

**The Parish of
Swaledale with Arkengarthdale**

PARISH NEWSLETTER



December 2007 & January 2008

St. Andrew's, Grinton

St. Mary's Arkengarthdale

St. Mary's, Muker

Holy Trinity, Low Row

From the Vicarage

In his poem, 'Christmas', John Betjeman wrote these well known words:

*And is it true? And is it true?
This most tremendous tale of all,
Seen in a stained glass window's hue,
A Baby in an ox's stall?
The Maker of the stars and seas
Became a Child on earth for me?*

This is the great truth that we celebrate at this time of year – that God, in his great love, came in the person of Jesus Christ, and lived in our world. He was born a dependent child, and grew up and experienced many of the things that we know.

When Simeon, an old man in the Temple, saw this child, he said, 'here is the one who will be a light for the whole world and the glory of his own people, Israel.' (see Luke chapter 2) This child was the fulfilment of the hopes of generations of Jewish people, and he would also live and die to bring the light of God to the whole world. The Bible teaches that it is through this Christmas child, Jesus, that we can know forgiveness, peace and a relationship with the living God. May you and your loved ones know the love and light of Jesus in your homes and lives this Christmas and into 2008.

Caroline

From the Registers – October & November 2007

Baptism

4/11 Jake Davies Smith Holy Trinity, Low Row

Funeral

19/10 John Charles Woodward Grinton cemetery

Apologies that this list had disappeared – it will be a regular feature again in future newsletters.

Parish Notice Board

Grinton

Saturday 22 December – Reeth Brass Band Concert, 7.30pm at St. Andrew’s.

Saturday 19 January – Cheese and Wine, Traidcraft and Tombola – 7.30pm at Cogden Hall. £5 ticket includes a glass of wine. All welcome. Contact Susan Allison (884366) for more information.

Tuesday 22 January – 7.30pm, DCC meeting at The Vicarage

Muker

Saturday 1 December – Swale Singers Concert - Bach Christmas Oratorio – 7.30pm, St. Mary’s, Muker, £6 (includes a drink.)

Arkengarthdale

Friday 21st December – Grand Christmas Concert with the Parish Choir and Leyburn Band Popular music for the season. A good way to start Christmas. ALL proceeds in aid of Church funds.

Monday 28 January – 7.45pm, DCC Meeting at Arkle Town

Low Row

Many thanks to everyone who contributed in any way to the church coffee morning held at Barney Top on 3rd November. This raised £608.75 for church funds.

United Parish News & Dates for your diary

Meals on Wheels

Volunteers are needed to deliver Meals on Wheels in and around Reeth. If you are interested in helping, please contact Pauline Oldershaw on 886790

Christmas Family Party, 2pm, 27 December – Puppet Show, Carols, games & tea in Muker Public Hall. All families with primary aged children welcome. No charge, but we will ask for a donation. Please let us know (Vicarage, 884706) if you are planning to come, for catering purposes.

The PCC has set up a Mission and Outreach Fund, so that we can continue to arrange church activities and events for children and families in the Parish. To contribute to this fund, please contact the Treasurer, Ray Ford on 886509 and to help with events, contact the Vicar on 884706.

Swaledale Christian Council

Lent Meetings 2008

Everyone is welcome to attend some or all of these meetings.

The Life of the People of God

Wednesday 13 February

People of Unity (1 Corinthians 12: 12-20)

Arkengarthdale Methodist Chapel

Wednesday 20 February

People of Hospitality (Hebrews 13:1-2)

Low Row URC

Wednesday 27 February

People of Peace (2 Corinthians 5:18-20)

St. Mary's, Muker

Wednesday 5 March

People of Justice (1 Peter 2:9)

Reeth Methodist Chapel

Wednesday 12 March

People of Heaven (Philippians 3:20)

Fremington Sunday School

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 5 December – Christian Heritage Meeting at Reeth Methodist Chapel.

Sunday 9 December – Christmas at Marrick Priory – Food and Entertainment, proceeds to support the work of The Priory – All welcome, £6.50 on the door.

Sunday 13 January – Covenant Service at Arkengarthdale Methodist Chapel. All are welcome to join in this special service.

Sunday 20 January - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service, 2pm at Keld URC.

SERVICES IN THE PARISH

December 2007

Sunday 2 December Advent 1

9.15am Muker Eucharist

11.00am Low Row Eucharist

6.00pm Grinton Evening Prayer BCP

Tuesday 4 December

7pm Muker Compline

Wednesday 5 December

10.00am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 9 December Advent 2

9.30am Grinton Eucharist

11.15am Arkengarthdale Holy Communion BCP

4pm/6pm Muker Crib Service

Wednesday 12 December

10.00am Grinton Eucharist & prayers for healing

Friday 14 December

2pm Ecumenical Christingle Service at St. Andrew's, Grinton

Sunday 16 December Advent 3

9.15am Muker Holy Communion BCP

11.00am Low Row Eucharist

6.30pm Arkengarthdale joint Carol Service at Methodist Church.

Tuesday 18 December

7pm Arkengarthdale Compline

Wednesday 19 December

10.00am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 23 December Advent 4

8.00am Low Row Holy Communion BCP

9.30am Grinton Eucharist

11.15am Arkengarthdale Holy Communion BCP

Monday 24 December Christmas Eve

6pm Low Row Village Carol Service

11.30pm Holy Communion BCP, St. Mary's Arkengarthdale

11.30pm Eucharist, St. Andrew's, Grinton

Tuesday 25 December Christmas Day

9.00am Muker, Eucharist

10am Low Row, Eucharist

Wednesday 26 December Boxing Day
There will be no midweek service today

Thursday 27 December
2pm Muker Public Hall - Christmas Family Party – Puppet Show, Carols & Afternoon Tea.
6.30pm Muker, 9 Lessons & Carols with Muker Silver Band

Sunday 30 December First Sunday of Christmas
10.30am United Parish Eucharist at Muker, followed by a Bring and Share lunch in Muker Public Hall. *Everyone is welcome, please bring a plate of finger food to share.*

January 2008

Tuesday 2 January
7pm Muker Compline

Wednesday 3 January
10.00am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 6 January Epiphany
9.15am Muker Eucharist
11.00am Low Row Eucharist
6.00pm Grinton Evening Prayer BCP

Wednesday 9 January
10.00am Grinton Eucharist & prayers for healing

Sunday 13 January Epiphany 2
9.30am Grinton Eucharist
11.15am Arkengarthdale Holy Communion BCP
2.30pm Covenant Service at Arkengarthdale Methodist Chapel.
6pm Muker Family Service

Tuesday 15 January
7pm Arkengarthdale Compline

Wednesday 16 January
10.00am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

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Sunday 27 January Epiphany 4
8.00am Low Row Holy Communion BCP
9.30am Grinton Eucharist
11.15am Arkengarthdale Holy Communion BCP

Wednesday 30 January
10.00am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

Saturday 2 February
7.30pm - Candlemas Procession and Eucharist at Ripon Cathedral -
Please let the Vicar know if you would like to go to this, so that
transport can be arranged.

Sunday 3 February Candlemas/Presentation of Christ
9.15am Muker Eucharist
11.00am Low Row Eucharist
6.00pm Grinton Evening Prayer BCP

continued below...

Church Officers

Clergy

Revd. Caroline Hewlett, The Vicarage, Reeth DL11 6TR

Church Wardens of the Parish

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Mr. R. Court

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Mr. N. Guy

Mr. R.G. Tyler

Parochial Church Council

Secretary: Mrs. J. Graveson

Treasurer: Mr. R.I. Ford

Newsletter

Newsletter donations

This newsletter is distributed free of charge, but there is, of course, a cost to produce it. If you would like to make a contribution towards the production, please give your donation to your newsletter distributor, or to a church treasurer. A suggested amount would be £3 for the year. Thank you!

This is *your* Parish Newsletter and all contributions and general news items are welcome. Letters and comment on events can be included. The deadline for all notices and items for the next Newsletter is Saturday 12th January. Please send items for publication in writing (handwritten, typed or email) to ensure correct spellings of names and details.

Contact:- Revd. Caroline Hewlett,
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Please note that the Vicar's day off is Friday.