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## Holy Days

Holiday season is here. When I was a child at school, at this time of year I was anxiously counting down the days until the end of term, and the six long weeks of freedom. For those without children, June and September are probably the favoured months to take a break, but for families, it's July and August when many people board planes, trains or automobiles and head for pastures new.

Holidays have been around for a long time, but not as we know them today. The word is derived from the Old English for 'holy day', because it originally referred to special days of religious observance. In a feudal and hierarchical society, where the wealth and power of a few depended on the daily labour of the many, holy days provided opportunities for respite from the daily grind.

On a holy day, normal routines and duties were largely set aside to allow everyone, from the highest echelons of society down to the lowest, to celebrate a religious festival. Attendance at church would usually be expected, but there was plenty of time left over for other ways of marking the day, and so other 'holy day' traditions developed. Some 'holy days' were solemn in character, such as Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent – but many were times of feasting and rejoicing, and over time, the word 'holiday' came into use to refer to any day of exemption from the work and routine of daily life.

“  
... *a national  
hiatus – an  
opportunity for  
us collectively to  
step aside ...*”

Today, some of our holidays are national and public, set aside in law. Some (like Christmas Day and Good Friday) coincide with the religious festivals which



they were originally intended to create space for people to observe. They are a national hiatus – an opportunity for us collectively to step aside from our usual occupations and do something different. But these days there's a greater private dimension to holidays. For many of us, they're the time when, on our own, or with family and friends, we take time out from work or other regular commitments in order to rest, recuperate and recharge ourselves. If

we have the resources, we'll often go away, so that the break from routine is emphasized by temporarily different surroundings. A change of scene helps us to step out of our normal routines, to get a new perspective and to find a different rhythm for a while.

Of course, not all holidays live up to expectations. When the plane is delayed; the hotel is still under construction; the weather less than glorious; the children fractious or moody; and everyone is either sunburnt or suffering from a dodgy tummy – you could be forgiven for thinking that they're more trouble than they're worth, and you'd be better

off staying at home. Some holidays are best forgotten!

At their best, holidays are time out – time away from the stuff that normally fills our hours and the things that demand our time and attention.

An opportunity to take a step back, to press pause and allow our bodies, minds and spirits to rest and relax. A time to turn our backs on the myriad concerns that clamour for attention in normal life, and create space for other, more life-giving, soul-restoring things. In that sense, they are still 'holy days'.

The original Hebrew and Greek words that we translate with the word 'holy' carry the sense of being set apart, separate – even transcendent. God is

holy because God is utterly different to creation – beyond it, in ways we cannot comprehend. Which is why it is so amazing that God should choose not to remain separate from creation, but

instead to enter it, to become part

of it as a human being in the person of Jesus. Holidays are

'holy days' because they are set apart from our normal lives. They are 'time out'.

And in that carved-out time, we have the chance

to reconnect – with our loved ones, with ourselves,

and with God. That's what

people who celebrated their 'holy days' by both going to church and enjoying some unaccustomed leisure were doing. I hope I'll be able to do the same when I go on my holiday this summer – and I hope you will too.

*With every blessing*

*Julie*



## Through other eyes

Sitting in the waiting room for my first appointment with a new dentist. I noticed his diploma, with his full name. I remembered a handsome, dark haired boy who had been in my secondary school class some 30-odd years ago. Could he be the same guy that I had a secret crush on, way back then?

Upon seeing him, however, I quickly discarded any such thought. This balding, grey haired man with the deeply lined face was far too old to have been my classmate. After he examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended Morgan Park secondary school. "Yes, yes I did. I'm a Morganner!" He beamed with pride.

"When did you leave to go to Uni?" I asked.

"In 1965. Why do you ask?" "You were in my class!" I exclaimed.

He looked at me closely.

Then the ugly, old, bald, wrinkled, fat, grey haired, decrepit creature asked...

"What did you teach?"

## All change at St John's!

St John's United Church will shortly be undergoing a transformation! After several years of prayer and preparation, the interior of the church is to be redesigned to incorporate important additional facilities, including a separate room at the back of church with a kitchenette and accessible toilet. The pews are to be removed, which will enable the interior space to be used much more creatively for worship and other activities, and the space around the choir will be opened up so that it can be used in a variety of ways. The target start date for the work is August 19th, and it is hoped that work will be completed in time for the church to be in use once again for Christmas. During the period of the works, worship will continue to take place most Sundays in the Cononley Village Institute at 11.00am.

We'd love as many people as possible to come into church to see it 'before', and then to come back again in the New Year to see what it looks like 'after'. If you're available, why not come along to either or both of these events?

Sunday 21st July at 2.00pm – the 'Great Singalong'! Come and join us for an hour to sing a variety of music, including popular standards, well-known hymns and even nursery rhymes!

Saturday 3rd August 10.30am – noon – come along to enjoy some light refreshments, look round the church and 'pick a pew' – there are at least 15 that will be looking for new homes, of varying sizes.



**Before Cononley St John's village Church closes for an**

**AMAZING TRANSFORMATION**

Join us there, see how the Church looks now & enjoy a

**SPLENDID SING SONG!**

**Everyone welcome on Sunday July 21<sup>st</sup> @ 2pm.**

Tony Hamilton will help us sing our hearts out with songs chosen with all ages in mind – from nursery rhymes, hymns, songs from our village school & more!

Help us make it a memorable hour or so & enjoy the Church, singing & light refreshments!

Carolyn Scarr 01535 634520



## Summer Fair



The sun shone for our Summer Fair this year and we had a good turn out of visitors making it a very enjoyable day.

Thank you to everyone who supported the event by attending, donating, volunteering and spending!

Without your support this event could not go ahead and it is very much appreciated by the members of the School, Church and Institute.



A big thank you to Dales Jam for providing the music and to Yorkshire Dales Ice-cream who have supported the event for the past few years.

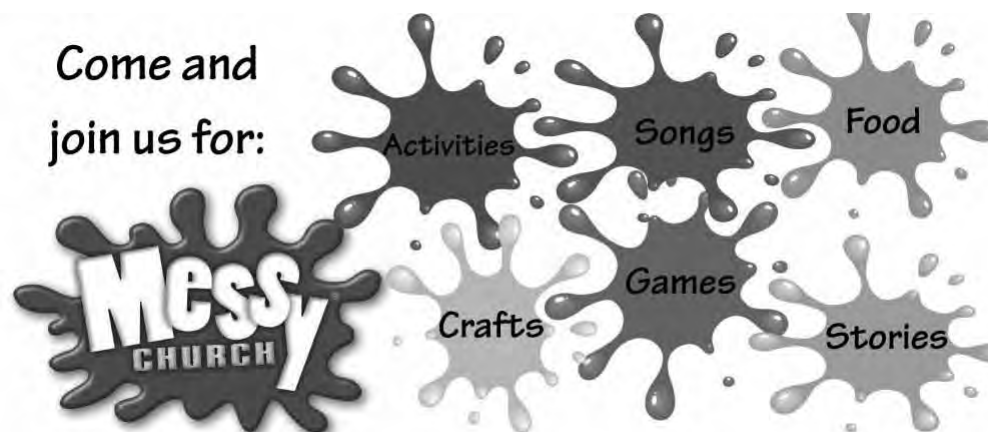
Thanks to Yorkshire Sound for their help with the PA, and to Dave and Sammie for cutting the grass . . .



. . . and to everyone who worked so hard all day.

So far we have raised nearly £2500 to be divided between the 3 groups.





If you and your family have enjoyed one of our Messy Church events you will be pleased to know that we are intending to start having them monthly from September.

Messy Church is an opportunity for families to learn about God through craft, stories and singing in a relaxed friendly atmosphere. It lasts for about 2 hours and is suitable for all ages and concludes with refreshments. It is intended to hold them on the third Sunday of the month so the first one will be on September 15th at 2.30-4.30pm in St Andrew's Church. Please do come and join us; you will be most welcome.

*Further details from Lesley Hudson 07712652101*

## Chuffs Get Overrun

Reports of the Chuffs sessions seem to suggest that they are in constant danger of being overrun. First, it was frogs - then penguins paved the way for a tangle of octopodes. (I'm told that's the right plural.)

Our Chuffs toddler group will be having a holiday over the summer. We will be meeting again on 10th September. If you don't know about Chuffs it is a friendly



relaxed parent/carer toddler group held in St Andrew's Parish Rooms on Tuesday mornings from 10-11.30am. We welcome babies and children from birth to starting school with their mums, dads, grandmas and other carers. We have lots of toys to play with and each week we have a craft activity, story time, singing and snack-time.

Do come along and join us. You will be very welcome.



## Flapjack Friday

Flapjack Friday is an initiative at St Andrew's that is proving popular among some of the Mums who drop off their young ones at school. It's one of the first of a range of actions that we're taking to keep the church more open during the week. You'll read of others as the summer goes on.

On Friday mornings, St Andrew's opens its doors for Mums, Dads and carers to share a cup of coffee, excellent flapjack and some chat.

Come along and join us – we'll be starting again at the beginning of term!



**A recipe that is very popular at Flapjack Friday:**

### Fruity Flapjack

5 ounces	soft dates
3½ ounces	margarine
2 tablespoons	honey
Zest	of one orange
One	grated apple or pear
5 ounces	porridge oats
3 ounces	chopped dried apricots
1 to 2 ounces	dried cranberries

Blitz the dates in a food processor, put in a pan with the margarine, honey, orange zest and heat gently. Stir in the grated fruit.

Put oats in a bowl and stir in the apricots and the cranberries

Stir in the melted mixture and combine together.

Line a 8" square tin. Press the mixture into the tin.

Bake for 40 minutes at 160°C (Fan oven).

Cut into 16 squares

It will keep for one week in a tin or three months in a freezer.

## **‘The Philosophy of Religion’**

I found myself getting quite annoyed with the authors of this book which I was reading recently. Their debates on the existence and the nature of God made me feel that these people don't realise that the Christian God is not a subject for theoretical discussion by intellectuals, but is a presence for all manner of men, women and children irrespective of their age, upbringing, and mental capacity. But just at that time I came across an obituary of another philosopher who had a different outlook on religion, and who took the Good Samaritan as his guide, who, he said '...didn't waste time weighing up the pros and cons, he just did something...' This man was none other than Jean Vanier who had died in May 2019 at the age of 90.

Vanier was born in Canada, becoming a naval officer during World War II. In 1947 he resigned his navy commission in order to study and subsequently lecture in philosophy. But in 1964, he was made aware of the plight of people who had been placed in institutions because of their handicaps, often mental, which had deemed them unsuitable to live a normal life in the world.

He became convinced that people with mental disabilities were the most oppressed and humiliated in the world. So he decided to act. He invited two deeply damaged men to leave their institution and come and live with him in a run-down cottage in Trosly-Breuil in France. From such a small beginning was born the community of L'Arche where people with disabilities live with people who care for them and who look upon them as teachers instead of burdens.

To Vanier all such people are beautiful and precious irrespective of their handicaps and frailties. Part of Vanier's skill was to give time to listen to these people, to remember them, and to befriend them all. A quotation from one of his books reads like this: 'The mystery of people with disabilities is that they long for authentic and loving relationships more than for power...They are crying out for what matters most: love.

And God hears their cry because in some way they respond to the cry of God, which is to give love.'

Jean Vanier was a devout Catholic all his life, but also passionately ecumenical. People of all faiths were made welcome at L'Arche. Today there are some 150 L'Arche communities in 38 countries including several in the United Kingdom.

Vanier himself continued to live in the Trosly-Breuil community until a few weeks before his death, which was marked by any number of tributes.

*Alan Ratledge  
July 2019*

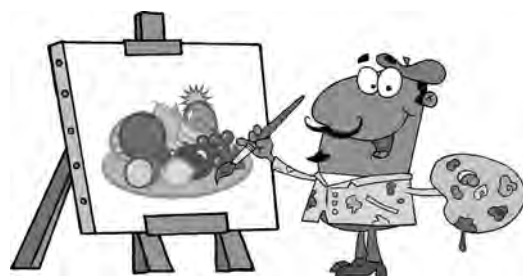
## Cononley Art Group

The exhibition was a great success and more people came to us than usual which was very pleasing.

Many people thought that the standard was very high and we sold lots of paintings and cards, also lots of cakes and sandwiches to boost our funds for workshops and demonstrations.

The Summer trip is to the Walker Gallery where we can see the Charles Rennie Mackintosh exhibition which is very interesting. We collected many new members at the exhibition but still are accepting anyone from Cononley who wishes to join.

*Ruby*



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## Wanted - one Treasurer!



St Andrew's Church Kildwick currently has no Treasurer, and is very much in need of one to help us to manage our finances wisely and keep abreast with our incomings and outgoings.

We are looking for someone to be responsible for:

- Overseeing banking of cash and cheques
- Managing the church's bank accounts
- Producing reports for PCC meetings
- Producing and monitoring the church's annual budget

The PCC recognizes that as it has not been possible to find a volunteer, it may need to employ someone.

If you are interested in this, or know someone who may be, please contact one of the churchwardens, Lesley Hudson or Sandie Walton.



## St Andrew's Church Building Working Group



A group looking at how to secure a sustainable future for St Andrew's Church has been set up, and is being co-ordinated by Sue Booth, the diocesan Buildings for Mission officer.

As part of our regular fortnightly schedule of meetings, we have a visit planned to Bolton

Priory on **Thursday 8th August** to see how they have dealt with the challenge of custodianship of a historically significant building.

Sue is keen to include people from both the congregation and the local community who would like to be actively involved in pursuing this objective.

If you'd like to be involved with this group and attend any of these meetings, please contact Julie Bacon - you'll be very welcome.

The planned meetings take place at 1.30pm on Thursdays 25th July, 8th and 22nd August and 5th and 19th September in the Parish Rooms.

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## Services for June/July

Date	Time	Church	Readings
7th July <b>3rd Sunday after Trinity</b>	9.30am 11.00am <i>11.00am</i>	St Mary's, Bradley St Andrew's Kildwick <i>St John's, Cononley</i>	Galatians 6.(1-6),7-16 Luke 10.1-11,16-20
14th July <b>4th Sunday after Trinity</b>	9.30am 11.00am	St Andrew's Kildwick St John's, Cononley	Colossians 1.1-14 Luke 10.25-37
21st July <b>5th Sunday after Trinity</b>	9.30am 11.00am	St Mary's, Bradley St John's, Cononley	Colossians 1.15-28 Luke 10.38-end
28th July <b>6th Sunday after Trinity</b>	9.30am 11.00am <i>11.00am</i>	St Mary's, Bradley St Andrew's Kildwick <i>St John's, Cononley</i>	Colossians 2.6-15(16-19) Luke 11.1-13
4th August <b>7th Sunday after Trinity</b>	9.30am 11.00am <i>11.00am</i>	St Mary's, Bradley St Andrew's Kildwick <i>St John's, Cononley</i>	Colossians 3.1-11 Luke 12.13-21
11th August <b>8th Sunday after Trinity</b>	9.30am 11.00am	St Andrew's Kildwick St John's, Cononley	Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16 Luke 12.32-40
18th August <b>9th Sunday after Trinity</b>	9.30am 11.00am	St Mary's, Bradley St John's, Cononley	Hebrews 11.29-12.2 Luke 12.49-56
25th August <b>10th Sunday after Trinity</b>	9.30am 11.00am <i>11.00am</i>	St Mary's, Bradley St Andrew's Kildwick <i>St John's, Cononley</i>	Hebrews 12.18-end Luke 13.10-17



## Rotas for June/July

Date	Kildwick Readers	Kildwick Intercessor	Kildwick Communion
7th July <b>3rd Sunday after Trinity</b>	Lesley Hudson Anthony Luce	Lesley Hudson	Sandie and Peter
14th July <b>4th Sunday after Trinity</b>	Kath Morris Christine Anderton	Jill Wright	Jill and Christine
21st July <b>5th Sunday after Trinity</b>	<i>No service at Kildwick</i>		
28th July <b>6th Sunday after Trinity</b>	Glyn Evans Sylvia Clark	Sue Hargreaves	Christine and Sue
4th August <b>7th Sunday after Trinity</b>	Tim Chapman Jill Wright	Chris Wright	Christine and Sandie
11th August <b>8th Sunday after Trinity</b>	Lesley Bannister Brenda Brock	Peter Bannister	Jill and Peter
18th August <b>9th Sunday after Trinity</b>	No service at Kildwick		
25th August <b>10th Sunday after Trinity</b>	Kath Morris Chris Wright	Lesley Hudson	Sue and Christine

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

## 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	6.45pm <i>as required</i>	Bell Handling Practice	Kildwick Tower
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

## A Cononley Parish Council event in the Institute

- . The time has not been announced yet; further details will be announced locally.



## Are you an Idler?



Local air pollution is a major risk to human health and has been shown to cause or exacerbate a wide variety of illnesses ranging from itchy eyes, to eczema, lung disease and even cancer. It is a particular concern for children's health as it can stunt lung growth and affect lung capacity. Unfortunately, local air pollution is far worse in Britain's towns and cities than elsewhere in Europe.

Exhaust emissions caused by leaving a car engine running whilst stationary are among the most significant causes of local air pollution and this is especially worrisome outside schools and hospitals as well as in town centres and near main roads.

Zero Carbon Harrogate, a group of local residents (including some from Christ Church) supporting the development of a low carbon sustainable economy in the District, is leading a local "No Idling" campaign to encourage motorists to switch off their engines when stationary to help reduce pollution and improve health. Other towns and cities up and down the country are embracing this same type of campaign. Volunteers are liaising with local schools and parents, with hospitals and members of the public in the District to spread the message that idling is "fuelish" (it wastes petrol) as well as being a hazard to health.

For more on the campaign go to the ZCH website at  
[zerocarbonharrogate.org.uk/events](http://zerocarbonharrogate.org.uk/events)

*David Eggleston*



## Cononley WI



Cononley WI continues to be busy as we prepare for our Summer Lunch in July and the Presidents Afternoon Tea in August. Wouldn't it be lovely if the sun continues to shine for both of these events?

At our June meeting we welcomed a Guest Speaker from The Craven Guild of Hand Spinners, Weavers and Dyers who gave an interesting and enjoyable talk. Gill Roberts gave the vote of thanks. Cononley WI also welcomed three new members and wish them a wonderful enjoyable experience with the WI.

Thank you to Dr Brian Fisher for re-varnishing the seat – it's now looking very smart and standing proud.

Cononley WI took part in the Gala, joining the parade as "101 Dalmatians". Cruella deVil was Barbara Simpson in a fantastic outfit! It was good fun and thank you to the children who joined us. We couldn't have done it without you.

The AGM at Bournemouth was very informative and I am pleased to say that both the Resolutions, "Don't Fear the Smear" and "A call against the decline in local bus services", went through with overwhelming majorities. The WI can help to make a difference in these important matters.

In June we enjoyed lunch at the New Inn. Members from Sutton-in-Craven WI joined us for a most enjoyable social gathering. Thank you to Janet Clifford for organising the lunch and to Jane for feeding and looking after us so well.

Some of our members had the opportunity to enjoy a visit to Allerton Waste Site, the visit was very interesting.

At our August meeting which will be held on the 1st August we are having a demonstration on Flower Arranging by Funky Flowers - at this time of the year we could be viewing our flowers in a different light!

We meet on the first Thursday of each month in the Village Institute at 7.30pm. Do join us! We are a friendly bunch and it would be good to see you.

Cononley WI are honoured that two of our members, Carolyn Scarr and Maeve Dracup, took part in the 'Great Get Together' in memory of Jo Cox, the Batley and Spen MP, whose life was taken from her on the 16th June 2016. The Friends of Aireville Park held a community picnic on the 24th June as part of the National Great Get Together, inspired by Yorkshire MP Jo Cox.

Carolyn and Maeve sang with their Skipton singing group, (All together now) in Aireville Park in memory of Jo Cox MP. Such a privilege to remember an inspiring woman.

*Warm wishes Pauline Link  
President Cononley WI*



## Cononley Wth Bradley Mothers' Union

Our summer outing was on 11th June. It was not a very warm day, but there was very little rain. We saw a lot of attractive scenery on our way to Country Harvest where we were to have lunch. After an enjoyable meal, we had the opportunity to browse through the large shopping area, which included a farm shop. There was something for everyone – a pleasant afternoon.

Our 'Count your Blessings' collection during Lent has raised £114 for the Diocesan 'Away from it All' holiday caravan at Primrose Valley, Filey.

F.G



### KCB prayers

We meet together for "KCB prayers" each month to pray for an hour for our churches and communities as well as for wider concerns.

We normally gather at 7.30pm, on the fourth Monday of the month, but Bank Holidays tend to alter these plans a bit.

The dates and venues for the next three meetings are as follows:

In July the meeting will be at Bradley:

**Monday 22nd July at 7.30pm at St Mary's, Bradley**

In August, the 26th is a Bank Holiday so there are **No KCB Prayers in August**

In September, KCB prayers will take place as normal:

**Monday 23rd September at 7.30pm. at St Andrew's Parish Rooms, Kildwick**



### What's on at the Institute?

The following events will take place at Kildwick & Farnhill Institute, Main Street, Farnhill.

#### Coffee Morning

**Saturday 10/8/2019, 10:00 – 11.30am**

*Come along and meet up with your friends and neighbours for a chat. See some of the exhibits from Craven Museum, and slide shows of Old Farnhill & Kildwick. Bring along items/old photographs/documents, etc. to be examined and photographed by Museum staff and members of the Local History Group.*

#### Perusing Peru

**Friday 25th October, 7.15pm**

by Paul Haywood

Tickets £7.00 including refreshments

*Paul Haywood will give an illustrated talk on his recent travels in Peru.*

## From Micro to Maxi

Or should that be Mega? Perhaps, instead, we should use scientific words; milli- centi- deci- and so on. But I'm burbling.



The MiniRingers display their new bells

We seem to be developing a bit of a range of ringers – and as soon as a new group forms, the edges begin to blur. We began with a group of MiniRingers that was quite separate from the tower bell band. That boundary has softened as the older MiniRingers have begun to be dubbed the MidiRingers. That is because they have taken to the long ropes and

begun the progress towards becoming members of the regular adult band.

At the other end of the scale, some of this year's group are barely knee-high to a grasshopper. They are dubbed the MicroRingers.

And then there's the adult band. I'm not sure whether they should be called MaxiRingers or MegaRingers.

This is a time of year when we look back and reflect as another school year draws to its close. A record number of MiniRingers means that we represent nearly 10% of the school and the wider age range means that more of the group will be coming back next year to build on what they've already achieved. Even the Micros may become Megas!

The headline activity through the autumn term was to learn to ring tunes on our handbells and handchimes. The particular focus is that they forget "self" and become a part of a single instrument. It's a hard early lesson but one that reaches through all that we do. Of course the tunes we are learning focus on our first performance – the Christmas Carol Service. As any music teacher knows, Christmas comes early in the practice rooms!

Parallel to this, we start to ring changes. That's what the tower bells do but we use handbells and a marked-out mat. It's a different skill, but still there's the need to work as part of a bigger machine as they move physically in the patterns normally locked up in a ringer's imagination. This creates a great spectacle and makes a good display for our next regular appointment; the Skipton Music Festival in March.

With that competition put to one side we are free to explore other activities. Traditionally, we've always cast bells in the summer term, but there is also the opportunity for some of the larger MiniRingers to start to learn to handle the tower bells. We do this in a separate session later in the day. There's a bit of a size restriction here, quite aside from the fact that we couldn't cope with all twelve at once! I often wonder just how small a ringer we could teach to handle, perhaps, half a ton of bell metal – but I'm told that experimenting on children isn't allowed.

All of that is "The Plan". It is great to look back over the year and to see that we've just about fulfilled it. Of course there are frustrations along the way. An hour each week isn't nearly enough (especially when some of that is taken with gathering the flock from school). A larger group inevitably means more absences and other commitments impinge.



The Foundry workers hard at it

But we rang our carols and competed in the Music Festival. We even have a huge trophy to show for it! The Year Six children are all making great progress on the tower bells and are ready to ring for the Leavers' Service. They delighted me with their enquiry, "are we carrying on in the holidays?" Angus has already joined the adult band and is a member of the Yorkshire Tykes, a county-wide youth ringing band. George and the others may well follow him. And, yes, we've got twelve shiny brass bells for them to take away in memory of another great year for the Kildwick MiniRingers.



The "Brag Board". The four on the right are the latest from the MiniRingers. We've broken all sorts of new ground this year. We've set new records and are anticipating even better next year. But what has pleased me most was a comment from one of the parents; "It's very clear that what these children are learning isn't just about bells."



## Tea and Scones at Kildwick



**Served in the Parish Rooms  
next to the church**

**Every Sunday afternoon from 2.30pm–4.30pm  
from 5th May till the end of September**

*A warm welcome awaits our regular and new customers!*

If you are able to help by hosting an afternoon, baking scones or 'church sitting' so that our ancient church can be open for visitors, please sign the list in church or contact Lesley Hudson on 01535 523291



## School News

### Bradleys Both

End of term is fast approaching...

We are very near the end of the school year and everyone is ready for the summer holidays. The new Reception children have already been into school for their familiarisation visits and the Year 6 children have all taken part in transition days at their chosen secondary school-very exciting!

To end the term we have our usual Key Stage 2 performance which this time takes the form of a series of sketches and music focusing on the past year; it's called an 'Evening with Year 6' and hopefully will display the many talents of our current leavers.



### *Sports Day and Summer Fair*

The sun was shining, which makes all the difference to outdoor events, as the children took part in all the Bradley traditional races. The parents and friends cheered each race and the whole event had a lovely family atmosphere. After the races there was a barbecue, refreshments, ice-cream stall, circus skills, treasure hunts and craft activities-lots to do and a fun day for all.

# School News

## Cononley School



The summer term has been quite a busy one at Cononley School. We have seen our fantastic mathematicians win the year 3 and 4 Maths Challenge, which took place

at South Craven school at the beginning of May. The children had to complete a number of tasks which included Sudoku and problem solving and also gained points for their accuracy and team work.

The year 6 children faced their SATs in mid-May and showed a real calm resilience; thankfully it was a short half term and they got to re-charge their batteries in the half term holiday which came a week later.

After half term, the school held 'Wellbeing Week'. This was where the whole school took part in activities to promote Mental Health using 'Five Ways to Wellbeing' which were to Connect, Get Active, Take Notice, Keep Learning and Give to Others. The children chatted to one another at the 'Connection Café', they learnt Karate Moves and kept active by holding a House Football Competition. A whole school picnic was held on the school field in order to 'Take Notice' and appreciate the beautiful surroundings the school has to offer and then finally, to end the week, the school had a visit from the Gambian Schools Trust who talked to the children about their work and collected books that had been donated to the school by the pupils. All in all it was a successful week.

We have a number of trips that have either already taken place or are coming up in the next few weeks, from our Year 4's visiting Saltaire as part of an art project to develop closer links between the railway and the community and then a visit to a 'Gurdwara' (a Sikh temple), which was found to be really interesting, to Years 1 and 2 taking a trip to Harlow Carr for a workshop linked to Science called 'Animal Detectives'. We have our Year 5's looking forward to the annual Malham trip in July and the last week of term sees the Reception children visit Skipton woods. We just hope that summer finally makes its debut in order for the trips to be enjoyed to their fullest.

In the meantime, as in other years, rehearsals are under way for the KS2 production and the children are all limbering up for the annual Sports Day; all this before the school closes for the Summer on Friday 19 July.





## The Birds in Your Garden

### Stock Doves



Stock Dove (John Harding)

I'm sure you are as fed up as I am with the constant presence of pigeons all around your feeders. "Hoover Birds" is a polite name for them. But, do look a little closer next time you see some Woodpigeons; particularly if you are out and about, as all may not be as you expect.

There are five pigeon species regularly recorded in Britain.

Woodpigeons and Collared Doves are

familiar to us all. Rock Doves, which are now found wild only along the north and west coasts of Scotland and Northern Ireland, are the ancestors of the "domesticated" and very varied Feral (or Town) Pigeons, and Turtle Doves, now mainly found in Eastern Britain or as migrants. The fifth species, the Stock Dove, is frequently overlooked as it is so similar to, and often mixes with, Woodpigeons. This is the one I suggest you keep an eye out for, especially if you live in a rural or semi-rural area.

Stock Doves are similar in plumage and size to Rock Doves/Feral Pigeons. They are largely blue-grey with an attractive iridescent bottle green band on the back of the neck and a pink chest, rather like Woodpigeons. In flight, they show black edges to their wings, but the most obvious distinguishing feature is a pair of short black bands on their flanks. Also, unlike the Woodpigeon, the Stock Dove has no white feathers in its plumage, most noticeably on the neck. The Stock Dove's dark eyes give it a more gentle appearance too; the Woodpigeon's eyes are pale yellow.

They are widely distributed in the UK and are generally birds of the open countryside, but they do come into outer-suburban and rural gardens. Significantly, over half the European population, about two million pairs, is found in the UK. Their voice is distinctive, with a deep, rhythmic, low coo that carries a surprising distance, not at all the aggravating call of the Woodpigeon.

Following the banning of the organochlorine seed-dressings used in the 1950's and early 1960's, Stock Dove populations have increased very substantially, though they do continue to fluctuate from year to year.

Unlike most pigeons and doves, the Stock Dove nests in holes, usually in trees, but often in old stone barns or similar buildings. This requirement for nesting holes restricts its options but ensures that it is common in old parkland with mature trees. Nests are minimal with two slightly glossy white eggs laid during each attempt. As with Woodpigeons their nesting season is a long one, starting in late February or early March, and continuing late into the summer. There may be up to four broods. Only in winter do you generally see solitary birds, during the rest of the year, for obvious reasons, they are usually to be found in pairs!

Unlike the woodpigeon, which is regarded as a pest species, and which could until recently be shot throughout the year, the Stock Dove has long been protected.

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



## Cononley Singers



By the time you read this we will have sung at all the concerts so I hope you enjoyed them – and thank you for your support on both nights.

We are now having a break until September when we will start to rehearse for the Christmas concerts. A big thank you to Tony for all his hard work and patience with us throughout the year.

*Ruby*



# *Cream Tea*

**In aid of**



**2.30pm –4.30pm**  
**Saturday 31st August**  
**Parish Rooms**  
**St Andrew's Church**  
**Kildwick**

*Come along and help support Jigsaw's work with some of the poorest children and families in the Philippines*

## Christian Aid Collection 2019 in Bradley



Thank you to everyone who supported the Christian Aid collection in Bradley Village this year; especially those who volunteered to collect envelopes.

Including the gift aid donations, we raised £683.93. The Christian Aid Breakfast held at the Methodist Chapel also raised £166.33. All of this money will help some of the poorest communities in the world to build better lives.

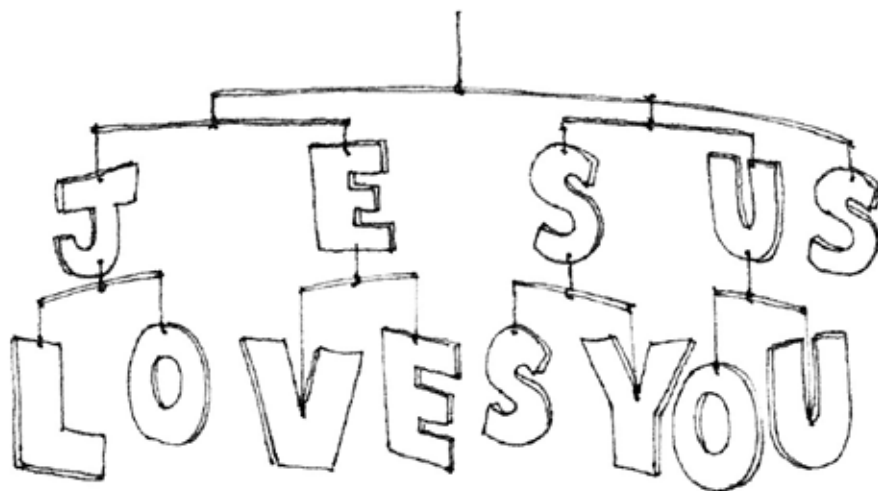
Door to door collecting gets harder and harder every year and despite taking part in the annual village collection for over 20 years I still get a sinking feeling when I knock on the first door. In the vast majority of cases the generosity and kindness of strangers is always overwhelming and the anxiety felt at the start is worth it knowing that the money collected will change the life of someone in desperate need of help. As a Christian in a very secular world Christian Aid week is a very real way of following the teaching of Jesus when he says in Mark Chapter 12 vs 31 "Love your neighbour as yourself". There is no commandment greater than these.'

We are always desperately short of collectors in the village and if you live in a part of the village which didn't receive an envelope and want to help us with next year's collection, please contact the coordinator Andrew Symonds on tel 07801937056. If you still have an envelope and wish to make a donation, the envelopes can be left for collection in the village shop.

*Andrew*



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*Wendy checked the message on her mobile*

### **The September Edition**

***The regular monthly treadmill (sorry - SCHEDULE) is back  
so the deadline for the September edition is Sunday 25th August***

Please let us have your material by then  
– and we'll try to have the magazine ready for Sunday, 1st September.

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