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St. Andrew's Church Kildwick

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Parish Mission Statement

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

Church Website www.kildwick.org.uk

The Vicar's Letter...



Dear friends,

'In 1981, the then Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Runcie, wrote in a foreword to a book entitled *Grow or Die*: "No single form of Christian experience, conviction, or organisation is going to prevail over others. Conservative and radical, contemplative and activist, pietist and social reformer, all must learn to live together. They may and should see much to criticise in their own and others' position. The critical faculty must not be lost. Reverence for truth must still be paramount. But all must learn to live together, for in religion, as in all else, the same things do not appeal to everybody."

This is the opening paragraph of a recent article in the *Church Times* about how the churches of the Anglican Communion should respond to the current issues that are the cause of increasing tension. As I read the article I thought about how a good number of the principles being explored are applicable in so many situations, in communities of every kind. Families, schools, places of work, towns and villages, local churches and national churches and even nations themselves are all communities which experience the ups and downs of living alongside other people.

The teaching of Jesus in the bible can be summed up in the two commands, 'Love God' and 'Love your neighbour'. The question, of course, is what does it mean to love God and to love your neighbour and how are we to demonstrate that love in our daily lives? A good question for you to think about.

There is not one simple neat answer, of course. To love your neighbour is not always easy, especially when they are different from you, think differently from you, hold conflicting opinions to yours. But if our communities are to grow and not die then we have got to make more effort to get alongside and listen to our neighbour, even - if not especially - when it would be easier not to!

We are about to enter the season of Lent, a period of six weeks of preparation for Holy Week and Easter. As we think about the story of Jesus' life and where his journey took him we need to think seriously about our own journey. A favourite thought which I came across some years ago is this: 'I would rather talk with a thinking non-Christian than a non-thinking Christian'. Thinking and reflecting about who we are and how we live is essential if we are to grow into the people God would have us be.

I long for the world to be a better world, a more healthy world; I long for the Church to be a better Church, a more healthy Church. The challenge is to accept that I have a part to play in making the Church and the world a better place. Unless I am prepared to live a more Godly life how can I expect others to do so?

Many years ago *The Times* asked the question 'What is wrong with the world?' I believe it was G.K. Chesterton who offered the reply: 'Dear Sir, I am. Yours faithfully...'

Thank God for people like Chesterton. How would you respond? You've got all Lent to think about it – use the time well!

Wishing you every blessing,

Robin

MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY

The MakePovertyHistory campaign is striving to three ends: trade justice, more & better aid and a cancellation of debt for the world's poorest countries. The leading campaign group for addressing the debt crisis is the Jubilee Debt Campaign. Their website is at: www.jubileedebtcampaign.org.uk

A recent story is the call for action with respect to Nigeria. The UK is about to receive a £1.7 billion debt payment from Nigeria: more than twice the amount we give to Africa in a year. Nigeria's huge debt snowballed because of huge interest payments and penalties built up in the past.

Nigeria is one of the poorest countries on earth, where one in five children die before their fifth birthday. It is being made to pay £7.2 billion (\$12.4 billion) in just six months to rich countries as part of a debt cancellation deal – and the biggest part is coming to the UK.

The debt deal covers Nigeria's \$30 billion debt to 14 rich countries. Of this, \$18 billion is being cancelled. But Nigeria is having to pay the other \$12.4 billion – 40% of the total – to rich countries upfront.

The \$12.4 billion (£7.2 billion) that Nigeria is paying to wealthy countries in six months is more than the 2005 Gleneagles debt deal will deliver to poor countries in a decade.

The \$3 billion (£1.7 billion) that Nigeria is paying to the UK in six months is twice as much as the UK Department for International Development gave to the whole of Africa in 2005.

The following statements were made by Hilary Benn, the International Development Secretary, in response to various parliamentary questions, between October 2004 and June 2005:

"Nigeria is making good progress. The economic team put in place by President Obasanjo is vigorously pursuing reform; Nigeria recently launched a strategy for poverty reduction; is fighting corruption; and it has implemented sound macro-economic policies."

"Support is critical to sustain this momentum, and Nigeria is severely under-aided. It receives only \$1 to 2 per capita in aid compared with a sub-Saharan African average of \$21. We are therefore doubling our aid to £70 million in 2005-2006 and supporting a sustainable solution to Nigeria's debt problems."

"80 to 90 million Nigerians live in poverty; only India and China have more poor."

"Whether Africa attains the Millennium Development Goals depends on Nigeria... Donor and creditor support is critical to maintain the momentum of reform."

"President Obasanjo has personally spearheaded a campaign to tackle corruption We have commended him for his action..."

"Nigeria is the biggest country in Africa and one of the poorest. It is also the least aided in terms of development assistance per capita."

Why not visit the website to see how you can help this campaign by writing to your MP or to Gordon Brown.

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

MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY

Trade Justice - Drop the Debt - More & Better Aid

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

In my letter this month I quoted Robert Runcie saying that in the Church 'all must learn to live together, for in religion, as in all else, the same things do not appeal to everybody'. We have been exploring in recent weeks how well we are doing locally at living and working together as a church community. How healthy are we? Are we **Growing a Healthy Church?**

During January a number of people offered their thoughts about the strengths and weaknesses of our church. Then in February 16 members of the church spent a day with David Brierley, the Diocesan Missioner, to look more closely at our life against 7 marks of a healthy church.

The day began with worship and a presentation of the 7 marks. Each person was then asked to put a score against each mark showing the extent to which they felt it to be present in the life of our church.

The 2 marks judged to be strongest were:

- **energized by faith** *rather than just keeping things going or trying to survive*
- **make room for all** *being inclusive rather than exclusive*

The 2 marks judged to be the weakest were:

- **outward-looking focus** *with a 'whole life' rather than a 'church life' concern*
- **seeks to find out what God wants** *discerning the Spirit's leading rather than trying to please everyone*

The other 3 marks could be described as 'middle ground indicators'. These are:

- **faces the cost of change and growth** *rather than resisting change and fearing failure*
- **operates as a community** *rather than functioning as a club or religious organization*
- **does a few things and does them well** *focused rather than frenetic*

As I commented in my sermon the Sunday after the away day, what was interesting was how, even within a small group from the church, some of the marks could be scored as everything from 1 to 6! What to one person is seen as a sign of weakness, holding us back, is seen by another person as one of our strengths! As I said, such is the nature of community. I also said:

"The health of a church is not determined so much by what we do, or how many things we do, or how many people come to the things we do. Rather the health of a church is determined by the values that make up our shared life, our common life as Christian people, followers of Jesus.

"On Friday I took the assembly at Glusburn Primary School. The theme was about being imitators of God. Having had some fun with a few children coming out and imitating various animals for us I then asked them to think about how we behave when we imitate God.

"It was wonderful when without any effort the children, very few of whom will have regular contact with the church, offered their answers: being kind, good, sensible, mature, respectful, saying sorry, having good manners.

"This seems pretty good to me. Live with these values in life, in community, and we will not be far from the kingdom of God. The children know what it means to live a healthy life.

"We know what it means to live a healthy life. The challenge it seems is to live that life."

The day at Addingham was an important step in our journey as a church community in thinking about who we are. Having got a picture of how we see ourselves there is more work to be done to decide what practical actions can be taken to move our church community into a more healthy situation.

This work will be led by the Standing Committee and the full Parochial Church Council during March, working together with the wider church community as appropriate.

The Church is called to be a sign of the Kingdom of God on earth.

**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.**

**Whalley Abbey - A Weekend Away
Friday 19th to Sunday 21st 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 16th century and restored in the 19th 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 speaker will be Bridget Rees from Cowling who worked for Christian Aid for many years and more recently for World Church links for the Diocese especially with Sudan, Southwestern Virginia and Erfurt. She grew up and regularly visits Palestine/Israel.

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. Bookings are required by the end of March.

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH

Our next monthly meeting to pray for the parish will take place on Tuesday 7th March in the Parish Rooms from 7.30pm until 8.15pm. For information contact Robin Figg, 633307.

Hello this is Vicky and Hannah from Oasis 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

The Season of Lent

Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday**; this year the date is 1st March. This is one of the Principal Feasts in the church calendar and everyone is encouraged to attend a service on this day. At St Andrew's there will be services at 9.15am and 7.30pm; both will include the imposition of ashes. At 7.30pm the preacher will be the Bridget Rees from Cowling who worked for Christian Aid for many years and more recently for World Church links for the Diocese especially with Sudan, Southwestern Virginia and Erfurt. She grew up and regularly visits Palestine/Israel. Bridget will also be preaching during Holy Week and speaking at our weekend away at Whalley Abbey in May.

*Lent is a time for prayerful reflection on the meaning of our Lord's Passion. An increasingly popular aid to this reflection is the service of **Stations of the Cross**. Each of the stations stands for an event that occurred during Jesus' Passion and death at Calvary on Good Friday. The service lasts 30 minutes and will take place each **Thursday at 6.45pm** and each **Friday at 12.30pm** in church. All are encouraged to experience this service at least once during Lent.*

Learning in Lent

The six weeks of Lent is a good time to make a special effort to grow in faith. You can find details of the ecumenical Lent course elsewhere in this magazine. But if you would like to do something for yourself at home, you could read a book. There are lots of religious books available; go and have a browse in Cornerstone Bookshop in Skipton. Many novels also have religious themes - stories are a good way to stimulating thinking and praying. Or you could watch a DVD and think about the religious themes in the film. Here are some suggestions collected from members of Christians on the Internet (COIN)*:

Novels

David Almond, Skellig: a children's book - Michael and Mina find a strange creature all dried up in the garage and they help to restore it to life. A lovely story that will move you and has themes of healing and redemption.

Jill Paton Walsh, Knowledge of Angels: a gentle and thoughtful exploration on the existence of God, the human condition and ethical living, written in exquisite prose and with engaging simplicity of style.

Religious Books

John Pritchard, Living Easter through the Year: not meant as a Lent book at all, but a book that helps you think about Easter in a down to earth way and how to live it every day.

CS Lewis, Prayer: Letters to Malcolm: explores the place of prayer in Christian living without getting bogged down in sentimentality or theology.

There's humour there too, and compassion, and although it's quite firmly set in its own time, it speaks to the human condition.

Philip Yancey, The Invisible God: Yancey expresses things so well; he recognises the human's despairing call for a sight of God and gives a sort of answer which makes sense, so then you can say 'Yes, that is how I feel - why didn't I think of that'. He

does it in a sympathetic way so that you don't feel a fool.

Phillip Yancey, What's So Amazing About Grace: It keeps bringing the reader back to the bounty of God and the sacrifice made for us (linking it to other Lenten themes).

DVDs

The Green Mile: The film is 3 hours long, and it was like sitting through a 3 hour meditation. The film itself has strong themes of sin and redemption.

To Kill a Mockingbird: It asks the question that Lent asks of us all every year: what is it to be truly human in the face of evil?

The Island: there are some big issues raised that Christians need to consider regarding morality and ethics, cloning, using others as means not ends, surrogacy, truth, eugenics etc.

Learning in Lent doesn't have to be heavy!

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



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

Lent begins this year with Ash Wednesday on 1st 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?'

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.'

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.

The following ecumenical groups will meet, beginning in the week commencing 6th March. Please just turn up or contact the leader for more details.

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| Mondays | 1.30pm | 5 Beanlands Drive, Glusburn. Leader: Gill Jowett. Contact: 632405. |
| Tuesdays | 2.00pm | The Vicarage, Main St, Sutton-in-Craven. Leaders: Roger & Marion Smith. Contact: 634062 |
| Thursdays | 7.30pm | Braidgarth, Baxter Wood, Cross Hills. Leader: t.b.c. Contact: 633198. |

Page of Prayer

This month brings us Ash Wednesday and Lent- a season when we recall Christ's forty days temptation in the wilderness.

Here are some short morning prayers for Lent.

'The Jesus Prayer'-this prayer could be used each day and repeated as many times as you may find helpful.

Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me, a sinner.

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Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Come into my soul, Lord
As the dawn breaks in the sky.
Let your sun rise in my heart
At the coming of the day.

Dear Lord, here I am at the dawn of a new day. I lift my eyes to the hills and ask you to support me, so that I can cheer and help those I meet this day.

Thank you Lord for the joy of this new day. My prayer to you is for those who are in pain, ill or sad and unable to enjoy the brightness of your creation. I ask you to give them the comfort of your healing presence.

Day by day, dear Lord of Thee three things I pray-
To see Thee more clearly,
To love Thee more nearly
Day by day.

St Richard of Chichester

This page of prayer was compiled, this month, by Ruth Ward



**The Woman's' World Day of Prayer
will be held at Cononley Church Centre
on Friday 3rd March at 7.30 pm.**

It has been prepared by the women of South Africa and the theme is
"Signs of the Times".

The speaker is Revd Jacky Hale, Methodist Superintendent.
We do hope that many women and men will come along to this world wide
interdenominational service.

AN INTRODUCTION TO LOCAL CHURCH HISTORY

A series of articles exploring some of the more interesting aspects of our local history

1903 AND ALL THAT

By the time you read this article the proposed scheme for the re-ordering of the church will have been presented to the congregation and comparisons with the changes of 1901-3 made.

Yet the motivation behind the application for the original faculty was quite different from ours. In 1901 something had to be done otherwise the church would have fallen down. Nearly every alteration related to the church fabric and those responsible for them were instructed to replace the fittings in the same places as they had been before the rebuilding began with the exception of the altar.

We propose to do the opposite, leaving the fabric alone but altering the interior fittings, they took care to preserve. This order of priorities links our proposed changes more closely with those of 1868-73. By 1870 the High Church movement was reaching its peak so the clergy wished for a church which reflected it and not those of the preceding Evangelical Revival so they took down the gallery which had occupied the west end of the nave, scrapped the box pews in favour of the east facing ones with which we are familiar, replaced the orchestra with an organ and created a holy space ringed with screens at the east end. There is now a wide recognition within all sections of the church, whether they call themselves evangelical, liberal or catholic that High Church as it was known in my younger days has passed its sell by date and that we need churches which through their interior fittings express modern



perceptions of Christian worship.

Yet before the 1901 faculty process was complete there were second thoughts and modifications were introduced which

expressed concerns that we would recognise. The pre 1901 seating plan shows provision for 600 people. By any standards this was over optimistic and reflected thinking that was pre-1870 before the old Kildwick parish was broken up. The original proposal had been to turn the sanctuary of the Curren chapel into a clergy vestry but the removal of seating from the south aisle behind the choir stalls and the remainder of the chapel enabled them to move the choir vestry to its present position and put the clergy vestry where it had been in the south east corner. The Curren chapel could now be used as a morning chapel for weekday and other occasional services where the attendance was likely to be small. We too have an excess seating capacity so those in the side aisles can similarly be removed to provide extra facilities while those in the main nave can be replaced by more bottom friendly alternatives.

The amended faculty also provided for the construction of a new heating chamber next to the tower in the north west corner of the church which shows that inadequate heating is not new and the remarks about the cost of heating the whole of such a large church for fringe services would be echoed by our own church treasurer.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Sunday 30th April

The Annual Meetings which take place next month are important occasions in the life of a parish. At the meetings we elect those who will share in the leadership of the parish for the coming year and we have the opportunity to reflect together on the past year and to help think about the future life of God's church in this parish.

Every year we elect our two churchwardens for the coming year. We also elections for 1 person to serve on the Deanery Synod, 2 people to serve on the Cross Hills & District Fellowship of Churches Council and 4 further people to serve on the Parochial Church Council. To share in the leadership of the parish is an important function and everyone is encouraged to prayerful consider if they are being called by God to serve in this way.

Each year we also revise our Electoral Roll. Those on the Roll are signifying, firstly, a commitment to the Church of England. Secondly, they signify an undertaking to the Parish of St Andrew, Kildwick. This undertaking should indicate a willingness to make a contribution to the life of the Church. Such a contribution does not just mean 'giving money', although our church does need such a resource, but ideally giving of yourself, for the sake of God's Kingdom. Application forms for the Electoral Roll are available in church.

We hope as many members of our parish church community as possible will come to our Annual Meetings. **Please book the date in your diary.**

Quiet Gardens

The Quiet Garden Movement began in 1992 when the Revd Philip Roderick had a vision of a new kind of ministry – one that involved people opening their own homes and gardens for others to visit, on occasional days throughout the year. He called it a ministry of hospitality and prayer. Within a few weeks someone was moved to respond and the first Quiet Garden was born.

With its roots within the Christian tradition, there are now 260 Quiet Gardens affiliated to the Quiet Garden Trust around the world. The Trust's vision is: *"to initiate and resource a network of local opportunities, mainly in private homes and gardens for prayer, silence, reflection and the appreciation of beauty; for learning about Christian life and spirituality; and for experiencing creativity and healing in the context of God's love"*.

Some local Christians would like to explore the possibility of identifying a number of homes and gardens which could be used to offer a programme of Quiet Days during each year. A possible model might be to have 6 different venues each used once a year; some for an all-day session, some for a half-day session, some for an evening session. The sessions would include input from an invited speaker to aid the prayer and reflection.

It would be hoped that such a programme would provide an opportunity for those people who are not able to go way on 'Retreat' to experience a 'Quiet Day'.

If you are interested in helping explore this idea locally and possibly being part of a small ongoing planning group please come along to an open meeting which will take place on **Thursday 23rd March at 8.00pm at The Vicarage, Kildwick.**

For more information please contact David Warrington, 637012 or Robin Figg, 633307.



Fairtrade Fortnight: 6th - 19th March

With over 1,300 Fairtrade certified products available, it's easier than ever to include Fairtrade in your everyday shop and Make Fairtrade Your Habit.

This Fairtrade Fortnight you can help spread the word about Fairtrade and the benefits it brings to farmers and workers in developing countries.

Choose products with the FAIRTRADE Mark

www.fairtrade.org.uk

What is Fairtrade?

Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world. By requiring companies to pay above market prices, Fairtrade addresses the injustices of conventional trade, which traditionally discriminates against the poorest, weakest producers. It enables them to improve their lot and have more control over their lives.

What is the FAIRTRADE Mark?

The FAIRTRADE Mark is an independent consumer label which appears on UK products as a guarantee that they have given their producers a better deal. The Mark is awarded by the Fairtrade Foundation, a registered charity set up by CAFOD, Christian Aid, Oxfam, Traidcraft Exchange and the World Development Movement. It shares internationally recognised Fairtrade standards with initiatives in 18 other countries, working together as Fairtrade Labelling Organisations International (FLO).

What does Fairtrade mean for third world producers?

For 500,000 workers and farmers in the developing world, Fairtrade means better terms of trade and decent production conditions. The Fairtrade Foundation, with its partners, maintains these standards by regularly inspecting third world suppliers, and checking contracts and trade terms.

What is the difference between fair trade and ethical trading?

Ethical trading means companies are involved in a process of trying to ensure that the basic labour rights of the employees of their third world suppliers are respected. The FAIRTRADE Mark, which applies to products rather than companies, aims to give disadvantaged small producers more control over their own lives. It addresses the injustice of low prices by guaranteeing that producers receive fair terms of trade and fair prices – however unfair the conventional market is.



Saturday 18th March -Our Fairtrade Fort-night

Fairtrade Refresher

Traidcraft and other fairly traded produce

St Peter's, Crosshills 10am to 3.30pm



Recipes for March

Economical suppers this month, both dishes are quick and easy to prepare.

Chicken in mushroom and pepper sauce

Serves 4

350g (12ozs) cooked chicken, sliced or cut into pieces
25g (1oz) butter
100g (4ozs) mushrooms, washed and sliced
1 red or green pepper, seeded and sliced
295g tin of condensed mushroom soup
150ml (¼ pt) water
salt and pepper

1. Prepare ingredients then heat butter in a pan and fry the mushrooms and pepper for a few minutes. Add the soup and water, stir well then bring to the boil.
2. Take off the heat, add the chicken and season if necessary. Transfer to a casserole dish, cover and cook for 20 – 30 minutes in a preheated oven 200c gas 6

Serve with oven chips or jacket potatoes and a green vegetable

Pasta with Tuna

Serves 2 – 3

100g – 175g (4ozs – 6ozs) pasta bows or other shapes. **(FT)**
1 tablesp vegetable oil
1 – 2 garlic cloves, crushed or 1 small onion finely chopped
1 green pepper, seeded and cut into strips
400g tin chopped tomatoes
¼ teasp dried basil
50g (2ozs) pitted black olives, halved.
185g tin tuna, drained and flaked
salt and pepper

1. Prepare ingredients then cook the pasta in a pan of lightly salted water until soft, 8 – 10 minutes.
2. Heat the oil in a pan, add garlic or onion and pepper, and fry for a few minutes to soften. Add tomatoes, basil, olives and seasoning, bring to the boil
3. Add tuna and heat through
4. Drain the pasta and serve in individual dishes with the sauce on top

Sprinkle with garnish if you wish, e.g. grated cheese, chopped onion rings,

- **FT= available from Fairtrade**
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Women's Institute News



Kildwick with Farnhill WI

February enabled us to welcome 4 visitors to our meeting. They enjoyed the evening as much as our members.

Anne, from Lothersdale, stepped in at short notice to share her passion for Quilting. After a brief history of the craft she dazzled us with many examples of her own work, telling the story behind each one. The manipulation of patterns was fascinating and our thanks were enthusiastic.

Some of us are visiting the Rhubarb Fields at Wakefield this month while others are hoping that our ticket request for an evening with Kate Adie has been successful.

Next month we join in the art of Ikebana. If you don't know what that is come and find out - 7.30 pm, Parish Rooms on 9th March.

Glusburn and Cross Hills WI

At our meeting on 7th February Mary Marsden gave us a fascinating illustrated account of a school visit to Japan entitled "Hiroshima Revisited". She was assisted by David, one of the students who made the trip and who added his own impressions of the people and lifestyle.

We were given details of many North Yorkshire West Federation events coming up. The choice is wide and varied and we were invited to apply for places on courses, evenings, holidays and the Spring Council Meeting in Richmond, North Yorkshire. Our own forthcoming events include a visit to Bunny Campione in Skipton on 8th March, a Spring Lunch at The Beeches, Keighley, on 14th March, the Andrew Grisewood Evening in Masham on 26th April and the Evening with Kate Adie at Grassington on 25th May.

The speaker at our next meeting on 7th March will be Sally Outhwaite telling us about the work of Manorlands. Visitors and new members will be welcome.

Advanced notice.

We will be having a
Children's Holiday Club in 2006
(hurray!)

The dates are August 21st to 27th
and will be five fun-packed mornings
from 10-12 noon.

We will be having our own Kildwick
Olympics called
The Champions

As ever helpers will be needed so
please set this date aside **NOW!**

'Walk and Talk'

Anyone who is interested in joining
Isobel & co. on a walk on Saturday 11th
March in the local area would be very
welcome.

The walk would start round about
10.30 am from the church car park.
Isobel Stirk 01535 653997.



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)	Fun for pre-school children and their grown-ups!
Tuesdays 10am	NottheKnot Group at the White Lion until further notice	Stitching and fellowship group.
Wednesday 6-30-7.30pm	Bubble and Laser Jets in Parish Rooms (Not in school holidays)	Primary school children's group
	8pm Bellringing	
Thursday 2pm	Open House in Parish Rooms	Refreshments and items for sale
7pm-8pm	Choir practice Burnside, Bucklar Hill Farnhill	
7.30pm	Harvesters in parish Rooms (upstairs)	Informal Bible study and fellowship group



Please note the deadline for the April Bridge is: 21st March

March

Weds 1st	ASH WEDNESDAY	
	7.30 pm.	Holy Communion. Preacher: Bridget Rees.
Fri 3 rd	7.30 pm	The Women's World Day of Prayer (Cononley Church Centre)
Mon 6th		CDFC Lent Groups begin
Tues 7th	7.30 pm	Prayers for the parish (Parish Rooms)
Sat 11th	10.30 am	Walk and Talk(church car Park)
Sun 12th	10.00 am	Confirmation Service: The Bishop of Bradford

Fri 17th & Sat 18th	Church maintenance days
Sat 18th 10.00 am	Fairtrade Event (St Peter's Church Hall Xhills)
Fri 20th 11.30 am	Hunger Lunch for Salvaid (St Peter's)

April

Sat 8th 7.30 pm	Opus 44 Choir Concert
Sun 9th	Palm Sunday—Holy Week begins
Thur 13th	Maundy Thursday
Fri 14th	Good Friday
Sat 15th	Easter Eve
Sun 16th	Easter Day

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.

Wednesday 1 March, 6 Ash Wednesday	7.30 pm	Holy Communion with the imposition of ashes Preacher: Bridget Rees
Sunday 5 March	8.15 am	Holy Communion
The First Sunday of Lent	10 am 6 pm	Family Service Holy Communion
Sunday 12 March, The Second Sunday of Lent	8.15 am 10 am 6 pm	Holy Communion Confirmation Service with The Bishop of Bradford CDFC Service (South Craven Baptist Church)
Sunday 19 March, The Third Sunday of Lent	8.15 am 10 am 6 pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion Choral Evensong (Parish Rooms)
Sunday 26 March, Mothering Sunday	8.15 am 10 am 6 pm	Holy Communion Family Communion Taizè Service (Parish Rooms)



Sunday 26th March 10.00 am
Service for Mothering Sunday
 with flowers for mothers and others.
 Simnel cake and tea and coffee
 after the service.
 All welcome.

Church Rotas for March

Wednesday 1 March, 6 Ash Wednesday 7.30 pm Holy Communion	First Reading: Joel 2.1-2,12-17 OR First Reading: Isaiah 58.1-12 Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5.20b - 6.10 Gospel: Matthew 6.1-6,16-21 OR... Gospel: John 8.1-11	Isobel Stirk Pam Brown Marjorie Gee
Sunday 5 March The First Sunday of Lent	First Reading: Genesis 9.8-17 Second Reading: 1 Peter 3.18-22 Gospel: Mark 1.9-15	Brian Charter Brenda Brock Lesley Hudson
Sunday 12 March, The Second Sunday of Lent	First Reading: Genesis 17.1-7,15-16 Second Reading: Romans 4.13-25 Gospel: Mark 8.31-38	Christine Anderton Barry Houghton Sandie Walton
Sunday 19 March, The Third Sunday of Lent	First Reading: Exodus 20.1-17 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.18-25 Gospel: John 2.13-22	Elizabeth Figg Glyn Evans Isobel Stirk
Sunday 26 March, Mothering Sunday	First Reading: Colossians 3.12-17 Gospel: John 19.25b-27	John Hudson Lesley Bannister

	Flowers	Church Cleaning	Tea and Coffee Rota (after 10am service)
5th	Lent		June Whitaker, Betty Hawkins
12th	Lent	Lesley Hudson Libba Utley	Beth Taylor, Marjorie Gee
19th	Lent		Ann Mosley, Christine Anderton
26th	Lent	Helen Hulley, Rosie Hargreaves Sylvia Ackroyd	Joyce Bonham Libba Utley
	Brass Cleaning	Mrs. S. Walton & Mrs. M. Jowett	

Church Rotas for March

Date	Sidesperson	Intercessor	Communion
Wednesday 1 March, 6 Ash Wednesday 7.30 pm Holy Communion		Robin Figg	
Sunday 5 March 6 pm The First Sunday of Lent	Beth Taylor Joan Houghton Barry Houghton Sandi Walton	Peter Bannister	John Exley
Sunday 12 March, The Second Sunday of Lent	David Baxter Libba Utley Christine Anderton Ann Mosley	Gill Jowett	Michael Baumber Gill Jowett
Sunday 19 March, The Third Sunday of Lent	Alison/Gary McKinney June Whitaker Pam Brown Elaine Jamieson	Michael Baumber	Gary McKinney Christine Anderton
Sunday 26 March, Mothering Sunday	Eleanor Eastwood Dorothy Ward Christine Hutchinson Joyce Boden	Elizabeth Figg	Janet Swain Tim Littler

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

Sunday 5 February Charlotte Emily Bousfield & Eleanor May
Bousfield, twin daughters of Roger &
Michaela of Cranwell, Sleaford, Lincs.



Burial of Cremated Remains

Saturday 25 February Yvonne Whitaker, of Steeton

CRAVEN DISTRICT COUNCIL SPRING AREA FORUM MEETINGS.

The Spring round of Area Forum Meetings, at which representatives of Craven District Council, North Yorkshire Police, N.Y.C.C. and others will be present to answer questions, will be held in March 2006. The meeting covering Airedale & South Craven will be held on March 22nd. at Sutton Village Hall at 7 p.m. Residents who are over 60 or have a disability will be able to pick up a free travel pass allowing free bus travel in Craven at this meeting.

FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of Farnhill Parish Council was held on the 2nd February 2006 in Kildwick & Farnhill Institute.

The meeting was chaired by Counc G McKinney Seven members of the council were present, plus representative from CDC & NYCC . No members of the public were present.

The Parish Council are still awaiting an estimate for the new lighting under the Culvert from NYCC. Clerk to remind Mr. Gilmore and also to ask if the Maintenance Round has been done yet. Clerk rung npower about the Electric Bill and was told there is a long queue of enquiries for unmetered supplies, but it will be seen to eventually.

CDC Counc M Wheeler informed the Parish Council that it looks like the whole row of garages at Bucklar Hill will either be repaired or rebuilt. Counc M Wheeler also to look into the access to Bucklar Hill to see who it is owned by.

Counc I Fulton has passed technical data on deflatable speed humps to the Traffic Sergeant, but has been told they will not be used in Farnhill at the moment. There is a consultation on Traffic Calming on the website where views can be put forward . A report was made regarding the Bus Stop outside Whitehouse Farm. When people get off the bus there is no footpath and people have to step into the road which can be quite dangerous. Either a surfaced footpath should be provided or the Bus Stop moved to a safer place. Clerk to enquire who is responsible for the Bus Stop.

A reply has been received from PPL with a quotation for rubber kerbing for the Play Area. To provide rubber kerbs to replace all existing PCC kerbs will cost £990 + Vat or to provide rubber kerbs to those opposite balance beam on part only of existing springy and tiddler unit will be £560 + Vat. It was decided to wait till we see if the Vat can be claimed back on the Invoices for the Play Equipment and then perhaps use that money.

Counc. M Scarffe has drafted a letter explaining the benefits of having a Parish Plan and a Village Questionnaire for members of the Public to complete. He will have a word with K Midgley from Kildwick Parish to get his opinion and see if he is interested in doing a joint Plan.

Counc R Bramley has drafted this years copy of Focus on Farnhill which mentions the coming elections and it is hoped to circulate both documents at the same time before the Elections and the Annual Parish Meeting.

A response has been received from Charlesorth Wood & Brown concerning a piece of land at the Arbour They state that the payment in question is claimed by the occupier of the land to be a rent charge rather than rent. A rent charge is an annual payment made in respect of freehold land owned by the paye, these charges were not uncommon in the past. They state that in view of the documentation of the occupier he is the owner of the land and it cannot be recovered from him.

A stretch of wall has been knocked down at the Arbour, Clerk to find out if it is the responsibility of the Parish Council or NYCC. Two quotes have been received one for £500.00 and the other for £600.00. Clerk to get one more quote.

CDC & NYCC Counc M Wheeler reported on the Skipton Renaissance Development

Plan, there is to be a meeting at Skipton Town Hall on the 7th February where voting will take place for either Option A or Variation B. One being to have the whole plan done, or the other option to do the plan in stages.

In the Local Development Framework Plan there is only one piece of land included from the Farnhill Area, this being the Garage Site at Bucklar Hill.

Counc Wheeler also gave an Update on the NYCC Craven Area Committee Meeting. The Crime figures in Craven showed a slight increase in the previous 6 months but a decrease in the previous 3 months, the areas for concern are criminal damage. Dot Matrix Speed Signs are now available for between £2-3000.00 and can be on site permanently. Counc M Wheeler is putting in a bid for one for the villages. The request for funding for Kildwick & Farnhill Institute was accepted.

At the Review of The Bus Service Post 16 Education Transport Cuts were opposed.

The period of office of all the current members of the Parish Council will expire in May, when an election will be held. For a number of years there has been an unopposed election as there has been insufficient candidates. The term of office for a Parish Councillor is four years and if anyone would like to stand for election please contact Craven District Councils Electoral Officer on 01756 706241 before noon on 3rd April 2006.

The Annual Parish Meeting at Farnhill will be held on Thursday 27th April 2006 at 7.30pm in Kildwick/Farnhill Institute and all residents of the village are welcome to attend and put forward your views on issues in the village. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to put forward your views please contact Susan Harding Hill, 1 North Place, Sutton In Craven, Keighley. BD20 7PH Telephone 01535 634942

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL 2nd MARCH 2006 IN FARNHILL INSTITUTE AT 7.30PM.

All members of the village are welcome to attend.

Cross Hill Naturalists' Society (Founded 1904)

March Meetings

Thurs 9th Microscope Workshop

Sat 11th Herbal Medicine - Kill or Cure. Mrs. D. Mann

This is the last lecture of the winter session. Summer Rambles begin on Sunday 23rd April. More details later.

The summer outing will be on Wednesday 17th May to two venues near Penrith area including Acorn Bank Herb Garden (National trust).

A non-refundable deposit (unless the outing is cancelled) of £10 should be paid as soon as possible, preferably by 11th March so we can assess if the outing is viable.

Microscope Workshops are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Senior Citizen Centre, North Street, Sutton-in-Craven at 1845 hours. Anyone wishing to join the group or enquire about its activities should contact Miss Jean Kendrew (01535 632447).

TWO NEW CARE HOMES OPENING IN SUTTON-IN-CRAVEN

It's not always easy to make the decision to move into residential accommodation or to know what type of care would best suit you or your loved ones. Orchard Care Homes are specialists in residential care from sheltered flats to full nursing care and will help you every step of the way.

Now, two brand new purpose-built Care Homes are opening in Sutton-in-Craven in early April 2006.

Sutton Hall is a Nursing Home for people who want to maintain their independence but within a caring and safe environment, where both nurses and carers are available 24 hours a day. Every resident has a beautifully decorated bedroom, with telephone, television and ensuite bathroom. There's a varied program of social activities and outings and visitors are encouraged to drop in any time.

Sutton Lodge provides specialist care for people with dementia and Alzheimer's disease. The Home is designed to provide the highest standards of comfort and safety for residents, so they can lead a fulfilling and happy life.

And if you're worried about the cost – some people living in Orchard Homes are entirely state funded whereas others pay a varying contribution. We welcome applications from everyone and can help explain costs based on your particular circumstances.

Please call Sandy 0845 602 7469, we will be happy to give you more information. We are running two open days, one for the general public and one for professionals who deal with the elderly. If you would like an invitation or reserve tickets to look round the homes and meet the staff, don't hesitate to contact us.

We are also recruiting all grades of staff from RGN's to gardeners, so if you think you might have what it takes to become part of a very caring team, just call Elaine and we'll tell you all about career opportunities within Orchard.

Sutton Hall and Sutton Lodge Nursing Homes, Cornmill Walk, off Sutton lane, Sutton – in- Craven, Keighley, BD20 7AJ



Church Maintenance Days.

Two days have been earmarked in the church diary as maintenance days – **Friday 17th March and Saturday 18th March, starting at 10.00 am**

Everybody will be made very welcome, (no experience necessary) , tea and coffee- biscuits will be provided.

Please have a word with Barry Houghton or Isobel Stirk – churchwardens, if you may be able to help. There will be jobs to do both inside and outside the church and Parish Rooms.

Isobel's page

In England, since at least the 17th century, the 4th Sunday of lent has been known as Mothering Sunday- a day when mothers are honoured.

In past times it was a day when servants who worked and normally lived in the homes of the wealthy were given the day off and encouraged to spend time with their mothers.

The day is a celebration of love- the celebration of the love of mothers and the gratitude of that love. That gratitude in itself is an expression of love.

Years ago a young mother was carrying her tiny baby, in her arms, across the hills of South Wales. During her journey there came on a blinding snowstorm and she never reached her destination. Hours later, when the blizzard had subsided, searchers found her body underneath a mound of snow. What they also discovered was that before she had died she had taken off her outer clothes and wrapped them around the baby and mounded her own body round it, thus saving its life and losing her own. That child, David Lloyd George grew up and became prime minister of Great Britain.

There are mothers in the Bible who also loved their children so much but also knew all the pain and anxiety that motherhood can bring.

Hannah gave her son Samuel to the Lord and left him in the temple under Eli's care. No doubt Hannah, with part of herself, wished Samuel to remain with her but she was willing to sacrifice her feelings for a greater purpose - Samuel growing into his own destiny as one of God's greatest prophets.

Mary, the mother of Jesus, had a dignity and strength because she knew that her son, too, had a destiny which was in God's hands. When she first heard, through an angel, that she was to have a son, she was willing to look to God and listen and hear and obey, trusting Him to bring his plans to fruition.

Mary was no different from any mother who soaks up every experience and treasures each memory (the first painting, the school concert programme or photograph) We are told in Luke's gospel that after the shepherds had visited baby Jesus she stored up and treasured everything in her heart.

I wonder how she really felt when, after taking Jesus to the temple, the prophet Simeon gave his pronouncement of her son.

Picture the scene, a proud mother is walking through town, her son in a pram. An old man looks in the pram and says that the baby will be a trouble maker and will break his mother's heart. I don't think any mother would be very pleased- but in the case of Simeon his prophecy is later fulfilled.



We know that Mary was there throughout Jesus' life. We are told she was with him at the wedding at Cana and we can only speculate on her sadness when, waiting, with his brothers, to speak to Him, Jesus asks who is His mother and who are His brothers. However, she is to remain constant, true and faithful following His progress, supporting Him, standing at the foot of the cross as He is crucified. We know, also, that she was amongst the people who prayed and waited to receive the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

God is love and love is of God. Our celebration of maternal love is also a celebration of God as love.

As Jesus died on the cross, she, who had given such love to her son, received His love from that cross, as he lovingly handed over and placed her in the care of John.

“Dear mother, here is your son”

And to the disciple “Here is your mother” and from that time on this disciple took her into his home.’

SALVAID

Rodney and Mary Smith have been visiting Yorkshire and bring us news of the work SALVAID has been doing

ACTIVITY COMPLETED IN 2005 AND CONTINUING.

- CHILDREN'S HOME. Distribution of toys, games for summer, winter hats, new blankets, confectionary, and maintaining visits to staff. (Some like to practise their English).
 - SOCIAL SERVICES. Presentation of toiletries, nearly new children's and adult's clothing for their newly established outreach programme.
 - PENSIONER'S CLUBS. Winter clothing, knee blankets, food parcels, and funds to help finance a Christmas Lunch and Concert,
 - BOYS REFORM SCHOOL. Distribution of games for summer, winter clothing, Christmas chocolate gifts. (This school is situated in a 150 years old building designed to keep residents inside. It's task is still the same, although staff administer their responsibility more humanely than before).
 - GRAMMAR SCHOOL. I work here one day a week helping with English conversation, and again have had to create my own lessons, organising for 2 years the 'English Essay & Poetry Competition'. A shield and other awards are presented to the participants. A Video & DVD player, English language books, and a large quantity of fire damaged exercise books were given, as well as C.D. 's for students in their final year. At Christmas, all students received a gift package of chocolates (given by friends in England). For the third year a cash donation was given to the school to defray expenses for a group visit to France, and this year to assist poorer children to visit Moscow on a study visit.
 - MUSIC SCHOOL. Presentation of music books, some Royal Academy Exam. Books (all instrument but mainly piano and vocal music), Manuscript books and paper for composing. A cash donation is also given to help defray expenses. Dresses from an Asian outlet, and coloured material remnants for costumes were given for the Dance and Movement Dept, (We saw these in use at the annual Culture House Concert).
 - ADULT EDUCATION. Helping adults with their English studies. 2 Teachers, 1 Social Worker, and 4 Business Managers. (For this purpose I created 'Individual Focus Programmes', where each person has an individually tailored format with tasks and vocabulary pertinent to their profession.
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- FACILITATOR. Through the 'au pair' agencies and work bureau in England, I was able to identify positions, provide documentation and testimonials for 3 boys and 7 girls to have work experience in England. (Some have returned there for seasonal work, and one is now permanently working in London).

The above, of course, does not tell the whole story.

Over 300 packets of chocolates were given out to children. Loose confectionary as well as food hampers were distributed (these constituted mainly tins and packets from 'Harvest Festival offerings', as well as food we bought locally).

Although the exercise books we brought through were fire damaged, they were an improvement on the scraps of ex-computer paper that the children in school used on which to write their test answers.

It is a privilege to be associated with the Music School. The number of child musicians in this district of only 6000 inhabitants is high, as is the standard of musicianship. In my view, reaching Grade 7 or 8 of the English Associated Board Examination level.

What we need to continue our work

- Photo-copying paper and ink cartridges soon run out with this administrative work, and in creating manuscript paper for the music school.
- Perhaps you have a child or grand-child who has no further use for a recorder - we will gladly accept these as they are difficult and costly to obtain.
- Although we stopped taking large quantities of second-hand clothing (because of restrictions on the border and the difficulty of sorting the same), suitable nearly-new garments, packed in boxes or securely in parcels, will be welcomed.
- Quantities of toiletries are always needed.

If you can help us in any way we will always be grateful.

May I say thank you to all those who readily help us, and to assure you that the work is well worth doing, and to do it is our privilege.

Yours sincerely, Rodney and Mary Smith.

**Collecting at Morrison's Supermarket, Skipton. Friday, 17th March.
Hunger Lunch. St. Peter's Methodist Church, Cross Hills.
Monday, 20th March. From 11.30.a.m.**

Smile Lines

Peace and Love

After a very long and boring sermon the parishioners filed out of the church saying nothing to the preacher.

Towards the end of the line was a thoughtful person who always commented on the sermons.

"Pastor, today your sermon reminded me of the peace and love of God."

The pastor was thrilled.

"Nobody has ever said anything like that about my preaching before. Tell me why."

"Because it endured forever."





MICHELANGELO

Michelangelo Buonarroti was born on 6th March 1475 and was one of the world's greatest painters and sculptors. His greatest work is the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican in Rome. It took 4 years to paint, lying on his back on scaffolding 20 metres above the floor. The project was huge as the curved ceiling is 1000 square metres. Michelangelo painted over 3,000 figures to fill the space.

When it was finished in 1512 the ceiling showed nine stories from the Book of Genesis. The most famous of these is the Creation of Adam where the touch of God's hand wakes the newly created Adam.



You can read the story of how God made Adam and Eve in Genesis, chapter 2. The Bible story talks of the 'breath of life' but Michelangelo shows it as a touch, as God reaching out to us all.

ANGEL PUZZLE

All the answers to this Bible quiz are to do with angels.

1. This angel came to tell Mary that she would give birth to a baby and name him Jesus (Luke, chapter 1).
2. Angels came to warn him to leave Sodom (Genesis, chapter 19).
3. This type of angel has 6 wings (Isaiah, chapter 6).
4. He saw an angel in the furnace with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego (Daniel, chapter 2).
5. Who beat his donkey because it would not go past an angel in the road (Numbers, chapter 22)?



Who is the fastest runner in the Bible?

Adam, because he was the first in the human race.

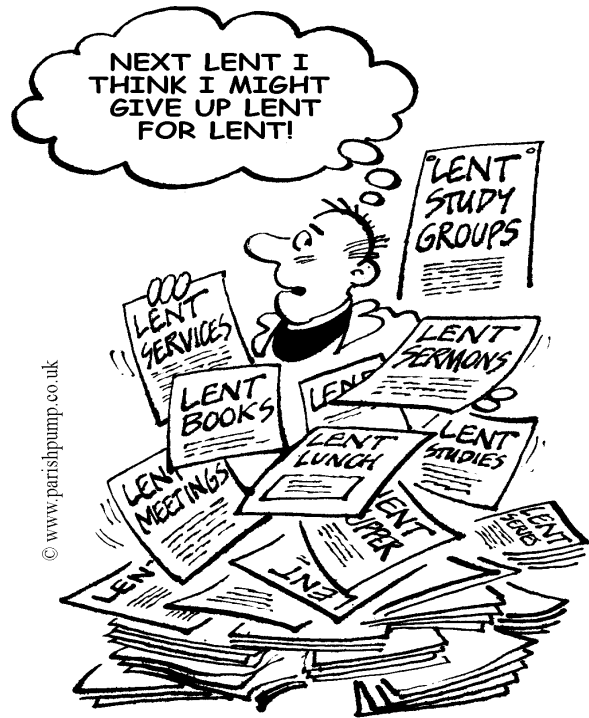
What colours would Michelangelo paint the sun and the wind?

The sun rose, and the wind blue.



Answers: 1.Gabriel 2.Lot
3.Seraphim or seraphs
4.King Nebuchadnezzar 5.Balaam

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