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Looking back – looking forwards

We've just celebrated Christmas, when we remembered once again with joy and thankfulness that the One who created the world came to it as one of us, a human being. And in the run-up to the day itself, we had a number of opportunities over and above our usual services to share and celebrate the joyful story with many others.

Here are just some of them.

- In Kildwick, the church welcomed children, staff, families and friends from both Kildwick and Glusburn Primary Schools for a number of Christmas services, performances and celebrations.
- At Cononley we welcomed the Cononley Singers for a service weaving together music and songs that invited us to reflect on the glory of God. The Christmas story was shared with a number of children in our 'Advent Adventure', followed the next day by the Christingle service.
- At Bradley there was a carol service with our Methodist friends, and a number of us enjoyed the school's nativity performance (plus a spirited rendering of 'Cinderella'!).

It was wonderful to have so many occasions to hear the story of Christmas again, and to celebrate it with hundreds of people.

At Christmas, many people are drawn to reconnect with the story of the season. There are probably as many different reasons for doing so as there are people.



But there is something about this story of a child, whose arrival is heralded by angels and yet born into a world where there is literally no room for him, that touches people deeply. There's so much about it that is unpromising – a baby born to an unmarried, homeless teenage mother; a family forced to flee for their lives. And yet it remains a story about hope. The child that is born will change the world – although not always in the ways expected.

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The story resonates because it is authentic. It is not sentimental (even though it can be sentimentalized). The Christmas season incorporates both the celebration of the birth of Jesus, and also Holy Innocents' Day (28th December). Jesus's very existence made Herod feel threatened, who had the power to express his fear and hatred through brutal, merciless violence inflicted on the most helpless and vulnerable members of society. Peace and goodwill are never automatic. They require human commitment and openness.

We were reminded of the fragility

of peace with the stabbing of Jodie Willsher at the Skipton Aldi just days before Christmas. A normal day suddenly became full of tragedy and sorrow – most particularly for those closest to Jodie, but with ripples that go out more widely into our communities. Her death will have touched many, including those who worked alongside her in the store, and those who shop there. It touches our neighbours and friends. It touches us.

We are called to be the body of Christ in the places where God has placed us. "The Word became flesh and dwelt amongst us... full of grace and truth" (John 1.14). We too are called to dwell amongst our neighbours – to be part of each others' lives, sharing joys and sorrows, and recognizing what connects us to one another.

As we continue to work out what the future holds for the churches in Bradley, Cononley and Kildwick, we need to do several things. One is to continue to pray - for the world, our communities, our neighbours and ourselves. Another is to discern where God is at work in our communities right now, and how we are being called to join in. And thirdly, we need to think about how God is calling us to relate to each other in the future. Our human wisdom needs to be firmly rooted and anchored in God's.

To help us to think and pray about

these (and other) things, I would like to invite members of all 3 churches to get together each month and pray. Starting on Monday 22nd January 7pm at St Mary's Bradley, there will be the first of KCB Prayers – a regular opportunity on the 4th Monday of each month to meet for one hour, primarily to seek God's leading as we move forwards. It will also help us to get to know each other better. The next two KCB prayers will be:

- Monday 26th February Cononley
- Monday 26th March Kildwick

Please put these dates and venues into your diaries, and I hope that as many of you as possible will be able to come along as we pray for this new phase of ministry. If for any reason you're not able to join us in person for KCB prayers, I would like to encourage you to pray along with us wherever you are. To help you with this, I'll produce prayer points relating particularly to the interim ministry objectives each month which you can use to help shape your prayers. I am also inviting everyone at church to collect a KCB tealight holder and tealight. You may like to light this each month (or during any regular prayer time) as a reminder that we are praying together for God to light our way as we move forward.

As we start, can I ask you please to pray

Deadline for next month

We'll try to get the February edition of The Bridge out by 28th January. That means the deadline for all material will be on **Sunday 21st January** ... That isn't very long!!! Please try to think what **you** might contribute.

for the following:

- For wisdom in developing a new pattern of services across our three churches.
- For our local primary schools: Kildwick Church of England Primary School; Cononley Community Primary School; and Bradleys Both Community Primary School – for the head teachers (Tim Whitehead, Catherine Pickles and Barry Rogers), staff and children, and for relationships to be developed and strengthened with all of them.
- For a new Kildwick Vicarage to be found and bought soon by the diocesan Property Department, so that I can move into the parishes with my family and be closer at hand.

With every blessing

Julie

A Summary of the Interim Ministry Objectives

Please think and pray about the following objectives for our parishes during this three-year period of interim ministry:

1. Establishing a coherent, attractive and workable pattern of worship across the three villages.
2. Developing, agreeing and implementing a pastoral scheme for the future of the two parishes.
3. Developing and starting to implement a sustainable strategy for new ministry and styles of worship to reach out to children, young people and families.
4. Evaluating the needs, opportunities and challenges of the three church buildings in furthering the churches' mission in the parishes.
5. Helping the parishes develop and articulate their identity in a new and developing relationship with each other.

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Christmas on Facebook

The St Andrew's Facebook page has been quite busy during December! (If you don't "do" Facebook, you can still look in at www.facebook.com/Kildwick1) There will be a bar there, asking you to register or log in – just ignore it.)

On this page and page 8, I've tried to give a bit of a flavour of how St Andrew's is "talking" with the world around us. Facebook (along with all the other social media tools) is how a lot of the world is communicating nowadays. We need to learn to speak the language!



We started with a copy of the service poster. There was not a lot of comment, but 341 people read it and 18 shared it with others.

A post about the Collective Worship on 6th December attracted 272 folk - and quite a

bunch of "likes" – largely from school parents as one might expect.



Timing is everything. Just as the camera clicked, a churchwarden appeared at the door! A few photos told the story of the arrival of the Christmas Tree - and the small traditional Saga of the Lights.

With the tree lit and decorated, we were ready for the first big public carol service on 17th December. A photo from this service seemed to sum up "Christmas at Kildwick" and so that became our Christmas Cover Photo.



A "gallery" of some (rather poor*) photos from the candlelight Carol Service reached what seems to be our regular audience of some 270 people but it generated a good deal more reaction than many.

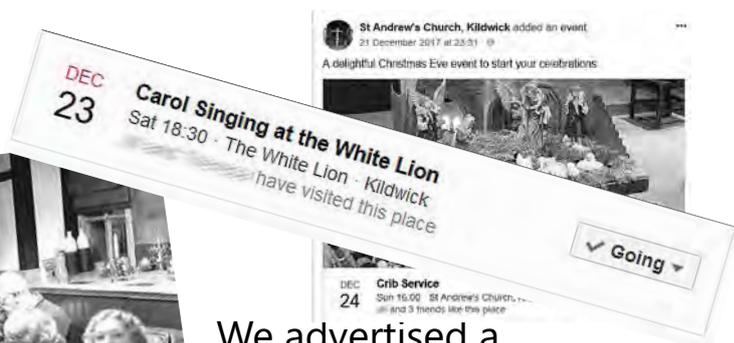
* OK – **you** try taking photos by candlelight!



This rather dark image won't show in print as it does on screen... It was a lovely service and the reaction to the photos showed that many had enjoyed it.

Time for some advertising

With all that goes on around Christmas, it was time to add some "events".



We advertised a number of the individual services as well as an excellent new venture, suggested by Susie at the White Lion.

From big things to little

It wasn't just the big events. The Chuffs held a Christmas party (that looked **very** sticky!) and the bellringers had a small incident with a stay.

Our special celebrations ended with a crowded Crib service.

These pictures and stories are just a few of the images of St Andrew's that are out there for people to see. It is only by engaging with the 'real world' that we can, as Mark wrote: "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation". I hope that this ministry will grow.



The Children's Society

During the Christmas season part of our charitable giving is for The Children's Society. The collections at the Crib Service and the Presentation of Christ (Christingle) are all given to this society.

The Children's Society was begun in the late nineteenth century when Edward Rudolf, a young Sunday school teacher and civil servant in South London, found himself confronted by the brutal effects of poverty on the lives of children.

When two young boys failed to turn up for his Sunday school, he went to look for them and was shocked to find them begging for food on the streets. Their father had died, leaving their mother struggling to bring up seven children under 11 years old.

Theirs was not an isolated experience and Rudolf was moved to act.

He approached Archbishop Tait to express his concern for children living on the margins of society and suggesting that the Church of England should be at the forefront of social action for such children. The Archbishop agreed enthusiastically and, soon after, the Church of England Central Home for Waifs and Strays was established.

Edward Rudolf founded The Children's Society in 1881.

- 1881 to 1970: Edward Rudolf envisioned a charity that gave poor, homeless children a loving and secure family environment.
- 1970 to 1990: in the last quarter of the twentieth century the Children's Society changed its focus towards helping young people solve their own problems.
- 1990 to 2002: during the 1990s we moved into a new era of working for social justice.
- 2003 onwards: over the years the work of The Children's Society has changed but our child-centred values and intentions remain the same.

Keeley is 16 years old and has been receiving support from The Children's Society for nearly six months. Keeley lived with her nan and brothers, but started regularly going missing with a friend.

They would steal from shops and drink alcohol on the streets – often getting into trouble with police. After a return home interview, Keeley was referred to a local "missing from home service" at The Children's Society. She now attends sessions with her project worker every week to talk about the risks of going missing, and advice on how to stay safe.

Keeley says this has helped, and now her missing episodes have reduced.

Get involved

Our collection box scheme is one of our most powerful legacies and is one of the simplest and easiest ways that people of all ages choose support the society.

If you would like to become a box holder please have a word with Lesley Hudson.

If you are already a box holder could you bring you box to church at the Christingle service on 28th January.

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What did you think about the hymns on Sunday?

That's a question that I would ask with great trepidation! The choice of hymns and songs in the Sunday service can cause a great deal of disagreement.

Some people prefer traditional hymns, others like the more modern worship songs. At St Andrew's we do try to have a varied 'diet' of both types of music.

I thought it might be helpful if I wrote briefly about how we choose our music for each Sunday.



The church is affiliated to the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) and they produce a booklet called 'Sunday by Sunday' which gives a list of suggested hymns and songs for each Sunday of the church's year based on the lectionary. That is my starting point. The hymn book we use is Anglican Hymns Old and New and that has useful thematic and biblical indexes. We usually have 5 hymns/songs during the Eucharist and I would aim to choose 2 traditional, 2 more modern and the fifth could go either way!

The service begins with the gathering hymn which would usually be well known and with a rousing tune and words suitable to prepare the congregation for worship. The second one (the gradual) would be based on the gospel reading for the day. The next one is the offertory hymn and the words would be suitable for preparing for communion. The hymns during and post communion would be more quiet and contemplative and the final one again well known and rousing with 'sending out' words.

The PCC decided some time ago that we would use inclusive language in our choices of hymn words so that has to be considered in the choices.

There are several modern hymn writers who have written modern words for traditional tunes and I have been introducing them into our repertoire.

I know that there are many people in our congregation who are really wedded to the traditional hymnody but we have to remember that un-churched people who come on an occasional basis do not know these older hymns, as we can see by the choices at weddings (apart from Jerusalem!)

If anyone has a particular hymn that you would like included on a Sunday do have a word with me, but remember if we all could choose our favourites on a Sunday the services would be very, very long!!!

Lesley Hudson

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
7th January The Epiphany	8.15am 10.00am	Holy Communion Family Communion	Isaiah 60. 1-6 <i>Ephesians 3. 1-12</i> Matthew 2.1-12
14th January The Baptism of Christ	8.15am 9.45am	Holy Communion Parish Communion	Genesis 1.1-5 Acts 19.1-7 Mark 1.4-11
21st January The third Sunday of Epiphany	8.15am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion	Genesis 14.17-20 Revelation 19. 6-10 John 2.1-11
28th January The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)	8.15am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion	Malachi 3. 1-5 <i>Hebrews 2.14-end</i> Luke 2.22-40

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11TH NOVEMBER 2018

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11th November seems a long time away...

... but now is the time to start our thinking!
Saturday, 11th November will be a special national day of remembrance – and of thanksgiving, too.

Read more about it at www.brunopeek.co.uk

The bellringers have already registered St Andrew's for the ***Ring Out For Peace*** event – and now we need to start recruiting. One of the aims of this initiative is, nationally, to recruit 1,400 new ringers in tribute to the

1,400 ringers who lost their lives during that conflict.

There will be more publicity, but if you know of someone who might join our band, please put them in touch with Chris Wright <tower@kildwickringers.org.uk>

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	Lesley Hudson	Sandie and John	Eleanor Eastwood Sandie Walton June Whitaker	June Whitaker Sylvia Ackroyd
Kathryn Morris Christine Anderton Jill Wright	Chris Wright	Sue and Tim	Sandie Walton Glennis Attwood	Joyce Bonham <i>(vacancy)</i>
Glyn Evans Tim Chapman Chris Wright	Sue Hargreaves	Christine and Jill	Ann Mosley and Christine Anderton	Jill Wright <i>(vacancy)</i>
Lesley Hudson <i>Reading not used</i> Lesley Bannister	Peter Bannister	Sue and Christine	Joyce Bonham and Geraldine Sands	Ann Mosley Christine Anderton



The Flower Rota

The Flower Rota for January (and beyond) has plenty of vacancies! (We have Glyn Evans for 7th January and Michael Baxter for 21st.) This gives you all a chance (whether you are regular congregation or members of the wider community) to arrange for flowers to be provided in a particular week. Perhaps you have a special anniversary you'd like to mark? It may be a joyful wedding anniversary or a more sombre memorial of a loved one. It could just be that you'd like to give some flowers to beautify the church.

You may be put off by the title "Flower Rota". Be reassured! Joining the Flower Rota involves no dexterity with delicate stems whatever!

Week by week, the flower team create lovely displays and these become so much more meaningful to those who have donated them. When it is your "turn", June will contact you to hear any particular requests – and how much you'd like to spend.

If, of course, you are dextrous with delicate stems, then you'd be very welcome to come and arrange them but if, like me, you go no further than some crushed daisies in a jam jar, then help is at hand!

Contact June Whitaker (655320) for more information.

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

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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Sun 7th

The Epiphany of Our Lord

8.15am Holy Communion (Parish Rooms)

10.00am Family Communion

Tues 9th

7.00pm Renovation Group meeting (Parish Rooms)

Sun 14th

The Baptism of Christ

10.00am Parish Communion with Baptism

Mon 15th

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

Tues 16th

4.00pm Wardens meeting

Mon 22nd

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends

Tue 25th

6.30pm PCC meeting (Parish Rooms)

Sat 27th

10.00am Making Christingles (Parish Rooms)

Sun 28th

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

10.00am Family Communion with Christingles



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The Prayer Page

Lord, Your hope arises with each dawn,
 pushing back the rubble of our lives.
 Each new day reminds us of your grace,
 you paint hope across our skies.
 Into the deafening cry of hopelessness
 you whisper love.
 Love that catches us, holds us.
 There is no end, just new beginnings.
 No finish, just new starts.
 Into your resurrection
 we follow you to bathe in hope.
 You are alive!
 Not only in the world but in us.
 And so we carry your hope
 within our souls.
 Help us to lift our eyes,
 and feel resurrection hope
 arise in our lives.
 Amen



Lord, You make all things new
 You bring hope alive in our hearts
 And cause our Spirits to be born again.
 Thank you for this new year
 For all the potential it holds.
 Come and kindle in us
 A mighty flame
 So that in our time, many will see the
 wonders of God
 And live forever to praise
 Your glorious name.
 Amen

Father God, thank you for a new year.
 May everyone in our church family be
 willing to begin anew with a clean slate.
 We know that you are always ready
 to forgive us.
 Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves
 and to forgive one another.
 As we begin a new year, remind us of our
 truest values and our deepest desires.
 Help us to live in the goodness that
 comes from doing
 what you want us to do.
 Help us to put aside anxiety
 about the future and the past,
 so that we might live
 in peace with you now,
 one day at a time.
 Amen

God of peace,
 who hast taught us that
 in returning and rest
 we shall be saved,
 in quietness and
 in confidence
 shall be our strength:
 By the might of thy Spirit
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 our Lord.
 Amen.



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Tower News

The Kildwick band steps into 2018 in good spirits! The very first event of the year is the awarding of his Level 3 certificate to Ed Askew who has now rung two quarter peals; one on the "easier" cover bell and one on the treble. Well done!

There was a flurry of ringing for the festive season. Our MiniRingers rang two pieces for the Candle-lit Carol Service on their brand-new set of handchimes. These have been specially made for the MiniRingers and are proving to be a great success. It is good not to have to rely on borrowing equipment from (mainly) the Bingley ringers.

The tower band continues to make great progress. The heights of Ed's quarter peals are no more significant than the steady progress of all the rest of the band. If you prick up an ear on Thursdays, you may well hear some strange sounds: "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" is not normal fare – but to perform it well requires a great deal of bell control and it's an excellent exercise for all of us!

We suffered our first broken stay as we rang for the Carol Service. Considering that we have six brand-new ringers on our slightly "difficult" bells, it is actually pretty good that this is the first one. (The stay is a stout piece of ash on which the bell is rested when it is mouth up, ready for ringing. It is designed to break if you pull too hard – a bit like a fuse in an electric circuit.)

We had a nice surprise! Arriving in the tower one night, there was a very smart nest of new boxes. Short ringers need to stand on a box so they can reach. This 'chest of boxes' means we can pull out the right height of box without scrabbling in a teetering pile. Thanks very much, David. Your generosity and your woodworking skills are much appreciated!

Both the tower ringers and the MiniRingers have their own websites where this news and more are posted regularly. Go and visit www.miniringers.org.uk or www.kildwickringers.org.uk

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



This year the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity runs from 18th to 25th January. The theme of the week this year comes from the churches of the Caribbean, and addresses some of the problems which affect the people there, but also worldwide.

Thus, as abuses of human rights are found across the region, the week will challenge us to consider our manner of welcoming the stranger into our midst. Human trafficking and modern-day slavery continue to be huge issues. Addiction to pornography and drugs continue to be serious challenges to all societies. The debt crisis has a negative impact upon the nations and upon individuals – the economies of the nations and people have become precarious. Family life continues to be challenged by the economic restrictions which lead to migration, domestic abuse and violence.

What are Christians to do, in the face of such vast problems? The Caribbean Churches work together to heal the wounds in people's lives, but also know that reconciliation demands repentance, reparation and the healing of memories. The whole Church is called to be both a sign and an active agent of this reconciliation.



The Birds in Your Garden



Coal Tit - John Harding / BTO

I've noticed over the last few months that there are many more Coal Tits in my garden and around my feeders than I can ever remember. I suspect that this is due to a succession of mild winters and a shortage of Sitka Spruce seeds, their favourite food. My attention was caught too by a recent newsletter from the BTO...

Participants in the BTO's Garden BirdWatch survey

have been keeping weekly records of the birds seen in their gardens over the last 20 years, an incredible citizen science project that enables us to understand how birds use human habitats such as gardens. Coal Tits are among our smallest garden birds, and are often driven away from bird feeders by the larger, more aggressive Great Tits and Blue Tits.

In the summer Coal Tits normally remain within woodland, and are recorded in fewer than a third of gardens. In the winter they are seen in more gardens, and are generally recorded by at least 40% of Garden BirdWatchers in November, when they are driven to garden bird feeders by cold weather. However, in some years they are seen in many more gardens, and research using GBW data has shown that their presence is affected by seasonal availability of tree seed crops in the wider countryside. This year is turning out to be exceptional, with Coal Tit seen in an unprecedented 70% of gardens in November!

Smaller and less colourful than most of its relatives, the Coal Tit has a grey back, black cap, and, most distinctive of all, a white patch at the back of its neck. Both sexes are the same, though juveniles have a yellowish tinge. Their bills are smaller and more slender than other tits, so they can feed more successfully in conifers, with their natural diet including insects and beech mast as well as conifer seeds.

A regular although rather shy visitor to feeders, they dash in, grab a seed, and dash off again, sometimes taking and storing food for later. Unfortunately, their memory is not very good, so you will often find sunflower seeds germinating in

the most unlikely places! Great Tits can sometimes be seen watching a Coal Tit stashing away its seed and then go and steal it.

Coal Tits will nest in hollows in trees or in mouse holes, preferably in conifer trees. Their nests are similar to those of the Blue Tit, consisting of moss, wool, dead leaves and spiders' webs, but are additionally moss-lined. They will use nest boxes but are often ousted by the larger tits, preferring those that are less than 1m from the ground.

Coal Tits are resident and mainly sedentary, though a few Continental birds do winter here, especially in the south east.

The calls of the Coal Tit are a bit like a weedy, higher-pitched version of the Great Tit, with a thin-sounding 'tsee-tsee-tsee' call and a basic song of 'teachoo-teachoo-teachoo' repeated several times. While searching for food, coal tit flocks keep contact with incessant short *dee* or *see-see* calls.

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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I KKNOW! I'LL PULL DOWN MY BARNs AND BUILD BIGGER ONES



THE MAN DEMOLISHED HIS OLD BARNs...

...AND BEGAN TO BUILD NEW ONES.



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