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Changing our minds

It's rare, but not unknown, for an MP to 'cross the floor' – to be elected representing one party, and then for one reason or another to change their allegiance to another. The physical act of crossing of the floor – moving from sitting with former colleagues to sit on the other side of the chamber – is a powerful visual symbol. It's the end point of what will almost certainly have been a prolonged period of internal wrestling, before arriving at a new decision. In recent days, whilst not exactly 'crossing the floor', a group of MPs have left their parties, the majority of them electing to sit together in the House of Commons as The Independent Group. All of this has taken place against the backdrop of Brexit, scheduled to happen at the end of this month. At the time of writing, the Prime Minister is continuing to try to persuade the other EU leaders to change their minds on the deal offered to Britain – so that enough MPs can in turn be persuaded to change their minds and accept it.

Joan Robinson, a notable economist, had a favourite story about her eminent colleague John Maynard Keynes, whom she knew at Cambridge. She said that when someone remonstrated with him about being inconsistent, he replied, ***'When someone persuades me that I'm wrong, I change my mind. What do you do?'***

“ Seeking the mind of God ... leads in time to a changed mind ”

So is changing your mind a good thing or not? A strength or a weakness? Does unwavering determination and resolute commitment to a particular view

indicate consistency and stability? Is changing your mind a sign of fickleness? Or is it the other way round? Is the single-minded person guilty of stubborn inflexibility, whilst someone who changes their mind demonstrates openness and new understanding?

Much depends on whatever it is that we're being asked to change our minds about. It's a lot less painful to change your mind about your favourite breakfast cereal than your values and principles. The deeper we look into the usually unexamined parts of our minds and personalities, the more fixed and inflexible we find them to be. Who we are and the way we think about things is formed by a myriad of factors, from our earliest childhood onwards. Our parents, siblings, friends, teachers, alongside our experiences, all play their part in shaping us into the people we become and the views that we hold. This kind of formation is mostly unconscious and very powerful – and changing this part of your mind is no easy matter.



There's an old joke:

How many therapists does it take to change a light bulb?

One – but the light bulb has to really, really want to change...

In one sense, 'changing our minds' is a fundamental part of the Christian calling. Paul wrote in his letter to the early church in Rome: ***Do not***

be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect.

The world exerts all kinds of influences over us, for good and ill. But it doesn't have to have the final say.

Our minds – our beliefs, attitudes, values and views – can be renewed, made new, when we open them up to the action of God, in prayer, worship and Bible reading. This kind of openness to the leading of God's Holy Spirit results in a changed mind – not just in the sense of moving from one set of beliefs and attitudes to another, but one that actually sees and understands

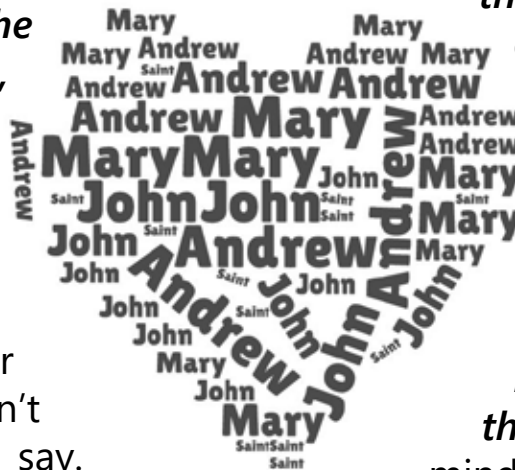
the world differently. In my experience, this is a subtle, gradual process, but for others it's different. Paul himself experienced a radical change of mind, when he encountered the risen Christ on the road to Damascus.

The 16th century astronomer Johannes Kepler (who discovered that planets traced elliptical rather than circular orbits) said, ***'I was merely thinking God's thoughts after him. Since we astronomers are priests of the highest God in regard to the book of nature, it benefits us to be thoughtful, not of the glory of our minds, but rather, above all else, of the glory of God.'*** Seeking the

mind of God instead of limited human understanding inevitably leads in time to a changed mind – a mind that sees more clearly and understands more truthfully; a mind that is renewed; a mind that is capable of thinking God's thoughts after him. I hope that each day, my mind is being changed.

With every blessing

Julie



A Day of Prayer

The Bradford Area Prayer and Spirituality Team invite you to a Day of Prayer on Saturday 18th May.

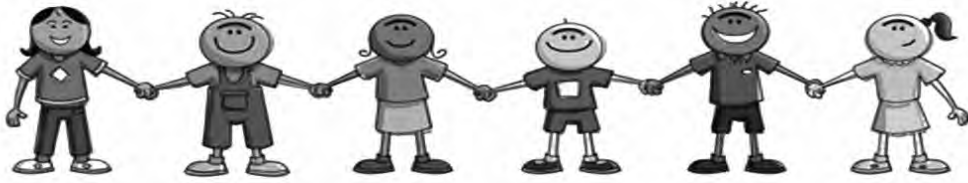
9:30am-4pm at Haworth Road Methodist Church, Bradford, BD9 6LH.

The day will include:

• Reflection on the scriptures • Listening to God • Silence • Storytelling •

To book a place, please contact nicholas.clews@leeds.anglican.org or 01274 662735.

Children's activities at St John's



Although it is some time now since our Christmas activities I would like to thank everyone for their support and prayers. The advent activities saw us thinking about the journey the camels made to reach the stable at Bethlehem. Everyone had fun making gifts, playing games and eating hot dogs.

The Christingle service was a lovely family time and we raised £95.30 for the children's society, thank you.

Our next children's event will be Easter Kidz on Monday April 15th, 2.00-3.30pm at church. This will include stories, activities and refreshments and is suitable for children aged 3 to 10 years and their carers - the event is free but booking is essential. Please ring Janet Clifford for more information 01535 631653



Cononley Singers

Tony and Kath are back with us after their holiday, when David ably covered for Tony, and we are now looking forward to the Skipton Music Festival on 16th March where we will compete, singing 2 pieces without our music copies.

At this time may I remind you of the dates for the Summer concerts? Put them in your diaries or on the calendar! They are on Friday 12th July at the Cononley Village Institute and Saturday 13th at Christ Church, Skipton.



Cononley Art Group

We had a very testing watercolour workshop this month and I found it most helpful when considering alternative ways to paint skies. Our next workshop is using mixed media and that always proves to be quite difficult but interesting.

We have introduced some mid month corners where a member will go through certain aspects of art showing us their approach to the subject. We hope this will help both our new members as well as established ones to have a go at something different. This month Dilys is helping us with drawing.



Cononley WI

How quickly time goes and another exciting WI meeting took place on the 7th February at Cononley Village Institute. I was delighted to welcome a new member whom I am hoping will benefit from meeting new people, making new friends and enjoying many new experiences.

At the January meeting we held an auction which raised £209 to go to a worthwhile local cause. It was decided that the money would be donated to Ward 1 Airedale Hospital

to support their garden project. It is hoped that patients, relatives and staff will benefit from a well-tended area where they will be able to chat and enjoy a nice cuppa!

At the February meeting we had a most enjoyable evening, in fact, quite a busy and entertaining evening. The guest speaker was Mrs Bead who came with thousands of different coloured beads and gave a demonstration on how to make a dragon fly key ring, a book mark and a bracelet using different coloured beads and wire. I have to say all the WI members embraced the activity and we all went home with our bounty. It is quite surprising what hidden skills we have!

We are looking forward to our March meeting when we welcome Mr David Gulliver, Local Historian, presenting a History of Cononley. I am sure David's presentation will bring back interesting and happy memories to the WI members.

If you are interested in joining Cononley WI please do not hesitate to come along – you will receive a very warm welcome. We meet on the first Thursday of each month in the Village Institute at 7.30pm. We are looking forward to seeing you and making you most welcome.

Warm wishes,

Pauline Link - President Cononley WI



“Hope of our Calling”

A Eucharist to mark the 25th anniversary of the Ordination of Women to the Priesthood will take place on Trinity Sunday,
16 June 2019 in Ripon Cathedral at 3.30pm.

President: The Bishop of Leeds, the Rt Revd Nick Baines

Preacher: The Bishop of Ripon, the Rt Revd Dr Helen-Ann Hartley.

This promises to be a service of hope and celebration for all, as the Diocese marks what was a fundamental and life-giving change for the Church of England.

Please put the date in your diary and inform your congregations.

More information to follow.

Our Garden birdwatch

Each year the RSPB invites us to take part in its Big Garden Birdwatch and spend an hour at the end of January recording the birds which we see in our gardens in that short period of time. The Society then puts the results together to compile the ups and downs of all the recorded species for monitoring purposes.

My wife and I have taken part in this survey for a number of years now, and have convinced ourselves that some birds know what is being done and deliberately absent themselves to avoid the publicity associated with the event. So when we sat down with our pencil and paper this year, we didn't see a single finch.

The most numerous of the species we did record was the Long Tailed Tit, which now is the least shy of all the birds and has taken to arriving at our bird feeders as soon as I hang out a fresh supply of seed. Otherwise we recorded Blackbirds, Blue Tits, Coal Tits, Great Tits, Magpies, a single Robin, Wood pigeon, Pheasant and a Nuthatch. Had we waited another day or two we might have added a Bullfinch, a Chaffinch, a Greater Spotted Woodpecker, and a couple of Greenfinches, while over on the church bank we saw a party of Redwings scavenging among the undergrowth, and a Tree creeper working its way up one of the Sycamore trees.

Disappointingly, Sparrows and Thrushes are very rare visitors to our garden nowadays, and less disappointingly we have none of the avaricious Starlings which used to invade our premises. What perplexes us most at the moment is the disappearance of the Rooks which habitually nest in the churchyard trees. Folklore has it that they pair up and begin to build on St. Valentine's day, but we haven't seen or heard any of them for a couple of days now. They have occasionally come into our garden to peck away at the suet balls. We miss their noisy chatter.

Now it will soon be March, and once again we shall hope to hear the warbling cry of the Curlew which so far has come every year since we have lived in our present house. We anticipate its arrival in the early days of the month in Willie Naylor's fields the other side of the beck. We then know that one of God's messengers of spring has come once more to Cononley.

In the meantime, if you want to see even earlier signs of spring, hurry to the church yard where you will see carpets of snowdrops in blossom. They truly are one of the beauties of this earth which was the theme of one of the hymns we sang at church last Sunday.

Alan Ratledge
February 2019

Cononley Over 80's Group

End of an Era?

May I remind all of you that we have a meal at 5.30pm on 15th March and as far as we know that could be the last one for the present as the chef is leaving, but if anything alters I will keep you informed.



A Peal

A visiting band (from Kent) will be attempting to ring a full peal on the bells at St Andrew's on Saturday 16th March, beginning from around 1.00pm-4.00pm

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to plan a day out!



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Services for March

Date	Time	Church	Readings
3rd March Sunday before Lent	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	St Mary's, Bradley St Andrew's Kildwick St John's, Cononley	2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2 Luke 9.28-36, 37-43a)
10th March 1st Sunday of Lent	9.30am 11.00am	St Andrew's Kildwick St John's, Cononley	Romans 10.8b-13 Luke 4.1-13
17th March 2nd Sunday of Lent	9.30am 11.00am	St Mary's, Bradley St John's, Cononley	Philippians 3.17-4.1 Luke 13.31-end
24th March 3rd Sunday of Lent	9.30am 11.00am	St Mary's, Bradley St Andrew's Kildwick	1 Corinthians 10.1-13 Luke 13.1-9
31st March 4th Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	St Mary's, Bradley St Andrew's Kildwick St John's, Cononley	Colossians 3.12-17 Luke 2.33-35



Mothers' UNION

Cononley with Bradley Mothers' Union

Our February meeting at Bradley included a picnic lunch followed by our AGM. Once we had finished our lunches we turned to business matters.

The financial report was given and we approved the income and expenditure figures. Next we reviewed the past year and discussed our new ways of sharing the work of planning and running our meetings. We acknowledged that, although the new system had helped, we needed to discuss matters again in the near future.

The March meeting will be on Tuesday 12th, and will be in Cononley at Olive's home at 2.00 pm.

Rotas for March

Date	Kildwick Readers	Kildwick Intercessors	Kildwick Communion
3rd March Sunday before Lent	Tim Littler Kathryn Morris	Jill Wright	Sandie and Jill
10th March 1st Sunday of Lent	Glyn Evans Chris Wright	Peter Bannister	Christine and Tim
17th March 2nd Sunday of Lent	No service at Kildwick		
24th March 3rd Sunday of Lent	Christine Anderton Tim Chapman	Chris Wright	Sue and Jill
31st March 4th Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday	Jill Wright Sylvia Clark	Lesley Hudson	

Cononley Church Cleaning

Week <i>Beginning...</i>	
4th March	Carolyn Scarr
18th March	Ruby Sedgwick
1st April	Sheila Birks and Joan Driver

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 – 11.00am	11.00am	11.00am	<i>Lay-led service - 11.00am</i>	
Kildwick	11.00am	9.30am	<i>No service</i>	11.00am	

Living Lent

The 6th March marks **Ash Wednesday**, the start of the season of Lent. Instead of “giving up something” for Lent, there are lots of other ways you can journey through Lent. Here are a few suggestions:

- Crosshills and District Fellowship of Churches (CDFC) are running a **weekly Lent course** looking at hope and redemption. It's called 'From Now On', based on the film, 'The Greatest Showman'. It starts on Wednesday 13th March 7.30-9pm at South Craven Baptist Church and runs for five weeks. Previous Lent courses have been very popular and participants have enjoyed them. Come along and find out for yourself!
- How about committing to carry out a **daily act of generosity** during Lent? You can devise your own, or you can join in with 'The Generosity Challenge', starting on Wednesday 6th March.
- You might like to **read a Lent book** – perhaps on your own, or maybe with a group of others that you meet up with for discussion and reflection. Here are a couple of suggestions –

'Reconciliation' by Muthuraj Swamy. (pub. SPCK) is the Archbishop of Canterbury's 2019 Lent book. *The book issues a vibrant call to the Church to support and strengthen relationships among church members; to cross borders to build connections with different denominations; and to maintain open attitudes towards our neighbours from other religions and ideologies.*

'The Merciful Humility of God' by Jane Williams (pub. Bloomsbury) asks what it means to imagine God as humble. Do we find it easier to appeal to God's might and majesty than his humility? *'St Augustine's insight was that it is only the merciful humility of God that can penetrate our armoured pride.'*

Both cost £9.99, and are available from Cornerstone in Skipton.

The journey of Holy Week and Easter

Next month contains Holy Week and Easter. The journey of Holy Week takes us towards the high point of the Christian year. Starting with the celebration of Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey, the tone gradually becomes darker and more sombre as we recall the collision course on which Jesus found himself with the powers of sin and death. On Maundy Thursday, we relive the story of Jesus's last meal with his closest friends, where he gave them both the example of how they were to serve each other in love, and the means by which they were to remember his continuing presence with them whenever they met to share in bread and wine. The action then moves to the Mount of Olives where Jesus is arrested and brought to trial before the

religious and secular authorities, and ultimately condemned to a humiliating and agonizing death. We stand with his mother and friends before the Cross on Good Friday, struck afresh by the horror of how perfect goodness and love was brought to die for the sake of the whole world. Holy Saturday is a time of hollow emptiness – a world bereft of God. And then all is overturned and made new by the joy of Easter Day, when through the power of the resurrection, death's bonds are burst asunder and Jesus is raised. It is truly the greatest story ever told!

All are welcome to come and share in this journey and remember the story once more. Come to all or any of the following, and immerse yourself in its drama, its depths and its heights.

Sunday 14th April – Palm Sunday

- 9.30am St Mary's, Bradley - Palm Sunday service of Holy Communion
- 11.00am St John's, Cononley – Palm Sunday service of Holy Communion
- 11am St Andrew's, Kildwick – Liturgy of the Palms (with Holy Communion)

Monday 15th April

- 7.00pm St Andrew's, Kildwick – Stations of the Cross

Tuesday 16th April

- 7.30pm St Marys, Bradley – service of Compline

Wednesday 17th April

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

Maundy Thursday 18th April

- 7.30pm St Andrew's, Kildwick – service of Holy Communion with footwashing, followed by Galilee vigil

Good Friday 19th April

- 10.00am St Andrew's, Kildwick – leave as part of CDFC Walk of Witness – Act of Witness taking place at St Peter's, Crosshills at 10.30am
- 12 noon St Andrew's, Kildwick – church open for private prayer and reflection up to 2pm
- 2.00pm St John's, Cononley – Last Hour at the Cross
- 2.00pm St Andrew's, Kildwick – Last Hour at the Cross
- 7.30m St Mary's, Bradley – Good Friday service (with the Methodist Chapel)

Holy Saturday 20th April

- 8.45pm St Andrew's, Kildwick – Easter Vigil service

Easter Day 21st April

- 9.30am St Mary's, Bradley – Easter Day Celebration and Holy Communion
- 11.00am St John's, Cononley – Easter Day Celebration and Holy Communion
- 11.00am St Andrew's, Kildwick – Easter Day Celebration and Holy Communion followed by Easter Egg 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>	Chuffs <i>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 Coffee Morning

This will be at Cononley Institute on Saturday 30th March 10.30am – 12.30pm.

Bacon Butties, various stalls including plant stall and raffle. Be assured of a warm welcome - do come along. Proceeds towards the refurbishment of St. John's.

Following the success of the Christmas present stall at the last coffee morning, for which I thank all who contributed to make it a sell out, I thought I would do an Easter themed stall this time. To stock it, I would like anything to do with Easter, not wrapped up, costing around a pound or more. The more I get the more money we can make so please help if you can and the sight of chocolate usually makes the customers reach for their purse.

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Bradley School News



Malawi fund-raising update:

We held our charity fund-raising breakfast on the last day of the half-term to raise funds and awareness for our friends in Malawi. Most of the children came to school early to be served cereal, fruit juice and a choice of pastries and toast-it was an enjoyable but noisy affair. We have been lucky once again with local companies supporting this event and helping out with their donations. The School Council are progressing well to reach their target of £1000.00 for the installation of a much needed water pump in the village of Chimombo, Malawi.



Environmental Awareness:

Throughout school we have been thinking about our environment and how important it is to look after it for the future. The children and staff were really shocked to find out about how long certain materials take to decompose and degrade. With thanks to Mrs Busfield, each class has been provided with a recycling box for recycling used pens, biro's and glue sticks. In addition our school has arranged to help Power Down Pete (NYCC Environment Superhero) celebrate 10 years of work in North Yorkshire by holding an Eco-Environmental Day here at Bradleys Both in April. Our school 'Eco-team' are always on the look out to make sure everyone-including teachers- saves energy by switching off lights when we leave our classrooms and thinking about how we use our resources; just simple ways that we can be more considerate in our daily approach to school life.





The Birds in Your Garden

Nesting Boxes



With many of our garden birds turning their attention to the imminent breeding season, now is a good time to think about helping some of them by providing a nest box (or two!). I get lots of questions about how to

go about choosing and placing a nest box, so here are some notes which are a précis of the extensive information to be found on the BTO website.

Different types of nest boxes can provide homes for different types of bird. House Sparrows and tits like one with a 32mm entrance; a 28 mm hole will restrict the box to Blue Tits. Robins and Blackbirds will use open-fronted boxes, preferably tucked away in a bit of cover.

Beware - some nest boxes are far from ideal!

Choose one made with an insulating material such as wood the walls of which should be at least 15mm thick and can be treated on the outside with a non-toxic, water-based preservative. Dense materials such as metals or ceramics can become too hot or too cold for chicks to survive.

The internal floor area should at least 130 cm² as birds may lay fewer eggs in smaller boxes. Think too about access to examine and record the contents, and to clean it out afterwards.

Perches may help squirrels or weasels reach into the box to grab eggs and chicks, and one which is incorporated in a bird table may cause conflict between nesting and feeding birds.

Looking inside a nest box is OK once the birds are incubating, provided you approach quietly. Most birds will sit tight on their nest if you peek in.

Where you put your box is more important than what it looks like! It must provide a safe and comfortable environment.

It should not be close to another nest box or to your feeders as this may promote aggressive behaviour between neighbours.

The ideal height for a small-hole nest box is 1m to 3m above the ground with a clear flight path. Shelter it from the prevailing wind and rain and strong sunlight - the front should be angled slightly downwards to prevent water entering. Consider a metal plate around the hole to deter squirrels if you have them.

Open-fronted nest boxes are best concealed behind vegetation, but make sure they aren't easily accessible to predators.

Traditionally, nest boxes for small birds are put up in the spring - pairs begin to prospect in the late February, so a box put up then stands a good chance of attracting nesting birds. However, it is never too early or too late to put one up: some birds will use them to roost in during the winter months.

Be patient! There are many reasons why your box isn't being used: the presence of natural nest cavities nearby or the location of territorial boundaries. But if a box is not used for several years try moving it.

Come autumn, old nests should be removed and the box cleaned out. Bird Protection Law permits the cleaning out of nests between 1 September and 31 January. Wear gloves and a dust mask as old nests may harbour fungi that can cause respiratory problems. They can also contain parasites such as fleas, lice and ticks, so put them straight into a plastic bag and seal it before disposal.

Now you have a nest box, why not add value and join a BTO survey to record its contents, and those of any other nest in your vicinity?

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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The Prayer Page

Forgive us Lord for our apathy,
for our lack of courage to speak out.
Forgive us when we walk past and don't offer help.
Forgive us when we get it wrong.
We confess that we are afraid -
we don't want to overcome our hidden doubts and prejudices
in order to be alongside those who are different from ourselves.
We ask that you would lead us into action:
give us strength to be a voice crying for justice and peace.
Help us to step into another person's shoes,
or if they have no shoes
then not to be afraid to take off our own,
peel off our preconceptions and assumptions,
uncurl and spread out our toes, and
tread in their footprints.

May we be a liberating presence
and offer love, compassion and
whatever is needed
to act justly, love mercy and
walk humbly with
our God. Amen



We pray for those who have no peace -
for those who are troubled and torn apart by lack of self esteem
for those who torment and victimise the vulnerable.
We pray for men and women affected by violence in the home
and for those who live by violence.
We pray for those who are trafficked
and for those who organise and profit from selling other humans.
May they learn of your love
and somehow come to newness of life
even in the midst of despair. Amen

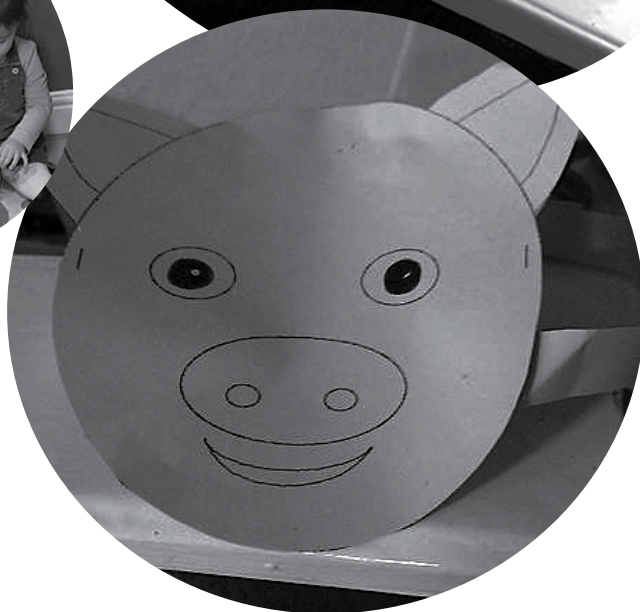
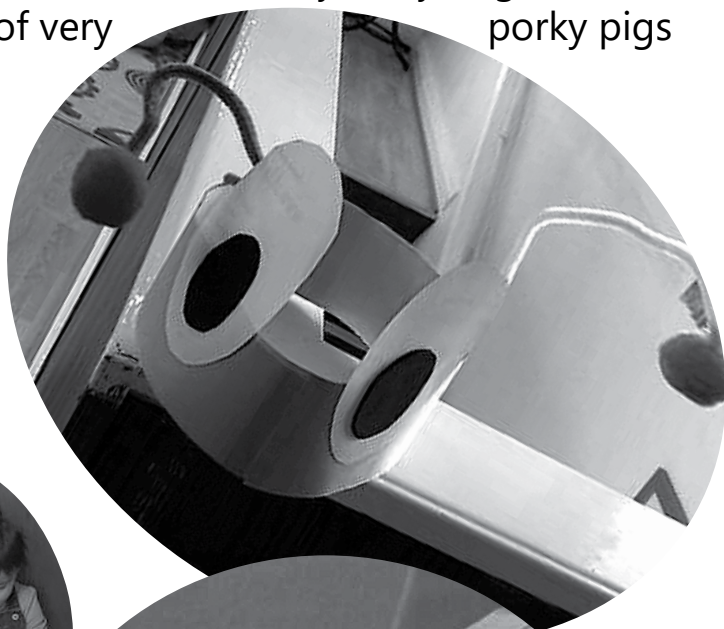


Loving Lord let us not stand aside and tolerate
lack of basic human resources,
dehumanising practices,
or the use of violence to disempower your people.
Give us strength to act and challenge hatred,
and instead bring your justice and mercy.
In your name we humbly ask that we may be a
channel for your peace and love.
Amen.

News from Facebook

Facebook Friends will see fairly regular snippets of news from St Andrew's. They come, mainly, from two areas of activity – Chuffs and the bellringers. (There's a reason for that!)

Chuffs seem quite often to appear in disguise! This month, we've seen some very scary bugs and a herd of very porky pigs

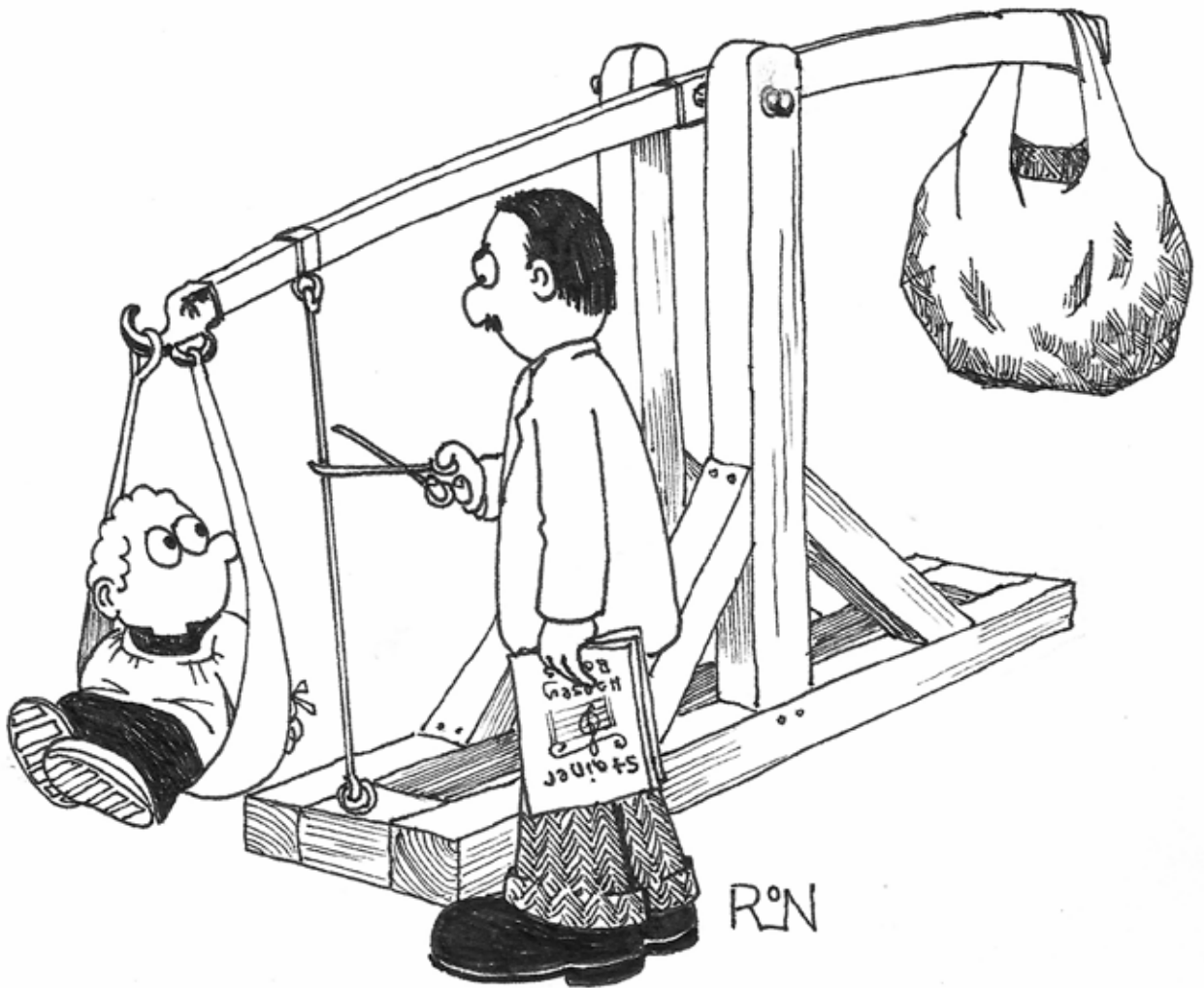


In the bell tower, it was Certificate Time. Pictured was young Angus who was deservedly awarded his Level 2 bell handling certificate. Also gaining certificates were Richard (another Level 2) and Ed (an impressive Level 4!)



We hope that next month, we'll be able to report more progress, both among the tower ringers and the MiniRingers who are working hard for their performances at the Skipton Music Festival in mid March.

back to school



Toby persistently sang flat



The April Edition

Deadline for April is Sunday 24th March

Please let us have your material by then - and we'll try to have the magazines ready for 31st March. *It's the day we lose an hour!*

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