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For the gifts of Creation, thanks be to God

During September, a number of Anglican churches mark the season of Creationtide. This is a time when we renew our relationship with our Creator God and all God's creation through celebration, and appreciation of the gifts of nature and the beauty of our world. We remember with thanks how God created the world and continues to sustain everything in it. We also think about how humankind was given the task to 'steward' the earth. We were told to look after it and nurture it, and we consider what sort of a job we're doing.

It is easy to look around the beautiful North Yorkshire countryside in which we are so lucky to live, and overlook the fact that there is something seriously wrong with the climate and the weather. This year we've seen a number of extreme weather events. As I write, storm Francis is making its presence felt unseasonably early. This follows the extreme heat wave in early August, followed by further torrential rain. Climate scientists are telling us that we should expect this variability and these more frequent occurrences of extreme weather events to become more common. Whether you believe that climate change is man-made or simply the result of sun spots or natural changes in our weather,

most experts now agree it is indisputable that the climate is changing, and these changes will have serious negative effects for most of the planet.



The coronavirus pandemic this year has demonstrated vividly the way in which the whole world is connected, and that decisions we make locally or nationally have the potential

to affect the entire planet sooner or later. We can't take a purely local view on climate change.

We have been encouraged to eat less and move more for our own health and to

help us resist coronavirus. The good news is that as well as making us physically fitter, consuming less and walking or cycling where possible instead of using the car benefits the planet, along with our waistlines and our mental health.

If you'd like resources to help you pray and reflect during the season of Creationtide, there are resources available via the diocese of Leeds website at: <https://tinyurl.com/leedscreation>

“ This year we've seen a number of extreme weather events ”

More prayers and resources will be added during Creationtide, so keep checking the website.

In the meantime here is a short prayer for creation to pray at home.

*Holy God, earth and air and water are your creation,
and every living thing belongs to you:
have mercy on us as climate change confronts us.
Give us the will and the courage to simplify the way we live,
to reduce the energy we use,
to share the resources you provide,
and to bear the cost of change.
Forgive our past mistakes
and send us your Spirit,
with wisdom in present controversies
and vision for the future to which you call us
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

*With every blessing
Julie*

Interim ministry update

It's hard to believe that the 3rd anniversary of my licensing as interim minister of the parishes of Kildwick and Cononley with Bradley is fast approaching. On 13th November, my 3-year term will come to an end. A lot has happened since November 2017. There have been many changes, some of which have been difficult for people. Amongst the most significant changes have been:

- The formation of a new single parish, that of Kildwick, Cononley and Bradley, with a PCC including representation across all 3 churches
- Changes to service times and patterns
- The growth of new lay-led morning services at Kildwick and Cononley, and a monthly Messy Church service at Kildwick
- The developing (and in the case of Kildwick, continuation) of stronger relationships between the local primary schools and the churches
- The introduction of Flapjack Friday at Kildwick
- The realisation of the long-planned building reordering at Cononley
- Furthering public consultation with the community about the challenges of St Andrew's church building



To remind you, these were the 5 objectives for this period of interim ministry:

1. Establishing a **coherent, attractive and workable** pattern of worship across the three villages.
2. Developing, agreeing and implementing a **pastoral scheme** for the future of the two parishes.
3. Developing and starting to implement a sustainable strategy for new ministry and styles of worship to reach out to **children, young people and families**.
4. Evaluating the needs, opportunities and challenges of **the three church buildings** in furthering the churches' mission in the parishes.
5. Helping the parishes develop and articulate their **identity in a new and developing relationship** with each other.

You can see that much has been done to forward these objectives. Elsewhere in this edition, you will find items to do with particularly objectives 1, 2 and 5. Of course the pandemic has slowed down progress, but I am working with the PCC to do what we can in the current circumstances to continue that progress in the remaining time. The PCC has started to think about what will happen after 13th November, and I hope that we will be able to provide an update next month. Please pray for us all as we do the best that we can in these challenging circumstances.

Revd. Julie Bacon

A pattern of Services for September

	<i>Sunday 6th</i>	<i>Sunday 13th</i>	<i>Sunday 20th</i>	<i>Sunday 27th</i>
Kildwick	11.00am Family-Friendly service	11.00am Baptism	11am Eucharist	2-4.00pm Private prayer
Cononley	11.00am Holy Communion	11-12noon Private prayer	11.00am Lay-led service	11.00am Holy Communion
Bradley	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Prayer	9.30am Morning Prayer

Team work!

If you've been receiving the KCB Weekly Newsletter by e-mail or hard copy, you'll remember that I wrote to you recently about the concept of Teams to support and realise the work of being the church in the parish of Kildwick, Cononley and Bradley. This idea was first mentioned just before coronavirus led to lockdown.

Here's a reminder of why we want to create and establish Teams.

In many traditional church models, PCC members (some elected, some who are members because of another office, such as clergy and churchwardens) end up as the people who do much if not most of the activities that sustain church life. But I'm sure you know the phrase, '**Many hands make light work**'. By setting up Teams, we hope to create a way in which the work of **being the Church** can be carried out by a much wider group. The Teams will be linked and accountable to the PCC, but it's hoped that many more people will be a member of (or linked to) a Team than belong to the PCC. If you're prepared to get involved practically with church life, but don't feel that being on the PCC is your thing, then Teams are for you!

Ideally, it would be great to see everyone in our churches belonging (in however big or small a way) to one or another Team. And you don't have to be a churchgoer to belong! For people who value their local church and want to support it in any way, there's a Team that would welcome their help.

The four Teams are:

- **Buildings and Land;**
- **Worship**
- **Pastoral and Outreach**
- **Treasury**

These four Teams are supported by a fifth, comprised of the churchwardens, who together with the Vicar have a particular role in overseeing the parish and encouraging co-operation and fostering the relationships between the churches.

Together, the Teams encompass the broad span of activities that constitute regular church life.

Each Team has its own terms of reference, outlining its sphere of activity and how it works. The hope is that each of the three churches will have at least one person on each Team, and there's provision for occasional meetings between one or more Team members from each church, for the purposes of support, encouragement and swapping of ideas and good

practice. If Teams are well-supported, it will provide a group of people amongst whom tasks can be shared, and who can be approached for help with a specific task or activity.

Of course, we know that the numbers at each church differ, and not every church is able to do everything. The idea of the Team structure is not to create additional burdens for anyone, or to generate more unnecessary meetings! Instead, it's a way of organising what we already do, hopefully in a more connected way than we've done it in the past. It's also a way of encouraging a greater number of people to get involved, rather than looking to a small number of people to carry the whole weight of all that is needed to sustain church life.

Draft terms of reference have been prepared for each Team – they will be available shortly on the website, or ask me if you'd like hard copies posting to you.

Please think and pray about whether you can join a Team, and which one. You don't have to do it all! But the Church is all of us – and we are all called to play a part, big or small, as part of the Church, the body of Christ. Joining a Team is a good way to do that.

The people to contact in the first instance for more information about a Team or to express an interest in joining it are:

- Buildings and Land – Robert Hall (churchwarden)
01535 635549; robertwehall@gmail.com
- Pastoral and Outreach – Jill Wright
01535 634526; jill@woodchipcomputers.co.uk
- Worship – Revd. Julie Bacon
01274 405170; revjulesbacon@gmail.com
- Treasury – *this team comprises the PCC Treasurer (Janet Wade) and Finance Assistants from each of the three churches who oversee financial matters relating to that church.*

Starting the work of the Teams in the current circumstances is challenging but not impossible. Until we can arrange physical meetings, we can do a lot by phone and e-mail, and possibly by meeting virtually via Zoom or similar. We may even be able to have small physically distanced meetings outside whilst the weather is kind! Don't be put off if you don't feel technologically equipped. It's much more important to do what we can in the ways that we can.

Revd. Julie Bacon

Readings for September

6th September – The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Exodus 12.1-14, Psalm 149, Romans 13.8-14, Matthew 18.15-20

Collect

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

13th September – The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Exodus 14.19-31, Psalm 114 or Canticle: Exodus 15.1b-11, 20,21,
Romans 14.1-12, Matthew 18.21-35

Collect

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Streamed Sunday Morning Services

There is a variety of different services you can join in with on a Sunday. Alan Ratledge (p. 10) recommends looking at the Roman Catholic church offerings.

If you are looking for a streamed service of the Eucharist, you could do a lot worse than visit our own Mother Church, Bradford Cathedral at 10.30am: **bradfordcathedral.org/worship/online-services**

20th September - The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Exodus 16.2-15, Psalm 105.1-6,37-45*, Philippians 1.21-30,
Matthew 20.1-16

Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:
grant that your people may be fervent
in the fellowship of the gospel
that, always abiding in you,
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

27th September - The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Exodus 17.1-7, Psalm 78.1-4,12-16*, Philippians 2.1-13, Matthew 21.23-32

Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Sundays

A service of Evening Prayer is streamed each Sunday at 4.00pm.

This takes place on our Facebook page. www.facebook.com/KCBParish

A downloadable booklet containing these streamed services in
September may be available on the KCB Website at
www.kcbchurches.org.uk/index.php/services

Morning and Evening Prayer takes place on most weekdays.

Lord Jesus Christ, light of this world, thank you for the hope you have given us.
Help us to give our worries to you and, above all, to trust in your unfailing love.
For you have promised us "Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you."
Almighty God, our protector, let us trust in you to carry us through this time of uncertainty.
Jesus, hear our cries as we mourn those who've left us.
Whatever tomorrow may bring, we will praise your name.
Amen

God of all hope we call on you today.
We pray for those who are living in fear:
Fear of illness, fear for loved ones, fear of others' reactions to them.
May your Spirit give us a sense of calmness and peace.
We pray for your church in this time of uncertainty.
For those people who are worried about attending worship.
For those needing to make decisions in order to care for others
For those who will feel more isolated by not being able to attend.
Grant us your wisdom.
Holy God, we remember that you have promised that Nothing will separate us from your love – demonstrated to us in Jesus Christ.
Help us turn our eyes, hearts and minds to you. Amen

Loving Lord, You are my hope and my strength in time of trouble.
You are my ever present help in this difficult world and Lord,
I know that You hold the future in the palm of Your hands and
I trust You.

Thank You, that You are always there to provide for my needs
and to protect me from the storms of life.
I pray that no matter what the future holds, that You will
remain there beside me.
I know Lord, that no matter how difficult things become in this
world that You have promised never to leave me nor forsake
me,
but I also know that in this world I will have tribulation and
trials,
and I pray that You will be with me through all that I face in the
future.

You are my hope and You are my strength.
You have promised that no matter how difficult life becomes,
Your grace is sufficient for all my needs.
Help me to rely on You no matter what problems
and difficulties arise, for my hope is in You.
Amen.

The Thumbnail Chain

Doreen and I had several moves before we arrived in Cononley at the back end of 1976 to live with our two children opposite the churchyard. Reactions from other villagers at the time were mixed, comments varying from 'I wouldn't live there – next to all those graves and dead people' to 'Well, you will never be lonely there, will you!'.

Getting used to life in new village surroundings is not without its problems. We imagined that all of the established residents had been born and bred in Cononley and were probably closely related to one another. We were on our guard, but we gradually got to know that many of our neighbours were offcomers too. It helped that the children both went to the village school and quickly got to know their compatriots, so effecting introductions to their parents. The two of us had been regular church and chapel goers, and through the late Bill Spencer I became a member of the Cononley Church council when Stuart MacDougall was the incumbent. He and I had disagreements over the church liturgy, but I was able to help him when he was worried about a crisis within the council. Now that I myself am old and infirm I am only too grateful for the help and kindness shown by other people including friends from among the church congregation.

One peculiarity about the two of us is that I, my two sisters, Doreen and her sister, and one of our brothers in law, all attended the same local Grammar School. The headmaster at that time was one Mr. P.G.F. Clarke and not for nothing the school was often known as 'Mr. Clarke's matrimonial agency' owing to the number of relationships that had their origins in those days at school. Now, after all those years, with silver, ruby, golden and diamond wedding anniversaries behind us, Doreen and I live quietly as befits our combined ages of 180 years. I know that there are single people in Cononley of a greater age than either of us, but I do wonder if there are any other couples in the village who exceed our total. I would be interested to know.

Finally, I have to say that during this period of lockdown I have found the online services celebrated in Roman Catholic churches more inspiring than the Anglican equivalent. Both churches are suffering from manpower shortages, falling congregations and reduced income. Could not this wretched coronavirus provide an opportunity for the two churches to come together in some form of joint worship as a witness to their common creed in this difficult and secular age?

Alan Ratledge

The Conundrum Corner

We hear that Sylvia Ackroyd has fallen in her new home. She was chasing a butterfly!

Slips and trips can be very painful – so here is an “alphametic” (that’s a sort of Arithmetic With Numbers)

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{T R I P} \quad + \\
 \hline
 \text{S L I P} \\
 \hline
 = \text{F A L L} \\
 \\
 \text{P A I N F U L !}
 \end{array}$$

Where digits 0 – 9 replace letters consistently. Sylvia’s wrist was very painful indeed, so we need the greatest possible value for ‘PAINFUL’.

If ‘U’ = 0 what was that?

(With acknowledgment to Angela Newing, who wrote the original puzzle)

Solution to last edition’s “Fred’s Peals”

Remember, Fred made the following true statements;

1. If my peal total is divisible by 3, then the total is between 50 and 59.
2. If the total is NOT a multiple of 4, then it is between 60 and 69.
3. If it is NOT a multiple of 6, then it is between 70 and 79’.

We were asked whether his next peal will be divisible by 7

You need to list all numbers between 50 and 79 and cross out all that do not meet the criteria of all 3 statements. Multiples of 3 between 50 and 59 are 51, 54 and 57. From 2. It cannot be any of these as none is divisible by 4. Similar reasoning leads to the only possible peal total of 76. So Fred’s next peal will be number 77 and divisible by 7.

So the answer is ‘yes’

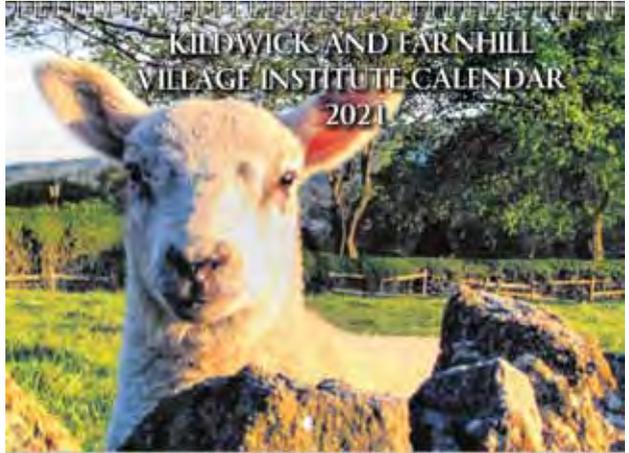
Killer Sudoku Solution (p. 14)

6	1	5	3	4	7	8	2	9
4	8	2	5	1	9	6	3	7
6	3	7	2	9	8	4	1	5
1	7	4	6	5	2	3	8	9
2	6	9	3	7	4	1	8	5
8	4	5	3	6	9	1	2	7
1	7	6	5	2	8	9	4	3
3	9	2	1	7	4	6	5	8

The “change” (in red) is Queens; 13572468. Start at the centre bottom

Kildwick and Farnhill Village Institute looks forward to 2021

Like all village halls in the area, Kildwick and Farnhill Village Institute has been closed for several months due to the lockdown resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. But the committee that runs the building has nevertheless been looking forward to 2021, and this month sees the launch of the Institute's 2021 Kildwick and Farnhill Village calendar.



A spokesperson for the Institute committee said: "For a number of years now the Institute has produced an annual calendar, showing photographs of the two villages, taken by local amateur photographers. Although this year lockdown has made it difficult for some people to get out and about, we thought it was important that we continue the tradition, to show our optimism that 2021 will see things improve."

"We hope that the 2021 calendar will be as successful as the one we produced for 2020, which was a sell-out. However that is unlikely as we will have fewer, if any, events taking place at which we can sell them. Any profit we do make will go to funding the Kildwick and Farnhill Village Institute which, as you might imagine, has suffered financially as a result of being closed during the Coronavirus pandemic. So any purchases people are able to make will be very much appreciated."

The calendar is available, by email to KandFIInstitute@gmail.com, or from any of the Institute committee members; cost £6.50 each. The calendar is suitable for large-letter postage, and is supplied with an envelope.

If people would like to submit photographs for possible inclusion in the 2022 calendar, the competition is already open. Landscape images of Farnhill or Kildwick should be sent to KandFIInstitute@gmail.com. You do not need to be a resident of the villages to participate and the full competition rules are available on the Kildwick and Farnhill Village Institute website.

Jigsaw

We received an August Prayer Letter several weeks ago – which was emailed out to all those Kildwick members who could receive it. If you want a paper copy of these, speak to Chris (see the Directory) or collect one from church. It is available online at tinyurl.com/jigsaw2008

One of the casualties of the lock-down has been the traditional Afternoon Tea, held at the end of August. Our usual collection of hygiene items to send out to Manila has also fallen victim to the disruption.

Our opportunities to help may be curtailed, but the need in Manila is ever more pressing. Programme manager Jenalyn writes:

"Things here are becoming, very, very difficult once again for so many. We are the country with the highest number of covid19 cases in South East Asia and it is getting higher every day. Members in 3

[of our] families have been tested positive and they with their families and friends are now isolated from the community. I have distributed emergency food to the families as they have no funds and no government help."



If you can offer monetary help, it would be so much appreciated. Sue is acting as the collector for any gifts that you can make. You can contact her, either directly or through the Magazine contact.

Jenalyn says, *"Thank you for your prayers, gifts and love, they help us so much. Please pray for us for strength and courage, for the funds needed and God's power for the emergency food plans and for protection of all the families in Area 4 and for all Jigsaw staff and their families too. God be with us all."*

Cononley Singers

Just a little note to say we are still not rehearsing but have a quiz on the Wednesday night to keep in touch but can't wait to meet face to face. We are having a break during August but will be back together in September to quiz but no idea when we can get back to normal.

Cononley Art Group

We are keeping in touch with WhatsApp and looking at each other's paintings but it will be lovely to see each other again.

Killer "Change" Sudoku

Some of the "changes" that we ring sound particularly musical and we give them names. An obvious one is "rounds"; 12345678. Other well known ones are 13572468, 15263748, 12563478 or 12753468.

Try playing them on a keyboard!

The clues for this Sudoku are the small numbers that equal the total of the numbers you place in the (dashed) cages. Numbers cannot repeat within cages. Standard Sudoku rules apply (each 3x3 box, every row & every column must contain the numbers 1-9). When complete the highlighted squares, read clockwise from one of the highlighted squares, will be one of the musical changes shown above. You don't need to work out what the change is to solve the puzzle, but it will make it easier if you do.

14			10		12	15	13	
18	18						6	10
			7	14	10			
6	7				8	17	14	
	15		11	17				3
17					8	11		
12	4	12				20		
		17	13	8	15			
8						15		

Sudan Link picture calendar - September



To me this is such a powerful picture. I'm mesmerised by the hard worn hands of this labourer. In truth when you visit Sudan you don't normally see hands like this. The men who labour travel far for work and are often away from home, out of sight.

In the Nuba Mountain countryside this man would have tilled his own small holding, self-employed, providing for his family, building his house and granary. Displaced by years of war and rapacious government grabbing of agricultural land, denied the simple cultural life of the Nuba, he journeys round the cities looking for casual labour work, unskilled and ill-fitted for urban life.

He is one of the poor.

The distance between me and this man is massive, the blatant division between the privileged and the disinherited. Ignored and overlooked by the tide of life, yet it is around this man that the sign of the new covenant is written. The oppressed, the helpless – the good news is for such as these (Lk 4:18), the blessing of sharing in God's reign (Lk 6:20). Labourers like this man cannot defend themselves and are casually abused, but there is One who will demand justice for him, treat him as a valued son, and pour out love and compassion on him.

Poverty is not a good thing. Jesus would never have called blest a state where people live in slums and have not enough to eat, where health rots because conditions are against it. He calls us to be part of making his kingdom present now. Not for ever will the hope of the poor come to nothing (Psa 9:18). He will satisfy the poor with bread (Psa 132:15). Yes, Lord: your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.

The Birds in Your Garden



photo © Pete Curran

As everyone knows, Cuckoo numbers in the UK have dropped by more than half over the last 20 years or so, albeit with marked regional variations.

When did you last hear one calling? If it was this year, you were lucky. I

haven't heard one here on the edge of York for two years, which seems typical of the groups to whom I (used to!) talk all over N Yorkshire.

There is little evidence that this is due to reduced numbers of young Cuckoos being produced, so what is the problem?

Back in 2011 the BTO took advantage of what was then leading-edge technology and fitted a dozen Cuckoos with GPS location tags. These allowed them to be followed throughout their migration, to within a few hundred yards. Since then around 80 birds have been tagged giving a good idea of where UK Cuckoos migrate to, and how they get there and back. Equally important, is the knowledge of where they die, whether en route, here, or on their wintering grounds.

One of the first discoveries was that there are two main migration routes, one via Italy and the other via Spain, which was completely unexpected. Not only that, but Cuckoos migrating via Spain were more likely to die en route than those migrating via Italy. Further, there was good correlation to show that birds using the Spanish route came from the UK region where they are most in decline, England.

The tags have identified several stopover areas where birds can feed-up to gather energy for the next stage. These are absolutely vital, as without

enough food to generate the necessary energy, migration cannot happen. One such is near the River Po in Italy, an important fattening site for British Cuckoos, allowing them to cross the Mediterranean, and then the Sahara.

UK Cuckoos spend the winter in Central Africa, mainly in and around the Congo rainforest, and in similar habitats as far south as Angola. These habitats have not yet been extensively cleared and, as the Cuckoos prefer forest edges rather than unbroken forest, a degree of opening up may benefit them. Without knowing which habitats they occupied in the past, however, it is difficult to be certain.

In spring, our Cuckoos use a different return route, crossing the Sahara from previously unknown stop-over sites in West Africa, where favourable weather patterns provide suitably rich food for them to fatten up. It was thought that they crossed the Sahara in one mammoth flight from their wintering locations all the way to North Africa, or southern Europe, so this stop-over, and the dogleg migration into West Africa that its use entails, were completely unexpected.

Understanding more about the location of stop-over sites is another crucial part of the conservation of this species. Cuckoos and Swifts – which make a similar spring migration — are both undergoing severe population declines and are also failing to advance their spring arrival dates in the UK. Possibly because the weather pattern in their West African stopover is not advancing as is that in Europe.

The project continues, and the arrival of cheaper tags (the current ones cost well over £1000) will help. Short-term studies can give misleading results – for example the habitats Cuckoos used in the Congo basin during the first two years are not the same habitats used now.

Tagging more birds, over a longer time, will give the BTO enough data to examine how survival varies as environmental conditions change. Similarly, the sample of birds tracked on spring migration will soon be large enough to work out how they time their arrival back in the UK.

If you would like to know more, and follow the birds on their migration, try https://www.bto.org/our-science/projects/cuckoo-tracking-project?curr_year=2020

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)

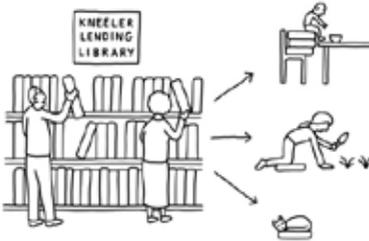
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THE KNEELERS

HOW THEY ARE BEING USED DURING THE PANDEMIC

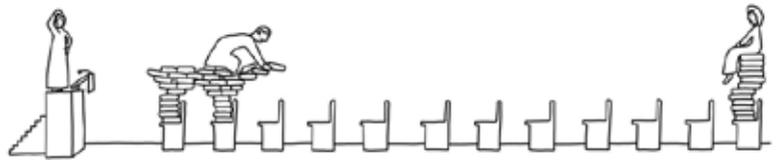
SOME WERE LENT OUT BEFORE THE START OF LOCKDOWN



A FEW WERE PILFERED
(VERY TRICKY TO DETECT)



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Deadlines

Please note next month's revised deadline!

The next edition would normally be published on October 1st but that won't be possible.

Rather than publishing very late, we will try to have the magazine ready for 24th September so...

The deadline for the October edition is

Friday 18th September

Please let us have your material at least by then (but earlier is better!)

Thanks to Theresa Clark for another cover photo and to John Lancaster for the image of Bradley on the Prayer Page.

***We are running out of cover photos!
Have you got any pictures of the Pinnacle
- particularly ones suitable for the winter months?***

