

# ***July/August 2002***

**Parish News & Views  
From St Andrew's Church**

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Dear friends,

The 'extraordinary' month in Ordinary Time that I wrote about in my last letter is drawing to a close and I think it has lived up to its expectations!

Beginning with the spectacular Jubilee long-weekend and continuing with the excitement of the World Cup, June has had its fair share of events that have united communities and nations. The sight of so many people crammed into The Mall for the Jubilee pageant or pubs and clubs full to bursting point with people cheering on the county's football team reminds us how important it is for us to gather together with our fellow human beings.



There is something very important about being part of an active community. At the end of June the church and school communities joined together for a most enjoyable, and successful, Summer Fair. A good sum of money was raised for school and church funds, but of greater importance was the sense of togetherness that was felt by those involved.

Such occasions are important in the life of communities. They provide opportunities for people to come and do something together. It is in the doing together that we are reminded that we belong together. This is true for all communities; families, schools, churches, town & villages, nations need to come together from time to time.

As a church community we come together most prominently in worship. It is in our gathering as God's people to meet with God in word and sacrament that we are reminded most powerfully of the unity that we share with our fellow Christians. It is in baptism that we are initiated into the family of faith, but it is through sharing in regular worship that we deepen our sense of belonging to and grow in our understanding of the family.

Elsewhere in this magazine you will see details of the new pattern of services for St Andrew's Church beginning in September. We have made the changes in the belief that more people will be able to join us more often for worship.

Don't forget, also, that Christians are not just part of a small local church family. Christians belong to the worldwide family of God's people. When you go away on holiday, therefore, do make the effort to share with your fellow Christians wherever you may be and do take greetings with you from us here at St Andrew's.

Grace and peace to you.

**Robin**

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 E-mail [lesley@kildwick.org.uk](mailto:lesley@kildwick.org.uk), and we'll print them for FREE.

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New Dialogue Speaker Telephone. 72 memories, time and date and music hold feature. £15 (Cost £24) Tel 01535 633144



*I can't help noticing that the date of your claim for a wide-screen-TV for showing evangelistic videos coincides exactly with the start of the World Cup!*

**A new Pattern of Services**

In the May magazine we outlined a proposed new pattern of services. Having received some feedback (almost all very positive) and following further discussion the Parochial Church Council unanimously approved the new pattern at their meeting in June. The changes will take effect from the first Sunday in September.

Details of the new pattern are given below. It is believed that this pattern will best serve the needs of both the present regular worshipping community and the wider community.

	<b>Sundays 8.15am</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>6pm</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> of month	Said Eucharist (Order2)	All Age / Family Service (non-Eucharistic). Sometimes with baptisms	Said Eucharist with hymns. Sometimes sung to the setting. Sometimes with prayers for healing
2 <sup>nd</sup> of month	Said Eucharist (Order 1)	Sung Eucharist (Order 1) with crèche and KICKS	Cross Hills & District Fellowship of Churches United Service
3 <sup>rd</sup> of month	Said Eucharist (Order 2)	Sung Eucharist (Order 1) with crèche and KICKS. Sometimes with baptisms	Sung .Choral Evensong (Book of Common Prayer)
4 <sup>th</sup> of month	Said Eucharist (Order 1)	Sung Eucharist (Order 1) with crèche and KICKS	Common Worship Evening Prayer or Taizé Style Service or Iona/ Celtic Style Service.
5 <sup>th</sup> of month	Said Eucharist (Order 1)	Sung Eucharist (Order 1) with crèche and KICKS	Something else!!! (e.g. Jazz Mass, home grown
<b>Tuesdays</b>	10.00am	Pram Service / Meeting Point	
<b>Wednesdays</b>	9.15am	Said Eucharist (with prayers for healing once a month).	

**Service of Confirmation – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

There is to be a service of confirmation in St Andrew’s Church at 10.00am on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. The service will be conducted by Bishop David Young (Bishop of Ripon 1977 – 1999, now Honorary Assistant Bishop in this Diocese).

Anyone who feels they would like to think about being confirmed at this service should pass their name to Robin Figg. Young people seeking confirmation will usually be of secondary school age.

Adults seeking confirmation will be invited to join the Emmaus nurture group beginning in September; a separate group will be held for young people. Details of these groups will be available later.

For more information or to discuss any questions please contact Robin Figg at the Vicarage, tel. 633307



We are holding our highly successful children’s Holiday Club at Kildwick Church from August 27th to 30th with a special service on Sunday 1st at 10am. This year we are going to be daring detectives digging diligently in the dry dusty desert, searching for the mighty Godsword. Any children of Primary School age are welcome (including those due to start in reception this September). To book a place please tel Gill on 01535 632405 or Lesley on 01535 633887, book early as places are Limited. Bring your own Camel

**FONT COVER FACT AND FIGURES**

**1868:** gift of Mrs Tennant of Kildwick Hall  
**Designed by** Mr Crossland, Leeds  
**Made by** Thompson & Ruddle, Peterborough  
**Weight:** 4 cwt, 6 lb  
**Height:** 14 ft



The bellringers raise the font cover for weddings so that we know when to start ringing. The cover weighs 454 lb, but it can be lifted easily because of the pulley and counterbalance system.

The cover was a gift of Mrs Tennant of Kildwick Hall in 1868 and is a fair copy of the original which was removed (made into 12 dining room chairs and sold for £40) when a gallery was build over the font area in 1825.

The original cover was a gift from the monks of Bolton Abbey, it was used at the Abbey as a font cover until the dissolution of the monasteries.

The galley was built for the choir and organ, although it was never use for this purpose. It covered the back two arches, 4 arches in total, of the central aisle. The belfry arch was already walled up because of the ringing floor. It had an 8ft ceiling at the front and rose to about 14ft at the back. It was disliked by the congregation, the high backs of the box pews hid the altar and the gallery shut off the font.

**WE NEED BELLRINGERS**

If you are interested in ringing please contact **Peter Ford 01535 655441**

Practise night is Wednesday 8pm - 9pm  
See you there.

## What's cooking this Summer?

### Easy dishes to serve with summer salads and new potatoes

#### Chicken with orange and rosemary

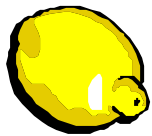
4 boneless chicken breasts      2 teasp. fresh rosemary leaves-chopped  
Salt and pepper                      1 tablesp. light brown sugar  
2 tablesp. olive oil                    3 tablesp. balsamic vinegar  
knob of butter                        orange segments  
150ml. (1/4pt.) orange juice      150ml. (1/4pt.) chicken stock

1. Flatten chicken breasts slightly with a rolling pin, then season on both sides. Heat oil in a large frying pan, fry chicken over medium heat for 5 mins each side.
2. Add 2 tablesp. balsamic vinegar, the orange juice and stock to pan and sprinkle with 1 teasp rosemary. Bring to the boil and simmer for approx. 5 mins. turning chicken once.
3. Add sugar, butter and remaining vinegar, sizzle for a few mins. Add orange segments and sprinkle with 1 teasp. rosemary.

#### Fish with tomatoes and lemon

2 tablesp. lemon juice                      4 tomatoes cut into wedges  
2 teasp. olive oil                            4 fillets of white fish  
2 cloves garlic crushed                    fresh basil or corriander  
Salt and pepper                              roughly chopped

1. In a shallow dish mix together the lemon juice, oil, garlic and seasoning. Add tomatoes and coat evenly. Remove tomatoes and place at one side in a flameproof dish.
2. Heat the grill to high. Press both sides of the fish fillets in the remaining oil mixture then place in the dish with the tomatoes.
3. Grill for 12 – 15 mins. until fish is cooked. Sprinkle with basil or corriander



## Services at Kildwick Church

Morning Prayer will be said at 7.30am Tuesday to Friday  
Evening Prayer will be said at 4.45pm Tuesday to Friday  
Pram Service for re-school children in church Tuesdays at 10am  
Holy Communion Wednesdays at 9.15am

<b>July</b>		
<b>Sunday 7th</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday after Trinity</b>	
8.15am	Holy Communion Order 2	
10.30am	Holy Communion Order 1 -farewell service for the Tirwomwes	
6.30pm	Evening Prayer	
<b>Sunday 14th</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday after Trinity</b>	
8.15am	Holy Communion Order 1	
10.30am	Holy Communion Order 1	
6.00pm	<b>CDFC Praise in the Park - celebration for the Golden Jubilee in Sutton Park</b>	
<b>Sunday 21st</b>	<b>Eighth Sunday after Trinity</b>	
8.15am	Holy Communion Order 2	
10.30am	Holy Communion Order 1 with Baptisms	
6.30pm	Evening Prayer	
<b>Sunday 28th</b>	<b>Ninth Sunday after Trinity</b>	
8.15am	Holy Communion Order 1	
10.30am	Holy Communion Order 1	
6.30pm	Evening Prayer	
<b>August</b>		
<b>Sunday 4th</b>	<b>Tenth Sunday after Trinity</b>	Please note there will be no service of Morning and Evening Prayer between 3rd and 24th August
8.15am	Holy Communion Order 2	
10.30am	Holy Communion Order 1	
6.30pm	Evening Prayer	
<b>Sunday 11th</b>	<b>Eleventh Sunday after Trinity</b>	
8.15am	Holy Communion Order 1	
10.30am	Holy Communion Order 1	
6.30pm	CDFC at St. Andrew's Kildwick	
<b>Sunday 18th</b>	<b>Twelfth Sunday after Trinity</b>	
8.15am	Holy Communion Order 2	
10.30am	Holy Communion Order 1 with Baptisms	
6.30pm	Evening Prayer (no sermon)	
<b>Sunday 25th</b>	<b>Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>	
8.15am	Holy Communion Order 1	
10.30am	Holy Communion Order 1	
6.30pm	Evening Prayer	

To advertise your local event for FREE on this diary page, phone 01535 633887.  
Please note that items for next month's magazine need to be with us by 24th August



<b>July</b>	
1st	Day Conference on Education, Faith and inclusivity York
2nd 10.30	Banner Group in Parish Rooms
4th 7.30pm	Talk on Northern Sudan St Peter's Shipley
6th	Church Army walk across Morecombe Bay
6th 3pm	Bishop David's farewell service (Bradford Cathedral)
6th	Barge Trip
7th	Visit by Stephan and Margaret Tirwomwe
7th 3-5pm	Tea and Scones
9th 7.30	PCC Meeting
13th 1pm	Wedding
14th 3-5pm	Tea and Scones
14th 6pm	CDFC Golden Jubilee Service in Sutton Park
15th 1.30pm	Kildwick School Sports afternoon on the Recreation ground
16th 2.45	Kildwick Leavers Assembly in church
16th 7.30	PCC Standing Committee
20th 1pm	Wedding
20th 3pm	Induction at Steeton
21st 3-5pm	Tea and Scones
24th 2pm	Prayers for healing at 5 Beanlands
28th 3-5pm	Tea and Scones
<b>August</b>	
2nd 2pm	Wedding
4th 3-5pm	Tea and Scones
11th 6pm	CDFC service at Kildwick
11th 3-5pm	Tea and Scones
18th 3-5pm	Tea and Scones
25th 3-5pm	Tea and Scones
28th 2pm	Prayers for healing at High Noon Bradley
27th-30th	Holiday Club at Kildwick Church

**Other Regular Events**

Sunday	10.25am	KICKs in Parish Rooms
	7.30-8.30 pm	YAK (Youth at Kildwick for 11s-18s at the Vicarage)
Tuesday to Friday	7.30am	Morning Prayer
	4.45pm	Evening Prayer
Tuesday	10.00 am	Pram Service (a short service for all pre-school children)
Wednesday	6.30-7.30 pm	Bubble Jets and Lazer Jets (for 4-11+ in the Parish Rooms)
	8.00 pm	Bellringing Practice
Thursday	2.00 pm	Open House (Refreshments and items for sale in the Parish Rooms)
	7.30-8.30 pm	Choir Practice (in church)

for the still-born and premature babies at Bradford Royal Infirmary and Airedale hospitals., we provide "Welcome packs" for women and children at four refuges in the Diocese and have a net-work whereby we find cots, prams baby equipment for families in great need.



"The MU has grown and developed into a world wide organisation with a million members."

Our newest project is a 'drop in' centre for Refugees in a Church near the City Centre. We are always looking for opportunities to help those "whose family life has met with adversity" and all our efforts are underpinned by prayer.

It is becoming more and more apparent that our Organisation is developing into a "Project based" Society and we are hopeful that we shall attract new members who do not necessarily want to be "Branch based", but uphold all that we are trying to do in "caring for the family" and see us as a relevant and active organisation.

For all members worldwide, "caring for the family" means reaching out where they are to anyone who is in need - Mary Sumner's vision of 125 years ago, the same then, today, and in the future.

*Janct Wade*



**Baptism** June 16th Jessica Crocker and Joseph Pickard

*"We welcome you into the family of the Church"*

**Weddings** May 24th Neil Howden and Caroline Walker  
May 25th Jonathan Haggas and Sarah Davis  
June 1st Stuart Driver and Debra Fowler

*"May they live together in love"*

## Mothers' Union - 125 years caring for the family



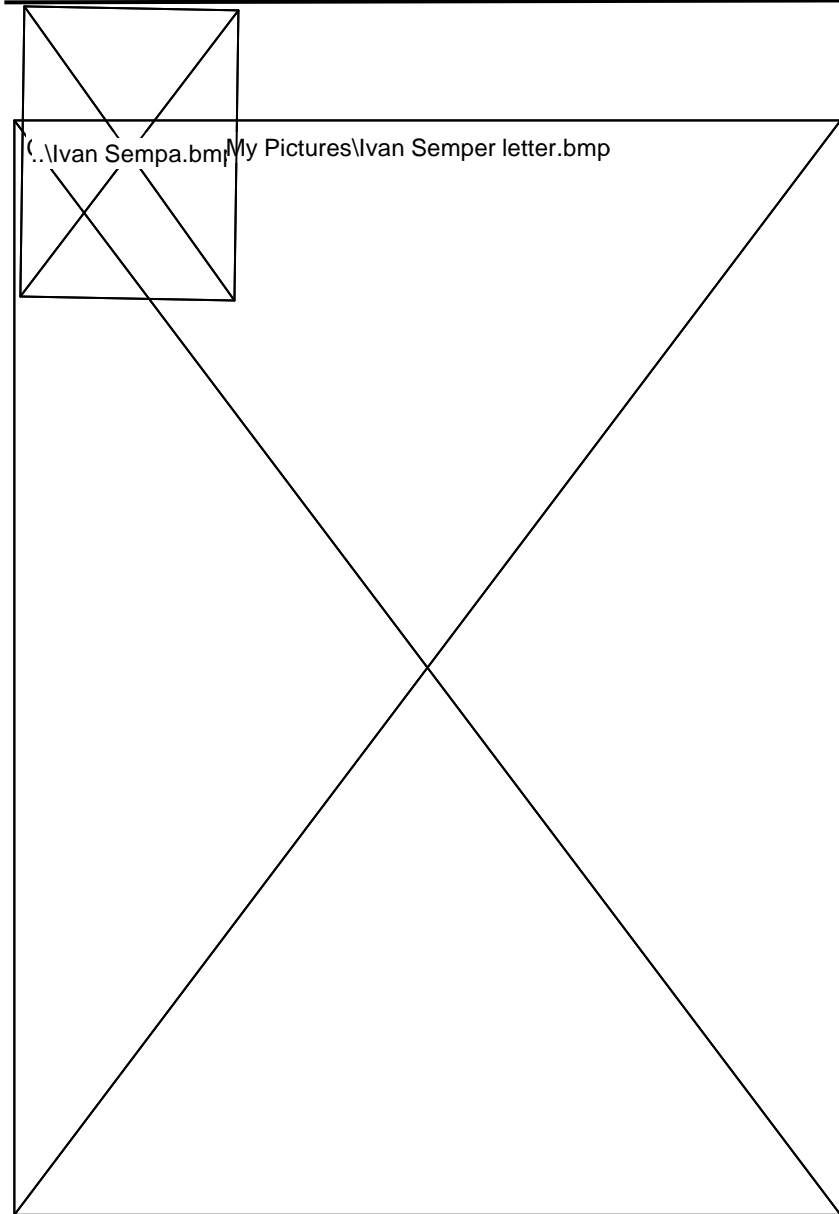
Last year, the Mothers' Union celebrates its 125th Anniversary. Since the first branch was formed by Mary Sumner in 1876, our organisation has seen many changes in society. Through these changes, the MU has grown and developed into a world wide organisation with a million members in sixty countries, all working towards improving family life in our own communities through practical action and prayer.

Many of the dioceses and provinces outside the UK employ Mothers' Union workers and trainers - nearly three hundred. They are all local women with skills and experience, working with the members to help them to create opportunities to address key issues affecting family life. A variety of projects are set up to enable members to gain skills and to generate income, encouraging them to provide better conditions for their families.

Recently, the largest programme ever undertaken by the MU was launched - the M U Literacy and Development Programme, which is helping to break the cycle of illiteracy and poverty for the 855 million non-literate adults in today's world, of whom 70% are women and girls. This is initially operating in three African countries, Burundi, Malawi and The Sudan. Mothers' Union trainers work with literacy facilitators who have been chosen and are supported by their local communities. After training, the facilitators run literacy circles in their own areas.

Our latest major project in this country, is developing and extending the support, which members already offer to parents in the parishes and wider community, by providing training for members to lead parenting groups. Through their skills gained from the training, the leaders will enable parents to share experiences and ideas, ensuring a more positive and caring relationship between parent and child.

Here in the Bradford Diocese, we have almost two thousand members in sixty-five branches. We are committed to our aim and objectives and many branches are actively involved in their parishes with Baptism preparation and follow up, creches, Mum and Toddler Groups, Drop in Centres, etc. We organise "Away from it all holidays"; we sew and knit items



This one of two letters we have received from two members of the Castles congregation in Kampala who we as a church have helped by providing money (via the Castles) to assist them in their studies. I'm sure they would be delighted to hear from any of us at Kildwick.

News from the Castle family in Kampala.

George writes.....

Its been quite a hectic 6 months since Christmas...we went away to a Christian Conference over New Year which was just what we needed, the children had their own programme and are still singing the songs they learnt! John and I met old friends from University /Hospital days and generally felt refreshed and renewed by the end. John has been asked to lead the worship next year so Brackenhurst is definitely in the 2003 diary!

We were thrilled to be visited by Chris Wicks, our team vicar from Southborough in January and then by a team of 14 from Cheltenham in February. The Archbishop of Wales came for tea in May (I made sure he signed the visitors book!) accompanied by a group from Wales and at the moment our "new" Uganda regional Manager is here. We had another "new" manager last year but she dropped Uganda to concentrate on Sudan. Uganda has now been "lumped" with Kenya and Tanzania. With the current state of re-organisation perhaps regional manager is an annual appointment...surely the Castles can't be that difficult to deal with?

Life in the Castle household is still busy: the boys are all playing football in Kampala Kids League; so that's mid week practices and Saturday matches. As the mother of 3 boys I knew football would dominate life at some point but here in Uganda its not such a hardship...slap on the sunscreen and the hat; sit on the sidelines with a cool drink: shout encouragements from time to time and cultivate the tan. I can see that the English experience may not be quite the same!! World Cup fever is here too and the boys amaze me with their knowledge of Beckham, Owen, Seaman, Barthez etc

Music lessons are another dominating factor especially as the exams approach; Simon is doing Grade 3 Piano and Adam Grade 2 recorder. Matt is doing phenomenally well on the guitar and plays a very good 12 bar blues! The cathedral drum kit has made it from UK (a very long story...don't ask) and now resides in Simon's bedroom (but HOPEFULLY) not for long. The boys have augmented the kit with African drums and make a good sound most of the time. They are heavily into the Beatles and make a fair attempt as a Bootleg band!!

John returned to UK for a week in May as a surprise for his mother's 70th birthday. Most of the time we cope with being away from family, friends and the familiar..but its events like weddings, funerals and significant birthdays that really emphasize the passage of time away from family and the great distance. While John was staggering under the burden of George's shopping list life back at the ranch was not so fun!..... **to be continued!**

## Kildwick CE Primary School



*Striving for Excellence and Promoting Christian Values*

The Jubilee celebrations proved popular with all the children. Despite the poor weather - we managed to hold parties and a Teddy Bears Picnic. The PTA kindly donated commemorative mugs (cups) to each child.

This half term has been busy. With Class 3's residential visit to the Scargill Christian Centre at the end of June and our joint PTA/Church Summer Fair on Saturday 22nd June. Our Sports Day will be held on **MONDAY 15 JULY** from 1.30 pm on the Recreation Field.

## Cross Hills Naturalists Society July/August Events

Thursdays 11th July and 8th August

**Microscope Workshop.** 1845 - 2100 at the Senior Citizen Centre, North Street, Sutton-in-Craven. (Cost 60). Children welcome to come with an adult, Microscopes available for use at meetings.

Wednesday 10th July.

**Grassington Moor part 2.**

Meet Co-op car park, Cross Hills, 0930hrs with cars and packed lunch. Leader Mr A. Haupt

Wednesday 24th July

Day visit to Armley. Canal bank walk (Botanical)  
Armley Mill Museum (£2 Adults, £1 concessions)

Meet Co-op car park, Cross Hills 0945hrs with cars and packed lunch.

Fridays 2nd, 9th, 16th August

**BAT WATCH, BOLTON ABBEY VILLAGE HALL.** 1930 hours. For further details phone Grassington National Park Centre (01756 752774) on the day. Local experts from the West Yorkshire Bat Group will give a talk and then go on a bat hunt. Take warm clothing and a torch.





The first of August is Lammastide and in past times marked the start of the harvest. For early Christians Lammas Day became the first feast of the Christian year when wheat from the new harvest, gathered on 31st July, could be used to make bread for the Sacrament. In the town where I used to live the Lammas Lands ran right through the centre beside the river with the church nearby.

Now is the time to begin collecting flowers, herbs and grasses for drying. Air drying is the simplest method. Just tie blooms in small bunches and hang upside down in a cool airy place.

Many flowers found in our gardens will dry well - Astilbe, Artemesia, Poppy heads, Honesty, Alchemilla Larkspur, Love-in-the-Mist, Statice, Helichrysum (straw flowers). Look along hedgerows for grasses, Sorrel, Teasels and Foxgloves.

Herbs in daily use can be dried flat in a warm place and stored in airtight containers. Parsley, Thyme, Rosemary, Mint, Sage are suitable.

Sow bi-annual seeds in July for autumn planting; polyanthus, Wallflowers, Forget-me-Not. Take soft wood cuttings of half-hardy perennials and keep in a cold frame until next spring. Penstemoms propagate well.

When buying charcoal for barbecues try to find some which is home produced to encourage this 'cottage industry'

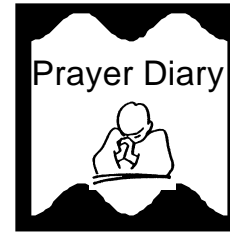
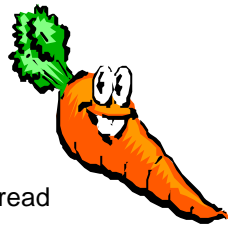
Wild flowers of the waterside and roadsides come into their own in July. Look for Meadow Sweet, Honeysuckle, Mimulus, Meadow Cranesbill, Field Scabious and Knapweed among many,

**Children** Try cutting the top off a carrot, put it in a saucer of water and watch it grow into a feathery plant.

Top up water daily.

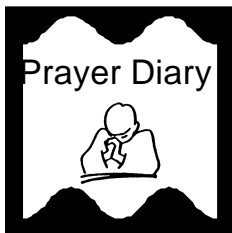
Apologies for printing error last month. For Pragno read Oregano!

Now is the time to enjoy all the hard work we have put into our gardens



*O Christ, help us to grow:  
In our knowledge of you,  
In our knowledge of who you would have us to be,  
In our understanding of what your life means in our lives,  
In our understanding of others,  
In our commitment to growth in knowledge, understanding, love and obedience*

1. Pray for Robin, thanking God for his ministry here.
2. Pray for Elizabeth, Matthew, James and Paul.
3. Ask for God's blessing on those who lead and attend the Pram Service.
4. Pray that through the working of the Holy Spirit we grow in love and trust.
5. Thank God for opportunities offered through contact with the church school.
6. Pray for John and George Castle and the boys in Uganda.
7. Thank God for Stephen and Margaret Tirwomwe as they worship with us today
8. Pray for God's blessing on all who feel called to serve as mission partners.
9. Pray for our Church Wardens, John and Lesley.
10. Ask God blessing on the youngsters attending our KICKs group.
11. Pray for our PCC meeting tonight.
12. Thank God for all His blessings shown to us each day.
13. Pray for those people involved in care of the environment.
14. Pray for victims of domestic violence.
15. Pray for God's blessing on the rejected and marginalised of society.
16. Ask God to help us to readily respond to others' needs.
17. Pray for peace where there is war and strife.
18. Remember to thank God for peace and security which we enjoy.
19. Pray for renewal of faith through worship.
20. Pray for safe travel for holiday-makers.
21. Pray for the work of the Church Army.
22. Pray for the work of South Craven Community Action group.
23. Pray for our local nursing and residential homes.
24. Pray for Airedale Hospital and its Chaplain, Rev. Barbara Wilkinson.
25. Pray for local parish councils and Crosshills Police Station
26. Pray for the work of the Bradford Curry Project.
27. Pray for our church bellringers.
28. Pray for the congregation of South Craven Baptist Church.
29. Pray for the work of Tear fund and CMS.
30. Pray for our Archdeacon of Craven, Rev. Malcolm Grundy.
31. Pray for the children and leaders of the Jets group.



*We give thanks for holidays, we are glad you have made the world so full of exciting places;  
So full of trees and mountains and rivers and seas;  
So full of creatures great and small.  
Keep us safe in our journeying, unselfish in our interests,  
kind in our thoughts; and don't let us spoil any of the good things and places we enjoy.  
Bring us home safely, refreshed and renewed for your service.*

### Church Family

1. For Robin, Elizabeth, Matthew, James and Paul.
2. For the choir, choir director, music group and bell ringers.
3. Remember all those who serve tea and scones on Sundays.
4. For the people who help keep church open on Sundays.
5. Remember all those who will be getting married this month.
6. For the pram service, youth and children's groups.
7. For those on the flower and brass cleaning rotas.

### Summer Break

8. For all people on holiday, that they may return home safely.
9. Remember people who have their holiday at home.
10. For travel agents, coach drivers and organisers of holidays.
11. For parents as they cope with their children home during August.
12. That we may have patience with all children during the holidays.
13. For all the children now having a rest after hard work at school.
14. Remember all students awaiting exam results, especially South Craven.
15. For teachers as they prepare the results for their pupils.
16. For strength for students who have not done well in their exams.
17. That students may find work after finishing their education.

### Overseas

18. For the Tirwomwe family as they settle back in Uganda.
19. For the people of Africa as they struggle with drought and famine.
20. For British Troops in various overseas duties.
21. For an end to conflict in the Middle East.
22. Remember the Castle family in Uganda.

### Local Community

23. For the doctors and staff at Cross Hills Health Centre.
24. For all our council workers who attend to our needs.
25. For Kildwick Parish meeting and Farnhill Parish Council.
26. Remember the Social Services as they carry out a difficult task.
27. For our church Holiday Club organisers.
28. Pray that children will receive pleasure and guidance from this event.
29. Remember all the helpers who make the Holiday Club worthwhile.
30. Lord, give us strength and guidance to keep our community at peace.

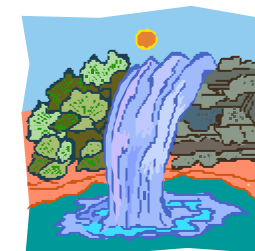
Every month tucked away at the back of the magazine 'The Dalesman' is a superb article called 'My best day out' where different people describe just that. The writing emphasises their delight at finding themselves in their own personal Utopia. If each one of us were asked to describe our own perfect day there would be a wide variety of places and subjects.

In Emily Bronte's 'Wuthering Heights' the young Catherine Linton and her cousin discuss their ideas for spending a hot July day out of doors. The cousin's ideal day was lying from morning to evening on a bank of heath in the middle of the moors with the bees humming dreamily among the bloom. Catherine's was rocking in a rustling green tree with a west wind blowing and white clouds flitting rapidly above, great swells of long grass undulating in waves to the breeze and the whole world awake and wild with joy. In true Wuthering Heights fashion a quarrel ensues - she declaring his idea only half alive and he saying hers would be drunk. Both seem pretty good to me and in the end they agree to try both!

Each individual will have their own idea of what Heaven is like but must admit to an ultimate lack of knowledge about it. Details of Heaven are necessarily a matter of faith as Paul reminds us in Corinthians: *"Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love him"* and in Hebrews we are told that we are seekers of the city which is to come. Jesus speaking on the evening before his crucifixion told his disciples *"In my father's house are many mansions: ----- I go to prepare a place for you"* Jesus was certain of his resurrection and because of his victory over death Heaven has meaning for all of us. He said *"Because I live, you too will live"*.

Heaven is something completely outside our known human experience but somewhere of incomparable quality where all sorrows and troubles are left behind and all questions finally answered. Isaac Watts wrote a wonderful hymn describing it thus: -

*'There is a land of pure delight,  
Where saints immortal reign,  
Infinite day excludes the night,  
And pleasures banish pain'*



*'There everlasting spring abides,  
And never withering leaves,  
Death, like a narrow sea, divides.  
That heavenly land from ours'*