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Dear friends,

March sees us entering into the season of Lent, a period of 6 weeks during which the Church invites people to prepare carefully for our observance of Holy Week and Easter, the days when we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus.

The introduction to the Ash Wednesday service invites us to keep a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance, by prayer, fasting and self-denial, and by reading and meditating on God's holy word. Lent invites us to hold a mirror up to ourselves and think about how well we are living our lives **as** God's people; how well are we living our lives **for** God's people.

Lent invites us to go on a journey: a journey inwards as we think about who we are in relationship with God, and a

journey outwards as we think about who we are in relationship with all humanity and, indeed, the whole of creation. The journey needs to be both/and, not either/or.

Interestingly, this was a principal theme of the last module of the *Pilgrim* course that we have been using in the parish during the past 18 months. The module was titled *Church & Kingdom* and helped us explore how the Christian faith is first and foremost a way of life rather than a set of things to believe in. Or put

another way, there are things to believe in, but they only really make sense when they are lived out.

The course challenged us with questions such as: What does it mean to live as a child of the kingdom of God and follow in the way of Christ each day? How does it affect our life at work as well as at home? How does it affect what we do with the gifts we

have been given, especially those gifts of time and talents, passions, resources and money? How does it affect our relationships with others? And how does it affect our relationship with the world?

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Lent is the time to take stock, to check-in with ourselves and ask ourselves where are we with God, with our neighbour, with our Self. Elsewhere in this magazine you will find an article about carrying out a personal spiritual health check; a spiritual MOT, if you like. Give yourself the gift of some time out to review your life journey, your journey of faith. Where are you right now in your understanding of your Self, in body, mind and spirit; where have you been; where are you going?



I recently read a review of a book of transcripts of interviews with leading public figures about their understanding of faith. I was struck by quotes from the interview with the writer P. D. James. Speaking beautifully and honestly about the realities of her Christian faith she said: "I find the dogma quite difficult to believe and I think a lot of people do. And some of the miracles are extremely difficult to say I believe in, because I find I probably don't. But I find as I get older that, although I believe less of the theology and less of the doctrine, what I do believe in, I believe in more strongly. Which really, I suppose, is the existence of God, the love of God, and the fact that I can communicate with [God] and [God] communicates with us, that [God] is there as a present force."

We also, of course, go on reflecting on and wondering about the direction the world is taking. Richard Chartres, who has recently retired as Bishop of London after 21 years, spoke insightfully in his final sermon: "Many people enjoy a standard of health care and material prosperity unparalleled in human history and this is something to celebrate. The problem is that our project of growth without limit with no end in view beyond the accumulation of more and more things, this project is unsustainable."

This critique of our world today is echoed in the latest Amnesty International annual report which comments that "politicians who have used a divisive and dehumanised rhetoric are creating a more

divided and dangerous world". In a statement the Secretary General of A.I. said, "Instead of fighting for people's rights, too many leaders have adopted a dehumanizing agenda for political expediency. The limits of what is acceptable have shifted. Politicians are shamelessly and actively legitimizing all sorts of hateful rhetoric and policies based on people's identity: misogyny, racism and homophobia."

Many, including Richard Chartres, seek to hold before the world the good news of the Christian story as an antidote to all that is corrupt and evil in the world. In his sermon Richard Chartres said, "What the Church has to offer is not an ideology or a mere critique, but a community in which the Spirit of Jesus Christ dwells. In a market place of strident salesmen of warring ideologies we seek not to add to the din but to build relationships that endure and give meaning to life."

The earth's resources are being used up especially space and water; we are changing the climate and by over-valuing material assets we are under-valuing the gifts of life we receive from God and from one another in the beauty of nature, in friendships, in being good neighbours and in family life."

Use these weeks of Lent to reflect on your relationship with God's creation, with all God's people, with yourself as a child of God, and with God who is true Love and true

Light.



March

The snowdrops among the gravestones and the daffodils, sprouting but still in bud, lining the path from the pub are welcome signs of new growth and regeneration. We are waiting impatiently, perhaps, for news of the regeneration of our leaky roof. But we can read this month of all sorts of new growth that is actually taking place!

From Bishop Nick's assessment of the growth of the new Diocese of Leeds, through the instantly visible growth of the young Chuff participants and the hidden growth of Margaret Barker's seminar to the new growth of the Farnhill WW1 project. All exciting stuff!

A sadder event is the decision taken by Peter Ford to step down from his role in the bell tower. Peter learned to ring in Silsden, but migrated to St Andrew's where, as Tower Secretary, he has maintained, not just a band of ringers but also all of the mechanics and kit that goes to make a ringable set of bells. More than that, he has been one of the regular team of clock-winders – a significantly physical task! We owe both Peter and Joan a great debt of gratitude for all of the hours that they have spent in a rather cold and dark tower on behalf of us all.

As a result, we need to recruit a new band of ringers! You'll see an advert on page 19 for an Open Day in the tower. If you are even just a *bit* interested, do come along and see what it is all about. Talk to some real ringers, have a bit of a go and decide whether it might be something you could do...

Chris Wright

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Our new diocese – how's it going?

A message from Bishop Nick

So much has been achieved since the Diocese of Leeds was created just two and a half years ago. Bringing together three very different dioceses was a hugely complex procedure, but we are all now part of a large, coherent body, whose benefits are being increasingly revealed.

The bishops and archdeacons are working closely with their areas, and the combined spiritual wealth of 656 churches, over 240 church schools and three cathedrals has brought increased creative energy.

We now have a central office in Leeds (complete with a charitable coffee shop that is open to all), a new parish share system, new governance and further delegation of authority from the diocesan bishop to the area bishops.

Some of the challenges we face include: getting the right balance between one diocese and the five episcopal areas, tackling the anticipated fall in clergy numbers, growing our churches and maintaining parish share. And it remains vital to reach children and young people with the Gospel in order to build future generations of strong Christians.

At the heart of all we do are the values captured in our diocesan strap line, 'Loving, Living and Learning'. It is a useful list to check against everything we do. What does that mean for you and your church?

+Nick Baines, Bishop of Leeds

Loving, Living, Learning

We aim to:

Love God, the world and one another.

Live in the world as it is, but, drawn by a vision of something better, we want to help individuals and communities flourish.

Learn when we get things wrong, by listening and growing together.

Deadline for next month

We'll do our best to have the April magazine on the news stands on **Sunday 2nd April**. That means the deadline for all material will be on:

Sunday 26th March

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

"We found, as bookmarks in Ruth's Bible, her baptism and confirmation certificates and the following poem, with just the sort of gentle humour she loved:"

The Alto's Lament

*It's tough to be an alto when you're singing in the choir.
The sopranos get the twiddly bits that people all admire.
The basses boom like loud trombones, the tenors shout with glee,
But the alto part is on two notes (or if you're lucky) three.*

*And when we sing the anthem and we lift our hearts in praises
The men get all the juicy bits and telling little phrases.
Of course, the trebles sing the tune – they always come off best
The altos only get three notes and twenty-two bars rest.*

*Oh shed a tear for altos they're martyrs and they know
In the ranks of choral singers they're considered very low,
They are so very 'umble that a lot of folk forget 'em;
How they'd love to be sopranos, but their vocal chords won't let 'em!*

*And when the final trumpet sounds and we are wafted higher'
Sopranos, basses, tenors, - they'll be in the heavenly choir.
While they sing "Alleluia" to celestial flats and sharps
The altos will be occupied with polishing the harps.*



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Annual Revision of the Church Electoral Roll

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

Anyone whose name is not on the present roll and who wishes to have their name entered must apply for enrolment not later than Sunday 9th April. The new Roll will come into operation on Monday 10th April. Forms of application for enrolment can be obtained from the church or from the electoral roll officer, Christine Anderton, 6 Airedale View, Cross Hills.

Only those who are on the electoral roll will be able to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 30th April.



Annual Church Meetings – Sunday 30th April

The Annual Meetings which take place next month following the 10am Parish Communion on Sunday 30th April are important occasions in the life of a parish. At the meetings we elect those who will share in the leadership of the parish for the coming year and we have the opportunity to reflect together on the past year and to help think about the future life of God's church in this parish.

At the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (open to everyone resident in the parish and those on the church electoral roll) we will elect our two churchwardens for the coming year.

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (open to those on the church electoral roll) we will elect up to 2 persons to serve on the Deanery Synod (to serve for a period of 3 years), up to 2 persons to serve on the Cross Hills & District Fellowship of Churches Council (to serve for a period of 1 year), and up to 4 persons to serve on the Parochial Church Council (3 to serve for a period of 3 years, 1 to serve for a period of 2 years). To share in the leadership of the parish is an important function and everyone is encouraged to consider prayerfully if they are being called by God to serve in this way.

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

Lent Collection

This year our special collection will go to...

The Kadugli Appeal for the Church of Sudan



Leeds Diocese is linked with the Episcopal Church in Sudan. The link opens a window on another part of the world helping to widen our horizons. The spirit of the link is partnership. Together we are members of the Body of Christ, so the link works both ways:

- We receive as much as we give
- We respect each other
- We listen to each other
- We pray for each other
- We work on shared tasks

We aim to support and encourage our brothers and sisters who feel marginalised and oppressed in their own country, yet maintain their faith in Christ with great courage.

Initiatives

The Church in Sudan has much that it would like to do, but often lacks the resources to achieve it. We work together with the church there through prayer and encouragement, giving some funding, and occasionally through providing expertise. All money given by churches here goes to Sudan as other expenses are paid for from our own diocesan funds. Send donations to our Diocesan Office marked 'For Sudan'.

Building Schools



This is the main strategic initiative for which the Sudanese church asks help: 'Please help our children' is a frequent request. They desperately want their children to go to school, to have a proper education but also a Christian one. State schools are Islamic and Arabic. A Church school must teach Arabic and about Islam, but can also teach the Christian faith and nurture the children's identity as Africans.





Church schools are local to the community, creating a greater chance of orphans and street children enrolling, encouraging attendance and drawing parents to participate in their running. They provide a basic education in the 4R's helping girls and boys to be equipped for further education or employment.

Church schools are self-built by parents. They lack basic resources and often in the rainy season need repairs. Some of the schools try to give the children food and water. Many teachers are unpaid as the children come from impoverished homes and cannot contribute. We send funding to help them fulfil their vision. Please pray for parents, teachers and church leaders as they try to help their children grow in faith.

Providing Relief

The Nuba people across the southern boundary of Sudan sided with the southern factions through 50 years of civil war - but geographically are part of Sudan, not South Sudan. The Government of Sudan has sent in the army and air force to clear all rebellious action, but it is ordinary people who are dying and whose homes and churches are being



destroyed. The church in Sudan is desperate for funds to help look after displaced people.



We send funding to help the Church in its caring ministry. Following a particular crisis in 2013 we received over £140,000 from our churches and so far have sent over £125,000 to fund the church's relief work – distributing food, clothing and blankets and providing school places.

We have also funded an agricultural project to help displaced families grow food. We listen for their news and pray for them regularly. We also send messages of comfort and encouragement to strengthen them in their struggle to simply live.

Wheels for Sudan

The dioceses in Sudan are enormous areas, typically 500 miles across, so transport is a big challenge. They have no spare funds to replace worn out vehicles. We are trying to help.



Chuffs (children under five)

We meet every Tuesday morning during term time upstairs in St Andrew's Parish Rooms. Numbers can vary, anything from 6 children and carers to twice that many! We did actually get to 20 children; the noise was amazing!!!



Children are brought by mums, dads, grandmas and childminders.

Each week we have a different craft activity that is usually themed with the story. The children are encouraged to do the crafts themselves with help from their carer; or sometimes the carer does the craft with occasional help from the child (especially Libba's crafts!!!)

Crafts involve such things as glue, paint (Peter loves that), play dough and all sorts of bits and pieces so that the children can enjoy producing a masterpiece they can take home! I'm sure many car seats are liberally sprinkled with glitter on the homeward journey!

The emphasis is on having fun and generally making a mess! Making things that are edible is particularly popular. The children sit for story time then snack time is next. We always start with some fruit and then bring out the biscuits! There are cups of tea and coffee for the carers and water or juice for the children.

Sitting on the carpet for singing time is probably the noisiest session of all! The children have their favourite songs, all with actions, and we encourage them to join in enthusiastically sometimes with percussion and shakers.

We always acknowledge each child's birthday with a small present, a card and the chance to wear the birthday hat and sing happy birthday! We hope that everyone who comes enjoys the time.

If you have or look after a pre-school child why not come and join us. Babies are especially welcome so we all have a cuddle!!

Call Lesley on 01535 523291 for more information.

Chuffs (children under five)

Chuffs is the friendliest and most inclusive playgroup we go to. Everyone is made to feel welcome. We do a lovely themed craft every week which is enjoyed by the children and the adults!



We have been coming to Chuffs for years. We love it, always lovely crafts to take part in, it has such a friendly atmosphere.



Fabulous friendly play group. Love coming.

I have been bringing many children over the years. We love coming and love the crafts.

Its is lovely seeing the children enjoying themselves and the mums having to help with the crafts!

We love coming to Chuffs, my grandchild loves the craft work and playing with the other children.



A Spiritual Health Check for Lent

Health checks make sure we are not neglecting aspects of our physical well-being. A spiritual health check may reveal areas of neglect and ways in which we might deepen our relationship with God.

Spirituality is not only about private devotion, public worship and Christian service, but is as wide as life itself. So our relationships, attitudes, outlook towards peace and justice and ecology are all part of it.

This Lent why not take time to reflect on the following questions in the context of your own life journey. The more you engage with the questions, the more you will gain for yourself.

- Please give some clear indication (e.g. daily, weekly, monthly, only occasionally, etc.) of how often you...
 - pray
 - read your Bible
 - attend worship
 - go to Bible Studies or Christian discussion groups
 - read 'Christian' books?
- Which one have you found most helpful or challenging in the past year?
- Say why you found it so.
- Which aspects of public worship enrich your spiritual life?
- Which aspects are unhelpful?
- How does worship speak to you of the timelessness of eternity?
- How does it speak of our continuity with the Saints throughout the ages?
- Where and when have you recently experienced a sense of mystery or wonder?
- During the past year when and where have you been most aware of the presence of God?
- How has that affected your spiritual life?
- Looking back over the past 12 months, describe how your spiritual life has developed.
- What has helped? What has hindered?
- Who has been a significant companion on your spiritual journey? How have they influenced you?
- What effect does your faith have on your attitudes and relationships?
- What difference does your faith make to your attitudes to work/unemployment/ retirement (whichever applies)?
- If 'the earth is the Lord's and everything in it', how should that affect our attitudes towards consumer issues, recycling, conservation and pollution control?
- What difference does your faith make to your everyday life?
- What do you need to help you grow spiritually?

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 next month.

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.

Egeria spent three years traveling to Egypt, Israel and Syria, and she wrote an account of her travels for her sisters back home. In 1884 a partial manuscript of her narrative was found in the library of the Brotherhood of St. Mary in Arezzo, Italy. The eleventh century manuscript had been copied by monks at the monastery of Monte Cassino.

The most interesting portion of Egeria's narrative is her account of the worship practices of the Jerusalem Christians. At least six churches in Jerusalem were all established on places associated with major events in the life of Christ.

Daily and Sunday services at the churches focused on the particular importance of each site in Jesus' life, but the close proximity of all the churches soon led to a seasonal, annual series of celebrations, with each church playing a specific part in the yearly liturgy. Egeria described this pattern of worship in detail.

What made worship at the Jerusalem churches so unique was that the churches were at the geographical locations where the most important events of Jesus' life, and in all of human history, had occurred. A pattern of retracing, reliving, and re-enacting the last week of Jesus' life naturally grew up in association with these churches. Large crowds from throughout Jerusalem, as well as pilgrims from elsewhere, gathered to participate.

In Egeria's account of her pilgrimage, we have a detailed account of worship in Jerusalem during the early centuries of the church, a pattern of worship that continues to influence the Church down to our own day.

The cost of the Saturday seminar will be £10 (drinks provided, bring your own lunch). To book pick up a leaflet in the church or parish rooms or contact the Vicar, Robin Figg, 633307 or vicar@kildwick.org.uk



Date	Time	Service	Readings
5 March The First Sunday of Lent	8.15am 10.00am	Holy Communion Family Communion	<i>Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7</i> <i>Romans 5.12-19</i> Matthew 4.1-11
12 March The Second Sunday of Lent	8.15am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion	<i>Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7</i> Romans 5.12-19 Matthew 4.1-11
19 March The Third Sunday of Lent	8.15am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion	Exodus 17.1-7 Romans 5.1-11 John 4.5-42
26 March Mothering Sunday (4th Sunday of Lent)	8.15am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion	<i>Exodus 2.1-10</i> Colossians 3.12-17 John 19.25-27

Brass Cleaning

Jan Richardson and
Libba Utley

Flower Rota

*During the season of Lent, the tradition is that
we do not display flowers in Church*

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
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
<i>Reading not used</i> <i>Reading not used</i> Katharine Calvert	Shirley Hoskins	Sue John	Eleanor Eastwood Sandie Walton June Whitaker	June Whitaker Sylvia Ackroyd
Glyn Evans Tim Littler/ Kathryn Taylor Jill Wright	Robin Figg	Christine Sandie	Marie Stinson Peter McNeill	Joyce Bonham (vacancy)
Brenda Brock Kathryn Morris Sylvia Clark	Lesley Hudson	Christine Tim	Ann Mosley Christine Anderton Michael Baxter	Elaine Carter Jill Wright
<i>Reading not used</i> Lesley Hudson Glennis Attwood	No <i>intercessor</i> <i>required</i>	Di Peter	Sandie Walton	Ann Mosley Christine Anderton



From the Registers

Funerals

Friday 3rd February

Ruth Ward, formerly of Beanlands Drive, Glusburn

Monday 6th February

Pamela McElhinney, formerly of Winston Avenue, Cross Hills

Burial of cremated remains

Wednesday 22nd February

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



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)
 Fri 3rd 2.30pm Women's World Day of Prayer service
 (Eastburn Methodist Church)

Sat 4th

10.30am Seeds of Silence workshop (Parish Rooms)

Sun 5th

12noon CDFC Lent Hunger Lunch (Parish Rooms)

Mon 6th

6.00pm Kildwick School governors meeting (School)

Tue 7th

10.30am Seeds of Silence workshop (Parish Rooms)

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 **Clocks go Forward! Summertime starts**

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

2.00pm Tower Open Day

Fri 7th

2.45pm Kildwick School collective worship in church

Sun 9th

Palm Sunday

2.30pm Messy Church for Holy Week and Easter

Thu 13th

Maundy Thursday

Fri 14th

Good Friday

Sat 15th

Easter Eve

Sun 16th

Easter Day



Don't forget!

The clocks go forward on Mothering Sunday, so you lose an hour in bed. (Gloom!)
Remember to change your clock so you don't turn up just as the rest of us
 are coming out of church. That can be embarrassing!

The Prayer Page

Almighty and Everlasting God,
 You have given the human race Jesus Christ our Saviour as a model of humility.
 He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man and giving His life on the Cross.
 Help us to bear witness to You by following His example of suffering
 And make us worthy to share in His Resurrection.
 We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen



Forgive us Lord for our apathy, for our lack of courage to speak out.
 Forgive us when we walk past and don't offer help. Forgive us when we
 get it wrong.
 We confess that we are afraid – we don't want to overcome our hidden
 doubts and prejudices in order to be alongside those who are different
 from ourselves.
 We ask that you would lead us into action: give us strength to be a voice
 crying for justice and peace.
 Help us to step into another person's shoes, or if they have no shoes then
 not to be afraid to take off our own, peel off our preconceptions and
 assumptions, uncurl and spread out our toes, and tread in their footprints.
 May we be a liberating presence and offer love, compassion and whatever
 is needed to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with our God. Amen



We pray for those who have no peace – for those who are troubled and
 torn apart by lack of self esteem – for those who torment and victimise the
 vulnerable.
 We pray for men and women affected by violence in the home and for those
 who live by violence.
 We pray for those who are trafficked and for those who organise and profit
 from selling other humans.
 May they learn of your love and somehow come to newness of life even in the
 midst of despair.
 Loving Lord let us not stand aside and tolerate lack of basic human resources,
 dehumanising practices, or the use of violence to disempower your people.
 Give us strength to act and challenge hatred, and instead bring your justice
 and mercy.
 In your name we humbly ask that we may be a channel for your peace and
 love. Amen

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We need to form a new band to ring the bells at Kildwick

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*If you can push a child on a swing, you're **strong** enough*

*If you can ride a bike or drive a car, you're **co-ordinated** enough*

*If you can clap along with a song, you've got **rhythm** enough*

*If you are between 12 and (about) 70, you're **old** enough*

Forget Quasimodo and the mad Mars Bar monks!

**Bell ringing provides gentle exercise
and good mental stimulus**

Come and find out a bit about it

**Open Day at
St Andrew's, Kildwick**

Sunday 2nd April 2.00pm - 4.00pm

**See some ringing – Find how it all works – Visit the bells
Have a go – Talk to some ringers**

*If you **are** coming, it would help (but it's not essential) if you can let us know.*

*If you are interested but **can't** come, please **do** contact us!*

Chris Wright 01535 634526 chris@woodchipcomputers.co.uk

The Kildwick School Pages

Kildwick School were visited by Graham Taylor, our local historian this morning, and he described the damage done to one of our local soldier's lungs as a result of the gas attacks. Anna's story was written previously, but Graham's visit was a poignant reminder and concluded a wonderful topic.

Gas Attack

"Gas! Gas!" spluttered William as he ran down the trench.

"Masks on!" shouted Donald, trying to get his mask on.

Donald was white, white as snow, his fingers trembling. Everyone was screaming and coughing. Quickly, I grabbed my mask, knowing that the gas was creeping across no-man's land and coming for us. My hands froze, my mind went blank then somebody shouted, "It's coming! Get your masks on!"

I couldn't undo my mask as the buckle was frozen solid. People were falling right in front of my eyes, and within a blink, Donald was face down in the mud. The gas was metres away now and still my mask still wouldn't undo. I took a deep breath without realising, and the gas ran down my throat. It felt like it was on fire. I picked up Donald and clambered over dead bodies, staggering towards the horse and cart.

On our way to the field hospital, Donald started to awaken, coughing and retching. As soon as we got to there, we were taken to a room and checked. Hung in the ward was a mirror, and as we walked past, I glanced at my reflection and thought about what my daughter Ruby would think of me when I returned home; if I returned home.

Anna Fryers

Mini Ringers News

Last week the Kildwick Mini Ringers went on a trip to meet the Oxenhope Mini Ringers. First, we were shown round the church tower to look at the bells. We were even allowed to ring one of the bells but were closely supervised so that we didn't get catapulted into the air by the power of the bell.

Then the group played a range of tunes on the chimes such as "She'll Be Coming Round the Mountain". They then moved on to the hand bells and rang "Plain Bob Major". To finish off a lovely evening, pizza was served.

Just before we set off home, we were shown a set of special hand bells. When they were rung, you could feel the vibrations without even touching the metal!

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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 March 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.



Fair Trade at St Andrew's

Fair Trade Fortnight is your opportunity to do something practical as a Christian and make a profit for St Andrew's as you do it! Our regular Fair Trade stall will happen as usual on 12th March and there will be the regular goodies, plus some extras, I hope.

Before then, though, I hope you'll take the chance to look at the new catalogue, particularly at the Easter eggs (both little and larger). There is the now famous "Real Easter Egg" (large or small, milk or plain chocolate), which comes with a pull-out Easter story. There are mini-eggs, egg-hunt eggs and a chocolate Shaun the Sheep lolly. There's even a popcorn egg!

Seriously, I do hope you'll take the opportunity to consider if this might be a way you can help to reward the skill of farmers and other producers who are right at the bottom of the world pile and who have no voice but ours. There are lots of products in the catalogue, and I'll always order for you if I haven't already got what you want.

Give me a ring on 01535 634526 or email me: jill@woodchipcomputers.co.uk

On our own, we won't make a huge difference ... but every journey begins with just one step.

Jill Wright



Sunday 9th April

2.30-4.30 pm

Your family is invited to

Messy Palm Sunday!

Messy Church has become very popular at Kildwick and is a way of being church that families and others can enjoy together.

It's all very relaxed for all-ages; lots of fun, music, making things together to explore the Bible, then celebrating Jesus in a short time of story, action songs, prayer and sharing a wonderful tea together.

It's noisy, happy and very messy!



We hope your family is able to join us for the afternoon; there is no need to book but it is helpful if you let us know you are coming (so we can work out how much cake we need!!!!)

Lesley 01535 523291 lhudson@talktalk.net

Farnhill Parish Council

The Clerk and three members of Farnhill Parish Council met on the 26th January

Blue Bags

CDC are proposing to get rid of the blue paper recycling bags and transfer the recycling of paper to the blue bins along with glass tins & plastic.

Road Surfacing

Clerk is to ask Area 5 which surface dressing was used for the recent resurfacing of the A629 and what materials it consisted of.

Rubbish

The Parish Council have received a complaint regarding further issues of fly tipping on Bradley Road. Clerk to inform Craven District Council and ask for it to be cleared.

The results of the review of Collection Points in Mary Street and back of Mary Street have been received. The Parish Council are not sure how the documents satisfy the concerns raised and the balance between the risk to individuals and employees. Clerk to ask if they could attend the next meeting to clarify some issues.

There has been a complaint about rubbish household items that appear to have come from people's gardens onto the banking on the Farnhill side of Parson's Beck. Council will see what action can be taken to resolve the situation.

Vacancy

There is a casual vacancy for the office of Parish Councillor for the Parish of Farnhill. The Parish Council will fill the vacancy by co-option. If anybody is interested in becoming a Councillor please contact the Clerk.

Defibrillator

The Parish Council resolved to purchase a defibrillator to be placed on the external wall of the Institute and made available to the public. Airedale Chemicals have promised funding for the defibrillator.

The Arbour

The tree work at the Arbour is due to start on 1st February. The track may be closed at certain times but the workmen will cause as little disruption as possible. The work to remove the weeds that were growing on the banking amongst the newly planted trees at Lower Arbour from the top footpath down towards the Eastern exit has been completed.

Works for the new light for the top of the Arbour are due to begin on the 30th January 2017.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 28th February in the Institute. All members of the village are welcome to attend.

Magic-Lantern Show



Esteemed Ladies and Gentlemen!

The Farnhill WWI Volunteers Project cordially invite you
to attend, a Magic Lantern Show to be held in the
Institute building on **March 3rd 2017, to begin at 7 of the clock.**

There will be no charge for admission but Patrons are advised

to reserve seating in advance via the Institute Website

www.farnhill.co.uk Or to contact Mr Graham Taylor

on the telephone at 07720 440 678

Please note that the presentation will include scenes from the first
World War which may affect those of a nervous disposition.
Children may attend, but only at your own discretion.

March events to launch Farnhill WW1 Volunteers Project

The Farnhill World War 1 Volunteers project, which was recently given funding by the Heritage Lottery Fund kicks off with two events at Kildwick and Farnhill Institute in March. Both are free to attend and open to all.

The first event at 7pm on March 3rd is a *Magic Lantern Show evening*, recreating the sort of entertainment that was popular in the village during the Great War. These shows, a fore-runner of modern motion pictures, were not simply sources of light entertainment but also provided people at home with news about life at the Front.

A good turn-out is anticipated, but seats can be reserved (max 2 per application) by sending an email to farnhillww1volunteers@gmail.com. Reserved seats will be held until 10 minutes before the start of the performance, which will be given by experienced lanternist Andrew Gill - using authentic Victorian and WW1 glass slides and an original Magic Lantern (converted to use new-fangled electricity).

Project co-ordinator Graham Taylor said *"We know that many of the men from Farnhill who fought in the First World War attended Magic Lantern shows in the Institute building when they were home on leave – and we thought that recreating one of these events would be a good way of launching our project."*

Although Magic Lantern shows were a common feature of village life during WW1 and immediately afterwards, it's been a number of years since anything like this has been put on at the Institute and, who knows, it might be the last opportunity we have to experience this unique form of entertainment from a by-gone age.

The second event, on March 24th, also at 7pm in the Institute will be a talk called *"Introducing the Farnhill WW1 Volunteers Project"*. Graham explained: *"Our project aims to research the lives of the 68 men from Farnhill who had already volunteered to serve in the forces before conscription was introduced early in 1916, and we would like as many people as possible to get involved. We've made a good start and this talk will outline what we're going to do and how people can participate. We'll also be presenting some of the information and stories we've already discovered about the Volunteers and life in Farnhill during the First World War."*

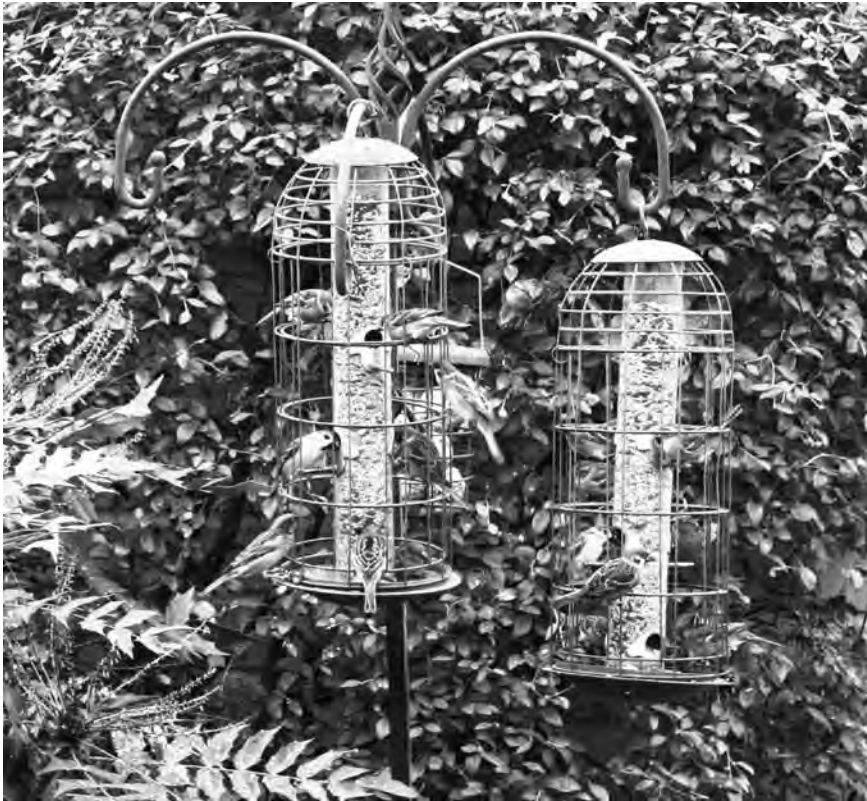
Einstein's Puzzle

I've finally finished sorting through all of the answers to the puzzle I set last month... Well – there **was** one. Thank you, Tim!

I'm glad to say that he was absolutely right! The (green) house 4 was occupied by a coffee-drinking German who played hockey when not tending to his fish.



The Birds in Your Garden



Not only was winter 2015–16 the warmest ever for England and Wales, mostly due to exceptionally high temperatures in December 2015, it was also the wettest on record in Yorkshire.

Spring temperatures were more normal, being slightly below average in April and slightly above average in May. Rainfall during the breeding season varied dramatically between counties and months, with the heaviest rainfall in northern England and Scotland being limited to

April. In July and August the trend reversed, with above average rainfall in the north but exceptionally dry conditions in the south, where summer temperatures were also above average.

All of this meant that it was a mixed year for our resident birds. A lot depended upon the time of year they chose to try to breed. Blue Tits in particular produced below average clutch sizes which led to a reduced number of chicks being fledged, and Great Tits did little better. With total numbers down by a tenth and the number of young they produced last year down by over a third, Blue Tits in particular, are having a hard time. This has been apparent in our gardens since with lower numbers around than usual.

The mild winter of 2015–16 with little or no snow cover, meant that ground feeders such as Song Thrushes, Robins and Dunnocks, as well as Wrens, which are all particularly sensitive to harsh winter weather, survived in larger than usual numbers. Again this is apparent in most of our gardens, although Song Thrushes are still far from common.

Blackbird data suggest that the number of fledglings in 2016 was around 20% lower than average too, though at the moment with migrants from central Europe still here, the effect is difficult to assess.

Yet again there was a late start to the breeding season. Laying dates for six

resident passerines, including both Blue and Great Tit, were delayed by between five and ten days in 2016, with low temperatures in early spring being the most likely cause. House Sparrows, which unlike most tits make several breeding attempts, may well have taken advantage of the fine late summer weather to produce a greater than average number of fledglings.

BTO results reveal that 17 out of the 24 bird species followed by their Nest Recording Scheme exhibited significant decreases in productivity in 2016 relative to the average of the previous five years. For some of these species (Blue Tit, Blackbird) a reduction in the number of young successfully fledged may be responsible for this decline; for the Blue Tit the mechanism appears to have been a reduction in clutch size, this being the lowest recorded since in 1939. Other surveys suggested that the wet conditions mid-summer also reduced post-fledging survival rates, mainly due to less food being around for these largely insectivorous species.

With a cold snap on its way, keep a sharp eye on your garden; you never know what might turn up!

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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Mad March Gales

The month of March has a reputation for a wild and blustery start but usually changes to much milder weather before it ends ... as the old saying goes 'March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb'.

People's homes are flooded or big trees uprooted in high winds. Even if it doesn't happen to us we see the pictures of other people's suffering in the media.

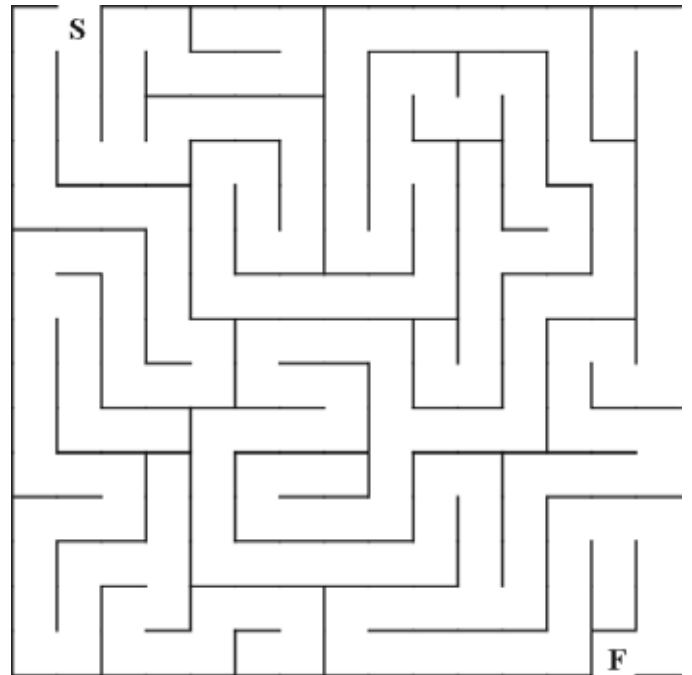
There was a time when Jesus' friends were frightened because a fierce storm blew up while they were fishing. The disciples thought their boat was going to sink and they were very frightened.

You can read about it in St Mark's Gospel, chapter 4, verses 35-39.

I get frightened when the wind blows so hard that the trees bend and the lights flicker but then I remember that Jesus is with us all the time. Just as He was with the disciples in the boat, He is with us when we are afraid. Jesus gives us hope, courage and strength.

Safely Home

Can you find your way home through the maze of streets?



What did the north wind say to the east wind?

Let's play draughts



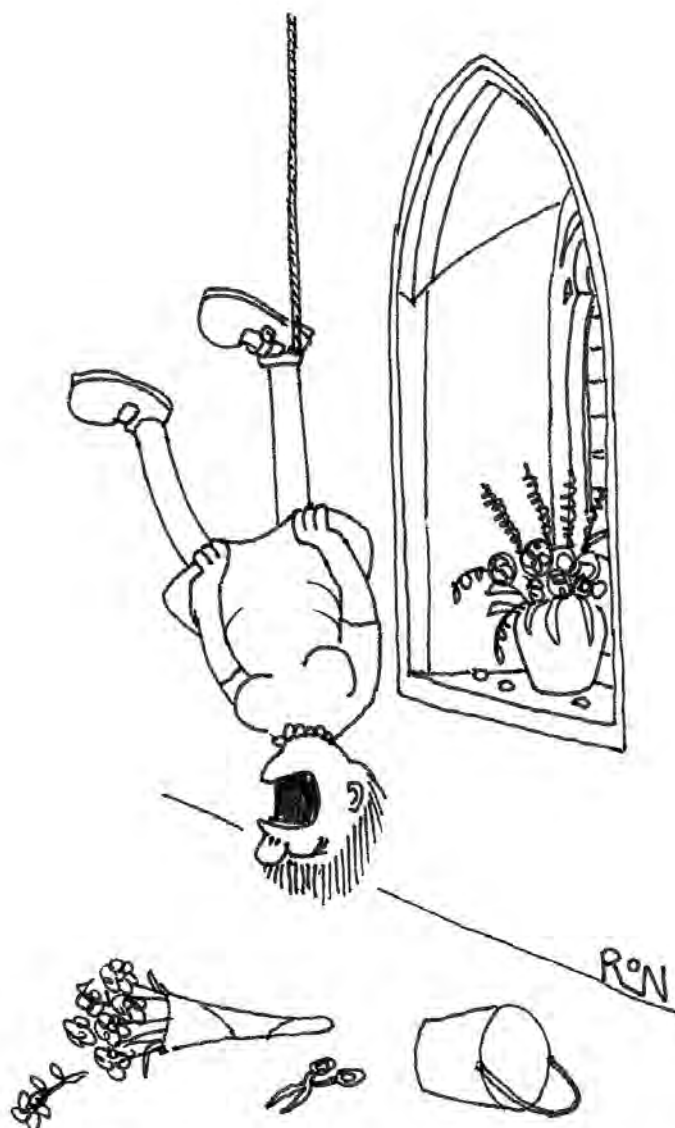
How easy is it for wind gusts to talk to each other?

It is a breeze.

What does a cloud wear under her raincoat?

Thunderwear!

**back
paw
up**



Mrs Stebbings always did the flowers in the South Window, as Mrs Rodgers soon learned

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