

The Vicar's Letter...

Dear friends,

Happy Christmas, and a happy New Year! Our celebration of the new life born at Christmas continues as we move into another new year. New life, new year - the key word is *NEW*. Newness brings with it hope and expectation.



The New Year is traditionally a time for us to reflect on the past; not only the year that has just gone, but also events and people from long ago in our lives come to our minds at this time of year. Memories, both happy and sad, rush in as we reflect on our lives, see what we got wrong (or right!) and resolve to make a new start. We need to remember the past, to allow the past to inform the present and carry us forward into the future.

As well our own individual resolutions, this year we will be hearing lots of resolutions about the future of our country as a General Election draws nearer. All the political parties will be wooing us with promises of what they will achieve for us in the next five or so years. We will hear promises to sort out the health service, the police service, improve our schools, cut crime and generally make our country a safe place for us all. These are laudable aims and I hope that it is the intention of every politician to work towards them. It is right that we expect good things of those who exercise political power on our behalf.

Yet we know that it is easy to make promises, but not always so easy to keep them! We are all, not just the politicians, capable to making claims that we cannot live up to. It is easy to set unrealistic goals which can leave us feeling guilty when they are not met.

We can easily become disillusioned by our world. There is so much going on that can leave us feeling that there is little hope and expectation of better things ahead. Each day we hear of the effects of humankind's destructive intolerance of those with a different viewpoint, religion or culture.

Is hope unreasonable then? Certainly not! God's story is one of constant involvement with his creation. Throughout history God has spoken to his people calling them back to the values that are at the heart of what it means to be fully human: love, joy and peace, justice, righteousness and forgiveness.

It is these values were shown most wonderfully in a new way in the story of the One who was born in the simple surroundings of the stable and who would later die on the cross and then rise to new life. The Christian story links inextricably the two great festivals of Christmas and Easter; you cannot have one without the other. That is why the wood of our church Christmas tree will become, in only a few weeks time, the wood of our Lenten cross, on which we will place the symbols of the passion of our Lord.

This new year you are invited to ponder the message that lies at the heart of this story, which is your story and mine. It is the most incredible story of love – God's love for us and, hopefully, our love for God and all his people.

As we start this new year, my fervent hope and prayer is that we will hold fast to the ideals set out for us by our extraordinary Saviour and work together to improve our community, our nation and our world.

Happy New Year!

Robin

Children's (and the young at heart) page



LIKE SHEEP

There are quite a few sheep in the Bible, in fact they are mentioned over 500 times! They were kept for their meat and wool, their skins were made into clothing and tents, and even their horns were used as musical instruments.

Sheep were an important part of everyday life and Jesus used everyday things in his stories to help people understand. One time, Jesus

explained just how important children are and he said 'If a shepherd has a hundred sheep and one is lost, doesn't he leave the 99 and go and look for the lost sheep?' And you can bet that all the people listening to Jesus were nodding their heads and saying, 'Yes, that's what we would do!' You can read this story, or parable, in Matthew's Gospel, chapter 18, verses 10 to 14.



A WHOLE LOT OF?

A group of sheep are called a flock: do you know what to call a whole lot of...

1. lions?
2. gulls?
3. stairs?
4. bees?
5. grapes?
6. asteroids?
7. actors?
8. fish?
9. lorries?
10. kangaroos?



(Answers at the bottom of the page)



Where do sheep go on holiday?
The Baahaamas!

What keeps sheep warm in winter?
Central bleating!



Answers:
1. a pride 2. a colony 3. a fight 4. a swarm 5. a bunch 6. a belt 7. a cast 8. a school 9. a convoy 10. a mob

Recipes for January 2005

Economical, warming dishes for cold January days.

Potato and leek gratin.



800g (1lb 12ozs) potatoes, peeled and thinly sliced
2 leeks, trimmed, washed and thinly sliced
10fl ozs (½ pt) stock, home made or use a stock cube
175g (6ozs) cooked ham, sliced and chopped
1 garlic clove, crushed (optional)
1 bay leaf
Salt and pepper
75g (3ozs) cheddar cheese, grated

1. Prepare ingredients and heat oven 200c Gas 6.
2. Butter a 2.2 Ltr (4pt) gratin or casserole dish. Mix the potatoes, leeks, ham together, and place in the dish spreading out in an even layer.
3. Mix together the hot stock, garlic, bay leaf and seasoning and pour over the vegetables. Sprinkle with the cheese.
4. Cover loosely with foil and bake for 30 mins. Remove the foil and bake for a further 35 – 45 mins at 180c gas 4 until the potatoes are tender

Floury type potatoes such as King Edwards or Maris piper are best for this recipe

Creamy Vegetable soup

25g (1oz) butter
225g (½ lb) potatoes, peeled and thinly sliced
225g (½ lb) carrots peeled and thinly sliced
225g (½ lb) onions peeled and thinly sliced
1 small head of celery sliced
2 tomatoes, sliced
30fl ozs (1 ½ pts) stock
Salt and pepper

1. Prepare the ingredients then melt the butter in a large saucepan. Add the prepared vegetables and sweat with lid on for about 20 mins over a medium heat. Stirring occasionally.
2. Add the stock and seasoning, bring to the boil then simmer gently for about 20mins.
3. Liquidise the soup or press through a sieve.

Serve hot with a swirl of cream on the top, plus plenty of crusty bread

Can be frozen if required.

THINKING ABOUT OUR WORSHIP (Part 2)

Last month we printed the first part of the notes produced in November to accompany a 'teaching' Eucharist when Robin talked about the structure, or shape, of the Holy Communion service.

The service moves through four sections: the *Gathering*; the *Liturgy of the Word*; the *Liturgy of the Sacrament*; and the *Dismissal*. Below are the notes that explore the first two of these sections.

First a reminder from the recent *Mission Shaped Church* report: 'Churches are Eucharistic communities, irrespective of their church tradition, or the frequency of Eucharistic worship. The Eucharist lies at the heart of Christian life. It is the act of worship in which the central core of the biblical gospel is retold and re-enacted.'

The Gathering

- This begins even before we arrive at the church building. We bring with us the baggage of our lives and of others for whom we have concern.
- The welcome we receive at the door when we do arrive is important. It is good to be greeted with a smile and word of welcome.
- It is good to arrive in time to spend a few minutes in quiet reflection, preparing ourselves for the experience of the worship.
- Worship is done by the whole people of God; we are all ministers of the worship; worship is something we do together.
- There may be an opening **hymn**, after which the presiding minister says **The Greeting**, reminding the people that we meet in the name of God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The presiding minister welcomes us into the action and introduces the service.
- We are invited to move into worship, perhaps by calling upon God in the words of the **Collect for Purity (*Prayer of Preparation*)**, and by **confessing our sins (*Prayers of Penitence*)** and receiving the **assurance of God's forgiveness**.
- We may sing again, either the **Gloria**, a song of praise, or in Advent and Lent, the **Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)**.
- The short prayer called **The Collect** relates to the season or to the particular theme of a special day, and offers a focus for our petitions at the conclusion of this section.

The Liturgy of the Word

- Having gathered together as the people of God, we are now ready to hear his word for us proclaimed in the **Readings**, the **Gospel** and the **Sermon**.
- There will often be a reading from the **Old Testament** and one from the **New Testament**.
- Sometimes we will then sing another **hymn** or, in Advent and Lent for example, we may sing a **Psalm**. It is important not to neglect the Psalms which provide an all-encompassing view of human experience and our relationship with God contained within them.
- In some of the seasons of the church's year the **Gospel reading** may be preceded by an **acclamation**. These are short, biblical texts surrounded by 'alleluias' which serve to emphasise the primary place of the **good news** in our worship.

- The **sermon** may include less formal exposition, the use of drama, interviews, discussion, audio-visual. There is scope for variety!
- After the sermon we keep a short time of **silence** to allow themes to develop in the minds of the worshippers. We are invited to be 'actively quiet, purposefully still'.
- We respond to God's Word both in an Affirmation of Faith, **the Creed**, and in the **Intercessions**. In the **Creed** we stand with Christians down the ages in proclaiming our belief in God. In the **Prayers of Intercession** we respond in a different way, looking outward to the needs of the church, community and to the world in which it is set, trusting that God hears us when we pray in faith.

PRAYER FOR THE PARISH

During the winter instead of a 'prayer walk' we will meet in the Parish Rooms for a time of prayer for the life and work of God's Church in this parish. Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday 4th January at 7.30pm, finishing at 8.15pm.

CONFIRMATION – MOVING ON IN THE JOURNEY OF FAITH

A Service of Confirmation will take place in St Andrew's Church on Sunday 20th February with Bishop Colin Buchanan (recently retired Bishop of Woolwich and now Honorary Assistant Bishop in this Diocese). This will be a very special occasion not just for those people who have decided to take this important step in their journey of faith, but for the whole church community as we celebrate together the way that God leads us to deepen our life of faith.

It is right, of course, that there is a period of preparation for confirmation. For adults this may be through the Emmaus Nurture course or some guided reading. For young people there is a Youth Emmaus course.

Enquiries from adults or young people (or their parents) will be welcome. Please contact the Vicar, Robin Figg, as soon as possible; tel. 01535 633307.

ATTENTION ALL LOVERS OF FOOD AND CHAT!

Then come along to Kildwick's new 'NOSH AND NATTER' group. The aim is to enjoy simple but tasty food whilst discussing anything and everything. All views welcome, the only prerequisites are a respect for others right to hold an alternative view and a sense of humour! The first meeting will be at **8pm on the 14th of January at the Vicarage.**

Because of the nature of the event, numbers will be limited, so book a place by phoning 01535 633307 or adding your name to the list which will be at the back of church from the beginning of January.



Page of Prayer



New Year is about taking stock and looking ahead. We sometimes fear for the future of the world, the pattern of our lives seems to be changing so rapidly. At these times we look to God for reassurance.

A New Year Prayer

O God, Who changest not with changing years, we, creatures of Time, look back along the road we have come. We thank You for all Your loving kindness and tender mercies along the way. When the road has been dark You hast not failed us, though we have often failed You. Forgive us and help us to do better. We look forward, knowing not what may befall us in the year that has just begun. Help us to live a day at a time, to trust You as much in the shadow as in the sunshine and to find our way by the light of Your will.

O Lord, who art both guide and goal, whose companionship is our stay and strength, go with us, we pray, into the New Year and bring us at last to our journey's end in peace.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord

AMEN

(With acknowledgements to Dr Leslie D Weatherhead's 'A Private House of Prayer')

Unless we have a strong faith in the love and power of God we experience much anxiety and heartache as we face the future in this ever-changing world. In order to thrive we need an anchor in life which is stable, secure and constant: Jesus is "the same, yesterday, to-day and forever." No one and nothing else is going to give us stability in quite the same way or to the extent that he can.

A Prayer

O Lord, so many things have occupied our hands to-day. So many demands have been made upon us that we have had little time for ourselves, and still less for you. Tension and haste corrode our souls, and duties of the moment cloud our vision, so that we lose sight of your purpose for our lives.

'Be still and know that I am God.' In the quietness of this short moment, Lord, restore to us the spirit of tranquillity and peace. Give us the calmness and serenity of a quiet mind and respite for our souls.

And so, O Lord, when the day comes to an end may we be able to say as the writer of the psalms does:

*'I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep:
For Thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety'*

Amen

Arthur Attwell

As we look out into the unknown we hold fast to the hand of Christ. We put our trust in Him and pray:

"Lord, you knowest how busy I will be this day
If I forget thee, do not forget me"

AMEN

This month's page was compiled by Mr. Lush, Headmaster of Malsis School

Cross Hill Naturalists' Society (Founded 1904)

January Diary

Thurs 13th microscope workshop 1845 hrs at senior citizen centre Sutton in craven

Sat 15th Out of the Dales Alan Butterfield

Sat 29th Fungi Dr. Archie McAdam

Meetings held at 7pm at St Peter's Church Crosshills.

Visitors and new members welcome



Many thanks to everybody who helped in any way at the fair.
The sum of £734.04 was raised as a result of all the hard work.
Thanks once again

The lost chapter of Genesis

Adam was wandering around the Garden of Eden, very unhappy and lonely. So God said: "I will make you a companion – I'll make you a woman."

"What will she do?" asked Adam.

And God said: "This pretty lady will gather food for you, she will cook for you, and when you discover clothing, she will wash it for you. She will always agree with every decision you make and she will not nag you, and will always be the first to admit she was wrong when you've had a disagreement. She will praise you! She will bear your children. and she will never ask you to get up in the middle of the night to take care of them. She will NEVER have a headache and will freely give you love whenever you need it.

And Adam asked God, "Wow! What will a woman like this cost?"

God replied, "An arm and a leg."

And Adam said, "Well, what can I get for a rib?" Of course, the rest is history.

Tasha's news from Senegal

Dear All

I have been in Senegal now for a quarter of my time, very strange! It sometimes feels like I have been here forever and other times like I have just arrived. Life is still, and I believe will continue to be, one big roller coaster of emotions. Emotional, physical, spiritual and mental highs and lows! Sometimes I could say I love the place and other times I could pack my bags, although I am now having more love days than hate days. Culture shock and climatisation is nearly over, if it ever is! Its hard work here and I am soft and sometimes just lazy. So this is good for me! My brain is on over time, it has not worked this hard since I did my finals in 2001. The term is coming to an end and everyone, kids and staff, can feel it. Today for example, I could not see one on the boys in my class; I found him under the desk on the floor falling asleep! This term is the longest but when it's over the next two are shorter, which will be nice. However still have the Christmas production, end of year projects to finish, reports to write and crazy hair day!



Four things I am grateful for-

1. Prayer! It works! November 15th came early and the humidity has practically gone. Evenings are cool, by 6pm you can open your windows and a lovely cold wind blows through the rooms. Nice, sometimes I even shiver! Nights are now a lot cooler, though I still only need a thin sheet to keep warm. To mark November 15 we had rain, very odd in the rainy season! The local village banged on their drums all night because of the rain.
2. Yet again post! Those special, hopeful days when the post arrives and goes. Sometimes when I get something the smile cannot be wiped off my face. I have received chocolate, chewing gum, a sponge, newspaper articles and photos. Thank you to everyone who has sent a letter or a parcel, they are great!
3. Half term! We had the Friday, Saturday and Sunday off. Magali, Tabea, Tim and myself went to Saly, a local tourist place for a few days. It was so nice to be a tourist! We had air-conditioning! It was brilliant to relax and have fun together. We were invited to have Senegalese food and tea with the guards on holiday which turned out to be a great cultural experience. Good chance for me to try my French, which is still not great but very slowly getting better! I hope to take a night class when I get home to Britain, perhaps I should have done that before I came.
4. No more scorpions in our house. (However Magali did tell me she saw one more in our horrid week of finding them, but she decided not to tell me, phew) I have killed one more but it was not in my house and I coped very well! Proud of myself!

Bugs and Animals

There are far less bugs around now that the humidity has dropped. We just have loads of frogs, bit random when there is no water! The locusts have gone, not too sure know where they have gone to though! I have seen Charlie (my lizard friend) a few times, I can recognise him by a scar he has on his back. My house mates say I have been here too long as they find me talking to him through the window! I have also seen a snake. It was on my veranda, but I was too late to kill it. By the time I had got the snake killing stick (which is never on the veranda) it had gone! I missed my chance of killing my first snake, but as Sam says there will be plenty more chances. Don't know if it was a

poisonous snake but it was little.

School and Kids

Teaching is still going well. I am finding biology a struggle as I have to re-teach myself everything before I teach the kids. It's hard as I am supposedly the most qualified in Biology, although my only qualification is a C grade at A-level in Social and Environmental Biology! Things are getting a bit better with the younger kids but I still dread their lessons. I am definitely better at teaching kids if they are over 12 years old. I still have great fun teaching Geography. I have been on two field trips, one for Geography and the other for DT – lots of fun and we get out of school for the day. Local people we meet on field trips get very confused when they find out I am a teacher not a student. They are further confused when they discover our mix of nationalities – Chinese, Brazilian, Ghanaian, Scottish, Korean and English. What an odd mix!

Locals and Local places

I have been to the beach lots on my days off. I have found a great big Baobab tree that is within walking distance from the school. It's great to walk to and sit under, you can't see anything but bush all around. Ramadam is over and the locals are eating again. I have taken some material to a local tailor to have some clothes made, looking forward to picking them up this weekend.

Izzi is arriving from England tomorrow. She is coming as a primary teacher so will take some pressure of me, phew. I have met her already at my orientation in England. I am going to pick her up tomorrow from the airport and we will be sharing a room till Magali goes in January. It will be good to see Izzi, sharing a room will be fun but difficult. I will miss Magali a lot when she goes, and my French lessons will end.

Praise points

- We have not seen any scorpions in our house for a very long time.
- November 15th came early!
- You all have snow and we don't!
- Again for my friendship with the staff and kids. I have started to have a Bible study and discussion group with the 15-16 year olds (Years10-11) which is fun, good both for them and for me. Pray it goes well and we all get something from it.
- I am still well.
- At Christmas I am having three very special visitors! Sam (boyfriend), Lara (sister) and Bethan (friend) are all coming out to visit me. We are all going on holiday to the Gambia. Lara and Bethan are going to be able to travel to Senegal as they could afford to stay a little longer. Sam will not be able to see the school as he is only able to stay a week but I am so excited about seeing him!!!!!! Pray we all have a fun holiday and we all have safe journeys to and from The Gambia.

Prayer points

- I manage to have the energy to finish the term well.
- Izzi and I cope with sharing a room.
- My skin is better but not great, now that it's the dry season its crying out for moisture. My skin is very dry at the best of times, it seems I can't win. Either it's too hot or too dry!
- I have been bitten a few times and seem to be reacting badly to them. I have an infection in one bite, not nice. Please pray that I recover quickly from this

Love Tash

Isobel's Page

If I was to give a title to this piece of writing I would call it inspiration and connections.

On the radio I recently heard a piece of beautiful music which had been written by Nigel Hesse for the newly released film 'Ladies in Lavender'. It was such a nice piece of music – I wouldn't be surprised if it didn't become quite well known and this got me thinking about how music written for films, like James Horner's for 'Titanic' and the well known tune from 'The Magnificent Seven' and the nostalgic 'Love Story', have become so familiar.



I think there is one composer who would never have imagined that others, who wrote in his tradition, would compose the first music for the film industry. Composers in the style of Wagner are known to us through the background music of films, as this was the norm for many action films.

This explains comments people can make on first listening to Wagner "But it's just like the film music," when in actual fact the opposite is the truth.

Our choir have been singing recently music written by a composer who was born one hundred years after the death of Chaucer and one hundred years before Handel. Thomas Tallis has been a source of inspiration to many including the modern Vaughn – Williams.

Vaughn -Williams revived English folk songs and was active in collecting and arranging old English melodies. One such he set to the words by the magnificently named Horatio Bonar, the great Christian hymnist of the 19th century- 'I heard the voice of Jesus say Come Unto Me and rest', who in turn had been inspired by the words in John's Gospel.

Vaughn -Williams' 'Fantasia' is on a theme by Thomas Tallis and it is familiar to our choir when sung to the words 'How can I sing Thy Majesty'.

Tallis's career spanned the reign of four monarchs and a long period of religious change during the dissolution of the monasteries. He embarked upon this musical career when the culture of church music could hardly have failed to be affected by the reformist ideas that the government found expedient to tolerate throughout most of the mid – sixteenth century. For young composers like Tallis the times must have been confusing but inspiring.

It was not just a modern composer who was inspired by Tallis. His contemporary William Byrd, whom he taught and befriended, was moved to write the elegy 'Ye Sacred Muses' to mark Tallis's death in 1585.

Another lovely piece of music was written by someone Vaughn – Williams had met at Oxford – George Butterworth. Unfortunately before he was killed at the Battle of the Somme, Butterworth destroyed most of his music because he thought it unworthy. Anyone hearing 'The Banks of Green Willow' would surely endorse my sentiments – 'what a waste'.

So connections and inspiration linked through the centuries, leaving behind wonderful words and music which can surely be only an inspiration to us all.

FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of Farnhill Parish Council was held on the 9th December 2004 in Kildwick/Farnhill Institute. No members of the public were present. The meeting was chaired by Councillor G. McKinney

A reply has been received from the Highways Agency , they are not prepared to carry out works to the surface of the A629 between Cononley & Kildwick. Due to lack of funds they have to concentrate on road safety rather than noise nuisance, but the situation will be reviewed next year. The Parish Council are to inform them that we are not happy with the response and ask what level of noise is classed as unacceptable.

CDC have given the completion date for the work on Mary Street as the end of January.

A request has been made by the Parish Council to the Housing Association to provide a grit bin for Langkirk Close.

NYCC have promised to send the results of the lighting survey for the village, but a representative for NYCC. stated that it was unlikely they would take over responsibility for the lighting without a lot of work being done to bring them up to standard.

The Parish Council will have procedures in place by January to comply with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which is to enable members of the public access to information held by public authorities.

CDC Representatives reported on the Improvement Panel Project which has been formed to address shortfalls in services. The 3 items on the November Agenda were Affordable Housing, Private Sector Housing and Waste Recycling. The 1/2 year report for recycling was slightly behind target but they hope to increase the % when the 3 Bin service is put into practice. Local research into the needs for affordable housing has assessed the need for 30 homes per year. 22 affordable homes have been provided this year and it is hoped to provide 40 in 2005. Private Sector Housing carry out surveys and inspections to make sure that Landlords are keeping homes up to standard.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 6th January 2005 in Kildwick/Farnhill. Institute at 7.30pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Coffee Morning

In aid of CMS

Saturday January 8th

from 10am—12 noon

Kildwick Parish Rooms

All welcome



Woman's Institute News -

Glusburn and Cross Hills WI - November and December meetings



At our meeting on 2nd November Isobel Stirk spoke to us about the Bronte family. Her wide knowledge of their lives and times and of their work made a really interesting evening for all of us.

In December at our meeting on the 7th Jean Myers told us about our hair. Starting with a very detailed and scientific description of how hair grows and what it is made of she took us through the make up of shampoos and conditioners and how they work. Her advice, given with humour and clear illustration, was fascinating and we had a very enjoyable evening, ending with mince pies and mulled wine as an alternative to tea.

Coming up on 11th January is our New Year Dinner at the White Lion, Kildwick. At our meeting on 4th January Richard Chapman of the Guide Dogs Association will give a talk entitled "Look". Visitors and new members are always welcome.

Kildwick with Farnhill WI December Meeting

December saw us meeting at The Bella Napoli for our Christmas celebration. An excellent meal was enjoyed by all. You can't beat good food and good company.

We had the added pleasure of welcoming a new member. Why not take a leaf out of her book and come along on January 13th to hear about life in the Family Courts. You will be assured of a warm welcome.

We wish you all the best for 2005 (whether you join us or not!!)

Book Club.

On Friday 7th January at 7 – 30pm there will be an open meeting of the Book Club in the Parish Rooms. Everyone is very welcome to come along to chat about books, and the books we may want to read and discuss in the future.



Advanced notice.

We will be having a **Children's Holiday Club in 2005** (hurray!)

The dates are August 22nd to 26th

and will be five fun-packed mornings from 10-12 noon.

We are going into the jungle for a

Jungle Jamboree

so don't forget whose the King of the jungle?!

**NEWS FROM THE
CROSS HILLS & DISTRICT FELLOWSHIP
OF CHURCHES**



**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
18th – 25th January**

Each year the worldwide Christian Church observes a special week of prayer for peace in the world and unity between Christians. Within the Cross Hills & District Fellowship of Churches there will be the following opportunities to gather together for one hour for prayer during the week:

- Monday 17th 7.30pm 2 Fieldhead Drive, Cross Hills.
Host: Marian Smith.
Tuesday 18th 12 noon 31 The Hawthorns, Sutton-in-Craven.
Host: Ann Solberger.
Wednesday 19th 12 noon 13 Beech Street, Cross Hills.
Host: Joan Ayres.
Thursday 20th 12 noon Parish Rooms, Kildwick.
Host: Marian Baxter.
Friday 21st 12 noon Braidgarth, Baxter Wood, Cross Hills.
Host: Mary Clough.

At the lunchtime gatherings a simple lunch will be available. In the evening tea & coffee will be served.

A leaflet giving a form of prayer to be used during the week will also be available in each church for those people unable to join one of the meetings detailed above. The theme for 2005 is *Christ, the one Foundation of the Church* and was chosen by the Churches of Slovakia, in central Europe. They have chosen the text 1 Corinthians, chapter 3 to explore this theme because "the words witness to us that Christ is the enduring and underlying reality in the face of social, political and economic upheavals of the last fifteen years. This time has seen growth in all Christian denominations since the Communist period ended". When we pray together in this week we will be praying with Christians from Albania to Zimbabwe. We will be praying for the unity and peace of the whole of humanity.

'Pulpit Swap'.

A new innovation in 2005 is a 'pulpit swap' on Sunday 23rd January across the churches of CDFC when some of the ministers will be preaching 'away', as follows: Michael Cowgill will be at St Joseph's, Cross Hills at 9.30am; David Warrington will be at St Andrew's, Kildwick at 10.00am; Robin Figg will be at St Peter's, Cross Hills at 10.30am; Nigel Barton will be at St Thomas', Sutton at 10.30am; Mary Knight will be at South Craven Baptist, Sutton at 10.30am.

The ministers of CDFC would encourage people to attend a service 'away' from their 'home' church that morning as a sign of the unity we share as Christians worshipping and working together.

Church Rotas for January

Date	Sidesperson	Intercessor	Communion
Sun 2 nd January The Second Sunday of Christmas	Beth Taylor Joan Houghton Barry Houghton Sandi Walton	Isobel Stirk	John Exley
Sun 9 th January Epiphany	Gill Jowett Cyril Doult Christine Anderton Ann Mosley	Gill Jowett	Christine Julie
Sun 16 th January The Baptism of Christ	Alison/Gary McKinney June Whitaker Pam Brown Elaine Jamieson	Lesley Hudson	Gary McKinney Janet Swain
Sun 23 rd January The Third Sunday of Epiphany	Eleanor Eastwood Dorothy Ward Christine Hutchinson	Peter Bannister	Tim Littler Hetty Hutton
Sun 30 th January The Presentation of Christ in the Temple	Elizabeth Green Brian Green Albert Bonham Joyce Bonham	Michael Baumber	Michael Baumber Christine

Church Cleaning:

3rd Marian, David, June, Mary.
17th Lesley
31st Helen, Rosie, Sylvia Ackroyd

Brass Cleaning:

Brian Charter, Isobel Stirk

Flowers

4th Mr. Baxter
11th Mrs Kendrew
18th Mrs Downs
25th Mrs Peake

Tea and Coffee Rota (after 10am service)

1st Sunday June Whitaker, Betty Hawkins
2nd Sunday Beth Taylor, Marjorie Gee
3rd Sunday Ann Mosley, Christine Anderton
4th Sunday Joyce Bonham
5th Sunday Maureen Vink, Kath Morris,

Church Rotas for January

Sun 2 nd January The Second Sunday of Christmas	1 st Reading Jeremiah 31 v7-31 2 nd Reading Ephesians 1 v3-14 Gospel John1 v10 – 18	Kathryn Morris Jennifer Roberts Janet Swain
Sun 9 th January Epiphany	Readers chosen From Kicks & Jets etc	
Sun 16 th January The Baptism of Christ	1 st Reading 2 nd Reading Gospel Matthew 3 v13 - 17	Brenda Brock
Sun 23 rd January The Third Sunday of Epiphany	1 st Reading Isaiah 9 v1 – 14 2 nd Reading 1 Corinthians 1v10 – 18 Gospel Matthew 4v12 – 23	Lesley Hudson Isobel Stirk Lesley Bannister
Sun 30 th January The Presentation of Christ in the Tem- ple	1 st Reading Malachi 3 v1 – 5 2 nd Reading Hebrews 2 v14 – 18 Gospel Luke 2 v22 – 40	Brian Charter Brenda Brock Marjorie Gee

Baptisms

Sunday 5 December

Emily Wilson, daughter of Simon & Sarah of Bent Lane, Sutton-in-Craven
Natalie Lambert-Younger, daughter of Adrian & Tracey of Elmore Terrace, Cross Hills



Weddings

Saturday 11 December Graham Lund & Karen Powell of Starkey Lane, Farnhill

Burial of Cremated Remains

Saturday 27 November Maud Tillotson



Lost Property

Have you lost anything in Church? We have a selection of caps, scarves, gloves, glasses and jackets. (no trousers this time!)



Anything not claimed by 15th January will be sold at Open House

Lent Course 2005 – *Better together?*

Lent begins next year with Ash Wednesday on 9th February. During the following weeks a number of small groups will meet across the Cross Hills & District Fellowship of Churches to study, think and pray together.

The course chosen is titled is: **Better together?** It is a tape based course with input from the Abbot of Ampleforth, Nicky Gumbel, John Bell, Jane Williams (wife of Archbishop Rowan Williams) and Dr David Hope.

The course will have 5 sessions: Family Relationships; Church Relationships; Relating to Strangers; Broken Relationships; Our Relationship with God.

Look out for more details of venues and times of groups in the coming weeks and make plans to join a group this Lent.

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BURNS NIGHT FAMILY CEILIDH

JANUARY 21ST 7.00PM

FARNHILL INSTITUTE

DANCING TO *BUTTERED PEAS* CEILIDH BAND

TRADITIONAL HAGGIS

BRING AND SHARE SUPPER

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AVAILABLE FROM LESLEY HUDSON

TEL 01535 633887

NUMBERS ARE LIMITED SO BOOK YOUR TICKET NOW!

The Nurture Advisory Group are organising a

Bowling Evening

at

Skipton Matrix

on

4th February 2005 at 7pm.



Come along and have a fun packed evening (food available)
Further details can be obtained from Gill 01535632405 or Isobel 01535653997.

Good news for chocolate lovers

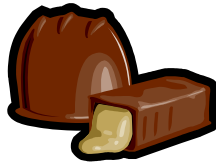
If you love chocolate, here's an excellent excuse to eat some: recent research has found an ingredient in chocolate that can help stop persistent coughs, and lead to more effective medicines.

The study at Imperial College London found that theobromine, found in cocoa, was nearly a third more effective in stopping persistent coughs than codeine, currently considered the best cough medicine.

The researchers said the discovery could lead to more effective cough treatments. They also found that unlike standard cough treatments, theobromine caused no adverse effects on the cardiovascular or central nervous systems, such as drowsiness.

So just think – next time you have a chocolate bar, you are keeping a cough at bay!

Even better news you can buy your Fairtrade chocolate in church from Tradecraft!



AN INTRODUCTION TO LOCAL CHURCH HISTORY

In this series of articles, Michael Baumber will be exploring some of the more interesting aspects of our local history—church and community

PART 15

KILDWICK'S FORGOTTEN VICAR

You will not find the name of John Towne who was minister of Kildwick at Bingley together in 1651 and 1653 and between 1646 and his death in 1659 in any list of Kildwick vicars. It is not in the one at the back of the church near the Tower nor in the guidebook. Indeed the guide book gives the impression that John Gi fford, who became the vicar in 1628 lived until 1660 when he was replaced by Francis Little which was certainly not the case because evidence of Towne's presence is there for all to see in the parish register whose pages he signs as vicar between 1653 and 1659. Why then is he missing? Why do the writers avert their gaze? The reason is that the list is wrong. Little seems to have become vicar in 1636 and was still in post when the First Civil War broke out. After the defeat of the King Parliament disestablished the Church of England in 1646 and replaced the Book of Common Prayer by the Presbyterian Directory. All the incumbents were reviewed by the Committee for Scandalous Ministers and those who were found to be royalists were expelled. Little was a royalist, he was removed and replaced by Towne who was not an Anglican at all. We do not know much about Towne's views but he may not even have been an orthodox Presbyterian. Shortly after his appointment to Kildwick his brother, Robert, became the perpetual curate of Haworth. Oliver Heywood described Robert as an 'antinomian' i.e. when what the scripture told him clashed with his spiritual values he followed the spirit. Of course brothers do not always agree but they are described as being at fast days at Bingley together in 1651 and 1653 and the appointment of both may have been the work of Roger Coates of Kildwick Grange. We know that Coates did not like the Presbyterians. He supported Cromwell's dismissal of his parliaments and use of the New Model Army to rule the country because he knew that if Parliament got its way the result would have been that a persecuting Presbyterian religious system would have replaced the persecuting Church of England.

Indeed Towne's reputation was being denigrated even before the Restoration. Edmund Garforth who had succeeded Robert Towne at Haworth in 1653 and who was temporarily in charge at Kildwick after Towne's death went through the registers crossing out 'vicar' after Towne's name and substituting the word 'intruder'. Curiously we may have a memento of his tenure. The church possesses two elegant pieces of old silver - a patten and a chalice. Examination of the makers marks shows that the patten was made in 1664 but that the chalice dates from 1657. Both may have been purchased after 1660 but it would be nice to think that the chalice could have been first used by Towne and that with ecumenicalism all the rage we can forgive him his origins and re-instate him in the pantheon of vicars.



Airedale Male Voice Choir.

Conductor John .B. Smith.

There will be a concert by the Airedale Male Voice Choir
in St Andrew's Church
Kildwick on
Saturday 29th January 2005
at 7.30 pm.

Tickets £5 available at the door, (£4 concessions).
Refreshments.

Further details from Isobel 01535 653997 or the vicarage 01535 633307.

**Proceeds for the
Church Redevelopment Fund.**

Open House New Year Party

13th January at 3pm

Parish Rooms.

An invitation to all our regular customers to come and join us.



Fri 21st Jan	7.00pm	Burns Night Ceilidh
Tues 25th Jan	7.30pm	PCC (Parish Rooms)
Sat 29th Jan	7.30 pm	Concert by Airedale Male Voice Choir (Church)
Mon 31st Jan	8.00pm	Nurture A.G. Lower Park Green Silsden
Feb.		
Fri 4th Feb	7pm	Bowling evening—see advert (Skipton Matrix)
Weds 9th Feb	7.30pm	Sung Eucharist for Ash Wednesday.

Services at Kildwick

Morning Prayer is said Tuesday-Friday at 7.30am
 Evening Prayer is said Tuesday-Friday at 4.45pm
 Mid week Eucharist on Wednesday at 9.15am.

Sun 2 nd January	8.15 am	Holy Communion
The Second Sunday of	10am	Family Communion
Christmas	6pm	said Evening Prayer
Sun 9 th January	8.15 am	Holy Communion
Epiphany	10am	Family Communion for Epiphany
	6pm	CDFC Service
Sun 16 th January	8.15 am	Holy Communion
The Baptism of Christ	10am	Holy Communion
	6pm	Choral Evensong
Sun 23 rd January	8.15 am	Holy Communion
The Third Sunday of	10am	Family Communion
Epiphany	6pm	Service of Healing and Wholeness
Sun 30 th January	8.15am	Holy Communion
The Presentation of Christ	10am	Family Service with Christingle
in the Temple	6pm	Sung Eucharist

Sunday 30th January 2005

10am The Presentation of Christ in
 the Temple
 Family Service with Christingles
 All welcome



Regular Events at Kildwick

Sunday 10am	KICKs in Parish Rooms (Starts in church)	School aged children's group.
1st and 3rd Sunday 7.30pm-9pm	Craven Rock	Ecumenical Youth group for 11+
2nd and 4th Sundays (not 5th) 7pm-8pm	Y@K in Parish Rooms (Not running at present)	Church youth group for 11+
Monday 1.30pm	Bible Study at Low Green, XHills	Informal Bible study and fellowship
Monday 7.45pm	Bible History Course	Parish Rooms
Tuesday 10-11.30	Chuffs (Not in school holidays)	A toddler group .
Tuesdays 10am	Banner Group in Parish Rooms (upstairs)	Stitching and fellowship group.
Wednesday 6-30-7.30pm	Bubble and Laser Jets in Parish Rooms (Not in school holidays)	Primary school children's group
	8pm Bellringing	
Thursday 2pm	Open House in Parish Rooms	Refreshments and items for sale
7.30-8.30pm	Choir practice in church	
7.30pm	Harvesters in parish Rooms (upstairs)	Informal Bible study and fellowship group



Please note the deadline for the February Bridge is 21st January

January 2005

Tues 4th Jan	7.30pm	Prayers for the Parish (Parish Rooms)
Fri 7th Jan	7.30pm	Book Club open meeting (Parish Rooms)
Sat 8th Jan	10.00am—12 noon	Coffee Morning for CMS (Parish Rooms)
Sun 9th	10.00am	Family Service for Epiphany
Weds 12th Jan	7.17pm	CDFC meeting
Thurs 13th Jan	3.00pm	Open House Party
Fri 14th Jan	8pm	Nosh and Natter Vicarage.
Sun 16th Jan	7.00pm	Craven Rock (South Craven Baptist Church)
18th-25th Jan		Week of prayer for Christian Unity