

R E T R O S P E C T S

Children's Treasure Hunt Pentecost Party

A C T I V I T I E S

Sunday 11th May

Earby brass band 2-4.30 in & outside St Andrew's

Praying for the people of Cowling each week

Please let us know of any prayer requests.

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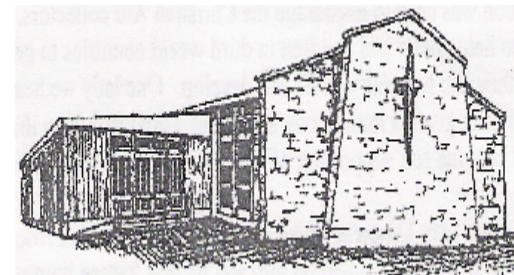
- Mar 2 Woodland St, Gibb St, Queen Square
- Mar 9 Park Road, Scar View, Royd St
- Mar 16 Acre Meadow, Laycock Fields , all homes on Keighley Rd & Colne Rd
- Mar 23 Pinnacle View, Old Oakworth Rd & outlying homesteads
- Mar 30 Winkholme, Middleton, Ickornshaw, Nan Scar, Park Lane, Lumb Lane
- Apr 6 Stone Head Lane, Warley Wisw Lane & surrounding dwellings
- Apr 13 Sandyforth Lane, Reedshaw Moss
- Apr 20 Lane Ends Estate, Wainman's Close, Bannister Walk, Dick Lane, Earl
- Apr 27 Crag View, Old Saw Mill, Lane Ends Lane and farms
- May 4 Cowling Hill Lane, Tom Lane & outlying areas
- May 11 Low Lane (Norwood), Long Lane & all surrounding dwellings
- May 18 Collinge Road, Lingcrag Gardens, Mill Croft
- May 25 Springwell Close, Green St. Hartley Place, Spring Gardens, Walton St,
Cross St. Queen St
- Jun 1 Sun St, Manor Park, Fold Lane
- Jun 8 Woodland St, Gibb St, Queen Square

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Churches Together in Cowling



Dear Friends

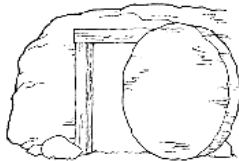
A weekly newspaper I receive has printed suggestions on how to be 'Green'. Doing things like - only using a full load in the washing machine; filling your kettle with only the amount you need; recycling more of what you throw away; changing to energy saving light bulbs; switching off the standby on the TV etc. Finally the newspaper recommends, "Have an embrace-the-silence Sunday." They suggest turning off everything - no TV, no radio, no ring tones, and no cars. "It'll be good for the soul."

The way we live our lives has an effect on how others live theirs. Melting ice caps, encroaching deserts, more extreme weather conditions are the result of our misuse of the earth's resources and the care of our environment.

This is not our world, but God's - and we know we have spoilt much. Through greed and thoughtlessness, through inconsideration of our neighbours - both here and abroad - we have been guilty of not protecting or taking care of the planet - power and energy have been wasted.



On 21st March this year, the Christian Church remembers the day that God's Son was crucified. Jesus Christ shared the world with us and recalled us to a deeper spirituality, a greater belief in God and a better care of each other. Only a few took his message seriously. But his death didn't end his work. On 23rd March we celebrate Easter and Christ's rising from the dead.



Easter brings us a tremendous reminder of God's love for the world. Easter gives us back the hope we need that even when things seem at their worst and there doesn't seem to be an answer to our problems, there is still the love of God and the promise of new life for us all. Easter helps us to realize that, ultimately, the real energy that the world needs is God-given.



And on 11th May the Church remembers the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Here is God's real power working in the lives of his people.

Through Christ and the Holy Spirit we all have the God-given resources we need to live lives which are energized to bring hope to the suffering, relief to the needy and light to all those whose world is dark. And that **IS** good for the soul!

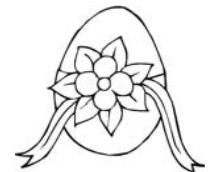
Michael Cowgill

Feb 2008

Cowling woman made Lay Canon of Bradford Cathedral.

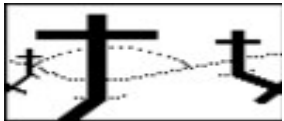
We offer our congratulations to Ms Bridget Rees of Cowling who was made a Lay Canon of Bradford Cathedral on February 3rd. The service was conducted by the Bishop of Bradford, The Rt Revd David James in the Cathedral. During his introduction the Bishop mentioned Bridget's work as the former Diocesan Links Officer, having had responsibilities for the links with Northern Sudan, Southwestern Virginia and Erfurt in Germany. Bridget is currently the Chair of 'Friends of Sa-beel UK,' an organisation seeking to deepen the faith of Palestinian Christians. She is also a Churchwarden of Holy Trinity Church and Secretary to the Church Council. Along with Bridget five other people were made Lay Canons and four people were admitted as Ecumenical Canons including Revd Peter Whittaker, Chairman of the West Yorkshire District of the Methodist Church and The Rt Revd Arthur Roche, Roman Catholic Bishop of Leeds.

Will you be trying any fair trade chocolate this Easter?
Available at the local Co-op.



Christian Aid Week
11 - 18th May

Easter Service



See the dawn rise from Farnhill Pinnacle

*Followed by hot cross buns
in Farnhill Methodist Church*

On Easter Sunday we will decorate the Lenten cross from St Andrew's with flowers in our service at Holy Trinity (9.30 am). After the service we intend to carry the decorated cross back through the streets of Cowling to St Andrew's. Bring a few short stemmed flowers to the service and leave your car behind if you can.

Gift Aid

The churches are grateful to everyone who covenants money to them. Please note that any gifts for the financial year 2007-2008 must be given by the end of March to be included in this year's claim. We are grateful to those who make annual donations at this time.

This is a valuable source of income to the church at no expense to anyone paying income tax. It just means some of your tax goes to the church instead of the taxman. There is no commitment to give a fixed amount or give again. Fill in one simple form to cover any future gifts or an envelope for a one off gift.

Contacts: Holy Trinity Mary Price 637699
St Andrew's Anne Pearson 635612

Flowers to give out

10.30 at St Andrew's

Sunday March 2nd

Joint Mother's Day Service



Watch out for local adverts

CDFC



Friday March 7th Women's World Day of Prayer Service , 7.30 pm at St Peter's Church

This year's ecumenical service has been prepared by the women of Guyana and the theme is "God's Wisdom provided new understanding" The speaker will be Rev Charlotte Common. Both men and women are welcome at the service.

CDFC Hunger Lunch for Lent, 12 noon Sunday 9th March at St Peter's Church

All are welcome to a simple soup and roll lunch. Free will offering for Cristian Aid.

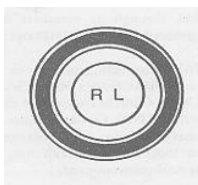
CDFC United Service 6.00 pm 9th March St Peter's lead by Rev Robin Figg

This service will include the Stations of the Cross and Lenten hymns

March 21st Ecumenical Good Friday service at St Thomas' Sutton 7.30 pm.

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Regnal League



Regional meeting

St Andrew's

Saturday 17th May

Meal

Speakers (including Dr John Parry)

What's on?

Holy Trinity

1st Sunday Holy Communion (Traditional) at 9.30 Without music

2nd Sunday Holy Communion (Modern) at 9.30 Sometimes music (sometimes baptisms)

3rd Sunday Holy Communion (Modern) at 9.30 With music

Alternating with St Andrew's

4th Sunday Holy Communion (Modern) at 9.30 Without music

5th Sunday Joint benefice service rotating between Cowling (9.30), Sutton (10.30) and Lothersdale (10.00 a.m.)

Mothers Union

First Monday of the month at 7.30

NB In March 1st Sunday (2nd) extra joint service at St Andrew's

2nd Sunday (9th) Holy Communion (Traditional) at 9.30 Without music

St Andrew's

All Age Worship every Sunday at 10.30
3rd Sunday with Holy Trinity see below

Prayer group 1st & 3rd Tues 9.30
Coffee Morning Fridays 10.00—11.00
Regnal Tuesdays 2.15 Bancroft Room
Choir Thursday 7 p.m.

Jumble Sale

March 15th 10 –11.30 am

Joint Planning Meeting

April 9th 7.30 p.m.

Joint Services and Activities

Mar 2nd

Joint service at St Andrew's for Mothering Sunday

Mar 16th (Palm Sunday)

10.30 joint service at St Andrew's

Mar 20th

7.30 Maundy Thursday Covenant meal at St Andrew's

Mar 21st

2 –3 pm Good Friday service at St Andrew's

Mar 23rd

9.30 a.m. Easter service at Holy Trinity

Apr 23rd

9.30 Joint service at Holy Trinity

May 11th

Pentecost Party

May 18th

10.30 Joint service at St Andrew's

Craven Citizen's Advice Bureau

Outreach Advice service held in St Andrew's Church Hall on alternate Wednesdays from 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

No appointment needed

2008 dates

Mar 5, 19
Apr 2, 16, 30
May 14, 28
June 11, 25
July 9, 23
Aug 6, 20
Sept 3, 17
Oct 1, 15, 29
Nov 12, 26
Dec 10

Quality Advice

Welfare Benefits
Housing
Employment rights
Money Advice
Disability info
Relationship break-down
Immigration

Free, Independent Impartial, Confidential

In Memoriam

Mrs Dorothy Watson

Dorothy died on 7 December at the age of 84. She had been married to Raymond for more than 50 years who also died on 7 December 4 years ago.

Dorothy was born in Glusburn and went to school there. She joined the WAFs during the war and later worked at Bairstows, Sutton. The couple brought up three sons in Green Street. Sadly Neil died in 2001. Dorothy worked many years as a domestic on the baby ward at Airedale Hospital and made lots of friends there.

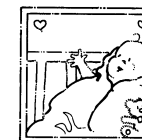
She loved walking and seeing the countryside, and believed in keeping her mind active by doing jigsaw puzzles and reading.

Dorothy had a strong faith and led an active part in church life at both Bar Chapel and St Andrews. The funeral service was held at St Andrews on Friday 14 December and was led by Rev Charlotte Common. We extend our sympathy to Howard, David and all of the family in their sad loss. We particularly miss her friendly greeting for everyone in our church every Sunday morning as she gave out hymnbooks.



Congratulations

To the proud parents Rachel and Tommy, and big brother Angus on the birth of Forbhlaith Euphemia Margaret Jane Edmunds Hughes (known as Effie) on 31st December '07. It is lovely to see Effie becoming a regular member of our congregation at St Andrew's. We were already blessed by welcoming Angus into our fellowship. Thank you, mum and dad, for letting us share in some small measure your lovely children.



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Jumble Sale

Sat 15th March
10 - 11.30

No electrical goods



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Update from St Andrew's

The old order changeth, yielding place to new,
And God fulfils Himself in many ways,
Lest one good custom should corrupt the world.

Morte d'Arthur Tennyson

The times they are a changing

Circuit changes

Throughout the country circuits are amalgamating to pool their resources in fewer larger circuits. South Craven circuit is no exception to this. By 2010 we expect to amalgamate with Keighley and Worth Valley Circuit (and possibly Bingley and Shipley). This should give us access to a larger pool of preachers in a circuit that has many similarities to our own but is slightly larger. This summer we will have a trial plan where the two circuits operate together. Watch this space for further news. Meanwhile individual churches can also consider changing circuits, inevitably to another enlarged circuit.

Ceilidh

An exciting new venture in January this year was our first ceilidh, much enjoyed by everyone, young and old. It got people of all ages on their feet but a few faithful devotees of the band came along just to enjoy the music. We hope to invite Rob Thorn and his band back and would thoroughly recommend you attend any of their performances.

Village hall rep

The new village hall should open up new opportunities for the village and we are pleased to have Tommy Hughes as our representative on the village hall committee. He is treasurer of the group and doing sterling work in that capacity as is Richard Price, the chairman. We wish them all the best in this new venture. This will mean losing the playgroup to purpose built premises in the near future but our growing village still

New Bookings

We already have some new bookings for the building including a Taikwando class. We would also like to consider ways of developing the premises ourselves in the future as it becomes possible to set up areas permanently with coffee table, display, stalls etc. Please let us have your ideas of what this village needs that we can provide.

New Lectern

We are grateful to Terry and Edna for a new more substantial and stable lectern. Terry designed and built it modelled on the one in St Peter's while Edna provided wood, support and extra hands. We need no longer fear knocking it over or tripping over wires.

Joint Christingle/Choir Service

This was a great success and very well attended. Charlotte lead a lively service. Many thanks to for his contributions on the guitar, both the new chorus he taught us and his fast rhythmic version of Once in Royal were thoroughly enjoyed and it was also a treat to hear the school choir who delighted us with Walking in the Air. Of course the service ended with a mince pie and a friendly chat.

