar

100g (4ozs) self-raising flour

100g (4ozs) dates, chopped

1 level teasp. baking powder

Toffee coating

4 tablesp. soft brown sugar

2 tablesp. golden syrup

50g (2ozs) butter or marg.

4 tablesp. water

2 teasp. vanilla ess.

1. Soften butter or marg. in a mixing bowl then add all the remaining ingredients for the pudding and mix well. Place mixture in a greased 1.2ltr (2pt) pie dish.
 2. Cook on full power for approx. 5 mins.
 3. Place all toffee coating ingredients in a pan and simmer for a few mins. before pouring over the hot pudding.
- Serve with custard sauce or ice cream.

Lemon Dumplings

Sauce

4 tablesp. lemon curd

juice of 1 lemon

2 tablesp. Water

Dumplings

10g (4ozs) self-raising flour

good pinch of salt

50g (2ozs) shredded suet

grated rind of 1 lemon

25g (2ozs) sugar

1. Mix together lemon curd, lemon juice and water, pour into a casserole dish with a good fitting lid.
2. Mix together flour, salt, suet, lemon rind and sugar with sufficient cold water to make a soft dough.
3. Divide dough into 8 pieces and with floured hands shape into balls. Place on top of sauce, cover and cook on full power for approx. 3 mins.

- Parish Rotas -

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Sidespeople	Server	Intercessor	Chalice
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January 6th

Julie Kendrew	Philip Parsons	Gill Jowett	Julie Kendrew
Wilf Kendrew			Wilf Kendrew
Christine Hutchinson			

January 13th.

Sue Hargreaves	Hetty Hutton	Robin Figg	Gary McKinney
Rosie Hargreaves			Hetty Hutton
Cyril Doult			

January 20th

John Parsons	Derek Lund	Joan Parsons	Tim Littler
Joan Parsons			Sue Hargreaves
Gary MoKinney			

January 27th

Joyce Boden	Janet Swain	Lesley Hudson	Derek Lund
Joyce Bonham			Gill Jowett
Albert Bonham			

Readers:

	Page	Book	Chap	Verses
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January 6th

Pam Brown	OT	746	Isaiah	60	1 to 6
Kathryn Taylor	NT	1174	Ephesians	3	1 to 12
Tim Wilson	G	966	Matthew	2	1 to 12

January 13th

Christine Anderton	OT	735	Isaiah	49	1 to 7
Richard Jowett	NT	1144	1 Corinthians	1	1 to 9
John Parsons	G	968	John	1	29 to 42

January 20th

Liz Wilson	OT	693	Isaiah	9	1 to 4
Tim Littler	NT	1144	1 Corinthians	1	10 to 18
Marjorie Gee	G	968	Matthew	4	12 to 23

January 27th

Brian Charter	OT	358	1 Kings	17	8 to 16
Janet Swain	NT	1144	1 Corinthians	1	18 to 31
Lesley Hudson	G	1064	John	2	1-11

Brass Cleaning: Mr B Charter and Mrs I Stirk

Flowers: 6th Mrs Baxter, 13th Mrs Kendrew,
20th Mrs Downs, 27th Mrs Peake

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NEW ELECTORAL ROLL in 2002.

The current Church Electoral Roll expires in January 2002 when a new roll has to be compiled.

Every person, who wishes to have their name on the Church Electoral Roll, has to complete an application form.

The application forms will be available from January 12th and can be obtained from Christine Anderton or from the church.

The application forms must be returned to Christine Anderton or to the box in Church by Sunday 17th February at the latest.

The new Church Electoral Roll will be on display in Church from Sunday February 24th 2002.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held at 7-30 pm on Tuesday March 12th 2002.

New Books purchased for the Bookstall following the P.C.C. Growing Healthy Churches training day.

In the Name of Jesus Reflections on Christian Leadership

Henri J. M. Nouwen 2 copies

On the Anvil Christian leadership and the art of continuously learning from experiences Robert Warren 2 copies

Living Well Looks at the Beatitudes, for individuals or groups.

Robert Warren 2 copies

Telling our Faith Story A simple short non threatening process to help Christians develop their confidence in talking about their faith. Janice Price

2 copies

Congratulations

Jeffery Green has passed his Associated Board Grade 4 Singing with merit.

Well done Jeffery, we can see why after hearing you sing at the Carol Service.

The award winning Richard Jowett has been at it again. South Craven School has just given him an award for outstanding

excellence in technology. Your technical wizardry is certainly appreciated by us all, especially the music group!



South Craven Elderly Initiative Group.

This group meets monthly at the Glusburn Institute and its aim is to inform all people of services which may be useful to them by means of Road Shows especially for the elderly. The next road show will be in March.

Any elderly person interested in having an alarm fitted in case of illness or accident should call the Health Visitor at 01535 633725 for details.

The South Craven Community Action Group (SCCA) is trying to form a walking for health scheme to help prevent heart disease in the over 40's.

Anyone who is interested to come either as a walker, or to volunteer as a group leader please tel. 01535 632351. It is anticipated that the walks will be short (½ to 4 miles) so why not make walking for health your New Year's resolution!

Mr & Mrs Smith still has lots of kettles to give away to any elderly person who needs one, tel 632083 for more information

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