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# The Pinnacle

**A Magazine for the parish of  
Kildwick, Cononley and Bradley**

*The Churches of St Andrew's,  
St John's and St Mary's*

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For now, it will go to the same place*

Dear friends,

It has been a few weeks of real contrast for me recently. From the Christmas services we held in our parish, meeting over 400 worshippers; to the united covenant service with Bradley Methodists, showing that Christian Unity is alive and well; to a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, I will tell you more about that in person; and ending up with the Bishops' announcement about Same Sex Marriage.

I think the gospel reading for 22nd January, (Matt 4.12-23), puts all of this into perspective and shows us the constant we have in our lives. For those who responded to the call in that reading, they left all they had to follow Jesus. They left their livelihoods, their parents, and they followed. John the Baptist paid a great cost, being arrested for preaching the Good News. As simply as Jesus called, they simply followed. Jesus didn't lay down any conditions, even though he knew they would let him down at times.

The call to follow Jesus was never meant to be easy, especially for those called to be leaders or priests in his church today, I saw that in the Holy Land, and I see it today with the Bishops' announcement. But we are all called to do it together, as one Church (Rom 12.5, 1 Cor 10.17, Eph 4.4, John 11.52, John 17.11 .... the list goes on), and that's not easy.

We are all called to 'follow Jesus', together! Whether we agree with each other or not. That is the beauty of our faith. We are all sisters and brothers together and we care for and love each other. This is what I saw in the Holy Land.

A friend this last weekend said, "Jesus said, 'follow me', and so I did. Following him has led many into the desert, a place of despair, of anguish and pain. For me, my call to follow isn't based on the inabilities of an institution, but simply hangs on the gentle whisper to follow."

So let's follow that gentle whisper and love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and love our neighbours as ourselves.



*God bless,  
Rev'd Mike*

## The Lectionary for February

2nd February	<b>The Presentation (Candlemas)</b>	Malachi 3.1-5, Psalm 24.[1-6]7-10 Hebrews 2.14-18, Luke 2.22-40
5th February	<b>The Third Sunday before Lent</b>	Isaiah 58.1-9a[b-12], Psalm 112.1-9[10] 1 Corinthians 2.1-12[13-16], Matt 5.13-20
12th February	<b>The Second Sunday before Lent</b>	Genesis 1.1 – 2.3, Psalm 136 [1-9,23-26] Romans 8.18-25, Matthew 6.25-34
19th February	<b>The Sunday next before Lent</b>	Exodus 24.12-18, Psalm 2 or Psalm 99 2 Peter 1.16-21, Matthew 17.1-9
26th February	<b>The First Sunday of Lent</b>	Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7, Psalm 32 Romans 5.12-19, Matthew 4.1-11

*(Candlemas falls on 2nd February. The lectionary has an option to mark this on 29th January but we shall mark the feast on 5th February.)*

This list is, as always, simply the Lectionary according to the calendar of the Church of England. It follows very closely the Revised Common Lectionary that is used by most denominations across the world.

This regular choice of readings does not take into account any local variations that are introduced (such as our moving of Candlemas above). The editorial team don't always hear about these changes so this extract from the Lectionary cannot be relied on for a definitive ruling on what readings you will hear in our churches.

It is provided here as a resource for those who wish to base their weekly reading on a set of texts that is shared by countless Christians, spread throughout the world.

### Regular Service Times

From now on, each church has a set service time.

**St Andrew's (Kildwick) and St John's (Cononley) are at 11.00am**  
while the service at **St Mary's (Bradley) is held at 9.30am.**

In months when there is a "Fifth Sunday", the whole parish worships together in one of the churches at **10.00am.**

## Cononley WI



*Happy New Year Everyone from us all here at Cononley WI. December and January seem to have gone by in a flash!*

Well, I think I can safely say that our WI Christmas party was a success... The Sports Club was decked out in tinsel and fairy lights by our wonderful Committee members and we had some lovely food supplied by a local caterer from Sutton. Party games ranged from quizzes, to poetry, Stand Up Bingo, joke telling, Pass the Parcel (well, it isn't a party without Pass the Parcel is it?) and the now traditional "Pinch A Present" game – you'll have to ask a WI Member as to what that entailed! The Prosecco flowed and a good time was had by all.

January's meeting was our Annual Auction where members donate items to be auctioned off with all proceeds to charity. We raised £166.50 (charity yet to be decided upon) whilst howling with laughter at our incredible auctioneers, Barbara and Rebecca – what a double act! We all came home with some great bargains too!

In February we have Lydia from Minstrels Nursery coming to chat to us about running her very successful nursery – she'll be bringing along some plants for sale too, so we're all looking forward to that!

Our speaker for the March meeting is Debbie Butler – based in Leeds, Debbie is a commercial interior designer who also designs fabrics for leading retail companies. She'll be giving us an insight into behind the scenes interiors at some of London's top hotels as well as giving us the heads up on upcoming interior design trends and what we'll likely be seeing in the shops this summer.

Fancy coming to one of our meetings? Just pop along for 7:30pm to the Village Institute on the first Thursday of every month – you can be sure of a warm welcome, a brew and a biscuit. Please don't hesitate to call me on 07802 807815 if you would like to chat about anything WI.

*Julie Cawood  
President, Cononley Women's Institute*

# Spike, the Goons and Monty

I caught the tail end of a programme about Spike Milligan last week. In my youth I loved him and the Goons. Monty Python owed a great deal to them. I've still got an old 78 of the Goon Show and a wind-up gramophone to play it on. Ah, maybe I'm suffering a bout of nostalgia for past times, as people my age do, especially in January.

Where is the world going, we ask? To my mother-in-law the telephone was a monstrous intrusion into the life of the avid letter-writer, to be used only in emergencies and then for as short a time as possible. Apparently in the early days of texting, people in the business said it would never catch on.

The rate of change that oldies have to catch up on these days is exponential, leaving many behind. Even not-so-oldies can struggle to keep up and have to constantly update themselves - maybe the world will eventually be run by teenagers and Artificial Intelligence.

But one thing stood out for me from the documentary about Spike. Talking to the camera in his garden, playing with his young children, he asked why do people feel the need to travel the world, when it's all here in the back garden, playing with the kids?

How prescient! What would he say now? Over the past 40 years, technology has provided humans with ever more exciting distractions from boring day-to-day stuff. Not only do many of us in the richer parts of the world spend inordinate amounts of time doing exotic things because we can, we also waste time and energy angsty about what we can't do or can't afford and envying those who can.



## Cononley Art Group

Cononley Art Group had a late Christmas Lunch yesterday, Monday 9th Jan '23 at the Bistro des Amis in Skipton. It was efficiently organised by Gill Boucher and was a very well attended affair despite

the energetic work of The Cononley Village Bug which had laid many folk low over the Christmas/New year period. The upstairs room provided for us rang with laughter and chatter, the food was pronounced excellent and a good time was had by all. It was a fine precursor to the group's artistic efforts for 2023.

It seems that we “are”, not because we “think”, like Descartes said, but because of what we “do”, what we “have”, and “how much we’ve bettered ourselves.” Evidence is emerging of a flip side to the uplift we get from these activities. The stresses they entail can be damaging to both personal and collective mental and physical well-being, which will get worse as fewer and fewer people are able to access things that they see others enjoying and which are now seen as rights and entitlements, like Mediterranean holidays.

Somehow we, and society in general, have to get back a sense of equilibrium in our lives, stop striving so hard to achieve beyond our means. Balance is essential to nature, and the human race has thrown it out with the bath water.

Targets, measurements, growth: concepts still highly rated despite evidence of the harm they are doing to the world, a world that has taken billions of years to become fine-tuned for homo sapiens.

The UK economy is struggling in this rapid-change technological maelstrom, but I rather hope that our pioneering genius will arise again to create a green revolution; an economic model which will major on the well-being of the planet and spread world-wide, like the Industrial Revolution but with better consequences. People will be encouraged to re-tune their own lives and take profound pleasure in what is all around them every day. Like the gorgeous sunrises and sunsets we’ve had this week.

And like Spike sitting in his garden with his children and being daft with the Goons.

*Joan Nicholson*



We pray for the leaders of the nations,  
that you will guide them in the ways of  
freedom, justice and truth.

We pray for our enemies,  
and those who wish us harm,  
that you will turn the hearts of all  
to kindness and friendship.

We pray for the wounded and the captive,  
the grieving and the homeless,  
that in all their trials  
they may know your love and support.

Most holy God and Father,  
hear our prayers for all who strive for peace  
and all who fight for justice.

Help us, who today remember the cost of war,  
to work for a better tomorrow;  
and, as we commend to you lives lost  
in terror and conflict,  
bring us all, in the end,  
to the peace of your presence;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



February

Dear Father of all,  
Help us to see the world through your eyes,  
without dividing lines,  
To see just land and water, mountains,  
trees and skies.  
Help us to lay aside our class and skin,  
our background and race,  
To know our shared humanity,  
to see a brother or sister in every face.  
Help us to wear forgiveness,  
to lay down our pride and pain,  
To seek first to understand,  
Lord may peace and reconciliation reign.  
Help us to feel your compassion  
so we can freely forgive.  
May we weave new threads of grace  
and cause seeds of hope to live.  
Help us to play our own small part,  
with acts of kindness and of care.  
May we arise as your children  
and seek out what is just and fair.  
Cause us to make new bonds of trust  
with neighbours near and far,  
And so to fashion a world  
where peace comes to Earth in this hour.  
In Jesus name  
Amen

## News from Jigsaw



Hi, everyone Happy New Year,

Tim is finishing packing for his month long trip to the Philippines, leaving on 22nd January and coming back on February 18th. It has been a while since he has been and he is excited about seeing all the team in Manila and working with them face to face for a month.

There is so much important work to do as child poverty in the areas where Jigsaw works is increasing due to increase in prices, the long term effects of Covid and climate change which is causing even more natural disasters, all of which impact the children the most.

Please pray for Tim, Jeannette and of all the Jigsaw family as they seek God's guidance to continue to develop the organisation and program review of Jigsaw and set plans for the months and years ahead. There are huge challenges in all ministry areas and especially in Jigsaw's health and welfare ministry as they seek ways to respond to the increasing number of children being pushed to the streets. There is a huge increase in the evils of cyber sex and child trafficking.

Please pray too as they seek God's guidance for funding and resourcing as Jigsaw like most organisations are struggling with the high increase in prices, costs and resources.

This is a really important month for Jigsaw and we really need and value your prayers at this time. Thank you.



**Traid**



Some of you may already have heard the very sad news that Traidcraft, the Fair Trade organisation we have supported for a number of years, has become the latest victim of the pandemic and the cost of living crisis. I received notification last week that they have called in the administrators.

## *Prayers for Tim's Jigsaw Philippines visit and work*

### *Sunday 22nd January to February 18th*

- Please pray for safe and smooth travel and good health for Tim and be with Kate and Grace while he is away.
- Please pray for enough funds for the months ahead for Jigsaw to be able to carry out their vital work with the children and families in the communities where they minister.
- Please pray for God's huge blessings and love as Jigsaw looks back over the last 20 years.
- Please pray for God's vision, wisdom and guidance as they complete the organisation and program review.
- Please pray for God's vision wisdom and guidance as they set plans for Jigsaw's work for the months and years ahead as they plan to go back fully face to face.
- Please pray especially as they seek God's vision and wisdom of how to respond to the large increase of children in extreme poverty.
- Please especially pray also for God's vision, guidance and wisdom as they seek ways to respond to the huge increase in cyber sex, child abuse and exploitation in the areas where they work.
- Please pray too that within the busyness there will be time for quiet contemplation of God's love bringing joy, healing and strength for Tim, Jeannette, Lendehl and all the Jigsaw team. That through this time they will learn more and more about Jesus and be transformed as a team and community of God to be more like him.

Thank you, thank you, thank you.

*Lots of love,  
Kate*



## **craft**

This means that the remaining cards which I have will be put out in a sale in a week or two – watch this space for more details. In the meantime, many thanks for your support in the past. Please pray for the people made unemployed because of the closure – and continue to buy fairly traded goods whenever and wherever you can!

## Cononley calling

Happy New year to you and yours...

Well, Advent, Christmas and the New Year celebrations have been and gone – I think that Cononley has survived them all; certainly there were plenty of bugs about - whatever their name may have been but Church services went ahead ... and I have interesting memories particularly from the wonderful Christingle service.



I think I remember Mickey Mouse making a short visit and never have I seen so many stars decorate the sky above the crib. It was marvellous to see the Church so full of children (excited) and adults (possibly bemused but also full of the joy of the children). Thanks here, to the organisers of the service – the Christingle oranges were fantastic and yes there were enough! I may have seen some urgent head counts going on.

As part of St John's Christmas celebrations – there are also thanks to everyone who donated toys for the Salvation Army and thank you to Marten for delivering them to their Keighley centre. As far as I know they are always short of food staples and these include Tinned fish, Instant Mashed Potato, Long-life UHT Fruit Juice, Milk Powder, Tinned tomatoes and Fruit plus personal hygiene items eg Deodorants, Shaving Foam / Disposable Razors. I love their slogan:


"We serve our community with lots of love and a great cup of tea!"

More thanks too for the beautiful floral arrangements in Church – flowers lift the heart!

What else is going on in Cononley – well an odd drop of rain with the valley and back road to Skipton being flooded. It's been very muddy walking up the track to Stochard – well anywhere really! Cleaning dog and wellies at the end of the walk is harder than walking. However, there are days when the views from the tops are spectacular. Whilst the Aire valley can be grey and dour it has its own beauty when the sun shines.

Also the Lamb's Tails and Pussy Palm are close to bursting open and I've seen Snowdrops and Hellebores (not the fancy ones) showing. Hopefully we are heading in the right direction – although the wind and rain at the moment are "summat else" as our neighbour used to say!

But hey ho, let's travel optimistically!



Join us for play,  
singing, story and  
snack at

## **CHUFFS BABY AND TODDLER GROUP**

Tuesday mornings during term  
time

9.30-11.30



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## The Birds in your Garden

### The Song Thrush



Famous for smashing open snails and for its sweet song, the Song Thrush was once a common sight in UK woodland, but, alas, no longer.

One of four thrush species often seen

hereabouts it is brown above, with a white belly covered in black, drop-shaped spots. It is smaller and a warmer brown than the Mistle Thrush and lacks the white eyestripe and red flank patches of the Redwing.

Their song is a series of vigorous, simple phrases, less rich than a Blackbird, but with a penetrating quality. The fluting notes are often interspersed with harsher tones and some mimicry of other species.

The Song Thrush's diet is largely earthworms and snails, with the latter broken open against a hard object, plus insects and spiders, also fruit and berries in the colder months. Although regularly seen in gardens, they are not easily attracted to feeding stations.

Song Thrushes establish a breeding territory in the late winter or early spring, an essential part of pair formation. Its size depends on the habitat quality. Territory boundaries break down in the late summer when the last brood has fledged, though most remain in the same area all year. In hard winters they will abandon their territories and head southwards to mainland Europe. Conversely, considerable numbers of Dutch birds spend their winter in here.

Song Thrushes can be very early nesters, with young on the wing by the end of March. In common with other thrushes, mud is used in the nest, but without a grass lining, making the nest quite easy to recognise – the blue eggs are laid onto a smooth mud inner surface. The female builds it low down in suitable cover, maybe even on the ground in thick vegetation.



3-5 eggs are laid, one each day, after which the female starts to incubate, with the chicks hatching 13-15 days later. Both parents feed them, primarily on worms, though fruit is an alternative when dry weather limits access to worms.

Song Thrushes live an average of 3-4 years and mortality is high – its causes many and varied. Only 20% of fledglings and 60% of adults survive to breed. British Trust for Ornithology monitoring shows that the population in England declined by more than 50% between 1970 and 1995, particularly on farmland, where the decrease was around 70%. Because of this they are amber listed as birds of serious conservation concern, though there has been some recovery recently.

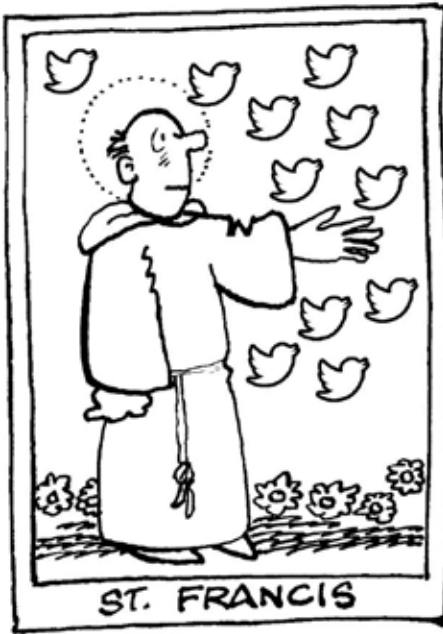
This decline in numbers is probably due to the loss and degradation of hedgerows and wet ditches, with increased land drainage, tillage, and pesticide spraying reducing the number of earthworms and other invertebrates available. Grazed permanent pasture (especially cow pasture) and woodland are important habitats with plenty of food for Song Thrushes. Both are now rare in lowland areas.

RSPB research has compared populations on intensive arable farmland with those on mixed farmland, where two major differences were found. Those on intensive arable farmland made only 2-3 nesting attempts, with fewer fledglings surviving per nest, compared to 4-5 attempts for birds on mixed farmland. These differences are large enough to have caused the population decline on arable farmland and are probably due to a lack of earthworms and snails.

Measures likely to help Song Thrushes include sympathetic hedgerow management (with tall, thick hedges), planting new woodlands, and sowing wild bird seed mixtures with leafy cover, for all of which grants are available. Any measures that prevent soil from drying out during summer are likely to be beneficial too.

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 visit the BTO Garden BirdWatch website ([www.bto.org/gbw](http://www.bto.org/gbw)). If you know of an organisation within 30 miles of York which would like a talk on garden birds contact: Mike Gray ([gbwmike@gmail.com](mailto:gbwmike@gmail.com)).

# The Back Page



*He's been updated. He's now the patron saint of tweeting!*

## **Deadlines**

Welcome to 2023!

*Perhaps the only sadness here at Pinnacle Towers is that the winter joint edition means we can't wish you a Happy New Year at the proper time!*

As always, the deadline for the March edition is 8 days before the end of the month:

**Tuesday, 23rd February 2023**