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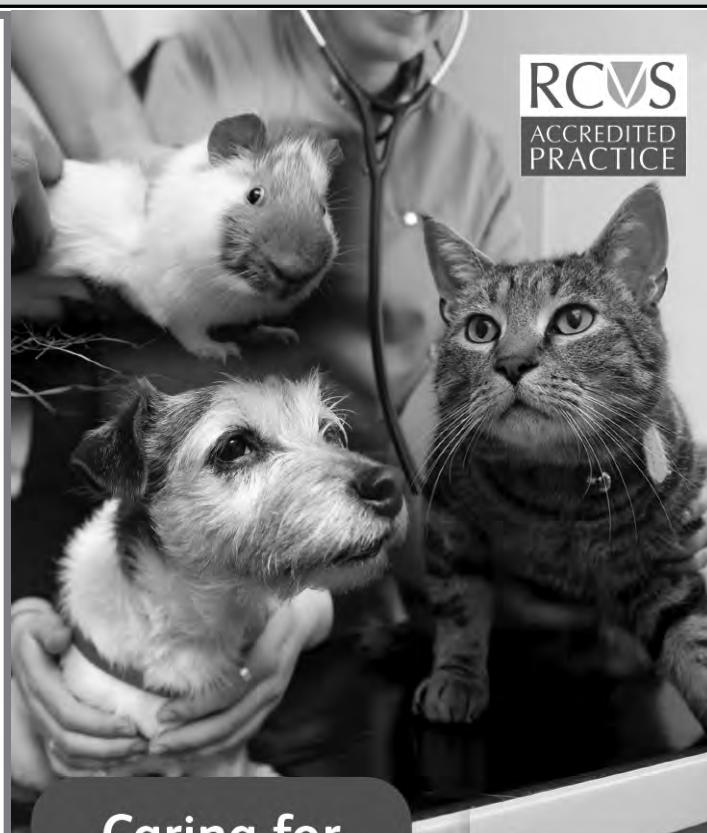
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Letting go

My son Jack starts to get gloomy around the end of September. By then, you can't ignore the fact that the long, light evenings of Summer are well and truly past. The days are noticeably shorter, and the weeks are few until the clocks are reset to Greenwich Mean Time, so that the darkness comes on even more quickly. His reaction is pretty common in my experience – you don't have to suffer from the clinical condition of Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) or 'winter depression' to mourn the fact that there are fewer hours of daylight to be enjoyed.

There's something elegiac about October. By now, the year is slipping past quickly, towards its fag end. The fresh green of summer trees turns to faded yellow, dusty brown or fiery red. The year might go out in a glorious blaze of colour, and the weather can be crisp and exhilarating, but there's just as much chance of it being damp and uninspiring. Still, there are pleasures to be found – for me, it's putting away summer sandals and getting out my winter boots, not to mention the seasonal TV staples of The Great British Bake-Off and Strictly Come Dancing!

Seeing the trees drop their leaves prompts reflection. In ancient

Chinese culture, Autumn is seen as a season of grief at the end of life; a time when we need to let go and not cling to the past but embrace the



very scary movement towards the death and stillness of winter, when life ebbs from summer abundance. Contemporary Western culture doesn't deal well with the natural

“ *For most of them, death was a daily and familiar reality* ”

processes of decay and death, or the emotions that accompany them, and so as a result of our fear they get suppressed. In some ways, our ancestors dealt with these things much better. For most of them, death was a daily and familiar reality instead of something to be sanitized, hidden away and denied. Victorian mourning etiquette, with its formalized rules about colours to be worn, the length of time they were to be worn for and so on, seems bizarre and over-the-top to modern sensibilities, but actually performed a valuable social function. It enabled people to signal without words to others that they were going through an unavoidable, commonplace yet profound phase of life, and that they deserved to be treated accordingly,

with dignity and consideration. That these rituals unfolded over months and even years indicated that this experience of bereavement, of loss, wasn't something that they would 'get over' in a matter of weeks or months, but instead would be something that they had to learn to live with. The process of mourning created time and space for adjustment to be made to the new situation. As time went by, and people started to inhabit their new reality, the signs and trappings of mourning were gradually lifted and put by, until the mourner was ready once more to resume fully their place in their community.

The letting go in Autumn by most trees of their leaves reminds me of the need to let other things go – and that may involve (metaphorically) some kind of death. The trees' unadorned graceful forms and bare-branched silhouettes are a living parable. What has served its purpose, that I need no longer? What is it time for me to shed? What needs to go in order to make room for new possibilities? The season for the loss of leaves and the bare branches in the service of what is to follow. Sometimes I need

to be pared back to the essentials in order for the next thing to grow. That's the point of seasons. As the writer of Ecclesiastes puts it:

*For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter
under heaven:*

*a time to be born, and a
time to die*

*a time to plant, and
a time to pluck up
what is planted;*

*a time to kill, and a
time to heal;*

*a time to break down,
and a time to build up;*

*a time to weep, and a
time to laugh;*

*a time to mourn, and a time to
dance;*

*a time to throw away stones,
and a time to gather stones
together;*

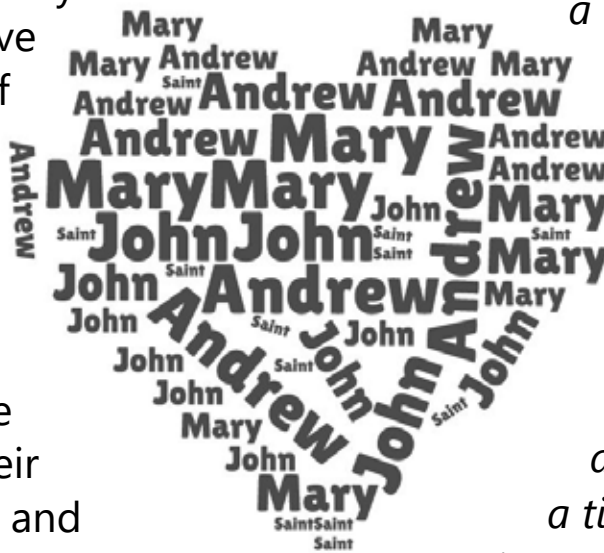
*a time to embrace, and a time to
refrain from embracing;*

*a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to
throw away;*

*a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time
to speak;*

*a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for
peace.*

With every blessing



Seasons Come, Seasons Go

Yesterday was the first day I felt cold. A chilly gust of wind caught me off guard on the way to my local shop for the newspaper, making me wish I'd worn a coat. Much as I love the garden and the outdoors, it actually felt good to get back indoors and put the kettle on!

Suddenly I became aware that most of the summer's blossom is now past and the trees are heavy with leaves that are starting to discolour, droop and fall. The birds are preparing for their long journey to warmer climes.

"All is safely gathered in, Ere the winter storms begin".

There is no avoiding it. It's that time of year again – time to prepare for the winter. Time to get the heavier duvet out of the hot press, and before too long make an appointment to see the doctor for a "flu" jab.

The amount of sunlight affects the levels of the hormone melatonin in the human body, changing sleep patterns and causing lethargy and sometime despondency. Just to confirm what we have known all along – bright sunny days make us feel happier.

However, Nature's seasons gives us a pattern of life we are wise to note – that sometimes things "get worse before they get better", that there will be dark days and challenging times but things will brighten again giving occasion to fresh gladness. As the chorus in the musical "Les Misérables" sing in the finale:

*"For the wretched of the Earth there is a flame that never dies,
Even the darkest night will end and the sun will rise".*

Sandie



St Andrew's Messy Church



This term we will be starting to have a Messy Church on every "third Sunday".

The first one will be on Sunday October 20th from 2.30-4.30pm.

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.

Seasons in the countryside

Well it has been a while since I have written an article for this magazine but I thought I would give you all a break from me talking about my birds and life here on Cononley Woodside. Life is never dull and every day there are tales I could tell of the antics of all my feathered beasties.

Within the last few weeks I have sadly lost two of my geese and it left the other six down in the dumps. Vivian missed her sister Katie and Lucy missed her friend Pixie, but there was light at the end of the tunnel. The other day I went to pick up some more hens to join the flock and ended up coming back with thirteen more hens, a baby cockerel and two six month old geese. When I went through the farmers gate to pick up the hens, I saw two geese in front of me walking along the yard and I just knew that somehow, they would be coming back with me that night... and they did. Alice and Amy were introduced to the other geese the next morning. It could have gone better but I know from experience it takes time to get geese to accept other geese to their gang. I am hoping that one day they will all be able to live together but for now they are all staying on the lawn instead of going off into the field. I am worried that if they do go off in the field and start arguing, I cannot get to them in time. So they are staying on the lawn by the nursery so they can get to know each other. Mohatma gander has given Alice and Amy the odd bite and they run off. He will not be doing that next spring when he wants to make friends with them!!

The hens went through a spell of laying really well and now they have tapered off. They would rather play outside all day having dust baths rather than go inside and lay. The arrival of baby Brian the cockerel has caused a few feathers to flutter. He is the new addition to the hen flock and is absolutely adorable. He is no bigger than Toffee our guinea pig and he is literally getting 'hen pecked', the poor thing. By next spring time he will be strutting his stuff and cock a doodling. He has got the cutest little tufts on the side of his face that look like giant sideburns. I was tempted to call him Isambard or Guy Martin but decided to stick to Brian.

I am going to extend the hen pen even more in January further down the field to give them all more room. In an ideal world I would let them have free reign of the field but I know that there is no way they would come back up to the hut to lay and I do not fancy doing an egg hunt round the field every day.

The ducks are as happy as ever. They never stop quacking. They are at it all day. They never shut up. They were sulking with me yesterday because I cleaned out their ponds. Both ponds were that thick with mud I had to scoop them out with a bucket. It absolutely stank. I leave them to fill with rain water and it only takes a good night's rainfall for both to be full as the water comes down straight off the shed roof and into a channel I dug that goes straight into the ponds.



Cononley Singers



On Saturday 28th September, we sing in Long Preston Church at 7.30pm which will be a new experience and on 26th October we are to sing in Fountains Abbey and hope it's going to be a warm night as it was very cold last year. The annual dinner is on the 4th October but I am going away that weekend and am sorry to miss it. We are now rehearsing for the Christmas concerts so please book the dates 13th & 14th December but more details next month.

Ruby



The poor ducks nearly got knocked out because the Bramley apple tree has been laden with apples this year. The apples are falling all around them. I realise what poor Isaac Newton felt like today as I got whacked on the head by one.

I am assuming our swallows have left us for the year now. They had two successful hatchings, one with four young and the other with three. There have been plenty of wild birds around this summer. The blue tits are still enjoying going in the greenhouses for the spiders and insects. There are a couple of blackbirds that are enjoying playing amongst the dahlias down in the cut flower beds. Luckily I have not had much trouble this year with earwigs eating the dahlia flowers. I always find the easiest way to catch earwigs is to put a few upside down clay pots, fill them with straw and balance them on canes. The earwigs crawl up the canes and nestle in the straw. It is a case of checking the pots daily. I really hope we do not get an early frost or it will finish the dahlias off.

The nights are really starting to draw in now. We have a lot of wallflowers and cyclamen growing on the nursery and to me this is a tell tale sign that the back end is coming. The greenhouses are full of all young plants and alpinas ready for next year. I like all the seasons for different reasons but I must say I do love Spring. Autumn colours are beautiful and Christmas is a lovely time but to me, Spring is where the magic happens.

Lydia

Tail Ends

A "Tail End" is what ringers call the bottom part of a bell rope – the part below the striped woolly sallie. Ours are rather special, because they are "Yorkshire Tail Ends", with an extra woolly bit at the bottom.

The new group of MiniRingers is now in full flow. One of last year's batch has decided to leave us so we have seven keen new ringers who are already getting to grips with the arcane things we get them to do.

Our young ringers (some of last year's Minis) are all making great progress. They are about to be elected as Associate members of the Yorkshire Association and one has joined Angus as a member of the Youth Team, the Yorkshire Tykes.

There's a real sense of progress in the band at the moment – and we're looking for new members. Come and visit us on a Thursday evening and see if it's the sort of thing you'd like to do. Be warned; it's addictive!

Chris Wright



Cononley W.I.



Well it's been a busy September for us! First of all we met for our monthly meeting when we enjoyed a very interesting talk on Bowen Therapy by Craven Clinic.

On Saturday 7th September we provided the refreshments for the Bake it, Make it and Grow it show. It was very busy but we all thoroughly enjoyed it.

On Thursday 12th some of our members enjoyed a nostalgic afternoon at Joan Banks' home. Joan showed us some old photographs and newspaper cuttings about the WI in the past. Of course we had tea and cake! A big thank you to Joan, a long standing WI member.

On Friday 20th we hosted the Federation quiz! Gosh it was hard work but well worth it. We did pie and peas along with lots of puddings for supper. We were serious when the quiz was taking place but we all had some fun as well!

We look forward to our October meeting – when we will introduce Pinny's Pots by Yvonne Pinder - another interesting demonstration to look forward to.

Do come along and join us. We meet on the first Thursday in the month in the Village Institute and you will receive a warm welcome.

Pauline Link – President WI Cononley

Cononley Art Group

It has been a good month for the group as we have got some new members. We are going to have to close the membership list to new people (apart from Cononley folk who wish to join) and start a waiting list for everyone else. Our fame is spreading!!

The workshop we had planned on the 7th has been postponed – so bring some work for that day –but we do have a workshop with a club member to look forward to. In November we have an acrylic workshop so we are going to be busy.

Ruby



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Kildwick Church Building Working Group

Last month I wrote about how a small group of people from the church and the wider community have been meeting in recent months (building on the past work of many) to look at the issues facing St Andrew's church building, and to look at putting together a strategy for securing a sustainable future for this historic Grade 1 listed place of worship.



I mentioned that we were planning to write to everyone in the local community about this. That letter will be going out around the middle of October. Do look out for it, and we hope that you'll respond to it in one of the ways that it will suggest.

The Reverend Julie Bacon



Sue Hargreaves' Homily

From the first Third Sunday service at St Andrew's

St Mark's Gospel Chapter 2 verses 1–12. Jesus heals a paralysed man.

Have you ever felt let down by a friend? If so I am sure you would say it is not a very nice experience.

Well in this passage of Scripture we read of a man who was let down by four of his friends and for him it was a wonderful and life changing experience. Because he was let down through a roof to the very feet of Jesus, who healed him and his life was changed for ever.

Without his friends this could never have happened. When we work together and help and support one another wonderful things can and do and will happen.

There are a few verses in the book of Ecclesiastes where it says, *"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labour. If either of them falls down one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up"*

Good friends are essential to help us cope with the challenges of life, and we are meant to invest time and energy into building up good friendships and relationships.

We live in a world of global connections and social media. People seeing how many likes they can attract on Instagram. Yet many feel lonely and isolated.

God calls us to be ready to welcome others, to keep our eyes open for those who are lonely and to offer true friendship in the name of the truest friend of all, Jesus our Saviour who we seek to follow.

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Services for October

Date	Time	Church	Readings
6th October Harvest Thanksgiving	9.30am 11.00am	St Mary's, Bradley St Andrew's Kildwick	Deuteronomy 26.1-11 John 6.25-35
13th October 17th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am 11.00am	St Andrew's Kildwick St John's, Cononley	2 Timothy 2.8-15 Luke 17.11-19
20th October 18th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am 10.30am 11.00am 11.00am	St Mary's, Bradley <i>S Craven Baptist Ch.</i> St Andrew's, Kildwick St John's, Cononley	2 Timothy 3.14 - 4.5 Luke 18.1-8
27th October Last Sunday after Trinity	9.30am 11.00am	St Mary's, Bradley St Andrew's Kildwick	2 Timothy 4.6-8,16-18 Luke 18.9-14



Fourth Sundays at Cononley

The services in Cononley on 27th October and 24th November will not be taking place because the Institute is booked for another event on those dates.

Rumour has it that works are proceeding up at St John's.

We're all looking forward to seeing the church in all of its re-ordered glory!



Children's Society Boxes

Once again may Barbara have your box to count as it is that time of year. We would like to thank all the people who have a box for their support and if you would like to have a box let me or Barbara know and we will supply one. They can be returned to me or Barbara. Thanks

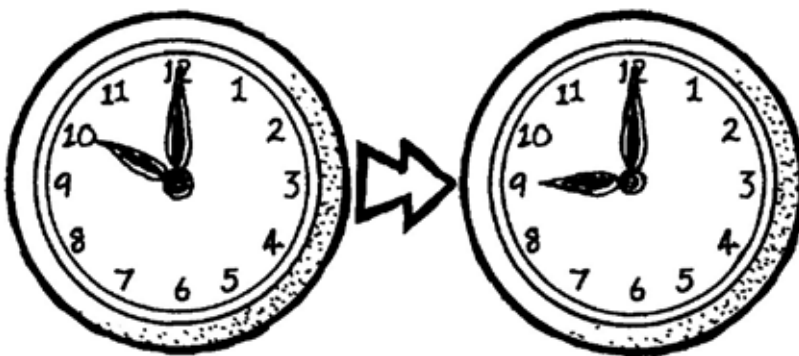
Ruby

Rotas for October

Date	Kildwick Readers	Kildwick Intercessor	Kildwick Communion
6th October Harvest Thanksgiving	Peter Bannister Tim Chapman	Lesley Bannister	Sandie and Peter
13th October 17th Sunday after Trinity	Lesley Bannister Tim Littler	Lesley Hudson	Christine and Tim
20th October 18th Sunday after Trinity	<i>CDFC Service for One World Week Lay-led service at Kildwick</i>		
27th October Last Sunday after Trinity	<i>Baptism</i> Chris Wright	Jill Wright	Christine and Sue

Don't forget that the clocks change!

27th October is the last Sunday in October, so the clocks go back an hour. That means an extra hour's lie-in or another cup of coffee.



*It also means that if you forget, turning up early is far less embarrassing
than creeping into church an hour late!*

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>Lay-led service</i> 11.00am	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>	<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	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



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.

While Cononley has no suitable venue, the meetings will alternate between Bradley and Kildwick.

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

Monday 28th October at 7.30pm at St Mary's, Bradley

Monday 25th November at 7.30pm at St Andrew's Parish Rooms, Kildwick

Monday 23rd December – No Meeting

Monday 27th January 2020 at 7.30pm at St Mary's, Bradley

A Benedictine Blessing

The amazing poem below was given to all the volunteers at the Salvation Army Foodbank in Keighley this summer.

May God bless you with a restless discomfort
about easy answers, and half-truths and
superficial relationships,
so that you may seek truth boldly
and love deep within your heart

May God bless you with holy anger
at injustice, oppression,
and exploitation of people, so that
you may tirelessly work for
justice, freedom, and peace among
all people.

May God bless you with the gift of
tears to shed with those who suffer
from pain, rejection, starvation, or
the loss of all that they cherish, so
that you may
reach out your hand to comfort them
and transform their pain into joy.

May God bless you with enough
foolishness to believe that
you really CAN make a difference in
this world , so that you are able,
with God's grace, to do what others
claim cannot be done

And the blessing of God the
Supreme Majesty and our Creator,
Jesus Christ the Incarnate Word who
is our brother and Saviour,
and the Holy Spirit , our Advocate
and Guide , be with you
and remain with you , this day and
for evermore



What's on at the Institute?

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

"On Her Majesty's Service"

Friday 11th October, 7.15pm

Colin Holt will talk about his time doing National Service in the 1950's.

Admission £5.00 including refreshments.

Regular monthly coffee morning

Saturday 12th October, 10.00 - 11.30am

Come along and meet up with your friends and neighbours for a chat.

Cake stall / Charity raffle.

Perusing Peru

Friday 25th October, 7.15pm

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

Admission £7.00 including refreshments

"Follow the Fleece"

Friday 22nd November, 7.30pm

A musical revue based on the history of the wool trade in Airedale.

Admission including refreshments £7.50

The Village Pump

every Wednesday, 2.00 to 3.30pm.

The local over 50s group

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Hopes and fears

By the time this article goes to press, the 2019 Rugby World Cup will be underway. The opening game between Japan and Russia will have been decided, as will England's games against Tonga on 22nd September and against the USA on the 26th. England then go on to play Argentina on 5th October and France on the 12th, so completing its fixtures in the preliminary rounds. My old rugby club has arranged to show all of these matches on large screen TV with a full English breakfast thrown in, all for the price of £10. Unfortunately I am no longer able to join in such jollies. I can only hope that the England team survives the initial stages of the competition and goes on to the final on 2nd November. Hope springs eternal!

By the time of the final match we should also know whether or not we are still members of the EU. Whichever way that goes, I sincerely hope that our relationships with our continental neighbours will continue to be friendly, though I shall still want England's rugby team to beat France in mid October.

October is also the traditional time for harvest festival services. Although these are not the joyous celebrations that they used to be with full churches lustily singing the harvest hymns, they are still occasions for thanksgiving and for sharing produce with less well off people in the vicinity. But I think that environmental issues should also occupy a place in the Church's calendar in these days when our planet earth is under threat. I would like to see at least one Sunday set aside when prayers are said to save God's earth from the ravages and destruction caused by human action. I fear for the future of younger people who will have to live through the effects of global warming.

I will conclude on a note of optimism, and report a revival in the appearance of our cock pheasant which frequents our garden and which I wrote about in the last edition of Pinnacle. He now struts around in the company of three hen birds with a wood pigeon also in attendance. It is quite gratifying that all of these creatures should have become so tame and trusting that they come within touching distance when I go outside to check on the bird feeders and the supply of hedgehog food. I hope that by trusting in God's grace mankind will find ways to counter the threats to our environment.

I don't think that God wants us to be miserable – just responsible custodians of his creation.

*Alan Ratledge
September 2019*



News from Cononley Primary School.



CONONLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
Inspiring and Challenging Our Children

We have had a successful start to the new term; all the children have settled in well and are ready for what the new school year brings.

We have coming up; a Grandparents Lunch where the children have been able to invite their Grandmas and Grandads to join them for lunch, which in the past has been a truly lovely occasion.

Our yearly residential for the Year 6s to Bewerley Park will be happening in October and by the time you read this we will have hosted a coffee afternoon on 27th September in support of the MacMillan Charity.

As we all know, schools are always thinking ahead and therefore the school will be holding Open Days on Wednesday 2nd October (9.30am to 11.30am) and Friday 11th October (1.30pm to 3.00pm) for anyone who would like to come and take a look at the great things the school has to offer to any children who will be starting school in September 2020.

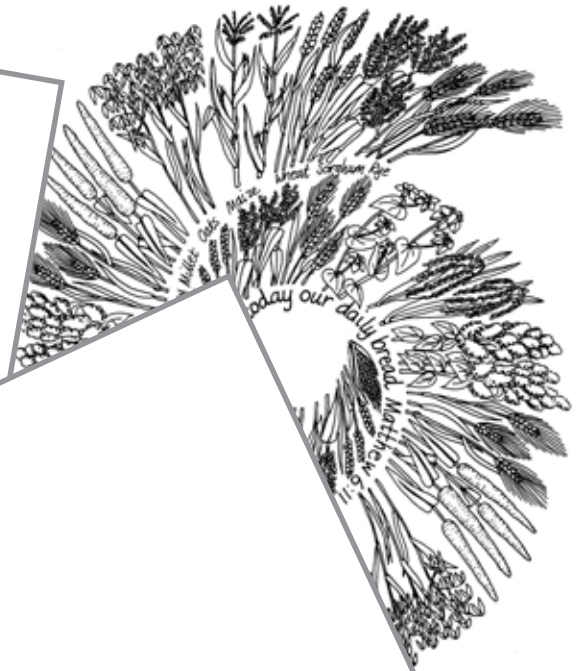
Flapjack Friday

Every Friday during term time, call in at St Andrew's and enjoy a cup of coffee, a flapjack and a natter!

*Drop off the kids ...
- and call into church
any Friday
for a hot drink
and a piece of flapjack
Stay for a chat if you can!*

The Prayer Page

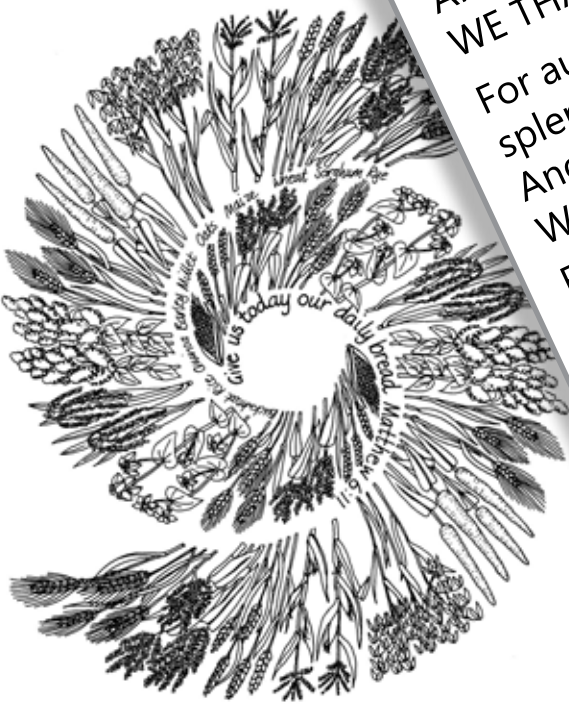
We bless You
 God of seed and harvest
 And we bless each other
 That the beauty of this world
 And the love that created it
 Might be expressed through our lives
 And be a blessing to others
 Now and always
 AMEN



For summer's passing
 And harvest home
 WE THANK YOU

For autumn's
 splendour
 And winter's chill
 WE THANK YOU
 For seed that has fallen
 The promise of spring
 WE THANK YOU

Let the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ
 rule in our hearts
 Since as members of one body
 We are called to peace
 And be thankful
 Amen





The Birds (mainly not) in Your Garden

Winter Migrants



Some of Britain's resident birds never move than a kilometre from their birthplace, but around half our bird species do migrate at some point.

For many birdwatchers, autumn brings excitement and anticipation. An easterly wind during October can result in the arrival of all sorts of rare vagrant species.

'Our' Swallows leave for South Africa in September and October and House Martins, some raptors, redstarts, Nightingales, also

head south. Migrating birds prefer to travel along the coast for as long as they can, until forced to cross the open seas, a very convenient phenomenon for birdwatchers.

If you fancy a day out, try Flamborough Cliffs. Out at sea, four different skuas may be seen plus large numbers of common seabirds, divers, grebes and wildfowl. Clifftop fields attract short-eared owl, Wheatear and Whinchat, whilst berry-laden scrub and wooded areas in Holmes Gut attract hordes of migrant thrushes, warblers and finches.

Or maybe Spurn – one of the best sites in the UK for seeing migrant birds. In autumn and spring thousands of birds can be seen passing overhead - in one day 22,000 swallows were recorded overhead, with 7,000 house martins logged the following day! Many birds stop to refuel, offering great views of species such as Ring Ouzel, Whinchat and many warblers; rare birds are regularly recorded. A sea-watching hide offers a sheltered spot to scan the waves: divers, terns, wildfowl, waders and seabirds are regularly recorded, with rarities including Black-Browed Albatrosses.

Closer to home (for me) Wheldrake Ings – Winter floods attract thousands of Wigeon, Teal, Pintails and Mallard and many Whooper Swans. Mixed flocks of Greylag Geese often including Pink-Footed and White-Fronted Geese and the occasional Bean Goose. Hordes of Golden Plover and Lapwing make an awe-inspiring spectacle when they are buzzed by a hunting peregrine.

Also close to home, Redwings, which are Britain's smallest thrush, (a creamy stripe over the eye and blush of red under the wing), visit us between October and March feeding on berries in trees and hedgerows. They migrate at night,

calling 'seep-seep' to each other as they fly. As winter draws on and fruit becomes scarce, they move onto fields, where they peck for worms.

Fieldfares are larger thrushes, (blue-grey hoods, grey-brown backs, streaked breasts and white rumps). Last year's cold snap drove them into urban areas to find food and they were seen all over the UK, hopping across lawns and eating fallen apples.

Waxwings can occur in large 'irruptions' when the berry crop in Scandinavia has failed. Look out for them in rowan trees, often around supermarket car parks. The trilling from a berry-raiding party of these exotic-looking birds sounds like the ringing of sleigh bells.

The number of Starlings here is almost doubled in winter by thousands of migrants from Eastern Europe. They join our residents in huge, circling, whirling flocks at dusk, known as murmurations. Despite these impressive gatherings Starlings in Britain are disappearing, prompting scientists to track their movements to uncover the causes of their decline.

The motto is "eyes peeled". You never know what you might see, even in your garden!

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.



THIRD SUNDAY

A new service at St Andrew's

An informal service will be held on the third Sunday of each month at St. Andrew's Church, Kildwick.

Not led by a priest, there will be hymns and songs, a short talk and some prayers, all suitable for the whole family.

Refreshments will be available from 10.30am
before the service begins at 11.00am.

It will be a short service and everyone is welcome.

*We would be delighted if you could join us
on Sunday October 20th*

News from Tim Lee

Hi everyone, greetings from a hot and hazy Kuala Lumpur. We miss everyone very much but God is working and blesses us every day in good times and in challenges. Thank you so much for being on this journey with us.



The view from our balcony of the sun rising over Kuala Lumpur

A printed copy of our first Malaysia update is available in St Andrews or you can download it from <http://tinyurl.com/timlee19-09>.

Thank you so much for all your prayers, love and support in this partnership in God's Mission, it is as we are united in Christ and in His Love that His kingdom is growing, praise God.

We would love to hear from you so drop us a quick line if you can,
All our love, Kate, Tim, James, Rebekah and Grace.



Enjoying a Malay/Chinese meal in Kuala Lumpur

New beginnings

In last month's 'Pinnacle', I wrote about the new beginning for the churches of St Andrew's Kildwick, St John's Cononley and St Mary's Bradley as three churches in a single parish. New beginnings are times of both excitement and uncertainty. God's assurance to his people is that he is with them always, in every circumstance. So here are some words of St Paul for us to hold on to as we work out what the future holds:

¹⁶ Always be joyful. ¹⁷ Never stop praying. ¹⁸ Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

¹⁹ Do not stifle the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Do not scoff at prophecies, ²¹ but test everything that is said. Hold on to what is good. (1 Thess. 5.16-21)

And here's a prayer for all embarking on something new:

Author of Salvation, write in us a new story.
 Erase the sins of the past and create a new narrative,
 one in which we seek Your love and justice in this world.
 Write a new direction for our lives,
 away from the busy-ness
 and cares of the world for success and stability,
 and instead plot us towards ways of living Your compassion,
 care and grace in the world.
 Create new opportunities for us, O God,
 to explore and live this adventure of life in bold and daring ways,
 in which new insights may unfold for us.
 Grant us the fullness of life by living for others,
 as You taught us to love our neighbour as ourselves,
 but most of all, may our story be about You,
 about Your love for us,
 and what Your love for us calls us to do.
 In the name of Christ,
 who writes the new ending and beginning, we pray.
 Amen.

(by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, <http://rev-o-lution.org>)

Endings

I wrote about "tail ends" earlier and then I thought about "bitter ends". The phrase comes from an anchor chain. The "bitts" are the strong timbers to which the anchor cable is attached. Getting to "the bitter end" means you've paid out all the cable that you can. You've got no more margin of safety.



*The harvest produce was taken to the old
people's bungalows*

The November Edition

The deadline for the November edition is Sunday 27th October

Please let us have your material by then
– and we'll try to have the magazine ready for Sunday, 3rd November.