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Dear friends,

The month of February finds us back in what is known as Ordinary Time. Having completed our great celebration of the Incarnation (God coming to share our life in the person Jesus) through the seasons of Christmas and Epiphany, we now have a few weeks before we move into the seasons of Lent and Easter when we will celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus.

At our service on 29th January for the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, or Candlemas, we brought the Epiphany season to a close as we processed with lighted candles to the font where we extinguished our candles and were invited to 'take one last look back to Christmas, and now turn towards the Cross!'

Once again, we are reminded that, although without Christmas we would not have had Jesus, without Easter we would not have the Christian faith. We are an Easter people and 'alleluia' is our song.

It is the promise of Easter, the promise of resurrection, that we need to hold on to, to ensure that we are people who, in the words of Bishop Nick, are drawn by hope, not driven by fear.

With the recent inauguration of

President Trump, the impending triggering of Article 50 to begin the formal Brexit negotiations leading to the UK leaving the EU and the forthcoming presidential elections in France amongst the major events in our world this year, many people are clearly worried about what tomorrow may bring.



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Many people have, rightly, been disturbed by the continuing rhetoric coming from Mr Trump; his inauguration speech seemed incredibly self-centred, with its implied claims that America is specially

blessed by God.

But God does not just bless some people; God does not bless only one or two particular nations in the world. If God is as God is in Jesus, God is for everyone; we are all God's people and all equally loved and blessed by our loving, liberating, life-giving God.

Listening to the words coming from The White House is a stark reminder how powerful our words can be – for good or ill. What we say and, just as important, how we say it affects enormously whether we engage or

whether we enrage those we are communicating with; engage, don't enrage – what a wonderful principle for us all to remember.

Bishop Michael Curry, the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, said recently, "If it is not about love, then it is not about God". To say 'Yes' to God, to say 'Yes' to being a disciple, a follower of Jesus, must be about centring life, all of life, on a generous, self-giving and gracious love for all people, for all creation.

There is nothing in the life and teaching of Jesus that is not, ultimately, about True Love, showing us what it means to be fully human. As Brian Zahnd has said, the challenge for the Church is to hold on to the teaching of Jesus as spoken of in the Beatitudes and so become a viable alternative to current-day political, commercial and religious power, thereby achieving what these powers promise to provide, but fail to deliver.

In his book *Beauty Will Save the World* Zahnd gives the challenge that in our life together as a community, and in our individual life, the need is constantly to ask ourselves, "Is this beautiful? Is this thought beautiful? Is this word beautiful? Is this attitude beautiful? Is this action beautiful? Does it reflect the beauty of Christ?"

If the word we are about to speak, or the action we are about to carry out, is not beautiful then we should abandon it, because it is not of God and will only harm the other and ourselves.

David Hope, former Archbishop of York, said, "Where there are differences and disputes, instead of acrimony there ought to be sensitivity, a readiness to listen deeply and carefully to the one with whom we differ." He went, "The challenge in the world of the super highway, in a nation where there is anxiety for the present and fear for the future on the part of so many, is how we communicate effectively and convincingly and without compromise the message of God's love for us."

Similarly, one commentator has noted how the Christian gospel had challenged President Abraham Lincoln and Martin Luther King: "...biblical faith affected their conduct in the generosity they displayed towards enemies. President Lincoln understood more than most how bruising it can be when different interests clash; but, to borrow words from his own second inaugural address, the reformer must press on with malice towards none and charity for all."

As we move further into 2017 it would be easy to be driven by fear and allow that fear to affect our behaviour, our way of talking towards others. The challenge is to choose (and we can choose if we want to) instead to be drawn by hope and hold fast to the gospel values of love and grace in all of life.

May God bless you  
and all people.





## February

There's a feeling that Christmas is 'properly' over. Our church tree is down; we've celebrated Candlemas with oranges and sweeties – and we are into those foreboding "Sundays Before Lent". It's a looking forward and we see in this edition, pointers to Lent courses, new Deaneries, a seminar with Margaret Barker and entries into a Festival by our young ringers. Among these lurks a chance to withdraw a little and to take time out of our busyness in the Seeds of Silence.

To reflect that different mood, I've cut down a bit on the "silly quips" and replaced them with a couple of brain-teasers. Email me with your solutions if you like, but I am afraid that any prizes will probably be pretty derisory! They say that only 2% of the population should be able to solve the Einstein puzzle – but I did, so that can't be true...

We have a letter from John Exley. I very much welcome letters, articles, ideas and so on from all of you. I had an email today, pointing out that I had spelled a name wrong on the back page. While confessing to a soupçon of unholy delight to find it was an error I had inherited, I'd like to emphasise that this magazine has to be a joint venture. Without you, your thoughts, your input, the magazine will be nothing. There's a great deal going on in the parish, but unless you tell us about it, we'll never hear about it! We'll try to print anything we can (though it may get edited for grammar and spelling - or to fit an available space) but of course we don't necessarily endorse the opinions expressed!

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Chris Wright

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## News from the PCC

The PCC met for a marathon session on 24th March. Gathering for prayer at 6.30, we finally joined in the Grace just after 9.00pm.

There were (as you can imagine) several substantial items under discussion as well as the more normal administrative stuff.

- We heard a little more of the help that we have given to Iranian Christians in Keighley. Two have been given permission to stay but that means the minimal support that they've been getting has been withdrawn.
- A legacy has provided new pew cushions. These will be made to fit our very varied pews and will be a similar blue to the altar bench kneelers.
- We were reminded of the monthly Diocesan e-news service. Anyone can subscribe: go to [www.leeds.anglican.org/enews-archive](http://www.leeds.anglican.org/enews-archive) to sign up.
- Robin introduced a discussion about the future relationship with Cononley with Bradley. Now that the Revd John Peet has announced his retirement, it is possible that these two parishes will be working more closely together.
- The café-style discussions in church showed a clear wish to keep the church open. We discussed how we could best implement this. Leaving a single steward in church is not a safe option!
- The formation of our new Deanery – South Craven and Wharfedale – was reported. We will be electing our new representatives to this at our APCM.
- We received an enthusiastic report of the strengthening links between the church and Kildwick School. The school MiniRingers will be taking part in two classes of the Skipton Music Festival in March.
- We received a financial report from Treasurer Marie. There is continued concern at the level of Share requested by the Diocese which appears to be well beyond what we can afford to pay.
- There was a substantive discussion of some of the fees charged for wedding "extras", such as the choir and the bells. These need to be realistic for those providing the service but we were concerned to avoid any overcharging.
- The faculty for the rebuilding of the churchyard wall has been posted and it is hoped that work on this can start in late February or early March.
- The Repair and Restoration Group reported on progress with the plans to renew the church roof and the other works associated with this.
- The bells have been inspected. The inspection identified some repairs, but these are not urgent and will be put in hand at a convenient time.
- The meeting, planned for 14th March was rearranged for Monday 20th as a large proportion of the Council were unavailable on the original day.



## 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:

**Kathryn Taylor (01535 630105 or [taylorkathryn486@gmail.com](mailto:taylorkathryn486@gmail.com)) or**  
**Robin Figg (01535 633307 or [vicar@kildwick.org.uk](mailto:vicar@kildwick.org.uk))**

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**Why?**



## News from the Cross Hills & District Fellowship of Churches



Ash Wednesday Holy Communion  
with Imposition of Ashes

7.30pm Wednesday 1st March at St Peter's Methodist Church

Gather with local Christians as we begin the season of Lent and our journey to Calvary. The presiding minister will be the Revd Robin Figg, Vicar of St Andrew's, Kildwick and the preacher will be Deacon Maggie Pratchett, Methodist Outreach Worker in the Airedale Circuit.



## CDFC LENT COURSE

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— *of* —

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St Peter's Methodist Church Crosshills

### **Deadline for next month**

We'll do our best to have the February magazine on the news stands on Sunday 26th February. That means the deadline for all material will be on:

**Sunday 19th February**

This month, the dates are quite early. That's the way the calendar works!  
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## The Season of Lent

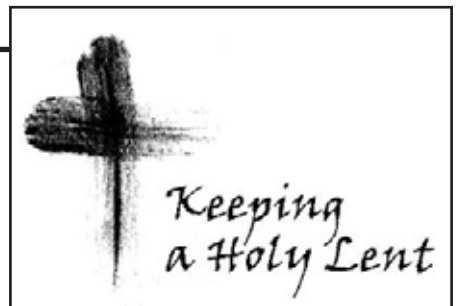
Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 1st March. This is one of the Principal Feasts in the church calendar and everyone is encouraged to attend a service on this day. At St Andrew's there will be a service at 9.30am in the parish rooms. The evening service at 7.30pm will be at St Peter's Methodist Church, Cross Hills. Both services will include the imposition of ashes.

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

### A Feast for Lent

|                       |                           |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| FAST from criticism   | and FEAST on praise       |
| FAST from self pity   | and FEAST on joy          |
| FAST from ill temper  | and FEAST on patience     |
| FAST from resentment  | and FEAST on contentment. |
| FAST from jealousy    | and FEAST on love         |
| FAST from pride       | and FEAST on humility     |
| FAST from selfishness | and FEAST on service      |
| FAST from fear        | and FEAST on faith        |

*Taken from My Mother's BOOK OF HAPPINESS*



### A few observations on Love – For St Valentine's Day

In a kiss, two spirits meet, mingle, and become one. St Aelred of Rievaulx

We only deliberately waste time with those we love – it is the purest sign that we love someone if we choose to spend time idly in their presence when we could be doing something more constructive. Sheila Cassidy

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear. 1 John 4:18

As God by creation made two of one, so again by marriage he made one of two. Thomas Adams

A friend forgives your defects, and if they are very fond of you, doesn't see any.

## Einstein's Puzzle

Einstein (reputedly) devised this riddle. There's just one answer...

There are five houses painted in different colours. A person of different nationality lives in each house. The five house owners each drink a particular beverage, play a certain sport and keep a different pet. No owner has the same pet, plays the same sport or drinks the same beverage.

### **Who owns the fish?**

1. The Briton lives in the red house
2. The Swede keeps dogs
3. The Dane drinks tea
4. The green house is on the left of the white house
5. The owner of the green house drinks coffee
6. The footballer rears birds
7. The owner of the yellow house plays baseball
8. The man in the centre house drinks milk
9. The Norwegian lives in the first house
10. The volleyball player lives next to the cat owner
11. The horserider's neighbour plays baseball
12. The tennis player drinks beer
13. The German plays hockey
14. The Norwegian's neighbour has a blue house
15. The volleyball player's neighbour drinks water

Hint:

Create a grid, 5 x 5. One column for each house and a row each for colour, sport, drink etc.

*I filled each square with all possibilities: five in each and then deleted them as they were eliminated  
Start with clues 8 and 9*

## Who on Earth were "Those of Old"?

According to the carol it was the Wise Men who "beheld the guiding star..... and laid their precious gifts at the manger" So why was the congregation encouraged to sing, as printed in the order of service on the 8th January "As With Gladness Those of Old did the Guiding Star Behold".

Thankfully everyone within earshot of myself sang 'Men', not 'Those'.

The previous week the congregation were encouraged to sing the Carol "God rest ye merry Christian folk"! Don't recognise it? Not surprised, it's that old favourite "God rest ye merry gentlemen" Oh Dear!

I wonder if the Men who came bringing gifts might now open the flood gates?

John Exley

## New Deaneries for the Bradford Episcopal Area

The new deaneries of the Bradford Episcopal Area have been officially recognised and celebrated in a service at Bradford Cathedral.

The map of Bradford Episcopal Area has been redrawn with four new deaneries coming into being on January 1st. Parishes have been grouped into the deaneries of Inner Bradford, Outer Bradford, Aire and Worth and South Craven and Wharfedale.



The changes will mean similar parishes can work together more effectively, according to the Bishop of Bradford, Rt. Revd Toby Howarth: "We needed to create a new deanery structure, as two of our existing deaneries had been divided across different episcopal areas and were significantly smaller than the others.

"The new model addresses this issue, but also goes further. The new deaneries are not only geographically focussed, but also offer mutual support in mission to parishes and clergy in similar contexts."

Deaneries play an important part in the organisation of the church. Each deanery is overseen by an Area Dean (ordained) and a Lay Chair (not ordained) and has clergy and elected lay representatives from the parishes on the Deanery Synod. The Deanery Chapter of clergy provides pastoral support and the sharing of

ideas while the Deanery Synod is an important forum for exchanging views, electing representatives to the Diocesan Synod and also to the General Synod, the legislative body of the Church of England.

Our parish is in the Deanery of South Craven and Wharfedale with the parishes of Addingham, Ben Rhydding, Burley, Cononley with Bradley. Cowling, Ilkley All Saints. Ilkley St Margaret, Lothersdale, Menston with Woodhead. Silsden and Sutton-in-Craven. Our Area Dean is the Revd Canon Philip Gray, Vicar of St Margaret's, Ilkley.

**Bradford Archdeaconry**  
Deanery structure from 1 January 2017





## A Weekend with Margaret Barker

**Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd April**

Following successful visits in recent years, we are looking forward to another return visit by bible scholar and theologian Margaret Barker in April.

Margaret will lead a day seminar on the Saturday and preach at the 10am Parish Communion on Sunday.

The subject of the seminar will be: An Easter Pilgrimage to Jerusalem in 380 CE. The day will explore the diaries of Egeria, a Spanish nun who visited Jerusalem in about 380 CE and left a vivid description of the great churches and the services of Holy Week and Easter, and the teaching given to the newly baptised in the week after Easter by Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, a few years before Egeria visited the city.

Margaret Barker has developed an approach to Biblical Studies now known as Temple Theology. Temple theology traces the roots of Christian theology back into the first Temple, destroyed by the cultural revolution in the time of King Josiah at the end of the seventh century BCE. Refugees from the purges settled in Egypt and Arabia.

From widely scattered surviving fragments, it is possible to reconstruct the world view of the first Christians, and to restore to their original setting such key concepts as the Messiah, divine Sonship, covenant, atonement, resurrection, incarnation, the Second Coming and the Kingdom of God.

Margaret read theology at the University of Cambridge and went on to pursue her research independently. She was elected President of the Society for Old Testament Study in 1998. She has so far written 16 books, which form a sequence, later volumes building on her earlier conclusions.

Margaret Barker is a mother and grandmother, a Methodist Preacher and was involved for over 30 years with the work of a Women's Refuge.

More details about how to book for the Saturday seminar will be available soon. Contact the Vicar, Robin Figg, 633307 with any questions.



| Date   |                   |                                    | Readings  |
|--|-------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| <b>5 February</b><br>The Fourth Sunday<br>before Lent  | 8.15am<br>10.00am | Holy Communion<br>Family Communion | <i>Isaiah 58.1-9a</i><br><i>1 Corinthians 2.1-12</i><br>Matthew 5.13-20 |
| <b>12 February</b><br>The Third Sunday<br>before Lent  | 8.15am<br>10.00am | Holy Communion<br>Parish Communion | Ecclesiasticus 15.15-20<br>1 Corinthians 3.1-9<br>Matthew 5.21-37       |
| <b>19 February</b><br>The Second Sunday<br>before Lent | 8.15am<br>10.00am | Holy Communion<br>Parish Communion | Genesis 1.1-2.3<br>Romans 8.18-25<br>Matthew 6.25-34                    |
| <b>26 February</b><br>The Sunday Next<br>before Lent   | 8.15am<br>10.00am | Holy Communion<br>Parish Communion | Exodus 24.12-18<br>2 Peter 1.16-21<br>Matthew 17.1-9                    |

**Brass Cleaning**

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and Jennifer Roberts

**Flower Rota**

5th Mr. David Baxter  
12th Mrs. Louise Brown

19th Mrs. June Whitaker  
26th *Vacant*

**Regular Events at Kildwick**

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

| Readers   | Intercessor                    | Communion        | Sidespeople  | Tea and Coffee                   |
|---|--------------------------------|------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| <i>Reading not used</i><br><i>Reading not used</i><br>Lesley Hudson | Shirley Hoskins                | Sue Peter        | Eleanor Eastwood<br>Sandie Walton<br>June Whitaker | June Whitaker<br>Sylvia Ackroyd  |
| Glyn Evans<br>Chris Wright<br>Glennis Attwood                       | Robin Figg                     | Christine Sandie | Marie Stinson<br>Peter McNeill                     | Joyce Bonham<br>(vacancy)        |
| Marie Stinson<br>Jill Wright<br>Christine Anderton                  | Lesley Hudson                  | Christine Di     | Ann Mosley<br>Christine Anderton<br>Michael Baxter | Elaine Carter<br>Jill Wright     |
| Pat Wilcock<br>Brenda Brock<br>Sylvia Clark                         | <i>No intercessor required</i> | Sandie John      | Sandie Walton                                      | Ann Mosley<br>Christine Anderton |

**When the song of the angels is stilled,**  
 When the star in the sky is gone,  
 When the kings and the princes are home,  
 When the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
 The work of Christmas begins:  
 To find the lost,  
 To heal the broken,  
 To feed the hungry,  
 To release the prisoner,  
 To rebuild the nations,  
 To bring peace among people,  
 To make music in the heart.

Howard Thurman

## From the Registers

### Baptism

Sunday 15th January

Theo Jowett, son of Esther Hudson  
of Elliot Court, Silsden

Henry Marrow, son of Ben & Ceri Marrow,  
of Mill Street, Cross Hills

### Funeral

Friday 20th January

Rick Raby, formerly of Manse Way, Sutton-in-Craven

Tuesday 13th December

Enid Naylor, formerly of Low Bank, Embsay.



## **February**

|          |        |  |
|----------|--------|--|
| Fri 10th | 2.45pm | Kildwick School collective worship in church         |
| Mon 27th | 7.00pm | Prayers for the Parish & World Church (Parish Rooms) |

## **March**

### **Wed 1st**

### **Ash Wednesday**

|          |        |   |
|----------|--------|---|
|          | 9.30am | Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes (P. Rooms)    |
|          | 7.30pm | Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes (St Peter's)  |
| Mon 6th  | 6.00pm | Kildwick School governors meeting (School)            |
| Wed 8th  | 7.30pm | CDFC Lent Course begins (St Peter's Methodist Church) |
| Fri 10th | 2.45pm | Kildwick School collective worship in church          |
| Mon 20th | 6.30pm | PCC meeting (Parish Rooms)                            |

### **Sun 26th**

### **Mothering Sunday**

|          |        |  |
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| Mon 27th | 7.00pm | Prayers for the Parish & World Church (Parish Rooms) |
|----------|--------|--|

## **April**

|         |         |  |
|---------|---------|--|
| Sat 1st | 9.30am  | Seminar with Margaret Barker                 |
| Sun 2nd | 10.00am | Margaret Barker preaching                    |
| Fri 7th | 2.45pm  | Kildwick School collective worship in church |

### **Sun 9th**

### **Palm Sunday**

### **Thu 13th**

### **Maundy Thursday**

### **Fri 14th**

### **Good Friday**

### **Sat 15th**

### **Easter Eve**

### **Sun 16th**

### **Easter Day**

Is it legal in Belgium for a man to marry his widow's sister?

## **FairTrade**

Thank you for your continued support for our Fair Trade stall! Remember that the most important contribution that you are making is the help that buying fairly traded goods makes for farmers and workers abroad who are trying to earn a fair return for their labour. The spin-off, of course, that you have access to some excellent biscuits – and the church makes a small profit!

Fairtrade Fortnight runs from 27th February to 12th March. We shall not be making a major "thing" of this, but the Fairtrade stall will be open as usual for your delectation...



## Prayers for Righteousness

God of surprises,  
you call us  
from the narrowness of our traditions  
to new ways of being church,  
from the captivities of our culture to  
creative witness for justice,  
from the smallness of our horizons  
to the bigness of your vision.

Clear the way in us, your people,  
that we might call others to freedom  
and renewed faith.

Jesus, wounded healer,  
you call us  
from preoccupation with our own histories  
and hurts  
to daily tasks of peacemaking,  
from privilege and protocol  
to partnership and pilgrimage,  
from isolation and insularity  
to inclusive community.

Clear the way in us, your people,  
That we might call others to  
wholeness and integrity.

Holy, transforming Spirit,  
you call us  
from fear to faithfulness,  
from clutter to clarity,  
from a desire to control to deeper  
trust,  
from the refusal to love to a  
readiness to risk.

Clear the way in us, your people,  
that we might all know the beauty  
and power  
and danger of the gospel. Amen

Scripture is full of visions  
of the future day when  
righteousness and peace  
will infuse our world. But  
Christians should not be  
content to sit back and wait  
for that day to come.  
Use me, Lord, use even me.

Lord of justice and mercy,  
both strong and loving,  
creator of the earth and humankind,  
we praise you for your omnipotence  
and we thank you for your presence in  
our lives.  
Lord, we ask that you teach us to love  
our neighbour,  
so that we may obey your commands.  
We ask that you teach us to have  
compassion  
for our neighbours who may be  
different from us,  
so that we truly understand what it is  
to love.  
We ask that you give us strength to  
speak for those  
who cannot speak for themselves.  
Lord, we wish to do your will:  
to promote justice and live faithfully.  
We ask these things in the name of  
Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.  
Amen.

# LA LA LAND

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF WHIPLASH

## MOVIE MOMENTS

Nick and Carol Pollard from EthosMedia.org share thought-provoking reflections on the latest films.

### *'That's L.A. They worship everything and value nothing.'*

So says Sebastian (Ryan Gosling) as he walks through the Warner Brothers' back lot with Mia (Emma Stone) in the award-winning new film *La La Land*. These two star-crossed lovers, drawn together by their shared failures, develop a beautiful and beautifying relationship as they share their distinctive dreams for the future. He seeks to restore the popularity of jazz in a world of soulless commercial music. She seeks to restore the creative role of the actress in a world of formulaic soap operas.

But what choices will they have to make as they pursue their dreams? And what impact will this have on their lives?

The Times described this film as an *'intravenous shot of joy in the January darkness.'* And it certainly is that. But it is also more than that, as it raises questions about values and choices.

In one key scene Sebastian shows Mia how jazz musicians are spontaneous, with individual instruments suddenly taking the lead and driving the music in a different direction. In the same way, the film illustrates how life is messy as new opportunities take us in unexpected directions. But what are the core values that underpin the choices we make, and affect what we worship?



*La La Land* breaks the standard mould of formulaic movies. Instead of the customary three-act configuration where all is resolved in the final scenes, this has five parts – taking us beyond a conventional resolution. And the ending is deliberately enigmatic as we are left wondering about Sebastian and Mia's view of what could have been different if they had made other choices.

Whatever your perspective on life and love, *La La Land* is a bright and colourful musical extravaganza that will cause you to think about what we value and what we worship.

EthosMedia.org provides free resources to help people explore spiritual, moral, social and cultural issues through the latest feature films.

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## A Priceless Find – by accident!

70 years ago this month a couple of shepherds in the hills above Qumran near the Dead Sea idly threw a stone into what they thought was an empty cave. When they heard the sound of smashing pottery they searched inside, and found the most important biblical discovery of the century.

Their stone had led them to what became known as the Dead Sea Scrolls, manuscripts of the entire Hebrew Bible except for the book of Esther, stored in clay vessels. The scrolls were the work of a religious community called the Essenes, who lived near that site before and during the life of Jesus.

As scholars slowly unraveled them – and that task took decades - they discovered that they were handling manuscripts of the Bible which were hundreds of years older than any we had previously possessed. Most of the biblical manuscripts on which our translations had previously been based were copies of copies, carefully crafted in monasteries over the centuries by people dedicated to preserving the sacred text. But inevitably, in the process, there were occasional slips in the copying, and at times it's obvious that those who were doing it didn't understand the words they were copying.

So, in February 1947, the world had access to a much older and therefore more accurate record of the Jewish Scriptures – the Bible of Jesus and the first Christians. The most remarkable thing is actually how few 'mistakes' there were, seeing the centuries of copying – and not one that seriously affects our fundamental understanding of the Bible.

Those two shepherds 70 years ago ensured that we today have a Bible text which is as close to the original as one could ever hope to get. I'm glad they threw the stone into the right cave!



*David Winter considers the major impact of the famous Dead Sea Scrolls*





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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 27th February in the parish rooms from 7.00pm until 8.00pm.

For more information contact Robin Figg, 633307

A prayer for church growth

God of mission, who alone brings  
growth to your Church,

send your Holy Spirit to give vision  
to our planning, wisdom to our actions,  
and power to our witness.

Help our church to grow in numbers,  
in spiritual commitment to you,  
and in service to our local community;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



## A Mini-Christmas

I really enjoy bellringing as it is a new experience. My friends and I have a good time. We have looked in the church tower while the bell was ringing.

Performing in Kildwick Church at Christmas time was exciting. We rang Jingle Bells and Good King Wenceslas. We had practised every week so we knew what to do. We had to make sure we kept on time with each other. My family thought the performance was great. We ring in the church by doing plain hunting. This is good because we move places after we have rung our bell.

George Fryers



However much noise bells make, the ringers themselves tend to remain hidden and out of the way. We've been working hard with handbells and handchimes to produce 'party pieces' that we can take out and display. Christmas provided us with our ideal first showcase!

Ringling both tunes and "changes", the MiniRingers are taking their skills out in public. Following their success in the Carol Service, we are now working on "My Grandfather's Clock" and "Ode to Joy" to perform at the Skipton Music Festival in March. We are looking forward to a large and enthusiastic crowd of supporters from both church and school when we perform!

We'll let you know exactly when...

Bell Ringing

So much fun  
It's social  
Make new friends  
Eating Biscuits  
Educational about bells

Fun going up the church tower  
Doing something with my  
friends  
Learning new skills  
Eating Biscuits

I joined MiniRingers late  
but I caught up thanks  
to the teachers and other  
members

Lewis Carr

Bell Ringing at the Carol Service

On Sunday the 18th December we rang  
the handchimes at the Christmas Carol  
Service.

The songs we rang were Good King  
Wenceslas and Jingle Bells.

After we finished each song the audience  
gave us a round of applause. We all  
enjoyed the ringing very much

Jack Hugo

The joy of working  
with this group of  
lads has been their  
enthusiasm. None  
of them has missed  
a single practice  
session unless it has  
been unavoidable.  
They even turned  
up in Victorian gear  
after a school outing  
one day. Mind

you, the normal garb for Thursdays, straight after a games session on the field is  
something to make a laundress weep!

The group is growing, slowly but surely; not just in numbers but also in their  
skills. And all that enthusiasm? If you read what they think above, you'll realise it  
is simple. They approve of the biscuits!







## The Birds in Your Garden



### Winter Thrushes



Photo: Redwing John Harding/BTO

Many thousand thrushes join our resident birds each winter to escape the harsh climes of northern Europe and take advantage of the abundant food provided by our milder UK winters, so if you are out an about in the countryside, you may well encounter flocks of Redwing and Fieldfare, often mixed together.

However, not much is known about the numbers that arrive, how they are distributed across the UK, and which elements in the landscape

are most important for their foraging. These questions were the impetus for the BTO's Winter Thrushes Survey, which ran over the winters of 2012/13 and 2013/14. Volunteer surveyors collected data on the abundance and foraging behaviour of thrushes in over 4,000 unique 1-km squares. All thrushes were recorded, the key species being Blackbird, Fieldfare, Mistle Thrush, Redwing and Song Thrush.

Species varied in their prevalence and landscape use. The most ubiquitous was the Blackbird which occurred in 93% of all squares surveyed throughout the winter. While the species encountered least frequently was the Mistle Thrush, seen in only 55% of all squares surveyed. Species also differed in their tendency to form flocks. The average count was considerably higher for Redwing and Fieldfare, birds that breed mainly outside Britain and often arrive in large numbers, than for our resident thrushes. In squares where Fieldfares were recorded, the average count was 59. Whereas, the average count for Song Thrushes when they were present was just two. It was found that the average flock size varied throughout the winter, possibly linked to changes in diet, with the largest groups of Redwing and Fieldfare recorded in February.

One of the most interesting aspects of the Winter Thrushes Survey was its potential to help us understand which foraging resources are most important. The most commonly recorded food for Fieldfare and Redwing was hawthorn berries. By contrast, invertebrates, particularly earthworms, were the most commonly recorded food for Blackbird, Song Thrush and Mistle Thrush. The relative importance of food types also changed over the winter. For example,



peak hawthorn usage occurred in October and November, whereas apple usage peaked in December and January. Foraging in February and March largely targeted invertebrates. The shift from foraging in trees, shrubs or hedgerows at the beginning of winter to ground foraging from January onwards was common to all thrush species. However, it is worth noting that observers were not always able to record exactly what the birds were feeding on, particularly when they were on the ground.



Photo: Fieldfare Jill Packenham/BTO

Hopefully the photographs below will help you distinguish Redwings from Fieldfares, but if you are still having trouble, try looking at the BTO website where you will find photos and videos to help you.

<https://www.bto.org/about-birds/bird-id/bto-bird-id-redwing-and-fieldfare>

Mike Gray

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## Coughs & Sneezes

February seems to be the coldest time of the year – and most of us get a cold, complete with runny nose and sore throat.

Well, 3rd February is the right day to have a sore throat because it is St Blaise's Day. Legend says that St Blaise was on his way to be martyred when he saw a young child choking with a fishbone stuck in his throat. The saint touched the child and the bone was dislodged. This led to a custom of Blessing the Throats on St Blaise's Day which continues today in one London church.

Another way to celebrate the day was with big bonfires (before the Bonfire Night we keep in November was thought of) and that is probably why we say that bonfires blaze.

So you can sit in front of a blazing fire, sniffing into a tissue and think about the patron saint of sore throats.



## A Cold Puzzle

All the words hidden in this word-search are to do with winter sniffles. Can you find them all?

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cold fever flu hankie influenza  
linctus medicine nose pill shivers  
sniffles tablet throat tissues winter



**What happen if your nose runs and your feet smell?**

You're built upside down!

**What sort of transport gives people colds?**

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**back  
to  
work  
again**



*...and yet the Church Mice still put it about  
that they were poor*

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