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Dear friends,

We are now fast approaching the most important week of the year for the Christian Church - Holy Week, which leads us to the most important day of the year - Easter Day, when we will celebrate the good news of Resurrection. As we light the new Easter candle, process it through the church and place it proudly in its stand at the front of the church where it will be at every service until the Day of Pentecost, we will join the whole Christian Church in proclaiming that we are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song.

As we come to celebrate Holy Week and Easter we are invited to ponder the mystery of what it means for Jesus to lay down his life as the forgiving victim and thence to rise from death as forgiveness. What does it mean for Jesus to live as though death were not? A paradox, indeed, in our human understanding.

The death and resurrection of Jesus is a mystery that we cannot explain, but it is a mystery that we can come to experience. In Jesus God was showing his amazing love for the world and its people.

The Easter story invites us to put our trust in God and trust that even in the midst of the greatest suffering there is still hope.

Rowan Williams, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, was once asked to sum up who Jesus is and what Jesus' message

is. Rowan Williams said, "Trust me, says Jesus, when I tell you that God loves you. Believe the good news. Trust me, says Jesus, when I tell you that God wants to be where

you are. And know that even when we push Jesus off the edge and kill him, he comes back and says, it is still true; God still loves you and God still wants to be where you are".



The death and resurrection of Jesus is God's message of love for the world, a love that you and I are called to imitate in our own lives in the company of all humankind.

The Easter story invites us to put our trust in God and trust that even in the midst of the greatest suffering there is still hope. The events of Holy Week and Easter tell us that even in the darkest places of our world and our lives God is there, loving us and waiting for us.

Easter invites us not to try to hold on to the past, not to create false idols (which may be forms of worship, the structure of buildings, certain beliefs, et al), but to welcome the new life that God offers to all God's people. As the theologian James Alison said, God does not ask us to grasp at a theory, but to relax into a practice. To know what it means to receive the gift of God's love requires us to relax and welcome that gift, rather than think we have to work to get it.

I recently found a reflection on the hymn 'Abide with me' that includes the line: 'Change and decay in all around I see'. The writer observed that, "Change can be seen as difficult, unsettling and unwelcome. It seems to me that it's better to think of 'change **or** decay' rather than 'change **and** decay'. Sometimes moving forward in a useful way requires

re-evaluating the way we see and do things, a reconsideration of who we are and what we are about. We can be wedded to traditions, but traditions are useful only if they bring us closer to God. Is God at the centre of all that we do? If not, what needs to change to make that happen? Being a church has to be so much more than a nice cosy social club with a pointy roof."

As we move on through this year with the changes we will experience in our own individual lives, in the life of our nation and nations across the world, and in the life of the Church, may we do so with confidence and hope. May we have the courage to "see what God is doing and join in" (to pick up another saying of Rowan Williams).

So this Easter may the crucified and risen Jesus encourage you and challenge you and lead you to new depths of love for all God's people. May the risen Jesus bless you.




Congratulations...

...again to the MiniRingers! They performed twice in the Skipton Music Festival last month. The first time, they impressed the committee enough to be invited back to take part in the final Festival Concert – and the second time, they came away with a "Commended" certificate as well as a cup, almost as big as Tom who went up to collect it!

April

April is a very significant month in our church year. Not only do we celebrate Easter, the most important time in the Christian year, but we also meet as a parish to reflect on the year gone by and to look ahead to the year to come. In a way, we can consider ourselves fortunate. Most people will only have one opportunity each year, to make new resolutions. We have, perhaps, three! One at the same time as everyone else; one at Advent, as we begin a new Liturgical Year – and one as we gather for our annual meetings. I should perhaps add a fourth, not long past, as we embarked on the journey of Lent, at Ash Wednesday.

This next twelve months looks as though it may be an exciting time. The plans from the Repair and Restoration Group are being firmed up and so we hope that, at last, the repairs to the roof and associated works may be able to start. The PCCs of Cononley with Bradley and Kildwick will soon be meeting to consider the future of ministry in this area – and a sneak preview of some of the reports that are arriving for the APCM booklet also shows that many groups are not just celebrating the past, but are also looking forward to new things to come.

A letter from John Exley has prompted a significant reply. We are keen that all those who read "The Bridge" should join in with its life so if there is something burning on your mind, let us know and we'll try to give it proper coverage!

There's no "spotlight" on a group this month and we'll try to fill that gap. Can you volunteer a short piece on your group? The old adage is very true: If **you** find something interesting, then it **is** interesting – and we like to hear about it!

Chris Wright

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Reflective bible reading during May

On 3 Sundays last October we enjoyed using our open space at the front of the nave by gathering in small groups for the first part of our 10am service, after which we moved into the chancel at the east end for Communion. Being able to gather in small groups made it possible for there to be shared conversation as we explored the diocesan vision themes of Confident Christians, Growing Churches, Changing Communities.



During May, on Sundays 14th, 21st and 28th, we are again going to enjoy using this space to allow us to do some reflective bible reading during our 10am services.

Instead of hearing three different readings on these Sundays, we will hear the gospel reading read three times by different voices. The pattern that we will follow is this:

- The passage is read aloud the first time.
- Everyone thinks about the passage in silence and begins to notice what has struck them.
- The passage is read aloud the second time.
- Each person is invited to say out loud a word or a phrase that has struck them. Others in the group listen to the responses without comment.
- The passage is read aloud the third time.
- People are invited to share with each other why this word or phrase jumped out at them, what it might mean and what questions it raises. Shared conversation follows to draw out questions from the passage and points of interest.

Each person will have a copy of the gospel reading, with a few pointers to help the reflection begin. But the aim is to see what you notice and can draw out from the text. The time spent in this will be approximately 15 minutes, the same time as we usually spent hearing our readings and listening to the sermon.



Deadline for next month

We'll do our best to have the May magazine on the news stands on **Sunday 30th April**. That means the deadline for all material will be on:

Sunday 23rd April

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

Listening and talking together the group learns to read, digest and reflect on Scripture in ways that will be helpful for the living out of the faith each day as well as understanding what it means.

This is not a bible study; the learning comes through the experience of scripture reflection and attentive listening to one another. We are seeking to be formed more into the image of Christ, not accumulating intellectual knowledge.

Ironically, wonderful insights often come when we abandon pursuing them and instead focus on being in God's presence together and listening to the Word.

We can often learn more from personal experiences than we do from receiving a teaching or discussing opinions. We seek to become more like Jesus by being with him in a shared gathering and listening to Scripture with our hearts.

Some will recognise the above way of reflecting on scripture as based on the ancient way of reading Scripture known as *Lectio Divina*; this simply means godly reading, so it's nothing fancy or to be fearful of.

If this will your first time engaging in reading Scripture in this way I hope you will look forward to discovering something new and exciting, which you can then apply in your own bible reading at home.



A different world...

Last month, you saw some information about the church in Sudan, which we are supporting with our special Lent Collection. Behind all of the headline tales of the problems and difficulties that they face, I heard a conversation between two bishops. One was explaining his age:

I was assessed by a medical doctor in Juba Hospital in 1974 when we were preparing to sit for Sudan School Certificate exams later in 1976 at Rumbek Secondary School. A birth or assessment certificate was one of the requirements for a student to sit for the exams. The doctor assessed my age as 1.1.1956, the same date of independence of the old Sudan. Therefore, my CV at that time had the same information of assessment of age as 1.1.1956.

However, while I was serving as SCC General Secretary in Khartoum, Jonathan Wani Jumi who was based in Juba found my name in the Baptism Register at Bari Parish Church (St. James) in 2001. He conveyed to me my actual date of birth as 12 July 1952 and date of Baptism as 20 May 1954.

In our modern IT-connected and certificated culture, it is good to be reminded that even leaders like Bishop Enock have lived much of their lives with no clear idea of their real age – and none at all of their actual birthday.

Chris Wright



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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.

Any persons whose name is not on the present roll and who wish to have their names 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 persons 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 this 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.

Language in worship – a conversation

John Exley has written the following

The following is a verse taken from a hymn sung on the 12th February.

*In blazing light your Cross reveals
the truth we dimly knew,
how small the debts men owe to us,
how great our debt to you.*

This verse, despite being printed in the hymn sheet, was requested to be omitted. I was left wondering why. A verse is generally omitted if a hymn is too long. This hymn has only 4 verses and each verse only 4 lines.

Then I wondered if the omission was because the inclusion of the word “men” on the third line might be considered politically incorrect and consequently offend some members of the congregation.

Then I thought that couldn’t possibly be the case because that would be simply daft. Can anyone enlighten me?

John Exley

The Vicar has replied as follows

John’s question in response to the decision not to sing a verse that had been printed in our hymn leaflet on 12th February concerns the important matter of use of language in worship.

Interestingly, the primary reason for deciding not to sing the verse, which had inadvertently not been deleted before the hymn sheet was printed, was to do with theology (i.e. how the words we use speak of our understanding of God). The verse speaks of an understanding of how the death of Jesus on the Cross works; the verse suggests that the death of Jesus is to do with a debt that humans owe to God. This understanding comes from the idea that humans have sinned against God, such that God requires the payment of a debt (or ransom) if humans are to be saved from being punished by God; and God then sends Jesus to take the punishment instead of us humans. This is known as the penal substitutionary theory of atonement; God requires a punishment and Jesus is the substitute for humans.

Suffice to say that this is an understanding of God and the Cross that we at St Andrew’s do not agree with. In recent years we have been exploring what we call a non-violent theory of the atonement. We are sure that God is not punitive, or retributive. Rather God is a God of grace and forgiveness; ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice’, says the Lord.

The secondary reason why the verse in question was not sung was indeed because of the gender exclusive language in line 3. At St Andrew’s we have sought to be mindful of the fact that language has never been static; the way we speak and use words today is not the same as it was a generation ago. The

Church, like all human institutions, has regularly reviewed its use of language in worship, with the aim of ensuring we can speak to the world of today.

Here I want to suggest that a gospel value is one of generous hospitality, with the aim of being as inclusive as possible. Whilst there are people who still see the word "men" as including both male and female, we must recognise that there is an increasing proportion of the population (including me) who do not hear the word "men" as being inclusive. I know that some members of the congregation would have been offended by the use of such exclusive language.

We might note here that back in 2005 the PCC approved the change from using the New International Version of the bible to the New Revised Standard Version for all readings at services at St Andrew's. The main reason for this change was to use a translation that uses gender inclusive language. Then, a few years ago, we moved to using a separate hymn sheet each week, rather than hymn books, to give us the flexibility of drawing on different sources for our hymns and being able, wherever possible, to avoid exclusive language and, picking up the first point above, to avoid theology that we do not agree with. The PCC discussed the use of language in hymns in March 2015 and agreed to continue with the present approach.

Some time ago, in response to another comment made directly to me, I had cause to look at the prefaces in different hymns books. The following extracts will be of interest in the light of the present discussion.

From the preface to Hymns Ancient & Modern Revised 1904 (note the date, 113 years ago!): *"the Revisers have felt that they were preparing a hymn book for use in public worship, and not an anthology of sacred verse for purposes of study. Wherever, therefore, an alteration of the original, which had been long in current use, seemed to them a real improvement upon the original, they have not hesitated to perpetuate it"*.

From the preface to The New English Hymnal 1986 (31 years ago): *"Some may be critical of revisions and alterations which we have made in original texts. We make no apology for it except where we may have done it badly; it is a process which has long been current—certainly since Charles Wesley wrote 'Hark, how all the welkin rings!' and, no doubt, before that. Our aim has been to make what is sung such that it can be sung with sincerity. Occasionally minor adjustments have been made to secure a better musical accentuation. Well-known and popular hymns have rarely been amended, though we felt it desirable to abandon the description of our Lord as 'lone and dreary'"*.

This has been a rather long reply to John Exley's comments and question. I hope I have demonstrated that the issue of language in worship is of great importance, such that it is unhelpful to suggest that it is "simply daft" to want to be as inclusive as possible in the worship we offer as God's Church at St Andrew's, Kildwick.

Robin Figg

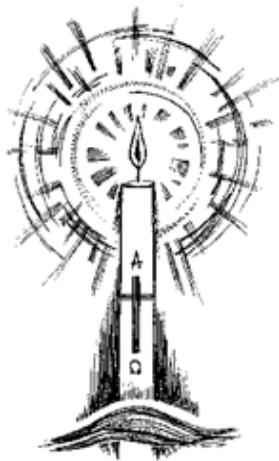
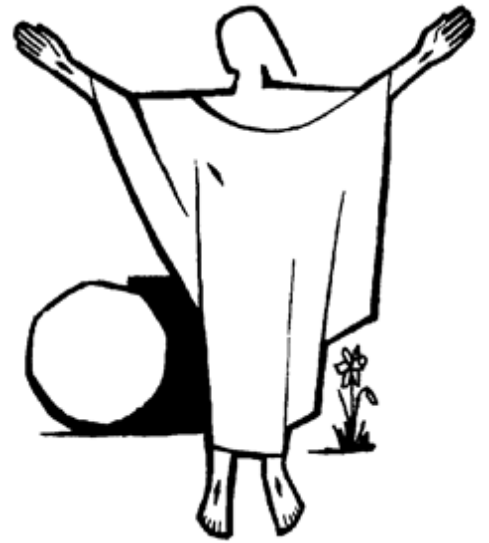
The Season of Easter – An Introduction

Easter Day begins a period of unparalleled joy and celebration in the Christian year which extends through fifty days until the Day of Pentecost. These days of Eastertide form a single festival period, in which this tone of joy is sustained. Early Christians gave the name Pentecost to this whole fifty-day span of rejoicing, which Tertullian calls "this most joyful period".

On the fortieth day, there has from the late fourth century been a particular celebration of Christ's Ascension. He commissions his disciples to continue his work, he promises the gift of the Holy Spirit, and then he is no longer among them in the flesh. The Ascension is therefore closely connected with the theme of mission.

The days between Ascension Day and the Day of Pentecost are days of prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit. The arrival of the promised gift of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost completes and crowns the Easter Festival.

The Paschal candle is lit for all services during this season.



An Easter Service of Thanksgiving and Commemoration of Departed Family and Friends

Sunday 7th May at 6.00pm

A service to remember those we love
but see no longer

Holy Week & Easter

Holy Week is the most important of all weeks in the Christian calendar and, again, all Christians are encouraged to join in with as much of Holy Week as possible. Of particular importance is experiencing the great period from Maundy Thursday through to Easter Day. It is only by experiencing the sorrow of the Cross on Good Friday that we can most fully experience the joy of the empty tomb on Easter Day.

Holy Week & Easter Services

Sunday 9th – Palm Sunday

- 8.15am Blessing of Palms and Holy Communion
- 10.00am Blessing of Palms, Procession (from Barretts Bridge, Priestbank Road) and Holy Communion. Those who prefer not to process meet in church for Blessing of Palms.
- 2.00pm Messy Church for Holy Week & Easter



Monday 10th, Tuesday 11th & Wednesday 12th

- 7.30pm Stations of the Cross

Thursday 13th – Maundy Thursday

- 7.30pm Eucharist of the Last Supper followed by vigil of prayer until 11pm



Friday 14th – Good Friday

- 10.10am Procession of witness from St Andrew's to Cross Hills for...
- 10.30am Act of Worship at St Peter's Methodist Church.
- 12 noon Prayer around the cross until...
- 2.00pm Liturgy of the Cross

Saturday 15th – Easter Eve

- 8.45pm Easter Vigil and Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Sunday 16th – Easter Day

- 8.15am Holy Communion
- 10.00am Family Holy Communion and Renewal of Baptismal Vows (followed by Easter Egg hunt)



The preacher on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Eve will be the **Reverend Canon Robin Greenwood**. Robin is now retired from parish ministry and lives in Skipton. He is a well-known writer and speaker in the field of ministry, local church practice and mission. His most recent book, *Sharing God's Blessing: how to renew the local church*, explores the themes of blessing, conversation and story, as a way of helping us to know and to grow through God's blessing and to bless others as we do.

Date	Time	Service	Readings
2 April The Fifth Sunday of Lent	8.15am 10.00am	Holy Communion Family Communion	Ezekiel 37.1-14 Romans 8.6-11 John 11.1-45
9 April Palm Sunday	8.15am 10.00am	Blessing of Palms and Holy Communion Blessing of Palms, Procession and Parish Communion	Matthew 21.1-11 <i>at BB</i> Matthew 21.1-11 <i>church</i> Isaiah 50.4-9a Philippians 2.5-11 Matthew 26.14 - 27.66
13 April Maundy Thursday	7.30pm	Eucharist of the Last Supper	Exodus 12.1-14 1 Corinthians 11.23-26 John 13.1-17,31b-35
14 April Good Friday	2.00pm	Liturgy of the Cross	Isaiah 52.13 - 53.12 Hebrews 10.16-25 John 18.1 - 19.42
16 April Easter Sunday	8.15am 10.00am	Holy Communion Family Communion	Acts 10.34-43 <i>Colossians 3.1-4</i> Matthew 28.1-10
23 April The Second Sunday of Easter	8.15am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion	Acts 2.14a, 22-32 1 Peter 1.3-9 John 20.19-31
30 April The Third Sunday of Easter	8.15am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion	Acts 2.14a, 36-41 <i>1 Peter 1.17-23</i> Luke 24.13-35

Regular Events at Kildwick

Weekdays <i>not Thursday</i> 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 – 8.30pm	Choir practice	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

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



From the Registers

Baptisms

Sunday 5th March

Harry Clark, son of Thomas & Natalie
of Hunters Meadow, Silsden

Maddison Wearden, daughter of Christopher & Kimberley
of Cornwall Avenue, Silsden

Burial of cremated remains

Saturday 18th March

Gladys Chapman, formerly of Carla Beck Lane, Carleton



April

Sat 1st	9.30am	Seminar with Margaret Barker
Sun 2nd	10.00am	Margaret Barker preaching
	2.00pm	Tower Open Day
Wed 5th	7.30pm	CDFC Lent Course continues (St Peter's, Cross Hills)
Fri 7th	2.45pm	Kildwick School collective worship in church
Sat 8th	9.30am	Combined meeting of Kildwick PCC and Cononley with Bradley PCC (Parish Rooms)
Sun 9th		Palm Sunday (Holy Week begins)
	2.30pm	Messy Church for Holy Week and Easter
Thu 13th		Maundy Thursday
	7.30pm	Eucharist of the Last Supper
Fri 14th		Good Friday
	2.00pm	The Liturgy of the Cross
Sat 15th		Holy Saturday
	8.45pm	The Easter Liturgy and First Communion of Easter
Sun 16th		Easter Day
	10.00am	Family Communion with blessing of the Easter Garden
Sun 30th	11.10am	Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting

May

Sun 7th	6.00pm	Easter Service of Thanksgiving for Departed Family & Friends
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June

Sat 24th	Summer Fair
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Flower Rota

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April 2nd	Lent - No Flowers
April 9th	Lent - No Flowers
April 16th	Easter Day
April 23rd	Vacant
April 30th	Mrs Mary Peake
May 7th	Mrs Roberts

The Prayer Page



Would we be counted
among the doubters
hiding in the shadow
cast by that cruel cross?
Or, when challenged,
like Peter
openly deny you?
There are times, Lord
when doubts assail
and the distance between us
seems to increase.
There are times, Lord
when sin has its hold,
like a barrier between us
that will not move.
Who is there we can turn to
when we feel so overwhelmed?
Who can roll away the stone
and reveal the empty tomb?
No-one but you, Jesus,
no-one but you!

Alleluia!
Jesus is risen!
He is risen indeed!
May this declaration
resound not only in these walls
but touch the lives
of all we meet
and forever be
the truth of which we speak.
Your love,
once sown within a garden,
tended for your own people,
neglected and rejected,
now spreads its sweet perfume
in this place
and wherever it is shown.
Alleluia!
Jesus is risen!
He is risen indeed!



God of Promise and God of Hope,
who through your great mercy
has granted us new birth
through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ,
we praise your wonderful name!
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we praise your wonderful name!



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PCC Meeting 20th March 2017

As always, the PCC's meeting began with looking back to the meeting before – which should ensure we've done the things we said we'd do! There is quite a head of steam to keep the church open, at least during the summer, and we are working to see if that is possible.

Looking forward, Robin reported that the Co-op petrol station have contacted him, asking how they might become more involved in the St Andrew's community. PCC welcomed this initiative and Robin was tasked with exploring it more fully – the Summer Fair seems an obvious place to begin.

Arrangements for the Annual Meetings in church on 30th April were finalised. The Treasurer reported that the final Accounts for the year 2016 had been completed and sent to the Independent Examiner. The Electoral Roll revision was under way and the Churchwardens reported that the Terrier, Log Book and Inventory were up to date (well done, Sandie and Lesley!). Preparations for the publication of the necessary reports were in hand.

During his report, Robin commented on the new Diocesan strapline "Living, Loving, Learning" and how the parish will need to look at its mission in the light of this approach. He also reminded PCC of their meeting with Cononley with Bradley's PCC on April 8th to consider the future of ministry in this area.

Robin also reported on the strengthening of the link between church and school. Nigel Dickinson has served as a Foundation Governor for some years and will resign at the end of July. We are looking for someone to take on this responsibility.

There were few group reports this time, since those groups simply had not met! The Repair and Restoration Group have been working hard in the background and we shall learn more about this at the Annual Meeting.

There was a discussion about how people had received and engaged with the recent Taizé service and Robin agreed to publish a paper on how we might worship in the Taizé style in the future.

The next meeting of PCC will have different members! If you feel you might be able to serve God and the church in this way, please speak to Robin or a PCC member. We shall meet briefly after the Annual Meeting and fully on May 9th.



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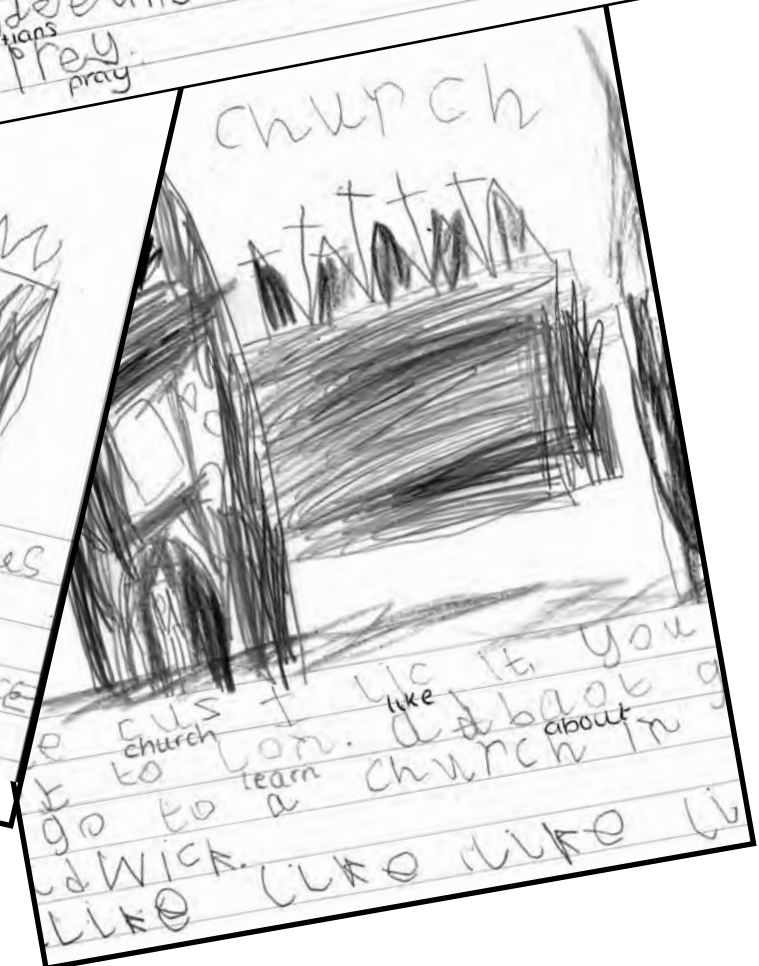
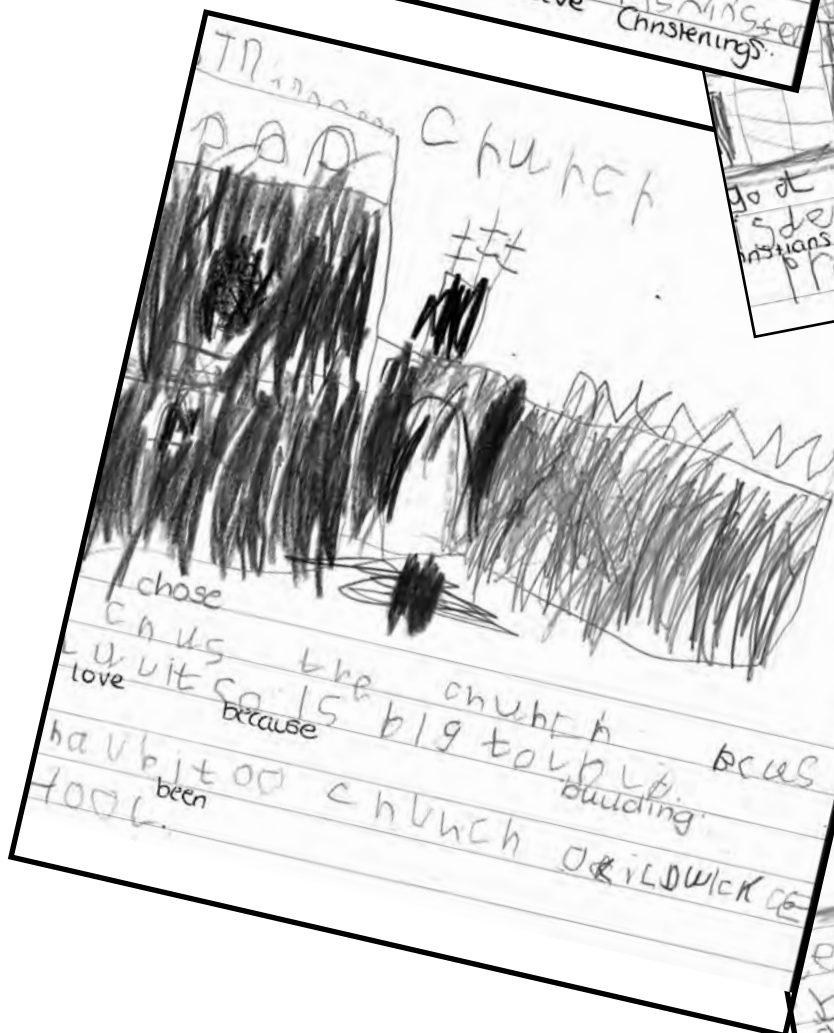
When, last month, I wrote of Peter Ford's long service in the bell tower, my information was wrong. Peter tells me: *"I learnt to ring at Kildwick (not Silsden). and I have been ringing since 1997. In 1997 the bells at Silsden were not ringable.*

After a generous donation they were recommissioned in October 2001."

Our debt of gratitude for 20 years of service remains.

The School Page

Class 1 have been writing about church
- and drawing it, too...



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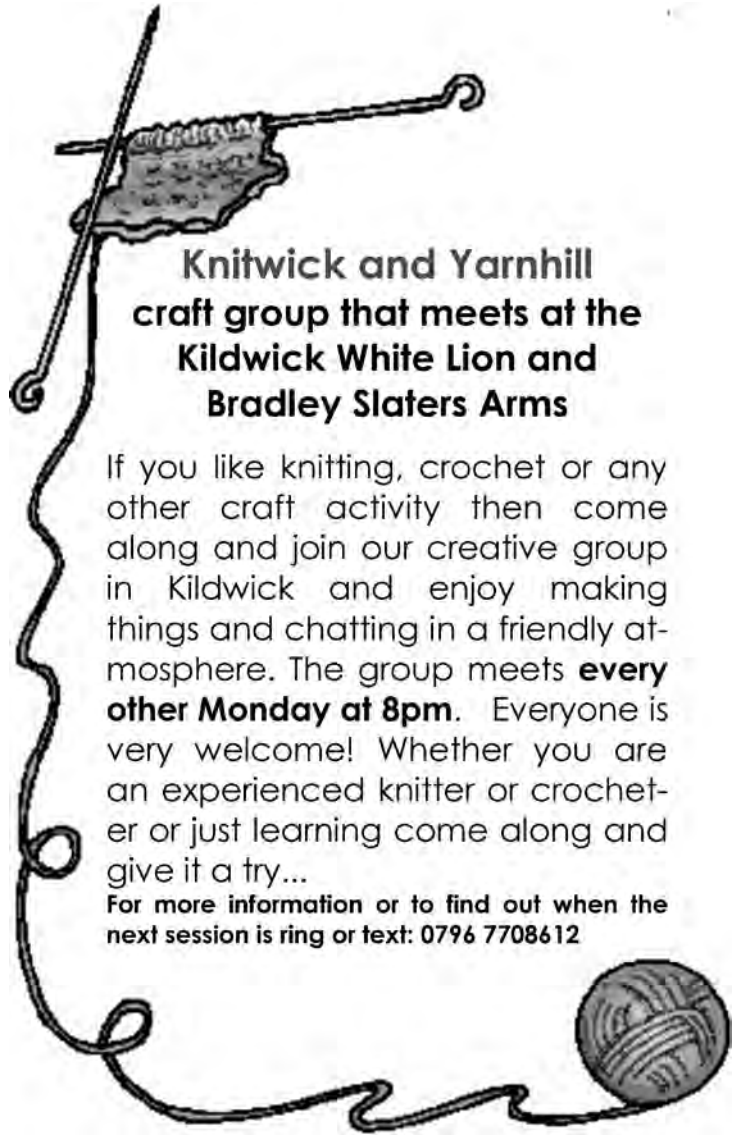
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Knitwick and Yarnhill craft group that meets at the Kildwick White Lion and Bradley Slaters Arms

If you like knitting, crochet or any other craft activity then come along and join our creative group in Kildwick and enjoy making things and chatting in a friendly atmosphere. The group meets **every other Monday at 8pm**. Everyone is very welcome! Whether you are an experienced knitter or crocheter or just learning come along and give it a try...

For more information or to find out when the next session is ring or text: 0796 7708612



Prayers for the Parish & World Church

The next monthly meeting to pray for the parish and worldwide Church will take place on Monday 24th April 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.



The Red Bag

Many people have been using the red bag at the back of church to recycle unwanted items. When we reach 10kg in the bag, that's sealed up and sent off. Not long after, a cheque arrives in the post! It's not huge, but can be significant. Before we send the sack off, we need to go through the items donated and, sadly, some have to be removed and taken to the household waste site.

What we like to see are:

Jewellery

Unwanted gold and silver, including damaged items, Costume Jewellery, Watches

Coins and Currency

All banknotes and coins, UK or foreign of any age inc. unchangeable currency.

Stamps and postcards

Gadgets

Phones, Cameras, Sat Nav, Games Consoles, Laptops, Tablets, MP3 players

But not:

Home Phones, Fax Machines, Printers (or cartridges), DVD Players, Kitchen Appliances or Personal Grooming items.

Sadly, all of these have to end up with the Council.



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, three members of the Council and CDC & NYCC Representative met on the 28th February. It was agreed that a member of the Council attend a Parish Liaison Meeting to discuss changes to the Waste Management Services

From Craven and North Yorkshire Councils

Funding from CDC for a projector & dongle and from NYCC for the fitting of a defibrillator should be approved shortly. The defibrillator has now been ordered. Budgets are not looking too bad compared with other Councils. CDC are looking at shared ownership schemes to help young people get on the property ladder. Storms have caused water damage to the roof at the town hall and CDC are looking at more funding for the Museum and to create a Cultural Hub at the Town Hall. The renovation of the pool café should generate more income. CDC have been looking at a Local Enterprise Partnership Scheme for developing the area around the Railway Station and extending the car park.

Councillor

No applications have been received for the position of Councillor, if anybody is interested please contact the Clerk or one of the Councillors.

Rubbish

A delay in collecting fly tipping on Bradley Road is a result of CCTV being installed in the area. They hope the waste may attract further incidents which could be recorded and lead to prosecutions. *(The rubbish has now been removed)* CDC feel that clearing rubbish at Parson's Beck is the responsibility of the land owners. The Housing Association have inspected their properties and disclaim responsibility. The Environment Agency will take responsibility if there is a risk of pollution or contamination.

Website

Following Chris Wright's retirement, the Parish Council resolved that Leeds 11 seemed to be the most reasonable option for hosting the website

Play Area

The surface under the Play Panels is getting worn and the spring on the gate does not close properly.

Lighting

Numerous positive comments have been received about the new light at the Arbour both the positioning of the lamp to give additional light and the design of the lamp. Lights which are not lit at High Farnhill have been reported.

Next Meetings

The Annual Parish Meeting will be on either Wednesday 24th or Thursday 25th May providing the downstairs room will be available. Training for the defibrillator may be incorporated into the meeting. The next meeting will be on Thursday 23rd March. All member of the village are welcome to attend.



The Birds in Your Garden



Columbidae - Pigeons

This is a family of some three hundred species, most of which are found in the tropics. You may love them or hate them, but they are everywhere! The distinction between pigeons and doves is not a taxonomic one, with the term dove tending to be used for the smaller varieties.

Pigeons are famed for their homing ability; from Roman or even Persian times, via the siege of Paris to World War 2, they were used to carry messages. When far from home they use the sun as a compass and can compensate for its movement across the sky; closer to home it seems they use local landmarks to navigate.

Feral or city pigeons are found in cities the world over and are derived from the Rock Dove. Such has been their success that true Rock Doves probably only exist in the wildest corners of northern Europe and Asia. They chose to desert their natural habitat and associate with mankind due to the ready availability of food combined with the breeding and roosting potential offered by buildings, which resemble the cliff faces on which they naturally breed.

Woodpigeon courting is particularly obvious in spring, with much cooing and preening together with explosive nearly vertical short flights and much clapping of wings. Their breeding season never seems to end, and they are regularly recorded having young in their nests from February to November.

This extended breeding season is only possible because, like all pigeons, Woodpigeons produce 'crop milk' which is similar to mammalian milk in its composition. It is produced in the crop, a sac-like structure normally used for storing food. This allows the young to be fed even when suitable food is not available.

Pigeons like to eat cabbage, sprouts, peas and grain and one reason for their recent proliferation is the availability of autumn sown brassicas, such as oil seed rape. They will also eat buds, shoots, seeds, nuts and berries, and in autumn can often be seen sitting on cotoneaster hedges.

Stock doves are similar in plumage and size to pigeons, but have neither their pale rump nor the white patches on the side of their throats. They are largely blue-grey with an attractive iridescent bottle green band on the back of the neck. They are widely distributed in the UK with over half their European population being found here.

The Collared Dove, now one of the commonest birds in Britain, is pinky-grey with a distinctive black band on its neck. They first bred in the UK in Cromer in 1955,

having spread naturally from their ancestral haunts in Turkey and the Middle East.

Did you know that pigeons can fly.....?

- at altitudes of 6000 feet or more
- at average speeds of up to 77 mph and can exceed 90 mph
- up to 700 miles in a day

And that

- They drink by sucking water and using their beaks like straws, while most birds sip water and then throw their head back to swallow.
- The first commercial service using pigeons was established in 1896 in New Zealand and was known as the Pigeon-Gram Service. It ran from The Great Barrier Reef to New Zealand, (but not in reverse) with pigeons covering the distance in under two hours. They carried five messages, each requiring a special Pigeon-Gram stamp costing 2/- .

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 gbwmike@gmail.com.



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EASTER SYMBOLS

At Easter it is all bunnies, eggs and lambs in the shops. Why are they symbols of Easter?

One of the oldest Spring symbols in the world is the egg - it promises new life as in Spring, fluffy yellow chicks are hatched from eggs.



The hare was a symbol of the moon and is connected with Easter because the date of Easter depends upon the full moon. Over time, the hare became a rabbit, because there are more rabbits around than hares!

The lamb represents Jesus and links His death to that of the lamb sacrificed on the first Passover. Jesus is called "the Lamb of God."

EASTER WORDSEARCH

All the words hidden in this word-search are to do with Spring and Easter - can you find them all?

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U	T	D	U	O	L	C	D	U	B

bird blossom bud
bunny chick cloud crocus
daffodil duck egg flower
garden grass hare lamb lily
spring tulip



How do baby hens dance?

Chick to chick.

Why does the chicken go to the theatre?

For hentertainment.



Which rabbits were famous bank robbers?
Bunny and Clyde!

back
to
work



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with tea and biscuits
and a chat*

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