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Dear friends,

Sixteen years ago the Figg family was preparing to move north from Hertfordshire to North Yorkshire; now we are preparing to move west across the border to north Lancashire.

Sixteen years is a long time, yet there are moments when it does not feel all that long. Memories of my Institution service on a sunny Saturday afternoon in early September 2001 are still fresh;

memories prompted, of course, by the events that rocked the world just three days later on 9/11. Sixteen years on and my final service here will take place in the shadow of the recent terrorist attacks in Manchester and London, the tragedy of Grenfell

Tower and the continuing violence in so many parts of our world.

Now, as my ministry here as Vicar of Kildwick draws to a close, it is time to pause and look back and reflect on the journey of the past sixteen years. Much has happened in all of our lives, as individuals, as families, as a local community and local church and as a nation. Each of us will be able to identify moments of great joy and thanksgiving alongside moments of deep sadness and regret. I wonder what memories stand out for you; what have been your highs, and what have been your lows?

Now ... it is time to pause and look back and reflect on the journey of the past sixteen years.

I look back and am grateful for many wonderful relationships with people both within the life of St Andrew's and in the



wider local community. One of the greatest privileges for a parish priest is to be invited to share with others

at the most significant times in their lives; the joys of weddings and baptisms, as well as the sorrows of funerals. Sharing in the life of a community for sixteen years means, of course, that I have got to know some families very well and been blessed in

sharing weddings, baptisms and funerals with them.

I look back and I am grateful for the faithfulness of so many people expressed through the life of worship and prayer at St Andrew's. We have always sought to enjoy good worship and a good range of worship. The regular worship of the Church is where the encounter between God and God's people happens primarily; worship is the experience of earth and heaven touching each other.

I do not need to remind you that the Church is, first and foremost, the people, not the building. It is

the people that make St Andrew's what it is, a place of welcome and encounter, a community of people seeking to work out what it means to be disciples of Jesus, who show us what God is like.

One highlight of my time here has been the visits of Margaret Barker and Michael Hardin. We have been extremely fortunate to have such respected teachers of the faith come to Kildwick and share with us. In different ways Margaret and Michael have deepened and enriched our understanding of God and the Christian faith; both have shown us how to read our scriptures through a different lens. Together they have helped us grow in confidence in proclaiming a God who is only Light and Love, a God who is radically non-violent.

Whilst the Church is not the building, God's people do need a place in which to gather and be community. So, I cannot ignore all that we have shared in seeking to make our church building meet the needs of a community in the 21st century. It was, of course, a deep disappointment that we could not achieve the Lang Kirk 21 major reordering of our building. The pain of not realising the vision of Lang Kirk 21 notwithstanding, I am delighted that we did achieve a minor reordering and now have a much improved central sanctuary space.

The next challenge is, of course, to raise the monies needed to repair the church ceiling and roof. My prayer is that the Grant for Places of Worship application will be successful and that, with further grants and the financial support of the local community, the necessary repairs can be carried out within the next couple of years to ensure the future viability of the building. I hope you will give your support.

Another highlight of my time here has been the coming together of the community for the annual Summer Fair. The event has grown significantly during my time here and I am pleased that it is now a joint venture between St Andrew's, Kildwick School and Kildwick & Farnhill Institute. Such times of cooperation and support across the community are so important and I hope the Fair will continue to be a key event in the local calendar.

I am delighted that the link between St Andrew's and the School is in good shape. Sharing the Christian story with our young people must be central to the work of the Christian Church and I hope that good seeds are being sown that will stand our young people in good stead as they grow and develop.

As I draw this last letter to a close, I want to express my sincere thanks for all the wonderful support that has been shown to Elizabeth and me during our time here. I am most

grateful for all the good work that many people have done in sharing the leadership of God's Church in this parish.

As the parish moves into the vacancy I ask you to give your wholehearted support to the present Churchwardens, Lesley Hudson and Sandie Walton, who will carry the primary responsibility for leading the ongoing life of the parish. They will be ably supported by the PCC and by Peter Bannister and Di Halliday who, together with other local clergy, will ensure the pattern of services continues. Do pray for these people as they work with the Archdeacon and Area Dean to prepare the parish profile and role description for the next Vicar. This time the task is more complex as the Parish of Kildwick is joined with the Parish of Cononley with Bradley.

Please also pray for the Figg family as we leave the Vicarage for the last time on 28th July and move into our new home in Warton, near Carnforth in Lancashire. We will look forward to seeing some of you at my Institution and Induction as Vicar of Warton and Borwick with Yealand on Monday 4th September. We will pray for you all here in this parish and local community.

Let me close with the words of Dag Hammarskjöld:

"For all that has been, Thank you.

For all that is to come, Yes!"

May God continue to bless us as we journey on
with Love, with Joy, with Peace.




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News from the Cross Hills & District Fellowship of Churches



Praise in the Park

3.00pm Sunday 9th July in Sutton Park

Come and sing some of your favourite hymns.

If the weather is inclement, the service will take place in
South Craven Baptist Church.

During the Vacancy

Following Robin Figg's last Sunday on 23rd July, Kildwick parish will have no resident priest in charge. During the time of the vacancy, all contact should be made through the Churchwardens, Lesley and Sandie.

Their contact details are on the back page.

The Vicarage telephone may well not work (even for messages) but the mail box will be checked regularly. Emails to vicar@kildwick.org.uk will be forwarded to the Wardens who will deal with them as appropriate.

Deadline for next month

There's no edition of The Bridge in August and so we hope to have the September Edition out on **Sunday 3rd September**.

That means the deadline for all material will be on:

Sunday 27th August

Apologies that we couldn't get last month's edition out on time.

Sack the editor, I say...



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Raising the Roof at St Andrew's

Sponsor a Slate!

It's not often that you get the opportunity to become a "part" of an historic building – but that chance is here, now!

The day before the wedding, the Flower Team came into church - and discovered a large wet patch on the choir vestry floor – along with a very significant amount of old plaster. We were still cleaning and re-polishing as the first guests arrived.

Look up and, instead of the roof, you'll see unsightly debris netting, installed because this could happen anywhere in the church - at any time. Your slate, linking and working in partnership with all of the surrounding slates will cover and preserve this magnificent building for generations to come.

The whole task of removing and cleaning the existing slates, preparing the roof and replacing them over new insulation will be a mammoth task. The estimate is that around half of the current slates won't be in a fit state to re-use. They'll need to be replaced with new (or, probably, reclaimed) slates, though some will be re-dressed. Look at the roof and you'll see that the slates get steadily smaller as they reach towards the ridge.

If we are going to be able to tackle this vital work, we need your help! We've applied for Heritage Lottery funding, but there's still a lot of money to find and one way is for you all to take a stake in the building, sponsoring a slate for just £10.00. Pick up a form in church, write to renovationgroup@kildwick.org.uk or download one from kildwick.org.uk/renovation/sponsor-a-slate.

It's impractical to write your name on "your" slate – no one will see it! But your name will be recorded in the Heritage Book, along with any message. Many are doing this in memory of someone – or in celebration of a special event.

Come on and join them! Together, we can make a fine roof!



As you will know Robin is leaving Kildwick to go to the parish of Warton and Borwick with Yealand in the Diocese of Blackburn. It's just north of Lancaster on the Lancashire/Cumbria border.

His last Sunday will be on 23rd July – and on Saturday 22nd July we will be having a farewell party at South Craven Baptist church from 6pm.

If you would like to come could you contact Lesley Hudson by phone (01535 523291) or email (lhudson@talktalk.net).

We need to know numbers so that we can plan the catering – so you need to tell Lesley that you mean to come by **Saturday 15th July**.



Slate – or Slates?

St Andrew's Church is not covered with slate!

The material called slate is a metamorphic rock. It comes from a volcanic source, where it has been subjected to great heat and immense pressure. This tends to form plates which can be split apart into thin sheets. Typically, these are a dark blue-black colour and were used in school, in conjunction with another rock – chalk.

"Slates" is a term for any thin plates of stone, used for covering a roof. In some areas, slate slates are common. A builder will call them "Blue Slates".

St Andrew's is covered with "Grey Slates" - and these are made from sandstone. This is a sedimentary rock, formed from successive compressed layers of sand and clay. Just like slate, sandstone can be "knapped" into thin sheets (though not as thinly) and used for roofing and other purposes.

Knapping slates is a highly skilled task (believe me – I've tried!) and few, if any, quarries in Yorkshire can supply new slates. Most re-roofing happens with reclaimed stone. Indian quarries can still supply material but, as a Grade 1 listed building, I would hazard a guess that we'll not be able to use that.

Chris Wright

Pastoral Search Report

The following is our confidential report on the present candidates for our next vicar. It does not make for happy reading.

Adam: Good man, but problems with his wife. Walks naked in the woods.

Noah: Long pastorate but no converts. Prone to unrealistic building projects.

Joseph: Possible braggart; believes in dream-interpreting, and has a prison record.

Moses: Poor communicator and stutters. May act rashly. Left an earlier position over a murder charge.

David: Promising leader but had an affair with his neighbour's wife.

Solomon: Great preacher, but the vicarage would never hold all those wives.

Elisha: Reported to have lived with a single widow while at his former church.

Hosea: A tender and loving pastor, but problems with his wife's occupation.

Deborah: Female.

Jeremiah: Emotionally unstable, alarmist, negative and always lamenting. Took a long trip to bury his underwear on the bank of a foreign river.

Isaiah: On the fringe? Claims to have seen angels in church. Has trouble with his language.

Jonah: Refused God's call into ministry until forced by a great fish. Claimed the fish later spat him out on the shore near here. We hung up.

Amos: Too backward and unpolished. With training he might have promise, but has problems with wealthy people. Might do better in a poor congregation.

John: Says he is a Baptist, but doesn't dress like one. Has slept in the outdoors for months on end, has a weird diet, and provokes denominational leaders.

Peter: Too blue collar. Has a bad temper and has been known to curse. Had a big run-in with Paul in Antioch. Aggressive, and a loose cannon.

Paul: Powerful leader and fascinating preacher but short on tact, harsh and unforgiving with younger ministers. Has been known to preach all night.

Timothy: Too young.

Jesus: Has had popular times, but once when his church grew to 5000 he managed to offend them all and this church dwindled down to twelve people. Seldom stays in one place very long. And, of course, he's single.

Judas: His references are solid. A steady plodder. Conservative. Good connections. Knows how to handle money. We're inviting him to interview. Possibilities there.

A great tragedy is not always proof of great wickedness

By Daniel Hannan

I came upon this recently and thought that it has a lot to say about much that is happening in the world at the moment.

Like our pre-modern ancestors, we have an innate sense that, for such a horrifying event to have happened, there must have been great wickedness at work. Like them, we disagree as to who was responsible for the wickedness. Usually, though, just as they did, we blame whomever we already happened not to like. Glancing at this morning's newspapers, I see that the Guardian blames inequality, the Mail blames eco-regulations, the Express blames EU rules and the Mirror blames the Tories. Simon Jenkins, that champion of harmonious and well-proportioned architecture, blames tower-blocks. Owen Jones, my favourite radical, blames racketeering landlords. For all I know, one or more of these villains may indeed be at fault; but, for now, it is mainly guesswork . . .

What, then, should we do? We should find out what actually happened and then, as emotions cool, act in a way that is proportionate to any actual failures, not to public grief. In the meantime, please let's not get into competitive accusations as a way of flaunting our humanity. Unless you were there, this isn't primarily about you.



Could you be a School Governor?

A Church School such as Kildwick has Governors who are drawn from a variety of different constituencies: Parent and Staff Governors together represent those who are actually at the school. Foundation Governors are chosen by the church and Local Authority Governors are nominated by the Local Authority. Co-opted Governors are appointed by the governing body itself.

The Governing Body provides strategic leadership and accountability in the school. Governors appoint the head teacher (though we hope that task is not imminent just yet!) and deputy headteacher. It is governors who hold the main responsibility for the school's finances, and it is governors who work with the headteacher to make the tough decisions about balancing resources. These are significant responsibilities.

The School is looking for a replacement for their **Local Authority Governor**. **This could be a parent, a church person** or anyone with a love for the school and who has some experience or expertise that he or she could bring to it.

Could this be you? If you are interested, call the school (01535 633682) to find out a bit more about what is involved.

Date	Time	Service	Readings
2 July Third Sunday after Trinity	8.15am 10.00am	Holy Communion Family Communion	Jeremiah 28.5-9 Romans 6.12-end Matthew 10.40-end
9 July Fourth Sunday after Trinity	8.15am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion	Zechariah 9.9-12 Romans 7.15-25a Matthew 11.16-19,25-30
16 July Fifth Sunday after Trinity	8.15am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion	Isaiah 55.10-13 Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23 Romans 8.1-11
23 July Sixth Sunday after Trinity	8.15am 10.00am	Holy Communion Family Communion	W of Solomon 12.13, 16-19 Romans 8.12-25 Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43
30 July Seventh Sunday after Trinity	8.15am 10.00am	Holy Communion Family Communion	1 Kings 3.5-12 Romans 8.26-39 Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52
6 August The Transfiguration of Our Lord	8.15am 10.00am	Holy Communion Family Communion	Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14 2 Peter 1.16-19 Luke 9.28-36
13 August Ninth Sunday after Trinity	8.15am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion	1 Kings 19.9-18 Romans 10.5-15 Matthew 14.22-33
20 August Tenth Sunday after Trinity	8.15am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion	Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15.10-28 Isaiah 56.1, 6-8
27 August Eleventh Sunday after Trinity	8.15am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion	Isaiah 51.1-6 Romans 12.1-8 Matthew 16.13-20



Regular Events at Kildwick

Weekdays not Thursday 8.30am	Morning Prayer	In Church
Tuesday 7.15 – 8.15pm	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 5.00–6.30pm ?7.30–9.00	Bell Ringing	In the Tower

Readers	Intercessor	Communion	Sidespeople	Tea and Coffee
<i>Reading not used</i> <i>Reading not used</i> Katharine Calvert	Shirley Hoskins	Sue and Christine	Eleanor Eastwood Sandie Walton June Whitaker	June Whitaker Sylvia Ackroyd
Glyn Evans Jill Wright Tim Chapman	Di Halliday	Sandie and Di	Sandie Walton Glennis Attwood	Joyce Bonham (vacancy)
Christine Anderton Chris Wright Glennis Attwood	Robin Figg	Christine and Peter	Ann Mosley Christine Anderton	Elaine Carter Jill Wright
Kathryn Morris Sylvia Clark Lesley Hudson	Sue Hargreaves	Sue and John	Joyce Bonham Geraldine Sands	Ann Mosley Christine Anderton
Chris Wright Pat Wilcock Lesley Bannister	Lesley Hudson	Jill and Christine	Joan Houghton and Sylvia Clark	Maureen Vink and Katharine Morris
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From the Registers

Wedding

Friday 30th June Thomas Eeles & Kirsty Hopkinson, of Staveley Road, Keighley

Baptism

Sunday 11th June Emily Rose Benson, daughter of Andrew & Gemma Benson of Winston Avenue, Cross Hills

Burial of Cremated Remains

Friday 2nd June Ruth Ward, formerly of Beanlands Drive, Glusburn



July

Sun 2nd	5.00pm	A Celebration of Singing (in church)
Wed 5th	7.30pm	PCC pre-vacancy meeting with the Archdeacon
Sun 9th	3.00pm	CDFC Praise in the Park (Sutton Park)
Tue 11th	6.30pm	PCC meeting (Parish Rooms)
Thu 13th	7.30pm	Deanery Synod meeting (St Peter's, Addingham)
Fri 14th	2.45pm	Kildwick School collective worship in church
Sat 22nd	12 noon	Wedding
Sun 23rd	10.00am	Robin's Farewell Service
Mon 24th	7.00pm	Prayers for the Parish & World Church (Parish Rooms)
Tues 25th		End of School Year

August

Tue 8th	2.00pm	PCC Standing Committee meeting (Riddlesden)
Mon 28th	7.00pm	Prayers for the Parish & World Church (Parish Rooms)

September

Mon 4th	7.30pm	Robin's Institution at St Oswald's Church, Warton
Tue 12th	6.30pm	PCC meeting (Parish Rooms)
Fri 15th	2.45pm	Kildwick School collective worship in church
Mon 25th	7.00pm	Prayers for the Parish & World Church (Parish Rooms)
Fri 29th	2.45pm	Kildwick School harvest collective worship in church
Sun 1st October	10.00am	Harvest Festival Family Communion

	Flower Rota	Cashiers
2nd July	Misses Hargreaves	Lesley and Nick
9th July	Mrs D Reithermann	Sandie and Brenda
16th July	Mrs C Anderton	June and Christine
23rd July	<i>Vacant</i>	Jill and Ellie
30th July	Mrs J Hudson	Lesley and Sandie
6th August	Mrs E Carter	Lesley and Nick
13th August	Mr E Gee	Sandie and Brenda
20th August	<i>Vacant</i>	June and Christine
27th August	Mrs S Walton	Jill and Ellie
<i>3rd September</i>	<i>Mrs S Whitley</i>	<i>Lesley and Nick</i>

The Prayer Page



God of wholeness, God of Grace,
to you we bring our thanks and praise.
To a world that searches
you are a lamp that shines,
to a world that is hungry
you are food that sustains,
to a world that suffers
you are hope of release,
to a world that's broken
you are one who restores,
to a world full of hate
you are love that forgives,
to a world that denies
you are truth that endures.
To you we bring our thanks and praise,
God of wholeness, God of Grace.

Compassionate God
and Father of all,
we are horrified at violence
in so many parts of the world.
It seems that none are safe,
and some are terrified.
Hold back the hands that kill and maim;
turn around the hearts that hate.
Grant instead your strong Spirit of Peace -
peace that passes our understanding
but changes lives,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen



We pray for all whose lives
have been touched by tragedy,
whether by accident
or a deliberate act.
For those who mourn,
immerse them in your love
and lead them through this darkness
into your arms, and light.
For those who comfort,
be in both the words they use
and all that's left unspoken;
fill each heart with love.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
whose own suffering brought us life,
here and for eternity.
Amen



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During the past year a small number of people have raised up to £30 a month for St Andrew's. Can you join them and help your local church?

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After the General Election: a still small voice of calm

The Church of England is providing a "still small voice of calm" at a time when the people of Britain face "unprecedented questions about the future", according to the Archbishops of Canterbury and York.

The recent General Election has left many questions unanswered at a "critical time in the nation's history," and Christians should therefore pray for political leaders to have courage but also give thanks for signs of political apathy receding, they say.

The call came in the text of a motion debated at the Church's General Synod, which met in York in July. Entitled '*After the General Election: a still small voice of calm*,' it took place on the opening afternoon of Synod, Friday July 7.

Also before General Synod was a paper setting out the process for compiling a major new teaching document on human sexuality, and the work of a new Pastoral Advisory Group to advise dioceses on pastoral provision for same-sex couples. It follows a vote in February in which Synod opted not to 'take note' of the House of Bishops' report on sexuality.

The paper, also issued by the two archbishops, reiterates a pledge to base the new teaching document on a "radical Christian inclusion" to be "founded in scripture, in reason, in tradition, in theology and the Christian faith as the Church of England has received it."



Golf

A clergyman was an avid golfer. One Sunday was a perfect day for golf, and he could not resist the temptation. He rang in and said he was too ill, packed up and drove to a golf course where no one would recognise him. An angel above was watching. He went to God and said, 'Look! He should be punished!'

The priest teed up on the first hole, swung, and the ball sailed through the air and landed right in the cup three hundred and fifty yards away. A perfect hole-in-one. He was amazed and overjoyed but the angel was a little shocked. 'Begging your pardon, God, but I thought you were going to punish him.'

God smiled. 'Think about it; who can he tell?'



The Summer Fair programme advertised a session of Messy Church in July. It lied!

The next session will take place in the autumn. Watch the September edition of The Bridge for details.

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

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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 July in the parish rooms from 7.00pm until 8.00pm.

For more information contact Sue Hargreaves, 959218

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.



Farnhill Parish Council

The Annual meeting of Farnhill Parish Council was held on the 25th May in Kildwick/Farnhill Institute and was attended by the Clerk and five members of the Council. Cllr G Harling was re-appointed as Chairman and Cllr D Atkinson as Vice Chairman. Cllr M Scarffe and Clerk S Harding-Hill were appointed representatives for YLCA and Cllr J Waring was appointed as representative for Kildwick/Farnhill Institute.

Signage at Kildwick. A proposal to remove the signs for the temporary diversion of traffic through Kildwick & Farnhill when there is a road closure on the Main Road. The Council resisted this as they felt the signs do work and should be used more. A proposal to raise a sign on the junction by the vicarage warning of oncoming traffic was approved.

Satellite Dishes. Clarification was requested as to whether planning permission is required for a satellite dish in a Conservation area.

The Parish Council Website has been updated and copies of the Annual Return and viewing times for Inspection of the Accounts have been added to the site.

The Arbour. The debris pile at the top of the Arbour has been removed and the pile of wood chippings from Arbour Top moved to a part of Lower Arbour that has recently been cleared of weed. Planting the remaining Hawthorn trees will be carried out in the autumn when the weather will be more suitable. The new path at Lower Arbour, the footpath on the bottom of Lower Arbour and the area by the washing lines will be mowed.

Thanks. Richard Bramley gave thanks for the donation to Manorlands in memory of Carole and the Trustees thanked the Council for their contribution to the maintenance of the Institute.

A seat at the Pinnacle is need of repair. The Council will purchase materials and repair the seat after the owner of the moor has given permission.

CDC's Waste Management Risk Assessment for Mary Street. Cllr M Scarffe has carried out a review and Cllr D Atkinson will prepare a response based on his comments for the Council to consider at the next meeting.

A training and awareness session was held for the recently purchased defibrillator. It was attended by 27 members of the public and the training was given by Dave Smith, Community Defibrillation Officer. He gave an interesting and informative talk on how to get access to the defibrillator and how to use it as well as how to respond in an emergency till the ambulance arrives. He told the meeting that, 3 years ago, Yorkshire did not have any defibrillators for public use, but now there are 937 and a lot more are expected in the future.



The Birds in Your Garden



The Collared Dove



Collared Dove *Photo: John Harding*

Drab, boring, alien, ubiquitous. These are four words that have been used to describe the Collared Dove, notwithstanding which they have been part of a fascinating story of natural colonisation from India across Europe to the UK. Ubiquitous it is not though, as continued declines in the Garden Birdwatch counts demonstrate.

Now one of the commonest birds in Britain, it first bred here in Cromer in Norfolk in 1955 having arrived via Turkey and the Middle East in the 1930s.

The Collared Dove is smaller and more delicate than a Woodpigeon. It is creamy grey-buff with a black half collar on the back of its neck (in adults). The typical call is a clear and persistent three note coo-COO-coo, plus a harsh loud screeching call lasting about two seconds, just before landing. Their cooing in early spring is sometimes mistaken for that of early-arriving cuckoos and, as such, a mistaken sign of spring's return.

The spread of Collared Doves across the United Kingdom was very rapid. Following that first report in 1955 they were found breeding in Kent and Lincolnshire in 1957, also being seen as far north as Scotland. Two years later Ireland was colonised, and by 1970 there were probably 25,000 pairs in Britain and Ireland. The BTO Common Birds Census revealed a five-fold increase in their population between 1972 and 1996.

Collared Doves are bigger than Blackbirds and so are quite conspicuous, meaning that they are popular with predators, often being taken by cats and Sparrowhawks.

As an aside, they have very dusty feathers leading to fantastically detailed prints when they fly into a window. They often show every detail of the individual feathers, the beak and even the eyelids, and are best viewed against a dark surface, and can easily be photographed. If not cleaned off the window they can

last for several months, as the dust is oily and quite sticky.

There is little evidence available relating to the drivers of their spread but they seem to have been able to fill an empty niche by exploiting the intermittent seed resources available both in gardens and elsewhere.

The collared dove is not migratory, but is strongly dispersive. Over the last century, it has been one of the great colonisers of the bird world, travelling far beyond its native range to colonise colder countries, becoming a permanent resident in several. Its original range at the end of the 19th century was subtropical Asia. In 1838 it was reported in Bulgaria, spreading across Europe to the Balkans between 1900–1920, and then rapidly northwest, reaching Germany in 1945.

Collared Doves typically breed close to human habitation where food resources are abundant and there are trees for nesting. They are monogamous and share parental duties when caring for their young. They are regular visitor to bird tables, and large populations are found around farms with grain stores, or where livestock are fed. They are gregarious and form sizeable winter flocks where there are food supplies such as grain and seeds, shoots and insects. Flocks most commonly number between ten and fifty, but up to ten thousand have been recorded.

The male's mating display is a ritual flight, which, as with many other pigeons, consists of a rapid, near-vertical climb followed by a long circular glide downward, with wings held below the body in an inverted "V" shape. At all other times, flight is typically direct using fast, clipped wing beats without gliding.

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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MOSES

Have you seen the Disney film, 'The Prince of Egypt'? It tells a story from the Bible about Moses whose mother and sister left him in a basket on the bank of the River Nile. Pharaoh's sister found him and a little Hebrew boy was brought up as an Egyptian prince.

As Moses grew older he became more and more angry at the way the Hebrew slaves were treated. Moses ran away to the land of Midian where he settled down. But God called to him – and kept on calling. For every excuse that Moses had, God had an answer (Exodus, chapter 4). Finally, Moses went to Pharaoh but it wasn't until awful things happened that Pharaoh listened and agreed to let the Hebrew slaves go free.



Pharaohs were all powerful in Egypt, but Moses was following a much greater power. The Pharaohs of

Egypt left dead monuments of stone but Moses brought together a whole living people, God's people.

TOO MANY GODS

The ancient Egyptians had a different god for just about everything. Can you tell which of these were worshipped in the time of the Pharaohs and which ones I have made up? Answers at the bottom of the page.

GEB was the god of the earth and is shown in art as a man with a goose on his head.

KHARPET was a goddess of the homes, especially floors. She is shown wearing a feathered hat.

HATHOR was the goddess of love and joy and shown as a cow.

PHYLM was the god of artists and craftsmen. He is shown in pictures with 2 pairs of arms. Small figures of this god are often found in boxes called khameeras.

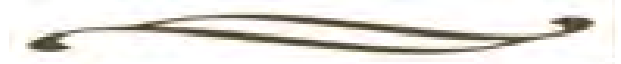
TAWARET was a goddess who protected women during pregnancy and childbirth. She is shown as having the head of a hippopotamus with the arms and legs of a lion, the back and tail of a crocodile, and the front of a pregnant woman.

THOTH was the god of writing and knowledge. He is shown in art as a baboon.



What is the earliest mention of pharmacy in the Bible?

When Moses was given 2 tablets.



Answers: I made up Kharpet and Phylm. Well, you put carpet on the floor and film in cameras (say them aloud), don't you?

back to the pump



"Yes" cried the stranger, "I am the Greek you forgot as soon as you left college!"

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