



## ***The Vicar's Letter...***

Dear friends,

Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Our joyful celebration of Easter continues and we continue to sing our Alleluias as we proclaim the good news of the resurrection of Jesus our Lord. We are an 'Easter people'; our faith is centred in a person who died and rose again and wants us to share in that risen life.



The Easter season ends with the Day of Pentecost (Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May) when we celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit. The preceding nine days (after Ascension Day until Pentecost) are days of prayer and preparation for this celebration of the out-pouring of the Spirit. During this time the Church prays 'Come, Holy Spirit, renew your whole creation'.

For our celebration of Ascension Day this year (Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May) we will welcome the Reverend John Peet, Vicar of Cononley and Bradley, as our preacher.

The Easter season ends with a strong reminder that God's people are called to take the message of the gospel out into the world with confidence and show people that the Kingdom of God is among them.

It is the Kingdom of God and its values that we are called to proclaim. The challenge is to recognise that these values are often radically different from the values of the world.

As we enter the home straight before the General Election on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May each of us has to decide how we are going to exercise our democratic right to vote. How are you going to weigh up the various claims and counter-claims being offered to us daily by the different political parties? Like me you may be feeling overwhelmed by the words that come flying our way from both the candidates standing for election and the media commentators.

There is a danger of feeling unable to choose between the parties. There are those who ask if the parties are they really any different from each other; others ask if we can really trust any politician to deliver what they promise?

The challenge is to do all that we can to scrutinize the words being presented to us by all the candidates and their parties. We must ask searching questions in order that on 5<sup>th</sup> May we can make an informed decision about where to put our **X** on the ballot paper. Our vote is important and we must use it wisely. On 6<sup>th</sup> May we must begin to pray for those elected to serve as our Members of Parliament and County Councillors.

At the end of May I hope many of you, with your family and friends, will come to visit our Flower Festival. This promises to be another wonderful event for our church community as members of Steeton Flower Club help us remember some of the great books and poems of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century.

May promises to be an exciting month for us all – nationally and locally. Enjoy it! 'Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people and kindle in us the fire of your love.'

*Robin*

## **HOLIDAY RETREAT IN SPAIN**

Stay in a beautiful village house with views to the mountains in close proximity to Caravaca

Caravaca in north-western Murcia is a city that never ceases to amaze. Although a seemingly insignificant little place in the hills it is, in fact, one of the holiest places on earth.



There are only five Holy Cities in the world recognised by the Catholic Church and Caravaca is one of them. The reason is the presence in the town of what is believed to be a tiny fragment of the Cross upon which Jesus was crucified. The sliver of wood is kept in an ornate jewelled outer cross which is venerated by pilgrims from all over the world.

The problem for visitors to Caravaca is that there is just so much to see and most probably won't get around everything in a single trip. There is an intriguing museum of archaeology, beautifully laid out, in the old Church of la Soledad, and many other churches that are important Renaissance and Baroque art works in themselves. The medieval area is a network of narrow streets, squares and cul-de-sacs, with fragments of the original wall still remaining. The bullring, was opened in 1880 and it has a very pronounced Islamic-influenced, or Neo-Mudejar, architecture. The history of the area goes back beyond the arrival of Christianity and Islam and the surrounding hills are dotted with the remains of Roman and earlier settlements.

Also visit the tranquil chapel at the Virgin de la Esperanza where the apparition of the Virgin took place.

B & B.

Evening meal available on request.

Transport to and from the airports of Alicante / Murcia and local places of interest if required.

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Cathy and Peter Medd recently held an event in Leeds to raise funds and awareness for the Chernobyl Children's Project (UK). They were delighted to raise £82 for the charity. The charity does need support, if you would like to find out how you could help contact Chernobyl Children's Project, Kinder House, Fizalan Street, Glossop, Derbyshire. Tel 01457 863534/862112  
Email Linda@ccproject.fsnet.co.uk



## Recipes for May

### Supper in thirty minutes using pork.

#### Pork chops with cider and celery sauce.

4 pork loin chops	1 – 2 tablesp veg. oil
1 medium onion	200ml (7 fl ozs) cider
a few sage leaves chopped or 1 level teasp dried sage	259 g can condensed celery soup
25g (1oz) butter	salt and pepper



1. Prepare the ingredients and score the surface of the chops on both sides making a criss-cross pattern. Mix the onion, sage and butter together.
2. Heat the oil in a large frying pan, add the chops and fry over a medium heat for about 2 mins. Turn over and spread the onion and sage butter on top. Cook covered for another 4 mins.
3. Pour in the cider around the edge of the pan, cover again and cook until the meat is tender, 5 – 10 mins.
4. Remove the meat from the pan and keep warm. Add the soup to the pan juices and bring to the boil whisking to make a smooth sauce. Season to taste.

Serve with vegetables.

#### Apple and Mustard Pork

4 pork loin steaks	1 level tablesp. whole grain mustard
salt and pepper	5 tablesp. apple sauce from a jar or
2 medium onions	1 large cooking apple stewed gently with
2 tablesp. olive oil	1 teasp sugar
	300ml (½ pt) vegetable stock

1. Prepare the ingredients then sprinkle the steaks with salt and pepper. Heat the oil in a frying pan add the steaks and fry over a fairly high heat for about 2 mins turning once to brown both sides. Transfer to a plate.
2. Add the onions to the pan and fry gently for about 5 mins. Stir in the mustard, apple sauce and stock then bring to the boil.
3. Return the steaks to the pan, cover, then simmer for about 10 mins until the steaks are tender

Serve with vegetables or a salad

## MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY News Roundup First a reminder what the campaign is all about...

TRADE JUSTICE. DROP THE DEBT. MORE AND BETTER AID.

The gap between the world's rich and poor has never been wider. Malnutrition, AIDS, conflict and illiteracy are a daily reality for millions.

But it isn't chance or bad luck that keeps people trapped in bitter, unrelenting poverty. It is man-made factors like a glaringly unjust global trade system, a debt burden so great that it suffocates any chance of recovery and insufficient and ineffective aid.

#### ***Response to the G7 Finance Ministers Meeting held 16/17 April***

The statement issued on 16 April made clear that no action on debt is expected until the G8 meeting in July.

Campaigners in Washington restarted the clock set up in London in February when the G7 finance ministers last met, showing the number of children dying unnecessarily because of poverty. Since the London meeting in February a further two million children have died.

'This is another missed opportunity. It is an outrage that the richest countries continue to demand 30 million pounds a day from the world's poorest nations,' says Stephen Rand of Jubilee Debt Campaign. 'The urgency of the crisis should prompt decisive action. With the IMF saying their gold could safely and straightforwardly be sold to finance debt cancellation, this was a great opportunity for progress. The clock is still ticking. Children are still dying. We will be doing all we can to build up pressure for action when they meet again in the UK in June.'

#### ***Event during May***

**16<sup>th</sup> May - World Debt Day.** Seven years after the human chain welcomed the G8 to Birmingham, seven weeks before the G8 returns to the UK for the first time since then. 'In countries across the world people will use World Debt Day to tell world leaders that now is the time for action,' says Caroline Pearce, campaigns officer. 'It is seven years since the leaders of the world's richest nations came to Birmingham; seven years to deliver the new start on debt that 70,000 people asked for, and which they promised. It's time for them to deliver.'

#### ***Looking ahead to 2 July – A Day of Witness and Protest***

On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July just prior to the G8 summit in Gleneagles people are encouraged to gather in Edinburgh to make their voice heard on behalf of the world's poorest people. The Diocese will be taking at least two coaches to support the campaign. The coaches will leave Bradford at 6.00am and will pick up people at various locations along the A65. The coaches will leave Edinburgh at 6.00pm.

Bookings for the 106 seats available are on a 'first-come-first-served' basis. The fare is £22 (£12 for those in full-time education). To book pick up a form in church or contact Lorna Riley in the Diocesan Office; tel. 01535 650553 or email [lorna@kadugli.org.uk](mailto:lorna@kadugli.org.uk)

For more information on the campaign visit the following websites:

[www.makepovertyhistory.org](http://www.makepovertyhistory.org)

[www.jubileedebtcampaign.org.uk](http://www.jubileedebtcampaign.org.uk)

[www.christianaid.org](http://www.christianaid.org)

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



### Oasis Frontline Teams Project

Oasis is a Christian charitable organisation set up by the Revd Steve Chalke (a Baptist Minister) to enable young people to engage with the community and to serve the local church in its ongoing mission. The Frontline Teams initiative has been set up to facilitate young people to spend a 'Gap Year' serving with local churches. It is expected that each young person will give about 30 hours of input each week into the life of the local church and community, mainly but not exclusively in youth related work.

The churches of CDFC have decided to apply for a team of 2 young people to come and work with us from September 2005 until July 2006. (It is hoped to apply for further teams to come in 2006/7 and 2007/8.) This is an exciting opportunity for CDFC and we hope our application will be successful.

If we are offered a Frontline team it will be necessary to provide accommodation locally for the 2 young people. If you would be interesting in offering board and lodging for one of these young people for all or part of their time with us please contact either Robin Figg, 633307 or Gill Jowett 632405. Some financial remuneration will of course be offered to hosts.

We will expect to know if our application has been successful in June so would hope to be able to give more information in the July/August issue of the magazine.

### Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April

Details of who has been elected to serve on the Deanery Synod, Cross Hills & District Fellowship of Churches Council and our Parochial Church Council will be given next month.

This month we would like to publicly thank those who are stepping down from office this year:

Lesley Hudson, Churchwarden and PCC

Alan Jowett, Deanery Synod and PCC

June Whitaker, PCC

Cyril Doult, CDFC Council

Adrian & Beryl Flint, PCC Treasurers.

### Prayer Walk for the Parish

We have now resumed our monthly 'prayer walks' as an opportunity to pray for the life and work of God's Church in this parish. Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Meet at 7.30pm at the Parish Rooms to walk to someone's house in Cross Hills for a drink and then return.

ter how hard the task, no matter how insurmountable the challenge may seem. We must not be discouraged by the weeds or words or the actions of others that sometimes make us frustrated, sad and angry. Beauty lies all around us.

Although our festival will be based on works from the 19<sup>th</sup> century, I should like to share with you some words from the great American feminist poet, born in 1912, May Sarton.

"Help us to be always faithful gardeners of the spirit -  
who know that without darkness nothing comes to birth -  
as without light nothing flowers"

*With all this talk of flowers, gardening and the like how about this version of All things bright and beautiful? (With apologies to Cecil F. Alexander and thanks to Mary Peake for finding it!)*

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.  
But what we never mention, though gardeners know it's true,  
Is when he made the goodies. He made the baddies too.



All things spray and swatatable, disasters great and small,  
All things paraquatable, the Lord God made them all.  
The Greenfly on the roses, the maggots on the peas,  
Manure that fills our noses, He also gave us these



Fungus on the goose-gogs, the club root on the greens,  
Slugs that eat the lettuce and chew the aubergines  
The drought that kills the fuchsias, the frost that nips the buds,  
The rain that drowns the seedlings, the blight that hits the spuds.



Midges and mosquitoes, the nettles and the weeds,  
Pigeons in the green stuff, the sparrows on the seeds.  
The fly that gets the carrots, the wasp that eats the plums,  
How black the gardener's outlook, though green may be his thumb.



Sit, enjoy your labours, they tell the worker band,  
Read up on the catalogues, next year's is soon to hand.  
And still the gardeners labour, midst veggies and the flowers,  
And pray what hits our neighbours, will somehow bypass ours.

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.



## Isobel's page

In church, later this month we will be having a festival of flowers with the theme 'Books and Poems of the 19<sup>th</sup> century'. There are lots of books and poems which have been written about gardens and flowers. Many people will be familiar with that lovely book 'Cider with Rosie' by Laurie Lee and some of the most charming passages in it are about his mother who had 'a touch' with flowers.



"One felt she could grow roses from a stick or chair leg, so remarkable was the gift"

In another delightful book by Frances Hodgson Burnett, Mary Lennox, the heroine of 'The Secret Garden', asks if she might have 'a bit of earth.' In her eagerness she did not realise how odd the words would sound.

"Earth!" said the gardener, "What do you mean?"  
"To plant seeds in- to make things grow - to see them come alive", Mary said.

At its simplest a garden is a place where things are grown deliberately either for food, for beauty or for both. There are many types of gardens just of the floral kind and we have examples of the monumental gardens associated with stately homes and estates like Studley Royal or themed gardens such as the rose gardens at Newby Hall and even cities are named after gardens - for example Welwyn Garden City. However we all know that gardens, whether in the most formal of settings or surrounding a modest cottage or in a city allotment are not perfect. Gardeners battle continuously with creatures of every size and description who stand by, at every opportunity, to destroy what they work so laboriously to create. Next door's cat who insists on using the entire garden as a scratching post and worse, giant slugs leave slick slimy trails, greenfly feed on the leaves of the rose trees and the plant which looked so beautiful in the garden centre a couple of years ago threatens to take over the whole garden. The weeds disguise themselves among the flowers, thriving while the plants we have showered with so much care and attention wither and die for no apparent reason. Very often it is hard to tell which are the weeds as some have very pretty flowers and often it is hard to pull them out without damaging the good ones.

Jesus taught his followers to let the wheat and the weeds grow up together. He didn't say we should get rid of them but that we should recognise them and be aware of them. Jesus knew that we live in a world where good and bad co-exist and that God is a God of Love who keeps moving towards us - weeds and good seeds both.

Perhaps in life, as in gardening, it is the effort that ultimately matters. Gardening reminds us that we will never get it completely right. However beautiful the flower, the worm or slug or snail will always be around, ready to attack the root. It is the striving to help our fellow man, the fight for justice for the poor and oppressed, the assistance given to the sick and needy that counts. We must never give up hope, no mat-

## Rydal Hall- A Weekend Away Friday 8<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2005

It may still be possible to fit you in on our forthcoming weekend away in July.

**Rydal Hall** is the Carlisle Diocesan Retreat House, located in the centre of the Lake District. The Hall is a 200 year old Grade II listed house, enjoying outstanding views towards Windermere. It is an ideal place to find renewal and refreshment for body, mind and spirit. **The programme** for the weekend will be a relaxed mixture of worship, talks & discussions, fellowship and free time.

**The cost** will be £90 full board, from Friday supper to Sunday teatime. Please contact the Vicar, Robin Figg, 633307 if you are interested.



## Ascension Day

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May  
7.30pm Sung Holy Communion

*Preacher: The Revd John Peet,  
Vicar of Cononley and Bradley*



## Visit by Canon Nicholas Coulton, Sub-Dean of Christ Church, Oxford

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May

Canon Coulton will preach at both the  
8.15am and 10am services.

All are also invited to a bring & share lunch  
in the parish rooms to meet Canon Coulton.

*Christ Church, Oxford is the Patron for our Parish*

## Tea and Scones

We will be serving Tea and Scones as usual in St Andrew's  
Church Parish Rooms from 8th May 2.30-4.30 pm

A warm welcome awaits our regular and new customers  
Our historic church will also be open





## Kildwick School & Church Grand Summer Fair

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June 11am – 3pm

*Lots of stalls. Silsden Town Band. White Lion Refreshment Tent. Tea & Scones. Local Crafts. Teddy Bear Parachute Drop. Children's games. Dancing Display. Raffle. And much more!*

**Christian Aid**  
We believe in life before death

**Christian Aid Week, 15-21 May 2005**

**We believe in life before death**

**What?** A week of fundraising, prayer and action for the world's poorest people.

**Why?** Because poverty is a scandal, and because we believe in life before death.

**Who?** A movement of 4,000 local organisers, 20,000 supporting churches and 300,000 dedicated collectors.

**How?** Through the UK's biggest house-to-house collection, millions taking action for trade justice, a national advertising campaign, and thousands of special events and church services.

We believe in life before death. We have a vision of how the world can be without poverty. By giving and by taking action for trade justice, you can help make that vision a reality this Christian Aid Week.

## Page of Prayer for May



"Act of God". What thoughts come into our minds when we hear these words? Usually they conjure up floods, hurricanes, tidal waves, earthquakes and sometimes, despite proclaiming that God is love, we tend to blame Him for these natural disasters and also for serious illnesses.

We all will have stories to tell about how illness has affected each one of us and how easy it is to blame God in these circumstances – the man whose wife has died on holiday simply because there was no doctor available- the wife whose husband died of cancer, suddenly, leaving her pregnant and with three young sons, two of whom were to die also within two months of her husband. Her new baby was born handicapped but eventually her eldest son qualified as a doctor and she found the strength to carry on by attending church regularly and receiving help and comfort there. Her example and faith in God provided a shining example, with the result that the congregation grew both in numbers and strengthening belief.

We will all respond in different ways to extremes of suffering whether they are so called "acts of God" or the extreme anguish of individuals and sometimes we look the other way when we see people suffering, excusing ourselves by saying,

" Don't bother me, it's not my responsibility,  
I don't have time ".

*Lord God Almighty, whose Son, Jesus Christ, taught us to love our neighbours as ourselves, help us to be good neighbours to both friends and strangers, that we may go out to meet the needs of all around us, serving You through them,  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen*

This page of prayer was compiled by Alan Jowett

### Cross Hill Naturalists' Society (Founded 1904)

#### Coming Events

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| Weds 5th May   | Upper Wharfedale. A gentle day in the Dales (bring packed lunch). Meet Co-op car park Cross Hills 1000hrs with cars. (Leader Allan Butterfield |
| Weds 18th May. | Annual Coach outing to Raby Castle Co Durham. Depart Cross Hills Health Centre 0900 hrs, Kildwick 0905 hrs.                                    |

Microscope Workshops are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Anyone interested in joining should contact Miss J Kendrew 01535 632447

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on the 28th April 2005 and all members of the village are welcome to attend. Counc Bramley has completed this years Focus on Farnhill and it will be delivered round by members of the Council. The Council would like to thank Counc. Bramley for taking on the task.

A risk assessment of the Councils liabilities was drawn up by the Clerk to be considered by the Council and was duly amended then accepted by the Council. The Parish Council responded to NYCC about the winter service 2205-2006 and asked for grit bins to be placed at the bottom of the Arbour, on Langkirk Close & Starkey Lane.

A letter was received from NYCC Counc I Greaves stating that she will not be standing for election in May due to personal family commitments. The Parish Council responded to the letter by thanking her for all the hard work and commitment she has given over the years.

**DATE OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2005  
FROM 7.30PM-9.00PM  
IN FARNHILL INSTITUTE**

**The next meeting of the Parish Council (Annual) will be held on the 5th  
May 2005 in Kildwick / Farnhill Institute at 7.30pm**

### ***Kildwick with Farnhill WI.***

We did not book a speaker for our April meeting, which was just as well as it turned out because the reports given by members attending Federation events sparked several lively discussions.

High on the agenda was the Annual Council Meeting at The King's Hall, Ilkley. Our National Chairman was the main speaker but of particular interest to us was Sandra Griffiths from Women's Aid. She came to tell of the work they do providing refuge to families subjected to violence and to thank us for the toiletries and cleaning materials we collected last year. This donation will save them £40 a week for the whole of this year!!

Our members are keen to continue this support and every effort is to be made to find Women's Aid in Craven.

Visitors on the trip to Thorpe Perrow recorded snow but recommend the venue.

We had met to exchange gardening tips and plants/cuttings. A Flower Quiz kept us guessing and though most of us successfully identified half of the flowers it proved we did not recognise an anagram when we saw it!! The lucky winners were presented with china mugs from the Royal Horticultural Society.

Next month will see us discussing the Resolutions to be debated at the AGM at The Albert Hall in June. This will take place over supper at The White Lion.



### **The United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel**

*In March we told you about Partnership for World Mission which serves to facilitate the way a number of Church of England-based mission agencies work together.*

*This month we will tell you something about the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (USPG).*



It all began on 16 June 1701. The Revd Dr Thomas Bray had visited Maryland, in North America, on behalf of the Bishop of London and found that the Church of England in the American Colonies was disorganised and had little spiritual vitality.

So, on the above date, Dr Bray obtained the charter from King William III which founded the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts SPG – to send priests and school teachers to boost the church's ministry to the colonists in America and to take the gospel to slaves and native Americans.

The Society's first missionaries began work in America in 1702 and, by the time the USA claimed independence, SPG had supported the work of about 300 men.

From there, SPG extended its reach to the West Indies and Nova Scotia, and then to the rest of Canada, Australia, New Zealand and West Africa.

In the early 19th century, SPG sent its first missionaries to India (1820) and South Africa (1821), and work among indigenous people became a higher priority than the care of colonists.

In the second half of the 19th century, SPG first accepted single women as missionaries, and increasing numbers of in-

***USPG is an Anglican mission agency with a successful 300-year track record of enabling people to grow spiritually, to thrive physically and to have a voice in an unjust world.***

igenous missionaries, both men and women, were supported by SPG.

Medical work came to be recognised as an effective means of Christian ministry as it demonstrated that God's love is

for everyone. The Society also began to work in countries outside the British Empire, such as China (1863) and Japan (1873).

On 1 January 1965, the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (USPG) was founded following the merger of SPG and the Universities' Mission to Central Africa (UMCA). UMCA was formed in 1858 and pursued evangelistic, medical and educational work in East and Central Africa, making major contributions in the fight against slavery and leprosy.

In 1968, the Cambridge Mission to Delhi (CMD) joined USPG. Founded in 1877, CMD worked principally through two institutions – St Stephen's Hospital and St Stephen's College, the latter providing an early example of inspired Indian leadership supportive of Indian nationalism, that of S K Rudra, college principal from 1906-1923.

Following the Second World War and, more significantly, India's independence in 1947, mission agencies were being challenged by a rapidly changing world. It was a time of decolonisation, newly

autonomous churches were developing their own lives and a gradual decline of interest in mission started among church-goers in Britain and Ireland.

However, new concepts of mission were developing which emphasised the interdependence of the world church and the sharing by all in its life. Authority and influence were no longer to be held solely by the mission agencies but replaced by relationships of equal partners.

USPG's role since 1965 has been to facilitate the movement of people, resources and ideas around the world church. Missionaries leave their home countries to share their lives and skills. USPG transfers funds to enable the work of the church, and also provides opportunities for church workers to spend time in training or study. This two-way nature of mission and the life of the world church benefits the church in Britain and Ireland.

- Southern Africa
- West Africa
- Central Africa
- Tanzania
- Indian Ocean (Madagascar and Mauritius)
- Caribbean
- Latin America
- South Asia
- East Asia

**We are still 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 Robin Figg.**

*As a church we support USPG in our charitable giving. If you want to find out more or support then individually visit their web site [www.USPG.org.uk](http://www.USPG.org.uk)*

Noteworthy is USPG's advocacy role on behalf of the church and people of South Africa during the apartheid era. From the 1990s, more advocacy roles have been taken up, including the Jubilee Campaign to cancel the debt of the world's poorest countries.

Since the 1980s there has been increased co-operation with other Church of England mission agencies, especially via Partnership for World Mission, and, during the 1990s, USPG also started to work more ecumenically, notably with the Methodist Church.

In the 21st century the trend of decline in the number of people offering to be missionaries has reversed. More people are now being sent by the Society than have been for some years.

USPG is active in the following countries and areas:

- Agriculture
- Church ministry
- Community development
- Theological education
- Disabled people
- Healthcare
- HIV/AIDS
- Income generation
- Music and drama
- Schools and childcare
- Street children

## FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of Farnhill Parish Council was held on the 7th April 2005 in Kildwick & Farnhill Institute. Two members of the public were present. The meeting was chaired by Councillor G. McKinney.

A letter was received from Highways with regard to the noise levels on the A629 also a reply from David Curry who has sent a letter he received from Archie Robertson, Chief Executive of the Highways Agency. The section of road has been assessed using the criteria for evaluating noise levels on existing roads announced by Ministers in March 1999. The A629 failed to meet the second criteria (current noise levels immediately adjacent to the road to be at least 80dB(A)) and therefore is not a priority in terms of being treated with low noise surfacing ahead of the time when maintenance would otherwise be needed.

Clerk to write to Highways and ask what the recorded noise level was & ask what the programme is for resurfacing.

Clerk to report to Mr. Marr that the top is missing from a grate at the top of Starkey Lane and the hole is dangerous, also to ask for abandoned signs to be collected from Newby Road and report that the Yellow and white lines on Mary Street have not been reinstated. Clerk also to ask about progress regarding the 30mph sign at the junction of Main Street with Newby Road which is misleading. Traffic speed monitoring has taken place on Grange Road, clerk to write to Sergeant Scott to see what the results were. Clerk also to report the flooding which occurs on the corner just past Kildwick Grange.

A light was reported to be out under the tunnel and the light on Newby Road is sometimes on and sometimes not, Clerk to report to engineer. The invoice which was questioned last month was due to several problems with Light No 26 and having to send two men to a job to comply with safety regulations.

The engineers have reported that the lamp top to Light No 26 needs replacing and an estimate has been received for £258.00 plus VAT. The Parish Council gave approval for the work to be carried out. Clerk to inform engineers.

Mr. Gilmore from NYCC Road Lighting has sent the results of the lighting survey it will be on the agenda for the next meeting at the beginning of May.

After discussion and a vote it was decided to let the piece of land at Pinfold for £120 a year as an alternative to a cheaper rent and responsibility for the trees. Clerk to inform the people from Pinfold House. A decision was also made to fill in the waste bin outside Pinfold House with soil and perhaps plant bulbs, due to the fact that the bin never seems to get emptied and there is now a dog bin at the bottom of Bradley Road. Counc. Fulton volunteered to do the job.

The Council agreed to make up the shortfall of money for the new equipment for the Play Area and then claim it back from the VAT repayment. Counc Fulton volunteered to help with ground maintenance at the Play Area by strimming round the edges. An estimate for the fence at the Play Area was received from Nigel Atkinson. Clerk to confirm whether the fence is for all the way round the Play Area.

### Church Rotas for May

Date	Sidesperson	Intercessor	Communion
01/05/05 Sixth Sunday of Easter	Beth Taylor Joan Houghton Barry Houghton Sandi Walton +KICKs	<b>6pm</b> Isobel Stirk	<b>6 pm</b>  John Exley
05/05/05 Ascension Day		Gill Jowett	
08/05/05 Seventh Sunday of Easter	Gill Jowett Christine Anderton Ann Mosley	Lesley Hudson	Michael Baumber Christine Anderton
15/05/05 Pentecost	Alison/Gary McKinney June Whitaker Pam Brown Elaine Jamieson	Robin Figg	Gary McKinney Gill Jowett
22/05/05 Trinity Sunday	Eleanor Eastwood Dorothy Ward Christine Hutchinson Joyce Boden	Michael Baumber	Tim Littler Janet Swain
29/05/05 First Sunday after Trinity	Elizabeth Green Brian Green Albert Bonham Joyce Bonham	Isobel Stirk	John Exley Christine Anderton

#### From the registers

##### Baptisms

Sunday 17 April

Alice Rose Margaret Fisher, son of Darren and Anna Fisher of Kildwick Grange, Kildwick  
Amy Jade Tullett, daughter of Neil and Michelle Tullett of Heron Way, Steeton



## Flower Festival

27<sup>th</sup> May to 30<sup>th</sup> May

### Books and Poems of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century

(Flower arrangements by Steeton Flower Club)

**Refreshments in the Parish Rooms all weekend**

**Friday evening at 7pm**

**Festival will be opened by**

**Dr Robert Barnard – (crime novelist)**

**Saturday – church open all day**

**Victorian concert 7pm in church**

**Guest Artiste Richard Wilcocks**

**(Member of Leeds Festival Chorus)**

**Sunday 10 am special preacher at morning service**

**The Revd Jenny Savage – Rector of Haworth**

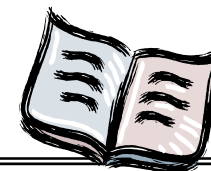
**Lunches in the Parish Rooms**

**Sunday 6pm 'Hear the Story Sing the Hymn'**

**Monday – Church open all day**

**Auction of flowers**

**Proceeds for  
church redevelopment fund.**



## 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 19 THE BAPTISTS

Baptist ideas go right back to the Reformation but there is no record of a Baptist church in this part of Airedale until the early eighteenth century. A register in the Public Record Office, compiled to justify the Sutton Baptist Church being included as a centre for legal marriages under the 1837 act setting up the present system of registration for Births, Deaths, and Marriages, contains records going back to 1711. This fits very nicely with evidence from an old book of 1780 which gives the name of the first minister as Thomas Dewhirst and has an entry showing that members began assembling for worship in a barn which was converted into a meeting house in that year.

There may well have been Baptists in Sutton prior to 1711 because the congregation there appears to have been one of a string of Baptist communities founded by William Mitchell a handloom weaver of Heptonstall and his cousin, David Crossley, an itinerant stone mason. Their first foundation was at Cloughfold in Rossendale probably shortly after the Glorious Revolution of 1688 and by 1692 there seem to have been a string of preaching places in Airedale which may well have included Sutton. The most influential of the local Baptist communities was the one at Barnoldswick where the pastor was Alvery Jackson. In 1719 Jackson was responsible for the setting up of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Baptist Association. Sutton was one of the original seven members and the articles were signed by its pastor at the time, Henry Wilkinson. In 1723 the annual meeting of the Association took place at Sutton. Archbishop Herring's Visitation of 1742 shows that out of 600 families in the parish 100 were nonconformists, almost certainly Baptist. By 1756 there is record of another Baptist church at Cowlinghead.

Baptists disagreed with the Church of England on a whole range of issues. Their churches were 'gathered' churches that is, they were not arranged on a parochial basis. The 'church' was people not places and could move if necessary. They objected to hierarchies of bishops and they were opposed to 'established churches' of any sort. The Church of England expected its clergy to go through a rigorous theological training but the Baptists accepted anyone they believed had a spiritual calling, the so called 'mechanic' preachers. The congregation invited the 'pastor' and paid him what they could. They were therefore opposed to the exaction of tithes and to church rates as well. These features were common to all 'independent' congregations but what distinguished the Baptists from the others was their opposition to infant baptism. In an age of high infant mortality and in which most believed that the unbaptised went to hell this gave them a radical reputation.

In 1720 calling a person an 'anabaptist' was like calling him or her a 'communist' in the mid twentieth century.

## Church Rotas for May

01/05/05 Sixth Sunday of Easter	First Reading - Acts 7.22-31 Second Reading - 1 Peter 3.13-22 Gospel - John 14.15-21	Brenda Brock Michael Baumber Lesley Hudson
05/05/05 Ascension Day	First Reading - Acts 1.1-11 Second Reading - Ephesians 1.15-23 Gospel - Luke 24.44-53	Ruth Ward Christine Anderton Marjorie Gee
08/05/05 Seventh Sunday of Easter	First Reading - Acts 1.6-14 Second Reading - 1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11 Gospel - John 17.1-11	Kathryn Morris Barry Houghton Janet Swain
15/05/05 Pentecost	First Reading - Acts 2.1-21 Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13 Gospel - John 20.19-23	Brian Charter Sandie Walton Pam Brown
22/05/05 Trinity Sunday	First Reading - Isaiah 40.12-17,27-31 Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 13.11-13 Gospel - Matthew 28.16-20	Lesley Hudson Jennifer Roberts John Hudson
29/05/05 First Sunday after Trinity	First Reading - Deuteronomy 11.18-21,26-28 Second Reading - Romans 1.16-17; 3.22b-28 Gospel - Matthew 7.21-29	Lesley Bannister Isobel Stirk Gill Jowett

May	Flowers	Church Cleaning	Tea and Coffee Rota (after 10am service)
1st	Mrs. Pratt		June Whitaker, Betty Hawkins
8th	Mrs. Roberts	Marian Baxter, June Whittaker, Mary Peake	Beth Taylor, Marjorie Gee
15th	Mrs. Whitaker		Ann Mosley, Christine Anderton
22nd	Mrs. Whitley	Lesley Hudson Libba Utley	Joyce Bonham
29th	Flower Festival		Maureen Vink, Kath Morris

**Brass Cleaning:** Miss R Hargreaves and Mrs A Mosley

Tues 17th 7.30pm PCC Meeting  
 Weds 18th 7.30pm Deanery Synod Meeting  
 Fri 27th-Mon 30th Flower Festival  
**June**  
 Weds 8th 7.30pm CDFC Annual meeting  
 Sat 18th 10am Summer Fair

### 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.

01/05/05 Sixth Sunday of Easter	8.15 am 10 am 6 pm	Holy Communion Family Service with baptisms Sung Eucharist
05/05/05 Ascension Day	7.30 pm	Sung Eucharist
08/05/05 Seventh Sunday of Easter	8.15 am 10 am 6 pm	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist CDFC Service (St Peter's)
15/05/05 Pentecost	8.15 am 10 am 3 pm	Holy Communion with 1st Communions Sung Eucharist Open air service and picnic
22/05/05 Trinity Sunday	8.15 am 10 am 6 pm	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist Healing service
29/05/05 First Sunday after Trinity	8.15 am 10 am 6 pm	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist for Flower Festival Flower Festival special



Sunday 15th May at 3pm  
 Join us for  
**PENTECOST PRAISE**  
 on the green outside the church  
 Bring a picnic and enjoy the fun



## 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 Sun- days (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 fellow- ship, all welcome
Monday 7.45pm	Bible History Course	Parish Rooms
Tuesday 10- 11.30	Chuffs (Not in school holi- days)	A toddler group .
Tuesdays 10am	NottheKnot Group in Par- ish 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 May Bridge is 15th April

### May

Thurs 5th 10 am Church Recorders  
 Thurs 5th ASCENSION DAY  
 Sun 8th 2.30pm-4.30pm Tea and Scones commences (Parish Rooms)  
 Fri 6th 7.30 pm Bible Society Event  
 Sun 8th 8.15 & 10 am Canon Nicholas Coulton, Sub-Dean of Christ Church Ox  
 ford preaching  
 Tues 10th 7.30 pm Archdeacon's Visitation (St James' Silsden)  
 Sun 15th—Sat 21st Christian Aid Week.  
 Tues 17th 10 am Church Recorders