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## Specks and logs

Wednesday 14th February 2018 saw the coincidence of Valentine's Day falling on Ash Wednesday. For some, the focus was on celebrating love in its many forms. For others, it was a day for reflecting on the sobering truth that we are all mortal, finite and fragile. But the day was also notable for another, darker reason. It was the day on which 19-year old Nikolas Cruz walked into his former high school in Parkland, Florida, and started shooting. The death toll was 17. Three teachers; 14 students aged between 14 and 18. From now on, for the community of Parkland, Florida, in future years there will be a deep shadow cast over 14th February, whatever its other associations.

In less than 7 weeks since the start of 2018, there were 8 shootings at US schools that resulted in death or injury. In 2017, there were 346 mass shootings (defined as an incident where four or more people are shot and/or killed in a single event, not including the shooter) in the US – just less than one a day. Things become normal when they happen frequently. In this sense, gun violence has become normalized in the US.

But this is not the same as saying that it has become accepted. The survivors of this and other gun violence tragedies have used the moral authority of their experience to call for action to prevent further violence from being perpetrated with guns against their fellow citizens.

A week after the Parkland, Florida attack,

meeting some of the survivors, President Trump proposed the arming of teachers with guns as a deterrent to similar attacks in the future.

Predictably, such a proposal sparked outrage from many, particularly in the UK. We might have expected a unanimous rejection of such a proposal from those with whom President Trump was meeting. But when he asked them with for a show of hands as to whether or not they favoured the idea, the response was mixed. Some rejected it – but there were some who agreed with him.

I was reminded of something that Jesus said, recorded as part of the long block of teaching in Matthew's gospel known as the Sermon on the Mount. The President

was offering them a stone instead of bread; a snake instead of a fish (Matt.7:9-10). They had asked for something wholesome and good; he was offering something harmful and bad. Why would someone do that? In fact, it's entirely logical. The logic flows from the inimical interpretation of the constitutional provision that a US citizen's right to bear arms should not be infringed. The Second Amendment to the US Constitution, adopted over 200 years ago, and intended to enable a fledgling nation to call on a well-regulated militia should its existence



**“ Things become normal when they happen frequently. ”**

be threatened, has been distorted out of all recognition away from its original purpose. Supported by the vastly powerful National Rifle Association (NRA), it has become an article of faith and a marker of tribal identity for many Americans. For them, questioning the sanctity, status and interpretation of the Second Amendment is seen as an unpatriotic attack on the American way of life. So America is caught in a bind. If a citizen's right to bear arms must remain untrammelled, it is logical that the only solution is more guns, not fewer.

It is easy from the perspective of a country where there is a very different attitude to gun ownership and use to see the deep damage that is being wrought in America. It is easy to recognize the structural source of the sin that holds a nation in thrall. Like so much sin, it is **rooted in fear** – originally, a fear of being attacked and destroyed; today,

a fear of losing a marker of identity, as well as a fear of being deprived of the means of self-defence when under threat. It is not hard to see.

But Jesus said something else in that same teaching session. **"Why**

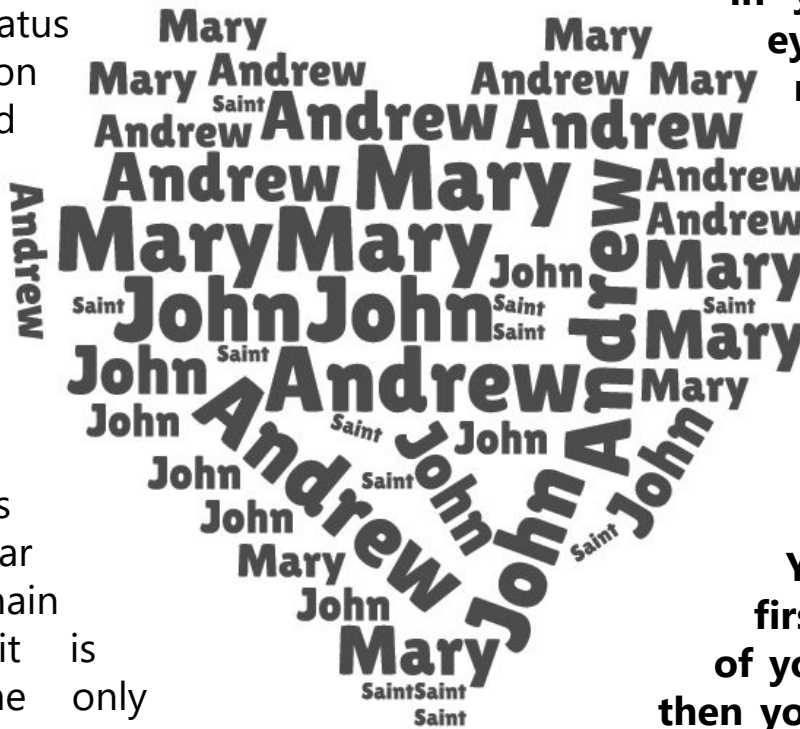
**do you see the speck in your neighbour's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye?**

How can you say to your neighbour, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye', while the log is in your own eye?

**You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your**

**neighbour's eye."** (Matt. 7.3-5) When we stand outside a situation, it's easy to be critical – to see the deep flaws, to spot the sin, and to point it out. But it's much harder to do so from the inside. Jesus isn't denying the existence of the speck. But he's pointing out that there's also a log.

Part of the discipline to which Christians are called in Lent is to ponder where



### Deadline for next month

Sorry – we missed the March deadline of 25th February. Just too much to do! The April edition will be the first of our new joint Magazine. The title is yet to be decided... We'll try to have it available on Easter Sunday – so if you have anything to contribute, be sure that it is here by **25th March** at the latest.





sin continues to hold us in its clutches, and to offer it to God, so that the Holy Spirit may continue to be at work in us, fashioning us more and more into the people God has made us to be. But seeing and recognising our sins for what they are is often difficult. We may need the help of others, who can see things in us that we can't see for ourselves. We need the good things acknowledging and affirming. And we need the bad things pointing out – gently and with love. To do this requires a relationship of trust and love between the parties concerned. It requires genuine mutuality – a sincere desire, born out of a loving wish to be of service to one another, to see the other party flourish as fully as possible. It demands openness, honesty and humility in the place of defensiveness, superficiality and pride. It's tough and demanding work.

It's easy for us to see America's speck. But what is our log? It's a question that

we should keep in mind at every level – personal, community, national. Where is our sin? Of what are we afraid? Because Jesus also said, in a later teaching session, “...**whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.**” (Matt. 10.38-39). The way of Christ involves, not running from fear, but naming, facing and walking towards it. It involves recognizing our own failures and weaknesses – and (with help) identifying our blind spots, so that we can do something about them, with the help and through the power of the Holy Spirit. It involves cost and sacrifice – not of others, but of ourselves. This Lent, may we try (with the help of others where necessary) to see and name our logs. And if we are called to help others with their specks, let's do so not in a spirit of condemnation, and without harshness, but in humility and love.

With every blessing

Julie

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## Kildwick, Cononley and Bradley service pattern changes

One of the consequences of Kildwick, Cononley and Bradley churches coming under the care of one priest-in-charge, in place of two vicars, is that it is necessary for our service patterns to change. To help me in this process, I carried out a consultation exercise in December, and received 51 replies across the three churches to the survey.

It has not been easy or straightforward to come up with a new pattern that is not dependent on the (much appreciated) involvement of retired clergy. It is not possible with one clergyperson to provide morning services for all three churches every week. So now the three church councils have approved a revised pattern for an experimental trial period of 6 months.

The preferred option was the one that was fairest, resulting in a morning service in each church on three Sundays out of four:

	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday
8.15am					Kildwick BCP HC
9.30am	Bradley	Kildwick	Cononley	Bradley	
11am	Kildwick	Cononley	Bradley	Kildwick	
10am					Joint service – venue rotates

This translates into the following pattern for each individual church:

	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday
Bradley	9.30am	<u>No service</u>	11am	9.30am	10.00am Joint service – venue rotates
Cononley	<i>Methodists – 11am</i>	11am	9.30am	<u>No service</u>	
Kildwick	11am	9.30am	<u>No service</u>	11am	

On the week when there is no service in your usual church, you are very much encouraged to attend a service at one of the other churches, where you will be most welcome. St Andrew's will host a BCP Communion at 8.15am on the fifth Sunday.

One of the issues that this has highlighted is the lack of lay worship leading capacity in the churches (there is currently one licensed lay reader, who is currently unable for good reasons to commit to regular service leading). If I can identify people able and willing to be called into this role with support and training (without necessarily having to go the route of licensed lay readership – although that is very much an option for anyone called to it), it would expand our service pattern options significantly, and may well mean that it is possible to hold a service in each of the churches each week at a consistent time.

**Please think and pray about this.** Do you feel called to this form of ministry? Do you see the potential for this in someone else? If so, please talk to me (or to them!).

Towards the end of the six-month trial I will review this with the church councils to see how it is working and what (if anything) can be done to refine and improve it. I am sure that you will give us your feedback to help us do this! This as a starting point rather than the finished article. If we can grow our worship leading capacity, it opens up the possibilities, not just for more consistent and regular services, but also for a wider range of services than we currently hold, which may be more attractive to those currently still outside our churches.

I appreciate that change to service times is very unsettling to members of churches, particularly when the service time is not consistent. Please pray for everyone in all the churches as we go through this potentially bumpy change. I hope that you will be prepared to give this a go for a while, to bear with me as we encounter any teething troubles, and to give me your feedback as we get deeper into the six-month trial period.

With my thanks and prayers

Julie



## **‘Building for the Community’**



Following presentations to the church on February 18<sup>th</sup>, and at a Community Forum held in church on February 19<sup>th</sup>, the Renovation Group has decided that it is not feasible to proceed with a comprehensive plan to tackle the roof and other deficiencies as one project. The Group is considering an alternative, phased approach,

concentrating initially on raising funds for work on the roof, before turning to fund raising for other parts of the desired plan. We will keep you informed as our plans develop.

Revd. Julie Bacon

## Bigger (and better?)

This will be the last edition of "The Bridge"... Next month, we'll see a new magazine that will reflect on the growing-together of the Bradley, Cononley and Kildwick communities. It will almost certainly be bigger than we're used to. Whether it'll be better remains to be seen!

There's still quite a lot of planning to do. All of the rotas and lists, so beloved of a parish magazine, will still be there. They'll probably make up the centre pages so that they can be pulled out to pin up.

Wrapped around the "admin" pages, you'll find the Diocesan News. We are very aware that our collection of these (provided freely by the Diocese, and printed in full colour on nice glossy paper) tend to languish in the back of church, unread. We're going to try putting these into the magazine so that far more people have access to this. Please tell us what you think of this arrangement! All these centre pages are **designed** to be pulled out – so pull away!

Any magazine of this sort is, for ever, searching for new material. With such a varied readership as we enjoy, there's space for everyone! If something is interesting to you, then it is interesting! Do you have a hobby you could tell us about? Have you visited somewhere? Perhaps you even have a gripe or moan to share! Do let us have it. The editors will need to know who you are, but that detail doesn't need to be published. We are still looking for someone who could act in the Kildwick area as some sort of focus for local stories. We need someone who can encourage people to write a little something for the magazine. It's not a heavy job, but it is an important one that helps us to tell our story to our wide readership.

Cononley's "Onward" magazine enjoys quite a wide electronic circulation. You can read "The Bridge" online on the church website – but if you would like a copy to be emailed directly to you, then simply say the word and we'll arrange that.

One thing that we still have to sort out is a name for our new publication. One suggestion was "The Sandwich" (As in our patron saints John, Andrew and Mary - a "jam sandwich") Whether it was a serious suggestion or not, I rather doubt that one will get an approving nod, though someone else made a suggestion on the "JAM" theme. Another person felt that the various beacons and towers around our area could provide an inspiration. Certainly, the Farnhill Pinnacle overlooks all three villages. It's in Kildwick parish, but it is more easily seen from Cononley and is closer to Bradley! Should we call it, "The Pinnacle"?

Do you have a better idea? Do let us know! Email [magazine@kildwick.org.uk](mailto:magazine@kildwick.org.uk) or dial 634526 with your ideas.

March is going to be a busy month as we set up this new publication, so if you have any material for us, don't wait till the deadline before you get it in.

## Holy Week

On page 11 you'll see the services and events planned for Holy Week this year. In this very special week, leading up to the amazing events of the first Easter Day, it is good to take a little time out from our busy lives.

Some of the events are, perhaps, a little less familiar than others:

**Compline** (27th) is the last of the great monastic offices of the day. The name is derived from the Latin "to complete", as it is the completion of the working day. It's a contemplative Office that emphasizes spiritual peace.

**Tenebrae** (28th) is a candlelit service of readings which take us through the events of Holy Week, interspersed with silence. After each reading, a candle is extinguished till we finish in silence and darkness.

**Maundy Thursday** (29th) derives its name from "mandatum". At the Last Supper, Jesus said, "A new commandment I give unto you:..." During this service, those who wish may re-enact Jesus washing the feet of his disciples.

On **Good Friday** (30th) we remember the crucifixion. There are two public acts of witness and many may wish to sit in church for the three hours when Jesus hung on the cross. At St Andrew's, the last hour will be a more structured time.

**Easter Vigil** (31st) This service starts in a contemplative fashion but ends in a loud and joyful welcome of Easter!

**Easter Day** (1st April) On this day, far more significant than Christmas in the Church's calendar, we celebrate! **Alleluia! Christ is risen!**  
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## Hundreds pack Ripon Cathedral to welcome the new Bishop of Ripon

In one of the most dramatic services ever seen at Ripon Cathedral, Bishop Helen-Ann Hartley has become the new Area Bishop of Ripon.

It was standing room only in the packed cathedral as a large contingent from New Zealand, where Bishop Helen-Ann has been Bishop of Waikato, joined the congregation of several hundred clergy and lay people from across the Episcopal Area. Leading the service were the Bishop of Leeds, Rt Revd Nick Baines, the Archbishop of York, the Most Revd Dr John Sentamu, and the Dean of Ripon, the Very Revd John Dobson.



Maori chants echoed around the ancient building as Bishop Helen-Ann was ceremonially brought forward by representatives of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. Leading the Maori songs and chanting were Maori priests who introduced Bishop Helen-Ann as their tribal leader and a treasure. Noses and foreheads were pressed together as the visitors exchanged the traditional 'hongi' greeting.

Young people played a large part in the service which blended traditional and

modern. The newly formed Cathedral Youth Choir led the New Zealand worship song, 'For everyone born, a place at the table', as families from churches across the area translated the words into movement.

Students from St Aidan's Church High School, Harrogate, led prayers and gave Bishop Helen gifts symbolising the North Yorkshire area.



In her sermon, Bishop Helen-Ann said she was touched by those who had travelled half-way around the world to be there. "It is a measure of the depths of connection, and bonds of affection across the Anglican Communion that you are here today. I am moved beyond words."



## Living Lent

### Bishop Nick Baines

Lent is the season of the year when a pile of books and articles is published telling us to “slow down”. Every year I try to do it differently, and most years I fail miserably. It seems that even if I want to slow down, the world doesn’t slow down around me, and I just end up feeling guilty.

Am I the only one? Or does this experience ring a bell?

Of course, slowing down is not always something we choose to do - it is done to us. When the Israelites fled from captivity in Egypt (the Exodus) they didn’t suddenly emerge into the land flowing with milk and honey; rather, they spent forty years in a desert learning that freedom is not just ‘from’, but also ‘for’ - that we learn our need of God and each other, working out our lives in community.

When Jesus was tested in the desert for forty days, he didn’t just slow down and have spiritual thoughts. Rather, with all the distractions of ordinary life stripped away, he couldn’t avoid himself and the sharp questions about what really drove him: the short cut to glory or a willingness to walk what would become a road to the cross.



I think this points us to the actual point of Lent. Once a year we are offered the opportunity to examine ourselves and ask what we are really about. Making the space - once a day, once a week, once in Lent? - to take a long, hard look at who we really are and why we make the choices we do, that is the gift of Lent.

Each Saturday this Lent each of the bishops in our diocese will spend some hours praying in a cathedral, minster or parish church. Each hour on the hour we will lead a short liturgy for whoever cares to join us. Not a navel-gazing self-help exercise, but a simple opening up to the searching love of God.

Lent offers the space for us together to learn to love and to live faithfully, however fast or slow the world might turn.

**+Nick**  
**Bishop of Leeds**

## Tackling isolation

**HUDDERSFIELD** A church project to connect community and reach out to those more isolated, through a programme of activities and crafts, is going strong in its third year. Aspire is the brainchild of St John’s, Birkby where the vicar, the Revd David Carpenter wanted to build community by encouraging older people to try doing new things together.

“The key for this was to help reduce isolation and build community. We wanted to do that by offering different experiences and a different outlook that would bring people together and build bridges in a new way,” he said. “Aspire does just that. It addresses social poverty



and bridges ethnic and inter-generational divides in Birkby, improves community relations through education and support, and helps older people engage with contemporary culture and social change.”

So far the groups have explored paper-making, felt-making, flower arranging, pottery, community art work, wildlife photography and learning more about local history.

## Holy Week at Kildwick, Cononley and Bradley

### Palm Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March

- 8.15am HC (BCP) - *St Andrew's Kildwick*
- 9.30am Palm Sunday service with HC – *St Mary's, Bradley*
- 10am Liturgy of the Palms and HC – *St Andrew's, Kildwick*  
*NB. No procession from Barretts Bridge*
- 11am Palm Sunday service with HC – *St John's, Cononley*
- 3pm Cononley Singers – Palm Sunday reflection in words and music  
– *St John's, Cononley*

### Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March

- 7.30pm KCB prayers – *St Andrew's, Kildwick (probably in the parish rooms)*
- 7.30pm CDFC Lent Course final session – *South Craven Baptist Church*

### Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March

- 7.30pm Compline – *St Mary's, Bradley – a very simple 20-minute spoken service*

### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March

- 7.30pm Tenebrae service – *St John's, Cononley*

### Maundy Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

- 7.30pm Holy Communion with footwashing *followed by stripping of the altar and Gethsemane vigil* – *St Andrew's, Kildwick*

### Good Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March

- 10am Leave *St Andrew's Kildwick* for  
CDFC Good Friday Walk of Witness to Cross Hills
- 10.30am CDFC Act of witness at *St Peter's Methodist Church, Cross Hills*
- 12 noon Start of three hours at the cross (first two hours not led)  
– *St Andrew's, Kildwick*
- 2pm Last hour at the Cross – *St John's, Cononley*
- 2pm Last hour at the Cross – *St Andrew's, Kildwick*
- 7.30pm Good Friday service at the *Methodist Chapel, Bradley*

### Holy Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March

- 8.45pm Vigil Service – *St Andrew's, Kildwick*

### Easter Day 1<sup>st</sup> April

- 8.15am Holy Communion (BCP) – *St Andrew's, Kildwick*
- 9.30am Easter Day Holy Communion – *St Mary's, Bradley*
- 10am Easter Day Holy Communion – *St Andrew's, Kildwick*
- 11am Easter Day Holy Communion – *St John's, Cononley*

Date	Time	Service	Reading
<b>4th March</b> Third Sunday of Lent	8.15am 10.00am	Holy Communion Family Communion	Exodus 20. 1-17 <i>1 Corinthians 1.18-25</i> John 2.13-22
<b>11th March</b> Mothering Sunday	8.15am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion	<i>Exodus 2.1-10</i> Colossians 3.12-17 John 19. 25-27
<b>18th March</b> Fifth Sunday of Lent Passion Sunday	8.15am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion	Jeremiah 31.31-34 Hebrews 5.5-10 John 12.20-23
<b>25th March</b> Palm Sunday	8.15am  10.00am	Blessing of Palms and Holy Communion Blessing of Palms, Procession and Parish Communion ( <i>NO procession from Barretts Bridge</i> )	<i>Arranged separately</i>
<b>29th March</b> Maundy Thursday	7.30pm	Eucharist of the Last Supper	<i>Arranged separately</i>
<b>30th March</b> Good Friday	10.00am  12 noon  2.00pm	CDFC Good Friday Walk of Witness to Crosshills Three hours at the cross ( <i>first two hours</i> ) Liturgy of the Cross	Isaiah 52.13 – 53.12 Hebrews 10.16-25 John 18.1 – 19.42
<b>31st March</b> Easter Eve	8.45pm	The Easter Liturgy and First Communion of Easter	<i>Arranged separately</i>
<b>1st April</b> <b>Easter Day</b>	8.15am 10.00am	Holy Communion Family Communion	Acts 10.34-43 1 Corinthians 15.1-11 Mark 16.1-8



Readers	Intercessor	Communion	Sides people	Tea & Coffee
Sylvia Clark <i>Reading not used</i> Anthony Luce	Lesley Hudson	Sandie and John	Eleanor Eastwood Sandie Walton June Whitaker	Joyce Bonham and Sylvia Ackroyd
<i>Reading not used</i> Katharine Calvert Anna Calvert	Jill Wright	Christine and Sue	Sandie Walton and Glennis Attwood	June Whitaker (vacancy)
Brenda Brock Christine Anderton Jill Wright	Chris Wright	Jill and Christine	Joyce Bonham and Geraldine Sands	Jill Wright (vacancy)
<i>Arranged separately</i>	<i>Arranged separately</i>	Sue and Sandie	Joan Houghton and Sylvia Clark	Ann Mosley and Christine Anderton
<i>Arranged separately</i>	<i>Arranged separately</i>			
Glyn Evans Chris Wright Julie Bacon	Peter Bannister			
<i>Arranged separately</i>	<i>Arranged separately</i>			
Lesley Bannister Tim Littler Kathryn Morris	Sue Hargreaves	Christine and Tim		Joyce Bonham and Sylvia Ackroyd





## March

- Thursday 1st** *St David's Day*
- Friday 2nd 7.00pm Beetle Drive at Kildwick and Farnhill Institute
- Sunday 4th** *The Third Sunday of Lent*
- Friday 9th 2.45pm Collective Worship
- Sunday 11th** *Mothering Sunday*
- 12th – 17th Skipton Music Festival this week  
*Kildwick church and school are both represented*
- Saturday 17th** *St Patrick's Day*
- Tuesday 20th 7.30pm "PCC Tonight" - a seminar at St John's, Great Horton
- Saturday 24th 1.00pm Wedding of Lee and Ashleigh
- Sunday 25th** *Palm Sunday*  
BST Begins. **CLOCKS GO FORWARD** *Don't be late!*
- Monday 26th** *Holy Week Begins See Page 9 for details*
- 7.30pm Prayers for Kildwick, Cononley and Bradley  
at St Andrew's, Kildwick (Parish Rooms)
- Thursday 29th** *Maundy Thursday*  
*School End of Term*
- Friday 23rd** *Good Friday*

## April

- Sunday 1st** **EASTER DAY**
- Monday 2nd *First anniversary of the new bell ringing band*
- Sunday 8th** *Second Sunday of Easter* New pattern of services begins
- 9.30am Parish Communion
- 7.30pm Renovation Group meeting
- 5.15pm Visiting ringers from Tonbridge
- Sunday 15th** *Third Sunday of Easter*  
No service at St Andrew's
- Monday 16th *School Summer Term begins*
- Sunday 22nd** *Fourth Sunday of Easter*
- 11.00am Parish Communion
- 12.30pm St Andrew's APCM**
- Sunday 29th** *Fifth Sunday of Easter*
- 10.00am Joint service at (TBA)

# Harrogate church launches 'Pay as you feel' cafe

**RIPON** St Mark's Church, Harrogate, has launched an environmentally friendly 'pay-as-you-feel' café using food which otherwise would go to landfill.

'Resurrected Bites' is open for business every Wednesday and one Saturday each month in the Community rooms of St Mark's Church. Instead of a price list, diners choose how much they

would like to donate. Food from local shops and supermarkets, destined to go to landfill, is turned into safe nutritious meals and snacks by a team of chefs.

Pictured below is Michelle Hayes, who works at St Mark's Church, and has set up the project, with chefs Neil and William Meadows and



Nick Fisher. Sainsbury's, the Cheeseboard of Harrogate, Regal Fruiterers, the Cold Bath Road Deli, and the Co-op all contributed food to the launch of the café.

## Students bring faiths together

**LEEDS** An inter-faith group of Leeds students have taken to social media to put out positive stories about religions working together in an attempt to counter negative stories and 'bad news'. The students, who include young Jewish students,

Christians from St George's Church and Muslims from two Muslim youth groups, have been meeting together in Leeds. Together they have started a Facebook Page,

'FaithsTogether', which they began because they say they felt that there wasn't enough good news about religion.



Pictured on the steps of St George's Leeds are members of the student team, (left to right) Lauren Keiles and Carla

Bernstein of Leeds JSoc, David Kibble and David Kemball of St George's, and Hamad Haroon and Ayad Marhoon from the Leeds Muslim Youth Forum and the Leeds Muslim Youth Group.

# Welcoming the stranger

**BRADFORD** Churches in the Bradford area have been learning how to be more welcoming to visitors and those in need, with a training day on hospitality led by the Bishop of Bradford, Toby Howarth. Sixty delegates from across the Episcopal Area took part in 'Stretch Wide Your Curtains', an event jointly hosted by Wellsprings Together Bradford and the Episcopal Area lay training team. Practical workshops included understanding the changes coming with Universal Credit, accessing funding for projects and sharing the Christian faith. "There was a great buzz as people shared experiences and expertise," said Liz Firth of Wellsprings Together.

## Open hands ...

**WAKEFIELD** ... is the name of a new type of service designed specifically for those more vulnerable who might need a helping hand in the Wakefield area. St Catherine's church is already the city's biggest food bank and gives out emergency food parcels five days a week as well as running a variety of community projects. Now, on Monday evenings, the St Catherine's Church Centre will open its doors for Christian worship - followed by a free meal and chance just to sit and chat. Vicar, the Revd David Gerrard said he had been inspired by the success of the Saturday Gathering in Halifax.

### Easter confirmation and baptism service for the whole diocese

The Christian tradition of holding large-scale baptism and confirmation services on Easter Eve is making a return to the diocese this Easter. Bishop Nick has announced that the first-ever confirmation service for the whole diocese is to be held on Easter Eve, March 31 and will become an annual event.



The inaugural Easter baptism and confirmation service will be held at Ripon Cathedral at 7.30pm on Easter Eve and in following years will take place at each of the three cathedrals in turn. Aimed at encouraging joint participation, all parishes are invited to bring candidates for baptism and confirmation following suitable preparation.

Bishop Nick says, "In the early days of the Christian Church people came for baptism on Easter Eve. From 2018 onwards I will be conducting a Baptism and Confirmation Service in one of our cathedrals, inviting people from across our diverse diocese to join with other new

Christians from near and afar in making a big commitment to follow Jesus Christ. I look forward to it".

A rehearsal for the service will take place at 5.30pm in the Cathedral's nave, followed by tea and cake in the library prior to the service.

Parishes who can bring candidates to the service should email the Dean of Ripon's PA with details of the parish and names of those to be baptised, confirmed, received into the Church of England or who wish to renew their baptismal vows. Contact [JudithBustard@RiponCathedral.org.uk](mailto:JudithBustard@RiponCathedral.org.uk)

### Leeds launch for new book

A major new book on the Anglican Communion by the Diocesan Director of Ministry and Mission, the Revd Canon Andrew Norman, has received its official launch at Church House in Leeds. *A Church Observed: being Anglican as times change*, is described by the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, as "a very significant book indeed."



Amongst those at the launch was Bishop of Leeds, Nick Baines, who said that the autobiographical vantage point made the book very accessible. "It's a really good read – it's very well written and it takes you through the story of Andrew's life and his family so you are reading about the development of the Anglican Communion against that autobiography. I got through it in three goes – it was great and I do commend it."

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## Tower News

We've had an exciting start to the year in the bell tower... Some of that excitement is great and laudable – but some, not so good. Let's get that sorted first. Sadly a couple of stays have been broken.

The stay on a bell is a stick (quite a stick- some 2½ inch square ash!) which is there for the bell to rest on when it is in the "up" position, ready to ring. It's a stout stick, but not so stout that it won't break if you pull too hard.



Now that the band

is moving from basic bell handling under close supervision to ringing together, stays are probably a bit more vulnerable.

On the plus side, we've got a new certificate; this time for Ed who has gained his Level 3 for ringing two quarter peals, one on the littlest bell and one on the biggest. There are two others champing at his heels so I hope it'll not be long before their names go forward. We are using the "ART" scheme, called Learning the Ropes and it is helpful to have a regulated and graded set of steps to follow.

ART (the Association of Ringing Teachers) arrange an annual set of awards in various categories and Kildwick has been nominated for one of these awards this year. It is extremely unlikely that we'll win the Recruitment and Retention Award, but it is nevertheless very encouraging to have been put forward in this way. By the time you read this, the results will be out! I'll be attending the ceremony, but I don't think that I'll need to prepare any acceptance speech...

Another development that's bumbling away is the provision of a proper handrail up our steep and narrow spiral stairs. While our insurers are content to allow church staff (clock winders and steeple keepers), they are seriously not happy to allow visitors up a spiral stair without an adequate handrail. We have contacted Keighley College and their welding department is happy to take on the job of fabricating metal brackets for a rope as part of the coursework for their students. We now have the faculty (the church's planning permission) to go ahead so that should be in place before the next Heritage Open Day. When that is in place, we will more safely be able to show off our excellent bells and the magnificent historic clock.

## The Prayer Page

This is love  
 Not that you spoke words of comfort  
 You walked with the unclean and  
 unloved  
 Shared wisdom, bread and fish.  
 Brought healing into lives  
 And challenged the status quo.  
 This is love  
 That You spoke the word of God,  
 Walked a painful road to the cross,  
 Shared living water, bread of life,  
 Brought salvation to the world,  
 And died for the sake of all.  
 This is love  
 It is a seed  
 Sown in the ground,  
 Which germinates blossoms  
 And spreads its sweet perfume.



Lord, we would grow with You  
 New shoots spreading out  
 Hands stretched upward  
 Like leaves newly formed,  
 Soaking up Your light and warmth,  
 Lord we would grow with You.  
 Lord, we would grow with You,  
 In sunshine and in rain,  
 In darkness and in light,  
 In cold days and summer days,  
 From winter to springtime  
 Lord, we would grow with You.  
 Lord, we would grow with You,  
 And bring forth fruit  
 That is pleasing to You.  
 Fed by Your living water  
 Giving sustenance to other,  
 Lord, we would grow with You.  
 AMEN

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Jill and Chris Wright	01535 634526	Sandie Walton	01535 636501
Lesley Hudson	01535 523291	Eleanor Eastwood	01535 634717
Sue and Rosie Hargreaves		Sylvia Clark	
Edward Gee		Di Halliday	
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*See the article on page 5 for more details.*



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## Farnhill Parish Council

**A meeting of the Council** was held on the 25th January and attended by three members of the Council, the Revd Julie Bacon and the Clerk

**Introduction.** The Revd Julie Bacon introduced herself and told the Council of a Community Forum to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018 in connection with plans for the future of the building. She said that the present building dates back some 700 years and that it is central to the character of the area and belongs not just to the congregation but to the whole parish.

**Drains.** There is a problem with road drains on Bradley Road. Highways have done some work to improve the flow into the drains and it is hoped they will do some more remedial work.

**Leaking trough.** Water is still leaking from the trough at Bucklar Hill because Yorkshire Water are waiting for an enforcement notice to allow them to enter the property concerned.

**Fencing.** The temporary fencing near Redmans's Bridge continues to cause problems. Parts have blown down onto the tow path. The Canal & River Trust are being urged to sort this out.

**Rubbish.** The collection arrangements for Back Mary Street seem to have been ignored. CDC will be asked to reinstate the agreed collection service.

**Dementia.** YLCA are considering running sessions on how to become dementia friendly. The Council would be interested if it's held locally in the evening.

**Recycling.** Following consultation, CDC are removing all local "bring" recycling facilities. Improved kerbside collections and the abuse of sites by commercial entities are the main factors for this.

**Crosshills Railway Station** Gill Birks thanked the Parish Council for their offer of support. She urged us to take up the issue with our NYCC Councillor. Their County Councillor, Philip Barrett, has asked for it to go back on the Area Committee agenda and is going to co-ordinate public concern. Sutton PC are also concerned. A Facebook campaign is planned. Farnhill PC will write to NYCC and request that it is put back on the agenda for the Craven Area Committee.

**The Next Meeting** will be held on Thursday 22nd February.



## The Birds in Your Garden

### Garden Bird Health



People often ask what should be done about garden birds seen to be in distress.



There is rarely a good answer. It's not the happiest of subjects and thus probably doesn't get as much publicity as it should.

A collaborative project to monitor the health of British wildlife, called Garden Wildlife Health, has been running for several years now; it is organised by the Zoological Society of London, the BTO, Froglife and the RSPB.

It focuses on garden birds, amphibians, reptiles and hedgehogs,

and relies on the public reporting sick or dead wildlife, and sending in carcasses for analysis when asked. Every report submitted contributes to a national database, and all are archived into one of the world's largest wildlife databanks.

The project started in 1989 when wildlife volunteers were asked to report the deaths of newly released Red Kites. It was soon expanded to include other species being released for conservation purposes. Perhaps its most important early discovery was that the decline of red squirrels is mainly caused by a deadly squirrelpox virus carried benignly by the introduced grey squirrel.

If you see any wildlife in your garden that seem to be ill, or has died with no obvious cause, you can contact the GWH who can offer advice, but not treatment. (<https://www.gardenwildlifehealth.org>).

They say that if you find a sick or injured wild animal which can avoid threats from domestic animals or human beings, it may be in its best interests to be left alone. If it is incapable of fending for itself, you can contact your local vet or animal rescue organisation. However, remember that most wildlife have unique requirements for survival after treatment, and are intolerant of prolonged captivity (even for veterinary care). The British Wildlife Rehabilitation Council has a list of rescue organisations.

If you find dead wild waterfowl or gulls, or 5 or more dead wild birds in the same location, you should report them to the Defra helpline (03459 33 55 77). If you want to find out more on the subject, the GWH website is a good starting point.

There are many diseases that can affect garden birds, but the one you are perhaps most likely to encounter is Trichomoniasis.

**Trichomoniasis** is caused by a single-celled protozoan parasite. It is endemic in pigeons and doves and is thought to have been transferred to finches at shared feeding sites. Greenfinches have been the most gravely affected, with their numbers falling by two thirds over the last ten years; though other finches have also been affected. Transmission frequently occurs when sick birds regurgitate food which is consumed by others.

*Trichomonas Gallinae* typically causes lesions at the back of the throat and in the gullet, meaning that the bird cannot feed properly. The disease takes several days to kill, with infected birds becoming emaciated, with matted plumage around the head. Should you spot more than just the odd poorly finch, stop putting out food and leave your birdbath empty for 3 or 4 weeks, to allow the affected birds to disperse. The parasite is vulnerable to desiccation and cannot survive for long periods outside the host. If on restarting feeding you see more sick birds, stop immediately. Feeders, and areas around feeders and birdbaths, need regular cleaning and occasionally disinfecting; even if you don't see sick birds. It is also a good idea to move them around from time to time.

If you find the lives of our garden birds to be of interest, and would like to join in and count the feathered occupants of your garden, please contact me or visit the BTO Garden BirdWatch website ([www.bto.org/gbw](http://www.bto.org/gbw)). If you know of an organisation not a million miles from York which would like a talk on garden birds call: **Mike Gray 07596 366342** or [gbwmike@gmail.com](mailto:gbwmike@gmail.com)



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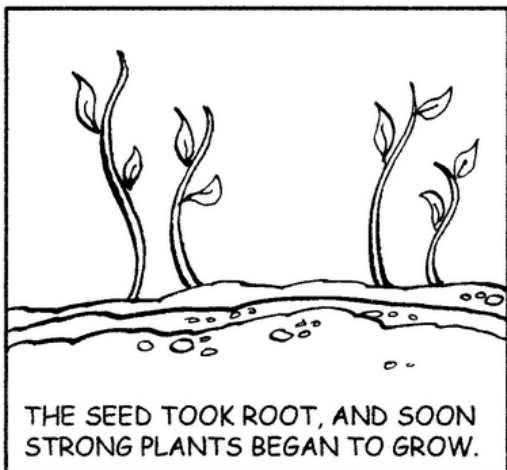


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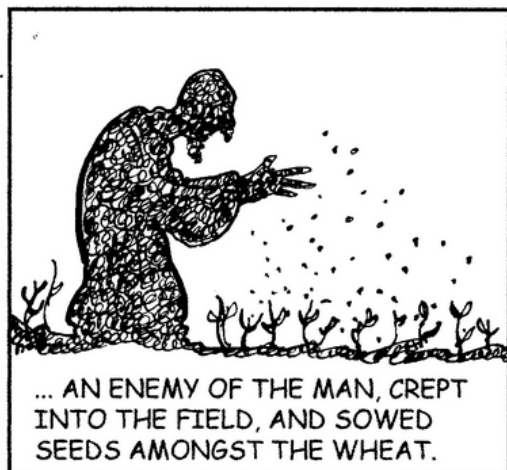
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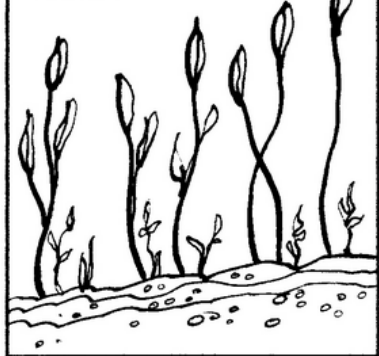


BUT ONE NIGHT, WHEN  
EVERYONE WAS ASLEEP...



... AN ENEMY OF THE MAN, CREPT  
INTO THE FIELD, AND SOWED  
SEEDS AMONGST THE WHEAT.

AS THE WHEAT BEGAN  
TO GROW, SO DID THE  
WEEDS.



WHEN THE SERVANTS SAW THE WEEDS  
THEY SUGGESTED RIPPING THEM OUT.

NO, LET'S LEAVE THEM  
UNTIL HARVEST TIME!



IF YOU PULL THEM UP NOW,  
YOU MIGHT KILL THE WHEAT  
TOO. WE'LL SORT THEM OUT AT  
HARVEST.



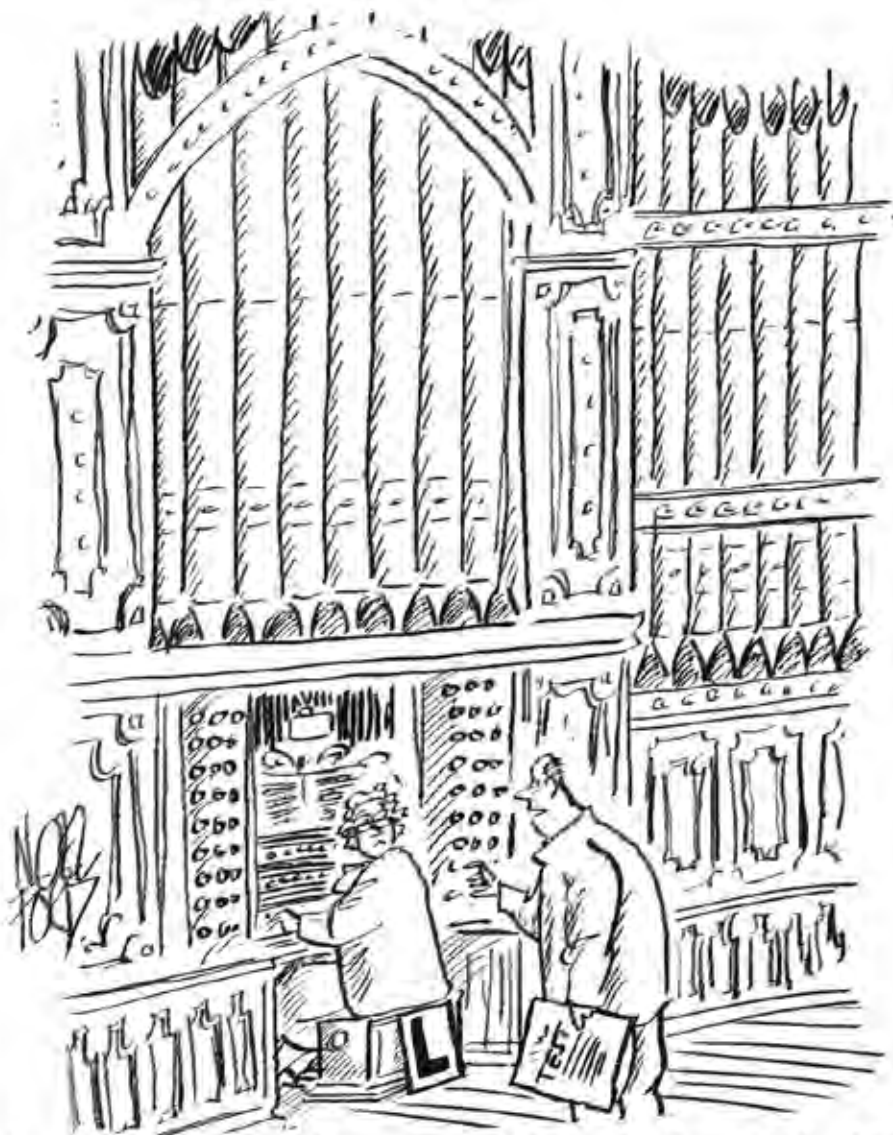
WHEN THE WHEAT WAS  
READY, IT WAS HARVESTED  
INTO HUGE BUNDLES.

BUT THE WEEDS WERE  
BURNED IN A LARGE FIRE.



THE PARABLE TELLS US THAT  
ALTHOUGH WE LIVE  
ALONGSIDE BADNESS, WE  
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