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Parish Mission Statement

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

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The Vicar's Letter...



Dear friends,

Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The story of Jesus is surely the greatest story the world has ever known and we have just celebrated the most important part of the story – the death and resurrection of Jesus.

The story that makes Christians who they are is one that continues to speak to our world – with all its joys and sorrows, hopes and fears. The events of Good Friday remind us (as if we need reminding) that our world is a bloody world – full of war and slavery and famine. But Easter Day says to us that even in the midst of such adversity there is hope – of new life, resurrection life.

The Cross and the empty tomb continue to proclaim their message to the world. God speaks to our hearts and minds and challenges us to make space for God in every aspect of our daily lives – at home, at work, in our recreation and in our politics.

There are people who say that we shouldn't mix faith and politics: I don't agree. Jesus was clearly political in much of what he said and did; he was not afraid to speak out against the wrongs of his society. Those who take up the call to follow Jesus today cannot ignore this aspect of what it means to a Christian now.

I am presently reading a fascinating book by an American Evangelical called Jim Wallis. He's a rather unusual American Evangelical very far indeed from the stereotype of American Evangelical that is so easily pilloried – he's not a tub-thumping Creationist, who's anti abortion, pro the war in Iraq, pro capital punishment, and pro President Bush. He's a pretty high profile Evangelical, who regularly attends Capitol Hill breakfasts and the like – but he's also one that asks radical questions. His book is called 'God's Politics – why the American Right gets it wrong and the Left doesn't get it'.

The book is a scathing indictment of the way that right-wing evangelicals in the US have hugged their Bibles, worn their flag-pins and self-righteously attempted to co-opt any discussion of religion and politics, while at the same time ignoring the very values they seek to defend. The Left does no better because they ignore faith and separate moral discourse and personal ethics from public policy. Wallis issues a heart-felt call for America's government and religious communities to be more accountable to the key values of the prophetic religious tradition – he urges them to be pro-justice, pro-peace, pro-environment, pro-life (and that goes beyond abortion issues) and pro-family (and that means not making scapegoats of single mothers, gays and lesbians). It's challenging and radical stuff – not least because as he puts it, too many of us have Bibles with holes in them – Bibles that get read, but cut out all the radical justice stuff that's in them.

It's making me think again what are the really urgent matters that Christians have to face today and how we do it. Where are we being called to support or challenge our local and national politicians? How are we being called to rise up and take action to help make our world a better place?

God's is calling us to be an Easter people in a Good Friday world.

Robin

**Christian
Aid Week**
14–20 May 06

Trade justice: the struggle continues



'It is because of your plea that fundamental to justice is trade justice that finance ministers... agreed... to demand the right for the poorest countries... to decide their own trade reforms.'

UK chancellor of the exchequer, Gordon Brown

This was a huge year for campaigning, and world poverty was high on the UK government's agenda in 2005. The struggle for justice continues for Christian Aid in 2006 and beyond.

What did you do in 2005 to make poverty history?

Perhaps you stayed up all night to wake up Whitehall during the Global Week of Action, joined 225,000 others to rally in Edinburgh before the G8 summit or met your MP at the lobby of parliament in November. To everyone who wore a white band, sent a campaign postcard, voted for trade justice or came to an event, thank you! Your energy, passion and commitment has been tremendous.

How did the UK government respond?

We heard some encouraging words from the UK government on trade justice in 2005. By trade justice we mean the right of governments to protect and support their vulnerable farmers and industries. The report of the Africa Commission, chaired by UK prime minister Tony Blair, concluded: 'Liberalisation must not be forced on Africa through trade or aid conditions.' The Department for International Development (DFID) also announced an end to damaging conditions attached to aid. Even the G8 nations said: 'It is up to developing countries themselves and their governments to take the lead on development. They need to decide, plan and sequence their economic policies to fit with their own development strategies, for which they should be accountable to all their people.' Overall, we have seen encouraging words on trade, but limited action.

Beyond 2005: what happens next?

This was a huge year for campaigning, and world poverty was high on the UK government's agenda in 2005. The struggle for justice continues for Christian Aid in 2006 and beyond. Onion farmers in Senegal are better off, thanks to your campaigning. Supported by Christian Aid partner The African Network for Integrated Development

(RADI), campaigners have successfully persuaded the Senegalese government to ban onion imports during the harvest period, and introduce subsidised fertiliser. Christian Aid will continue to campaign for trade justice alongside partners in the developing world. Our aim is to ensure that rhetoric is turned into action, and that poor countries have the freedom to choose trade policies that will ensure poor people benefit from trade.

2005 in numbers:

- 225,000 campaigners rallied in Edinburgh on 2 July
- 98,000 votes for trade justice cast during Christian Aid Week 2005
- Hundreds of MPs lobbied at Westminster on 2 November
- Eight world leaders who failed to deliver trade justice in Gleneagles



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Nicaragua

Did you know that.....

- In Nicaragua 5,600 people aged 15-49 are known to be living with HIV/AIDS.
- It is thought many more people are living with HIV but have not been tested – so these figures are incomplete.
- More than 1.7 million people are living with HIV in Latin America. Nicaragua, the largest country in Central America, is the same size as England.
- It has 12.1 million acres of American country. This means lots of beef, one of the country's main exports.
- Nicaragua also exports coffee, shrimps and lobster, cotton, tobacco, sugar, bananas and gold.
- Nicaragua became independent in 1838.
- In 1893, General Jose Santos Zelaya established a dictatorship that lasted until 1909 when US troops helped to depose him.
- US-backed Contra rebels fought a ten-year rebellion against the Sandinistas in the 1980s.
- Nicaragua is the second poorest country in the western hemisphere after Haiti.
- Almost half of the population lacks access to safe water and the illiteracy rate is high.
- In January 2004, the World Bank cancelled 80 per cent of Nicaragua's debt to the institution. The president at the time, Enrique Bolaños, said it was the best news the country had had in 25 years. Jubilee 2000 campaigners celebrated, along with Nicaraguans, as their hard work paid off. Spanish explorer Gil Gonzalez de Avila first settled in Nicaragua in 1522, naming it after a local Indian chief, Nicarao.
- October is the wettest month in the year in Nicaragua.
- Do you like eggs for breakfast? In Nicaragua you might have them with tortillas (a kind of flat bread) and refried beans.



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Recipe for disaster-planning—Nicaragua

Mums take action

Take three determined women, their painful memories, their fear of repeating disasters, a pot of paint and a handful of banana leaves, and you have the beginnings of a community

Step one

- The community work together to build a brand new, sturdy community centre.

Step two

- Lucila, Maritza and Lilian set about mapping the community and its risks. Their findings are recorded on carefully hand-painted maps illustrating which houses are most at risk from drought, flood and landslides, and planned escape routes.

Step three

- Make sure that every member of the community donates a sack of grain each harvest. This is left in the community centre until needed, ensuring food in times of need.

Makes results

- A community working together in the knowledge that they are better prepared to face any disasters that come their way.



Maritza, Lilian and Lucila with their young children.

Christian Aid's support has made a real difference in their community. By supporting Christian Aid Week, you are among millions of people who think poverty is a scandal we do not have to accept. Your actions, commitment and contributions will bring about a better life for people in poor communities all over the world.

If someone has a failed crop, they can borrow a sack. If a major disaster were to strike, there would be food for the whole community. If the grains are not used they are sold and replenished the following harvest



'We suffer from drought and landslides as well as emergencies from everyday poverty.' So says Maritza Sevilla, a young mother who, through Christian Aid partner Community Movement of Matagalpa (MCM), has taken on a vital role in her community in Nicaragua.

Maritza lives in Nuevo Amanecer, an hour's drive from Matagalpa. Her community is in a mountainous region, with a river winding through it. The single hillside road

wends its way through a harsh landscape. Deforestation and drought have devastated what was once lush, dense forest. When the river breaks its banks, as it often does, the community here at Nuevo Amanecer can find themselves stranded for weeks, as happened during Hurricane Mitch in 1998.

In response to this vulnerability MCM, with help from the local people, built a community centre where people could meet and learn how to protect themselves better from the vagaries of unpredictable weather. In the absence of emergency services it's vital that local communities take action themselves.

And so the community elected Maritza, along with Lilian Mercado and Lucila Castro to the Emergency Committee, who have been responsible for devising and implementing the community contingency plan. The women drew up maps of Nuevo Amanecer illustrating the danger zones. These carefully handpainted maps, with evacuation routes clearly marked, hang in the busy community centre. '...we feel safe' says Lilian, whose house was almost washed away in last year's flood. 'Before we weren't prepared but now we're ready for rains.'

Christian Aid has been supporting MCM, a grassroots organisation working with rural and urban poor people to improve living conditions in 150 communities, since 1992. A partnership of more than a decade has meant that Christian Aid has been able to give crucial support at some very difficult times. For example, in 1998 Hurricane Mitch hit the country, killing 3000 people, making even more homeless, and devastating the economy. Like Maritza, Lilian and Lucila most Nicaraguans were unprepared for it. Then a drought in 2002 dealt a further cruel blow, halting much of the progress made in the years after the hurricane.

MCM works hard to make sure communities have the best chance of protecting themselves and rebuilding after floods, landslides, droughts and hurricanes. Christian Aid Week begins this year on 14 May, involving more than 300,000 Christian Aid collectors who will encourage their friends, colleagues and neighbours – almost two thirds of UK households – to put some of their hardearned cash into the famous red envelope. What each person adds Christian Aid will multiply, and so will help more people to live life to the full. It is unlikely that those of us in the UK and Ireland will experience the extreme devastation caused by droughts, floods, landslides and hurricanes that many Nicaraguans face. But through Christian Aid Week we can support MCM and stand in solidarity with those whose lives are characterised by upheaval and struggle, contingency plans and evacuations.

Two thirds of the money raised in Christian Aid Week comes from house-to-house collections

Every little helps and can have an impact on poor communities.

There's no denying that collecting can be hard work but if you are able to help, your assistance will be vital in tackling the needs of the world's poorest communities in more than 50 countries.

Envelopes will soon be available in church so, if you are able to help on any way, please deliver and collect any that you can and you will be helping in Christian Aid's campaign against global poverty.



Tea & Scones, Sundays 2.30-4.30pm during the summer.

We will again be offering hospitality to visitors each Sunday afternoon in the Parish Rooms from 7th May until the end of September. All our welcome to come and enjoy our excellent tea and scones.

If you are able to help with either hosting tea & scones, baking scones or being available to welcome people to the church please contact Lesley Hudson 633887.



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!**

Farnhill Methodist Church holds
a Coffee Morning from 10—11.30 am

on the second
Saturday of each
month.



**Coffee
Morning**

There is a cake stall,
greetings cards,
bric-a-brac and
paintings on sale. It
is a regular date for

many villagers and for visitors from
around the area All are welcome.



Kildwick School & Church Grand Summer Fair

Saturday 17th June 11am – 3pm

*Lots of stalls. Jazz Band. Local Crafts. Raffle.
White Lion Refreshment Tent. Tea & Scones.
Teddy Bear 'Slide'. Children's games.
And much more!*

Come and enjoy a fun packed day for all the family

Page of Prayer

After the recent Growing Healthy Churches exercise, it was noted that those who filled in the questionnaire about our church community felt that Mark 3 of a healthy church – 'seeks to find what God wants, discerning the Spirit's leading rather than trying to please everyone'- is one of our weaker points, although some of us are only too painfully aware that we can't please everyone!

One way of finding out what God has in mind for us as individuals and as a community, is spending time in prayer. Soon you will find notices in the pew sheets and the magazine about a small working-group which has been formed to find ways of developing our prayer-life.

Last year you may remember that for one month you were encouraged to spend a few minutes each day, at a set time, in prayer and meditation, knowing that there were others in the parish also praying at the same time. It seemed to be popular.

I'd like to encourage you to do the same this month. The prayer is deliberately simple so that you may memorise it and then if you find yourself to be at work or out and about when the prayer time comes, you will be able to pray silently wherever you are. Yes, God does hear prayers even if we have our eyes open and our mouths shut!

Please repeat this prayer three times at each of the designated prayer times. Firstly for yourself; then for Robin, the PCC and all who carry a heavy weight of responsibility for us at Saint Andrews; finally for any individuals you know who are in need, for our community and for the world as a whole. Obviously you can change 'us' to 'me' or 'them' as necessary!

May the mystery of God enfold us.
May the wisdom of God uphold us.
May the fragrance of God be around us.
May the brightness of God surround us.
May the wonder of God renew us.
May the loving of God flow through us.
May the peace of God deeply move us.
May the moving of God bring us peace.



Let the words soak into you, try not to rush through them, think about their meaning; if this prayer were to be answered what a transformation would take place in us as individuals and as a community!

Some will say that we should pray for others before ourselves, but without God's grace to lead us, strengthen us and inspire us, we can't do very much very well. It is not selfish, it is an acknowledgement that we are far from perfect and in desperate need of grace, well I am anyway!

Please pray at the following times: 7.30 am -12.30pm -8.30pm

I shall be praying too. It would be good to hear from you at the end of the month if you've prayed in any strange or unusual places, or if you feel that the experience has moved you in any way.

Elizabeth Figg

AN INTRODUCTION TO LOCAL CHURCH HISTORY

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

CHURCH RATE

From right back in the Middle Ages the church had been financed by a tax on all the inhabitants of the parish known as church rate but after the granting of Catholic Emancipation in 1828 which allowed Irish Roman Catholics to opt out of paying a rate to the protestant Church of Ireland dissenters in England began the question why they should be expected to pay towards an established Church which they did not use. All over the country those who did not like it used the annual vestry meeting to get a poll of all ratepayers to see whether there was still a majority in favour. Technically all the vestry could do was to alter the rate not abolish it but in practice particularly in large towns the clergy found it difficult to collect where there was a solid majority against it. The usual tactic of the opposition was to propose that the rate should be postponed for 12 months because any rate not collected within the year it was voted became invalid.



Attitudes varied from place to place. Haworth was part of the parish of Bradford and church rate there supported Bradford church not Haworth. Hardly surprisingly Haworth Anglicans liked it no more than did the dissenters and it was voted down every year from 1836 and abandoned entirely in 1842. A lot could depend on what the inhabitants thought of the current Anglican clergyman. Until 1840 there were no polls in Keighley because the Rector, Theodore Dury, did not collect church rate. His successor William Busfield was an aggressive High Churchman. In 1842 a poll showed a majority of 2:1 against.

It is against this background that we must see the 1836 church rate poll in Kildwick. The result was a resounding endorsement 352 -90, a majority of 262 but analysis of the figures shows an interesting situation. The only places with any votes against were Glusburn where there were only 8 and Cowling and Sutton where there were majorities against of 56-14 and 26-9 respectively. The hostile vote in Sutton was certainly Baptist inspired and probably in Cowling too. Baptists were spearheading the opposition to the Church of England all over the country. The large majority in favour does not necessarily mean that everyone else was Anglican. The Methodists already had a powerful presence in both Silsden, Steeton and Glusburn. If the vicar was evangelical and moderate in his demands he often got Methodist support. Many of them had the freehold of pews in the parish church originally obtained when their families were still Anglican. They were also prepared to accept the argument that church rate was a property tax and that therefore they had originally got their estates cheaper than if there had been no rate. What little I know about John Pering, the vicar of Kildwick at the time, suggests that he was evangelical in outlook. Church rate in Kildwick continued to be collected until it was abolished nationally in 1868.

1 May Day

May is the month when the ancient pagans used to get up to all sorts! The Romans held their festival to honour the mother-goddess Maia, goddess of nature and growth. (May is named after her.) The early Celts celebrated the feast of Beltane, in honour of the sun god, Beli.



For centuries in 'Olde England' the people went mad in May. After the hardship of winter, and hunger of early Spring, May was a time of indulgence and unbridled merriment. One Philip Stubbes, writing in 1583, was scandalised:

"for what kissing and bussing, what smooching and slabbering one of another, is not practised?"

Henry VIII went 'maying' on many occasions. Then folk would stay out all night in the dark rain-warm thickets, and return in the morning for dancing on the green around the May pole, archery, vaulting, wrestling, and that evening, bonfires.

The Protestant reformers took a strong stand against May Day - and in 1644 May Day was abolished together. Many May poles came down - only to go up again at the Restoration, when the first May Day of King Charles's reign was

"the happiest Mayday that hath been many a year in England", according to Pepys.

May Day to most people today brings vague folk memories of a young Queen of the May decorated with garlands and streamers and flowers, a May Pole to weave, Morris dancing, and the intricacies of well dressing at Tissington in Derbyshire.

May Day is a medley of natural themes such as sunrise, the advent of summer, growth in nature, and - since 1833 - Robert Owen's vision of a millennium in the future, beginning on May Day, when there would be no more poverty, injustice or cruelty, but in harmony and friendship. This is why, in modern times, May Day has become Labour Day, which honours the dignity of workers. And until recently, in communist countries May Day processions were in honour of the achievement of Marxism.

There has never been a Christian content to May Day, but nevertheless there is the well known 6am service on the top of Magdalen Tower at Oxford where a choir sings in the dawn of May Day.

An old May carol includes the lines:

*The life of man is but a span,
it flourishes like a flower
We are here today, and gone tomorrow
- we are dead within an hour.*

There is something of a sadness about it, both in words and tune, as about all purely sensuous joy. For May Day is not Easter, and the joys it represents have always been earth-bound and fleeting.

Ed note:- the choir of Hexham Abbey also sing the morning office from the roof at 7.30-am—any takers for Kildwick??

Recipes for May



Tasty dishes using fish with cheese.

Salmon with a cheese crust

4 salmon fillets	2 tablesp. flaked almonds (optional)
1-2 tablesp. parsley chopped	juice of 1 lemon
50g (2oz) cheese, coarsely grated	50g (2oz) butter, melted

1. Prepare ingredients and pre-heat the grill to moderate. Line the grill pan with foil.
2. Place the salmon on the foil, mix together the parsley, cheese and almonds in a bowl then spoon the mixture on top of the salmon and drizzle with lemon juice and butter.
3. Grill for 12-15 mins. (depending on thickness) until cooked through and crusty on top.

Good served with a mixed salad.

Cheese and mushroom Fish Cake

4 fillets white fish	1 teasp. grated onion
½ tin (150g) condensed mushroom soup	a dash of worcester sauce
100g (4oz) grated cheese	small bag of crisps
50g (2oz) butter	

1. Prepare ingredients and heat oven Gas 4 Elec. 180°C.
2. Place fish in a buttered ovenproof dish, pour on the soup and top with cheese.
3. Mix together the butter, onion and Worcester sauce, then spread over the fish on top of the cheese.
4. Bake for approx. 35 mins. Sprinkle with crushed crisps before serving with vegetables.

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH

Our next monthly meetings to pray for the parish will take place on Tuesday 2nd May and Tuesday 6th June in the Parish Rooms from 7.30pm until 8.15pm. For information contact Robin Figg, 633307



Kildwick with Farnhill WI

Our April meeting was held at the Alhambra where we enjoyed a superb performance of "My Fair Lady". Thanks must go to joy for organising the visit and to the drivers of the cars that transported us. Since our last meeting the goods donated to the Women's Refuge have been gratefully received and news of great activity at both Federation and National level have been delivered by the Postman.

There is a Picnic at Bolton Abbey in May and an Evening with Annie Mawson in June guarantees no dry eye in the house! Meanwhile some of us prepare to meet Kate Aidie.

Many of our Environmental campaigns have been updated by National who are preparing for the AGM in Cardiff in June as well as organising a "Packaging Day of Action" when Supermarkets will be targeted re their excess packaging and use of plastics.

We meet at the White Lion in Kildwick on 11th May when we will debate the Public Affairs Resolutions to be voted on at the AGM. (Over Supper of course)

Glusburn and Cross Hills WI

At our meeting on 4th April our speaker was Terry Slocolmbe, speaking about "The Lighter Side of the Law". His talk was informative but very much lightened by his sense of humour, making a very entertaining evening.

Forthcoming events included a visit to Gledstone Gardens on 11th April and a coffee morning with Sutton WI in aid of "Cycle Cuba" Do it for Denman on Saturday 29th April. There were also many Federation workshops and demonstrations to choose from.

At our next meeting on 2nd May the Resolutions for the National Council Meeting will be discussed and voted on, followed by "Mr Craven's Quest" from Craven Museum.

Answers to puzzle on page 12

Across

1 Franc 4 Salt 8 Ishmael 9 Drunk 10 Glebe 11 Slander 13 Finest 15 Treads
17 Musical 20 Press 22 Leave 23 Chariot 24 Urge 25 Meats

Down

1 Fling 2 Ash Wednesday 3 Chapels 4 Silas 5 Lydia 6 Quadragesima
7 Skirts 12 Lot 13 Family 14 Tea 16 Rephaim 18 Cheer 19 Lucre 21 Sites

Regular Events at Kildwick

Sunday 10am	KICKs in Parish Rooms (Starts in church)	School aged children's group. (not running at present)
1st and 3rd Sunday 7.pm-9pm	Craven Rock	Ecumenical Youth group for 11+
Monday 1.30pm	Bible Study at Low Green, XHills	Informal Bible study and fellowship, all welcome
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 in church	
7.30pm	Harvesters in parish Rooms (upstairs)	Informal Bible study and fellowship group



Please note the deadline for the June Bridge is: 20th May

Tue 2 nd May	7.30pm	Prayers for the Parish (Parish Rooms)
Tue 9 th May	7.30pm	PCC Meeting (Parish Rooms)
Sat 13 th May	10-11.30am	Farnhill Methodist Coffee Morning
Sat 13 th May	7.30pm	Blue Manhattan Jazz Band Concert
Sun 14 th -Sat 20 th May		Christian Aid Week
Wed 17 th May	7.30pm	CDFC Council Meeting
Fri 19 th -Sun 21 st May		Parish Weekend Away at Whalley Abbey
Thu 25 th May	ASCENSION DAY 7.30pm	Holy Communion

Sun 4 th Jun		DAY OF PENTECOST. Preacher: Canon Edward Gee
Tue 6 th Jun	7.30pm	Prayers for the Parish (Parish Rooms)
Tue 6 th Jun	7.30pm	Archdeacon's Visitation for our Deanery (St James, Cross Roads)
Wed 7 th Jun	7.30pm	CDFC Annual Meeting (St Peter's Methodist Church)
Sat 17 th Jun	10.00am	Summer Fair
Sat 17 th Jun	7.30pm	Airedale Male Voice Choir Concert
Tue 20 th Jun	7.30pm	Outreach Advisory Group Meeting (Croft Mount, Bradley)
Wed 21 st Jun	10.15am	Worship Advisory Group Meeting (Vicarage)
Thu 22 nd Jun	7.30pm	Deanery Synod Meeting (St Mark, Utley)
Tue 4 th Jul	7.30pm	Prayers for the Parish (Parish Rooms)

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 7 May,	8.15 am	Holy Communion
The Fourth Sunday of Easter	10 am	Family Service with baptisms
	6 pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 14 May, The Fifth Sunday of Easter	8.15 am	Holy Communion
	10 am	Sung Eucharist
	6 pm	CDFC Service (St Andrew's Kildwick)
Sunday 21 May, The Sixth Sunday of Easter	8.15 am	Holy Communion
	10 am	Sung Eucharist
	6 pm	Choral Evensong
Thursday 25 May, Ascension Day	7.30 pm	Sung Eucharist
Sunday 28 May, The Seventh Sunday of Easter	8.15 am	Holy Communion
	10 am	Sung Eucharist
	6 pm	Healing Service



Ascension Day

Thursday 25th May

7.30pm Sung Holy Communion

Preacher: The Revd Canon Edward Gee



Church Rotas for May

Sunday 7 May, The Fourth Sunday of Easter	First Reading: Acts 4.5-12 Second Reading: 1 John 3.16-24 Gospel: John 10.11-18	Marjorie Gee Lesley Bannister John Hudson
Sunday 14 May, The Fifth Sunday of Easter	First Reading: Acts 8.26-40 Second Reading: 1 John 4.7-21 Gospel: John 15.1-8	Christine Anderton Kath Morris Margaret Jowett
Sunday 21 May, The Sixth Sunday of Easter	First Reading: Acts 10.44-48 Second Reading: 1 John 5.1-6 Gospel: John 15.9-17	Libba Utley Glyn Evans Barry Houghton
Thursday 25 May, Ascension Day	First Reading: Acts 1.1-11 Second Reading: Ephesians 1.15-23 Gospel: Luke 24.44-53	Pam Brown Jennifer Roberts Brenda Brock
Sunday 28 May, The Seventh Sunday of Easter	First Reading: Acts 1.15-17,21-26 Second Reading: 1 John 5.9-13 Gospel: John 17.6-19	Gill Jowett Lesley Hudson Michael Baumber

Date	Flowers	Church Cleaning	Tea and Coffee (10am service)
7th	Mrs. Roberts	Helen Hulley Rosie Hargreaves Sylvia Ackroyd	June Whitaker, Betty Hawkins
14th	Mrs. Whitaker		Beth Taylor, Marjorie Gee
21st..	Mrs. Whitley	Marian Baxter, June Whittaker, Mary Peake	Ann Mosley, Christine Anderton
28th	Vacant		Joyce Bonham Libba Utley
May	Brass cleaning	Rosie Hargreaves and Ann Mosley	

Church Rotas for May

Date	Sidesperson	Intercessor	Communion
Sunday 7 May, The Fourth	Joan Houghton Barry Houghton Sandi Walton	6 pm Peter Bannister	6 pm Michael Baumber
Sunday 14 May, The Fifth Sunday of Easter	David Baxter Libba Utley Christine Anderton Ann Mosley	Gill Jowett	Tim Littler Gill Jowett
Sunday 21 May, The Sixth Sunday of Easter	June Whitaker Pam Brown Elaine Jamieson	Michael Baumber	Gary McKinney Janet Swain
Thursday 25 May, Ascension Day		Peter Bannister	
Sunday 28 May, The Seventh Sunday of Easter	Eleanor Eastwood Dorothy Ward Christine Hutchinson Joyce Boden	Isobel Stirk	John Exley Christine Anderton

**Concert At St Andrew's
'Blue Manhattan'
Jazz Band**

Come and enjoy an evening of
music

**Saturday 13th May
7.30 pm**

Tickets £6 / £5 concessions
to include refreshments
children free
Tickets available from
Isobel Stirk
01535653997
or at the door

**Concert At St Andrew's
Airedale Male Voice
Choir**

Come and enjoy an evening
with this popular local choir

**Saturday 17th June
7.30 pm**

Tickets £5 / £4 concessions
to include refreshments
children free
Tickets available from
Isobel Stirk
01535653997
or at the door

FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of Farnhill Parish Council was held on the 6th April 2006 2006 in Kildwick & Farnhill Institute.

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

No response has been received from NYCC Street Lighting on the lighting scheme under the Culvert. Clerk to write to Chief Executive of NYCC stating that we are not satisfied with the response time on correspondence.

Clerk to report lights No 25 and the first light under the Culvert on Kildwick side are out. Also that Lights No 11,26 & 42 are staying on all the time.

Issues were raised about the number of cars parking on Grange Road by the entrance to Farnhill Moor causing poor visibility. Clerk to inform the police about dangerous parking and ask them to visit the site on a Sunday Morning.

Issues were also raised about the need for Street Cleaning in Farnhill, particular areas that need attention are Starkey Lane, Main Street & Newby Road. NYCC Counc M Wheeler to have a word with NYCC to see who is responsible for Street Cleaning.

Counc M Barton has received the Accounts for the Play Area from the Play Area Committee and they were handed over to the Clerk. The Big Lottery Fund has recently announced details of it's new England wide £155 million Children's Play Initiative and Craven has provisionally been allocated £200K and would like members of Playground Committee's to participate in a Craven wide 'Play Initiative' steering group. Clerk to ask for more information.

Issues were raised about older children using the equipment in the Play Area, but it was decided not to take any action at this stage so long as they were not causing any damage.

Clerk to write a reminder about outstanding rent due to the Parish Council.

The walls at the Arbour have now been repaired. NYCC Counc M Wheeler has spoken to Highways and they will not contribute anything towards the cost as they say it is the responsibility of the owner to repair the wall.

Whilst collecting responses to the Parish Plans several items were raised by members of the public:

1. Inscription for Stanley Hargreaves Memorial. Will be done when the weather improves making access possible.
2. Rubbish on the banks of the Beck. Has been reported to CDC.
3. Waste Bin on Newby Road taken off. The bins have been taken off by CDC who no longer allow bins on lamps. Clerk to write and ask for the bins to be reinstated in another position.
4. Dog Dirt on Starkey Lane & Newby Road. Clerk to report to CDC.
5. Road Sign on Newby Road Corroded. Clerk to report to Highways that the sign is dangerous.

The response to the leaflets on Parish Plans was not very good with only 33 Responses 28 in favour of a Parish Plan and 5 against the idea. It was decided to

bring the subject up at the Parish Meeting and wait to see what responses were received from Kildwick before making a decision on whether to go ahead.

NYCC Council. M Wheeler reported that NYCC had recalculated their list of priorities for traffic schemes and Farnhill had been knocked back on the list. Farnhill's Footway Scheme was now 35th on the list and Farnhill Traffic Calming at No 44.

The Enforcement Officer has been notified about the sign at Walters Barn.

NYCC have not committed to a scheme to Upgrade the Towpath from Riddlesden to Gargrave to a Cycle Path. Council Wheeler is awaiting a formal response as to why they have not committed.

The repairs for the Garages at Bucklar Hill are ongoing.

Clerk to write to British Waterways to ask them to clean up Redmans Bridge and the gate.

Council. Fulton has handed in his resignation from this Parish Council with effect from the conclusion of the meeting on the 6th April 2006.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL 11TH MAY 2006 IN FARNHILL INSTITUTE AT 7-30PM

All members of the village are welcome to attend.

Parish Council Election

The Election for Farnhill was uncontested therefore there are now two vacancies on the Parish Council. The New Parish Council must Co-opt two new members by Thursday 22nd June 2006.

If the Parish Council fails to fill the vacancies then the District Council may exercise its power after Thursday 22 June 2006 to order a fresh election to fill the remaining vacancies.

If anyone is interested please contact the Clerk at 1 North Place, Sutton In Craven, Keighley, W Yorkshire. BD20 7PH. Tel 01535 634942.

<p>Cross Hill Naturalists' Society (Founded 1904)</p>
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Summer Programme - May

- Thurs. 11th Microscope Workshop.
- Wed. 17th Annual Coach Excursion to Dalmain and Acorn Bank.
- Wed 31st Day in the Dales. Meet Co-Op car park, Cross Hills 1000 hours with cars and packed lunch. Leader Alan Butterfield.

Microscope Workshops are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Senior Citizen's Centre Sutton-in-Craven at 1845 hours.

For further details contact Jean Ken-drew (phone 01535 632447)

Welcome to the new 'Getting to Know You' page, a new occasional feature where we delve deeper into the personality of a fellow pew warmer in a way it's impossible to do during coffee time after the service!

Getting to Know....Janine Pickard

Janine Pickard is the bed linen buyer for a very well known Home Shopping company, lives with her husband and two children in Cross Hills and has been coming to Saint Andrews for about three years.



'I was reading the Craven Herald one Friday and spotted a piece about the church,' says Janine, 'so I decided to come along on the following Sunday.' This was a major step for Janine as she hadn't been to church for some 15 years. 'I was amazed by the warmth of the welcome that first Sunday.' Janine says, 'There was and is a really powerful sense of community, friendship and acceptance at Saint Andrews.'

Janine decided to enrol on the Emmaus course, 'It was extremely helpful.' says Janine. 'It opened my mind to God and helped me explore my faith and consider spirituality in a new light.' The course led Janine to Confirmation which she feels was, 'A critical point in affirming my faith, although I have a long journey still to make!'

Unbeknown to Janine at that time, she was soon to need the strength of the community around her. 'I feel that God drew me back into the church when I was feeling very happy and strong – our son had just been born. He knew I was about to face the hardest years of my life as our second baby became seriously ill after her birth. The support I have received from the people of Saint Andrews, through prayer, fellowship and friendship has brought my family through these past two years with a deeper faith.'

A keen runner and cyclist, Janine feels closest to God when she is out and about in the beauty of the countryside. Janine now finds that she has, 'A deeper, closer understanding of God and I appreciate now that God is with me every day in everything I do.'

Unsurprisingly when asked what she feels is her greatest achievement so far Janine declares without any hesitation, 'Being a Mum!' She's happiest spending time with her family and friends, 'My perfect day would start with a really long cycle ride with my husband (we never get out together now we have the children!) followed by an afternoon with the children on a beach, rounded off by a family meal, probably Italian as that's my favourite, and just maybe a glass of wine!'

Asked about a favourite Bible passage, Janine hesitates, 'It's hard to pick one really, but something along the lines of Matthew 7:12 is a pretty good one, 'In all things do to others as you would have them do to you.'"

If marooned on a desert island, Janine would choose a pair of running shoes as her luxury, 'Probably more useful than my first choice of a bike!' She laughs, 'I wouldn't

Isobel's page

I read recently that if Descartes could say "cogito ergo sum" – "I think therefore I am", in the twenty first century that dictum could be altered to "mallo ergo sum" – "I choose therefore I am".

A friend of mine was going abroad for a while and we decided to meet up in Saltaire before embarkation. Surrounded by magnificent Hockney paintings my friend asked if I would like a coffee. "Just an ordinary one, please", was my answer. I was duly reprimanded. "No such thing" said my friend and he went on to give me some choices. Espresso, Cappuccino, Latte, Skinny Latte, De Caffeinated, Caffeinated, small, large, cup, mug or filter. Then of course there was a choice of cream, or skimmed or semi skimmed milk. About six decisions to make to get one cup of coffee! (I won't go down the road of the sandwiches!). One cup of coffee had become a gauntlet of decisions to pass through.



We have been given the power to choose and to be able to choose is one of the most important things in living life to the full. If we can't choose we could feel in some way imprisoned, although the multiplicity of choices, like me having to decide which coffee I wanted, can be debilitating.

We have been given the gift of free choice and with it comes great freedom and also great responsibility. The responsibility is that our choices determine our destination and sometimes the destiny of others.

During World War II it is said that Winston Churchill had a painful choice to make. The British secret service had broken the Nazi code and had found out that they were going to bomb Coventry. Churchill had a dilemma – he had two choices:-

1. To evacuate Coventry and save hundreds of lives at the expense of letting the Germans know that the code had been broken or.
2. Take no action, which would devastate Coventry, killing many, but keep information coming and possibly save many, many more lives.

He chose the latter.

Sometimes choices are made at personal expense – to make a choice to speak out against something you think is not right. As Christians there are choices to make and sometimes these are unpopular and difficult.

In 1945 Dresden, in Germany, was nearly totally destroyed by the R.A.F. Bomber Command's policy of area bombing – the U.S. Air force following it up. Not everyone in Britain was happy about the level of bombing targeted at innocent civilians but few had the nerve to speak out.

George Bell, Bishop of Chichester, did just that, saying that this kind of bombing was an insult to Christian values, but this was done, it is said, at great personal expense. In the Bible there are lots of people who had to make choices which would change their lives and the lives of others.

In Deuteronomy we read that Moses tells the Israelites that God was pointing the way to two different paths.

"I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses". "Now choose life – for the Lord is your life".

There is a choice of two paths. One that goes in the opposite direction to God or the other which is destined as the path of life and this is clarified further by saying "The

Lord is your Life". The options are clear – the journey and the destination are determined by the choice made.

Mary the mother of Jesus made a choice by saying - " I am the Lord's servant. May it be to me as you have said."

In that one momentous choice, in an instant, it changed the world.

We are bombarded by constant choice, making tens of thousands of decisions a day, which can leave us feeling exhausted and confused, so it is reassuring to know that Jesus had relieved us of one decision. He tells us "You did not choose me – I chose you".

The friendship and love Jesus gives each one of us is freely given to the extent that He died for us. God's choice is made, we may choose to disregard it but we cannot unmake His choice. "You did not choose me - I chose you". Our choice is how we respond.

God has chosen us, not dark / fair, low fat / no fat, short / tall, decaffeinated / caffeinated, but just as we are. It's out of our control, beyond our choice – how wonderful!

His was the silent choice of God made man,
the choice to keep on going on His way to the cross
the choice to stay within the will of His Heavenly Father
the choice to keep on loving, even you, even me, right to
the end.

Crosshills & Glusburn
Manorlands Support Group

Coffee Morning
O.A.P Centre, Crosshills

Saturday 20th May 2006

9am-11am

Cake Stall
Raffle
Book Stall

All proceeds to Manorlands Hospice

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Sequence Dance
in aid of
Manorlands Hospice

St Peter's Church Hall,
Crosshills

Saturday 13th May 2006
8pm-11.30pm

Admission £3
To include tea & biscuits

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'If I had to spend a day locked in the church with someone, I would choose the Virgin Mary,' says Janine, 'as a mother, she had to watch her child suffer so much and I relate to that deeply.' She pauses, 'I really couldn't stand to be locked in with my old Secondary School Headteacher.' She says vehemently, 'His preaching about hell and damnation was a major factor in keeping me away from God and church for so many years. If I could ask God one question it would be, 'Why is there so much anger and hatred in the world, they are such futile emotions.'"

When asked if there was anything about her that not many people would know she smiled, 'Up to the birth of our second child, I competed at National level in cross-country mountain-bike racing; I even won a few trophies! I'm planning to be an embarrassing Mum as the children get older, getting muddier than any child could ever dream of on my bike! You never know, I may even come out of retirement and start racing again!'



From the Registers

Baptisms

Sunday 2 April William John Hudson, son of Darren & Nicola of Providence Crescent, Oakworth;
Phoebe Mae Whitley, daughter of Mark & Julie of Winston Avenue, Cross Hills.

Funeral

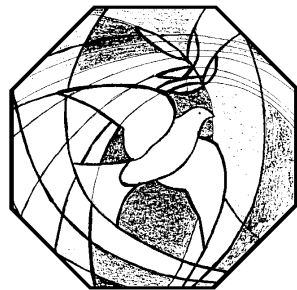
Wednesday 12 April Harry Pointon, of Baxter Wood, Cross Hills

Memorial Service

Tuesday 18 April Eric & Winifred Challinor

God Speaks

It came so softly that I barely noticed
Like a light breeze on a warm summer's day
Silent, barely rustling my senses
The message wasn't clear to me
Too many distractions spinning around in my brain
Until, I had a quiet moment
No distractions pressing in on me
Then it came through
Fuzzy at first
But surrender made it clearer
It happens when you listen with your heart!





ST AUGUSTINE

Over 1400 years ago, in the year 597, St Augustine led a group of 40 monks to preach the gospel to the heathen English. The Christian faith had been here before but had been practically wiped out by savage raiders from Denmark and Germany.

St Augustine was sent by Pope Gregory who had seen some English slave boys in Rome and had asked where they came from. On being told that they were Angles, he replied that they were not Angles but angels and became determined that their people should hear the good news of Jesus Christ.

The monks he sent landed in Kent and the king of that area, Ethelbert, gave them a house in Canterbury. When Ethelbert was baptised his people followed, and on Christmas Day 587 more than 10,000 people were baptised by Augustine in a local river.

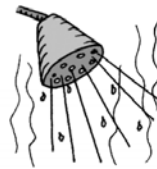
Augustine became the first Archbishop of the English.



CANTERBURY QUIZ

All the answers to these questions are words in the piece about St Augustine – when you have found them all rearrange the letters to give you something that you would see in Canterbury today.

1. Pope Gregory sent him
2. What the English were before
3. The king's name
4. The king gave them a house here
5. Not Angles, but
6. Where 10,000 were baptised
7. The raiders came from Germany and
8. The number that were baptised
9. The monks in Kent



When is water musical?
When it's piping hot.

How can you stop water coming into your house?
Don't pay the water rates.



Answers: 1. Augustine 2. heathen 3. Ethelbert 4. Canterbury 5. angels 6. river 7. Denmark 8. ten thousand 9. landed and the rearranged letters spell CATHEDRAL.

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...to be honest, I am not sure that all the money spent on a data projector was money well spent!

swap and shop

Why not sell your unwanted items here **FREE**.
Contact Lesley on 01535 633887 or
email lesley.hudson@kildwick.org.uk

FREE to good home:

MacGonagall the Vicarage cat. He is a 5 year old, black and white neutered male with a most amazing set of whiskers and came to live with us when Elizabeth's Mum moved down from Scotland.

Unfortunately Robin is allergic to cats and we need to find a new home for

MacGonagall. He is quite shy and likes his own 'personal space'!
(the cat that is not Robin.....although...!)

