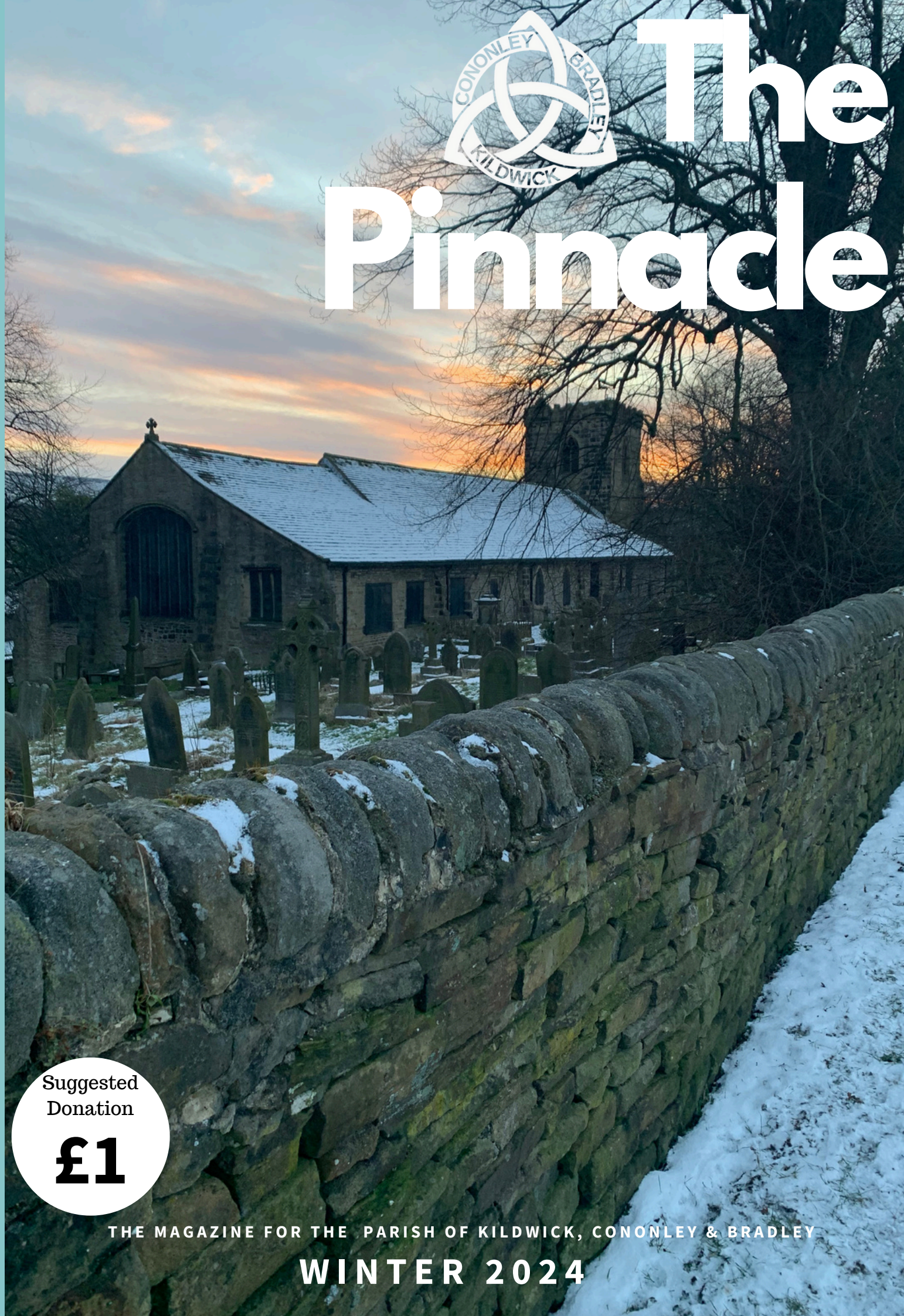




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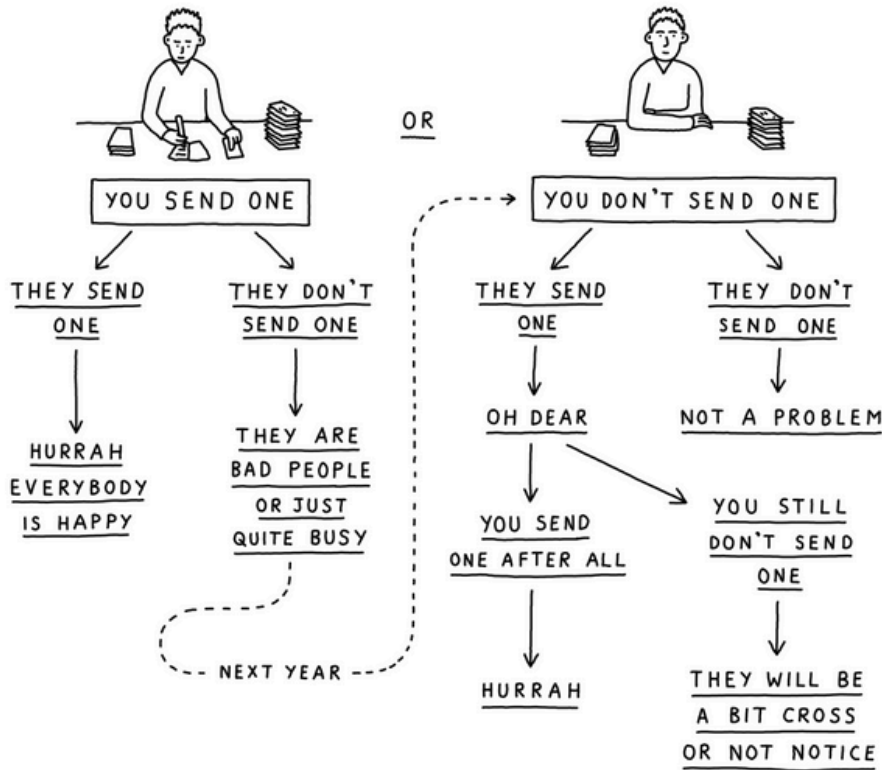
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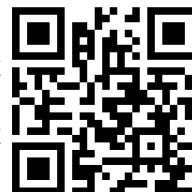
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A Letter From The Vicar



We're nearly at that time of year again! But is Christmas just about the shopping, tree or presents? At its heart Christmas is all about a God who has showed up on earth. The Creator of the universe, whose hands flung stars into space, cared enough to come to earth as a tiny baby. *'The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us.'* (John 1:14)

Every year we sing carols and retell the same story of the donkey, innkeeper, stable, angels, shepherds, star, wise men, gifts and Mary and Joseph with baby! Why do we do all this? It's to remind us that God deals with the mess of our world by sending His Son to die in our place. This makes it possible for us to have a relationship with Himself:

When the time came, He "did not consider equality with God something to be used to His own advantage; rather, He made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a

man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross! (Philippians 2:6-8)

Reflecting on Jesus in the manger is a great place to start understanding the heart of the Christmas message. However, it's so much more than simply a cute baby lying in the bed of straw:

If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent us an educator.

If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist.

If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist.

If our greatest need had been pleasure, God would have sent us an entertainer.

But our greatest need was forgiveness, so God sent us a Saviour.

Stay warm, stay safe, and Stay blessed with love this winter.

Rev'd Mike

Remembrance 2024

"We will remember them"

The years of remembering go by, accumulating name after name as wars and conflicts continue in a world, deaf to the lessons of history.

But through the negativity of November, a different remembering brings hope and meaning. Words of the world's Creator, words to make sense of chaos and bring order and peace in the end.

"In this world you will have trouble, but take heart! I have overcome the world."

Words of Jesus.

We will remember them.

By Daphne Kitching

Everything on my plate affects you



Rev'd Diana Chambers, Eco Mission Enabler, SSM at All Saints Ilkley

Christian Unity Week, a week of prayer, runs from 18th- 25th January and seems like a great opportunity to examine how our own actions affect our brothers and sisters across the globe. Does Veganuary seem a bit of a big ask to you? Well how about eating for Climate Justice instead?

As Katharine Hayhoe, a Christian who is a leading US climate scientist, said last year “Every bit of warming matters. Every action matters.”

You may respond “My life is relatively unchanged by rising global temperatures, thanks”. And ask “So who do my actions matter to?” This question can be answered two ways.

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Firstly, for many of us we have been aware of climate related disasters, such as drought in Africa, all of our lives. Sadly, this has immunised us against compassion in many cases. It has also meant that the increasing numbers of droughts and floods in the world documented on our screens, attributed to Climate Change – still don't make us feel directly connected and with any sense of responsibility. However, the second answer may give us more of a nudge.

Who do my actions matter to: the child gathering cocoa pods from deforested areas of Brazil, is doing so for my chocolate, made by Mars or Nestle; the press-ganged prawn fisherman in slavery on a Thai boat, dredging sea beds in our damaged oceans, is putting prawns directly on my plate; and the community in Kerala, India struggling to access enough water from local aquifers or becoming ill from the polluted remains, is because I like to drink Diet Coke.

Closer to home the businesses in Hebden Bridge, who last year watched the water threaten their livelihood for the fourth time in 20 years, could draw a link between the increased frequency and intensity of rainfall and the extra methane in the atmosphere from my industrially farmed meat consumption. Or the carbon dioxide from my demand for fruit grown across the world and air freighted to my local supermarket, all year round, which is warming the atmosphere just that little bit more.

As UK consumers, we are still hugely influential: one of us creates emissions equivalent to two people living in China and thirteen people living in Ethiopia, where the United Nations says the drought ‘is the worst in recent history.’

Therese Coffey famously said a couple of years ago, ‘We grow very good swedes in this country!’ True, swedes are not the go-to alternative for strawberries in January, but her

point was an important one. We need to think of our actions costing not just air miles and emissions in production, but also, sometimes devastating other people's lives, as they are unable to make a living in any other way.

The agricultural metaphors abound in the Bible, where we are both instructed to act with moderation and wisdom.

In Isaiah 28 God asks 'Do those who plough for sowing plough continually? When they have levelled its surface, do they not scatter dill, sow cumin, and plant wheat in rows and barley in its proper place, and spelt as

the border? For they are well instructed, their God teaches them.'

We hear Jesus telling the parable of the Sower and his seed, we become the seed itself and He tells us clearly 'Let anyone with ears listen!' Mathew 13.9. Having heard we need to act.

How about just trying to eat in season, British apples and pears are still to be found. Or try out a 'Climatarian' low or no meat and dairy diet a month. Always choose Fairtrade. For more informed consumer choices subscribe to the Ethical Consumer Magazine. Or check

out the ten actions the United Nations offers that we can all work towards for a healthy planet online at the following un.org/en/actnow/ten-actions

Making changes can be challenging so I hold you all in my prayers.



Bishops back proposals to simplify nomination process for diocesan bishops

The House of Bishops has given its support to proposed changes to the process of nominating future diocesan bishops to the Crown, to simplify the process and help enable a broad representation.

The House, which is made up of the diocesan bishops and other senior bishops in the Church of England – agreed to ask General Synod to consider changing the rules governing how Crown Nominations Commissions (CNCs), which nominate future diocesan bishops, operate.

It follows two cases in the last year in which CNCs were unable to reach agreement to fill vacancies for new bishops.

When a see becomes vacant, a CNC gathers to consider possible candidates and put forward a name to the King through the Prime Minister. Once the nomination has been approved by the King, the new bishop is announced by Downing Street.

(Note: a ‘see’ is the area of a bishop’s authority and jurisdiction.)

In each case, the CNC is made up of a combination of representatives from the local diocese and a group of “central members”, elected from the General Synod to represent the national Church.

Following the two recent cases in which the CNC was unable to appoint (for new Bishops of Carlisle and Ely), the Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, who chairs the Advisory Group for Appointments and Vocations, suggested a series of changes including lowering the voting threshold required to make an appointment.

From the registers in the last 3 months

Baptisms

Nancy, Phoebe, Michael, Gray, Blake, & George

Weddings

Jennifer & David Dixon
Charlotte & Aaron Bradman

Funerals

Paul Coleman
Margaret Lund
Michael Wilson
Margaret Waterhouse
Susan Latham

Please pray for them all.

Quick Sudoku

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Answers next time.

The story behind the hymn: O Come, All ye Faithful

Nobody knows who wrote this well-loved Christmas carol. It was originally a Latin Christmas hymn, 'Adeste Fidelis'. It seems to have first 'surfaced' in English due to a John Francis Wade, who lived in the 18th century, and who made his living copying manuscripts and, sometimes, music by hand. Wade was a Roman Catholic, and all services in the church at that time were conducted in Latin, and so he knew the language well.

The story goes that in about 1750 he slipped this hymn into a manuscript he was copying for the English Roman Catholic College in Lisbon, Portugal. 35 years later, in 1785, it turned up in the Portuguese Chapel in London, where it became known as the 'Portuguese Hymn'.

From there, the hymn appears to have 'travelled' across to the Margaret Chapel in London's West End. Young William Ewart Gladstone, who later became British Prime Minister, greatly appreciated the services at this church. He said that the congregation were "the most devout and happy that I have ever seen."

The minister at that time was Frederick Oakley, one of the leaders of the 19th century Oxford Movement, who was later to convert to Roman Catholicism. Oakley believed strongly in the power of religious symbols and fine music, and before he bade farewell to the Margaret

Chapel, he introduced this hymn to the congregation. Having started as 'Adeste Fidelis', and been for a while 'The Portuguese Hymn', this hymn soon became known – and loved worldwide – as 'O Come, All Ye Faithful'.



When poverty pushes people into dark places

As Christmas approaches, the charity Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is warning that "Poverty has become more ruthless than ever. There are rarely simple solutions anymore. Families can't afford to live, let alone repay debt, as incomes don't cover the basics."

CAP tells the story of Bea, one of its clients. "Like nearly half of CAP's clients, Bea's income wasn't enough to live on. She and her husband had been made redundant and, no matter how careful she was,

after paying for rent, food, and other essentials, the money couldn't stretch to the end of the month. "I got to the point where I didn't want to be here. I was in a black hole, and couldn't get out."

Nearly half of CAP's clients have attempted or considered suicide as a way out of debt, as on-going poverty and debt is literally driving people to the brink.

And so this Christmas, CAP is asking for support, as "your gift to CAP could save lives. The holistic care and debt help local

local churches across the UK are providing is vital for people like Bea."

If you would like to make a donation to CAP, please place it in an envelope marked CAP and place it in the offering or donation points in our churches.



My Favourite Bible Verse is

By Tim Chapman

St. John, Chapter 8, verse 7.

"So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her".

I have chosen this verse, part of the well-known story of the punishment of the woman taken in adultery. I think the story vividly illustrates the central message of Christianity, that as the prayer book tells us,



"we are all miserable sinners," but that our sins are forgiven by the grace of God if we repent of them.

We can picture the scribes and pharisees, pillars of the Jewish faith, ready, stones in hand, about to execute the customary

punishment. Then, on hearing Jesus's compelling command, shrinking from the execution, dropping their stones and slinking off ashamed.

For me the verse has always brought comfort when I have sinned, reminding me that I am not alone in falling short of the Christian ideal. It has also been a warning to me that when I have felt that others have sinned or fallen short of the Christian ideal, I should not condemn them.

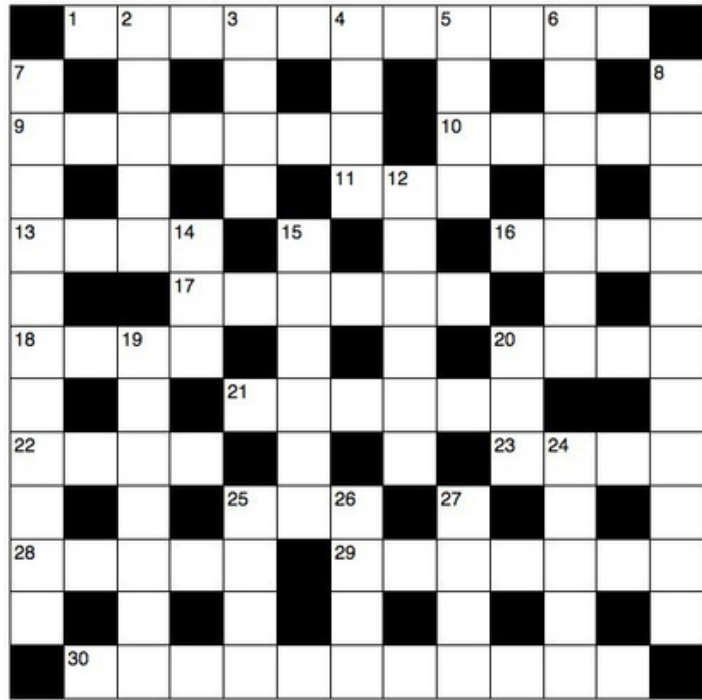
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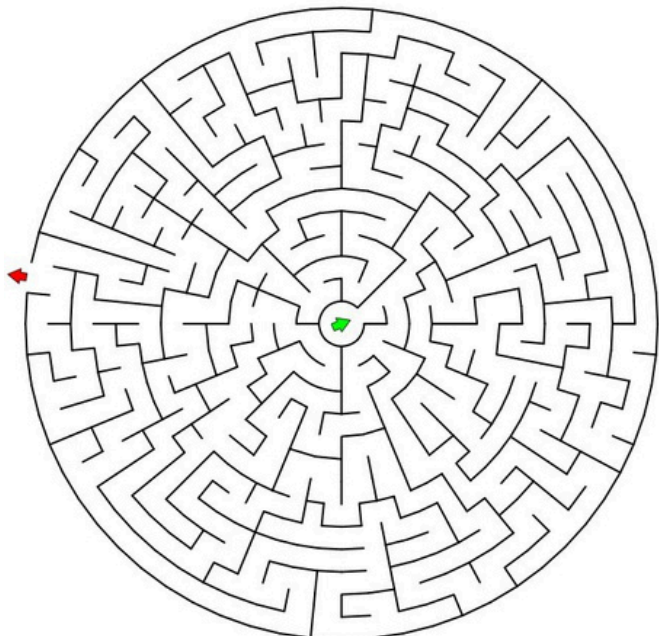
- 1 In David's battle with the Arameans, 700 of these were killed (2 Samuel 10:18) (11)
- 9 'No — , impure or greedy person has any inheritance in the kingdom of God' (Ephesians 5:5) (7)
- 10 City on the banks of the River Nile (5)
- 11 Stamped addressed envelope (1,1,1)
- 13 Taverns (4)
- 16 'Be on your guard; stand — in the faith' (1 Corinthians 16:13) (4)
- 17 'He will not always — , nor will he harbour his anger for ever' (Psalm 103:9) (6)
- 18 and 27 Down Where the magi came from and what guided them (Matthew 2:1–2) (4,4)
- 20 Ancient Celtic alphabet of 20 characters (4)
- 21 She married Esau when he was 40 years old (Genesis 26:34) (6)
- 22 A great-grandson of Noah (Genesis 10:7) (4)
- 23 Title accorded to certain Roman Catholic clerics (abbrev.) (4)
- 25 'My house will be a house of prayer; but you have made it a — of robbers' (Luke 19:46) (3)
- 28 Annie (anag.) (5)
- 29 Plead with (Zechariah 7:2) (7)
- 30 Tenth foundation of the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20) (11)

Down

- 2 'We have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by — hands' (2 Corinthians 5:1) (5)
- 3 Uncommon excellence (Proverbs 20:15) (4)
- 4 'You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox; fine — have been poured upon me' (Psalm 92:10) (4)
- 5 — Homo ('Behold the Man') (4)



- 6 'He has given proof of this to all men by — him from the dead' (Acts 17:31) (7)
- 7 'Our — is in heaven' (Philippians 3:20) (11)
- 8 'This is a day you are to — ' (Exodus 12:14) (11)
- 12 Assault (Psalm 17:9) (6)
- 14 'Jesus found a young donkey and — upon it' (John 12:14) (3)
- 15 Liverpool dialect (6)
- 19 'Remember the — day by keeping it holy' (Exodus 20:8) (7)
- 20 Nineteenth-century German physicist after whom the unit of electrical resistance is named (3)
- 24 Nazirites were not allowed to eat this part of a grape (Numbers 6:4) (5)
- 25 'If anyone would come after me, he must — himself and take up his cross and follow me' (Mark 8:34) (4)
- 26 Evil Roman emperor from AD54 to 68, responsible for condemning hundreds of Christians to cruel deaths (4)



December 13th - Lucy, Martyr at Syracuse

Lucy was a Christian girl who got caught up in the fierce and widespread Diocletian persecutions of 303-4. She refused to give up her Christian faith, and so was put to death. Her tomb can still be found in a Catacomb in Syracuse (Sicily), and there are early fourth-century inscriptions bearing her name (Euskia).



burned, but all attempts to inflict such punishment on her went amiss, because God protected her. At last, Lucy was killed by the sword.

Lucy's legend was written in the 5th century, and she was honoured in Rome from the 6th century. The name Lucy means 'light', and so in time she became the patron saint for those with eye diseases. Her feast day is close to the shortest day of the year, so it is celebrated in Sweden as a festival of light.

Lucy's full story has been lost in the mists of time, but a romantic legend of her martyrdom grew up after her death. According to the legend,

Lucy was arrested while giving to the poor at the height of the persecution. Her own fiancé had betrayed her, telling the authorities about her faith. The judge ordered that she be raped in a brothel and then

Homelessness and the Church

Written by Kevin Greally

Isaiah 58 v 7

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; When you see the naked, that you cover him, and not hide yourself from your own flesh?

Homelessness is a deeply personal issue for me, having experienced it for 11 years after losing my parents at 19. Grief, isolation, and a lack of survival

skills led me into a cycle of addiction and despair. Each day was a struggle, and despite moving frequently in search of a fresh start, I found it increasingly difficult to escape the feelings of worthlessness.

The judgment and hostility from others only deepened my pain, as I faced daily insults that reinforced my sense of failure. The shadows of alcohol and suicidal thoughts were constant companions during

those years.

Fortunately, after more than a decade, I found the support I needed to break free from homelessness. However, many remain trapped in this cycle. According to a report by the charity CRISIS:

- The average age of death for a homeless person is just 47, with homeless women averaging only 43, compared to 77 for the general population.

- Drug and alcohol abuse accounts for over a third of homeless deaths.
- Homeless individuals are over nine times more likely to commit suicide than their housed counterparts.
- Deaths from traffic accidents, infections, and falls are significantly more common among the homeless.

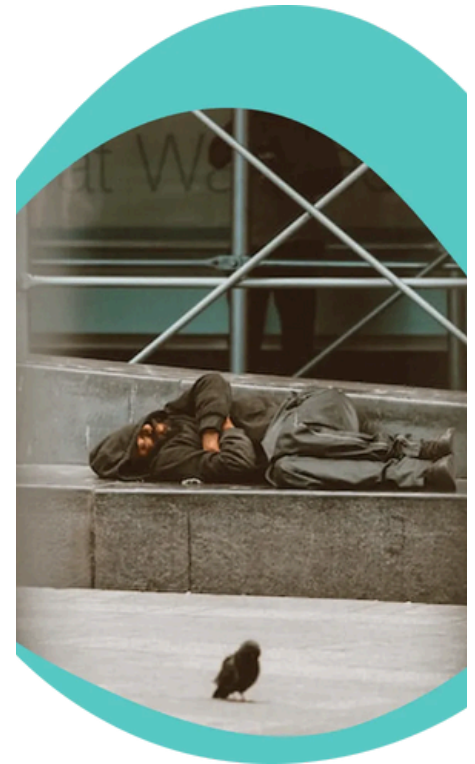
Despite my eight years of work with organizations trying to address homelessness, the problem continues to escalate, worsened by economic downturns and the erosion of welfare support. Increasingly, families that once lived comfortably are finding themselves at risk of losing their homes.

While there are government-funded services that aim to help, many provide only temporary fixes and focus primarily on short-term statistics instead of fostering meaningful, lasting change. The emphasis on political correctness often stifles effective solutions, with many programs moving away from the Christian principles that historically provided a strong foundation for support.

I firmly believe the true solution to homelessness lies in Jesus Christ and His church. My journey to healing took many years, partly due to churches struggling to understand the harsh realities of homelessness.

I encountered many unwelcoming environments that left me feeling isolated and rejected. Thankfully, I eventually found supportive communities that embraced me and my struggles.

In recent years, I've witnessed a shift within the church as more congregations recognize their role in addressing homelessness. There's a growing awareness that it's not just about providing shelter but also about restoring dignity and building relationships. Organizations like Green Pastures (greenpastures.net) are pioneering initiatives to house those affected and inspire others to engage in solutions.



My life has transformed dramatically because of Christ, and I am committed to helping those in need. I strive to share my story, hoping to break the stigma surrounding homelessness and encourage compassion. Together, we can create a community that offers not just temporary relief but true restoration and dignity. By working hand in hand, we can transform lives and uplift those who feel lost, fostering a sense of belonging for everyone.



ELLIE BARFOOT

In The Hot Seat

Ellie is a longstanding member of St Andrew's Kildwick, and helps by volunteering in various church groups.

Where were you born and where did you grow up?

I was born the middle of 3 children in Horsforth at 1 Broadgate Avenue (John and I drove to see it on my 70th birthday) and the family lived there till I was 3, when we moved to North Ferriby 8 miles East of Hull, and had a wonderful childhood there.

When did you become a Christian?

I became friends with a group of young Christians at college and became a Christian at the local Baptist Church in 1973.

Which university did you go to and what did you study?

I went to Avery Hill College in SE London to study Primary Education and Geography. (My Mum was a Geography teacher at the time - which might have

had something to do with that decision).

When and where did you meet your husband, John?

We met at college and I seem to remember the first encounter was on a field trip into the Kent countryside.

What was your occupation prior to retirement?

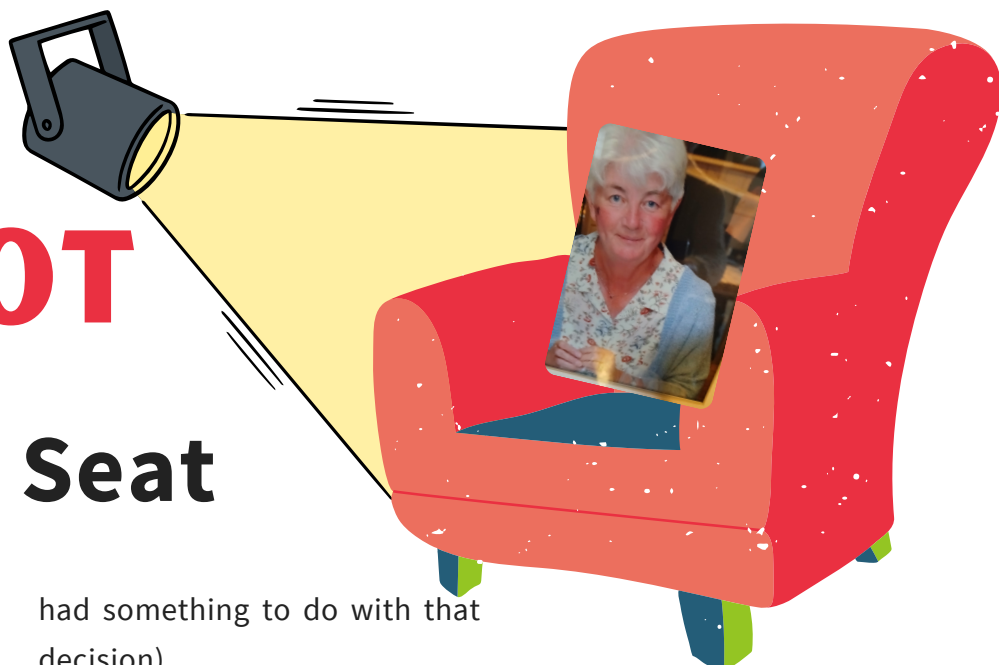
After leaving college in 1972, I taught in an Infant school in Bexley, but we couldn't afford to live in that area so moved up to Keighley after we got married in 1974.

Do you have a favourite verse of Scripture? If so, what is it?

My favourite scripture is Psalm 23.

Do you like music of any kind?

I have 4 favourite artistes - 'Queen', Simon and Garfunkel, Dolly Parton, and Leonard Cohen, all of whom have created very special memories for me.



Do you have a favourite meal?

Real Sicilian Arancini, Bang-bang chicken, home made fruit salad.

Do you have favourite parts of the world?

Sicily, Brittany, anywhere on the East coast of Yorkshire.

Do you have any pets?

We've always had a cat since the mid 90's - and our present cat is Sydney named by our grandson Zachary. (All his toy dinosaurs were Sydney or Gerald as well).

What luxury would I take to a desert island?

I would take a bible, and as many family photos as I could carry, and some lightweight shoes that hopefully would not wear out.

Which one word describes your life right now?

Contented.

As softly as a snowflake

As softly as a snowflake, as meekly as a lamb, God gave us all at Christmas, His gift the Son of Man.

Within the Holy City amid the dead of night, His Mother Mary bore him, giving the world God's light.

Born in a stranger's stable and cradled in a stall, how could our Great Redeemer be but a babe so small?

So let us worship loud and strong, resounding through the years. Replacing hate with friendship and laughter bright for tears.

No pomp and ceremony or other costly things. Only the humble shepherds welcome the King of kings.

The Wise Men heard the story and travelled from afar. The only light to guide them - a single shining star.

No trumpets loud or anthems. No choir a thousand strong. Only a simple welcome heralds the Angel's song.

So please believe and trust Him because you know it's true that Love came down at Christmas to save the world and you.



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A little girl was watching her daddy repair his tractor. She asked her mother, "What happens to old tractors when they finally stop working?"

Sighing, her mother answered: "Someone sells them to your father, dear."

My granddad always said, "When one door closes, another door opens."

Lovely man.

Terrible cabinet maker.

St Andrew's Roof Works - Phase 1

Phase 1 of the roof repairs at St Andrew's are now complete! The nave and half of the chancel have had the plaster inspected and replaced where it is defective. We have also used the time the scaffold was up to replace the lighting in this area.

The beautifully hand crafted roof is now visible, with no net to obscure it.

Our new nave altar has also arrived and been blessed at our re-opening service by Bishop Toby. Speaking of re-opening services, we were delighted to be joined by the Leodis Consort to celebrate with a very special Eucharist.

We used this time to also move some things at the rear of the church into the vestry.

Many thanks must go out to all who have helped get us to this stage, including those who are no longer with us and are with the Father in glory.

THANK YOU!

On the rest of this page and the next you will see a number of photographs of before, during and after the work, as well as some closeups of the beautiful woodwork of the roof.





What about the gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh?

The story of the coming of the Magi grew in the telling. By the 6th century they had acquired names: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. By medieval times they were considered to be kings. Whoever they were, we do know from Matthew that they brought three gifts to Jesus.



What about their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh? While we cannot know for sure what was in the minds of first century Magi, one Victorian scholar has offered a possible explanation as to the significance of their gifts. He was the Rev John Henry Hopkins, an American Episcopalian minister, who in 1857 wrote his much-loved Christmas carol, 'We Three Kings of Orient Are'.

Gold, said John Henry Hopkins, was a gift that would have been given to a king. Frankincense had traditionally been brought

by priests as they worshipped God in the Temple. Myrrh was a spice that the ancients used in preparing bodies for burial.

If that is true, then you could say that the Wise Men, in choosing their gifts for this infant, honoured Jesus with gold because He was King of the Jews, with frankincense because He was to be worshipped as divine, and with myrrh, because He would also become a sacrifice and die for His people.

The Wise Men were the very first gentiles ever to worship

Jesus. What faith they had! They travelled for months over difficult terrain, they never saw any evidence of Jesus' kingship, His divinity or His sacrificial death. They worshipped Him through faith in God's promises about Him. Isaiah foresaw this response to Jesus: 'Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.' The Magi's eyes of faith saw clearly and far into the future.

Compare that with the High Priest and religious leaders whom the Wise Men saw in Jerusalem when they first arrived. These head priests knew all about the prophecies of their own coming Messiah, but NOT ONE Jewish religious leader travelled to look for Him in Bethlehem. And it is only six miles down the road!



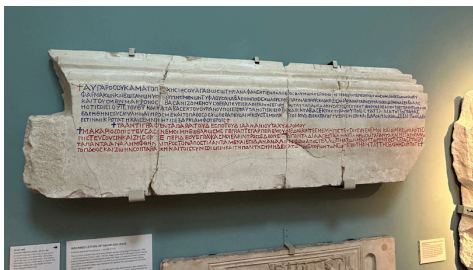
Kildwick, Cononley & Bradley trip to Oxford

Following an invitation to the parish from the Dean, the Very Rev'd Prof Sarah Foot, nine members of our congregation headed to Oxford on 25th September for a corporate communion service in the cathedral followed by a meal in the Great Hall.



Inside Christ Church Cathedral

We set off at 9:30am and arrived in Oxford for lunch, which we ate in the Covered Market, allowing people to choose the style of food they wished. This followed a fascinating visit to the Ashmolean Museum, which supposedly has a letter from Jesus (in red) (see below).



From there we followed a route back to Christ Church that allowed us to see some of the

main sights in Oxford.

When we arrived at Christ Church we were greeted by Tea and a talk on English Hymnody, which was fantastic, before we went to the Cathedral for the Eucharist.



Following the Eucharist we were treated to sherry before heading to the Great Hall for a simply marvelous meal and fellowship with other parishes. The food was simply divine and we all had a fantastic day.

The Dean said there will, in time, be an invite for September 2026 for a similar visit. That time, we hope to secure Bed & Breakfast in the college, and to travel by train.

Do think about joining us in 2026.



The Great Hall in Christ Church College



A view of the quad in front of the Cathedral

Recycling at St Andrew's

We have partnered with Terracycle at St Andrew's Kildwick to offer recycling of certain items to the church family and the community.

The recycling bins are at the rear of the church, so please do check what you can recycle with us, then save those items and bring them in for recycling. Help us to care for God's amazing creation, the World!

All brands are accepted

Flexible plastic and metallic plastic tubes used for body creams, ointments or moisturisers



Flexible plastic packaging used for facial cleansing wipes



Eye shadow compacts

Lip & cheek, highlighter and bronzer sticks

Mascara tubes and wands

Lipsticks, lip glosses and lip balms

Any brand of flexible plastic cheese packaging, nets and pouches

Any brand of sliced cheese protective plastic film

Any brand of individual plastic cheese wrappers

Labels from Cathedral City Minis packs of 6

Any brand of plastic nets for mini cheeses



All brands of flexible coffee packaging
All brands of large bags of tea bags
All brands of loose leaf tea packs



All brands of flexible laundry washing capsules and pods packaging

Lenor tumble dryer sheets

Any brand of plastic bread bags and closure tags

Any brand of bakery plastic packaging (e.g. plastic trays, zipper bags, plastic packs, etc.)



Prayers

Light a candle,
Look into the light,
Pray.

Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings
As the flame rises,
Smooth, bright,
Know the comfort of Christ
In the carol speaking
Afresh.

Bringing Jesus
Into heart and prayer.
Emmanuel, God with us.
Light of the world,
Out of the stable
Into our situations.
Because of Jesus
Christmas is everyday.
The Lord is here.
Hallelujah.

Let nothing disturb thee,
nothing affright thee;
All things are passing; God
never changeth';
Patient endurance
Attaineth to all things;
Who God possesseth
In nothing is wanting
Alone God sufficeth.

By St Teresa of Avila



Photo Competition 2024 - And the winner is...

We had some outstanding entries into our photo competition this year, and it was extremely difficult for the judges to pick a winner, but our top 3 are...

Our 2025 calendar is available now from our churches and (hopefully) Coffee & Crumbs and shops in Cononley & Bradley.



1st - Helen Hopkins 'Best seat in the house!'



2nd - Jenny Burnley



=3rd - Carol Walker



=3rd - David Gulliver



Special Mention to this entry from our youngest entrant, Lukas Green.



Various other entries.

Cut arms supply to Sudan and restore diplomatic presence, urges Bishop Nick



Arms supplies to Sudan must be severed and British diplomatic presence in the war torn country be restored, Bishop Nick told the House of Lords recently.

Violent conflict began in April 2023 when tensions between the Sudanese military and a rival paramilitary group, the Rapid Support Forces, erupted into warfare that has displaced millions of people.

During a House of Lords debate, the Rt Revd Nick Baines, Bishop of Leeds: “The UK Government must, in my opinion, along with partners, leverage all its resources and political power to cut off the arms flow and create the conditions where any credible ceasefire might create the space for negotiation.

“Failure to address this catastrophe now will only lead to increasingly uncontrollable consequences elsewhere, further destabilisation of an already fragile region – an example, oil gelling in the pipelines will diminish South Sudan’s economy and add to economic and humanitarian challenges – mass irregular migration will be a consequence and so on.

“So I agree with the call for all diplomatic means and one to add is it’s essential that the new head of office, the new special envoy must physically get into Sudan.

“We need physical, visible presence, even if it’s only on a regular visit. Other ambassadors and envoys are doing this.”

Bishop Nick, who visited our Link diocese of Sudan together with the Rt Revd Toby Howarth, Bishop of Bradford earlier this year has previously warned that a “humanitarian crisis has exploded” in Sudan and that a generation of children are being “starved, made homeless, given no medical care or education.”



You are invited to our free



SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER



10-11.30am



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FAITH, FUN & FOOD

Crafts, Stories, Songs

Fun for all the family!



Next: Christingle - Christmas Eve 2pm & 4pm

November to January Services in Kildwick, Cononley & Bradley

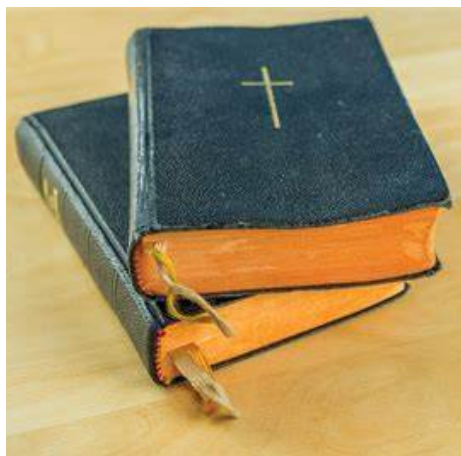
	St Mary's Bradley	St John's Cononley	St Andrew's Kildwick
Sat 2nd November All Souls			7:00pm Coral Evensong
Sun 3rd November All Saints	9:30am Holy Communion	11:00am Methodist Worship	11:00am All Age Holy Communion
Wed 6th November			9:30am Holy Communion
Fri 8th November		9:30am Morning Prayer	
Sun 10th November Remembrance	10:45am Remembrance Service	10:45am Remembrance Service	10:45am Remembrance Service
Wed 13th November			9:30am Holy Communion
Fri 15th November		9:30am Morning Prayer	
Sun 17th November 2 Advent	9:30am Morning Prayer	11:00am Holy Communion	9:00am BCP Holy Communion 11:00am Morning Prayer
Wed 20th November			9:30am Holy Communion
Fri 22nd November		9:30am Morning Prayer	
Sunday 24th November Christ the King	9:30am Holy Communion	11:00am Café Church	11:00am Holy Communion
Wed 27th November			9:30am Holy Communion
Fri 29th November		9:30am Morning Prayer	
Sun 1st December Advent Sunday	9:30am Holy Communion	11:00am Methodist Worship	11:00am All Age Holy Communion
Wed 4th December			9:30am Holy Communion
Fri 6th December		9:30am Morning Prayer	
Sun 8th December Advent 2	10:00am Parish Holy Communion 5:00pm Carol Service		
Wed 11th December			9:30am Holy Communion
Fri 13th December		9:30am Morning Prayer	
Sun 15th December Advent 3	9:30am Morning Prayer	11:00am Holy Communion 5:00pm Carol Service	9:00am BCP Holy Communion 11:00am Holy Communion
Wed 18th December			9:30am Holy Communion
Fri 20th December		9:30am Morning Prayer	
Sat 21st December			7:00pm Blue Christmas
Sun 22nd December Advent 4	9:30am Holy Communion	11:00am Café Church	11:00am Holy Communion 7:00pm 9 Lessons & Carols

	St Mary's Bradley	St John's Cononley	St Andrew's Kildwick
Tues 24th Dec Christmas Eve		2:00pm Crib Service 4:00pm Crib Service	4:30pm Crib Service 9:30pm Midnight Mass (Bethlehem Time)
Wed 25th December Christmas Day	9:30am Christmas Holy Communion		
Sun 29th December Christmas 1			10:00am Parish Holy Communion
Sun 5th January Epiphany		10:00am Parish Holy Communion	
Wed 8th January			9:30am Holy Communion
Fri 10th January		9:30am Morning Prayer	
Sun 12th January Baptism of Christ	9:30am Holy Communion	11:00am Morning Prayer	11:00am All Age Holy Communion
Wed 15th January			9:30am Holy Communion
Fri 17th January		9:30am Morning Prayer	
Sun 19th January Epiphany 2	9:30am Morning Prayer	11:00am Holy Communion	9:00am BCP Holy Communion 11:00am Morning Prayer
Wed 22nd January			9:30am Holy Communion
Fri 24th January		9:30am Morning Prayer	
Sun 26th January Epiphany 3	9:30am Holy Communion	11:00am Café Church	11:00am All Age Holy Communion with Baptism
Wed 29th January			9:30am Holy Communion
Fri 31st January		9:30am Morning Prayer	
Sun 2nd February Candlemas	9:30am Holy Communion	11:00am Methodist Worship	11:00am All Age Holy Communion

Duplication in the Bible?

Did you know that there are two chapters in the bible that are exactly the same?

2 Kings 19 and Isaiah 37 are identical. They both continue the story of the Kings (of Judah) and the Prophet (Isaiah). Their stories cross over on these two chapters where King Hezekiah and the prophet Isaiah are speaking about the same event. Have a look!



Quotes

God doesn't take you in a straight line. There are twists and turns. It may not happen the way you thought, but the disappointments, the bad breaks are all a part of God's plan. – Joel Osteen

You can't fulfill your calling in your comfort zone. – Steven Furtick

The Parish of Kildwick, Cononley & Bradley

Christmas Services

Sunday 8th December

5.00pm Carol Service St Mary's Bradley

Sunday 15th December

5.00pm Carol Service St John's Cononley

Saturday 21st December

7.00pm Blue Christmas St Andrew's Kildwick

Sunday 22nd December

7.00pm 9 Lessons & Carols St Andrew's Kildwick

Christmas Eve

2.00pm Crib & Christingle St John's Cononley

4.00pm Crib & Christingle St John's Cononley

4.30pm Crib Service St Andrew's Kildwick

9.30pm Midnight Mass
(Bethlehem Time) St Andrew's Kildwick

Christmas Day

9.30am Christmas Communion St Mary's Bradley

