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“More than a fairytale”

Whether or not you're an ardent Royalist, you can't have missed the fact that this month sees the wedding of Prince Harry to his fiancée, Meghan Markle. For newspapers, magazines, and social media, it's the stuff of fairytales – Royalty and Hollywood coming together in a way not seen since Prince Rainier of Monaco's marriage to actress Grace Kelly more than 60 years ago. Information about the ceremony, the celebrations and all the attendant details have been gradually emerging, helping to build the excitement, which no doubt by 19th May will have reached fever pitch.

If you're a Royalist and a Christian, then it's going to be a big weekend. On Saturday, it's the wedding; on Sunday, it's Pentecost! Perhaps they have more in common than might at first appear.

Weddings are exciting and dramatic; the start of something new, full of hope. Pentecost too is a story of drama. Gathered together, waiting for a period after witnessing Jesus's return to heaven, the disciples experience in dramatic fashion the coming of the Holy Spirit. It's a multi-sensory experience. There's a sound like blowing wind. What look like tongues of fire separate and come to rest on each person there. They are filled with a power and an energy such as they have never before known – a power that drives them out into the streets, speaking languages they

never learned.

The crowd that gathers round them comprises visitors from across the Mediterranean and Middle East, gathered in

Jerusalem to remember and celebrate the giving by God of the law to Moses on Mount Sinai. There are representatives from all nations, and yet each one can hear and understand what Jesus's disciples are saying in their own language. Like a wedding, it's exciting, dramatic and hope-filled,

the start of something new – the church, the worldwide people of God. That's what Christians remember and celebrate at Pentecost.

But an entire marriage is not like a wedding day. And the entirety of the Christian life isn't like Pentecost. There are moments, times, seasons when (I hope) Christians

know and experience the reality of the power of the Holy Spirit for themselves. But it's not possible to live the whole of life in the heady excitement, the heightened state of Pentecost. The power of the Holy Spirit is ever-present for Christians, but for most of the time it is the steady hum in the background, rather than an overwhelming force. It nourishes and sustains us spiritually, feeding the richer and deeper thing that develops from those heightened



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moments of joy and excitement. A good marriage may, I hope, grow and thrive after a joyful and hopeful beginning, the memory of which (perhaps celebrated each year on the anniversary of the wedding) provides sustenance for the long term. Similarly, a lifelong, deep and committed faith may be nourished by 'Pentecost' experiences, which are recalled and celebrated each year.

In a manner worthy of the best kind of fairytale, fishermen and other lowly members of society found themselves transformed into charismatic public speakers. Compelled by their Pentecost experience, they were driven into the streets to start declaring the wonders of God. It was the beginning of their fulfilling of the task that Jesus had given them, to take the good news and spread it throughout the world, that God was inviting all people everywhere into a new and eternal relationship with him. That Jesus had accomplished, in love, all that was needed in order to put people right with God.

Dramatic and exciting beginnings are pretty wonderful. But they're only beginnings, not 'happy ever afters'. It's what happens over the long term that matters.

What started at Pentecost was the proclaiming of good news for the world – but the world wasn't always ready to hear it, and many of those first disciples (who had now become 'apostles' – people sent out with a job to do)

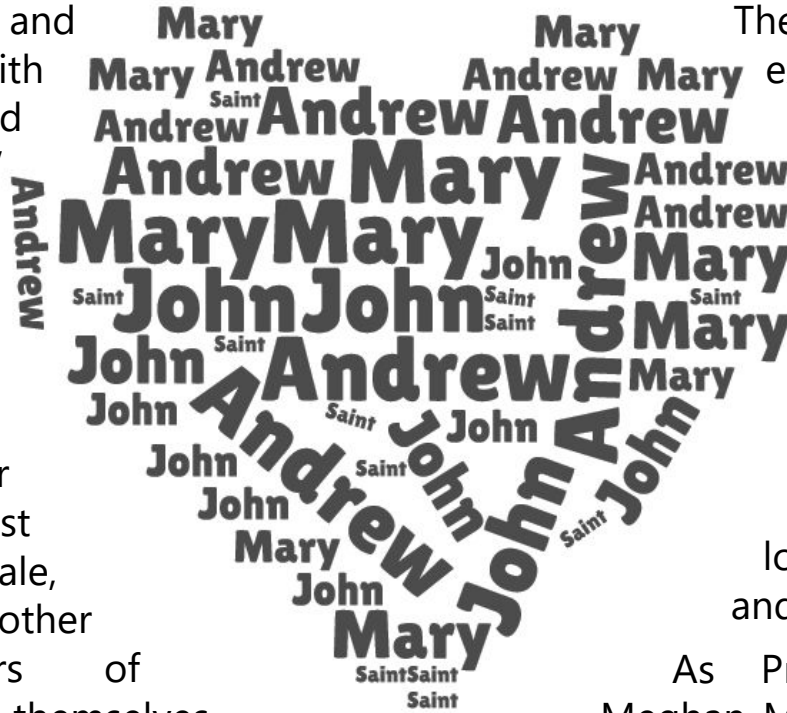
were to find that the ending was far from fairytale.

Their transformative experience led them into danger and ultimately death. But they were kept going by the reality of what they had experienced at the outset. Their stamina for the long haul was ignited and fed by Pentecost.

As Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, and all who will be marrying in our churches this year, embark on their married life, I hope that they will all be able to go beyond the fairytale. My prayer for them is that they will know joy, hope and happiness on their wedding day that will nourish their relationship for years to come, and strengthen them for all that lies ahead. When the going gets tough, may they find that its memory helps to sustain them in the years ahead, and in building a deep and lifelong relationship capable of withstanding every challenge.

With every blessing

Julie



Two extra Services at St Andrew's

There are two "extra" services at St Andrew's this month!

On 10th May (a Thursday, so no bell ringing practice that day) there is a celebration of Ascension Day. This will culminate in the "Great Ascension" in the form of a rocket launched skywards! This service will start at 7.30pm.



Pentecost is known to many as "Whit Sunday". It commemorates the gift of the Holy Spirit "like tongues of flame" to the disciples and is the festival that marks the birth of the church. It is a "Third Sunday" when there is normally no service at St Andrew's, but one of our retired priests will be taking a service at 10.00am that day.



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.

In May, the prayers will take the form of a walk around the parish boundaries, starting on 28th. ***Please come along, or pray as you are able.***

On 25th June we'll be at St John's, Cononley

Flowers

Across all three of our churches, our hearts were gladdened by the beautiful flowers at Easter. Our thanks to all those who so skilfully arranged them – and to all who donated money towards their cost.



At St Andrew's, as in many churches, there is a "Flower Rota". Unlike most, though, it's not populated only by those skilled in floral art. This is a list of those who give flowers. Perhaps they are in memory of someone dear to them. Perhaps it is in celebration of an anniversary. Or maybe, just to make a small contribution to the beauty of our old church.

This month's donors are:

6th May Mrs. J. Roberts; 13th May Mrs J. Whitaker; 27th May Mrs. S. Whitley

From Wycliffe to Wesley

The Unitas Fratrum

In my last article, I wrote of John Wycliffe, the pioneer of the English Reformation, and the action taken by the Catholic Church to suppress his works and his influence. But Wycliffe's message had spread, in particular to the city of Prague where a priest by the name of John Huss had begun preaching sermons based largely on Wycliffe's writings. His own preaching and writings led to his excommunication from the Catholic Church, but did not silence him. Consequently Huss was summoned to appear before a Church court at Constance. At his trial in 1416, he was convicted of spreading heretical doctrines. This provided the church authorities with the excuse to rescind a previous promise of safe conduct. Huss suffered the penalty awarded to heretics at the time of being burned at the stake. This caused an uproar in Huss's native Bohemia and open conflict broke out between his supporters (Hussites) and the Catholic forces.

The ensuing years were ones of turmoil in Europe, with the disruptions of wars and Reformation movements causing the continent's political and religious maps to be redrawn. The Hussites were considerably affected by these events and were forced to relocate from their natural home in Moravia to Poland and other countries. This resulted in their division into two branches, one becoming the Unitas Fratrum (Unity of the Brethren), later to be known as the Moravians. Moravians can therefore trace their roots back to the witness of Wycliffe and Huss, but it was not until 1467 that they became an independent and episcopal church. It was then that one of them was ordained by a Waldensian bishop. (Waldensians were a religious group which had broken away from the Roman Catholic church in the early thirteenth century.) Warfare almost wiped out the Moravians in 1621 but pockets of them managed to survive. In 1722, they were granted a permanent home by Count Nicholas Ludwig von Zinzendorf, a German nobleman, on one of his estates. Here the Moravians created a settlement known as Herrnhut to which many of their number migrated. Zinzendorf, a charismatic and passionate, but autocratic, man, imposed a strict regime on the community which lived in Herrnhut. He himself became a bishop and championed the cause of missionary work. Moravians were the first Protestants

The June Edition

We hope to have the June edition ready for distribution by 1st June. However, the weeks beginning 21st and 28th May look to be very busy! Please be sure that all your contributions are delivered to your usual contacts by **20th May**. If you have items that cannot make that deadline, please contact Chris Wright as soon as possible.

to undertake overseas missions, their first venture being to the West Indies in 1732. Moravian missionaries were unique in that they were mainly composed of trades people with practical skills with preaching as a secondary attribute. So it happened that in 1735 a party of these missionaries set out from England (which had become a jumping off point for these adventurers) to sail to Georgia in the New World to preach to the native Indians and to establish a settlement there. It is at this point that the interests of Moravians and the Wesley brothers converge when they found themselves on the same boat together.

In the last of these brief but imperfect articles I will describe how the Wesley brothers and the Moravians came to develop an initial close relationship only for them to separate at a later stage.

Alan Ratledge
April 2018



In Memoriam

The Syrian Children Killed By Horrendous Gas Attack.

Once you have heard a child cry out to Heaven for help, and go unanswered,
nothing's ever the same again.

Nothing.

Even God changes.

Out there is a healing hand at work,
that cannot be deflected from its purpose.
I just cannot make sense of it, other than to cry.
Those tears are part of what it is to be a monk.

Out there in the world, it can be very cold.
It seems to be about luck, good and bad,
and the distribution is absurd.

We have to be candles, burning between hope and despair,
faith and doubt, life and death,
all the opposites.

William Brodrick
William Brodrick, The Sixth Lamentation.
(pub. Little, Brown Book Group: London 2003)
Submitted by Di Halliday

Seasons in the countryside

At last, some sunshine! It has been lovely to hang up the Winter fleece and wear a t-shirt. The bad weather just dragged on and the poor countryside has looked so gloomy. Across the valley up Cawder Ghyll we have a lovely view of the gorse in full flower. The bright yellow certainly stands out amongst the dull fields. I cannot believe how much I have missed seeing the blue skies. It has been hazy and foggy for so long I forgot what it was like to see the buzzards circling against the bright blue backdrop. It now finally feels like Spring is here.

We have a swallow's nest in the porch that has been taken over by a wren. It has filled it full of moss, the fluffy kind that grows on dry stone walls and has left a tiny hole to fly in and out of. I have read that wrens are similar to robins in that they are aggressive and territorial so I do not envy the swallows when they return to find a family has taken over their house. It is going to be daggers at dawn!

I seem to spend a lot of the time in the greenhouses catching bumble bees recently. I have tried the 'gentle catching them in a tissue technique' then releasing but to be honest I got fed up of the little beggars trying to sting me and I am only trying to help them. I now resort to using two plant pots to catch them in. It is a tad safer on my digits. They are lovely creatures are bees but they will insist on flying into my face when I am at the potting bench. It must be my taste in the music I have playing that annoys them.

I have not seen any signs of hedgehogs yet in our garden. Let us hope they made it through the winter ok. It has been a treat watching the lambs in the field opposite. I used to let myself into the field (with the farmer's permission) and stroke them. They would come running down for a cuddle under the watchful eye of their mums but now they are starting to grow they are venturing further afield and cannot be bothered with me now. They are still beautiful to watch bouncing around with their little play mates.

The hedges and trees are bursting and yet again it is always nice to see the forsythia and daffodils along the roadside. Our snowberry hedge is bursting open now and we have a pair of partridges that have been flying round in it. I have noticed that they are very timid compared to the pheasants. As soon as I go anywhere near them they fly off.

Well, as it is a nice evening I am going to make myself a cup of tea and go and sit in the garden and enjoy the rest of what has been a really lovely day working in the countryside.

Thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Julie and John for their kind words in the final issue of "Onward" in respect of my sudden retirement as Church Warden and Treasurer at St John's. I would also wish to say Thank You for the gift and card received at the Annual Meeting together with Julie's kind words for the contributions that Elsie and I have made to St John's over the last twenty one years.

Thanks, too, to Janet Wade, for all her support during the Vacancy and her continued hard work for the parish.

We wish to give our best wishes to Janet Clifford as Church Warden and Lesley Cooke as Treasurer, who have taken on these roles

David S Clarke



Cononley Singers

Rehearsing hard with some new music and some from a few years back but the pressure is off for now as our first date is at the Gala. We are not going to Colne this year but maybe we will go to another festival later in the year but that is up to Tony and the committee to decide. We are rehearsing some lovely music, some you will know very well, some new to us, so make sure you have our Summer concerts in your diary.



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Barbecue in Bradley

John & Kath Eddison have kindly offered to hold a Barbecue at their home to raise money for St Mary's.

There'll be more details in the June edition of The Pinnacle but, in the meantime, ***make a note in your diary:***

Sunday 1st July



Tea and Scones at Kildwick

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It is that time of year again when we will be serving tea and scones every Sunday afternoon from 2.30pm to 4.30pm starting on 6th May.

Your help will be gratefully received!

Many helpers do bring along their own home-baked scones but if you don't bake, there are others who can do that! Just sign up on the list, come along and help.

Kildwick



**Saturday
23rd
June**

**More details next
month!**

Royal approval for Bishop Paul to become Bishop of Kirkstall

Her Majesty the Queen has approved the creation of a new bishop's title, the Bishop of Kirkstall.

The See of Kirkstall has received the royal seal, enabling a change of title for the suffragan Bishop of Richmond, the Rt Revd

Paul Slater, to better suit his role serving the Episcopal Area of Leeds.

"The job remains the same, but the name Kirkstall makes much more sense. It's a place that Leeds people know and it's a place of ancient worship and service within such a modern, go-ahead city," said Bishop Paul.

The move, supported by Bishop of Leeds Nick Baines and the Archbishop of York John Sentamu, was voted through by the Church of England's General Synod in London in February. Bishop Nick said: "I'm delighted that the Bishop responsible for

the Church of England in the city of Leeds now has a title that locates him here. Kirkstall



reminds us of our Christian history and calls us to be faithful to the people, churches and communities of Leeds."

The suffragan 'See of Richmond', a title last used in 1921, was revived in 2015 to provide a swift means of creating an additional and much needed area bishop for the then newly formed Diocese of Leeds. Paul Slater was consecrated as Bishop of Richmond in Ripon Cathedral in July 2015 with his main responsibility becoming pastoral oversight for Leeds itself.

Thy Kingdom Celebration

Thy Kingdom Come is described as a ten-day global wave of prayer from May 10-20. And this year, at Bradford Cathedral, there will be a Thy Kingdom Come diocesan celebration on Sunday May 13th from 3pm – 6pm. Worship will be led by a variety of musicians including the Voices in Praise Gospel Choir from the New Testament Church of God in Leeds as well as Christian musician, Joe King and band.



Bishop Nick will speak at the event and throughout the afternoon there will be prayer spaces and creative ways of engaging with the priorities of Thy Kingdom Come. The Cathedral will be filled with information stalls from a variety of organisations with refreshments and resources.

Breathe again

Bishop Nick Baines

Welcome to the “merry” month of May! Winter is past, spring is in swing, and summer is pressing for attention.

But May is also the month of Pentecost when we celebrate the empowering by the Holy Spirit of a bunch of previously terrified people. These men and women had seen their hopes bleed into the dirt of Calvary before having strange encounters with the risen Jesus - the same Jesus, but different. They have hidden themselves away, waiting for whatever was going to happen to them next. Of course, the next thing might well have seen the Romans doing to them what they had done to Jesus only a few weeks before.

Yet, at Pentecost these frightened people, filled with the Spirit of God, went out into the streets, spoke boldly about the good news of resurrection, and started living a life that saw poor and vulnerable people cared for by people they didn't even know.

Pentecost “happened” to the friends of Jesus as wind and fire. As they knew God's Spirit to be breathing through them, so they in turn could breathe again - losing their anxieties and opening themselves up to a potentially hostile world.



It is the very same Spirit who promises to inspire and move us.

Is this just for someone else? Well, the message of Pentecost is simply that, however we experience it, the Spirit is there for each of us, individually and as the church.

The period between Ascension Day and Pentecost is being celebrated by Christians globally under the title “Thy Kingdom Come” and will include in this diocese a big service at Bradford Cathedral on Sunday 13 May. Clearly, this line from the Lord's Prayer goes to the heart of it all: when the Holy Spirit inspires and empowers us, we live not for ourselves, but to see God's kingdom come right here and now - his way, his presence.

Breathe again. Come and celebrate.

+Nick
Bishop of Leeds

Church goes Contactless

HUDDERSFIELD Contactless payment is now permitted in parishes across the diocese following a nationwide launch by the Church of England. The Revd Robb Sutherland at Holy Nativity, Mixenden, has seized the opportunity and already has a terminal to take instant payments of fees or donations.



“I'm really excited to see how we can make best use of it,” Robb said. “For visitors and people new to the church it just makes sense – I never have cash on me anymore and I know lots of people have the same problem when they come to church for a big family event. We have the Rock Mass every month, and I can see that congregation being really up for trying something new. I'm thinking about how we can have it available at the back of church after baptisms and big services.”

He added, “It was so easy to set up, literally took me three minutes and even someone with no technical knowledge could have it up and running in 10 minutes.”

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Services for May

Date	Time	Church	Readings
6th May 6 th Sunday of Easter	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	St Mary's, Bradley St Andrew's Kildwick St John's, Cononley	Acts 10.44-end John 15.9-17 Methodist-led service
10th May Ascension Day (Thursday)	7.30pm	St Andrew's Kildwick	Acts 1.1-11 Luke 24.44-end
13th May 7th Sunday of Easter	9.30am 11.00am	St Andrew's Kildwick St John's, Cononley	Acts 1.15-17, 21-end John 17.6-19
20th May Pentecost	9.30am 10.00am 11.00am	St John's, Cononley St Andrew's Kildwick St Mary's, Bradley	Acts 2.1-21 John 15.26-27, 16, 4b-15
27th May Trinity Sunday	9.30am 11.00am	St Mary's, Bradley St Andrew's Kildwick	Romans 8.12-17 John 3.1-17

Cononley and Bradley Rotas

Date	Cononley Flowers	Cononley Cleaning	Bradley Flowers	Bradley Cleaning
6th May	Mrs E Clarke	Ms L Cooke Mrs J Clifford	J Hall	A Hunt
13th May	Mrs E Clarke			
20th May	Mrs K Vaux	Mrs P Link Mrs J Field	M Percival	J Hall
27th May	Mrs R Sedgwick	Mrs C. Scarr (for 3rd June)	D Braime	A Hunt

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
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

Kildwick Rotas

Date	Readers	Intercessors	Communion	Welcomers	Refreshments
6th May	Glyn Evans Jill Wright	Shirley Hoskins	Christine Tim	Eleanor Eastwood Sandie Walton June Whitaker	Joyce Bonham Sylvia Ackroyd
13th May	Brenda Brock Katharine Calvert	Sue Hargreaves	Sandie Sue	Sandie Walton	June Whitaker
20th May	Glyn Evans Lesley Bannister	Jill Wright			Jill Wright
27th May	Kathryn Morris Lesley Hudson	Di Halliday	Jill Christine	Joyce Bonham Geraldine Sands	Ann Mosley Christine Anderton



May

Sunday 6th Sixth Sunday of Easter

Morning Tour de Yorkshire travels up the Aire Valley
 2.00pm Scarecrow Teas at Cononley Institute
 7.00pm Rogation Service and Procession
 All Saint's Church Broughton-in-Airedale

Monday 7th May Day Bank Holiday

Thursday 10th 7.30pm Ascension Day Service at Kildwick

Sunday 13th Seventh Sunday of Easter

Saturday 19th 1.00pm Wedding at Kildwick

Sunday 20th Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

10.00am Extra Communion Service at Kildwick

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

Saturday 23rd Summer Fair at Kildwick

Saturday 30th 4.30pm Wedding at Kildwick

Sunday 1st July Fifth Sunday after Trinity

12.30 Family Barbecue in Bradley

Friday 14th Sept 7.30pm Baker Mike Demo in Cononley Institute

... walks into a bar

- A dangling participle walks into a bar. Enjoying a cocktail and chatting with the bartender, the evening passes pleasantly.
- A bar was walked into by the passive voice.
- An oxymoron walked into a bar, and the silence was deafening.
- Two quotation marks walk into a "bar."
- A malapropism walks into a bar, looking for all intensive purposes like a wolf in cheap clothing, muttering epitaphs and casting dispersions on his magnificent other, who takes him for granite.

Church goes underground with Bishop Helen-Ann

RIPON There were prayers and hymns deep in the Gillfield lead mine at Greenhow Hill near Pateley Bridge in North Yorkshire as the Bishop of Ripon, Dr Helen-Ann Hartley, and the Archdeacon of Richmond and Craven, Bev Mason, joined the first ever parish visit into the 18th century mine.

Bishop Helen-Ann said the visit had been 'awesome'. Once under the surface, the low narrow passageways were lit only by helmet lamps as the group of a dozen local church-goers, followed tunnels hewn out of limestone, shale and gritstones more than two

centuries ago. In the depths of the earth Bishop Helen-Ann led a prayer of blessing.



The visit was the idea of Vicar of Upper Nidderdale, the Revd Darryl Hall. "I came down for the first time last year as chaplain to the local Young Farmers club," he said. "It was such a wonderful experience that I thought we should open it up to the parish."

New Leeds NHS chaplaincy head

LEEDS The new head of chaplaincy for Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust has arrived to start work at his father's birthplace. Ben Rhodes has come north from his previous role as head of chaplaincy at King's College Hospital, London and will lead spiritual care across St James', Leeds General Infirmary, Chapel Allerton, Wharfedale and Seacroft hospital.



"My Dad was born in St James' 75 years ago and I still have lots of family in the city," said Ben, pictured at Church House with

colleagues after being licensed in the role by Bishop Paul Slater.

"The Trust promotes the The Leeds

Way, which has five key values regarding fair, patient-centred care that are in tune with the Gospel - one of the reasons it was a place I wanted to come and work here."

Ilkley heritage project award

BRADFORD All Saints church, Ilkley, has been awarded £543,700 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for its plans to tell the stories of the historic parish church, from its Saxon crosses and Roman fort through to medieval, Victorian and 20th century developments. The HLF grant will be added to other funds raised by the church of over £600,000, which will enable work to start early in the summer on a £1 million+ project to and open up the interior of the church to reveal the heritage within. The church is one of the most historic places in Ilkley, standing on the site of the former Roman Fort of Olicana, a Scheduled Ancient Monument founded in 80 AD.

Is it a record?

WAKEFIELD Audrey Kirk has just celebrated 66 years as a member of the Mothers' Union, and a call has gone out to find out if this is a record.

Audrey's mother, Ethel Windmill was a founder member of the St. James' Ryhill Branch in Wakefield in 1927. Audrey followed in her footsteps, joining in 1951 when she was 24. She now lives in Deansgate Care Home and was recently presented with flowers and a long standing certificate of membership at a short service with members of the branch and staff at the care home.

All change at Church House as diocese says farewell to Ashley

It was farewell to long serving Joint Diocesan Secretary, **Ashley Ellis (pictured right)** at Easter. Ashley became Finance Manager for the Diocese of Wakefield in 1992 before becoming Diocesan Secretary in 2000. He became Joint Diocesan Secretary for Leeds, along with Debbie Child, in 2014. Now, after 26 years he is leaving the diocese to head a charity dedicated to helping parish volunteers.

Paying tribute to Ashley, Bishop Nick said, "Alongside Debbie Child, Ashley worked beyond the call of duty in bringing the three dioceses into one, creating new structures, setting up an entirely new office and administration, and bringing together systems, people and cultures. I am very grateful to Ashley for his contribution to all this. As he moves on, he goes with our gratitude, our prayers and best wishes for the future."

Also saying farewell is **Bryan Lewis**, Diocesan Finance Manager, who joined the Diocese of Wakefield in September 2001. Diocesan Secretary, Debbie Child, said: "Thanks very much to Bryan for all he has contributed over many years of service. We wish him all the very best in his retirement."



The diocese's new Chief Finance Officer **Geoff Park (pictured below)** is busily learning about the Anglican church to best understand future challenges and opportunities.



"I come from a Methodist and Baptist background and so it's fascinating to learn all about the Church of England's structures," said Geoff, who originally hails from Garsdale on the edge of the Lake District. Married to Gill, a lecturer on museums and their management, he now lives in Otley.

Sign up for Synod

If you have ever considered playing a fuller part in diocesan life, then why not take the opportunity this month to stand for Diocesan Synod, the 'parliament' of the diocese.

Synod is the forum where clergy and laity from every deanery gather three times



a year to debate issues and make decisions that govern the direction of the diocese. Subjects are wide-ranging from environmental improvements to care for refugee groups or the latest plans for church growth.

The two hundred elected members of Synod are evenly split between clergy and laity and a complete election process takes place every three years. Nominations papers for candidates wishing to stand in the 2018 election will be sent out on April 19. Nominations close on May 17 and those who go forward will take up their office from August 1.

APCM Report 2018

The St Andrew's APCM was held in church on 22nd April after the morning service. Julie had already given her report during the service, theming it around the gospel reading for the day, where Jesus speaks of himself as the good shepherd.

We re-elected Lesley Hudson and Sandie Walton as our church wardens for the coming year. In her thanks at the end of the meeting, Julie said that they were "amazing church wardens, doing an incredible job with commitment, grace and good humour" – and that was a sentiment with which we all heartily agreed!

All the necessary reports and legal requirements had been put into a booklet for ease of use and people were able to peruse this at their leisure. We noted the legal reports (Electoral Roll, Deanery Synod and the church wardens' report on the fabric and ornaments of the church – all of which were in order.

We were delighted that our Treasurer for the last eight years, Marie Stinson, was able to be with us. She presented a comprehensive and comprehensible report on the church finances: indeed, Julie voiced the thoughts of many of us when she commented that even although numbers were not her forte, she actually understood what was being said!

Sadly, the financial picture is no better than it was last year; our two big problems haven't gone away! The Share requested was paid in part, but again we did not pay the full amount requested and Marie warned the meeting that on present forecasts, we shall be in the same predicament at the end of 2018. The other difficulty is of course the need to replace the roof on our Grade 1 Listed Building. Grateful thanks were extended to the Repair and Renovation Group who are working hard on our behalf on this problem. Contrary to current rumour, there are no plans to close the church!!

This was Marie's last presentation as Treasurer: she stepped down from the role at the end of the meeting. Julie presented her with an orchid and a gift voucher as small tokens of our real appreciation of all that Marie has done for the church in Kildwick and beyond as our Treasurer. We shall miss her common sense and her wonderful sense of humour!

We elected three people to fill some of the vacancies on the Church Council and two people to serve on the Cross Hills and District Fellowship of Churches. Our meeting concluding with Julie thanking all who had worked to bring the kingdom of God to light in our parish and beyond; Lesley Hudson thanked Julie for her part in that and looked forward to the time when Julie comes to live nearer to us all!

Jill Wright

WW1 POPPIES PROJECT



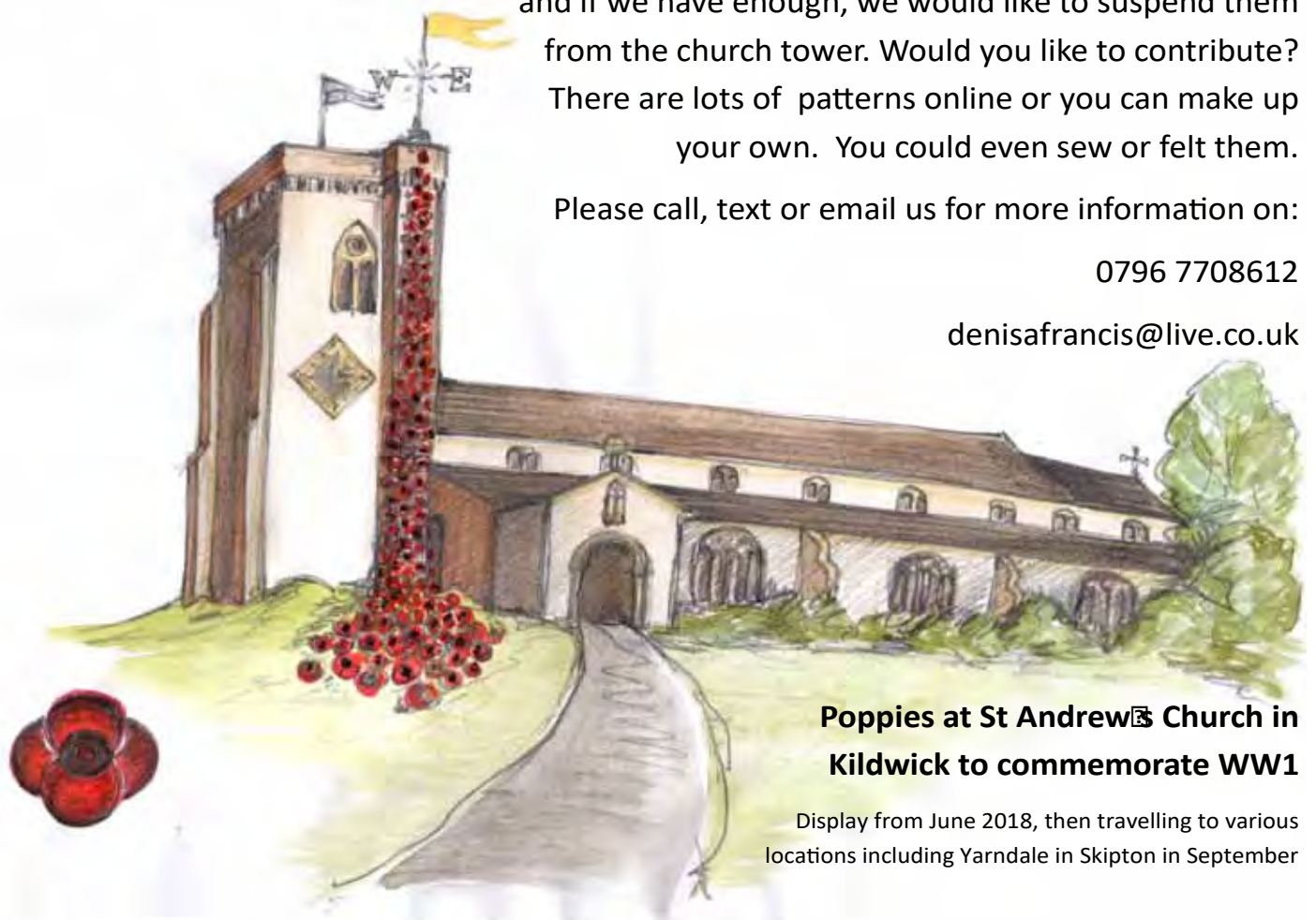
Inspired by the beautiful Weeping Window installation displayed at the Tower of London in 2014, where thousands of ceramic poppies filled the moat, we would like to pay tribute to this stunning artwork and create our own version of it to commemorate the centenary of the end of WW1. You may have seen our community projects, the Knitted Meadow and Knitted Canal last 2 years.

This year, we are knitting and crocheting red poppies and if we have enough, we would like to suspend them from the church tower. Would you like to contribute? There are lots of patterns online or you can make up your own. You could even sew or felt them.

Please call, text or email us for more information on:

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Poppies at St Andrew's Church in Kildwick to commemorate WW1

Display from June 2018, then travelling to various locations including Yarnsdale in Skipton in September

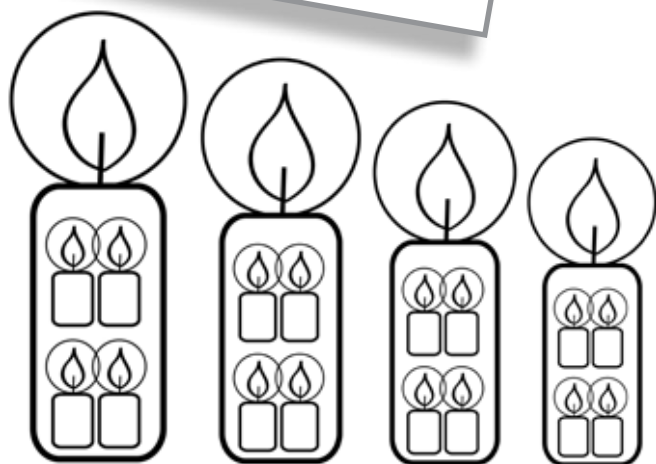
The Prayer Page

For the Spirit of Peace
that calms our mind
and stills our life,
we give you thanks.
For the Spirit of Love
that touches hearts
and reaches out,
we give you thanks.
For the Spirit of Joy
that lifts our soul
and gives us faith
we give you thanks.
For the Spirit of Power,
that gift of grace
for this your church,
we give you thanks.



We light a candle,
and enjoy the flickering light,
the fragrance
and warmth it creates.
But without the spark that
ignites,
there will be no flame.
Without the wax,
the source of power,
the wick will not burn.
Without the flame,
there will be no fragrance,
no warmth, no light.
And so with us, Lord.
You are the catalyst that ignites
us,
and the fuel that sustains us.
You fill us with your fragrance
as you enter our lives.
You empower us
to carry your flame in our
hearts,
to be the fragrance, warmth,
and light of your love,
in this dark world.

We ask for your forgiveness,
Lord,
when we forget
the power that lies within,
and trust instead
upon our human strength.
Remind us of that glorious day
when your Spirit
transformed the lives of those
who hid in fear,
into men of power.
Renew these hearts which have
grown cold
with flames of fire,
as on that Pentecost,
that this might be
the church that you desire.



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Sue and Rosie Hargreaves		Sylvia Clark	
Edward Gee		Di Halliday	
Kathryn Morris	01535 633588	Christine Anderton	01535 633596

Cononley with Bradley Mothers' Union

Our April meeting was at Linda Town's home in Cross Hills. The Speaker was Jill Wright who is part of the Chaplaincy Team at Airedale Hospital. She acts as a Volunteer Visitor. It was a very interesting talk, which gave us an outline of the Chaplaincy work – which we may have seen before only as a patient or visitor. The team there do valuable work. Some patients have no other visitors.

Our next meeting will be on 8th May at 7.30 p.m.- more information as to the content and venue will be passed on later.

The summer M.U. outing is now re-scheduled for the 19th June. We hope to visit Stephen Smith's Garden Centre at Otley.



From my window

Looking from my window today on 6th April, I can see signs of new life everywhere in the garden and beyond. There are lambs in the field just across the road and over in the playing field there is a family which looks like Grandpa down to a very small child.

I've been looking back to the days when there were two branches of the Mothers' Union in the Parish but for some reason, one particular meeting, which was the week before Easter we joined together. Elsie Clarke did a flower arrangement of an Easter garden during which there were intervals for 4 readings. Cononley parishioners read the first three with the last one left for Bradley which Dorothy and Vera handed over to me. It was the Easter Day reading and it was so moving that I will never forget the effect that it had on me.

After the meeting Dorothy said to me 'You could do an arrangement like that' and when I looked out to my garden next morning I thought 'Yes I could, there is everything here except for some green moss which I would need for the 'Green Hill Far away''. Dorothy found the moss for me and I created it on my baking board – the three crosses, the Crown of Thorns, the city wall and all the other bits and pieces and though I say so myself it looked very good. Dorothy and I took it up to the Church and placed it in the porch where it remained for about a month.

Nowadays my mobility is very restricted and I am not able to get to the church, so along with 3 of my neighbours, who are similarly indisposed, we took Easter Communion at my home, led by John Lancaster and I thank him for his thoughtfulness in doing this for us.

I hope that you all had a joyful and happy Easter, so till next time.

JMT

Cononley Art Group

We are now looking forward to our visit to Lady Lever Gallery at Port Sunlight and also preparing for our exhibition on the last May bank holiday. It is amazing how the weeks pass and suddenly you are late, but that comes with old age, on my part I hasten to add. Our club is



down a bit on numbers at present but at this time of year there is a lot do in the garden and the house so it will pick up soon. Looking forward to the exhibition and hoping to see you there and have a chat.



The Birds in Your Garden



Tracking

On the excuse that House Martins and Cuckoos could be garden birds, I'm going off-piste to talk about a topic that fascinates me – tracking birds, whether when migrating or just moving around feeding.

One of the BTO's aims is to push the frontiers of technology to learn more about bird behaviour, and whilst trackers of one kind or another have been around for more than 20 years they are still evolving and miniaturising at pace.

Trackers weigh from 0.3 gram up to anything a bird as big as a gull can easily carry. Some can transmit their position to a remote receiver, whilst others require the bird to be recaptured or recovered, if dead. All require the bird to be caught for installation purposes, which can in itself pose a number of problems!

The smallest trackers are geolocators which are a combination of a light sensor, a memory chip and a clock, all powered by a battery. These tiny devices use light levels to plot local day length which, when combined with the sun's position above the horizon, gives an estimate of latitude and longitude to within about 150 km. Good enough on a 5,000 km journey. Heavy cloud cover or the bird being in shade can lead to inaccuracies, but over a period will even out. Changes in light levels can also be used to tell when a bird moves onto or off its nest, which is useful when monitoring breeding.

Next up in size and accuracy are tags which use GPS. These weigh from about a gram upwards, the smaller ones only storing data internally for later analysis, whilst the larger ones can transmit their data. The accuracy of these systems can be anything down to 20 metres depending on how sophisticated they are. Mass

production has made these tags cheap enough to allow large samples of birds to be tagged at once, vastly increasing the amount of information collected.

Finally, there are the satellite and mobile-phone-based trackers used on larger birds such as Cuckoos and gulls, which can transmit their data. Those using mobile phone networks are larger and heavier at 12 grams or more as they need much more power, but as they have lower transmission costs they are often the favourites. Some satellite tags use solar panels to charge their batteries and can cost as much as £2000 each, as well as incurring high transmission costs.

The choice of which tag to use for which purpose depends on many factors: the size of the bird, overall cost, ease of recapture etc. All this data has many uses: locating food sources during migration, looking at flight patterns to work out likely conflicts when siting off-shore wind turbines, discovering breeding sites and many, many more. It's exciting stuff and we're learning a lot. If you want to know more, or follow the cuckoos on their way back here, look on the BTO website.

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). 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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Farnhill Parish Council

A meeting of the Council held on the 15th March was attended by four Councillors, two members of the public and the Clerk.

Planning Two members of the public commented on the planning application for 13 South View. They expressed concern about the loss of views and light to their property and about omissions in the design and access statement.

Drainage Concern was expressed that recent drainage works on Bradley Road had significantly reduced the water going to the important well near Spout House which has now almost dried up.

More Drainage Highways cannot clear the gulleys on Main Street. The Council will seek permission to have them cleaned by a suitably qualified person.

Loose sign A road sign on Station Road is blowing about. Highways to repair

GDPR Two reps of the Council will attend a training session arranged by YLCA on 1st May. David Roper also to be asked about the training he provides.

Annual Meetings The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 24th May, followed by the Annual Parish Meeting on 31st May.

Yorkshire Water have tested the water leaking from the trough at Bucklar Hill. As it is not chlorinated, it is not "their" water. Council to seek permission to channel the water into the canal and to make good the tarmac.

Website The Website content has been updated. Parish elections will be held on 3rd May and a notice has been added.

Play Area Sutcliffe Play cannot supply the stepping posts required for the Play Area. PPL has been contacted and a reply awaited. CDC have inspected the Play Area wall. A few areas need pointing and they will attend to this when the weather improves.

Elections A Change in the number of Councillors mean that there will be seven seats for election on 3rd May. Nominations close on 6th April and spare forms are available.

The Next Meeting will be held on Thursday 26th April



Don't believe all you hear!

There's a rumour about that St Andrew's is going to close. Not true!

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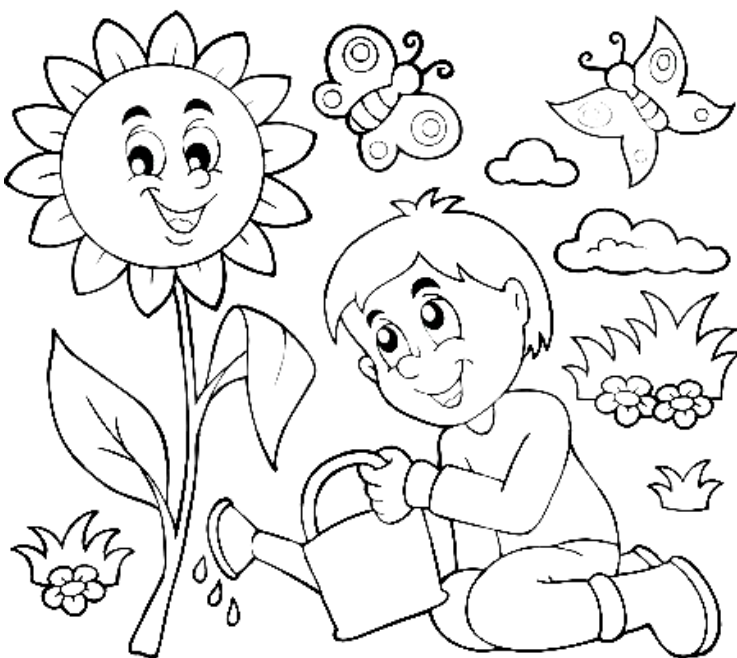
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Kidz Activities



We held Easter Kidz on Monday 16th April in St. John's Church, 16 children + mummies, daddies and grandmas came. We heard what happened on the first Easter Sunday. There were lots of activities, including planting sunflower seeds (I wonder whose will grow tallest?) and an Easter egg hunt, everyone had a great time.

Kidz Activities won't be held during the spring bank holiday so the next time we will meet will be September 3rd just before school starts.

We will be finding out about Mr Noah and all the animals. Hope to see you then!

Janet Clifford

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