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A whole new world

As I write this, the news is breaking that “The President’s Club”, a 33-year old London-based dining society, whose guest list was made up of wealthy and powerful men from the worlds of business, finance and politics, is to be disbanded. Established in the 1980s, the President’s Club claims to have been established to raise funds for children’s charities, and over its lifetime (according to press reports), it’s donated £20m to deserving causes. But it’s the way in which it’s done this that has led to its demise. Basking in the glow of doing good by giving generously to worthy causes, many of the guests at the 2018 dinner felt entitled to touch, talk, and behave towards the young women hostesses as if they were objects available for their pleasure, rather than people.

What those men did was nothing new. Money has always conferred power on those who have it, and those who don’t have it are vulnerable to those who abuse that power. But what has changed – or maybe is beginning to change – is how the world views such behaviour. This year’s President’s Club dinner took place in a different world to last year’s. A world that is now sitting up, taking notice and saying, “This is wrong” when unequal power relationships mean that women (and men – but it is mostly women) are seen and treated as objects to gratify the (often sexual) desires of others. The behaviour of the Hollywood producer

Harvey Weinstein; news about the actions and behaviour of some politicians at Westminster; the social media campaign #metoo. Victims



are more prepared to speak up and tell their stories, because it is harder for them to be ignored and not heard. The result seems to be that instead of simply shrugging and saying, “Oh dear, but that’s just the way things are”, the world is at last ready to say, “This is not right. It doesn’t have to be like this. This is not who we want to be.”

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What has changed? Why has something that’s been OK for 33 years suddenly become not OK? Clearly it’s not the Club that’s changed. It’s the way it’s seen.

Jesus shared a vision of a world that looked very different to the one he was born into – a world where might was right, and exploitation of the poor and powerless by the rich and powerful was the norm – “just the way things are”. A world where good news had come, not for the rich, but for the poor. Where captives were set free, where the sick were healed, where the oppressed received justice. There wasn’t actually anything very new about this vision. It had been around in Israel for centuries. But Jesus’s arrival changed things. Through his preaching and teaching, people were changed.

They saw the world a different way – that it could be different. And because they were changed, the world could be changed.

On 25th January the Church remembered the conversion of St Paul. In Jewish terms, Paul was the ultimate establishment insider. Utterly devoted to the rightness of his people's way of seeing and understanding the world, Paul was committed to chasing down and destroying deviants who didn't see the world in the same way, and who posed a threat to it. But when this passionate man met the risen Christ on a road to Damascus, his whole view of the world was overturned. It wasn't so much that the world had changed. It was the way that Paul saw and understood it. And the passion and drive that had been directed towards stamping out dissent from his old orthodoxy was redirected towards telling people about this new way of seeing the world – a way that could lead Paul to write, "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3.28)

Following Christ is about living in the current world, the world as it is now, as citizens of the new world, the world whose signs are justice, mercy,

compassion, joy and love. We see the way things are – and we see the way that they can and should be, the way they will be in the age of eternity. As we are changed, the way that we see the world changes – and the world itself is also changed.

For many of us, this change is brought about as we follow and worship Jesus. As we remember the Christian story each year, we are brought closer to him, and to the power that he has to transform our hearts, minds and lives. This year, February 14th is both St Valentine's day, and Ash Wednesday. On that day, we will remember that all love is a gift of God, rooted in the One who is love. And we will also remember that human beings are frail and mortal, imperfect and dependent on the One who made us. It's the start of the journey through Lent, a time for reflecting deeply and honestly on all that is still wrong with the world, because it is still wrong with us. But such reflection is carried out, not in a spirit of despair, but of hope. Lent is lived in the light of Easter. At the resurrection of Jesus, the world was changed irrevocably – for ever. For us, the change is not yet completed. But we are on the way to a whole new world.

With every blessing

Julie



Deadline for next month

We'll try to get the March edition of The Bridge out by 25th February. That means the deadline for all material will be on **Sunday 18th February** ... That isn't very long!!! Please try to think what **you** might contribute.

Did you know about our Prayer Loops?

Our Prayer Loops are a kind of emergency prayer group. For a few months now, we've been operating a very simple and very effective scheme which gets people praying about a specific need very quickly.

It's perhaps easiest if I give you an example. My granddaughter was sent to hospital in South Wales with suspected meningitis. I rang a member of one of the loops, asking for prayer. That person rang the next one on her loop and also someone on the other loop. Each person who is telephoned rings the next person on their loop until the message gets back to the beginning again. Importantly, it doesn't then matter where you start the message – it just goes round the circle.

Prayer for needs in this way goes on for a week. Whoever it is asking for prayer will agree the message to go round: it's best if it's brief and it doesn't need to say much! So, for example: "Please pray for X, in hospital with suspected meningitis" or "Please pray for Y and Z".




It's important to know that the messages are kept completely confidential and no questions are ever asked. It's a method which is very commonly used – and it works. It's not the same as the list of names on our Notice Sheet or on the Prayer Board, and it doesn't replace them; it's simply another way of praying for folk who have asked for our prayer.

It's there for anyone to make use of! Simply ring any one of the numbers on either Loop and the rest will be taken care of for you. It's for anyone whom you know, anyone whom you care about, anyone for whom you are asked to pray. And of course it's not limited to members of our parish or congregation – God's gift of healing is there for us all.

There is a list of all the Prayer loop members on page 16. You can contact any one of those listed.

Jill Wright



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PCC Meeting 23rd January 2018

PCC meetings are of necessity sometimes full of business, but they are never not interesting – and this was the case this month. Our Agenda encompasses very many aspects of parish life: indeed, a copy is put out for you to look at a week before the meeting and you are invited to suggest items for discussion to Julie or the churchwardens.

Correspondence this time yielded a very mixed bag! There was an invitation from the Canon Precentor at Bradford Cathedral to join a list of musicians in the Bradford Episcopal Area, invitations to various training events run by the Diocese, notification of the date of the next Deanery Synod and an invitation to the Kildwick and Farnhill Institute's Beetle Drive on 2nd March.

Among the things we discussed was the possibility of working with the school to site a sculpture commemorating First World War soldiers and a group of people will explore this further. We also heard about our children's work and about work on the fabric of the building. Look out for news about the forthcoming Community Forum, the next exciting stage in the work of the Repair and Renovation Group.

Julie spoke about the first meeting of KCB, the group established to pray for the needs of our world and alongside that, our process of coming together as a closer group. She asked for prayer as she tackles the difficult job of finding a service pattern which will satisfy the needs (and wants) of St Mary's, St John's and St Andrew's – not an easy

task! Members of all three PCCs are encouraged to travel to St John's Great Horton for an evening entitled "PCC tonight", which looks in detail at what is the role of PCC, locally and in the context of God's Kingdom.

We heard about the CDFC Lent Course beginning at Sutton Baptist Church on Monday 19th February. Entitled "Not a tame lion", it looks at the work of the brilliant, thought-provoking C.S. Lewis. Please think about coming to that.

An outward example of our parishes growing closer together will be the publication of a joint magazine – but what are we going to call it? Any ideas? The first edition is planned for April, so get your thinking caps on, please!

As a part of that growth, we shall need someone to represent St Andrew's on the Editorial Committee with members of the other two churches. Could that be you, using the gifts God has given you?

Finally, we were sad to have to accept the resignation of our Treasurer, Marie Stinson. We shall thank her properly in due time, but goodness, we shall miss her! It does mean that there is an opportunity for you to volunteer your gifts – could this be you? Marie has said she'll work with the new Treasurer – you wouldn't be left to work on your own. Please do pray about how you can help further God's Kingdom in Kildwick and beyond!

The official report of this meeting will be available soon – look out for it! If you have questions, then please ask.

Jill Wright

From Facebook

It can be hard work, feeding the voracious news-sink that is Facebook! And this month, I am afraid my focus has been elsewhere. We have, however, had one major event that attracted considerable interest – a certain 90th birthday!

The headline shouted, **When You Are Ninety... *You deserve two cakes!***

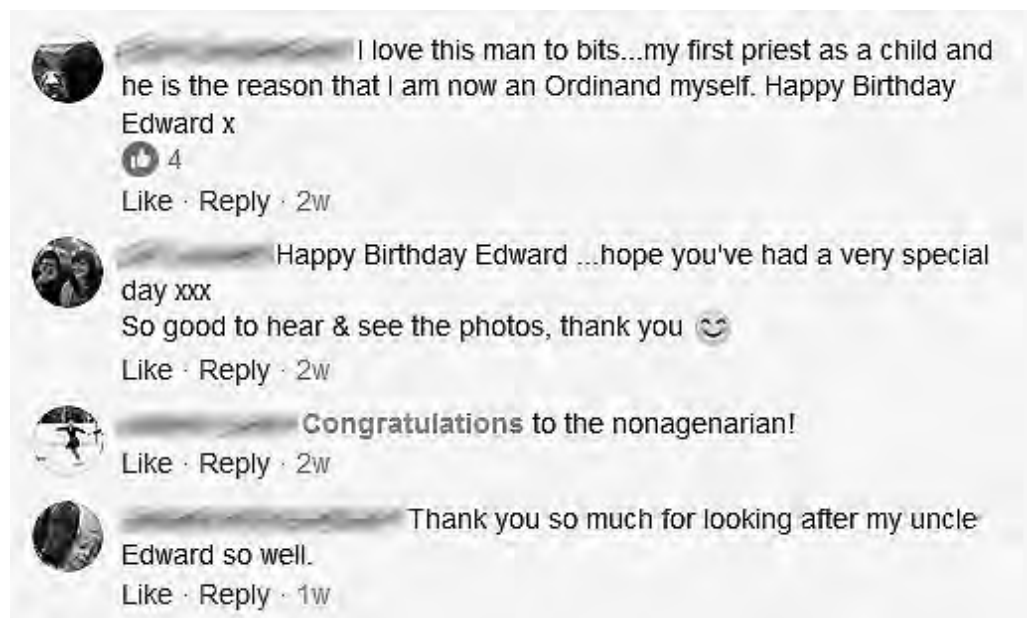


There were several photos and the written piece told of how Canon Edward celebrated the Eucharist on his 90th birthday. It looked back at the "dress rehearsal" on the Sunday, when a blue cake was cut (with 90 stars for the star of the day!).



The point about Facebook is not so much about the sending of news,

but more about the sharing of an event with others. What is good to see is that 700 people have been "reached" by this article and over 20 have responded to it, including some comments. I've obscured the names for privacy. Sign up to our facebook page to see it all!



'Answered Prayers and Christmas Miracles'

'Freedom,' the Good News of Jesus.....

Dear Friends, thank you so much for your prayers for Mary Rose our Jigsaw worker who went to Oman as a house maid in 2017. We heard from her in November and she told of the desperate and abusive time she was having. We were devastated and we asked for prayer that God would be with her and that her day to day life would improve. We also asked for prayer that God would make a way for her to go home to be with her two children in the Philippines.

On Boxing Day Kate, I and the family took my visiting auntie to the local garden centre with some friends and were sat in Costa Coffee when I received an email from Jogie our health worker which I will never forget. I read the email and then passed my phone to Kate to read it. We were both stunned and sat staring at each other in silence;



An emotional Mary Rose (l) meeting with social worker Jenalyn.

Hello Kuya (brother) Tim! Happy Christmas!

Kuya Tim ate' Mary Rose arrived today from Oman. She texted me informing that she's in the Philippines at the moment she stay at her agency... She told me she wanted to talk to me. She ask me to email you and thank everyone for all your prayer as of the moment she is thankful for all who prayed for her as God made a way for her to come home for good. It is a miracle. She said it is her best Christmas present ever to be with her two children and family. Happy Christmas, Jogie.

Two days later Mary Rose sent me a short email to send to everyone who has been praying for her.

'Dear brother Tim, THANK YOU to everyone who prayed for me, God has made a way for me to come home. It was a bad time but now is my happiest time as I am home with my two baby children. Thank you to everyone who pray for me. Thank you God, Happy Christmas from Mary Rose.'

Mary is now home living with her family (which I can't really believe, even as I write it). As we find out more about what happened to allow Mary to come home please join me in Prayer and Praise to God for his reality, power, love and goodness and for bringing Mary home to her family this Christmas

God's Blessings of Joy and Peace be with you all.

Kuya (brother) Tim

The Bridge – and Onward

As the two parishes of Cononley & Bradley and Kildwick move together, it seems increasingly odd that we're producing two separate, insular magazines. That's especially true when you discover just how similar our two magazines ("The Bridge" for Kildwick and "Onward" for Cononley & Bradley) really are. They are both filled with a mixture of news and calendars; they are both free; they are both distributed quite widely. Bringing them together into a single (fatter!) more widely distributed publication just makes sense!

We're at an early stage in the process. Kildwick's PCC have agreed that this is a viable idea. Cononley & Bradley's various PCC, DCC and UCC (Parish, District and United Church Councils) have yet to meet but, on the reasonable assumption that they will agree, we are planning that we continue as normal for this month and for March and then launch our new joint magazine on Easter Day.

There's actually quite a lot to do between now and then. One of those things is to decide on a new name. It would be quite wrong, I think, for either of the existing names to continue – we want a new name for a new publication! At our PCC, I heard a mutter of "I've got an idea for a name!", but no name was mentioned. Perhaps you could do better?

"Onward" beats "The Bridge" in a count of different contributors. Here in Kildwick we urgently need someone who will encourage every one of you to tell us what interests you. (If it interests you, then it is interesting!) If you could join our team (or if you know someone who could – dob in a mate!) of encouragers, then please let us know...

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We're Moving Forward!



Following a quiet few months, while we took stock of the new situation after our original Heritage Lottery Fund application was refused back in September, we are now on the chase again!

Our original bid was to the Heritage Lottery Fund's "Grants for Places of Worship" scheme. This offered grants of up to £250,000 to churches and other places of worship – and that would have gone about half way towards the cost of repairing the roof of St Andrew's. This "GPOW" scheme has now finished. The good news is that we can now apply for a bigger pot of money. The bad news is that we will be in competition with a much wider collection of projects.

Building for the Community

Competition for Lottery money is very keen. If we are to have any chance, we will need to put in a very well-researched and coherent bid. Our bid must show that our project will have suitable outcomes for the whole community. It is, after all, the community that provides the funding through their Lottery tickets! However, we are working to a very tight timetable and hope to submit our initial application at the beginning of June!

The Repair and Renovation Working Group will meet at the end of January to work out exactly what work we want to bid for. That will be followed on 19th February with an important consultation with various community groups so that we can listen to their priorities and ideas. A number of significant groups have been invited to a Community Forum; among them are the local Parish Councils and Meetings, the schools, the pub and the Institute. In next month's magazine we will be able to spell out the detail of the various elements of our bid and we'll be holding open meetings so that everyone can hear about progress. As well as carrying out much needed repairs we hope to make the church fit for community use for years to come and are investigating running water and drainage, level access, toilet and simple kitchen facilities, improved heating and lighting.

The brutal truth is that, if we are not able to do anything, then we face the real danger of looking at a closed building with a rotting roof and decaying pews. St Andrew's is more than just a church, however ancient and iconic. It is a building that is set in the midst of a caring community and it needs to take its place as a vibrant member of that community. Building for the Community describes both a physical building and an active process as we move forward into a new era.

Can you help? *The Repair and Renovation Group is in need of someone to act as a secretary. If you can spare some time to help, please contact:*

<renovation@kildwick.org.uk>

Our Monthly Prayer Calendar

A pull-out-and-keep supplement!

We have a regular cycle of prayer that has been printed each week in our weekly news sheet. It acts as a focus for prayer for many people; at home and in the intercessions during our worship.

It is felt that this may be more accessible in a “poster” format that you can keep where you pray at home and where you prepare your intercessions. Pull this central sheet from the booklet. The prayer Calendar will be on one side and the month’s rotas on the other.

	Cross Hills and District Fellowship of Churches	Our Parish	The World Church	Our Community
Week 1	St Peter’s Methodist Church, Cross Hills and St Andrew’s Methodist Church, Cowling, for the Cross Hills and District Fellowship of Churches Council	Lesley Hudson & Sandie Walton, Churchwardens, for Jill Wright, PCC Secretary Marie Stinson, PCC Treasurer, for members of the PCC, for Brenda Brock, Planned Giving Secretary	The Church Army	Airedale Hospital, for Manorlands Hospice, for the chaplains, staff and patients
Week 2	St Thomas’ Church, Sutton, Holy Trinity Church, Cowling, and Christ Church, Lothersdale, for the Care Homes worship teams	Julie Bacon and her family for Peter Bannister, Edward Gee and Di Halliday, retired clergy	The United Society Partners in the Gospel (USPG);	Nursing and residential homes, especially Townend Close

Date	Time	Service	Readings
4th February The Second Sunday before Lent	8.15am 10.00am	Holy Communion Family Communion	Proverbs 8.1,22-31 <i>Colossians 1.15-20</i> John 1.1-14
11th February The Sunday before Lent	8.15am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion	2 Kings 2.1-12 2 Corinthians 4.3-6 Mark 9.2-9
18th February The First Sunday of Lent	8.15am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion <i>with</i> <i>Prayers for Healing</i>	Genesis 9.8-17 1 Peter 3.18-end Mark 1.9-15
25th February The Second Sunday of Lent	8.15am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion	Genesis 17.1-7,15-16 Romans 4. 13-end Mark 8.31-end

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

A poem by Howard Thurman.

*Let the work of Christmas begin!
 Let's begin it together!*

Regular Events at Kildwick

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 7.15 – 8.15pm	Choir practice	In the Parish Rooms
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	In the Parish Rooms or the Tower
Thursday 7.30–9.00	Bell Ringing	In the Tower

Readers	Intercessor	Communion	Sidespeople	Tea and Coffee
Katharine Calvert <i>Reading not used</i> Pat Wilcock	Jill Wright	Sandie and John	Eleanor Eastwood Sandie Walton June Whitaker	Joyce Bonham Sylvia Ackroyd
Anthony Luce Tim Littler Jill Wright	Lesley Bannister	Christine and Tim	Sandie Walton Glennis Attwood	June Whitaker <i>(vacancy)</i>
Tim Chapman Christine Anderton Kathryn Morris	Chris Wright	Jill and Peter	Ann Mosley and Christine Anderton	Jill Wright <i>(vacancy)</i>
Glyn Evans Lesley Hudson Chris Wright	Sue Hargreaves	Sue and Christine	Joyce Bonham and Geraldine Sands	Ann Mosley Christine Anderton

The Flower Rota

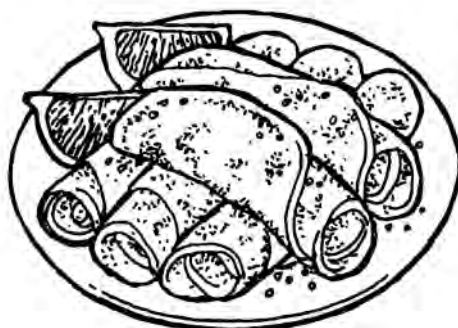
4th February Mrs D. Reitherman

11th February Mary Peake

Ash Wednesday falls on 14th February and we enter the season of Lent, when our tradition is to display no flowers.

Please remember that the Kildwick Flower Rota is a list of those who wish to give flowers – perhaps in memory or in celebration of someone or some particular event. You don't have to arrange them yourself unless you want to!

Contact June Whitaker for details. *(Details on the back cover)*



From the Registers

Baptism

14th January

Reggie Robinson Twigg
son of William Twigg and Gemma Clark of Silsden

Week 3	St John's United Church, Cononley, St Mary's Church, Bradley, for the Grief & Loss Support Group	Our work with young people, for the Chuffs group, for those who lead and all who attend, for the MiniRingers Club	Tim & Kate Lee in the UK and the Jigsaw Kids Ministry in Manila, Philippines, for the Church Mission Society (CMS)	Kildwick Out of School Club, Local Parish Councils, Cross Hills Police Station
Week 4	South Craven Baptist Church, Eastburn Methodist Church and Farnhill Methodist Church	Glyn Evans our organist, for the choir and music group, for our bell ringers, for lay ministers in worship (welcomers, readers, intercessors, communion assistants)	Church & mission agencies: for the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge (SPCK)	Kildwick Primary School and Headteacher, Tim Whitehead, for South Craven School and Headteacher, Andrew Cummings
Week 5	South Craven Evangelical Church, for Christians of other denominations who live in the area but whose church is outside the area	Our pastoral care group, for our home communicant members, for the church cleaning teams, flower arrangers and gardeners	The Mothers' Union	South Craven Community Action

This cycle of prayer is a companion to the wider prayer calendar for the Diocese of Leeds and for the whole Anglican Communion. This is a daily diary and includes details for each Benefice in turn. It lists: Benefice, Church, Clergy,

Readers, School (and Headteacher) as well as the Anglican Cycle of Prayer for that day.

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February

Sunday 4th

The Second Sunday before Lent

Tuesday 6th

7.30pm Deanery Synod at St Thomas, Sutton in Craven
Agenda includes Disability Issues. All are welcome

Sunday 11th

The Sunday before Lent

12th – 18th

School Half Term

Tuesday 13th

Shrove Tuesday (*get your pancake pan out!*)

Wednesday 14th

Ash Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes
in the Parish Rooms

7.30pm Ecumenical Service at St. Peters

Sunday 18th

The First Sunday of Lent

Monday 19th

7.30pm Community Forum in church for invited groups.

7.30pm Lent Group at the Baptist Church, Sutton

Sunday 25th

The Second Sunday of Lent

Monday 26th

7.30pm Lent Group at the Baptist Church, Sutton

7.30pm Prayers for Kildwick, Cononley and Bradley
at St John's, Cononley

March

Thursday 1st

St David's Day

Friday 2nd

7.00pm Beetle Drive at Kildwick and Farnhill Institute

Sunday 4th

The Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday 11th

Mothering Sunday

12th – 17th

Skipton Music Festival this week
Kildwick church and school are both represented

Saturday 17th

St Patrick's Day

Tuesday 20th

7.30pm "PCC Tonight" - a seminar at St John's, Great Horton

Monday 26th

Holy Week Begins

Sunday 25th

Palm Sunday

BST Begins. **CLOCKS GO FORWARD** *Don't be late!*

7.30pm Prayers for Kildwick, Cononley and Bradley
at St Andrew's, Kildwick

Thursday 29th

Maundy Thursday

School End of Term

Friday 23rd

Good Friday

April

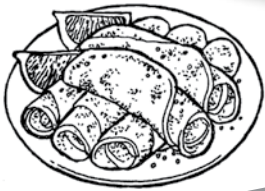
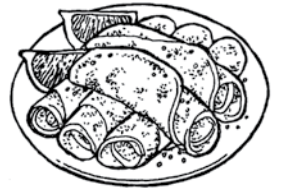
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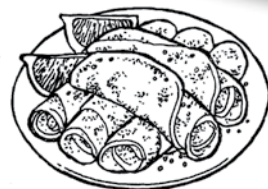
We pray for all whose lives have been touched by tragedy,
whether by accident or a deliberate act.
For those who mourn, immerse them in your love
and lead them through this darkness into your arms, and light.
For those who comfort, be in both the words they use
and all that's left unspoken; fill each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

Dear Father,
Just as it was when Jesus made his home on earth,
The world can be a hateful and cruel place.
We ask that you would guide our actions as believers.
Give us an eagerness to be humble and gentle.
Help us have hearts of patience and forbearance.
Thank You for the hope we have in You;
May Your hope unify our thoughts and decisions
And invoke peace through the Spirit. Amen



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.
Amen

Lord of heaven and earth,
of all nations and peoples,
all faiths and no faith,
reveal yourself
to those who are suffering,
reveal yourself
to all who are refugees,
reveal yourself
to those who are powerful,
reveal yourself
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Farnhill Parish Council

A meeting of the Council was held on the 14th December and attended by five members of the Council, two CDC/NYCC Representatives and the Clerk

Local Plan. The final draft of CDC's Local Plan is now on the website. There is an increase in the number of houses to be built and the percentage of affordable homes drops from 40% to 30%. CDC hope to increase the rates on all 2nd homes in the dales, in order to provide more local homes for young people.

Happiness. In a recent report on social mobility, Craven were top in Yorkshire and among the best in England. They were also in the top 20% of happiest districts in the country. Urban areas are thriving while the more rural communities are declining with school closures etc. The National Park build few houses and there is a need to invest in infrastructure, schools etc.

Road Closure. There was concern about the way the recent road closures in Farnhill were carried out. The 2 week closure extended to 4 and for much of the time no visible work was carried out. The Parish Council were extremely disappointed with the way things had been handled.

Speeding. North Yorks Police have no active speed concerns for Farnhill. If our roads would benefit from Police Action then the next step is to complete a Speed Concern form.

The History Club wishes to borrow the minute books from 1920-1930 with a view to scanning parts of them.

Fencing. At a meeting near Redmans's Bridge, the Canal & River Trust agreed that temporary fencing was not ideal and that the work should be done as quickly as possible. Further temporary works may be needed in the meantime.

LED Technology means that sodium lamps are being phased out. The whole lantern will need to be replaced on all Farnhill's 23 sodium lamps. These will be dealt with as they require attention or a few replaced each year. The Clerk will seek more details and a cost forecast.

A stepping post in the Play Area has decayed and has been removed. The Parish Council will look into the cost of replacing it with a new one.

Railway Station Councillor Gill Birks of Glusburn & Crosshills Parish Council has recently written an article in the Craven Herald about the decision taken by NYCC not to go ahead with a proposed Railway Station at Cross Hills. Farnhill would like to show our support and also to write to NYCC to support the request from Councillor Birks to refer the issue back to the Area Committee.

The Next Meeting will be held on Thursday 25th January.



The Birds in Your Garden



A Potted History of the Garden BirdWatch



The BTO Garden BirdWatch was launched in the autumn of 1994 with recording beginning in earnest in January 1995. Earlier attempts to monitor birds in gardens, such as the BTO Garden Bird Enquiry, had always encountered the problem of long term funding. This was overcome by a very brave decision – namely to ask participants to make an annual

contribution to the scheme's running costs. It was with some trepidation that supporters were asked to contribute, but such was their generosity that there were 5,028 contributing participants by the end of the first year. GBW now has upwards of 11,000 members, including around 1000 of us here in the northeast.

Initially, Garden BirdWatch was coordinated on a part-time basis by just two staff members. Now we have two full time coordinators supported by a shared HQ team, plus volunteers who come into the office to help.

Many Garden BirdWatchers were also keen to report some of the other wildlife using their gardens. This prompted a successful pilot recording of other taxa in 2003, and the survey now includes, mammals, butterflies, bumblebees, reptiles, amphibians, stag beetle, cockchafer and dragonflies.

From its early days, the GBW has engaged with people interested in birds, but nothing captured people's imagination more than the study of the (annoying) practise of birds stealing the cream from the top of milk bottles. Blue and Great Tits were the main culprits, but other species also took advantage of this doorstep delivery. The homogenisation of milk – so that the cream did not rise to the top – and fewer people using the services of the milkman, meant that this behaviour gradually died out.

Gone too, are the days when feeding garden birds was centred on kitchen scraps, suet-filled coconut shells and monkey nuts threaded on a string. Today, garden bird feeding is a multi-million-pound industry. Some 40–50% of UK householders are now thought to feed birds in their gardens, with an estimated 50–60 thousand tonnes of bird food provided per annum

During the 1970s an average garden feeding station attracted 16 bird species, rising to 21 in the 90s and to 25+ more recently. While some species – including House Sparrow, Song Thrush and Starling – have declined, there has been a huge influx of other species. For example:

Goldfinch	from 1% of gardens to 61% now.
Long-tailed Tit	3% to 29%
Woodpigeon	5% to 67%
Great Spotted Woodpecker	7% to 30%
Nuthatch	9% to 22%

Many birds – including Great Spotted Woodpecker, Woodpigeon, Great Tit, Coal Tit, Nuthatch, Jay and Chaffinch – use garden feeding stations more when natural foods are in short supply. While the trend for more species to use feeders is good news for householders, it does raise important questions about what is happening to the availability of food for birds in the wider countryside.

If any birdwatcher gets sniffy about garden birds, gently tell them that the estimated population of Song Thrushes in our gardens is 300,000 pairs, more than in all farmland.

Garden BirdWatchers are a vital source of information that can help conserve our garden birds. By keeping a regular watch on their gardens they are revealing new and important facts about the wildlife they contain. If you would like to join in and count the feathered (and other) 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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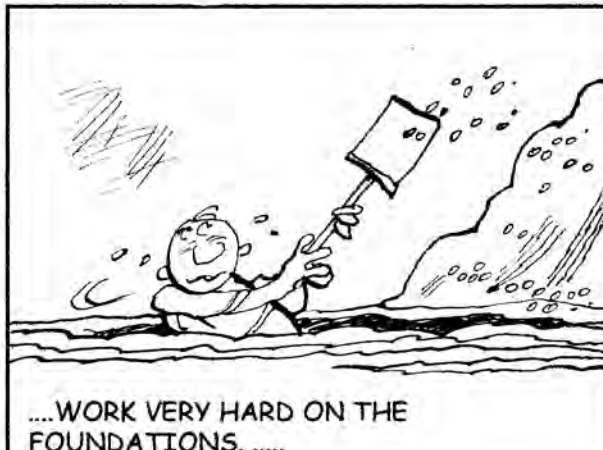
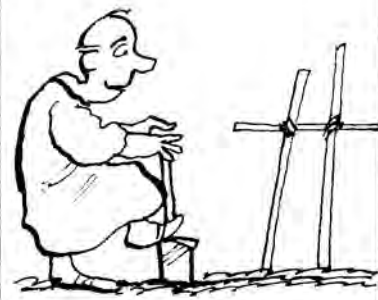
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...YOU'LL FIRST NEED TO WORK HOW MUCH IT WILL COST.



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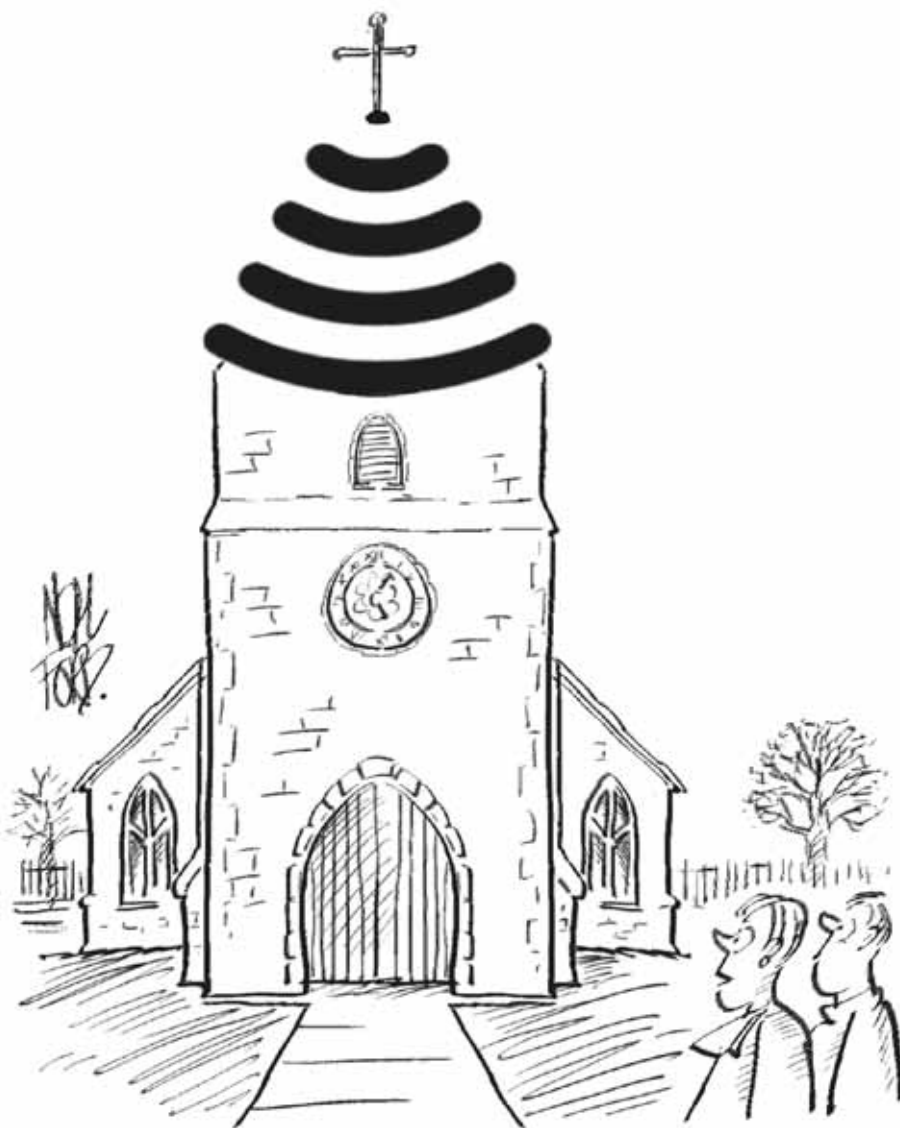
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