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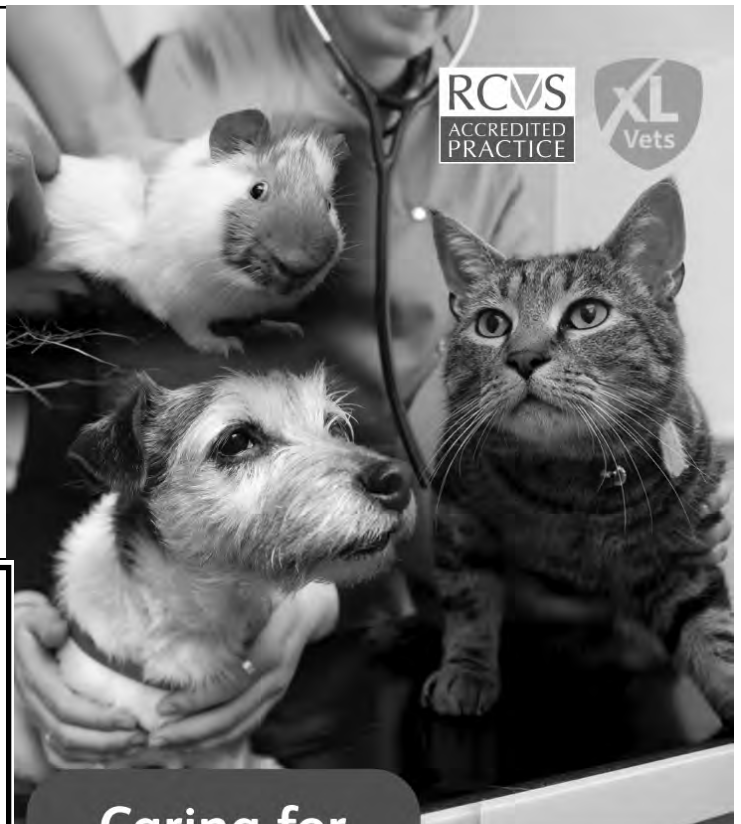


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Resolutions

Made any good resolutions lately?

The new year is a traditional time to look back, take stock of what has happened in the past year – and then to look forward to the year to come, resolving to make some change for the better.

The resolutions that we make can vary from the trite and trivial, through realistic (and sometimes costly) to the hopelessly ambitious. My father in law of blessed memory always vowed to give up netball and fizzy lemonade for Lent. You'll correctly guess that this was an easy resolution to keep.

Others might resolve to solve Third World Poverty or to reverse global warming. Very noble intentions no doubt, but they hardly qualify as realistic ambitions that will make a positive change to the things that we can change.

Between these unrealistic extremes lies a treasure chest of real and attainable goals. Worthwhile resolutions are worth making – and it's possible to keep them beyond Candlemas! Did you make one?

Looking back this year we saw quite a lot of change. Not least, of course, the merging of the two magazines, "The Bridge" for Kildwick and "Onward" for Cononley and Bradley. The Pinnacle has taken up from there and we are still working to make this into a real symbol of unity between our three different church communities.

You'll spot that this January edition is quite a slim volume! It is very understandable that, amidst all of the busy-ness of Christmas there has been little time (or even enthusiasm!) to write stuff for the magazine.

One very attainable resolution that you could make is to write something for 2019. Many people don't do this because they don't know what to write – but there's lots to write about out there!

"I don't know what's interesting", they say. Do **you** do something that interests **you**? If it interests you, then it *is* interesting.

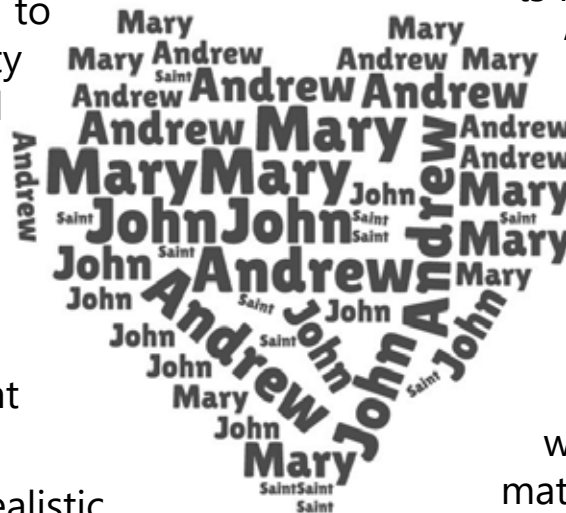
"I'm no good with words", they say. Don't worry! we can easily "ghost-write" a piece for you. Let us have it!

There are, of course, several people who already contribute a wonderful variety of material for the magazine.

Thank you all very much! Without your input, your enthusiasms, your insights, our magazine would become no more than a boring compilation of lists. Thank you.

Julie, the churchwardens at the three churches and the magazine team all join together to wish you a very happy New Year. We all have a lot to be thankful for as well as a lot to look forward to. This year may well be an interesting one for many of us. I wonder what resolution you have made?

Chris Wright



True? Necessary? Kind?

I guess, like you, I've read a lot of things and heard a lot of things during the last couple of weeks, most of which have been instantly forgettable. Our institutions close down for the festive period, depriving the newscasters and journalists of their normal sources of content; even the dreaded Brexit has taken a slightly less prominent place, though sadly that won't last for long!

One or two things have stuck, though – and I pass on to you something which was posted by a friend on Facebook (someone whom I actually know and respect, I hasten to add!). The advice which was given was this:

"Before you speak, let your words pass through three gates: Is it true? Is it necessary? Is it kind?"

It's a very simple sentence and a very simple idea. But if we were all able to use it even fifty per cent of the time, think what a difference it would make to our conversations. Maybe that might be the basis of a resolution for the new year?

Jill Wright



KCB prayers

"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:

28th January
25th February
25th March

at St Mary's, Bradley
 at St John's, Cononley
 at St Andrew's, Kildwick

Outdoor Nativity



The annual Outdoor Nativity took place on Sunday 9th December and this time we were greatly blessed with excellent weather. A group from the local Churches re-enacted the Christmas story. This year we started on North Road in front of the old TH Green's building as the car park of the Bay Horse has now been built upon.

There was ample space on North Road for the angel Gabriel to visit Mary and Joseph and for them to begin their journey to Bethlehem. As usual Hazel and Tony

provided the donkey and the journey began with the narrator Emma adding the usual touch of local humour to the tale. Many local people were there to add to the crowd journeying to Bethlehem.

First stop was the King's Head where there was no room at the inn and then on to the Black Bull where the kindly landlord allowed Mary and Joseph the use of his stable in the park.

The action then moved to the "Hillside outside Bethlehem" where the dirty, smelly shepherds were tending their sheep. Again Gabriel and lots of other young angels appeared to bring the news of Jesus' birth and to tell the shepherds to go down to the stable and see for themselves as they duly did.

By this time Mary and Joseph were settled in the stable with the baby who unfortunately did not lie gently sleeping in a manger. Joseph tried unsuccessfully to calm her so a quick swap was effected with a replacement doll before the visitors arrived. The shepherds came, followed by the Magi from afar with their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Throughout the journey Emma the narrator had been telling the story interspersed with appropriate carols ably led by Kath Morris and with all the crowd joining in.

One visitor this year was Bishop Toby, Area Bishop of Bradford who gave the blessing at the end, thanked everyone involved and said how much he was impressed by the local community spirit.

Mulled wine and mince pies were served afterwards in Sutton Baptist Church and many local people joined us there. It was estimated that three to four hundred people watched the nativity and collections were made for Shelter, the homeless charity.

Thanks are due to Laura Warren who produced the nativity, Rob Harris and his team for sound and lighting and all who took part, acting, marshalling and organising behind the scenes. We all look forward to next year when once again Christ will come to Sutton.

Sister Wendy Beckett, Expert on Art

This celebrated nun died on Boxing Day this year. She had become famous after Delia Smith, (devout Catholic & writer of cook books) was impressed by her notes on Art. Most of her notes had been on pictures which she had only seen in reproduction. Delia Smith persuaded the Catholic Herald to publish Sister Wendy's writings. This was followed by a successful TV BBC series in the 1990's, and by two series for US viewers in 2001-02.

She lived since 1970, alone for the most part, in a small caravan in the grounds of a community of Carmelites in Norfolk, only communicating with them by note. Her caravan was small, cold and basic. She collected her food daily from the nuns, went to bed at 6pm and rose at 1am, the best time for prayer and contemplation. She said she only agreed to make the Series for the BBC in order to make a financial contribution to the monastery for her keep.

She was once asked what she felt about God. She replied, "I don't think anyone can feel God. Those who believe in him most are most aware of his non-feelability, as it were. God is such a total mystery. My heart sinks when the word God is bandied around glibly."

R. Holland





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Cononley Art Group

Nearly the end of 2018 and the club is thriving and enjoyed by many. We have our Christmas lunch to come at the Dog and Gun on the 7th January where we can talk a lot and eat a lot and drink a little thanks to Mo who did the work arranging it. Then in February we are down to the serious business as we have a very good workshop to come with Jeremy Taylor and we will have to concentrate to try to produce a good painting. Anyone who would like to come along is welcome; we often have visitors to our demos and workshops.



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Services for January

Date	Time	Church	Readings
6th January Epiphany	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	St Mary's, Bradley St Andrew's Kildwick St John's, Cononley	Ephesians 3.1-12 Matthew 2.1-12
13th January The Baptism of Christ	9.30am 11.00am	St Andrew's Kildwick St John's, Cononley	Romans 14.1-12 Matthew 18.21-35
20th January 3rd Sunday of Epiphany	9.30am 11.00am	St John's, Cononley St Mary's, Bradley	Jonah 3.10-4.11 Matthew 20.1-16
27th January 4th Sunday of Epiphany	9.30am 11.00am	St Mary's, Bradley St Andrew's Kildwick	Isaiah 5.1-7 Matthew 21.33-46

Learning Quickly

They always say that children learn quickly. After all, that's what they are programmed to do. We're delighted with our two new young ringers, Anna and Angus who joined the band, back in August. They have both made great progress – they've achieved their Learning the Ropes Level 1 certificates, which mean that they can handle a big church bell safely on their own. Angus has been able to ring with us a good deal more regularly and over the Christmas period he achieved that most important of all bell ringing break-through moments as he stood to ring on his own, with no minder standing by.

To ring the somewhat bigger bells, Angus has to stand on a significant pile of boxes. Indeed, he needs a second pile of boxes to climb up! I can confidently expect that both he and Anna will be climbing steadily as their skills and confidence build. By this time next year I hope that they'll both have qualified as full members of the Yorkshire Association.



Rotas for January

Date	Kildwick Readers	Kildwick Intercessors	Kildwick Communion
6th January Epiphany	Tim Littler Chris Wright	Sue Hargreaves	Christine and Peter
13th January The Baptism of Christ	Glyn Evans Tim Chapman	Jill Wright	Sandie and Tim
20th January 3rd Sunday of Epiphany	<i>No service at Kildwick</i>		
27th January 4th Sunday of Epiphany	Sylvia Clark Christine Anderton	Di Halliday	Sue and Jill

Cononley Church Cleaning

Week Ending...	
7th January	Mrs. R. Sedgwick
21st January	Mrs. S. Birks and Mrs. J. Driver
4th February	Ms. L. Cooke and Mrs. J. Clifford



KCB service pattern – from January 2019

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

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	Bell Ringing Practice	Kildwick Tower
Thursday	7.30pm	Whist Drive	Bradley Village Hall
Friday	9.00am	Pilates	Cononley Institute
Friday	10.00am	Yoga Class	Bradley Village Hall
Friday	1.30pm	Keep Fit	Cononley Institute



Cononley with Bradley Mothers' Union



We gathered at Steeton Hall for our Christmas lunch. Good food and good company made it a jolly occasion. We were sorry that Janet and Elsie were unable to come. We do hope that their health improves very soon. In January the Wave of Prayer will now take place on Wednesday 9th Jan at 1.00 at Eileen Stead's home at 11 Skipton Road, Cononley. Bradley members may join us there or make their own arrangement.

A reminder: Annual subscriptions are due. The amount this year is £23 + £2 (in lieu of tea money collections at meetings). The total is £25. Elsie would like to receive the subs by mid January.

F.G.

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We held our annual whole school Christmas dinner on Wednesday. All the staff and children ate together and enjoyed pulling crackers and having a good song-song. It was a great way to share and celebrate Christmas as a whole school family. Both Key Stage 1 and 2 held their respective parties which were extremely noisy and lively! Father Christmas himself even managed to find time to visit the younger children which caused much excitement.

Our last week of term saw a whole series of festive events starting with the Key Stage 1 children performing 'The Inn-spectors' to a hall full of parents and friends on Monday afternoon. It was of course a nativity play with a difference – a lot of great singing, twinkling stars and a dancing donkey! The Key Stage 2 children worked incredibly hard to perform 'Christmas Dreams' on Monday and Tuesday evenings. This involved individual children singing solo, groups of children acting and singing with every member of the school working together to stage the performance. The audience were taken on a journey of dreams. Everyone joined in with enthusiasm.

On Wednesday afternoon, the Year 5 and 6 children held a Christmas Service of readings and carols at St Mary's Church, sharing the Christmas story with the local community. It was lovely to have so many parents and families joining the service. Thank you to Rev. Julie Bacon for joining us and making us so welcome and a special 'Thank you' to John Midgley (Chair of Governors) who was our organist. Finally, we ended the week by having an early morning sing-a-long around the piano for parents, children and staff – what a busy week!



Happy New Year!



Farnhill Parish Council

Council met on 22nd November 2018.

Planning

The proposed *Aire Valley Incinerator* has received planning permission, but has yet to prove that everything complies with the regulations.

The *Skipton – Colne Railway* is looking promising and there is a possibility that the *M65 motorway* could be extended across the Pennines into Yorkshire and may go north of Cross Hills to Skipton.

Roads and paths

Gullies and drains are cleaned and mended. A specification for work at Arbour Top is ready and quotes sought – as are quotes for the path at Lower Arbour.

Library

£252 will be sent to help fund the *South Craven Community Library*. This figure is based on the proportion of people from Farnhill who use the service.

Exercise

A quote for repairs to the safety surfacing at the *Play Area* was quite expensive,

A request for some *outdoor gym equipment* will be considered. It could become part of the Peggy Wilson Trust Playing Field.

Christmas Trees

Solar Christmas Tree Lights for Street Lighting Poles were considered but NYCC advised against it as the poles are not high enough and there may be issues with the weight of the trees.

The next meeting will be on 24th January 2019



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Prayers for a New Year

As this New Year begins, let us remember the past year.
 In so doing, we truly repent of all that has hindered us from abiding in You.
 Forgive us, for the promises and resolutions we made and never fulfilled.
 Forgive us, for the times we neglected prayer and Your word as our focus.
 Let us recall the things that hindered us from getting closer to You and keeping Your word.
 May we come to realize our mistakes and shortcomings and make amends.
 Help us Lord, to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive others.
 Lord, remind us of our truest values and deepest desires.
 Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what You want us to do.
 Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and regret of the past, so that we might live in peace with You now, one day at a time.
 In Jesus' name Amen

Dear God,
 Thank you that you make all things new.
 Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things.
 You have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every single day.

We pray for your Spirit to lead us each step of this New Year.
 We ask that you would help us release our grip on the things to which you've said "no," "not yet," or "wait."
 We ask for help to pursue you first, above every dream and desire you've put within our hearts.

We ask for your wisdom, for your strength and power to be constantly present within us.

We pray you would make us strong and courageous for the road ahead.

We pray for your protection over our families and friends.

We ask for your hand to cover us and keep us distanced from the evil intent of the enemy.

That you would be a barrier to surround us, that we'd be safe in your hands.

Shine your light in us, through us, over us.
 May we make a difference in this world, for your glory and purposes.
 Set your way before us. May all your plans succeed.
 May we reflect your peace and hope to a world that so desperately needs your presence and healing.



The Birds in Your Garden

Tawny Owls



Have you heard Tawny Owls calling near you?

Although their distribution has changed little over the last 40 years, Breeding Bird Survey data suggest that their population is declining. To confirm this the BTO is running a survey for all to take part in. Find it at <http://tinyurl.com/tawny-survey>

It is designed as an on-line project to keep costs down, but if you don't have a computer or smart-phone, maybe a relative or neighbour has.

By listening out for Tawny Owls in your garden you could help the BTO understand their calling behaviour and distribution, and discover the impact of urbanisation and artificial lighting. So far over 8,500 people have registered for the Calling Survey, so they're well on the way to their 10,000 target.

It's easy to take part - just listen for 20 minutes during at least one evening between now and 31 March 2019. You can listen from your garden, local park or woodland. You can even listen whilst lying in bed with the window open! All your records are valuable: the BTO is particularly keen on knowing about zero counts, because where owls aren't is as important as where they are!

If you enjoy taking part, you can keep going: the more weeks you can listen the better. Gaps between weeks don't matter.

But did you know that a Tawny Owl doesn't really call "twit twoo"? The "twit" or more accurately "ke-wick" is a contact call and the "twoo" or again more accurately "hoo-hoo-oooo" is the male's territorial call. Consequently, if you hear "ke-wick hoo-hoo-oooo" it is most likely a male answering a female. If you are not sure what a Tawny Owl call sounds like, there are recordings on the BTO website.

You can listen out any time between sunset and midnight. If you hear a Tawny Owl outside the survey period, you can record that too. Just enter your results



online, though if you'd prefer to do so on paper, you can, by emailing gbw@bto.org or phoning 01842 750050.

Tawny Owls prefer nesting in woodlands, but will also breed in larger rural and suburban gardens. Our most familiar owl, it is found throughout mainland Britain, and its hooting can be heard from late autumn right through the winter months, underlining that this is a species that breeds early in the year.

They tend to be localised, as their need for suitable tree cavities or nest boxes for breeding will limit their numbers, and young birds don't go far afield, most only moving a few kilometres to find a territory.

Established pairs remain on their breeding territory all year and are very protective of it, as it helps them find prey in years when small mammal numbers are low. It is defended with territorial calls which are often backed up with visual displays. Territorial activity increases in early autumn, when young birds seek to establish territories of their own, and continues into late winter.

The first eggs can be laid in February, though most birds will not start laying until mid-March or later. Incubation starts with the first egg, leading to asynchronous hatching – a strategy which increases the survival chances of at least some chicks if feeding conditions prove challenging.

Although Tawny Owls feed mostly on small mammals, mice and voles, they will also take small birds, amphibians, large insects and earthworms – the latter from short grass on damp nights, when the worms are foraging above ground. They have even been known to take goldfish from garden ponds and bats emerging from their roosts.

Good luck!

Mike Gray



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A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Genesis 12:1-9, 17:1-22, 18:1-15, 21:1-7

About 6000 years ago, God told Abram and his wife Sarai to leave their home and go to a new land that He would give them

This land will belong to your family, but not yet

But Sarai and I cannot have children

and I am changing your names to Abraham and Sarah

'Abraham' means 'Father of many'
'Sarah' means 'Princess'

You and Sarah will have a son, Isaac

We are too old to have children. Ha ha ha!

It was noon, and everyone was resting from the heat...

When Abraham saw three men coming to his tents.

He recognised the Lord

Please stay and have something to eat.

He ran to tell everyone

Quick, we need a feast cooked for special guests

Sarah was in the tent, listening

By this time next year, you will have a son

At our age? Ha ha ha!

Why did Sarah laugh?

I didn't laugh

Yes, you did.

Soon afterwards...

I'm pregnant!

Sarah and Abraham's baby boy was born

I'm so happy, I can't stop laughing

They called him 'Isaac' which means 'laughter'

Ha ha ha! Ha ha ha!

The February Edition

Deadline for February is Sunday 27th January

Please let us have your material by then - and we'll try to have the magazines ready for the first Sunday of the month – 3rd February