

December 2001

**Parish News & Views
from St. Andrew's Church
Kildwick, Farnhill &
Cross Hills**

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Dear friends,

One of the great delights of the natural world is the cycle of the seasons. The colours of autumn tell us that the dark depths of winter are approaching fast. The trees are bare and the wind is cold. But we know it won't stay like this. Before very long we will be ready to welcome the first signs of spring and new life in our gardens.



There is also a cycle of seasons in the life of the Church. December brings us to the start of the new year with the season of Advent. For four weeks we spend time preparing for the great festival of Christmas, when we will celebrate once again the birth of the Christ-child in the world. Advent is a time of preparation - both physical and spiritual.

We are now getting busy buying and baking, making our present lists and planning our menus. We will soon be buying our tree and writing our cards, stocking our larders and filling our freezers. Of course all this is important if we are to enjoy this festive season to the full, but in the midst of all this physical activity we must not forget the spiritual. It's important to remember why we are doing it.

Amid the mounting pressures we need to keep remembering why and for whose sakes we crowd even more into our already busy lives. There is a real danger of finding ourselves more exhausted than excited, so harassed and frantic that we end up not enjoying Christmas as we should.

Advent is a time for waiting - on the Lord in stillness and in silence. Advent is a time for watching - for Christ when he comes. Christ is coming and we want to be ready when he comes. We celebrate the coming of Christ the infant holy, but we also wait with eager longing for the coming of Christ the king of glory, the judge of all the earth.

An essential part of this waiting and watching is the time we spend in church, gathered together as God's people, listening to, and reflecting on the wonderful stories foretelling the coming of the promised Messiah. We are given renewed hope that the light is coming into the world and the darkness will not overcome it. The joyful celebration of Christmas comes at the darkest and dearest time of the year. It reminds us even more powerfully than that God's own light has come into our world, and we can welcome the light into our own lives as well.

As we come to sing our Christmas carols and light our Christmas candles let us remember whose birth it is we celebrate, whose life, death and resurrection we glory in and whose coming again we long for.

I look forward to welcoming you to St Andrew's during the seasons of Advent and Christmas. May you find peace and joy and Christ in Christmas.

Robin Figg

Celebrate St Andrew

Friday 30th November Festival Eucharist for St. Andrews Day with Stephen and Margaret Tirwomwe, followed by mulled wine and mince pies at the Vicarage.

Saturday 1st December St Andrews Fair - 10 am to 12 noon in the Parish Rooms. Refreshments, Stalls Competition. Cakes for the cake stall, mince pies and other items to sell/raffle on the day will be much appreciated.

Ceilidh with live music from Buttered Peas - 7.30pm at Farnhill Institute. Tickets £5 adult, £2.50 child (£14 for a family) available from Gary and Alison McKinney (636520), Lesley Hudson (633887). Adult tickets to include a glass of wine, tea and coffee. Please bring along enough food and drink for your own group to share.



Christmas at Kildwick

Carols by Candlelight - December 16th at 6.30pm: All children are invited to come to the service dressed as shepherds, angels or wise men and to join in with the nativity tableau.

Crib Service - December 24th at 10.30 am: This lively service of carols and prayers retells the story of Jesus' birth as children help to place the figures around the Crib. Refreshments afterwards.



Midnight Eucharist 11.30pm Christmas Eve

Christmas Day Holy Communion at 8.15 am & Family Communion at 9.30 am

Open House

The 'staff' of Open House would like to wish all our visitors a Happy Christmas and thank all those who have helped in any way as purchasers or providers to raise over £1,000 for Martin House Hospice and Missions. This year we have given the Ravenscliffe Christian Fellowship in Bradford some of our surplus items for their 'Helping Hands' shop, proceeds from which are put towards improving facilities on the estate.

Wilf, Julie, John, Dorothy, Betty and Joyce.

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER (2)



Last month I offered some thoughts about prayer and asked some questions for you to think about: What is prayer? Do you pray? When do you pray? Where does prayer fit into your life?

As individual Christians and as a local Christian community prayer should be something that is seen as important. I quoted the well known saying, 'A growing church is a praying church'. It is also true for the individuals who make up the local church. It is through our praying that we can often experience growth in our relationship with God.

At its core, prayer is about spending time with God. But God is always present; wherever we are, God is there. This means that wherever we are, we can pray. Whether we are washing up in the kitchen, soaking in the bath, sitting quietly in the lounge, we can pray. Wherever we are we can consciously turn our thoughts to God and remember his presence with us. This it seems to me is a good place to begin. We need to remember the saying, Pray as you can, not as you can't.

For some people it is helpful to find a regular time and place when you can be quiet and still to spend time with God. Perhaps you have a favourite chair where you can sit for a few minutes. Perhaps you can best bring your thoughts to God as you walk to work or to the shops. God is never absent so be adventurous in where and when you take time to pray.

Sometimes it is helpful to meet with others and take time to grow in our understanding and practice of prayer. In December I will be leading two sessions when we will look at some different ways of praying. Details are as follows:

Windows into Prayer

Session 1. Tues. 4 December, 1.45 – 3.00 pm & 7.45 – 9.00 pm

Session 2. Tues. 18 December., 1.45 – 3.00 pm & 7.45 – 9.00 pm

Venue: Parish Rooms.

If you would like to come along please sign the list in church or let me know by phone (633307).

Robin Figg

Group visit to Bradford's Link Diocese, Erfurt (Germany)

This coincides with the Woman's World Day of Prayer 2002 but is open to all. Travel by air and rail outward 27th Feb 2002 returning 5th March. Private accommodation with hosts. Approximate cost £300
Further details from Rosie Tudge (01943 607537) or
Maggie Kellett (01943 601906)

Tuesday-Friday - 7.30am Morning Prayer

4.45pm Evening Prayer

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

Wednesdays at 9.15 am - Holy Communion

Sunday December 2nd Advent Sunday

8.15 am Holy Communion (Order 2)

9.30 am Sunday Special

Our short informal child-friendly service for families, followed by

refreshments in the Parish Rooms.

10.30 am Holy Communion (Order 1)

Readings : Isaiah 2:1-5. Romans 13: 11-14. Matt. 24: 36-

44

6.30 pm Advent Carol Service

Sunday December 9th - Advent 2

8.15 am Holy Communion (Order 1)

10.30 am Holy Communion (Order 1)

Readings : Isaiah 11: 1-10. Romans 15: 4-13. Matthew 3:

1-12

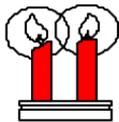
6.00 pm Fellowship of Churches United Service at Kildwick

Sunday December 16th - Advent 3

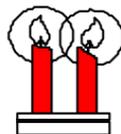
8.15 am Holy Communion (Order 2)

10.30 am Family Communion (Order 1)

Readings: Isaiah 35: 1-10. James 5: 7-10. Matt. 11: 2-11



Sunday December 16th 6.30 pm.
Carols by Candlelight



Sunday 23rd December Advent 4

8.15 am Holy Communion (Order 1)

10.30 am Holy Communion (Order 1)

Readings: Isaiah 7: 10-16. Romans 1: 1-7. Matt. 1: 18-25

Christmas Eve 10.30am Crib Service

11.30pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day 8.15am Holy Communion

9.30am Family Communion

What's On?

To advertise your local event for FREE on this diary page,
phone 01535 633887.

Please note that items for next month's magazine need to be
with us by 17th December

- 1 Dec Advent Fair 10am- 12 noon
Kildwick CE School Fair
St Andrews Ceilidh at 7.30 pm at Farnhill and Kildwick Institute
- 4 Dec Windows into Prayer 1.45 -3pm & 7.45-9pm Parish Room
- 9 Dec United Evening Service at St Andrews Kildwick at 6 pm
- 11 Dec Parochial Church Council at 7.30 pm in the Parish Rooms
- 12 Dec Kildwick School Christmas Carol Service in church 2pm & 6.30pm
- 13 Dec Open House Christmas Party 3pm
- 13 Dec Glusburn School Carol Concert in church at 5pm
- 14 Dec Guides Carol Service in church 6pm in church
- 18 Dec Windows into Prayer 1.45 -3pm & 7.45-9pm Parish Room
- 24 Dec Crib Service 10.30am
- 24 Dec Midnight Eucharist 11.30pm
- 25 Dec Family Communion 9.30am

Other Regular Events

Sunday	7.30-8.30 pm	YAK (Youth at Kildwick for 11s-18s at the Vicarage)
Tuesday to Friday	7.30am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	4.45pm	Evening Prayer
Tuesday	10.00 am	Pram Service (a short service for all pre-school children)
Wednesday	6.30-7.30 pm	Bubble Jets and Lazer Jets (for 4-11+ in the Parish Rooms)
Thursday	8.00 pm	Bellringing Practice
Thursday	2.00 pm	Open House (Refreshments and items for sale in the Parish Rooms)
Friday	7.30-8.30 pm	Choir Practice (in church)
Friday	7.30 pm	Harvesters Bible Study Group (Parish Rooms)
Friday	1.30 pm	Bible Study (at Low Green)

Praying together through the month

Church Family

1. Pray that the Advent Fair and Ceilidh will be a Success
2. Pray for the Advent Carol service and all who attend
3. Pray for Robin, Elizabeth, Matthew, James and Paul
4. Remember all who help to keep the church running smoothly
5. Bless all the children who attend Lazerjet's and Bubblejet's
6. Pray for our Bishop David
7. Pray for bible study groups that they may grow in faith
8. Pray for our readers, sidepersons churchwardens and bellringers
9. Pray for all the people who attend Kildwick Church today
10. Bless the choir and the music group for the pleasure their music gives to us.

Overseas

11. Remember the Castle family who are living in Uganda
12. Pray for peace in the Middle East at this time of year.
13. Pray for the members of the American Armed Forces who are in Afghanistan
14. Bring peace to the people of Afghanistan
15. Pray for the Christians throughout the world who are living in fear
16. Remember the Sudanese Christians.
17. Pray for the family of Rev. Stephen & Margaret Tirwomwe who remain in Uganda
18. Pray for all the people who have families overseas
19. Pray for the children who came to visit Kildwick from Chernobyl
20. Remember the British Forces in Afghanistan

Christmas

21. Pray for people who find life very hard to cope with at this time of year.
22. Pray for the Forces families who are facing Christmas without their partners
23. Pray for the staff and patients in nursing homes who will be working at Christmas
24. Pray for all the people who attend Midnight Communion
25. Thank God for the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ
26. Remember the people who are alone during the Christmas Season
27. Pray for all that give their time caring for the less fortunate
28. Pray for the people who may have been ill during Christmas
29. Remember the homeless during the winter months
30. Thank God for the food and pleasure that we have received this week
31. A Special Prayer of peace and goodwill to all during the coming year



Out and About in December

Again the robin waxes tame
 And ventures pities crumbs to claim
 Picking the trifles off the snow
 Which dames on purpose daily throw
 Jqhn Clare

With October being the warmest since the 17th century fuschias etc were flowering well into November, they should now have been stored away in a frost free place. Thankfully some of the foot and mouth restrictions are now coming to an end and we can look forward to getting out into the woods and fields again.

There are still routine jobs to be done: -

Make sure all fences and stakes are secure.

Protect terra cotta planters with bubble wrapping and tie leaves of yuccas and cordilines in a bunch to prevent freezing and damaging growing point.

Remove leaves. from rockeries and replenish gravel mulch.

YOUNG GARDENERS Create a festive table display.

1. Fill a flower pot with earth and then put a large potato in it with. about half above the top of the pot.
2. With a skewer, make holes in it and push into them sprigs of holly and conifer to completely cover potato.
3. Make some decorations with coloured card and fix to the tree with wire. Add some small pieces of tinsel and perhaps a long, red candle.

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL GARDENERS YOUNG OR OLD

Cross Hills Naturalists' Society - December Events

Saturday 1st December Annual Supper Evening at. St. Peter's Church Schoolroom at 1900 hours. There will be jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings, followed by cakes/fruit, and afterwards members will show slides, give short talks or read some interesting natural history prose or poem.

Admission £1.50

Thursday 13th December. Microscope Workshop 1845-2100 at the Senior Citizen Centre, North Street, Sutton-in-Craven.

It is once again December and my last page for this year. You will probably have realised from reading my articles that poetry comes near the top of my reading list and so this month I share with you excerpts from a particular favourite poem of mine by T S. Eliot - a little different from MacCafferty or The Wasteland but I hope you enjoy it.

Journey of the Magi

“A cold. coming we had of it
 Just the worst time of year
 For a Journey, and such a long journey
 The ways deep and the weather sharp
 The very dead of winter
 And the camels galled, sore-footed, refractory
 Lying down in the melting snow”



The poem goes on to describe their long arduous journey with guides, drunken and debauched, running away and the dirty villages they passed through, charging them exorbitant prices

“A hard time we had of it
 At the end we preferred to travel all night
 Sleeping in snatches
 With the voices singing in our ears saying
 That this was all folly”

But on they travelled.

“Then we came to a tavern with vine leaves over the lintel
 Six hands at an open door dicing for pieces of silver
 And feet kicking the empty wine - skins
 But there was no information, and so we continued.
 And arrived at evening, not a moment too soon
 Finding the place; it was (you may say) satisfactory.”

The last verse I find particularly inspiring.

“All this was along time ago. I remember
 And I would do it again, but set down
 This set down
 This: were we led all that way for
 Birth or Death? There was birth certainly,
 But thought they were different; this Birth was
 Hard and bitter agony for us, these Kingdoms,
 But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation.
 With an alien people clutching their gods.
 I should be glad of another death.”

May I wish you all a very happy Christmas and as we make our own journey into a new year I hope it will be a peaceful one for everybody.



Recipes for December

Two delicious desserts, ideal for the busy Christmas season. Both are quite easy to make and can be prepared in advance.

TIRAMASU

2 tablesp. instant coffee	200g (8ozs) mascapone cheese
2 tablesp. caster sugar	300ml (½ pt) double cream
3 tablesp. boiling water	300ml (½ pt) ready to serve custard
3 tablesp. brandy	1 – 2 teasp. cocoa
8 trifle sponges	50g (2ozs) plain chocolate (grated)

1. Place the coffee and sugar in a measuring jug, add 3 tablesp boiling water, stir well. Add brandy then cold water to make 250ml (just under ½ pt)
2. Cut sponges into thick fingers, place half of these in a serving dish. Pour on half of the coffee liquid.
3. Whisk cheese, cream and custard until smooth. Spread half over soaked sponges, sprinkle with the cocoa and half the chocolate.

Top with remaining sponges and slowly drizzle with remaining coffee liquid. Spread with remaining cream mixture and decorate with chocolate. Serve chilled.

RASPBERRY MERINGUE BOMBE

4 meringue nests	50g (2ozs) caster or icing sugar
450g (1lb) frozen raspberries	1 tablesp cocoa
600 ml (1pt) double cream	

1. Line a mould or freezer proof bowl with cling film.
2. Break up the meringues into small pieces.
3. Reserve a few raspberries for decoration then partially defrost the remainder and mash lightly with a fork.
4. Whip the cream until thick then lightly stir in the sugar, cocoa, meringue and raspberries. Avoid over mixing and aim for a marbled effect.
5. Spoon the mixture into prepared mould or bowl pressing into the corners. Cover and freeze until firm. (At least four hours.)

It can then be turned out on to a plate and put back into the freezer until required. Transfer from freezer to fridge 30 mins. before serving, decorated with icing sugar and reserved raspberries.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas

Helen.

Brass Cleaning Mrs. J Roberts and Mrs. P. Hargreavers.

Flowers Advent

Christmas Eve: Mrs. I. Stirk

Servers 10.30am

2nd Philip Parsons

16th Hetty Hutton

23rd Derek Lund

24th

25th

30th Janet Swain



Chalice

2nd Wilf and Julie

9th John and Christine

16th Gary and Hetty

23rd Tim and Sue

24th Derek and Gill

30th John and Christine



Church Cleaning

10th Enid Broadbent,

Helen Hulley, Rosie Hargreaves

Sidespersons at 10.30am

2nd Dorothy Ward, Hetty Hutton, June Whitaker

9th Sylvia Clark, Gill Jowett, Malcolm Newell

16th John & Enid Broadbent, Alison McKinney

23rd George Hemingway, Christine Anderton, Lesley Hudson

24th John and Joan Parsons, Gary Mckinney, John & Enid Broadbent,

25th Sylvia Clark, Gill Jowett, Malcolm Newell

30th Dorothy Ward, Hetty Hutton, June Whitaker



Intercessions 10.30am

2nd Revd Robin Figg 16th Lesley Hudson 23rd Sue Hargreaves

30th Hetty Hutton



Whalley Abbey

Join us for our Parish weekend at Whalley Abbey April 19th-21st 2002

The cost will be £72 for adults with concessions for children.

If you are interested please fill in the form below and return it to :

Joan Parsons 26 Station Road Crosshills. Tel. 636462



Name -----

Address -----

No. of places Special requirements -----

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The CMS Yorkshire Conference at Scargill House October 26th to 28th

This years conference was entitled:

"Lifting the Veil", Understanding Pakistan.

How perfect is God's timing. who could have known when this conference was planned a year ago, that Pakistan would be so much in the news at this present time, sadly for all the wrong reasons. We learned so much and met so many people, over seventy C.M.S. members were present, plus returned mission partners and Pakistani Christians, Sardar and Violet Ohauri, who are C.M.S. mission partners to this country. They are working amongst the Asian community in Glasgow.

It is impossible to give you an account of all our experiences, the whole weekend was one of learning and sharing and having fun. Then being close to tears as we shared the sadness of our Pakistani friends Sardar, Violet and Nikhta as we heard the dreadful news of the massacre of Pakistani Christians who were gunned down as they met to worship God.

We were gathered together in the chapel at Scargill as Sardar said to us, " This event was not unexpected, but this is a price we have to pay, we have no choice but to follow Christ".

Do please give thanks for the freedom we enjoy in meeting together to praise God in our own churches and remember in your prayers those who do not enjoy such freedom, often paying the price of being a Christian with there lives. Christians form only 2% of the population hi Pakistan. Most are from low caste Hindu families who converted to Christianity a hundred years ago. Most Christians remain amongst the poorest in Pakistan. Islamic Sharia Law makes life very difficult for these people, especially when fundamentalist groups take the law and its interpretation into their own hands.

At the end of his presentation, Sardar said to us , " It has often been said that the blood of the martyrs lays the foundation of the church. Therefore we pray that a strong foundation would be laid, for Pakistan has had its share of present day martyrs.. We urge you to pray for your brothers and sisters who are suffering simply because they are Christians"

If you would like to know more about the church in Pakistan or about the work of C.M.S. please get in touch.

Sylvia Clark and Sue Hargreaves.

South Craven Elderly Initiative Group.

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

We also endeavour to alter conditions or services which may cause accidents or problems to local residents i.e. 'A' boards etc.

We have representatives from local councils and committees, who keep us informed of any developments such as health and planning.

One particular item is that any pensioner who has an old-style kettle or a broken one can have one free by contacting Mr & Mrs Smith

Tel 632083

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