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Dear friends,

Happy Christmas and a happy New Year! I hope you are continuing to celebrate with great joy the festival of Christmas as we rejoice in God's gift to us of the Christ-child, God with us, Emmanuel.

Unlike the world around us, the Church invites us to remember that Christmas Day is not the end but the beginning of the great celebration, which continues for 40 days until we celebrate the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas) on 29th January. As

a reminder of this we keep the Christmas Crib and the Christmas tree in the church throughout these six weeks.

The birth of a child is, of course, a sign of new life coming into the world and so the birth of Jesus, the Christ-child is the sign of God's new life that God offers to the world. As the season of Christmas includes the move into a new calendar year, so the hope and expectation of God's new life is offered to all God's people anew for the coming year.

The New Year is a time for us to reflect on the past; not only the year that has just gone, but also as events and people from long ago in

our lives come to mind at this time of year. Memories, both happy and sad, rush in as we look back, see what we got wrong (or right!) and resolve to make a new start.

What are your hopes for the future; for the coming year, for next week, for tomorrow? What is your dream; for yourself, for your family and friends, for humankind?

I have no doubt that somewhere in your hopes and dreams will be the theme of peace and justice. But how can we know peace when the world is

as it is? There is so much going on around us that can leave us feeling that there is little hope and expectation of peace in the future. Each day we hear of the effects of humankind's destructive intolerance of those with a different viewpoint, religion or culture.

During these seasons of Christmas and Epiphany we gaze in wonder at the new born Christ-child and celebrate God coming into our world to share our human journey



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as one of us. Through the events of 2000 years ago we are led by a star to discover the truth that the God we meet in Jesus is not like any of the other gods that humans have worshipped through history, and still worship today. God, who reveals God's self to us in the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus, is different.

As I listened again to the retelling of the Christmas story by the children of Kildwick and Glusburn schools at their nativity plays, Carol and Christingle services, I was struck this time by the clear message that the Child whose birth we celebrate is indeed the Son of God who came to change the world, to change each one of us.

Bishop Michael Curry, in his Christmas message, reminds us that, "This child who was born of Mary changes everything. This child born in a manger, wrapped in swaddling clothes changes how we live. And this Jesus, born into a world torn by strife and hatred and division and pain and poverty, this child is born anew wherever men and women say, 'I'll follow Him. I'll follow Him as my Saviour. I'll follow Him as my Lord.'"

What does it mean to follow Jesus as Saviour, as Lord, in a world torn by our human violence? Surely it must mean that we commit ourselves to live Jesus-like lives

of love, compassion, goodness, forgiveness, self-sacrifice. This is the way of beauty that will change and save the world.

Pope Francis, in his letter to heads of state to mark World Peace Day on 1st January, warns that continued escalating conflicts could lead to the physical and spiritual death of many people – "if not of all". Pope Francis appeals for a new style of politics that will build peace through "creative non-violence". He writes: "I ask God to help all of us to cultivate non-violence in our most personal thoughts and values. May charity and non-violence govern how we treat each other as individuals, within society and in international life. When victims of violence are able to resist the temptation to retaliate, they become the most credible promoters of non-violence peace-making."

So as we begin this new year I hope that you will make room in your heart and mind for Jesus, the Christ-child, to change you, so that you can help change the world. Make a new commitment to go out from this day, to let this be the first day of a new world.

May God's blessing of Love, Joy, Peace be yours.



January

It's over! The tinsel is about to be packed away and the New Year's Resolution is honed and ready. The days are already getting longer. The Solstice - the shortest day - was just before Christmas. Indeed, it was the Festival around that which was hijacked by the Christians to celebrate this special birth.

As I approach 2017, I am much taken by a sermon by Ian Paul. He talks about how Jesus wasn't actually born in a stable but, rather than debunking all this as myth, he points out that what the Bible says is that, instead of being born, shut away and isolated, in a guest chamber, he was actually born in the main space in a Palestinian home. The big space where everything happened and yes, including the gathering of the household animals. Ian Paul says:

For Luke, Jesus isn't pictured as born 'over there', away from everyday life, inviting us to visit once a year, but at the heart of the home, asking whether we too will make space for him. He isn't pictured as poor and outcast (not here at least) asking what we can do for him, but as a child of hope and promise, asking what he might do for us. He isn't pictured as rejected, inviting us to pity him, but as welcomed, asking us whether we will welcome him too.

I'm sorry to turn this into a sort of mini-sermon, but this is what I shall take into 2017.

If you'd like to read the whole thing, turn to <http://tinyurl.com/lanPaulSermon>

Happy 2017!

Chris

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Hush the Noise ye men of strife, and hear ...

Preparing music - songs and carols – for a service to be held at Airedale Hospital, I struggled.

This December the noise of conflict, has filled our ears; and the endless scenes of devastation and of horror have filled our TV screens. The words of one Christmas carol kept coming to mind and blotted out the words of any other:

“Oh hush the noise, Ye men of strife! And hear the angels sing”.

No answer at all, really. but I long and pray for hope. And the restoration of a little quiet and of normality to the lives of the people of Aleppo, many starving and cold, holed up there.

Which carol did these words come from? (A popular Christmas Quiz question.)

Google of course, gave the answer, “It came upon a Midnight Clear”. Within a minute a large variety of recordings of this carol were on my computer screen, and very importantly – with the words also available.

Hymns and songs are subject to adjustment and alteration these days. causing irritation to many including me. But one version of verse 3 of this carol, seems to fit this moment in our history, perfectly. When this verse was written, and by whom I do not know. Neither would I wish for it to be a permanent substitute for the original words which are:-

“Yet, with the woes of sin and strife, the world has suffered long” ...

Instead these read:-

O Ye, beneath life's crushing load,
Whose forms are bending low.
Who toil along the climbing way,
With painful steps, and slow.
Look now! For glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing -
And rest beside that weary road,
And hear the angels sing.

Too idealistic? Yes, but more specific and realistic in the face of forced migration from war and suffering, which we continue to witness, thanks to news coverage. We see all ages and in all conditions – the healthy and the sick - travelling as best they can. Some helping others; and all hungry, and all having given up on any intervention coming from Western Nations - whilst they remained terrified in their homes.

“How far is it to Bethlehem?” The child Jesus is the focus of our attention at Christmastime. He became a migrant with His family, and He too fled from the king and his soldiers who would kill Him, to Egypt.





Seeds of Silence

finding space with God

Feeling stretched too thinly? Tired and run ragged? Is it sometimes hard to connect with or be quiet and attentive to God - and to yourself and other people - in the middle of your busy life? Do you sometimes struggle to pray?

If so, think about joining one of the upcoming Exploring Silence sessions. These will be led by Dr Alison Woolley, who runs the Seeds of Silence project. This project exists to encourage and support people in exploring how stillness and prayerful silence can deepen their relationship with God, with themselves and with others.

The sessions will help us to think about how finding stillness, and using silence, can deepen our spiritual lives; give a snapshot of the development of the use of silence-based prayer in Christian history (from the 13th century mystics to more recent times) and other traditions, offer ideas for developing your own discipline of stillness and silence, and give us insights into what people find valuable - and difficult - about this.

**When?
and (repeated)**

Saturday 4th March at 10.30am

Tuesday 7th March at 7.30pm.

Where?

In the Parish Rooms

Each session runs for approximately 2 – 2¼ hours and consists of practical techniques/exercises interspersed with solid information and the results of Alison's research into the ways these techniques can benefit us.

Refreshments will be available before and after each session.

Places are limited to a maximum of 10 for each session. Note that the sessions are the same; you only need to attend one, not both.

For further information and to book your place please contact:

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⇒ A stranger in a foreign land as these migrants will be. Our prayers surely go with them.

May all who flee to hoped-for safety, go under the protection of God and His holy angels. Perhaps not hearing the angels sing, but arriving safely and hearing human voices bidding them welcome, in words which they can understand; offering food and warmth; and comfort.

Telling them they are safe.

Di Halliday



News from the Cross Hills & District Fellowship of Churches

Christmas in the Park



Another very successful outdoor presentation of the Christmas story took place on Sunday 11th December.

Thankfully the poor weather of last year was not repeated and a mild and still afternoon meant a great crowd of over 350 people came out to watch the cast of nearly 30 from the local churches and schools process through Sutton village to Sutton Park.

Christmas in the Park is one of the major outreach events organised by our Fellowship of Churches. In 2017 it will take place on Sunday 10th December; put the date in your diary now!



Deadline for next month

We'll do our best to have the February magazine on the news stands on Sunday 29th January. That means the deadline for all material will be on:

Sunday 22nd January

The PCC meets on 24th January and we'll try to have a report of that meeting. (I'll plead with the PCC Secretary!) but other material needs to be in by then.

Of course, there's no problem with receiving things before that date!

Christmas Carol Service

Over 230 adults and nearly 50 children enjoyed the traditional Christmas carol service by candlelight on the Sunday before Christmas.



For the second year the tableau formed during the telling of the Christmas story featured Ben and Ceri taking the roles of Joseph and Mary, with their new baby Henry as baby Jesus and Henry's sister, Evelyn, as an angel. They were joined by a good number of children who took the parts of angels, shepherds, nativity animals and magi.

Having listened to the story of Christmas told in the seven readings, in the talk Robin reminded us of the need to listen for God in our everyday lives, just as Mary and Joseph had to listen to voice of God as they were told of the amazing things that would happen in their lives.



Importantly, Mary and Joseph, the shepherds and the magi, and all those caught up in that first Christmas, had to listen to the voice that told them not to be afraid, but to trust that God was doing a wonderful thing for the sake of all the people of the world, then and for ever. The Christmas story tells us that God has come into the world and is always with us in all the ups and downs of each of our human lives.

Daffy-nitions:

Dopeler effect:	The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.
Extractor fan:	Former lover of agricultural vehicles

The Daily Star

The King is born!

The children of Class 4 have been writing newspaper stories:

Today in Bethlehem
Something amazing
happened... Jesus was
born!

It started when Mary
and Joseph got told
Mary was going to
have God's baby. Joseph
wasn't happy that it



Mary told Joseph that
he would be the father
and Joseph was very
cross that he wasn't
the father but that
night an angel came
to Joseph to say that
Jesus means "God saves"

Today in Nazareth, Mary, the wife of Joseph
got told by the Angel Gabriel that she was
going to have a special baby. He will be
called Jesus, the light of the world, Son
of God, and King of the world. When Mary
told Joseph, he was not very happy. He
said, "I should be his father." That...

Mary and Joseph lived in
Nazareth. Because the
Romans had taken over
Israel, they wanted to make
sure that everybody paid
taxes. Mary and Joseph
were told to go to Bethlehem
to register for the census...

Two weeks ago, Mary was
told by an angel to
marry Joseph and call
the baby that they would
have Jesus. They had
spent a week travelling
to Bethlehem by donkey
and had arrived. Although
they had trouble finding
an inn, every inn was full



Settled in at Jesus was born. We interviewed Mary and she was relieved that all the hassle was gone.

When they reached Bethlehem, Mary was tired and needed somewhere to sleep. All the inns were full but one innkeeper said that they had a barn that they could sleep in. That night, Jesus was born.

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one each. The first King gave gold. The second king gave frankincense and the third king gave myrror. Mary and Joseph were surprised by how amazing the gifts were. After that Mary and Joseph went to live in Egypt until King Herod died.

Three wise men saw a star and brought compasses and telescopes to investigate it. It brought them all the way to Bethlehem.

ib. Well I think we should talk to the baby. "What do you want say?" "Waaaaa aaaaaa aaaaaa" "Well I didn't expect that" we will bring you more news about this story as we find it out.

The Kildwick MiniRingers

Back in September (**way** back in September!), I wrote an introduction to a new venture; the Kildwick MiniRingers. I shared some hopes and plans and – shock! horror! – some of them have even turned into reality...

The mini-bell in the Parish Rooms roof (have you spotted the hole for the rope in the hatchway?) hasn't yet been used as much as I had anticipated. Plans for next term feature this rather more. What I'd not anticipated was that Jane, my co-leader, would bring her set of handchimes. This meant that tune ringing took a much higher profile than I had expected.

But what has been everything that I had hoped has been the sheer enthusiasm of the MiniRingers themselves! We started with a rather small group of three boys. As the term progressed, we steadily gathered new recruits and we have doubled in numbers. As the weeks went by, not a single member failed to turn up. (However, I suspect that the speed they run from school to the Parish Rooms owes more to Jill's biscuits than to anything else!)

We went public twice at the end of term. First of all, we rang "changes" for the beginning of Collective Worship. Though this was relatively low-key, they were performing in front of their peers – always a stressful experience! They managed brilliantly and the proof of this is that, from what I've heard, we're going to have to start a waiting list next term!

Next term? We're full of plans of course! We mean to enter a class (or even, maybe, two) in the Skipton Music Festival in March. Following the success of this group, another similar venture has started up in Oxenhope. They practice on a Thursday as well – and I've been talking with their leader Bob about how we can best work together (as well, of course in bitter rivalry!)

If you are interested to see how we are getting on, you can always look in on our website at www.miniringers.org.uk You'll see a couple of videos there, showing the lads in action.

Hmmm... "lads". Yes; they are all boys at the moment. I do hope that some of the girls will be joining us before very much longer. This isn't a male preserve! I'm still looking for a couple more leaders too. For the project to become properly robust, we need a few more bodies. You don't need to be a ringer (though if you are, it helps!). If you can spare an hour on a Thursday to enjoy a really enthusiastic bunch of youngsters, then just come along!



St Andrew's Fair

Saturday 29th November



A lovely time was had by all those who came to our St Andrew's Fair. As always, there was a good range of stalls so people could find those important Christmas gifts for family and friends.

It was good to welcome friends from the community who ran several stalls selling their own local crafts.

As always an excellent soup & roll lunch was served in the Parish Rooms, as well as the essential hot drinks and mince pies.

Such occasions are firstly about bringing the community together and secondly about raising much needed funds to support the work of the church. Again, we achieved a good result on both fronts; an enjoyable time by many raised over £800. Well done and thank you to everyone.



Silent Night



Date			Readings
1 January The First Sunday of Christmas	8.15am 10.00am	Holy Communion Family Communion	Isaiah 63.7-9 Hebrews 2.1--end Matthew 2.13-end
8 January Epiphany	8.15am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion	Isaiah 60.1-6 <i>Ephesians 3.1-12</i> Matthew 2.1-12
15 January The Baptism of Christ	8.15am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion	<i>Isaiah 42.1-9</i> Acts 10.34-43 Matthew 3.13-17
22 January The Third Sunday of Epiphany	8.15am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion	Isaiah 49.1-7 1 Corinthians 1.1-9 John 1.29-42
29 January The Presentation of Christ in the Temple	8.15am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion	Malachi 3.1-5 <i>Hebrews 2.14-18</i> Luke 2.22-40

Regular Events at Kildwick

Monday 8.30am	Morning Prayer	In Church
Tuesday 8.30am	Morning Prayer	In Church
Tuesday <i>not in holidays</i> 10.00 – 11.30am	Chuffs <i>Fun for pre-school children and their grown-ups!</i>	In the Parish Rooms
Tuesday 7.30 – 8.30 pm	Choir practice	In Church
Wednesday 8.30am	Morning Prayer	In Church
Wednesday 9.30am	Midweek Eucharist	In the Parish Rooms
Wednesday 10.15 am – 12.30pm	NottheKnot Group <i>Stitching and Fellowship Group</i>	In the Parish Rooms
Wednesday 7.30 – 9.00pm	Bell ringing	In the Tower
Thursday <i>not in holidays</i> 3.15 – 4.30pm	MiniRingers Bell Club	In the Parish Rooms
Friday 8.30am	Morning Prayer	In Church

Readers	Intercessor	Communion	Sidespeople	Tea and Coffee
Lesley Bannister Christine Anderton Pat Wilcock	Peter Bannister	Sue John	Eleanor Eastwood Sandie Walton June Whitaker	June Whitaker Sylvia Ackroyd
Tim Littler/ Kathryn Taylor Marie Stinson	Lesley Hudson	Christine Tim	Marie Stinson Peter McNeill	Joyce Bonham (vacancy)
<i>Reading not used</i> Brenda Brock Chris Wright	Di Halliday	Christine Di	Ann Mosley Christine Anderton Michael Baxter	Elaine Carter Jill Wright
Glyn Evans Jill Wright Kathryn Morris	Sue Hargreaves	Sandie Peter	Sandie Walton	Ann Mosley Christine Anderton
Sylvia Clark <i>Reading not used</i> Katharine Calvert	Lesley Bannister	Sue Christine	Joyce Bonham Elaine Carter	Maureen Vink Katharine Morris



From the Registers

Baptism

Sunday 4th December Heidi Booker, daughter of Ben & Rebecca of Albert Street, Cross Hills

Burial of Cremated Remains

Sunday 4th December Ian Busby, formerly of Beanlands Nursing Home, Glusburn

Tuesday 13th December Enid Naylor, formerly of Low Bank, Embsay.

Saturday 17th December Christopher Sutcliffe & Christine Sutcliffe, formerly of Grange Road, Farnhill



January

Sunday 8th

Epiphany of Our Lord

10.00am Family Communion

Mon 9th 1.30pm Pilgrim group 'Church & Kingdom' begins (Parish Rooms)

Wed 11th 7.30pm Pilgrim group 'Church & Kingdom' begins (Parish Rooms)

Fri 13th 2.45pm Kildwick School collective worship in church

Sunday 15th

The Baptism of Christ

10.00am Parish Communion with Baptism

4.00pm Service to launch the new deaneries (Bradford Cathedral)

Mon 23rd 7.00pm Prayers for the Parish & World Church (Parish Rooms)

Tue 24th 6.30pm PCC meeting (Parish Rooms)

Sun 29th

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

10.00am Family Communion with Christingles

February

Fri 10th 2.45pm Kildwick School collective worship in church

March

Wed 1st

Ash Wednesday



FairTrade

Thanks for all of your support for our Fair Trade stall! Your continued custom is helping to make a small contribution to church funds but, far more importantly, helps farmers and workers abroad to earn a fair return for their labour.

We've been doing some research on biscuits! It makes a great example of how complicated these things really are. It is simple to declare, "We'll only buy Fair Trade biscuits!" But what does that mean? Biscuits use sugar. Quite a lot of sugar, actually. Biscuits don't travel well. They tend to break in ships – so they are best baked in the UK. Should a responsible biscuit-maker source its sugar from a long way away, adding to the pollution caused by "food miles", or should they buy British beet sugar. However responsibly that beet sugar is grown, it cannot be designated "Fair Trade" because it is not foreign. So a responsibly-produced British biscuit probably isn't Fair Trade. Difficult!

Prayers for a New Year

At the beginning of this new year, I offer you my life.
 Come take my voice,
 may the words I speak be filled with encouragement and goodness.
 Come take my hands,
 may the work they create be generous and giving.
 Come take my feet,
 may the journeys I walk be led by your Spirit within.
 Come take my life Lord,
 for I love your goodness, your kindness and your leading.
 Amen

Come, Holy Spirit,
 Spirit of the Risen Christ,
 Be with us today and always.
 Be our Light, our Guide,
 And our Comforter.
 Be our Strength, our Courage,
 And our Sanctifier.

May this new year be a time
 Of deep spiritual growth for us,
 A time of welcoming
 Your graces and gifts,
 A time for forgiving freely
 And unconditionally,
 A time for growing
 In virtue and goodness.

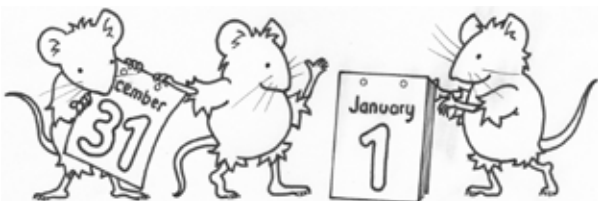
Come, Holy Spirit,
 Be with us today and always.
 Amen.



Another fresh new year is here
 Another year to live!
 To banish worry, doubt, and fear,
 To love and laugh and give!

This bright new year is given us
 To live each day with zest
 To daily grow and try to be
 Our highest and our best!

We have the opportunity
 Once more to right some wrongs,
 To pray for peace, to plant a tree,
 And sing more joyful songs!



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Crossing Barriers

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th – 25th January



There are many reasons to celebrate this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. As the resources take our focus to Germany we remember especially the 500th Anniversary of the German Reformation and the call to reconciliation.

This is a time of great change and uncertainty around the world as we confront difficulties such as climate change, migration of people across the planet and conflict spreading in many places. In the European context we see many of these issues finding expressions on our streets and these are indeed a cause for prayers for unity.

We need to pray for a greater vision of a united Church. With so many global and local issues confronting all of us every day, the church's witness needs to be strong and clear in its call for unity. We need to be resolute in standing together to witness to a Christ-centred Church, in standing with those on the margins who have no voice and no power. Prayers for unity need to become daily prayers, so that we deepen Christ's life in each one of us.

Background

There are fifty million Christians in Germany who, traditionally, have mostly belonged to the Roman Catholic Church or one of the Protestant State Churches. Recent developments, particularly the



reception of refugees and asylum seekers, have begun to change this balance and other Christian traditions are finding expression. Whilst that which unites the churches is stronger than that which divides, there are still areas of difference in which the churches remain self-absorbed or construct new walls.

As the churches in Germany discerned how to commemorate the 500th anniversary of Luther making public his 95 theses, a way was sought whereby they could stand together. After extensive and sometimes difficult discussions, the churches agreed that the way to commemorate this reformation event should be with a Christustest - a celebration of Christ. The churches of Germany found inspiration in *Evangelii Gaudium*, the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis, which encourages acts of repentance and reconciliation, because 'the Love of Christ compels us' (II Corinthians 5.14).



The text from 2 Corinthians announces that God has, in Christ, reconciled the world to God's self. The love of Christ compels us to be ambassadors of this reconciliation. This calls for a moment of repentance before we draw from the well of forgiveness. Such repentance acknowledges schism and division, names the reasons and acknowledges the walls of human sinfulness. Reconciliation is enacted by dismantling the walls. Those who have been reconciled in

Christ are called, in turn, to proclaim this reconciliation, in word and deed, to all the world. The world needs ambassadors of reconciliation who will break down walls, build bridges and open doors to new ways of life.

Being such ambassadors requires the churches to offer concrete acts alongside our prayers. The world stands in the midst of a refugee crisis. Tangible acts of help are just as necessary as praying together, in order to offer those who are fleeing their terrible situations some hope and consolation. God gives hope even in the most hopeless of situations. With the fall of the Berlin Wall, Germany experienced how a seemingly insurmountable wall could be brought down. The fall of this wall is a symbol of hope that, with the love of God, nothing is impossible.

This 2017 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity gives voice to the desire for a celebration of the love of Christ as a means and motive for reconciliation. It enables the celebration of the love of God's grace as reflected in Luther's theme of 'justification of humanity through grace alone'. This booklet will help the churches to address the pain of deep division within the Church of Christ. By openly naming our guilt, the churches of Germany seek to encourage us to reach out towards opportunities for reconciliation. We hope that the wellspring of God's gracious reconciliation will overflow so that we may find peace and so that bridges may be built. It is our prayer that people and churches will be compelled, by the love of Christ, to live reconciled lives and break through the highest walls.

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Ever since I was a child, I've always had a fear of someone under my bed at night. So I went to a psychiatrist and told him, "I've got problems. Every time I go to bed I think there's somebody under it. I'm scared.

"Just put yourself in my hands for one year," said the psychiatrist. "Come talk to me 3 times a week and we should be able to get rid of those fears!"

"How much do you charge?"

"Eighty pounds per visit," replied the expert.

"I'll sleep on it," I said.

Six months later, he met me on the street. "Why didn't you ever come to see me about those fears you were having?" He asked.

"Well, £80 a visit 3 times a week comes to £12,480 a year. It is an awful lot of money! A bartender cured me for £10. I was so happy to have saved all that money that I went and bought myself a new car!"

"Is that so?" With a bit of an attitude he said, "And how, may I ask, did a bartender cure you?"

"He told me to cut the legs off the bed! There's nobody under there now!"



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Prayers for the Parish & World Church

The next monthly meeting to pray for the parish and worldwide Church will take place on Monday 23rd January in the parish rooms from 7.00pm until 8.00pm. We will use material prepared for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

For more information contact Robin Figg, 633307



Farnhill Parish Council

The Clerk and three members of Farnhill Parish Council met on the 24th November.

Funding

Some funding is available from Craven District Council through the District Councillors. Grants must be applied for before March 2017 and the Parish Council agreed to apply for £350.00 to purchase a Projector and Dongle for use at meetings when necessary and at the Annual Parish Meeting.

The Arbour

The Planning Application for the work to the trees at the Arbour has been submitted. If we have not heard anything by the 6th December then we can proceed with the work. The Clerk will then get some quotes.

A quote has been received for the removal of the weeds that are growing on the banking amongst the newly planted trees at Lower Arbour. Council resolved to go ahead with this work at a cost of £150.00.

The Parish Council has adopted a new Policy for the Arbour This is available for viewing on the website.

Bucklar Hill

CDC have responded to our request regarding the tidying of the garage area, and say that the long term future of the garages is not yet in question, so any repairs should be identified within the next round of inspections. The offending Ash Tree has been removed.

Accounts

The Clerk provided the Parish Council with a draft Completion of Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2017 and Budget Account for the year 2017-2018. The Parish Council resolved to accept the documents and keep the Precept the same as for the year 2016/2017 at £12,397.50

WiFi in the Institute

There appears to be no demand from users apart from the Parish Council and occasional use by the History Group. so after discussion it was decided that they would not proceed at this time. Most of the expense would be the annual cost of around £400 for the supply of service. Individual groups can provide their own internet access by using a mobile dongle at a cost of about £30.00.

History Club

Following the successful Heritage Lottery Fund bid to research the lives of men from Farnhill who volunteered to serve in WW1, the History Club would like to hear from anybody who would like to participate and get involved. Further information about the project can be found on the Institute's website.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 22nd December in the Institute.



The Birds in Your Garden



Waxwings



Photo: John Harding

The sight of a Waxwing can brighten up any winter day, no matter how dull the weather. Not only do these Starling-sized birds have rather smart plumage, but they also have bags of personality. They probably don't encounter humans within their breeding habitats – meaning that they tend to be quite approachable, providing a great opportunity to try your photographic skills and capture an image of this rather smart bird.

Small numbers reach our shores most winters but every few years we see a large influx, an arrival triggered by poor berry crops closer to their breeding range through Scandinavia and Russia. Anyone living in the York area might remember them being around in their dozens during the hard winter of 2012/3.

Waxwings breed within the belt of coniferous forest extending from Scandinavia through Russia to its Pacific coast. Although they breed at relatively low densities, a good berry crop in autumn can last a sizeable population until the following year. Since a poor berry crop usually follows a particularly good one, this increased population of birds is likely to find itself short of berries the following autumn, and they are forced to move long distances in search of food.

The first arrivals are along Britain's east coast, with the bulk landing in Scotland and Northern England during November and December. Over the following weeks they move inland and head south and west and are often seen in flocks of a dozen or so; but much larger groups are a feature of years in which significant numbers arrive.

Their favoured winter food is Rowan berries, but they will also take berries from other plants in the genus *Sorbus*, as well as those of *Cotoneaster* and Hawthorn. Many urban areas contain suitable berry-producing bushes and shrubs, with supermarket car parks, industrial estates and new housing development often favoured because of the amount of 'amenity' planting, which is often rich in berries.

Waxwings prefer to feed within bushes and shrubs, taking berries directly from the plant, and you rarely see them feeding on the ground. They can eat huge




numbers of berries, sometimes several hundred a day, more than double their own weight; one individual was recorded as eating over 600 cotoneaster berries in six hours. Since fruit is rich in sugar but deficient in other nutrients, it must be eaten in large quantities, the downside of which is that they can become slightly intoxicated on the alcohol produced by the fruit fermenting.

If you glance casually at a flock of Waxwings it is easy to confuse them with Starlings: the two species are similar in size and, to an extent, profile. However, look more closely and you will spot the characteristic crest and the soft, peach-brown tones to the plumage. A still closer look will reveal the black throat and eye mask, the yellow-tipped tail and the delicate-looking 'wax-drops' that end some of the wing feathers and give them their English name. Females are similar to males, whilst young birds are less well-marked and don't have waxy wingtips.

The Cotoneaster and Rowan crops are very good this year locally, but who knows what they are like further east. We can but hope to see Waxwings around us, and maybe even into our gardens. Fingers crossed!

If you find the lives of our garden birds to be of interest, and would like to join in and count the feathered occupants of your garden, please contact me or visit the BTO Garden BirdWatch website (www.bto.org/gbw). If you know of a local organisation who would like a talk on garden birds call: Mike Gray 07596 366342 or mikegbw@btinternet.com.

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St PAUL

St Paul's day is the 25th January and we remember him because he was one of the Church's greatest teachers. Called Saul by his parents, he was brought up a Pharisee and became a tent-maker. He was completely against the early Christians and was there when Stephen, the first Christian martyr was stoned to death. He searched out many Christians and handed them over to the prison and death.

So why did he change? Like many people since, although few so dramatically, Saul changed because Jesus came into his life. You can read all about it in Acts, chapter 9. Everything changed for Saul but he had a hard time persuading people that it wasn't a trick. Even his name changed, and as Paul he travelled teaching and founding churches.

To encourage these growing communities he wrote the 13 letters (or Epistles) we can still read today. These letters are the earliest parts of the New Testament to be written, some only 20 years after Jesus.

P.S.

These names have all the letters S and P missing. Can you fit in the missing letters to make the names of some people or places in the Bible?

1. Both the Pharaoh and Joseph knew - OTI - HAR.
2. THEO - HILU - was Luke's friend.
3. St John wrote his Revelation on the island of - ATMO - .
4. MO - E - led the Israelites out of Egypt.
5. E - THER was a queen and a book of the Old Testament is named for her.
6. Paul was imprisoned in the town of - HILLI - - I.
7. Paul's friend - RI - CILLA was the wife of Aquila.
8. A town in Sicily, - YRACU - E, Paul stayed here on his way to Rome.



What do you call a camel that's got three humps?

Humphrey.



Who rides a camel and carries a lamp?

Florence of Arabia.



1.Potiphar 2.Theophilus 3 Patmos 4.Moses
5.Esther 6.Philippi 7.Priscilla 10.Syracuse.

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You brought gold and frankincense. Is that all?



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