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# **St. Andrew's Church Kildwick**

## **News and Views from Kildwick, Farnhill and Cross Hills**

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### **January 2006**

#### **Parish Mission Statement**

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

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*The Vicar's Letter...*

Dear friends,



Happy Christmas and Happy New Year to you. Once more we bid farewell to an old year and welcome in a new one.

What are your thoughts as you look back on 2005? For some it will have been a good year, for others a bad year. For most of you, I expect, it will have been a bit of both. There will have been times of great happiness and fulfilment; there will also have been times of deep sadness and despair.

The journey through life is rarely, if ever, a smooth ride and I expect 2006 will be no different. This is true for us as individuals and corporately, be it as a family, a school, a local church, village, town, country or even the world. At every level of community there are ups and downs, joys and sorrows to be experienced and shared.

It is now a year since the world was shaken by the Asian Tsunami with its catastrophic loss of life. Since then the peoples of the USA and Central America have endured the most horrific hurricane season and the peoples of northern Pakistan and India have been shattered by another earthquake. Such devastating events with subsequent huge loss of life together with the continuing evils of war and conflict and poverty in many parts of the world cannot fail to evoke searching questions as we look on so helplessly.

In his Christmas message to the Anglican Communion the Archbishop of Canterbury wrote: "The question never quite goes away of why God made a world in which such tragedy is possible. But Christmas reminds us of the one thing we know for sure – and that is God's way of responding to suffering. He doesn't wave a magic wand or descend briefly from the sky to clean things up. He arrives on earth as a human being who will change things simply by the completeness of his love".

The Christmas message – the message of God – is a message of love. As the hymn says, 'Love came down at Christmas'. God comes down to share in the brokenness and the messiness of human life. Love comes as light shining in the midst of the darkness, bringing hope where there is despair.

As you ponder the mystery of God coming to share our life think about these words from the Taizé community: "Above all let us see what these accounts are celebrating: God who expresses himself not through force or violence, but through a being who is helpless, and totally surrendered. At Christmas, let us also have the courage to listen to the word of Jesus: 'Whoever sees me sees the Father' (John 14.9)".

It is by allowing God's story revealed in the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus to engage with your story that the truth of God's love for you and all people will become increasingly real. God reaches out to you and offers you the gift of his love – a radical, inclusive, unconditional love. The challenge is to realise that as with all gifts the choice is yours whether to accept it or not.

The good news is that God never takes the offer of his gift away. If you don't accept the gift today it will still be available and waiting for you tomorrow!

May you know God's blessings today and in the coming year.

*Robin*

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## **MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY**

It is now a year since the New Year special edition of The Vicar of Dibley finished with all the characters gathered together wearing their white bands to promote the **MakePovertyHistory** campaign. The first large gathering of the year took place on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2005 when 600 female clergy joined forces with Dawn French to deliver a Make Poverty History white band card to Tony Blair.

Since then much has been done in this country and across the world to promote the message of "Trade Justice - Drop the Debt - More & Better Aid".

As this magazine is compiled the last significant gathering of 2005 is taking place in Hong Kong. The World Trade Organisation (WTO) Ministerial meeting (13-18 December) is the last chance in 2005 to progress a just trade deal for the world's poor. In unprecedented numbers, citizens across the world are calling on rich countries at the WTO to stop pushing poor countries to open up their markets against their will and to end export dumping that damages the livelihoods of poor people.

The spotlight is now shining on these elected leaders. They must deliver trade justice if they are to end this year of **MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY** by keeping their promises to the billions of people living in poverty around our world.

The World Trade Organisation (WTO) is the main international body that decides the rules that govern international trade. There are 148 member countries that negotiate throughout the year on trade issues.

### **Christian Aid warns of World Trade Organisation walk out.**

*The following is part of news report issued by Christian Aid on 12 December.*

Christian Aid is today urging poor countries to prepare for a walk out of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) talks in Hong Kong next week unless the European Union executes a dramatic change in its aggressive liberalising trade policies.

According to leaked documents obtained by Christian Aid, the EU is continuing to push developing nations to privatise sensitive services such as water, healthcare and banking. This runs counter to EU rhetoric that these talks are primarily about pro-poor trade policies.

At the same time, the EU has failed to make significant cuts in agricultural subsidies. As a result poor countries are unlikely to gain anything from the crucial talks that begin on Tuesday (13 December).

The deal that developing countries will be offered in Hong Kong is likely to harm rather than benefit them, according to the majority of African countries. If this deal stays on the table, Christian Aid will urge poor countries to walk out rather than sign up to a damaging agreement.

In an exclusive Christian Aid poll, two-thirds of African trade delegations questioned said that their economies would suffer if they accept what is currently on offer. Ninety per cent reject the EU's claim that this is a pro-poor round of 'development' talks.

In the first survey of its kind, the Christian Aid poll also reflects a renewed determination by smaller African countries to resist pressure from the EU and US to sign up to an agreement that is not in their interests.

More than half of the respondents said they would be prepared to halt the negotiations if they didn't like what was on offer. This echoes the WTO summit in Cancun two years ago, when the talks crashed after poor country delegations walked out.

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It is clear from the documents we have seen and from the poll of African WTO delegates that the EU in particular is proving a massive obstacle to progress', said Claire Melamed, Christian Aid's head of trade policy

'It is insisting on cajoling the poorest countries to open up a huge range of services so that big European companies can benefit, while refusing to make any significant moves on cutting its agricultural subsidies.

'What the EU is offering is a charter of self interest that puts the greed of the rich above the needs of the poor. Trade can and should work for poor people, but not like this,' she said.

The EU's intransigence is causing grave disappointment among African delegates heading to Hong Kong. Claire Akamanzi, the Rwandan delegate and the Chair of the African Group on Services, said that very little was on offer and that it was 'unacceptable' to African nations.

'Not much has been offered on agriculture and the EU is aggressively pursuing its own agenda on services which are not appropriate for Africa. As we are not expecting the EU to change its stance on agriculture or to pull back from its demands on services, there is unlikely to be a proper agreement reached at Hong Kong,' she said.

In its pre-WTO report, *Serving the Rich: How the EU will wreck the WTO talks*, Christian Aid reveals how the EU is trying to shift attention from agriculture to services and to push through an aggressive liberalising agenda that will cause untold damage to the lives of millions of poor people.

If services are liberalised, poor countries fear they will be taken over by large multinational companies who will recoup their costs by charging fees that will be well out of reach of the poorest people.

The report gives two examples of this happening: in Bolivia over water privatisation and in Kenya over health insurance. In both cases, poor people are suffering as a result of unnecessary privatisations and liberalisation.

For the EU, gains in services are the quid pro quo for losses in agricultural subsidies – one will not be acceptable without the other. Christian Aid reveals that the EU has tabled 106 revised 'requests' with other WTO members indicating precisely which service sectors it wishes to see them open up.

Christian Aid has obtained leaked copies of five of the EU's confidential-request documents. They expose its desire to ensure that European services companies gain access to fragile financial and public-utilities markets in some of the world's poorest nations.

The leaked documents show beyond doubt that the EU is determined to thrust aggressively for the liberalisation of vital services such as banking, insurance, mail, water, environmental services and all kinds of retailing.

It is also demanding that poor countries deliver up areas such as legal services, freight transport, architectural services, restaurant services and travel agencies. Many of these intrude into sectors where the state has traditionally played a pivotal role either for free or at reduced fees for the poor.

**When we stand together, we can make a real difference.**

**MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY**

Trade Justice - Drop the Debt - More & Better Aid

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## THE DIOCESE, THE DEANERY & THE PARISH: DEVELOPING MINISTRY IN OUR PARISH

Last month we introduced the exercise called **Growing Healthy Churches** which will help us think about the life of our church community, identifying its strengths and weaknesses, and what are seen as opportunities and threats as we consider our call to ministry and mission.

The first part of the Growing Healthy Churches exercise is to consult the people of the parish and seek their views. You are invited to think about the question: **'What does St Andrew's church mean to me?'** You might like to send your answer to the Vicar by post or email.

To help us engage in the process of review Canon David Brierley, the Diocesan Missioner, will come and preach at St Andrew's on 15 January, attend the PCC meeting on 24 January and then lead an 'away day' for the parish on Saturday 11 February from 10am to 4pm at Addingham Church Hall. This will be an important day and everyone is encouraged to attend. Book the date in your diary now!

On this day we will "to take a snapshot" of our life together and measure it against seven well-proven marks of a healthy church:

- **Mark 1: energized by faith** *rather than just keeping things going or trying to survive*
- **Mark 2: outward-looking focus** *with a 'whole life' rather than a 'church life' concern*
- **Mark 3: seeks to find out what God wants** *discerning the Spirit's leading rather than trying to please everyone*
- **Mark 4: faces the cost of change and growth** *rather than resisting change and fearing failure*
- **Mark 5: operates as a community** *rather than functioning as a club or religious organization*
- **Mark 6: make room for all** *being inclusive rather than exclusive*
- **Mark 7: does a few things and does them well** *focused rather than frenetic*

The exercise will help us, as a local church community, identify our strengths and weaknesses and discover what action to take in order to develop the health of our church. The focus is on the *quality* of the church's life rather than just the numbers attending. The goal is nothing less than encountering the reality of God's presence in and through the life of our shared life as God's people.

Don't forget what all this work is about - our Parish Mission Statement

**Called to be the Body of Christ,  
we are here to share God's love with all people,  
through outreach and service,  
in our community and the world,  
through the power of the Holy Spirit.**

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**St Andrew's Annual  
Hag- Burn's Night Ceilidh  
on Saturday 21st January.**



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**Kildwick and**

**Farnhill  
Institute**

*Live Ceilidh*

**7.30 pm**



**Piper**

Tickets available from Church or

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## Whalley Abbey - A Weekend Away Friday 19<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2006



**Whalley Abbey** is the Blackburn Diocesan Retreat House and Conference Centre, located in the village of Whalley, 3 miles south of Clitheroe. The Abbey is a manor house built in the late 16<sup>th</sup> century and restored in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. It is an ideal place to find renewal and refreshment for body, mind and spirit. **The programme** for the weekend will be a relaxed mixture of worship, talks & discussions, fellowship and free time.

**The cost** will be £105 full board, from Friday supper to Sunday teatime. For more information please pick up a leaflet in church or the parish rooms or contact the Vicar, Robin Figg, 633307.

## CONFIRMATION – SOME THOUGHTS

A Service of Confirmation and Affirmation of Faith will take place in St Andrew's Church on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March with Bishop David James, the Bishop of Bradford. This will be a very special occasion not just for those people who have decided to take this important step in their journey of faith, but for the whole church community as we celebrate together the way that God leads us to deepen our life of faith.

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

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



## Pattern of Services – Winter Routine

Don't forget that during the winter months it has been decided to make the following changes to our pattern of services:

- The following services will take place in the Parish Rooms
  - All Wednesday morning Eucharists;
  - All Sunday evening services (except the Candlemas Service (29 Jan));
- The church heating will be switched on for 24 hours before Sunday morning services (rather than 12 hours as previously).

The hope is that this will ensure the church feels comfortably warm for the Sunday mornings services during the winter months. (People are still very welcome to bring their own blankets and hot-water bottles!!)

### PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH

Due to other events taking place in December our next monthly meeting to pray for the parish will take place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January in the Parish Rooms from 7.30pm until 8.15pm. For information contact Robin Figg, 633307.

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## NEWS FROM THE CROSS HILLS & DISTRICT FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES



### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> 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 16 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Braidagarth, Baxter Wood, Cross Hills
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	t.b.c.	as arranged by St Thomas' Church, Sutton
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	St Peter's Methodist Church
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	as arranged by St Andrew's Church, Kildwick
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	as arranged by St Joseph's Church, 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 2006 is *Where two or three are gathered in my name* and was chosen by the Churches of Ireland. Our Christian sisters and brothers in Ireland wish to share the precious insights which have come from the processes of reconciliation. They stress the importance of forgiveness to maintain or restore trust in the Church and wider community. New relationships between divided communities often begin in small gatherings of two or three. Above all, it is in Christian gatherings that Christ is present to guide the Church.

#### **'Pulpit Swap'**

Following the positive response last year there will again be a 'pulpit swap' on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January across the churches of CDFC when some of the ministers will be preaching 'away', as follows:

- David Warrington will be at St Joseph's, Cross Hills at 9.30am;
- Nigel Barton will be at St Andrew's, Kildwick at 10.00am;
- Michael Cowgill will be at St Peter's, Cross Hills at 10.30am;
- A Baptist Lay Preacher will be at St Thomas', Sutton at 10.30am;
- Robin Figg will be at South Craven Baptist, Sutton 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.

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### CHUFFS bids 'Farewell' to Betty

Everyone at CHUFFS loves Betty Hawkins, who has retired after many years of brewing tea, playing with the children and chatting with the mothers/fathers/grandparents or childminders who come along on a Tuesday morning. Betty was presented with a silver dragonfly brooch and a blue china mug as leaving gifts and everyone wants to publicly say a very big, 'Thank You!' for all her kindness, help and support over the years. We'll miss you Betty!



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### AUTUMN FAIR 2005

A big thank you to everybody who helped in any way with the Autumn Fair and to everybody who supported the event on the day.

A grand total of £751 was raised due to all the hard work involved.



### *Something to think about*

The line separating good and evil passes not through states, nor between classes, nor between political parties either -- but right through every human heart -- and through all human hearts.

*Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn*

### **Why go to church?**

A church-goer wrote a letter to the editor of a local newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So I think I am wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

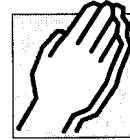
This started a real controversy in the 'Letters to the Editor' column, much to the delight of the Editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But for the life of me I can't recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: they all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me those meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!" *Author unknown*

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***Page of Prayer***

Thought for the day.  
God has created a new day  
Live that the sunset will find us  
Worthy His gifts to hold.



Before we make our New Year Resolutions let us look back at the highlights of the past Christian year and thank God in the words of the General Thanksgiving for past blessings, sins forgiven and hope for the future.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving – kindness to us, and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen

Father God, as we think of Jesus as part of the family of Joseph and Mary we pray for our families – our mothers and fathers, our brothers and sisters, our children and our grandparents and those members far away who we hold in our hearts - for our church and school families, for the wider village community and for the worldwide Christian family. We pray also for one – parent families, for those with no family, and for carers.

We pray for God's blessings on the Vicarage family and give thanks for their ministry among us.

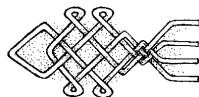
We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

As we make our Resolutions may we put our hands into 'the hand of the Man from Galilee' knowing His hand is always ready to take ours.

'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, to-day and evermore.

St Columba.

This months Page for Prayer was compiled by Joyce Boden.



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**Lent Course 2006 – *Easter People in a Good Friday World***

Lent begins next year with Ash Wednesday on 1<sup>st</sup> March. 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 "*Easter People in a Good Friday World: Witnessing Christ in the conflict of life*". The course published by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland comes with a health warning: beware, this course may lead you to confront painful issues and experiences. The course raises questions about violence and forgiveness: What makes you really angry? How do you feel about terrorists? Is there a difference between the actions of a suicide bomber and a martyr? What do you think forgiveness is?

Talking about violence may be uncomfortable, specially if people have encountered violence, either as a victim, or a perpetrator. "*Easter People in a Good Friday World*" seeks signs of hope and transformation of violent situations, leading participants to consider realistic steps to peacemaking.

At the end of what many regarded as the most violent century in human history, the World Council of Churches designated 2001 to 2010 a Decade to Overcome Violence and called on Churches to work together to overcome violence through peace and justice. CTBI has published this study course to encourage the Churches to respond.

In five sessions "*Easter People in a Good Friday World*" follows in the steps of Jesus to his violent death on the cross. 'It leads us on a dark and downward journey through fear, betrayal, retaliation, victimization, humiliation, rejection, isolation and denial, just what Jesus experienced on his way to the cross.'

Authors Myra Blyth and Wendy Robins use up-to-date stories to explore the different kinds of violence seen daily in the media, along with aspects of forgiveness and reconciliation. It draws on experiences from Rwanda, South Africa, Northern Ireland and the streets of Britain to look at violence and to work out a response to it.

It is hoped that the course will lead some to take positive action, while for some there may be a change of world view or prayer focus. Each session includes a bible passage, with commentary, up-to-date stories, questions and prayers.

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

**Hello this is Vicky and Hannah from frontline.**

**If you need any baby sitting, cleaning, dog walking, car washing or other odd jobs doing please contact Hannah on 07742786667 or Vicky on 07747407013, Pay £4.50 per hour.**



**Thank you**

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***Recipes for January 2006***

**The recipes this year will include requests. This month we have two, both are very suitable for this time of year.**

**Cowboy Casserole**



2 medium onions, peeled and chopped	pinch mixed herbs
700g (1½ lbs) potatoes, peeled and thinly sliced	1 – 2 teaspn. Worcester sauce
340g tin of corned beef, chopped	salt and pepper
415g tin of baked beans	
1 beef stock cube	

1. Prepare all the ingredients, heat the oven Elect 190c gas 5.
2. Spread half of the onions in a 1.7 ltr (3pt) casserole dish; add half of the corned beef then half of the potatoes.
3. Pour in the baked beans then repeat the layers of onions, beef and potatoes.
4. Dissolve the stock cube in 10fl oz (½ pt) boiling water, add the herbs and seasoning and pour over the casserole.
5. Cover and cook for about 40mins until the potatoes are soft. Remove the lid for the last 10 mins. to crisp the potatoes.

**Leek and Potato Soup**

25g – 50g (1oz – 2oz) butter	1.2 ltrs (2 pts) chicken or turkey stock
4 leeks, trimmed, washed and sliced	salt and pepper
3 medium potatoes, peeled and diced	2 tablesp single cream (optional)
1 onion, peeled and sliced	

1. Prepare the ingredients then melt the butter in a large saucepan and sauté the vegetables for a few mins. until soft but not browned.
2. Add stock and seasoning, cover the pan and simmer for about 45 mins stirring occasionally.
3. Liquidise the soup or press through a sieve into a clean saucepan.

Re – heat, check the seasoning and add a swirl of cream just before serving.

N.B. The chilled version of this soup is called Vichyssoise.



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**WEEKDAY PAGES FOR WOMEN**  
**From the Church Magazine for January 1959**

**Monday's Washing**

Sponges and Flannels.—A sure and quick way to dispel the "sliminess" caused by soap is to put the sponge or face-flannel in a saucepan and cover with cold water. Add one large table-spoonful common salt and boil. Rinse in the usual way and the article will be as good as new.

Curtains.—When I am going to wash curtains, as I take out the hooks I mark the spot with a ball point pen. This does not come out in the wash, does not show when the curtains are re-hung, and saves quite a lot of time when putting back the hooks instead of having to measure or count

My "Clothes-horse" began to wobble when loaded with clothes to air and so was dangerous in case it fell forward into the fire. So my husband cut off the bands which held it together and put on good strong hinges. It now stands steadily and safely no matter how much one loads it with clothes to air.

The best soap.—I was told by a hairdresser many years ago that the best soap to wash ladies' hair with is melted Lifebuoy. It keeps the hair from greying too quickly. I have always used it, and proved it to be true.

**Tuesday's Sewing**

Shirts.—When my husband's shirts are worn at the neck and cuffs, I make the little boys blouses out of them. If they are of plain material, I make tea aprons, bound with bias binding with pockets to match the binding.

Knitting bag.—Many people possess large white or coloured linen nightdress cases which are no longer used. These make very useful bags for knitting or light work. If a tape is run along the edge of the flap, it can be worn as a work apron. A fair-sized guest towel turned up by a third of its length will serve the same purpose.

Use for old pyjamas.—I have found a way to use up old pyjamas, when they are too old for repair. My son bought some new garden tools and wanted bags for them almost at once. I cut off the legs and arms of the pyjamas and turned them into bags very quickly. All I had to do was to run together the cut ends on the machine and then put a piece of tape in the already made hems of the ends. He was delighted with these as he also had all the left-over bits for rags.

**Wednesday's Nursing**

When Friar's Balsam in hot water has been used as an inhalant (as often prescribed by doctors), the jug is left with a sticky yellow deposit inside. This is almost impossible to wash off, and I heard once of someone throwing such a jug away. Yet it can be removed very quickly if a little methylated spirits is poured in and wiped with a rag.

To preserve Roses for a sickroom.—Roses gathered during the summer, just before they are in full bloom, can be preserved for months. When they are picked, close up the ends of the stems with sealing wax, wrap the roses in tissue paper, and seal in an air-tight box. At the beginning of winter, when the roses have finished blooming, open the box, cut off the sealed ends of the stem and leave the flowers in water overnight. Next day they will be exquisitely fresh and lovely and the room is filled with the breath of summer. I find it a very nice hobby to fill as many boxes as I can and the perfume is always welcome in the sickroom or indeed any room.

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**Regular Events at Kildwick**

Sunday 10am	KICKs in Parish Rooms (Starts in church)	School aged children's group.
1st and 3rd Sunday 7pm-9pm	Craven Rock	Ecumenical Youth group for 11+
2nd and 4th Sundays (not 5th) 7pm-8pm	Y@K in Parish Rooms (Not running at present)	Church youth group for 11+
Monday 1.30pm	Bible Study at Low Green, XHills	Informal Bible study and fellowship, all welcome
Monday 7.45pm	Bible History Course	Parish Rooms
Tuesday 10- 11.30	Chuffs (Not in school holidays)	A toddler group .
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
	8pm Bellringing	
Thursday 2pm	Open House in Parish Rooms	Refreshments and items for sale
7pm-8pm	Choir practice in church	
7.30pm	Harvesters in parish Rooms (upstairs)	Informal Bible study and fellowship group



**Please note the deadline for the February Bridge is 20th January**

**January 2006**

Tues 3rd	7.30pm	Prayers for the Parish (Parish Rooms)
Sun 8th	10 am	Family Communion for The Epiphany
Thurs 12th	3 pm	Open House New Year Party (Parish Rooms)
Sun 15th	10am	Parish Communion preacher: Canon David Bierley, Diocesan Missioner
Mon 16th—Sun 22nd		Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.
Sat 21st	7 30pm	Burn's Night Ceilidh (Farnhill Institute)

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Tues 24th 7.30 pm PCC meeting (Parish Rooms)  
 Sun 29th The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)  
 10 am Family service with Christingles  
 February  
 Sat 11th 10 am Growing Healthy Churches Away Day (Addingham Church Hall)

**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.

Sunday 1 January, The First Sunday of Christmas	8.15 am 10 am 6 pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion No service
Sunday 8 January, Epiphany	8.15 am 10 am 6 pm	Holy Communion Family Communion service for Epiphany CDFC Service St Peter's Methodist Church Cross Hills
Sunday 15 January, The Baptism of Christ	8.15 am 10 am 6 pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion with Baptism Choral Evensong
Sunday 22 January, The Third Sunday of Epiphany	8.15 am 10 am 6 pm	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist Healing service (Parish Rooms)
Sunday 29 January, The Presentation of Christ in the Temple	8.15 am 10 am 6 pm	Holy Communion Family service with Christingles Parish Communion

Sunday 8th January 2006

10am

Family Communion Service  
for Epiphany  
All welcome



Sunday 29th January 2006

10am

The Presentation of Christ in  
the Temple

Family Service  
with  
Christingles  
All welcome



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**Church Rotas for December**

Sunday 1 January, The First Sunday of Christmas	First Reading: Isaiah 61.10 - 62.3 Second Reading: Galatians 4.4-7 Gospel: Luke 2.15-21	Sandie Walton John Hudson Lesley Hudson	
Sunday 8 January, Epiphany	First Reading: Isaiah 60.1-6 Second Reading: Ephesians 3.1-12 Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12	Alan Jowett Lesley Bannister Kath Morris	
Sunday 15 January, The Baptism of Christ	First Reading: Genesis 1.1-5 Second Reading: Acts 19.1-7 Gospel: Mark 1.4-11	Christine Anderton	
Sunday 22 January, The Third Sunday of Epiphany	First Reading: Genesis 14.17-20 Second Reading: Revelation 19.6-10 Gospel: John 2.1-11	Janet Swain Barry Houghton Marjorie Gee	
Sunday 29 January, The Presentation of Christ in the Temple <b>6 pm</b>	First Reading: Malachi 3.1-5 Second Reading: Hebrews 2.14-18 Gospel: Luke 2.22-40	Ruth Ward Alan Jowett Isobel Stirk	
	<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Church Cleaning</b>	<b>Tea and Coffee Rota (after 10am service)</b>
1st		Helen Hulley, Rosie Hargreaves Sylvia Ackroyd	June Whitaker, Betty Hawkins
8th	Mr. Baxter		Beth Taylor, Marjorie Gee
15th	Mrs kendrew	Marian Baxter, June Whittaker, Mary Peake	Ann Mosley, Christine Anderton
22nd	Mrs. Peake		Joyce Bonham Libba Utley
29th	Mrs Downs	Lesley Hudson Libba Utley	Maureen Vink, Kath Morris
	<b>Brass Cleaning</b>	Mr B Charter and Mrs I Stirk	

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**Church Rotas for December**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sidesperson</b>	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Communion</b>
Sunday 1 January, The First Sunday of Christmas	Beth Taylor Joan Houghton Barry Houghton Sandi Walton	Gill Jowett	
Sunday 8 January, Epiphany	David Baxter Libba Utley Christine Anderton Ann Mosley	Michael Baumber	
Sunday 15 January, The Baptism of Christ	Alison/Gary McKinney June Whitaker Pam Brown Elaine Jamieson	Peter Bannister	
Sunday 22 January, The Third Sunday of Epiphany	Eleanor Eastwood Dorothy Ward Christine Hutchinson Joyce Boden	Isobel Stirk	
Sunday 29 January, The Presentation of Christ in the Temple <b>6 pm</b>	Elizabeth Green Brian Green Albert Bonham Joyce Bonham	Lesley Hudson	

**FROM THE REGISTERS**

**Baptisms**

Sunday 4 December      Alex Remde, daughter of Richard  
Remde & Michelle Belcher of Crofters  
Mill, Sutton



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**FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

The monthly meeting of Farnhill Parish Council was held on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2005 in Kildwick & Farnhill Institute.

The meeting was chaired by Councillor M Scarffe Five members of the council were present, plus representative from CDC & NYCC . No members of the public were present.

The Lights on Newby Road, Starkey Lane and outside Farnhill Hall have been repaired by NYCC. The Light outside Arbour House has been reported faulty.

It was decided not to purchase a new street light for Newby Road, but to repair the old one. Counc D Akrigg offered to weld the door for the bottom of the pole.

The possibility of painting the old gas lamps in the Spring was discussed.

Results of the Dot Matrix speed signs and speed guns used in the village have not been made available yet. Clerk to pursue the matter.

CDC Counc M Wheeler has spoken to Stuart Marshall about the possibility of extending the yellow lines at the junction of Starkey Lane & Newby Road, but he wasn't keen on the idea as he thought it would create more problems.

PPL have supplied Documents from Ledon the manufacturers of the Sun-Seesaw at the Play Area confirming that they have tested the unit and have certified the unit as complying with EN1176. Clerk to forward details to ROSPA

PPL have also turned the Play Panels round as suggested by ROSPA.

Clerk to ask PPL if the Balance Beam could be shortened.

It was decided to raise the Precept by 5% bringing it to a total of £6615.00 paid in two installments. The budget includes an estimated figure of £636.88 to cover the cost of the Parish Council Elections which are to be held in May 2006 should the election be contested. It was also decided to continue the funding for the Institute for another year.

Parish Plans were discussed and it was decided that it would be a worthwhile project if the public were willing to get involved. It was decided that some thought was needed on how to get the public involved.

NYCC Counc M Wheeler reported on NYCC that the Scrutiny Committee for Environment & Heritage were looking into the Economic Feasibility of Re-using Kerb Stones and re-using Blast Furnace Slag for road surfacing if cost effective. They are also trying to reduce Carbon Emissions on the 858 Building Properties they own.

Consultations were being held on the Management of Green Lanes and the Management of Litter.

CDC Counc M Wheeler also reported on CDC. The Planning Application for No 1 Bucklar Hill has been rejected. Another application has been received for the Chicken Farm at Grange Road, Kildwick. The comments from Farnhill Parish Council on the Local Development Framework have been noted and included in the Document.

Plans for Skipton Bus Station are dependant on Sunwin, There are two plans one which includes Sunwin the other which does not.

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CDC have an overspend of £36,000 on their 3.95 million budget  
A survey of Local Housing Needs showed that 173 Houses were needed, 71 of them being for 1 bedroom and 72 being for 2 bedroom houses.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL 5<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2005 IN  
FARNHILL INSTITUTE AT 7.30PM.**

**All members of the village are welcome to attend.**

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***Women's Institute News***

**Kildwick with Farnhill WI**

We enjoyed the hospitality of the Bella Napoli for a second year. An excellent meal was accompanied by Christmas crackers and a guaranteed prize in the raffle in the company of friends. What better way to spend our last meeting of 2005?

We look forward to joining up again on 12th January when Don McClelland will unravel the story of Spout House, Farnhill. Interested? You do not have to be a member to hear what he has to say and be welcome at 7.30pm. in the Parish Rooms.

Happy New Year to you and yours from all at Kildwick with Farnhill WI.



**Glusburn and Cross Hills WI**

At our December meeting we enjoyed a "Christmas Medley". We learnt a recipe for mince and apple strudel, made gift boxes and took part in several different quizzes. Finally we ate mince pies and the strudel with our cups of tea. Forth coming events include the Federation Carol Service on 14th December and the Lothersdale WI Carol Service on 11th December.

We will not be having a meeting in January its place being taken by our Christmas meal at the White Lion, Kildwick. At our next meeting on 7th February Mary Marsden will talk to us about "Hiroshima Revisited". Visitors and new members will be welcome.

**Answers to crossword on page 28**

**Across**

5 HEAVE, 6 PRAISE, 8 LATE, 9 CHESTNUT, 10 SEASONS, 12 HIGH, 14 BURY, 15 RAISING, 18 FOUNTAIN, 19 LAMA, 20 DEPEND, 21 STONE

**Answers Down**

1 PHRASE, 2 FACE, 3 DEACONS, 4 MATTHIAS, 6 POEM, 7 SOUTH, 11 STRANGER, 13 EARNEST, 14 BROKE, 16 NUMBER, 17 BAND, 19 LION

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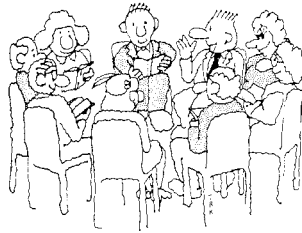
***If God was process oriented, the Book of Genesis might read something like this:***

**I**n the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, so God created a small committee. He carefully balanced the committee vis-à-vis race, gender, ethnic origin, and economic status in order to interface pluralism with the holistic concept of self-determination according to adjudicatory guidelines. Even God was impressed, and so ended the first day.

And God said, "Let the committee draw up a mission statement." And behold, the committee decided to prioritize and strategize and God called that process empowerment. And God thought it sounded pretty good. And evening and morning were the second day.

And God said, "Let the committee determine goals and objectives and engage in long-term planning." Unfortunately, a debate about the semantic differences between goals and objectives pre-empted almost all of the third day. Although the question was never satisfactorily resolved, God thought the process was constructive. And evening and morning were the third day.

And God said, "Let there be a retreat in which the committee can envision functional organization and engage in planning by objectives." The committee considered adjustment of priorities and consequential alternatives to programme directions, and God saw that this was good. And God thought that it was even



worth all of the coffee and doughnuts that he had to supply.

And so ended the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the committee be implemented with long-range planning and strategy." The

committee considered guidelines and linkages and structural sensitivities, and alternatives and implemental models. And God saw that this was very democratic. And so would have ended the fifth day, except for the unintentional renewal of the debate about the differences between goals and objectives.

On the sixth day the committee agreed on criteria for adjudicatory assessment and evaluation. This wasn't the agenda that God had planned. He wasn't able to attend, however, because he had to take the afternoon off to create day and night and heaven and earth and seas and plants and stars and trees and seasons and years and sun and moon and birds and fish and animals and human beings.

On the seventh day God rested and the committee submitted its recommendations. It turned out that the recommended forms for things were nearly identical to the way that God had created them; so the committee passed a resolution commending God for his implementation according to the guidelines. There was, however, some opinion expressed that people should have been created in the committee's image.

And God thought long and hard, and ...caused a deep sleep to fall upon the committee

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### *Isobel's page*

Here we are on the threshold of a new year when many people generally look to make a fresh beginning, as an opportunity to start some new project, overcome a habit or try to improve in some way. We hear a lot about New Year's resolutions which usually have much pessimism attached to them, for they are usually, definitely in my case, broken within a matter of weeks.

But a new year can be an important time to reflect and think what the old year has brought and a time to analyse and ask questions.

Quite recently I followed down the motorway a speeding transporter – the three decker type. This particular one was not balancing, seeming precariously, new cars, for I could see peering down at me a myriad eyes as it was carrying sheep. As I journeyed southward I thought how sheep have the derogatory reputation of being stupid – the phrase 'They're just like sheep' sprang to mind but I also remembered that sheep, especially those in the Lake District, graze on the 'heaf' belonging to individual farms, instilling a life long knowledge of where on the fell they should be grazing – a knowledge so crucial when the fells of the central Lake District are inaccessible, rising to over three thousand feet .

So that led me to think that sheep were perhaps not so stupid after all and, if they had the intelligence to stick to their own particular 'heaf', did they not wonder, at that particular time, why they were packed like sardines in that wagon, did they wonder where their destination would be and what would happen to them on arrival?

Sheep are mentioned numerous times in the Bible and the part of the Christmas story, told in Luke's gospel, about the shepherds looking after their sheep out in the fields on that cold starry night and being brought the good news of Jesus' birth, I find quite fascinating..



What happened to the shepherds after they had been visited by the angels? How did they personally respond to the news? I think maybe they set us some good examples.

For instance after the angels had left them it might have been easy to say "OK what was that all about, it's interesting but we aren't going to leave the warmth of this fire to trail down to the village and anyhow the sheep can't be left". But no – they acted. In the gospel it says they spoke to one another – you can imagine they would be excited about what they had seen and heard and they spoke reciprocally – they were of one mind to set off to Bethlehem.

The also spoke exhortationally - they said "let us" – they were wanting the exhortation, the encouragement, the comfort of one another. They certainly acted purposefully by 'hurrying off' or 'going straight and seeing' and most importantly they acted immediately.

They didn't procrastinate nor did they want to think it over or seek advice in the morning 'they went in haste'.

Luke also tells us that they 'found Mary and Joseph and the baby' – 'found' as in

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'searching' to find or discover something of great value. One of the most important parts of this story about the shepherds is that they 'made known' or 'spread the word' what they had been told about the child.

The humble shepherds went searching to see and know Jesus and would be changed by their efforts. They not only saw Him with their eyes but the words or message of the angels had now come alive for them. At the end of the story we are told they returned to their sheep – but returned undoubtedly changed men, more conscientious and faithful.



Whatever has happened in the past or in the last year, whatever mistakes have been made, Christ in our lives in a new year can change us and give us new capacities in all areas of our lives.

The shepherds would be ordinary men, living ordinary lives, yet the rest of their lives would be changed and their hearts filled with the glory of what they had seen.

Wouldn't it be a great New Year's resolution, and, surely, how changed the world would be, if everyone made a resolution to show people a difference in their lives because they too have seen Jesus.

It's easy to say New Year's resolutions can't be kept, but surely if we trust in God's help they can be, for as Paul tells us:

"I can do everything through Him who gives me strength".

### **Cross Hill Naturalists' Society (Founded 1904)**

January 2006

Thurs. 12th Microscope Workshop

- Sat. 14th English Nature and Its. Work in our Area. Mr. Paul Evans
- Sat. 28th Butterflies in Wharfedale. Prof. David Howson

Meeting are held in St. Peter's Church, Cross Hills at 7 pm.

Visitors and new comers are welcome at every meeting.

Microscope Workshops are held on the second Thursday of the month at Sutton Senior Citizen Centre, North Street, Sutton-in-Craven at 6.45 pm.

Microscopes are available for use at meetings. Children are welcome if accompanied by an adult.

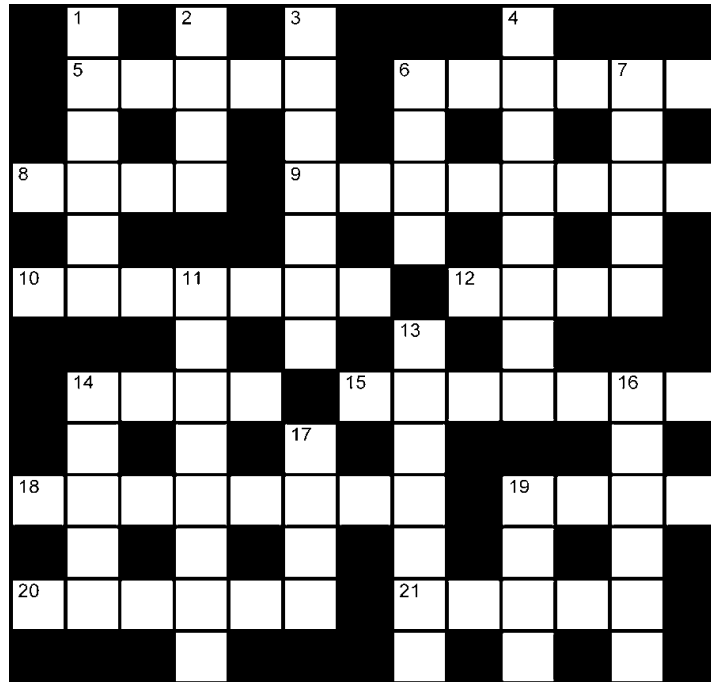
Further details from Jean Kendrew, 01535 632447.

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**Crossword Puzzle**

**Clues Across**

- 5 An upward movement (5)
- 6 Glorify (6)
- 8 After the expected time (4)
- 9 Deciduous tree yielding edible nuts (8)
- 10 Periods of the year (7)
- 12 Lofty (4)
- 14 Entomb (4)
- 15 Bringing up (7)
- 18 A natural source of water (8)
- 19 A Tibetan or Mongolian priest (4)
- 20 Have faith or confidence in (6)
- 21 Rock (5)



**Clues Down**

- 1 Expression (6)
- 2 Confront (4)
- 3 Protestant laymen who assist the minister (7)
- 4 Replacement for Judas (8)
- 6 A composition in verse (4)
- 7 In a southern direction (5)
- 11 A person that is unknown (8)
- 13 Sincere (7)
- 14 Lacking funds (5)
- 16 Count (6)
- 17 A group of people (4)
- 19 Courageous animal (4)

Answers on page 23

**What will you do with 2006?**

How will you spend 2006? All those hours, days and weeks that lie ahead of you...

The Bible says 'make the most of the time' (Ephesians 5:16)

That doesn't mean speed up your life. It doesn't mean more rush. In fact, rush is a hazard to this process.

It means that as this brand new year of 2006 begins, we are called to take time to plug into God's plan for us – NOW. It means becoming obedient to his revealed will for our personal life, our work, our marriage, our priorities... – NOW. It means prayerfully discerning the divine and eternal opportunities before each of us – NOW. Yes, now. 'For Now is the accepted time. Today is the day of Salvation.' (2 Corinthians 6.2) So, today, let us hear his voice, let us harden not our hearts.





**MARTIN LUTHER KING junior**

Martin Luther King, Junior was born on January 15, 1929 in Atlanta Georgia, USA. ML, as he was called, grew up to be a church minister, just like his grandfather and father.

Dr King believed that peaceful mass action could bring about change and his life was dedicated to fighting for civil rights. His home was bombed, he was arrested several times, but he continued to fight, saying 'We must learn to meet hate with love'.

In 1963, 200,000 people gathered to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation. It was a peaceful protest and Dr. King gave his famous 'I have a dream' speech.

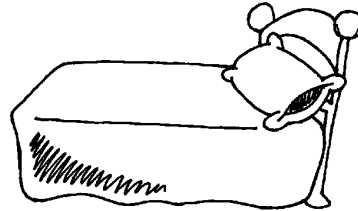
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was shot and killed on April 4 1968, assassinated at the age of only 39.



**DREAM PUZZLE**

All the answers to this Bible quiz are about dreams...

1. He saw angels going up and down a ladder that reached to heaven (Genesis, chapter 28).
2. This king dreamt of a great statue (Daniel, chapter 2).
3. This man's wife had a dream about Jesus (Matthew, chapter 27).
4. He interpreted the Pharaoh's dream about fat and thin cows (Genesis, chapter 40).
5. They were warned in a dream not to return to the court of King Herod (Matthew, chapter 2).



Doctor, Doctor, I keep dreaming of bats, creepy-crawlies, demons, ghosts, monsters, vampires, werewolves and yetis.

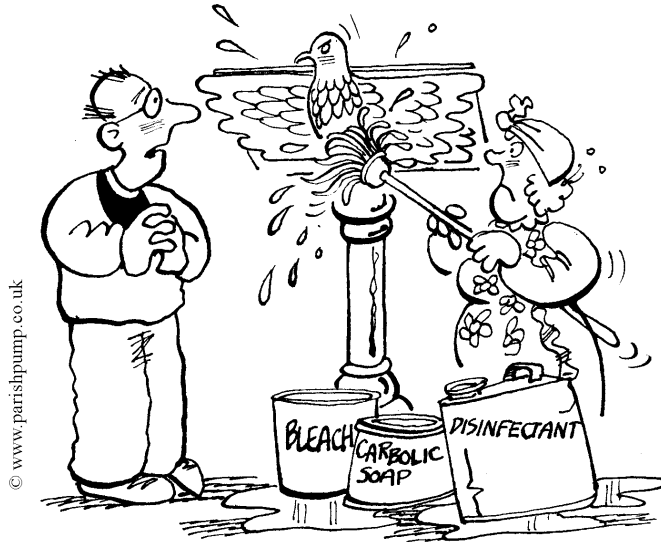
**Doctor: How interesting. Do you always dream in alphabetical order?**



Answers: 1. Jacob 2. Nebuchadnezzar 3. Pilate 4. Joseph 5. the wise men



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b**



*Mabel, I can't help thinking you're taking this risk of bird 'flu a bit too seriously!*

## **swap and shop**

Why not sell your unwanted Christmas Presents here.

Contact Lesley on 01535 633887 or email [lesley.hudson@kildwick.org.uk](mailto:lesley.hudson@kildwick.org.uk)

**All of these sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services. Some of them have become 'classics' among church magazine editors.**

- The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.
- The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled due to a conflict.
- Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.