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Dear friends,

**Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Throughout the month of May we continue to proclaim this joyful acclamation at every service until we conclude the great 50 days of celebration between Easter Day and the Day of Pentecost (4th June). During these seven weeks the Christian Church proclaims to the world that we are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song.

We sing our Alleluia because we believe that in the death and

resurrection of Jesus the world was shown something unique and precious. In the death and resurrection of Jesus the world was shown the true meaning of Love.

On the cross Jesus opens wide his arms and says to those who are killing him, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing". To truly love is to reach out with forgiveness even to our enemy, to the one who would do us harm.

The power of this Love, which is forgiveness, is affirmed in the resurrection. The risen, crucified Jesus, who has been ridiculed and abandoned even by those who journeyed with him through

Galilee and to Jerusalem, does not seek revenge and retribution; instead, the risen Jesus says to those he meets

"Peace be with you, do not be afraid".

The Love shown to us by Jesus is a radical, subversive love that invites a transformation of heart and mind; a transformation which moves us

from darkness to light, from violence to non-violence, from death to life.

Our loving, liberating, life-giving God, whom we meet in the person of the risen, crucified Jesus,

longs for the healing and renewing of the nations, for the healing and renewing of creation. God, who is true Love and true Light, calls us, in all our dealings with one another to speak the language of Love, which is the language not of destruction but of creation, not of self-interest but of self-sacrifice, not of acquisition but of self-giving and generosity.

Such is God's way; sadly it is all too often far from the human way. The



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evidence of this is all around us. The world feels a very uncertain place right now. Relationships within, and between nations, are changing and it is hard to see very far ahead. The consequences of the American people electing Donald Trump as President remain unclear; the people of France are about to elect a new President; in September there will be federal elections in Germany.

Here at home, we are facing another General Election, only two years since the last one, the result of which will affect greatly the forthcoming Brexit negotiations and our relationships with our neighbours across Europe and, quite possibly, our relationships across the United Kingdom.

As we come to exercise our democratic right, and citizen's responsibility, to vote in the general election on 8th June the following words written in the lead up to the 2015 general election are worthy of reflection: "We might be asking: how might Jesus' message inform our perspective on issues such as the economy, foreign policy, war, immigration, the national debt, and how we look after the sick, disturbed, unemployed and the undeserving. Deep reflection on this begins to reveal how radical, political and upsetting the Way of

Jesus is. I suspect Jesus would be no friend to any of our modern political parties."

What are we looking for in our elected politicians? People who will serve our own self-interest or people who will serve our neighbours in need? As another writer asked: "Are we prepared to vote for the needs of our neighbours who don't look like us?"

Jesus embodied and taught a subversive message of compassion, mercy, justice and welcome to the despised. These must be the values that will inform the difficult decision of where to put your X on our ballot paper.

A further significant change will happen soon here in this parish. I announced recently that I would be moving on, after nearly 16 years as Vicar here, to take up a new post as Vicar of Warton and Borwick with Yealand in the Diocese of Blackburn; my last Sunday here will be 23rd July. The coming weeks will give time to reflect on the journey of the last 16 years and to prepare for the vacancy until a new Vicar is appointed.

As we each face these times of change, times of challenge and opportunity, may the God of Love and Light continue to guide us and bless us.



May

Well, that's a turnup for the books. It looks as though we are approaching quite exciting times! Our first major deadline happens really soon – when we submit the first part of our application for the repair of our leaky roof. Louise has written about this (on page 17). To do nothing about the roof is not an option, really. If it gets worse, we'll have to move out of the building.

As a rock-climbing student at Lancaster I got to know the old quarry at Warton! We all wish Robin, Elizabeth and their family well in their new parish and we'll be over there in force to support him as he is installed on September 4th.

The new PCC takes on extra responsibilities as we now approach our own vacancy. One of the first statutory tasks is to compile a "Parish Profile". This is partly an official document with statistics but it can also be an altogether glossier "advert" for the parish which we'll hope will attract the right priest. This meeting (called "Section 11") will also appoint two representatives to take the process forward alongside the Bishop and our patrons, Christ Church, Oxford. This meeting is of the PCC alone. They can (and probably will) request a "Section 12" meeting later at which the bishop and the patron will be represented. Christ Church are well used to this process and are likely to be a great help to us.

A common question is "How long before we get a new priest?" No one can tell us that – but many parishes seem to spend around a year, finding a new incumbent. Running the parish amongst ourselves will bring out the best in us!

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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



Deadline for next month

We delayed the publication of this issue so that it could contain reports from the APCM but we hope to have June's edition out on **Sunday 28th May**.

That means the deadline for all material will be on:

Sunday 21st May

That's actually quite soon – so sharpen your pencils now!

same time as we usually spend hearing our readings and listening to the sermon. 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 be 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.



St. Andrew's Church Prayer Loops

This is a new way of praying for specific needs which has begun at St Andrew's. There are two discrete groups of people who have agreed to pray for specific requests for the period of a week, after which time, the prayer is completed. This is aimed particularly where the need for prayer is urgent: for example, if a friend or family member is suddenly taken ill or there is some family crisis. The person being prayed for doesn't need to be a member of our congregation; anyone who needs prayer is welcome.

This initiative does not replace the Prayer Board in church, nor the list for prayer which is circulated by way of the News Sheet. It's important to know, too, that those who have agreed to be a part of the Loops have promised their complete confidentiality.

If you wish to ask for this kind of prayer for someone you know, please ask June Whitaker, Lesley Hudson, Sandie Walton or the Vicar.



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Annual Church Meetings – Sunday 30th April

These two very important meetings were held on 30th April following the morning service. The first meeting is held to elect two people as Churchwardens – and it will please you to know that the two previous post-holders had done such a good job that they were re-elected nem con! The second meeting elected representatives of the laity to the PCC. Sue Hargreaves had come to the end of a three-year term and she was thanked for her hard work. Brenda Brock and Marie Stinson were elected to serve for the next three years, but we still have two vacancies to fill, one for three years and one for one year. Could this be you? Think about it!

The new PCC meets together for the first time on 9th May and will begin with a celebration of the Eucharist to set its work for the coming year in the context of worship of God.

All the necessary paperwork for the meetings had been circulated beforehand; we heard statistics about attendance, about baptisms, weddings and funerals and about the Electoral Roll. We learned about our finances – and the great difficulty we face in paying the Share requested. We had a major presentation from the Repair and Renovation Group – that is going to be a significant focus for us in the months ahead.

And of course, we listened to Robin's remarks in his final Annual Meeting as our incumbent – we wish him well for the future and there will be time to acknowledge the contribution of the Figg family. The vacancy and its ramifications will, though, be the other main focus for us as we travel through this coming year.

Membership of the PCC is now

Incumbent: The Revd Robin Figg Chairperson

Churchwardens: Elected Annually
Mrs Lesley Hudson and Mrs Sandie Walton

Deanery Synod Reps To serve till 2020
Mr Chris Wright and one vacancy

Elected Members: To serve till 2018
Mrs Shirley Hoskins, Mrs Kathryn Morris and one vacancy
To serve till 2019
Mr Tim Chapman, Mrs Sylvia Clark and Mrs Jill Wright
To serve till 2020
Mrs Brenda Brock, Dr Marie Stinson and one vacancy

Co-opted Member: The Revd Di Halliday

Jigsaw Kids Ministry

Dear friends – greetings from everyone in Jigsaw.

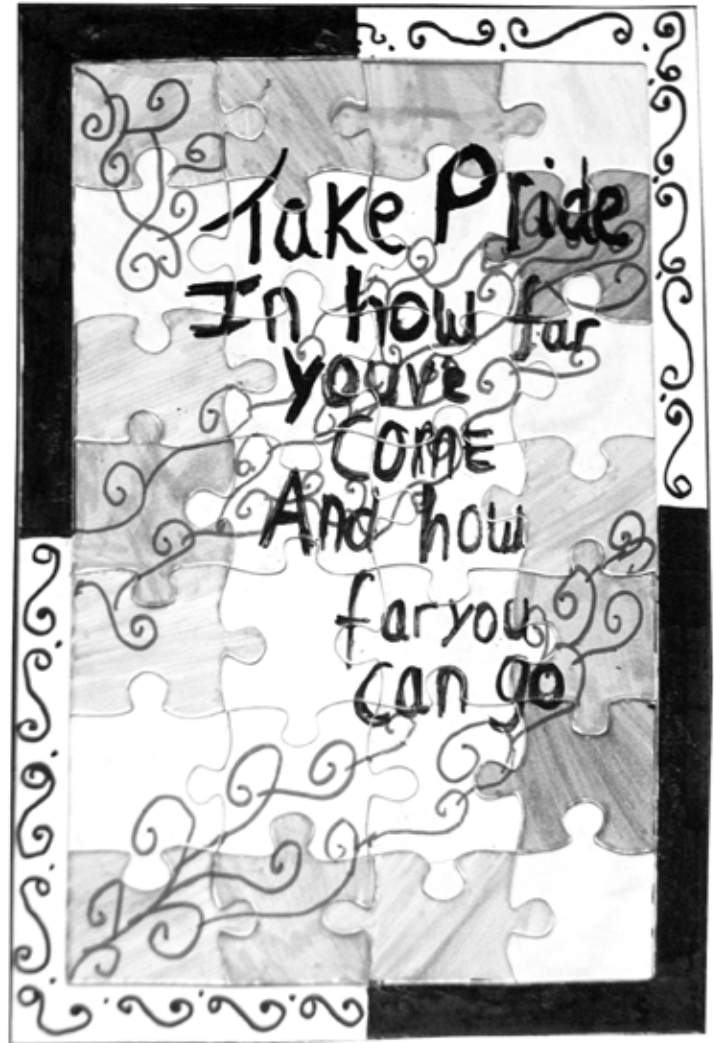
I am recently back from the Philippines after a wonderful yet challenging trip. It was humbling to see God moving through the power of His love bringing love, light and hope to so many children and families in difficult situations. Prayers are so important to bring the power and wisdom of God to the ministry of Jigsaw and all your prayers are transforming lives through God's Love. Please join me in prayer for the needs below as we seek to combat poverty in the lives of children and families through the Love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Shalom. Tim

Prayers needed.

Please Pray urgently for one of our staff who is under huge pressure from her mum and extended family to leave her two children and Jigsaw to go abroad to the Middle East to be a housemaid (modern day slave). She and her mother have recently lost their slum home due to debt caused by a health emergency and so are currently squeezed into her sister's small slum house. Her extended family see her working overseas as the way to pay the debt and to have regular income for them all, they don't see the needs of her or her children. This is a terrible situation as it will separate her from her children and then what she will face abroad I can't bear to think about.

As it stands she is at the mercy of her extended family and is being told she will be ostracised if she doesn't go. She has a small plot of land (which she is buying over several years from the Habitat for Humanity organisation) on which Jigsaw would like to help her build a small house for her and her children. However, even this may not solve the problem as culturally there is huge pressure to follow the wishes of her family. Please pray that God will intervene to change her family's hearts and minds so that they will not pressurise her to leave her children and country and that they may see other ways to solve their problems.



A Jigsaw from Kildwick School's Collective Worship presentation

Please also pray that if it is God's will Jigsaw may have the funds to help her build a small house which we hope will bring security to her and her children for years to come.

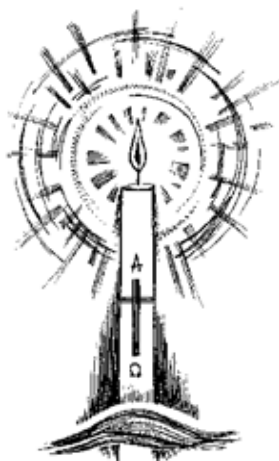
Please Pray for two girls, Jess and Dona, who have had to leave their home as their father is physically abusing them. Please also pray for another girl, Mana, who is also being beaten by her father when he gets drunk. Please pray that God will intervene and they may be able to return home to a safe and secure place. Please also pray for the Jigsaw staff who are helping care for the girls in this very difficult time.

Please Pray for our new 'Life groups'. These are small groups for 13 to 17 year olds living in the slums and on the streets to come together to share what is happening in their lives and to pray and support one another. The groups are just beginning and are to be led by young people from our 18+ Jigsaw community groups. Please pray for wisdom for the young leaders and the Jigsaw staff who are mentoring them and for the youths who will attend the groups. Pray that God will use the groups to help bring the community, security, significance, creativity, and boundaries that so many need and crave and that Faith, Hope & LOVE may grow.

Please Pray for Lendhel and the Jigsaw leadership team as they continue with Jigsaw's registration with DSWD (department of social welfare.) Previously we have been registered as a Christian Children's Ministry but as we are including more social work in our ministry we need to change our registration. Please pray that God may make the paths straight and guide Jigsaw by His wisdom. Please also join us to Praise God for all his provision and pray for the continued provision for all that Jigsaw needs.

Thank you, with love from everyone in Jigsaw.

Tim - Jigsaw



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

Christian Aid Week

14th – 20th May

Christian Aid Week:
standing with refugees like Nejebar



It is better to die in a camp than to die in a war.

That's what Nejebar thinks.



It's better to travel for months, in rain and snow, with young children. To walk until you injure your feet. To risk your children's lives in a plastic dinghy. And to leave everything you know behind.

When the alternative is fear and terror, almost anything is better. When the alternative is bombs, bullets and war, almost anything is better.

Fleeing horrors

Nejebar's husband Noor was a teacher in Afghanistan. Imagine the horror the family felt when the Taliban announced they would kill anyone, like Noor, who worked for the government.

Imagine how they felt when the Taliban carried out that threat on another family member, taking out his eyes before killing him.

Almost anything has to be better than that.

But now they've arrived in Greece, all they have is a tent. They have no other protection against wind and rain. There's no school for their five children. And they have no certainty or clear idea of what will happen to them now. They thought they would stay here for 10 days, but it's already been six months and there's no end in sight.

Noor describes their initial reaction to arriving in the camp in Greece: 'It was like suicide for us. But we took the decision that it is better to die here than to die there from war.'

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Together

Throughout it all, Nejebar has desperately wanted what is best for her children. But her circumstances make it very difficult.

Her youngest, Sudai, is five years old but looks much younger. He hasn't been growing as he should. His tummy is swollen and they don't know what is wrong with him. And because the only on-site doctor is Greek, they haven't been able to find out. They don't have the language to explain that Sudai is much older than he looks.



Nejebar's strength and steadiness make her the rock at the centre of her family, holding them together in this difficult and uncertain situation. But she hasn't stopped there. Despite her circumstances, she has welcomed two brothers, Faraidoon and Farzad, into her home.

Faraidoon and Farzad don't know where their parents are, or if they're even alive. Nejebar has welcomed them into her family, giving them refuge as they wait for news.

An uncertain future

Nejebar says: 'We still have some hope that one day we will get out of here and we have hope for our children's future.'

'Our wish is to get out from this situation and to be able to go further. We only want a peaceful life. We want our children to have an education, to go to school. The most important thing is for our children.'

We won't turn our backs on refugees like Nejebar now

Christian Aid was set up by British churches in 1945 to support the hundreds of thousands of refugees who had lost their homes and possessions in the Second World War. We launched Christian Aid Week in 1957 to raise funds for vital work like this that was still continuing in the long running aftermath of the war.

For 60 years, tens of thousands of dedicated volunteers have come together for Christian Aid Week each May to raise vital money for those most in need. Thanks to you, we've been there for refugees, providing essential food, shelter and legal assistance.

Your support is more vital now than ever. Let's not turn our backs on refugees now.

**Be an instrument of God's peace.
Give, act and pray this Christian Aid Week.**

Date	Time	Service	Readings
7 May The Fourth Sunday of Easter	8.15am 10.00am	Holy Communion Family Communion	<i>Acts 2.42-47</i> <i>1 Peter 2.19-25</i> John 10.1-10
14 May The Fifth Sunday of Easter	8.15am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion	<i>Acts 7.55-60</i> 1 Peter 2.2-10 <i>John 14.1-14</i>
21 May The Sixth Sunday of Easter	8.15am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion	<i>Acts 17.22-31</i> <i>1 Peter 3.13-22</i> John 14.15-21
25 May (Thursday) Ascension Day	7.30pm	Holy Communion	Acts 1.1-11 Ephesians 1.15-23 Luke 24.44-53
28 May The Seventh Sunday of Easter	8.15am 10.00am	Holy Communion Family Communion	<i>Acts 1.6-14</i> <i>1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11</i> John 17.1-11

On three Sundays this month, instead of hearing three different readings we will reflect on a single reading read three times by different voices.



From the Registers

Funeral

Friday 31st March

Carole Bramley, formerly of The Arbour, Farnhill



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> 3.30 – 4.30pm	MiniRingers Bell Club	In the Parish Rooms

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

Flower Rota

May 7th	Mrs Roberts
May 14th	Mrs J Whitaker
May 21st	Mrs S Whitley
May 28th	Mrs J Houghton
<i>June 4th</i>	<i>Mr E Gee</i>



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May

Sun 7th	2.30pm	Tea & Scones summer season begins
	6.00pm	Easter Service of Thanksgiving for Departed Family & Friends
Tue 9th	6.30pm	PCC meeting (Parish Rooms)
Thu 11th	7.30pm	Diocesan Bishop's Primary Visitation (Bradford Cathedral)
Fri 12th	2.45pm	Kildwick School collective worship in church
Mon 22nd	7.00pm	Prayers for the Parish & World Church (Parish Rooms)
Thu 25th	ASCENSION DAY	
	7.30pm	Holy Communion
Tue 30th	2.00pm	PCC Standing Committee meeting

June

Sun 4th DAY OF PENTECOST

	10.00am	Parish Communion with prayer for renewal
Fri 9th	2.45pm	Kildwick School collective worship in church
Sat 24th	12 noon	Summer Fair
Mon 26th	7.00pm	Prayers for the Parish & World Church (Parish Rooms)

July

Tue 11th	6.30pm	PCC meeting (Parish Rooms)
Fri 14th	2.45pm	Kildwick School collective worship in church
Mon 24th	7.00pm	Prayers for the Parish & World Church (Parish Rooms)



A Prayer for the General Election

Eternal God, the Judge of all, before whom we stand at this point in our history, look with mercy on our nation as we approach the time of decision.

Give us leaders of integrity, of courage, of compassion and of vision.

Equip them with the spirit of understanding and make them wise to serve this people.

As we pray for the election and the choices we must make, put into our hearts the love of our neighbour, that the divisions of our nation may be healed, and truth and justice be established among us.

We ask this for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen

The Prayer Page

O Lord Jesus,
I adore You,
Son of Mary,
my Saviour and my Brother,
for You are God.
I follow You in my thoughts,
O firstfruits of our race,
as I hope one day by Your grace
to follow You in my person
into heavenly glory.

In the meantime,
do not let me neglect the earthly task
that You have given me.
Let me labour diligently
all my life
with a greater appreciation
for the present.
Let me realize
that only by accomplishing
true human fulfilment
can I attain Divine fulfilment
and ascend to You at the completion
of my work.



You are free, Lord,
your Ascension has set you free:
free from the constraints of
human existence,
outside the limitations of time
and space;
free to be here with us now,
in our worship and fellowship;
and free to be with us always;
for in your freedom
you have bound yourself to us
with a promise:
"Lo! I am with you always
even to the very end of time."



Dear Jesus, I know I am a sinner.
I thank you for dying on the cross for me.
I confess with my mouth.
I believe in my heart that you are the Son of God.
I believe you are the Lord and that God raised you from
the dead.
Please, forgive me of my sins. Wash my heart clean.
Come live in my life. Be the Lord of my life.
Fill me with your Holy Spirit.
Teach me to walk with You and live for you the rest of my
life.
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During the past year a small number of people has raised up to £30 a month for St Andrew's. Can you join them and help your local church?

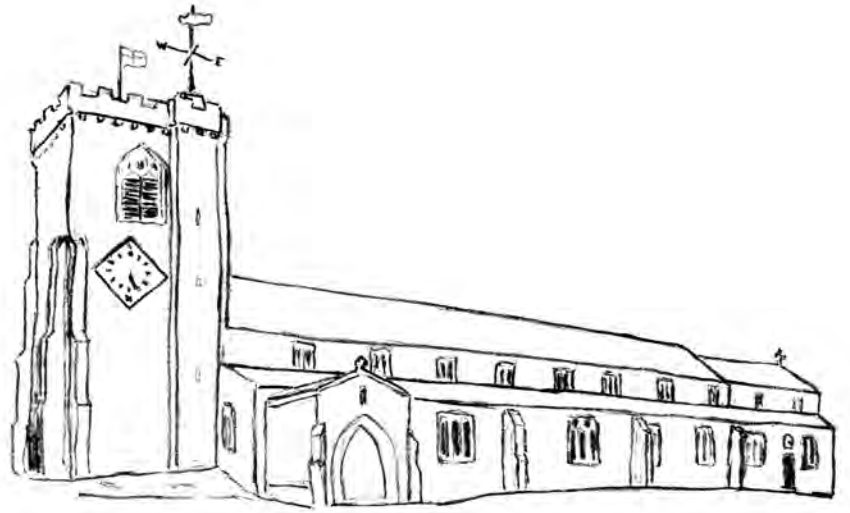
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Raising the Roof at St Andrew's

Louise Brown

'It's possible that your wedding will have to take place in the chancel or another church'.

This was not the news I wanted to hear in the last meeting with the Vicar before my wedding. Ceiling plaster had started to fall within the Nave and an inspection was due to be carried out shortly.



Fast forward two years and I find myself part of a working group scoping the repairs to the church and investigating additional elements, for example level access to the building, that would not impact on the historical significance of the building but would allow more people to enjoy and celebrate it.

St Andrew's is a Grade I listed building. There is a record of a church in Kildwick in the Domesday Book, one of only two in Craven at the time, and fragments of stone crosses found at the site point to a possible mid-10th century origin. The present nave and aisles date largely from the early 14th century. During the 15th and 16th centuries the church was lengthened eastwards. The church was last reordered in 1901–3 and has not significantly changed since that time.

Currently work is focussing on repairing the roof and ceiling plaster. These essential repairs are costly. We have already been successful in securing a grant from The Headley Trust and are in the process of applying for other grants. But this is not enough! We need to raise lots more and you can help. Please support our fundraising events, and sign up to 'Give as you Live' to raise money for us whilst doing your online shopping.

We'll keep you posted on progress in The Bridge and online at kildwick.org.uk/category/restoration. If you have any ideas for raising money please get in touch with the group via RenovationGroup@Kildwick.org.uk.

Louise Brown is an archaeologist who lives in Kildwick. She is currently the Historic Nidderdale Project Officer for the Heritage Lottery funded Upper Nidderdale Landscape Partnership and holds an Honorary Research Fellowship at the University of Bradford.



After last year's **Knitted Canal** success when we made a stunning 20m long community art project celebrating the 200th anniversary of the Leeds - Liverpool canal, we are now planning to make a **Knitted Meadow**. Inspired by nature and wildlife, we are asking all keen crafty people to knit, crochet or stitch squares or rectangles of any size from 6x4 inches in any shade of green. These can be plain or embellished with patterns, flowers, insects, etc. Don't stop at knitting one, keep going and see how many you can make. Our aim is to complete and stitch together all the pieces of the knitted meadow and display the finished work at the Kildwick Summer Fair on 24th June 2017. We are hoping to display it at the Skipton Yarnsdale festival too!! Spread the word and take part in this exciting community project. Hand in your pieces at Kildwick school or come along to one of the knitting sessions at the Kildwick White Lion pub or Bradley Slaters Arms or get in touch via email: denisafrancis@live.co.uk or mobile: 07967708612



Knitted canal at Kildwick Summer Fair in June & at Skipton Yarnsdale in Sept. 2016

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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 22nd May 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.



GENERAL ELECTION

2017



Bishop Nick encourages all to engage in the General Election

As the campaigns for the General Election on 8th June get under way, Bishop Nick has encouraged all in the diocese to pray for the election, to engage in debates – and to vote.

There are a number of resources available from the churches nationally to help people prepare for the elections.

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI) produced some excellent resources for the 2015 election, which are still largely relevant.

Go to www.ctbielections.org.uk/resources or www.churcheselection.org.uk to find out more.

One of the initiatives was to produce a '2020 Vision of a Good Society' statement, as follows:

- *All citizens have access to enough income to enable them to live with dignity, either through paid work or through a properly functioning welfare safety net.*
- *Reasonably priced homes where people can flourish are available for everyone who needs them and there is a reliable safety net for all homeless people.*
- *All children and young people are enabled to live fulfilling flourishing lives, their contributions are valued, and they are enabled to grow and achieve their potential.*
- *An economy that is in service to every person irrespective of their wealth or the market value of their labour; including robust action to clamp down on tax dodging.*
- *UK greenhouse gas emissions are falling rapidly, and the Government has helped to secure a global climate deal that limits global temperature rises to 2 degrees.*

Farnhill Parish Council

The Council met on the 23rd March in the Institute.

David Akrigg was co-opted onto the Council.

Waste Management CDC Rep Pat Fairbank reported that a new manager has been appointed and they are now working nearly within budget.

Assets and Commercial Services are doing reasonably well. Parking meters now take cards and money; the bus station toilets have been revamped. The Aireville swimming pool café has been refurbished and should increase revenue. There are Lottery grants for improvements to the Town Hall and a government grant to refurbish Aireville House on Broughton Road for the homeless. Improvements are also to be made to the entrance at Engine Shed Lane and the offices refurbished.

The police attend the Select Committee quarterly. They now have four extra experienced officers and two PCSOs in the district. One based at Belle Vue Mills is appreciated by the public. Burglaries in Kildwick & Farnhill have increased and the police are asking people to take extra care with security and not to leave valuables on view.

Counc P Fairbank announced that she is standing down as District Councillor due to ill health. Appropriate thanks were expressed

Grants for a projector and dongle (CDC) and the installation of a defibrillator (NYCC) have been received. The defibrillator will be fitted shortly. A training and awareness session will be held on Tuesday 16th May in the Village Institute and all members of the village are welcome to attend.

The Annual Parish Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 23rd May in the Institute and NYCC & CDC Representative Counc Patrick Mulligan has confirmed that he will be able to attend. All residents of the village are welcome to attend.

Lower Arbour The Parish Council will ask Clean Cut Gardening Services to remove the brush pile and to spread the pile of woodchip but not to plant any trees as the Parish Council are considering planting the trees themselves.

The Play Area is checked regularly and there are no further issues of concern. The Clerk provided quotes for rubber matting to be used by the Play Panels but it was decided to level the area with some sand first and then review the situation.

The Institute needs submissions for next year's **calendar** to be made by 31st May. Guidelines at <http://www.farnhill.co.uk/Institute/Calendar.htm>

On Friday 12th May Isobel Stirk will give a talk on **Lake District Authors** at 7.30pm. The £5 entrance fee includes refreshments.

There will be a **Family Bingo Night** on 9th June.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 27th April. All members of the village are welcome to attend.



The Birds in Your Garden



Since 2011 the British Trust for Ornithology has been satellite-tracking Cuckoos to find out why we have lost almost two thirds of our population of these iconic birds in the last 20 years. We have found out a lot about their migration, but much remains still to be discovered. To date we have tagged over 50 birds, all adult males bar one, as they are generally larger than females and so better able to carry the tags. Once smaller tags are available, we hope that we will be able to tag females and juveniles too.

UK Cuckoos spend the winter around the Congo rainforest and understanding where they winter and the routes they use to get there could be an important factor in determining the causes of their decline.

We have discovered that Cuckoos leave the UK much earlier than thought. The earliest departure date so far has been 3rd June, and in each year over 50% of our tagged Cuckoos have left the country by the end of June, much earlier than expected! Most of them arrive around the end of April and leave during June and July. This means that Cuckoos spend about two months in Britain, about six months in Africa, and the other four months of the year migrating.

They head out of the UK in a variety of directions, some due east across the North Sea to the Netherlands and Belgium while others head south across the English Channel into France.

One migration route was found through Italy as expected from ringing data, but in the first year two Cuckoos went via Spain, highlighting a brand new migration route with a stopover site north of Madrid. This has been followed by many English birds and has a higher mortality rate than the Italian route used by most of the Scottish and Welsh birds.

Stop-over sites are important fuelling areas for migrant birds, allowing them to fatten up for the journey ahead. Many of our Cuckoos have spent time near the River Po in Italy; others stopped in Spain which latterly has been afflicted by droughts which have probably reduced the quantity of food available to fatten up.

The Cuckoos followed so far use a different return route to get back to the UK to the one they followed on their outward migration. They head to West Africa before making the return crossing over the Sahara Desert. We think this is linked to a weather system called the Inter Tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) the rains from which produce sufficient food for the return journey.

Increasing the number of individuals tagged, and following them for a number of years allows us to answer yet more questions. Short-term studies can give misleading results; for example the habitats that were used in the Congo basin by English and Scottish Cuckoos in the first two years are not the same habitats being used in latterly.

There is still a lot more to be done to fully understand Cuckoo migration, and we need to keep tagging to increase the robustness of our data. Because each year is different, it will not be until we have several years more results that we will be sure that we have found (at least some of) the answers we are looking for. You can follow them on the BTO website - try it; it's fascinating!

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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St DUNSTAN

Dunstan (909 - 988) was the most popular saint in England for nearly two centuries, being famous for many stories about defeating the devil.

A story tells how as a monk Dunstan nailed a horseshoe to the Devil's hoof when he was asked to re-shoe the Devil's horse. This caused him great pain, and Dunstan only agreed to remove the shoe and release the Devil after he promised never to enter a place where a horseshoe is over the door.



They say that is why people still hang horse shoes over doorways.

St Dunstan is the patron saint of blacksmiths and bell ringers as well as goldsmiths and silversmiths. His Feast Day is 19 May, which is why the date year on the hallmarks on gold and silver runs from 19 to 18 May, not the calendar year.

NOT JUST ON YOUR FEET....

The answers to these are all something you could wear on your feet, but the word also means...

1. A sure-footed pack animal
2. A thin sharp knife
3. A wobbly dessert
4. A poisonous snake
5. Isn't safe on ice
6. A gymnastic move
7. Equipment used to move water
8. An Irish accent
9. Part of a car used for storage
10. A sports coach



What do you call a shoe that looks like a banana?

A slipper.

Who always goes to bed with his shoes on?

A horse.



Answers: 1 Mule 2 Stiletto 3 Jelly
4 Moccasin 5 Slipper 6 Flip flop
7 Pump 8 Brogue 9 Boot 10 Trainer

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