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NEWSLETTER

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 February/March edition is Monday 18 February. Please send items for publication in writing (handwritten, typed or email) to ensure correct spelling of names and details.

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Please note that the Vicar's day off is Friday.

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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From the Vicarage

I am writing this the day after the Church of England General Synod failed to approve the legislation to allow women to become bishops. This was a surprise to some, and baffling to others.

On a world scale, this is the day that Israel and Gaza stopped throwing bombs at each other and declared a ceasefire, after days of bombardment and more than 150 people dead.

Sometimes we look at our world and wonder where God is and what will happen next. This applies in our own lives too, when things seem hard, and there appears to be no way to change a situation.

Christian faith can offer us a way. We are approaching Christmas, when we remember that Jesus came to live among us, to be just as we are, and to experience all that we know in life.

At Christmas services we will hear of Jesus, that 'the light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it.' (John 1:5)

A Chinese proverb reminds us that 'it is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness.' This can be a call to prayer for us; if you do not have the words to pray, light a candle, and know that God is present. *Emmanuel*, a name given to Jesus, meaning God is with us, is the promise of the season that we are about to celebrate.

Wishing you a blessed Advent and a Happy Christmas,

Caroline

From the Registers

Baptisms

There are no baptisms to report since the last newsletter

Marriages

29 September	Benjamin Speight & Helen Haggie	Grinton
13 October	Phillip Carney & Sarah Jenkinson	Arkengarthdale
13 October	Andrew Guy & Mary Bell	Muker
10 November	Roger Billingham & Victoria Hendry	Arkengarthdale

Funerals

25 September	Mary Charlotte Hall	Arkengarthdale
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PARISH NOTICE BOARD & DIARY DATES

Saturday 1 December - **St Andrew's Day Lunch** at Fremington Sunday School. 12 noon for 12.30pm start. All welcome. Donations for St. George's Crypt. Contact Susan Allison on 884366 to book a place.

A representative is coming from **St. George's Crypt** to this lunch. We are collecting bin bags (black sacks), instant coffee and sugar for them - please put your contribution in the boxes at the back of churches or drop them at the Vicarage.

Sunday 2 December, 7pm - **Christmas event at Marrick Priory**. Tickets and information from Peggy Purver (886400). Minibus transport from Reeth to the Priory. All welcome to support the Priory's work with young people.

SERVICES IN THE PARISH : DECEMBER 2012 / JANUARY 2013

Key: *Holy Communion BCP* is a service from the Book of Common Prayer. *Eucharist* is a Common Worship service (modern language)

DECEMBER 2012

Sunday 2 December

9.15am	Muker	Eucharist
11am	Low Row	Eucharist
6pm	Grinton	Evening Prayer BCP
7pm	Christmas Evening at Marrick Priory	

First Sunday of Advent

Wednesday 5 December

10am	Grinton	Holy Communion BCP
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This service is in the lounge at Quaker Close Flats, and everyone is welcome

Sunday 9 December

9.30am	Grinton	Eucharist
11.15am	Arkengarthdale	Holy Communion BCP
4pm	Muker	Crib Service

Advent 2

Tuesday 11 December

7pm	Muker	Compline
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Sunday 16 December

9.15am	Muker	Holy Communion BCP
11am	Low Row	Eucharist
6.30pm	Arkengarthdale United Carol Service at St. Mary's, A/K	

Advent 3

Wednesday 19 December

10am	Grinton	Holy Communion BCP
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Friday 21 December

1.30pm (NB new time) Joint Schools' Ecumenical Christingle Service, at St. Andrew's Grinton

Sunday 23 December

No 8am at Low Row		
9.30am	Grinton	Eucharist
11.15am	Arkengarthdale	Holy Communion BCP
8pm	Carols round the Tree on Reeth Green with Reeth Band	

Advent 4

Monday 24 December

6pm	Low Row	Village Carol Service at Low Row URC
10pm (note time)	Arkengarthdale	Holy Communion BCP
11.30pm	Grinton	Eucharist

Christmas Eve

Tuesday 25 December

9am	Muker	Eucharist
10.15am	Low Row	Eucharist

Christmas Day

Wednesday 26 December Boxing Day/St. Stephen

There will be no midweek service today

Thursday 27 December

6.30pm	Muker Carol Service with Muker Silver Band	
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Sunday 30 December

10.30am	United Parish Eucharist at St. Andrew's, Grinton, with Bishop John Packer to preach and preside	
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First Sunday of Christmas

JANUARY 2013

Wednesday 2 January

10am	Grinton	Holy Communion BCP
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This service is in the lounge at Quaker Close Flats, and everyone is welcome

Sunday 6 January

9.15am	Muker	Eucharist
11am	Low Row	Eucharist
6pm	Grinton	Evening Prayer BCP

Epiphany

Tuesday 8 January

7pm	Muker	Compline
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Wednesday 9 January

10am	Grinton	Holy Communion BCP
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Sunday 13 January

9.30am	Grinton	Eucharist
11.15am	Arkengarthdale	Holy Communion BCP
6pm	Muker	Evening Prayer

Baptism of Christ

Wednesday 16 January

10am	Grinton	Holy Communion BCP
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Sunday 20 January

9.15am	Muker	Holy Communion BCP
11am	Low Row	Eucharist

There will be no evening service at Arkengarthdale

Epiphany 3

Wednesday 23 January

10am	Grinton	Holy Communion
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Thursday 24 January

7.30pm Service for The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at Reeth Methodist Church

Sunday 27 January

There will be no 8am service today		
9.30am	Grinton	Eucharist
11.15am	Arkengarthdale	Holy Communion BCP

Epiphany 4

Wednesday 30 January

10am	Grinton	Holy Communion BCP
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Sunday 3 February

9.15am	Muker	Eucharist
11am	Low Row	Eucharist
6pm	Grinton	Evening Prayer BCP

Candlemas

Wednesday 6 February

10am	Grinton	Holy Communion
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Sunday 2 December, 6pm - **Swale Singers' Christmas Concert** in Reeth Methodist Chapel. Hugh Bowman will conduct a variety of music, including Britten's "Ceremony of Carols" with harp accompaniment.

Monday 3 December, 7.30pm - **Grinton DCC meeting** at the Vicarage

Tuesday 4 December, 7.30pm - **PCC meeting** at The Buck Hotel

Friday 14 December, 6pm - **Arkengarthdale School Christmas play** at St. Mary's Church

Friday 21 December, 1.30pm (NB New time) **Joint Schools' Christingle Service** at St. Andrew's, Grinton

Sat 22 Dec - **St Andrew's Christmas flowers** for church at Cogden Hall at 10.30am and greenery in church to follow.

Thursday 27 December, 6.30pm - **Muker Carol Service** with Muker Silver Band

Sunday 30 December- there will be one service in the parish today, a **10.30am Eucharist at Grinton, with Bishop John** coming to preach and preside

Thursday 24 January, 7.30pm - **Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** at Reeth Methodist Church. All welcome.

Monday 28 January, 7.30pm - **Standing Committee meeting** at The Vicarage (to agree AWC numbers)

Tuesday 29 January, - **Muker DCC meeting** at Armsleigh

Wednesday 30 January, 7.30pm - **Swaledale Christian Council meeting** at Fremington Sunday School

Lent meetings 2013 - These begin on Tuesday 19 February with a meeting at Fremington Sunday School. Each session will begin at 7.30pm. Full details of the programme and venues will be available soon on leaflets and the website, and will also appear in the next newsletter.

The Library at Hudson House

For books taken out from 1st December, the borrowing period will be increased from two to three weeks. Winter opening times are 10am to 3pm.

SOLD OUT! Holy Trinity Christmas cards designed by **Carolyn Stevenson** have been a sell out! Many thanks to Carolyn, to Ray and to all who purchased. The window appeal benefitted by just over £500.

Posada at Holy Trinity, Low Row (as featured in the December edition of *The Dalesman*) - Mary and Joseph (NB crib figures) will be seeking shelter in Melbecks Parish during December. If you would like to offer hospitality, please ring Christine (886509) or Joan (886470).

