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The Vicar's Letter...

Dear friends,

We have recently had a most joyful service of Baptism, Confirmation and Affirmation of Faith during which seven people responded publicly to the deepening awareness of God's presence and work in their lives.

It has been exciting for me to share with these people in their journeys of faith, as they have explored and wrestled with important questions about God the Father, about Jesus, about the Holy Spirit.

For each person there was a renewed understanding about God, a renewed realisation and acceptance that God has always been with them and has always loved them, even if they had not been aware of it.

This realisation, or we might even use the word revelation, is a wonderful thing. Discovering that we can actually get to know God, (not just know about God), and have a relationship with him is a source of great joy. It can also be a source of great strength and of peace for when times are hard and we are faced with the struggles of life that so many of us (all of us?) face from time to time.

Discovering the truth of God's love and faithfulness also allows us to live with the doubts and uncertainties that always there. I know that as I share with people in the midst of their sufferings, as I look at the immense suffering and injustice of the world, I have many questions and doubts. God is a mystery and God's world is a mystery; I don't understand God, but I do believe and trust in God.

Back in 1989 I made my first visit to the Taizé community in France. Each year Brother Roger writes a short meditation for Easter. The one for 1989 has helped me in my ongoing journey and I know has helped others. I share part of it with you now as we approach this year's celebration of Holy Week and Easter.

"O Christ, by your Gospel we know that, risen from the dead, you dwell in us all through your Holy Spirit. But often it is difficult for us to understand that you are risen from the dead – it is as if we didn't know it, or as if we had forgotten it.

"And yet, from the very ground of our being we seek a love, the wonder of you love....This desire is faith already, a very humble faith hidden within us.

"You give us the courage to leap the walls of hesitations, and even of doubts, so as to be always united to you in the silence of our heart and ceaselessly to renew a 'yes' for a whole lifetime."

Jesus talked of faith as small as a mustard seed as being sufficient. Simple having the desire is enough, the desire of a very humble faith. We each have a unique and special story to tell of our journey through life. The invitation to put our story alongside God's story, which is Jesus' story, and discover how these two stories are woven together in a most special way.

The story of Jesus is one that centres on the Cross. It is the story of the Cross of Calvary that can help us to wrestle with our own suffering and that of the world. And it is the Cross that become for us the sign of hope, of the ultimate love of God.

Have a good Holy Week and a even greater Easter.

Robin



DAISIES

There is an old saying 'when you can stand on seven daisies at once then spring has come'. I like daisies with their bright yellow middles and tiny petals. If you look closely, you'll see that not all the daisies in any lawn will be white; some of them are edged with pink. When I was little I asked my mum why and she told me a lovely story to explain why.

Some of them have pink edges to their petals because on that first Easter morning, when Jesus walked in the garden and was seen by Mary and the other women who thought he was a gardener, his bare feet touched just some of the daisies in the grass. And because he still had the wounds in his feet his blood touched the daisies and marked their petals pink.



I love this story and still to this day I feel sorry for the daisies that Jesus didn't touch - because when Jesus touches our lives all things change and spring comes into our hearts forever.

BIBLE D's

Can you find all the answers to this Bible Quiz? All the words begin with the letter D.

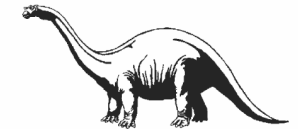
1. A tribe of Israel
2. He spent the night with some lions
3. Where Saul was going when Jesus appeared to him
4. Followers of Jesus
5. These made Joseph unpopular with his brothers
6. A famous king of Israel who played the harp

Answers at the bottom of the page.



How do dinosaurs pass exams?
With extinction.

My little brother's name is Dad.



Why is that?
They named him after my father.

What is the main ingredient on dog biscuits?
Collie flour.



Answers:
1. Dan 2. Daniel 3. Damascus 4. Disciples 5. Dreams 6. David

Signs & Symbols: Pascal Candles

Have a close look at a Pascal Candle. What darkness do you want Christ's light to overcome or get rid of in your life or local community?

The Rev Dr Jo White, a vicar in Derbyshire, recalls her police chase...

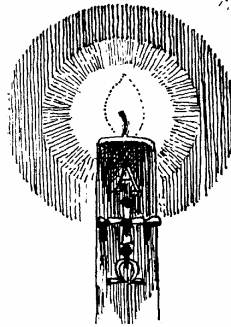
Ever had a police escort to church? Last year as I drove along the quiet country lanes on my way to a neighbouring parish, where I had been invited to join their service, I was followed and then stopped. Blue lights flashing and sirens blaring. I kid you not!

It was 4 am on Easter morning and apparently the police regularly stop any car on that road at that time of night. It was very helpful for me though, as the policeman knew the church and led me to the correct turn off. Wonderful.

Why so early, do I hear you asking? Well, the service began outside the church building with prayers around a bonfire, from the flames of which the Paschal Candle was lit and from that then each congregation member's candle. We then took the new light symbolising the Light of Christ into the dark building and continued our service. The candle represents Christ's resurrection, a light shining in darkness, a light that will dispel the darkness of a world without God.

And it really was a completely dark building except for the held candles; I remem-

ber as I held one for the organist as the usual light bulb over his music had gone out. The timing worked excellently with the first rays of the new day filtering through the windows as the Gospel reading of that empty tomb was being read.



If you get a chance have a close look at a Paschal (also spelled Pascal) Candle, also called an Easter Candle. They're tall and quite thick, lit on Easter Day for the first time and then lit at all

main services until Pentecost. After this they are often kept near the font and lit at Baptisms so that the individual's Baptismal candle to take home is lit from it. Some churches also light them at funerals.

The candle is traditionally decorated with the sign of the cross, the symbol of life and death; alpha and omega, the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, a reminder that Christ is the beginning and the end of all things; the date of the year, a reminder that the Lord of all ages is present here and now, as well as remembering how many years since he rose from the dead (however inaccurate the dating may be); and five 'nails' inserted in the shape of the cross to symbolise the five wounds of Christ.

"Around 1.2 billion people live on less than 60 pence a day and every day 30,000 people die because of poverty. This is totally unacceptable and it's time that we stood united to call for change."

Recent weeks have seen a number of high profile events for the Make Poverty History campaign. On 13 January some 600 women clergy, including Liz Cannon from Cross Roads, marched to Downing Street, accompanied by the 'Vicar of Dibley', Dawn French.

A few weeks later around 22,000 people packed into Trafalgar Square recently to hear Nelson Mandela issue a challenge to world leaders to act to make poverty history in 2005. "Like slavery and apartheid, poverty is not natural", said Mr Mandela. "It is man-made and it can be overcome and eradicated by the actions of human beings. Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity. It is an act of justice. It is the protection of a fundamental human right; the right to dignity and a decent life. While poverty persists, there is no true freedom. Make poverty history in 2005. Make history in 2005. Then we can all stand with our heads held high."

The G7 Finance Ministers meeting in London on 4 and 5 February failed to agree a breakthrough when they met in London, but they accepted for the first time that a massive increase in aid is urgently needed along with a new deal on debt. The Chancellor Gordon Brown praised the churches for the part they had played.

In July the G8 leaders are holding their summit at Gleneagles in Scotland. Up to 200,000 protestors, including many Christians, are expected to gather for a rally in Edinburgh on Saturday 2nd July to make their voice heard by those attending the summit.

The Make Poverty History coalition sees the G8 meeting as a unique opportunity for the UK to influence industrialised

countries through trade justice, debt cancellation and more and better aid. Leading relief and development agencies, including Oxfam, TearFund, CAFOD and World Vision, together with campaign groups, churches and trade unions have united

to urge the Government to make the eradication of poverty a priority in 2005.

"We have a duty to defend the helpless and to cry out against injustice," said World Vision's Director of Advocacy, Communications and Education, Rudo Kwaramba. "Around 1.2 billion people live on less than 60 pence a day and every day 30,000 people die because of poverty. This is totally unacceptable and it's time that we stood united to call for change."

The symbol of the campaign is a simple White Band worn around your wrist, your arm – in fact anywhere you like that it can be seen by everyone! You can buy a band in Oxfam shops or via the Traidcraft website at www.traidcraftshop.co.uk Sales of white bands have gone through the roof, with half a million being sold in just 4 weeks.

Have you got your white band yet?

For more information on the campaign visit the following websites:

- www.makepovertyhistory.org
- www.jubileedebtcampaign.org.uk
- www.christianaid.org
- www.tjm.org.uk (Trade Justice Movement)



Smile lines

A bishop of London was seated next to the French Ambassador when a fly settled on the tablecloth. Although the conversation had been in English, the bishop was keen to show off his knowledge of French in the presence of the ambassador. "Le mouche," he commented, airily. After a brief glance, the Ambassador smiled and said: "La mouche." The bishop studied the insect once again very closely and finally he exclaimed: "I must say, you've got remarkably good eyesight!"

THINKING ABOUT OUR WORSHIP (Part 4)

Last month we printed the third 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. This month we conclude this series.

The Holy Communion service moves through four sections: the *Gathering*; the *Liturgy of the Word*; the *Liturgy of the Sacrament*; and the *Dismissal*.

If the four sections outlined above are the surface structure, then underneath can be discerned a deeper structure of the Eucharist: Gathering, Transformation and Mission. We come as God's people, we encounter the living God and we are sent out again to be God's people and do God's work.

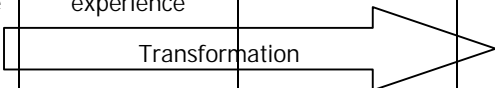
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The Gathering
The Liturgy of the Word
The Liturgy of the Sacrament
The Dismissal

Deep structure

Gathering
} Transformation
} Mission

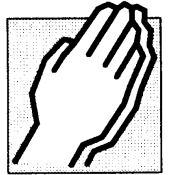
Another way of exploring the four sections is as follows:

Gathering	Word	Sacrament	Dismissal
The coming together of the people of God	Listen Respond Affirm	Take Bless Break Give	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
From the world, bringing the business of the week into the presence of God	The promises of God heard in the light of our own experience	At the table the food of God is received	Nourished by word and sacrament to be Christ in the world
			

This table shows the transforming flow of the service from gathering to departing. We bring with us from the world our joys and our sadnesses, our hopes and our fears. These experiences are rightly placed before God in our worship. We should then not leave the place of worship as the same people who entered it.

Our worship is about **Mission**. We come in order to be sent out again 'to live and work to God's praise and glory'.

Page of Prayer



I would like to share something I learned at Harvesters Bible Study Group about different aspects of prayer.

A.C.T.S.

A for ADORATION

Jesus we love you.

How worthy our Lord is of our love.

"The greatest love a person can have for his friends is to give his life for them." John 15

Father we love you.

God our Father sacrificed his only son for us so that we could know forgiveness for our sins. How worthy He is of our adoration.

Spirit we love you.

Our Comforter and Strengthener who intercedes for us.

C for CONFESSION

We often hear the expression in a light hearted way

Confession is good for the soul! INDEED IT IS!

We need to remind ourselves of the things we have done and the things we ought not to have done.

T for THANKSGIVING

O God our Father we would thank you for all the bright things of life.

Help us to see them, and to count them and to remember them, that our lives may flow in ceaseless praise; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Rev John Henry Jowett 1846 – 1923)

S for Supplication

Perhaps this is the aspect of prayer we are most familiar with. We pray for ourselves, families, friends, Church family and the world.

Paul in his letter to the Ephesians says, "Do all this in prayer asking for God's help.

Pray on every occasion, as the Spirit leads. Pray always for all

God's people.

(Ephesians 8)

How comforting to know that Your Father already knows what you need before you ask him.

(Matthew 6)

Lord in Your mercy hear our prayer

This month's page of prayer was compiled by Eleanor Eastwood.

Cross Hill Naturalists' Society (Founded 1904)

Sat 12th March 'A Pennyworth of Natural History' Dr A. Kinnear

Future dates to note

Sun. 7th April Summer Rambles begin

Weds. 18th May Annual Coach Excursion

Further details next month

Microscope workshops continue throughout the summer on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Further details from Miss J Kendrew 01535 632447

Proofs about Jesus

Three proofs that Jesus was Puerto Rican

1. His first name was Jesus
2. He was bilingual
3. He was always being harassed by the authorities.

Three proofs that Jesus was black

1. He called everybody 'brother'
2. He liked gospel.
3. He couldn't get a fair trial.

Three proofs that Jesus was Jewish

1. He went into his father's business
2. He lived at home until he was 33.
3. He was sure his Mother was a virgin, and his Mother was sure he was God.

Three proofs that Jesus was Italian.

1. He talked with his hands
2. He had wine with every meal
3. He worked in the building trade

Three proofs that Jesus was a Californian

1. He never cut his hair
2. He walked around barefoot
3. He started a new religion.

Three proofs that Jesus was Irish

1. He never got married
2. He was always telling stories
3. He loved green pastures.

And now – the most compelling evidence!

Three proofs that Jesus was a woman

1. He had to feed a crowd, at a moment's notice, when there was no food.
2. He kept trying to get the message across to a bunch of men who just didn't get it.
3. Even when he was dead, he had to get up because there was more work for him to do.

Partnership in World Mission

Our Parish Mission Statement includes the aim 'to reach out with the Good News of God's love for all people through...supporting the wider mission of the Church'. It is important therefore that we keep ourselves aware of those bodies and organisations which exist primarily for this wider mission.

Over the coming months the Outreach Advisory Group will once again offer a series of articles looking at some of the principal mission agencies of the Church of England and also other charitable groups with which this parish has strong links.

We begin with a look at the group Partnership for World Mission (PWM) which is part of the Church of England's Board of Mission. It was founded about 25 years ago to strengthen the Church of England's involvement in world mission. It continues to do this in a number of ways:

- By helping to facilitate the way the Mission Agencies work together. PWM encourages communication between the Agencies and joint ventures; facilitates meetings of those with similar responsibilities; and seeks way to enable their desire to work more closely whenever this is appropriate.
- There are eleven Church of England-based mission agencies that are full members of PWM: United Society of the Propagation of the Gospel (USPG), Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge (SPCK), Church Mission Society with mid-African Ministry (CMS), South American Missionary Society, (SAMS) Mothers' Union (MU), Crosslinks, Mission to Seafarers (MTS), Church Army (CA), Churches' Ministry amongst Jewish People (CMJ), Intercontinental

Church Society (ICS) and Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS). Each of the agencies brings a distinct emphasis to their contribution to mission throughout the Anglican Communion.

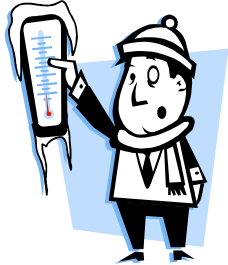
- By encouraging the network of Diocesan Companion Links. These are the formal links that dioceses in England have with other dioceses and churches throughout the world. (Bradford Diocese has links with the Northern Dioceses in Sudan, with Southwestern Virginia and with the church in Effurt, Germany.)

- By seeking to draw into the work of the partnership other organisations involved in world mission.

- By acting as one of the channels by which these partners communicate with the Church of England's National Institutions such as General Synod, its Boards and Councils and Lambeth Palace. PWM also seeks to foster the relationship between the Church of England and other parts of the World Church.

It may be possible to group the Church of England mission agencies under three categories.

- General Agencies. They are not geographically defined but are defined somewhat by their theology and core commitments. With CMS it's a commitment to holistic evangelistic mission. With USPG there is a Kingdom focus.
- People-group Agencies. Most obvious of them is CMJ, ministering to Jewish people both in Israel itself and in other parts of the world. There is a wide mix of activities including evangelism, church planting again, pastoral ministry,



Situated in the north aisle, the choir area is not the warmest place to sit in church at any time and in winter, at choir practice, it is not unusual to get cold feet, which got me thinking about the saying 'cold feet' which can also mean a loss of nerve or to be not too sure of undertaking something. In 1862, Reuter, a German author, described in one of his books how a card player, fearing that he was going to lose a lot of money but not wanting look a fool by defeat, announced that his feet were too cold to concentrate and left the table. So one evening my feet were very cold but I was aware that everybody else was in the same boat.

This phrase eludes to the nautical fact that cabin boy or captain, all ranks of sailor face the same peril should the ship flounder. That evening my feet were becoming colder and colder and I was getting to the end of my tether. In the Middle Ages to ensure they didn't stray beyond a certain area, animals were tethered to a post. Once they arrived at the limit of their leash, unable to get to the fresh green grass just out of reach, they would become frustrated and traumatized.

However now I am going to let the cat out of the bag, for one week later heaters appeared in the corner. Again in mediaeval times when purchasing a piglet at market the buyer would start to haggle regarding the price. Whilst this was happening the piglet would be put into a bag for transportation home but very often a cat would be substituted – the purchaser would not realize this until he got home and Tibby instead of a porker, came out of the bag.

So you have it straight from the horse's mouth that it is a little warmer now at choir practice – that's accurate first hand information.

In days past a horse was a valuable commodity and there were few ways of reliably assessing its age before purchasing one. People were wary of spending money on an old horse with not much work left in it. One of the ways which could reassure the purchaser of the age of the horse was to look at its mouth, see how far the teeth had worn down or the gums receded.

So we're all as right as ninepence now, in fact we're feeling fine and ready for action (or singing as the case may be) Silver ninepenny pieces were the highest value coins in circulation until the late seventeenth century and were often given as a token of love and affection and people were delighted to receive them.

So after getting cold feet but knowing everybody was in the same boat and probably at the end of their tether you have it straight from the horse's mouth that we are now as right as ninepence with our heaters on every Thursday night!

- training and advocacy.
- Mission Resource Agencies. Church Army, for example, does a number of activities but at the core is the training of evangelists. The Mothers' Union is engaged in supporting women in mission (and men as well!). SPCK provides literature and communication resources and CPAS offer people and training resources for mission.

Next month we will take a closer look at the work of the Church Mission Society with which this parish has close links especially through our mission partners Stephen and Margaret Tirwomwe.

We are looking for someone with an interest in helping us promote the work of the mission agencies and our own links in particular. If you are interested please speak to the Vicar.

Prayer for the Parish

During the winter instead of a 'prayer walk' you are invited to 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 1st March at 7.30pm, finishing at 8.15pm.

Church Building Development Project News

The winter has been a relatively quiet period with work progressing in the background in two key areas.

Jackson Quigg Associates have been car-

rying out research into the current and future potential uses of the church building. This information will assist in the writing of a document known of the Statement of Needs and also in formulating fundraising applications for grants. This work should be completed in early March.

We have also just had a visit from Dr Charles Tracy, an expert in English medieval church furniture and woodwork, to survey all the woodwork in St Andrew's Church. His report will be an important point of reference in writing another document known of the Statement of Significance, which assessing the historical importance and value of all aspects of the building.

Following these two pieces of work we will now move to arrange onsite visits by the national amenity societies, English Heritage, the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings and the Victorian Society. Their thoughts on the outline development scheme will be an important influence on the further development of the project.

Watch this space...!

As we progress the project those involved are keeping in mind the relevant section of our Parish Mission Statement which reads as follows:

- In living out our mission we aim to care for and develop our church buildings, through responsible and creative custodianship, as we strive to ensure that they serve the present and future needs of both the worshipping and the wider community.

Parish Mission Statement
CALLED TO BE THE BODY OF CHRIST, WE ARE HERE TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE WITH ALL PEOPLE
THROUGH OUTREACH AND SERVICE, IN OUR COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD THROUGH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of Farnhill Parish Council was held on the 3rd February 2005 in Kildwick/Farnhill Institute. Two members of the public were present. The meeting was chaired by Councillor G. McKmney.

A response has been received from Highways stating that there is no prescribed level beyond which traffic noise becomes unacceptable, but most people find excessive traffic noise increasingly intrusive. The Noise Regulations which came into effect in 1973 and amended in 1975, dealt with traffic noise issues from new roads which were opened or altered post 1969. These regulations do not relate to the A629 which was in existence before 1969. A specific budget has been established to deal with the most serious and pressing cases of noise pollution on older roads, but the demand for noise mitigation measures across the whole network is likely to far outstrip the available resources. The A629 will be considered as part of that process and the Highways Agency will let us know it" anything positive comes out of the exercise. Clerk to write and state that the road had a new section added in 1988 which contributes to higher speeds and higher noise level. Also to ask when the survey is likely to be carried out.

Highways have cleaned the beck at Farnhill near Whitehouse Barn and cleared a blockage in the Culvert. A report will be available at a later date.

The footpaths arc being repaired at Mary Street and the kerbs lowered; when these are completed the road will be resurfaced.

Cononley Parish Council have asked if there would be any interest from Farnhill in a proposal for a joint scheme to provide a Lengthman or Community warden services in the parishes of Cononley, Farnhill, Kildwick & Lothersdale. The Parish Council are to respond saying that they may be interested but would need more detailed information. CDC Counc. M Wheeler advised the Parish Council that there may be funding available for 3 years, but after that the Parish Council would have to pay. The Lengthman/Warden would not replace the statutory duties of the Authorities.

The dates have been set for the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on the 28th April 2005 at 7.30pm to 9pm in Kildwick/Farnhill Institute. Members of the village are welcome to come along and express their views on anything concerning the village.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on the 5th May 2005 at 7.30pm-9.30pm in Kildwick/Farnhill Institute again members of the village are welcome to attend.

The next meeting will be held .on Thursday 3rd March_2005_in Kildwick/Farnhill Institute at 7.30pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Area Forum Meeting

Craven District Council are holding a round of forum meetings in March. The meeting relative to this area will be held at Glusburn Institute on March 2nd at 7pm.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Sunday 24th April

The Annual Meetings which take place next month are important occasions in the life of a parish. At the meetings we elect those who will share in the leadership of the parish for the coming year and we have the opportunity to reflect together on the past year and to help think about the future life of God's church in this parish.

Every year we elect our two churchwardens; this year we will see a new face elected as Lesley Hudson will step down from office after serving faithfully for several years. This year we also elect 2 people to represent the parish on the Deanery Synod for the next 3 years and 2 people to serve on the Cross Hills & District Fellowship of Churches Council for a year. We then have 8 vacancies for people to serve on the Parochial Church Council. To share in the leadership of the parish is an important function and everyone is encouraged to prayerful consider if they are being called by God to serve in this way.

Each year we also revise our Electoral Roll. Those on the Roll are signifying, firstly, a commitment to the Church of England. Secondly, they signify an undertaking to the Parish of St Andrew, Kildwick. This undertaking should indicate a willingness to make a contribution to the life of the Church. Such a contribution does not just mean 'giving money', although our church does need such a resource, but ideally giving of yourself, for the sake of God's Kingdom. Application forms for the Electoral Roll are available in church.

We hope as many members of our parish church community as possible will come to our Annual Meetings. Please book the date in your diary.

Children and Communion before Confirmation

At the meeting of the Parochial Church Council in January it was agreed unanimously to seek the permission of the Bishop to move to allow children to be admitted to receive Holy Communion before Confirmation.

This is a significant change from the present pattern and reflects the changing understanding in Christian Initiation. As far back as 1967 the Church of England agreed that 'baptism is a complete sacramental initiation and that adults and children should be admitted to Holy Communion on that basis'.

If permission for the change is given then the following guidelines will apply:

- Children must be baptized before being admitted to Communion;
- Whilst the Bishops' Guidelines suggest a minimum age of 7 years for admission to Communion this parish will consider children of younger years if it is felt appropriate for the child; (*i.e. children will usually be in school Year 2 or above, but children in Year 1 may occasionally be admitted*);
- The child must be actively involved in an activity which is part of the life of St Andrew's Church;
- The child must want to be admitted to Communion;
- The child's parents must consent to the child being admitted to Communion;
- The child must attend all sessions of the preparation course;
- Either the child's parent(s) or another support adult must agree to give active support to the child during the time of preparation to be admitted to Communion and thereafter.

It is intended to hold an introductory evening for parents of interested children on Tuesday 17 March in the Parish Rooms. A short preparation course will then take place after Easter with children being admitted to Communion on Sunday 15 May, Pentecost Sunday.

For more information please contact the Vicar.

Baptism, Confirmation and Affirmation of Faith

Recently retired Bishop of Woolwich the Right Reverend Colin Buchanan and now an Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Bradford was at St Andrew's Church recently when he presided at a service of Baptism, Confirmation and Affirmation of Faith.

All of those being baptised, confirmed or affirming their faith were adults and the paths that led them to St Andrew's last Sunday were very different, ranging from illness to the joy of birth. During his sermon the bishop declared, 'It is a great joy and encouragement to all of us here today to see how God has drawn you to him,

and supported you through the joys and sorrows which you have experienced.'

Robin Figg said, 'It was a joy to welcome Bishop Colin for this special service, especially as it was his first such service since moving to this diocese. It is always wonderful to see people growing in the Christian faith and wanting to declare this publicly in church surrounded by family and friends.'

Kathryn Taylor, who affirmed her faith, said, 'Dealing with a serious illness over the last eighteen months, I have really felt God's love and touch. It has been evident in the love, care, concern and prayers of a lot of people for me and my young family. I have felt it very directly too. It seemed natural to affirm my faith in God now. The service was so special - very moving, joy-filled and happy.'

There were three people confirmed: Alex Smith (who was also baptised in the service), Antony Chaplain and Stephen Birdsall. Those who affirmed their faith were: Fiona Birdsall, Emma Cook, Tim Littler and Kathryn Taylor.

Is there life after Mike?

As many of you know Mike Murphy, our Organist and Choirmaster left for pastures new in January. Although it was a sad loss for music at Kildwick church we are continuing to develop and enjoy a wide range of styles of music using the skills that we are blessed within our congregation.

Isobel Stirk is playing the organ on Sunday's and accompanying at practises whilst John Hudson is conducting the choir.

The Music Group has been very blessed with the arrival of Glyn Evans as the keyboard player.

Those of us involved in music at church would ask you to pray for us all and if there are any singers out there **WE NEED YOU** (especially if you're a tenor!)

Lesley Hudson

Church Rotas for March

Date	Sidesperson	Intercessor	Communion
Sunday 6 th March Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)	Beth Taylor Joan Houghton Barry Houghton Sandi Walton	6pm Michael Baumber	6 pm John Exley
Sunday 13 th March Fifth Sunday of Lent	Gill Jowett Christine Anderton Ann Mosley	Gill Jowett	Michael Baumber Gill Jowett
Sunday 20 th March Palm Sunday	Alison/Gary McKinney June Whitaker Pam Brown Elaine Jamieson	Peter Bannister	Gary McKinney Christine Anderton
Thursday 24 th March Maundy Thursday		Lesley Hudson	
Friday 25 th March Good Friday			
Sunday 27 th March Easter Day	Eleanor Eastwood Dorothy Ward Christine Hutchinson Joyce Boden	Isobel Stirk	Tim Littler Janet Swain

From the registers

Baptisms

Sunday 6 February Isabella Rose Pickard, daughter of Simon & Janine of Baxter Wood, Cross Hills
Sunday 20 February Alex Smith



Confirmations

Sunday 20 February Stephen Birdsall, Antony Chaplain, Alex Smith

Affirmations of Faith

Sunday 20 February Fiona Birdsall, Emma Cook, Tim Littler, Kathryn Taylor

Church Rotas for March

Sunday 6 th March Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)	First Reading - 1 Samuel 16.1-13 Second Reading - Ephesians 5.8-14 Gospel - John 9.1-41	Janet Swain Brenda Brock Michael Baumber
Sunday 13 th March Fifth Sunday of Lent	First Reading - Ezekiel 37.1-14 Second Reading - Romans 8.6-11 Gospel - John 11.1-45	Brian Charter
Sunday 20 th March Palm Sunday	First Reading - Isaiah 50.4-9a Second Reading - Philippians 2.5-11 Gospel - Matthew 26.14 - 27.66	Ruth Ward Lesley Bannister Dramatised
Thursday 24 th March Maundy Thurs- day	First Reading - Exodus 12.1-4(5-10) 11-14 Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 11.23-26 Gospel - John 13.1-17,31b-35	Jennifer Roberts Isobel Stirk Barry Houghton
Friday 25 th March Good Friday	First Reading - Isaiah 52.13 - 53.12 Second Reading - Hebrews 4.14- 16; 5.7-9 Gospel - John 18.1 - 19.42	Gill Jowett Lesley Hudson
Sunday 27 th March Easter Day	First Reading - Acts 10.34-43 Second Reading - Colossians 3.1-4 Gospel - Matthew 28.1-10	Lesley Bannister Marjorie Gee Sandie Walton

March	Church Cleaning	Brass Cleaning:	Flowers	Tea and Coffee Rota (after 10am service)
6th		Mr and Mrs Ward	LENT	June Whitaker, Betty Hawkins
13th	+HOO+XON Rosie Hargreaves Sylvia Ackroyd		LENT	Beth Taylor, Marjorie Gee
20th			LENT	Ann Mosley, Christine Anderton
27th	O DUDQ %D[WU June Whittaker, Mary Peake		EASTER	Joyce Bonham

Tasha's news from Senegal

By the time you get to read this I will be half way through my time here!

The 4th of Feb is the half way mark! This is a very odd fact! I really could not tell you if the first half has gone fast or slow! Life in England seems a life-time ago, but at the same time only yesterday!

The new term has started and is going well. However, many people have been ill with a sickness bug and I was one to be hit. After a lot of rest, but still continuing teaching, I am much better. Many of us felt home sick over the holidays. I had my boyfriend, a friend and my sister to visit. It made us all think about home and loved ones there. We also had more time to think about home during the holidays without the kids here, and logically it was Christmas when we knew we would all miss home!

Things I am grateful for

1. I am very grateful for the kids coming back and for school starting up again. I was getting quite down without them!
2. I am now only teaching secondary kids so I have no more junior Geography or DT to stress about!
3. My first few lessons of Biology have been going really well! I actually feel confident in what I am teaching!
4. The cold evenings, nights and mornings! Jeans and socks are a must! It's nice to have to sleep with 2 sheets, not one!
5. My skin is so much better! Thank you for all your prayers! I don't have any marks on my face or neck!
6. I have found somewhere on our local beach at Popenguine that sells ice cream! Very exciting! I already know what I want to do

for my birthday!! (In five months' time!)

Bugs and Animals!

I will try to keep this section short this month for the squeamish! For those of you interested the Mango worm's scientific name is a Tumbu Fly or Putsi Fly! No more of them, thank God!

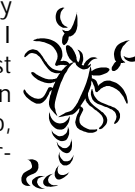
Izzy found and killed her first Scorpion. It was found in our shower. It was the smallest scorpion possible! The size of your finger nail, if that! We now have it dead and pinned on our kitchen wall!!! Lucas, one of the year 10 boys, found a biggish scorpion and kept it alive in the biology room until it escaped! I am happy to say that it is still the Bio room but it is now being preserved in alcohol!

School and Kids

I am so grateful for the kids being back. They are the reason for me being here and over the holidays that reason had gone! I was so excited to welcome them back and have fun with them again! I have already got my assembly out of the way for this term! Teaching is going well. I can't say I love it but I do enjoy it still. I can have good lessons and most are fun! Due to it being the New Year many people at home and here have been asking that horrid question! What do you want to do next year? I don't know! I am having a look into teaching to see if it is even a possibility. I am worried because I would want to teach Geography and I don't have a degree in that, or a national curriculum subject degree either! Youth work and social work are still very much in mind but I will have to find out how to train and how much it will cost! Maybe I should look into zoo keeping after all my experience here!

Locals and local places

It has been a noisy few days as it has been Tabaski here. Tabaski is a Muslim



festival where each family kills a sheep or ram as a sacrifice. There have been a lot of parties.

Last week I did not get any sleep as there was drumming and singing all night from the village. We wondered if it was for a dead girl who died a few weeks ago. 40 days after someone dies they drum and send the spirit away. We don't know, but this could have explained the drumming. The girl who died was only 18 and had died suddenly.

Tabea, Izzy and I have been relaxing at the weekends at the beach at Saly or Popenquine. It is a hard life!! The sea is very cold now though! It's very bracing as you enter but it is nice to be so cold!

House

I now have my own room back to myself. Izzy has now moved out and into her own room. This is because Magali has gone, which was very sad. I cried, typical Tasha style! She was a great friend and supported me through the scorpions, the mango worm and just being away from loved ones. She is a star! (thanks Mags!) Izzy and I found it very odd when we no longer had each other to talk to every second of the day! I have put a chair in my room for her to come and sit on for a brew and a chat!

Our house is the social place to be! It's nice to have others around in the evenings and we had many fun nights in the holidays. We are now in a funny craze of doing jigsaw puzzles! Sad, we know, especially because of how addicted we get! Just one more piece!!!

Sport

This is the sporty term at school and I am doing my bit! I am running with the cross-country team and with Tabea and Izzy in the week! I am also teaching two PE lessons and coaching the sprinting team! When doing athletics it is very strange to think it is January-February not June-July!

Praise Points

- My skin is 99 per cent better and I

have no marks on my face! Yippy! Thank you for your prayers!

- I have made it to half way!
- The weather is a lot cooler and I sometimes have to wear a cardigan until lunch time!
- We had locusts but they were only here for a day and then vanished. They were here New Year's day!
- I don't have to teach primaries any more!

Prayer Points

- That I will not wish my time away here too much. I spend too much time thinking and dreaming about going home. I am so lucky to have this adventure!
- I feel on top of my work and confident. Pray I continue this way! That my boyfriend, Sam, finds a great job. He has just left WEC. He was their graphic designer.
- That I will not worry about my future. That I will become more disciplined to pray about my future and see what God wants me to do.
- Now that it is the New Year I need to change my air ticket home! It's for the correct day but now the wrong destination! I have a ticket to Manchester but I now need it to be to a London airport in order to be able to get to my cousin's wedding in time! I fly through the night and go to a wedding the next day. Changing the ticket may cost money or I may have to buy a separate ticket from Brussels or Manchester. So pray it can be changed easily!

Till next time!

PS Thank you to everyone who sent Christmas cards and gifts. I was very blessed! Thank you!

Keep the letters and emails up, they make my day!

bscacad@sentoo.sn – My name in the subject box

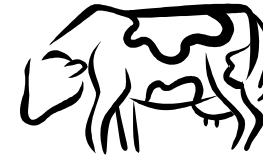
AN INTRODUCTION TO LOCAL CHURCH HISTORY

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

PART 17 THE Winter Silver

John Rycroft was born in Kildwick parish and probably in Silsden but he spent most of his life in London and of the to VII and Henry VIII. He died in 1532 was buried in the of in the East. His will, dated 21 August, contains a charitable bequest to native parish. He left £80 to the vicar and churchwardens with the instruction that the money should be used to buy 120 cows which should be let to the poor people of the at a rent of 8d each, The income of 80s a year was to be divided into four, 30s to be to providing bread, drink and cheese for the poor on the anniversary of his 10s was to be divided between the churchwardens, 20s should be used for the of the 20s was to be ploughed back into maintaining the stock. He a posthumous benefaction, of another £80 which was deposited with Nicholas Gibson, a London grocer, which was again to be spent on the purchase of milch cattle. No reference was made to the precise charitable use of this £80. Gibson appropriated £10 to himself and insisted that the remaining £70 should support an extra priest at the parish church.

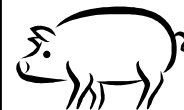
By the mid 1540s the distribution not to have been taking place and the profits were being devoted to more objectives such as the payment of taxes and the



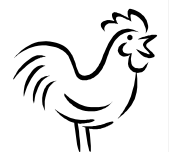
provision of a soldier to fight in the Scottish Wars. The extra priest was being employed to teach children which was to 'the relief of all the inhabitants of the said parish' Despite the

failure to distribute the 30s the charity must have been supporting a sizeable proportion of the parish by allowing them to sell the calves or mature beasts, or by drawing milk for cheese from them.

Unfortunately the bequests fell foul of the claims were made that the charity was forfeit under the provisions of the act confiscating chantries. After hearing a petition from the parish in 1552 the Court of Augmentations accepted that the first bequest should stand but insisted that the £70 devoted to a priest should be forfeit. The parish did not pay up and was prosecuted in 1578 when it pleaded that the money should be used to found a grammar school. The result of the case is not known but no school was established so it would seem that the money had to be surrendered. The cattle from the first bequest seem to have been sold in 1620 and the money invested in a rent charge, The 'Winter Silver' as the charity came to be known, continued to be paid in the nineteenth century as a dole, but by this time all knowledge of the identity of John Rycroft had been lost.



Thank you to every one who contributed to our Advent collection. We collected £275 which will be used to buy 2 goats and 2 pigs in Africa. The Jets children's group had their own collection and have bought 40 chickens and 30 fruit trees.



Sun 11th EASTER DAY

April

Sun 24th 10 am Parish Communion followed by **Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting**
Sun 24th 6 pm Service of Thanksgiving for Departed Family and Friends

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.

During Lent

The Stations of the Cross

Thursdays 6.45pm
Fridays 12.30pm

Sunday 6 th March	8.15 am	Holy Communion
Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)	10 am 6 pm	Family Service for Mothering Sunday Sung Eucharist
Sunday 13 th March	8.15 am	Holy Communion
Fifth Sunday of Lent	10 am 6 pm	Sung Eucharist CDFC Service St Andrew's

For the Easter Services see page 13

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 * Sunday 6th March 10.00am *
 * Family Communion Service for *
 * **Mothering Sunday** *
 * with flowers for mothers and others *
 * All welcome *
 * Simnel cake, tea and coffee after the *
 * service. *
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Woman's Institute News -



Kildwick and Farnhill February Meeting

Jenny Aran extended a warm welcome as we arrived at The Ilkley Playhouse for our monthly meeting on 10th February. She gave us a potted history of both the building and the performing artists; both go back more than a century. We then embarked on a tour of the premises - leaving only the cellar unexplored! Of particular interest were the costume and props. departments where we could visualize past decades of our own lives. The sewing room is an Aladdin's cave of beads and trimmings while the collection of hats has to be seen to be believed.

The Ilkley Players own and run the Playhouse and they are justly proud of the extensive rebuild which took place in 1998. The town's own Alan Tichmarch is an active Patron.

Altogether a fascinating evening .

The next production is an hilarious comedy set between 1935-1952 entitled "Second to Last in the Sackrace" by David Nobbs.Should be worth another visit!!


Our next 'Production' in the Parish Rooms is Jane Brunskill telling of Children in Crisis in China, Peru and Everest Base Camp. See you 7.30pm, March 10th.

Glusburn and Cross Hills February meeting

At our meeting on 1st February Mr Paul Kenny entertained us with a talk on "Yorkshire Oddities" illustrated with slides, most of which were his own photographs. His "Oddities" were wide ranging around Yorkshire, all interesting, many strange and many beautiful.

We have entered a team in the North Yorkshire West Federation darts tournament. Our players are practising for the local heat on 11th March.

At our next meeting on 1st march Mrs M Starkey will be our speaker. her subject is still to be announced. At this meeting we shall have a raffle in aid of the Guide Dogs Association.



March 15th 2 pm.
Sutton-in-Craven Branch of the Mothers' Union are meeting in St Thomas' Hall Sutton
The subject is 'Celtic Spirituality' and the speaker is Mrs Jane Parkinson
All welcome

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**
As ever helpers will be needed so please set this date aside **NOW!**

Lent, Holy Week and Easter

We continue our journey through Lent, on our journey with Jesus to the Cross. Lent is a time for prayerful reflection on the meaning of our Lord's Passion. All Christians are encouraged to observe a 'Holy Lent' by a disciplined pattern of prayer and worship, reading and reflection. An increasingly popular aid to this reflection is the service of **Stations of the Cross**. The service lasts 30 minutes and will take place each **Thursday at 6.45pm** and each **Friday at 12.30pm** in church. All are encouraged to experience this service at least once during Lent.

Holy Week is the most important of all weeks in the Christian calendar and, again, all Christians are encouraged to join in with as much of Holy Week as possible. Of particular importance is experiencing the great period from Maundy Thursday through to Easter Day. It is only by experiencing the sorrow of the Cross on Good Friday that we can most fully experience the joy of the empty tomb on Easter Day.

Holy Week & Easter Services

Sunday 20th March – **Palm Sunday**

8.15am Blessing of Palms and Holy Communion
 10.00am Blessing of Palms, Procession (from Barretts Bridge, Priestbank Road) and Holy Communion
Those who prefer not to process meet in church for Blessing of Palms.
 Children's Activities in Parish Rooms

6.00pm Service of Readings and Music for Palm Sunday

Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd March – Days in Holy Week

12.30pm Stations of the Cross

7.30pm Meditative Service

Thursday 24th March – **Maundy Thursday**

7.30pm Eucharist of the Last Supper followed by vigil of prayer until 11pm
 (Preacher: The Revd Canon Ken Medhurst)

Friday 25th March – **Good Friday**

10.00am Procession of witness from St Andrew's to Cross Hills for...

10.30am United Service at St Peter's Methodist Church.

12 noon Prayer around the cross until...

2.00pm Liturgy of the Cross (Preacher: The Revd Canon Ken Medhurst)

7.30pm Devotional Service (South Craven Baptist Church)

Saturday 26th March – **Easter Eve**

8.30pm Easter Vigil, Renewal of Baptismal Vows & First Communion of Easter
 (Preacher: The Revd Canon Ken Medhurst)

Sunday 27th March – **Easter Day**

8.15am Holy Communion

10.00am Family Holy Communion and Renewal of Baptismal Vows (followed by Easter Egg hunt)

6.00pm Celebration Songs of Praise

Regular Events at Kildwick

Sunday 10am	KICKs in Parish Rooms (Starts in church)	School aged children's group.
1st and 3rd Sunday 7pm-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 April Bridge is 18th March

March

Tues 1st 7.30 pm Prayers for the Parish (Parish Rooms)

Thurs 3rd 10 am Church Recording session

Sun. 6th 10 am Family service for Mothering Sunday

Tues 8th 7.30 pm PCC Meeting (Parish Rooms)

Fri 11th/Sat 12th Church and churchyard maintenance days

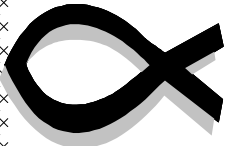
Sat 12th 7.30 pm 'An Informal History of the 20th Century' by Ian Dewhirst

Tues 15th 10 am Church Recorders Training Day

Tues 15th 2 pm Mothers' Union meeting St Thomas' Hall Sutton

Sat 19th 9.30-11 am Coffee Morning Senior Citizens Centre Cross Hills

Sat 20th PALM SUNDAY



Stitching Course

Come and try your hand at something different!

Blackwork, pulled & drawn threadwork, hardanger, canvaswork, stumpwork, freestyle...

And have something to take home!

Alternate Fridays in the Summer term

9.30 for 10am, until 3.30pm

23rd April, 7th May, 21st May, 4th June, 18th June and 1st July

just £20 per day

including materials and lunch!

Special offer:

pay in advance and your sixth session is free!

**For details and a booking form ring Gill on
01535 632405**



19th March 9.30-11am
Senior Citizens Centre
Crosshills

Small item and cakes for
sale and Raffle prizes
welcome

Woman's World Day of Prayer

The service this year will be held at

7.30 pm on Friday 4th March

Cowling Methodist Church.

The theme is 'Let our light shine' and it

has been prepared by

the women of Poland.

The preacher will be Mollie Greenwood.

Everyone is welcome,

both men and women.

Morrisons Salvaid Collection.. 2005

Thursday..Friday..Saturday, 17th..18th..19th..March

From a letter I have received from Rodney Smith of Salvaid. Rodney and his wife Mary now live in the Czech Republic , among the people they have worked for so long to help.

"We are happy to say that the situation here continues to improve, however the work, started in 1993, still needs funds.

We are encouraged by the results of our educational activity and contacts, and the assistance we can give to musical events.

We see ourselves as 'Bridge Builders', bringing greater understanding of our way of life and moral position to those who were forced, through no fault of their own, to acquire a somewhat jaundiced view of our homeland.

Mary and I are staying through the winter here so that we can assess the needs of the folk, and we were rewarded to see how they used the knitted garments we donated.

Although with snow falls that started before Christmas and continue, and have now reached a depth of 3 feet, with temperatures at -13 we are warmed by the friendship of people."

If you feel that you could spare an hour (or more!) to hold a collecting can in Morrison's foyer on the above dates, please ring Mrs Margaret Irons on 01535 632453, or if you would like more information ring me, Pam Brown, 01535 631505.

Rodney and Mary will be here for the Salvaid Hunger Lunch at St Peter's, Cross Hills, on Monday 21st March from 11.00am

Pam Brown

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**Saturday 12th March
at 7 – 30pm**

A Talk by Local Historian.

Ian Dewhirst M.B.E

**'An Informal history of the 20th Century'
In church**

Refreshments

Tickets £5 / £4 concession

Available on the door or by contacting.

01535 653997 / 633307

Proceeds for church redevelopment fund.