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New life

I'm delighted that this is my first letter for our new magazine, entitled (for now at least), *The Pinnacle*. Starting this month, this new magazine will serve the churches of St Andrew's, Kildwick, St John's, Cononley and St Mary's, Bradley in place of their predecessor publications, 'The Bridge' and 'Onward'. I hope that it will be read widely, not just by those who currently attend our churches, but by many who live in the villages and communities which we serve.

It's very appropriate that this new publication should start its life at the season of Easter, when Christians remember and celebrate afresh the mind-blowing, world-altering event of the resurrection. Our celebrations take place in Spring (whether or not the weather co-operates!), when so much around us speaks to us of returning life: green shoots pushing determinedly out of cold earth; leaf buds bursting on branches, imparting a soft green haze to trees; lambs appearing in fields, and birds busily nesting. If we have eyes to see, and time to notice, we rejoice in the annual cycle of the period of dormancy coming to an end, and life resurging. It lifts my heart and my spirits. It makes me feel hopeful again.

In everyday parlance, we might speak of seeing new life bursting out around us. But it's really returning life, rather than new life. It's part of the annual

round, miraculous in its own way, but of a piece with what has gone before. We know what to expect, because we've been here, seen it before. And there is much joy and comfort to be found in familiarity.



The resurrection wasn't like that at all. It was utterly unlike *anything* that anyone had seen or experienced before. That's not to say that it was completely unanticipated. Some (not all) of the

“ The resurrection ... was utterly unlike anything that anyone had seen or experienced ”

people of Jesus' nation and time believed that there would come a time in the future when the dead would be raised. Not that some form of shadowy, disembodied soul would have an ongoing existence. But that physical bodies that had died would return to life, raised by God's

power. Not surprisingly, this view was contested by many who found the whole idea, literally, unbelievable. In any event, those who believed in a physical resurrection of the body were not expecting it to happen imminently, or to one person, but rather at some far-off undefined future point, the end times, and to all people, when God would come to judge heaven and earth.

Jesus's resurrection was a singularity. It was unique. It created discontinuity, a break point in history. There was

the world before, in which there was no resurrection; and there is the world after, in which resurrection has happened. There was the world in which death reigned supreme, the end of everything. And there is the world in which death has been conquered and overcome. It's as simple, and as complicated, as that.

The risen Jesus is the first person living the truly new life, the first person belonging to the new creation. He had a body that could be touched, that could eat, that bore the marks of suffering inflicted on his old body, but that could also do things that the old body simply couldn't, like pass through locked doors. Sometimes it was recognizable to his friends, sometimes it wasn't. It was like, and yet unlike, the life of the old creation. It couldn't be understood on the old terms. It was genuinely *new* life.

No wonder this was so baffling to his friends. No wonder it took time for them to accept it. No wonder so many people today still struggle to understand an event which, when it comes right down to it, is actually incomprehensible.

But the amazing truth is that we are now living in a post-resurrection world. A world where new life has come to birth out of a cold dead tomb, so that the world can never be the same.

And the even more amazing truth is that God invites us to receive and be

part of that new life, here and now. To have the same power that raised Jesus from the dead within us. It's not a matter of how we feel, nor is it about being given some magic power to perform tricks. It's about being part of the new creation even as we live in the old one.

As Paul wrote to early followers of Jesus in Rome, "If the Spirit of

him who raised Jesus from

the dead dwells in you, he

who raised Christ from

the dead will give life to

your mortal bodies also

through his Spirit that

dwells in you." (Rom.

8.11). Our lives are

suffused, if we are willing,

with that Spirit of God, and

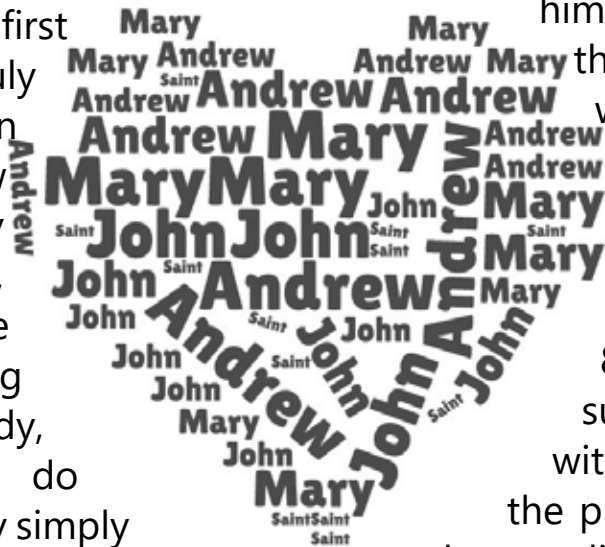
the promise of being part of

the new life of which Jesus is the first fruits (1 Corinthians 15.20).

As we go about our day-to-day lives, wrestling with problems and concerns that we can't avoid, ranging from the mundane to the major, it's easy for us to forget that we are already citizens of the new creation, because the old one has a strong grip on us. Easter is the time for us to remember the truth, that radical new life has already come and we are already sharing in it. It's a time for our vision to be broadened once again, and our hope renewed – for us to receive afresh and with joy the good news that we can live our lives in the light and power of that **new** life.

With every blessing

Julie



Come for a walk!





I am planning to walk the boundary of the parishes of Kildwick and Cononley with Bradley. The walk will take place in two halves; the first part will be on **Monday 28th May**, and the second part on **Saturday 2nd June**. Brenda Brock from Kildwick is helping to plan the route and doing some investigations of it in advance, as well as walking with me on the days. All are invited to come along for part or all of the walk, and to pray with me at certain points en route. If you're not able to join us, I hope that you will join us in spirit by praying for us and for our parishes as we make our way round. I hope to have more details for next month's magazine about starting and finishing points for each day, and timings, and possibly with an idea of some waypoints where you might be able to meet us. Watch this space for more information!

Julie

KCB prayers

Just a reminder that KCB prayers is our monthly prayer gathering for an hour **at 7.30pm on the fourth Monday of the month**, when we meet to pray for our churches and communities as well as for wider concerns. The dates and venues for the next three meetings are:

- 23rd April at St Mary's, Bradley
- 28th May *replaced by KCB prayer walk during the day
please come along, or pray as you are able.*
- 25th June at St John's, Cononley

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Leading our churches into growth – are you up for it?

Faith is about growth. About growing in faith individually, and about growing together as God's people. But it's also about growing in numbers. It's about living and sharing the good news of Jesus with others, and inviting them to share in the new life of the kingdom and to join us on the journey of faith, wherever they may be.

Does that excite you? Or does it seem unrealistic? Perhaps the idea of a growing church seems impossible. Maybe you've seen numbers in your church declining, for all sorts of reasons. People die, or move away. Family life has changed over the years, and now there are many different things on offer on a Sunday. Lots of people have never developed a habit of attending church. Many people don't know much about the Christian story.

Perhaps that all sounds like bad news. It is easy to feel disheartened, and to lose the sense that things could change and be different. Maybe you've become burdened with the business of church life, and all that entails, including keeping buildings going. Perhaps you've lost sight of what we're really here for, what our purpose is.

But we're in the business of good news! Did you know that across our diocese, the rate of decline in church attendance has slowed dramatically, and now more and more churches are seeing their numbers stabilize, and even grow? Churches not very different from ours are finding new ways of connecting with their communities. Many of them have done so by engaging with a home-grown resource called 'Leading Your Church Into Growth' (LYCIG). Developed by the Revd. Canon Robin Gamble from the historic Bradford diocese, LYCIG is now a nationally recognized programme that many churches have participated in with a great deal of success. If you want to know more about it, visit their website: www.leadingyourchurchintogrowth.org.uk

There are a number of different ways of engaging with LYCIG, but the centrepiece is the residential course, which this year is taking place at the Swanwick centre in Derbyshire from 24th to 27th September. I know from others who have attended that it works best when the vicar/priest-in-charge goes with a couple of lay people, so that they can bring back the learning from the course together, and explore with their church what is useful for their particular situation and introduce it over a period of time. I've heard many comments along the lines of, "I was really sceptical about whether this would be just another grand plan, but it makes a lot of sense and is really very do-able." I really hope and pray that this will be our experience!

I am going, and I'd love to have two or three others to come along with me. As my appointment is interim, it would help to ensure that what's useful in the course won't disappear with me at the end of my time here. There is a financial cost to going of £290 per place (it is possible that I might be able to find some financial assistance from the diocese to cover some of this cost). This expenditure will need to be approved by church councils, but I hope that you would see it as an investment in the future of our churches.

Please pray about whether you might be the person to come along with me in September. If you think you might be interested, but are still not sure, come and talk to me. The sooner I know whether anyone wants to come, the sooner I can investigate the possibility of subsidized places. This is a fantastic opportunity for us to explore some new thinking about where and how we might grow, in order to continue to spread the message of God's love with as many people as possible.

Julie

From my window

I was thinking back a few days ago to when the Mothers' Union JMT Branch was started in Bradley. I don't remember what year it was but Mr Nockels was the vicar and his wife was keen to get a group going.

Annie Sharples was the enrolling member and I think we began with about 10 members. The younger women in the congregation didn't join as they thought that the MU was just for us older ones. How wrong they were – but that's another story. We managed to put together a good list of very varied talks and one that made a big impression on me and stays with me still after all these years was given by a speaker from the Martin House Children's Hospice in Wetherby.

We also went on some really enjoyable trips out. One being to Windsor for what might have been some Royal occasion as there were very cheap offers available by rail. We had breakfast on the train on the way there and dinner on the way home by return. On another excursion we travelled on a coach to Lancaster to visit a lovely park with a butterfly house (typist's note; this is Williamson Park which still has the noted butterfly house and is well worth a visit). When the time to come home arrived two of our oldest members were missing at the collection point. They eventually arrived half an hour late, very happily escorted by two young police men.

The birds in my garden are very quiet today, even my resident robin is staying well hidden. The one bird that is around is a Jenny Wren, which is only the size of a golf ball but darts around incessantly.

Hopefully the snow will soon be gone and things will return to normal, so till next time ...

JMT

The May Edition

We are still working our way towards our new joint magazine! We hope that our editorial team will expand to include a "correspondent" for each of the three churches. For the time being though, please be sure that all your contributions are delivered to your usual contacts by **22nd April**.

We will try to have the May edition ready for distribution on 29th April.

From Wycliffe to Wesley

The Morning Star of the Reformation

Last year I wrote about Martin Luther, to mark the 500th anniversary of the publication of his 95 theses exposing dubious practices of the Catholic Church. Although his criticisms are widely regarded as having led to the Protestant Reformation, Luther was not the only person to attack the Church's reputed errors, nor was he the first. I would like to begin to explore an earlier assault on the Church and the subsequent chain of events which also contributed to the Reformation and to the growth of Nonconformity. My story has its origins in Yorkshire and starts in the century before the birth of Luther.

In or about the year 1330, John Wycliffe was born in the North Riding of Yorkshire. Not much is known about his early life, but we do know that he went to Oxford University, first as a student, then as a scholar and lecturer, and ultimately as Master of Balliol college. In 1374 he additionally became rector of Lutterworth in Leicestershire and began writing on political and theological matters. His well-constructed arguments ranged from disputing the right of the Pope to extort levies from England and the raising of money through the sale of indulgences, challenging the Pope's general authority, rejecting the catholic concept of transubstantiation, and demanding that an English translation of the Bible be made available. All these ran counter to the cherished doctrines of the Church and earned him its disfavour. But in those days he had a powerful patron in the person of John of Gaunt, who supported his views as did a good many of the general body of people. In some respects his views were very similar to those subsequently expressed by Luther. He soon built up followers who became known as Lollards, but the Church hierarchy caused his expulsion from Oxford and in 1382 Wycliffe was forced to retire to his Lutterworth parish. Here he continued to write critical articles against the church and to inspire and encourage an English translation of the Bible which became known as the Wycliffe Bible. He died in 1384.

The Church reacted strongly against Wycliffe's writings and his followers. His books were ordered to be destroyed and Lollards were driven underground or even burned as heretics if they refused to recant. In a particularly vindictive act Wycliffe's remains were ordered to be exhumed, his bones were burned and the ashes thrown in the nearby river. But many of Wycliffe's opinions persisted and continued to influence the course of Christianity, most notably in the case of John Hus to whom I shall refer in the next of these articles. Wycliffe's influence can also be seen in the changes wrought in the English Reformation which gave birth to the Church of England. While some may question his sincerity – he is said to have become embittered against the Church at having been passed over for a bishopric – there is no doubt that his arguments were the product of a clear, courageous, and knowledgeable thinker in advance of his time. Not for nothing then did Wycliffe earn the description of 'The Morning Star of the Reformation'.

Cononley WI

Unfortunately due to the bad weather we had to cancel our March meeting. However we were able to go to Craven College Brasserie in Skipton for lunch on Tuesday 13th March and this was enjoyed by all who went. The students worked hard and looked after us very well.

Our next meeting is on April 5th when Wendy Lill will be telling us about her Arctic adventure.

We meet at 7.30pm in the Institute and visitors are very welcome.

Elizabeth Calvert

Cononley with Bradley Mothers' Union

Due to unforeseen circumstances the March meeting had to be cancelled. Our next meeting will be on April 10th when Jill Wright will be speaking on her experiences as part of the Airedale hospital Chaplaincy team. This will be at the home of Linda Town.

A Lady Day service is being held on Monday 9th April, 2018 at 2.00 p.m. at St. Barnabas' Church, Ashwell Road, Heaton, Bradford.

If anyone wishes to go please let me know as I need to let them have numbers by Thursday, 5th April to help with catering.

Elsie Clarke

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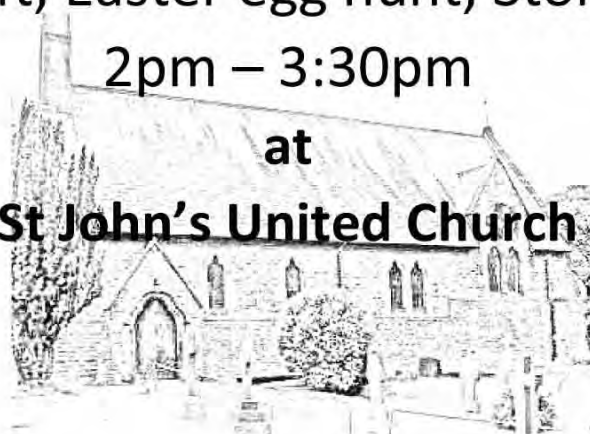
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Putting prayer at the heart of the diocese

Prayer has been at the heart of diocesan life during February and March as a series of Lent prayer events have taken place each Saturday at a different cathedral or church led by each of our six bishops in turn. Spending five hours in silent prayer, each bishop has also invited anyone to join them for a short simple liturgy on the hour.

Bishop Helen-Ann Hartley, the Bishop of Ripon launched the series at Ripon Cathedral. She said, "The Diocesan Vision 'Loving. Living. Learning' begins in prayer, and this year, the six bishops decided that we needed to model that in a visible way. Prayer is not an end in itself of course, it leads to action and a constant search for peace and justice. We hope that the pattern of prayer which we commit to this Lent



will be an ongoing sign of our commitment to love, live and learn together."

The following week, Bishop Paul Slater was joined by others at Leeds Minster. "I really welcome the opportunity to pray in the heart of Leeds for the diocese." Bishop Jonathan Gibbs led prayers at Dewsbury and Halifax Minsters on Saturday 3 March.

Bishop Toby Howarth is leading prayers March 10 at Bradford Cathedral, whilst on Saturday 17 March, Bishop Tony Robinson will be praying at Wakefield Cathedral. On Saturday 24 March, Bishop Nick Baines will be at Holy Trinity, Skipton. All these prayer events run from 10am until 3pm.

Welcome for digital 'accord'

Bishop Nick has welcomed a national agreement between the government and the Church of England encouraging greater use of church spires and towers to boost mobile connectivity in rural areas.

Bishop Nick said, "We already have a number of



churches across our diocese, particularly in rural North Yorkshire, which have installed Wi-Fi transmitters to connect remote communities and boost the local economy. This accord will encourage more churches to do so, helping to tackle two of the biggest issues rural areas face - isolation and sustainability."

Easter challenges

Bishop Helen-Ann Hartley

I'm a bit of a Dr Who fan, and I vividly remember the scene during Christopher Eccleston's tenure as the ninth Doctor, when the Daleks said that fateful word: 'elevate!' Interestingly, one thing I've had to get used to again since returning home is climbing stairs. Not an obvious thing you may think, but in a context where earthquakes are prevalent, homes don't tend to be built on more than one level. So I'm enjoying becoming reacquainted with steps and stairs of varying types. It's the little things, so the saying goes.

One thing is certain about Easter, and it's not a little thing at all: Jesus' resurrection from the dead is a bold challenge to the level playing field of life. The wrench from death to life elevates each one of us into a new reality, and nothing can ever be the same again. That has some serious implications for how we live in the here and now, and how we plan for the future. Easter is good news for each person, and it is also startling news for those who think that the game is up for Christianity.

I have been constantly inspired by the people and



places I have encountered on my travels as a new bishop in this diocese. There are some incredible faithful and committed people in our midst.

There are also hard questions that need to be asked. The cross (as priest and writer Sam Wells puts it) is itself more of a question these days, than an answer. We must have courage to reimagine where we are, to let go of things that we have held dear, but not let go of the places to which God calls us.

Each one of us in the light of the resurrection is invited to galvanise the courage and strength that it gives us. With wisdom and imagination we are called to live in this age, 'for such a time as this,' and to be a support and resource to one another. What a gift of new life that is! I for one can't wait to see what God has in store in this season of resurrection and hope.

**+Helen-Ann
Bishop of Ripon**

Cathedral serves up surprises at Wakefield's Rhubarb Festival

WAKEFIELD Wakefield is at the centre of the Yorkshire Rhubarb Triangle and the cathedral has been celebrating the famous pink vegetable during the city's rhubarb festival, with a rhubarb inspired menu, a rhubarb trail, and a rhubarb theme to the Sunday



morning service with Bishop Nick.

More than 2000 people visited the cathedral over the festival period. In the cathedral kitchen, catering manager, Ea Nielsen, created rhubarb inspired sausage rolls, hot pork sandwiches with rhubarb sauce, rhubarb scones, crumbles and tarts. They all sold out early and takings exceeded expectations.

While welcomers guided cathedral visitors on a Rhubarb Trail, the cathedral also held an outdoor procession and thanksgiving led by Bishop Nick on the Sunday of the Festival.

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Date	Time	Church	Readings	Kildwick Readers	Kildwick Intercessors
1 April Easter Day	8.15am 9.30am 10.00am 11.00am	Kildwick Bradley Kildwick Cononley	Acts 10.34-43 1 Corinthians 15.1-11 Mark 16.1-8	Lesley Bannister Tim Littler Kathryn Morris	Sue Hargreaves
8th April 2nd Sunday of Easter	9.30am 11.00am	Kildwick Cononley	Acts 4.32-25 John 20.19-end	Sylvia Clark Tim Chapman	Lesley Hudson
15th April 3rd Sunday of Easter	9.30am 11.00am	Cononley Bradley	Acts 3.12-19 Luke 24.36b-48		
22nd April 4th Sunday of Easter	9.30am 11.00am	Bradley Kildwick	Acts 4.5-12 John 10.11-18	Christine Anderton Anthony Luce	Chris Wright
29 April 5th Sunday of Easter	8.15am 10.00am	Kildwick Bradley	Acts 8.26-end John 15.1-8		

Regular Events in the “KCB” Parishes

Monday	9.30am	Pre-School Music Group	Bradley Village Hall
Monday	2.00pm	Cononley Arts Club	Cononley Institute
Monday	8.00pm	Ditty Nitty Craft Club	Slater's Arms, Bradley
Tuesday	10.00am <i>Not holidays</i>	<i>Chuffs Fun for pre-school children and their grown-ups!</i>	Kildwick Parish Rooms
Tuesday	7.15pm	Yoga Class	Bradley Village Hall
Tuesday	7.15pm	Choir practice	Kildwick Parish Rooms
Wednesday	9.30am	Midweek Eucharist	Kildwick Parish Rooms
Wednesday	10.15am	NottheKnot Group	Kildwick Parish Rooms

April

Kildwick Communion	Kildwick Welcomers	Bradley Flowers	Bradley Cleaning	Cononley Flowers	Cononley Cleaning
Christine Tim	Eleanor Eastwood Sandie Walton June Whitaker	Easter Flowers	A Hunt	Flower Team	Mrs R Sedgwick
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		M Throup	K Eddison		Ms L Cooke Mrs J Clifford

Regular Events in the "KCB" Parishes

Wednesday	7.45pm	Cononley Singers	Cononley New Inn
Thursday	9.30am	Toddlers Group	Bradley Village Hall
Thursday	3.30pm <i>Not Holidays</i>	MiniRingers Club	Kildwick Tower or Parish Rooms
Thursday	7.30pm	Whist Drive	Bradley Village Hall
Thursday	7.30am	Bell Ringing Practice	Kildwick Tower
Friday	9.00am	Pilates	Cononley Institute
Friday	10.00am	Yoga Class	Bradley Village Hall
Friday	1.30pm	Keep Fit	Cononley Institute



April

Sunday 1st EASTER DAY

Monday 2nd *First anniversary of the new Kildwick bell ringing band*

Sunday 8th Second Sunday of Easter *The new pattern of services begins*

Wed 11th 7.30pm Renovation Group meeting at Kildwick

Saturday 14th 5.15pm Visiting ringers from Tonbridge at Kildwick

Sunday 15th Third Sunday of Easter

Monday 16th 2.00pm Easter Kidz at Cononley

Tuesday 17th School Summer Term begins

Sunday 22nd Fourth Sunday of Easter

12.30pm ***Kildwick St Andrew's APCM***

Sunday 29th Fifth Sunday of Easter

10.00am Joint service at Bradley

Monday 30th 7.30pm Prayers for Kildwick, Cononley and Bradley
at Bradley

May

Sunday 6th Sixth Sunday of Easter

Morning Tour de Yorkshire travels up the Aire Valley

2.00pm Scarecrow Teas at Cononley Institute

Monday 7th May Day Bank Holiday

Thursday 10th Ascension Day

Sunday 13th Seventh Sunday of Easter

Saturday 19th 1.00pm Wedding at Kildwick

Sunday 20th Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

Sunday 27th Trinity Sunday

Monday 28th School Half Term Week begins

KCB Boundary Walk – Part 1 (*including KCB Prayers*)

June

Saturday 2nd KCB Boundary Walk – Part 2 (*including KCB Prayers*)

Tuesday 5th 7.00pm Archdeacon's Visitation at Kildwick

From the Registers

Funeral

28th March Jonathon Mosley formerly of Skipton at St Andrew's

£5m investment for St George's Crypt housing plan

LEEDS Leeds City Council has approved a £5 million investment through a mix of grant and loan funding, to enable St George's Crypt and Latch (Leeds Action to Create Homes) to provide supported accommodation for some of the city's most vulnerable adults, young people and families.

It's the first time Leeds City Council has provided loan funding to support new affordable, supported housing to be developed in the city, enabling St. George's Crypt and Latch to acquire and develop 45 new affordable, supported

living units for people who are homeless or in housing need.

St. George's Crypt is the council's main provider of



emergency accommodation and works with partners to prevent or alleviate homelessness. It aims to develop a total of 150 units of supported and affordable housing over the coming years.

Crossing the threshold

BRADFORD The Bishop of Bradford, Toby Howarth, was one of many Christians who visited a mosque last month as part of the 'Visit My Mosque' initiative. Bishop Toby is pictured at the Madni Masjid in West Bowling, Bradford, one of nearly 200 mosques across the country to open their doors. Visitors got to learn about how Muslims pray, and the importance of mosques to the faith.



"Crossing the threshold of a different place of worship can be an important step in learning about and getting to know our neighbours," said Bishop Toby.

A recent poll commissioned by the MCB found that almost 70 per cent of Britons

hadn't seen the inside of another faith's place of worship, and almost 90 per cent hadn't been inside a mosque. (Photo credit: Bradford Telegraph & Argus.)

Warmth of the Spirit

RIPON Lay and clergy leaders from churches in the diocese have been among those taking part in the national New Wine leadership conference at Harrogate. Despite heavy snow, 1500 church leaders met at the Harrogate Convention Centre where the focus was on 'transforming communities'.

The Archdeacon of Bradford, Ven. Andy Jolley, was one of the conference speakers and is New Wine's Head of Urban Ministry. "We have been looking at how lay discipleship is a really important way in which churches can transform communities. It's not just what churches are doing, but the way individual Christians work in their respective spheres."

Oh yes it is!

HUDDERSFIELD Cries of "It's behind you!" rang out from the parish hall of St Thomas's Greetland last month as church and community come together to uphold the long held tradition of the village pantomime.

Since WWII there has been a church pantomime, begun by the Cross Hills Methodist Church but now a joint endeavour and held in St Thomas's Parish Hall. The hall was transformed into Treasure Island with its cast drawn from the Methodist Junior Church, youngsters from St Thomas's, and local schools.

‘A new chapter’ for Lay Ministry as Lay Conference bookings open



Bookings have opened for the Diocesan Lay Conference which will bring together more than 1600 participants from across the diocese.

The first diocesan conference for lay people in the Diocese of Leeds is being held on Saturday 9 June 2018 at the Harrogate Convention Centre and is designed to support church members and boost their efforts to live out their faith in parishes, schools and workplaces. Keynote speakers include the head of the Church Army, Mark Russell, and the Bishop of Dorking, the Rt Revd Jo Bailey-Wells.

Each parish is being asked to send between two to six delegates, chosen for their potential to play a leading role in parish life, for their strong interest in relating faith to daily life or because they are already engaged in church-based ministry.

The Lay Conference will also be the launch pad for new ways of supporting and training lay ministers. Director of Ministry and Mission, Canon Andrew Norman, Director of Ministry and Mission and Chair of the planning team, says that plans being developed will aim to offer training and support for many different forms of lay ministry. “The Lay Conference is going to be a really exciting day in itself, but it also marks a new and exciting chapter for Lay Ministry across the diocese.”

Extra places will be available for four young people (aged 14-17) per deanery and for people with disabilities or who are BAME (Black, Asian and minority ethnicity), in line with national efforts to increase inclusion and encourage diversity.

Full information is available online at www.leeds.anglican.org/lay-conference.

Digging deep into digital

Website and Facebook users from nearly forty churches and cathedrals across the diocese have been learning how to make the most of social media as part of a CofE campaign to encourage the church to make the most of Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

The course at Church House, Leeds is part of a national



campaign to train people from 500 parishes before the July General Synod. As well as going into the basics of creating Facebook pages and Twitter accounts, the course, led by the CofE’s digital comms team from London, covered ‘A Church Near You’, and the mysteries of analytics, hashtags, promoted posts, safeguarding issues and dealing with negative comments. (Pictured above is course leader **Amaris Cole**.)

“Really useful”, “fascinating”, “very helpful” and “a splendid day which was a great learning experience”, were some of the many comments from those who took part.

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Seasons in the countryside

March certainly came in like a lion so let's hope it goes out like a lamb. What a complete mixture of weather we have had. Just when we thought the wind and rain was bad enough along came the snow and a lot of it at that. There was plenty of drifting snow on Woodside Lane as with all the other roads round about. The freezing 'beast from the east' winds were unbearable to work in. It got monotonous putting all the layers on before venturing outside.

I had my birds locked in their huts for three days. I had to dig my way down to the huts in snow deeper than my waist. There was no way I was letting the white embden geese and aylesbury ducks out for fear they would be lost in the snow. All I would have to go by would be to have looked out for orange beaks!. They would have blended in with the snow.

Luckily boredom did not set in too much as I had prepared for the bad weather and had all sorts of vegetables hung up in their huts for them to peck at. Threading tomatoes to bailer band was interesting for the ducks. They usually like to play football before squashing them but they had to be content with nibbling them hung up. The snow did not take too long to go and they were soon back out causing mayhem.

Since writing the last article I have acquired four more ducks..Jack, Dolly, Doris and Malinda and more hens to join all the other girls. Spartacus the cockerel took one look at the new arrivals and walked away. He looked at me as if to say 'what, more women?!'. Poor lad spends more time with the ducks now than the hens. I think they must be wittering at him too much. The geese have started to lay but I am not going to let them sit this year as I do not want any more ganders!.

The wild birds have had a struggle this winter but it is brilliant to hear that everyone has been putting plenty of bird food out for them. I've found they are eating more seed and mealworms instead of the fatballs. It has been lovely watching the buzzards circling the sky and listening to the curlews. I am eagerly awaiting the arrival of the wild geese. It fills me with such joy when I hear them in the distance and watch them flying over in their own magical formation.

The bulbs in our garden are very slow to get going this year. We would usually have daffodils flowering by now but they are only a few inches tall whereas the snowdrops have been flowering for weeks. It will not be long before we see trees and hedges bursting with life and hedgehogs coming out from their winter's sleep.

The nursery is filling up with young plants and now all we need is some lovely spring sunshine to get us all into good spirits for the year ahead.

The Prayer Page



Lord God,
 You loved this world so much,
 That you gave your one and only Son,
 That we might be called your children too.
 Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace
 Of Easter Sunday, everyday.
 Let us have hearts of thankfulness
 For your sacrifice.
 Let us have eyes that look upon
 Your grace and rejoice in our salvation.
 Help us to walk in that mighty grace
 And tell your good news to the world.
 All for your glory do we pray, Lord, Amen.

Lord of life
 We pray for all who bring your
 word of life
 As a light to those in darkness
 For those who bring your word
 of peace
 To those enslaved by fear
 For those who bring your word
 of love
 To those in need of comfort
 Lord of love and Lord of peace
 Lord of resurrection life
 Be known
 Through our lives
 and through your power
 Christ the Lord is risen to-day
 Halleluia



Halleluia!
 Jesus is risen!
 He is risen indeed!
 May this declaration
 resound not only in this place
 but touch the lives
 of all we meet
 and forever be
 the truth of which we speak.
 Your love,
 once sown within a garden,
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 now spreads its sweet perfume
 in this place
 and wherever it is shown.
 Halleluia!
 Jesus is risen!
 He is risen indeed!

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Lesley Hudson	01535 523291	Eleanor Eastwood	01535 634717
Sue and Rosie Hargreaves		Sylvia Clark	
Edward Gee		Di Halliday	
Kathryn Morris	01535 633588	Christine Anderton	01535 633596

Cononley Singers

By the time you get your magazine we will have been to St. John's for our usual Palm Sunday service and we hope that you enjoyed it.

We had our annual general meeting last week where concerts, concert venues and general policies were discussed. We all thanked Tony for his hard work at the rehearsals and concerts and work behind the scenes choosing music, finding venues, and generally coping with all aspects of our choir. Our committee, as do most committees, work very hard to keep the singers viable and need our thanks too, along with our accompanist Robin, who helps the choir in many ways.

We are rehearsing hard now for our Summer concerts which are a little earlier this year. The Skipton concert is on 7th July and we'll be in Cononley on the 8th so please put the date in your diary because we hope to see you – not just there but also of course at the Gala.

Farnhill Parish Council

A meeting of the Council held on the 22nd February was attended by five Councillors, a CDC Representative, two members of the public and the Clerk

Funding CDC Rep Cllr A Brown reminded the Parish Council that he still had funding of £200.00 left. The closing date for applications is the 31st March.

Council Tax Increase Cllr Brown said that CDC have agreed an increase of 2.9% Decreases in funding from the government mean an increase was unavoidable. NYCC and the police will also be putting up their shares.

Planning A large number of planning applications have been submitted for new estates on virtually every road out of Skipton. There were concerns about the timing of this work.

The Canal and River Trust have confirmed that works should be completed in July 2018 but may be delayed if other works become a higher priority.

Kildwick Church Two members attended the Church Community Forum. The roof repair has been estimated at £450,000, but the total project is estimated at 1.5 million. They need people willing to help with organizing events. Council resolved to wait till the Annual Parish Meeting before considering a donation. If the money cannot be raised then the Church may have to close.

Information Board Cllr M Scarffe showed a draft of artwork for a map and pictures of the village. Detail to be finalised prior to getting some quotes.

Lower Arbour A draft plan for the path and steps at the top end of Lower Arbour was approved of, but more detail is needed prior to getting quotes.

Play Area Prices are awaited for parts for some of the play equipment. The wall at the back has gaps in the rendering which appeared to be getting bigger.

No response has been received from CDC and no action has been taken to reinstate the waste collection service at Back Mary Street

The Defibrillator has been taken out to two incidents recently but not used. It has been returned safely and checked to make sure it is ready for use.

Trees and Dogs Some trees that were left over from previous plantings will be planted when the weather is suitable. CDC to be asked to reinstate the dog bin at the Car park as people are not using the litter bin and as a consequence there has been more dog fouling.

Parson's Walk Thanks were expressed to Richard Bramley & Ken Ideson for the excellent work they have done with the path at Parson's Walk.

The Next Meeting will be held on Thursday 26th April



The Birds in Your Garden

Migration



The more I learn about migration the more unbelievable I find it. The number and variety of birds which travel vast distances to breed is staggering. From humming birds flying between Mexico and Alaska, to gulls which circulate between Newfoundland and Chile, returning via Africa.

Many garden birds take part in these epic voyages too. Cuckoos are probably the best known, but

Swallows, Swifts and House Martins make much the same journey and are a lot smaller. All these species are now on their way back, many of them already in southern Europe, and are being tracked by the BTO, using a range of data loggers, to help understand better where they migrate to, and by which routes, and maybe learn why their numbers are in decline.

During these early months of the year, we see short-range migrants moving through our gardens. Birds such as Siskins, Chaffinches and Goldfinches are moving northeast towards their breeding grounds, having spent the winter in the south and west of the country. So far this year most of the numbers reported are lower than usual, suggesting that fewer birds came across the North Sea in the first place.

Blackbirds from Fennoscandia and northern Germany also spend their winters here and move back east in early spring. I've seen Redwing and Fieldfare in my garden recently, possibly forced away from their usual feeding locations by the snow, but also starting to make their way back north-eastwards to breed.

As you may have heard, The Yorkshire Arboretum still hosts a flock of around a hundred Hawfinches, a very rare event. They will presumably be returning to their breeding grounds soon, though there is always the hope that a few may stay and breed.

Migration habits are changing everywhere. Climate change allows many species to overwinter closer to home, as exemplified by German Blackcaps wintering in southwest England rather than around the Mediterranean. Ever more species are breeding in the UK as well as in continental Europe, witness the spread north of Little Egrets which are now to be seen regularly in Yorkshire.

At the other end of the journey, both climate change and population growth are affecting our migrants' summer quarters. Increased populations need more food and fuel, so forests are rapidly being eroded and land use is changing, with farming becoming more widespread and intensive. All of which reduce the availability of food for wildlife.

Food is key to migration: birds consume a vast amount of energy flying long distances, often across hostile terrain such as the Sahara. To do this they must fatten up before their journey, and then refuel on the way. Climate change produces ever more extreme weather conditions, which often mean insufficient food is available to migrants at their point of origin and en-route. We know that this is one of the major causes of migrating Cuckoo mortality through Spain, where droughts and wildfires have caused major problems recently.

On the brighter side though, now is the time to keep your eyes peeled. You never know what might choose your garden to rest and refuel in on its way back home! Particularly if we have some strong winds to blow them off-course.

If you find the lives of our garden birds interesting and would like to join in and count the feathered occupants of your garden, please contact me or visit the BTO Garden BirdWatch website (www.bto.org/gbw). If you know of 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.



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St. John's Cononley Collecting box

The box in the Post Office has made £77-41 over the last year and I would like to thank Janet and Simon who allow us to use their shop to put the box on their counter. Since they took over the shop they have raised over £270.00 for the church and we are very grateful to have been given this money. Thank you to all in the village who put their money in the box.



Tombola

Once again I would like to thank all the people who gave and supported the tombola at the last coffee morning where we made over £70.00 for the funds but I am sorry to tell you that I have decided that collecting, marking up, carrying the goods up to the hall and then manning the stall proved to be too much for Malcolm and me this time and so reluctantly I am handing it over to someone else next time. I am afraid that both of us are getting older and cannot do the things we used to do. I thought that whoever takes it on would like to start from scratch, so after consultation we took the prizes that were left to the Salvation Army where they were gratefully received. I thank everyone for their support over the years and a big thank you to Joan and David who have cheerfully provided the spinner for us each time I have needed it and from time to time reminded me to collect it when I have forgotten to ask for it, thanks to both of you for your help.



Cononley Art Group

We are launched into our new syllabus and despite the weather continue to have good attendances. We have had two good workshops where we had to concentrate hard, the first one was watercolour with Honesty seed pods, but the next one I had to miss and I was very sorry about that as it was silk painting, one of my favourite subjects but the girls said it was well attended and a very good workshop. We look forward to Easter and then our trip to the Lady Lever Gallery at Port Sunlight where a lot of the old masters which her husband bought to use as advertising are hung. He added sunlight soap and often a soap dish to the painting. It would be considered as vandalising the paintings now but not then! After that we have to concentrate on our yearly art exhibition and hope to see lots of you there for refreshments and a chat at the May bank holiday weekend.

The Pinnacle

Counting back, I think that "The Pinnacle" is the seventh "new" church magazine that I have helped to launch! If that equates to one every ten years for me, I suppose that augurs well for "The Pinnacle"... (But whether I'll still be involved when I'm eighty remains to be seen!)

There's a lot here that isn't really settled in yet. I have, for example, produced a fairly generic front cover, including a sketch of the aforesaid pinnacle as well as "The Cloud". This design (it's called a "Worldle", should you be wondering) was a spur-of-the-moment thing to fill a blank space in the service sheet for Julie's licensing. It was never intended to develop a life of its own...

If you would prefer to have a different photo on the front cover each month, then that's possible (remember that we'll probably continue to use different coloured covers – which may produce odd effects in a photo!). If you'd like that - then you know what to do! Get the camera out!

With a new publication like this, we have the opportunity to branch out into pastures new. Are there items that you think are just a waste of space? Are there articles they you'll never read? And, more to the point, are there articles or items that you'd love to see included? If so, you know what to do? Yes... Let us know!

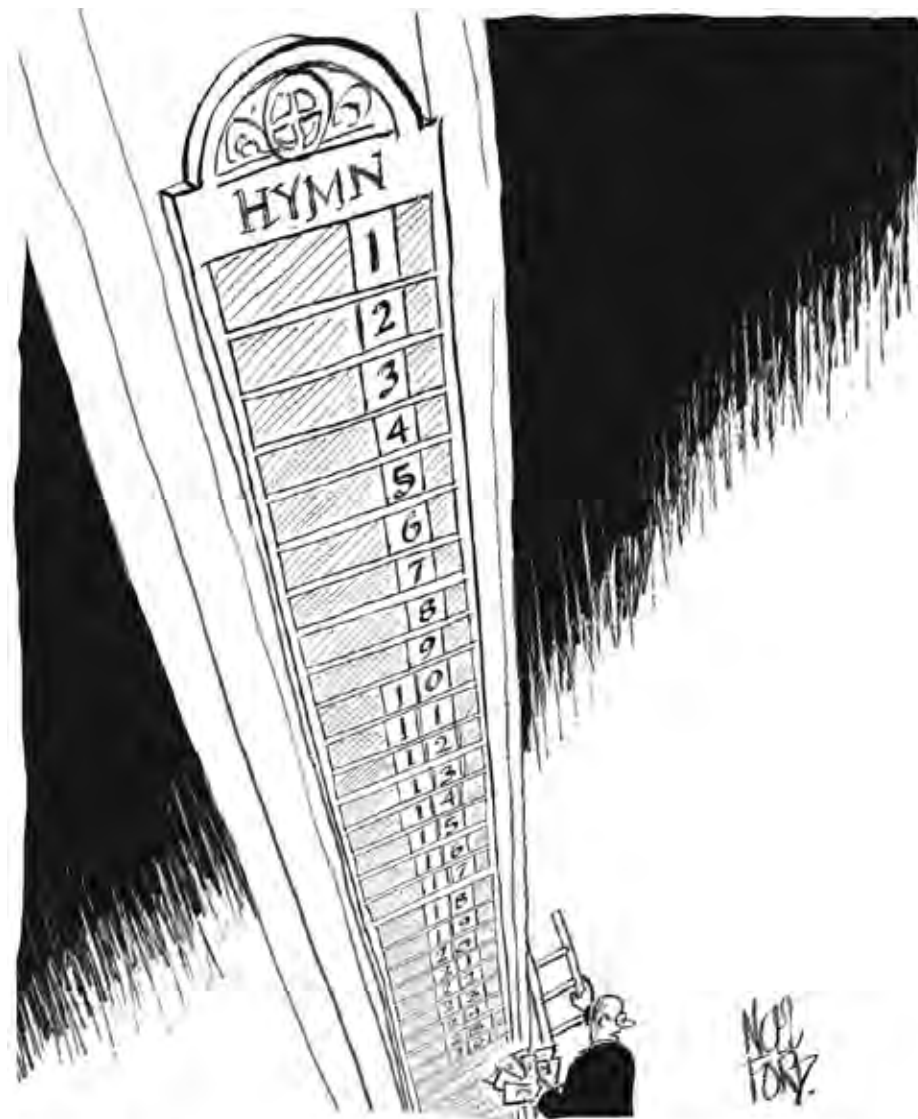
Producing a magazine like this is necessarily a team effort. I'm grateful for all those who are involved with the gathering and collecting of all the parts that go to make up a publication like this. I'm also horribly aware that, if there's a space left to fill, I – as the final editor/typesetter – will tend to have to put pen to paper and what I write is likely to be rather Kildwick-centered. Again, you know what to do about this! Get the pen out!

The Kildwick Bellringers

The publication of The Pinnacle coincides with the first anniversary of the new Kildwick bell ringing team. There are eight of us – each one learning new skills in the joyful company of others. Some are still honing their bell handling skills. Others are becoming embroiled in the intricacies of change ringing. One is picking up again on skills learned fifty years ago and one is working away at finding the best ways to lead and steer this exciting group on their journey of discovery. (Reminds me of the army officer: "His men will follow him anywhere – but only out of a sense of bewilderment"!)

As I wrote this, I had a phone call. "I'm walking past the church and saw your notice. Can I learn to ring the bells?" Louise is coming to see us on Sunday and, if she makes a start, she'll be our first registered "Ringing Remembers" ringer – one of the 1,400 new ringers that are being recruited across the country in honour of the 1,400 ringers who lost their lives in the First World War.

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