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NEWSLETTER

This is *your* Parish Newsletter and all contributions and general news items are welcome. The deadline for all notices and items for the **June/July** newsletter is 5pm on Monday 18 May. Please send items for publication in writing (handwritten, typed or email) to ensure correct spelling of names and details.

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St. Mary's, Arkengarthdale
St. Mary's, Muker
Holy Trinity, Low Row**

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This month's letter comes from Sian Lawton, our placement student:

It feels a little strange to be writing "The Vicar's letter" and a little strange that my time here in Swaledale has come to an end. First of all, let me say thank you to all those who have shown me great hospitality (for that read lots of tea and cake) whilst I have been on this placement. Let me also say thank you that you have allowed me to explore what ministry looks like and feels like in a deeply rural context.

Although it sounds like a passé statement I have enjoyed every single minute of my time here with you. I have been pushed out of my comfort zone on several occasions which has helped me to grow not only as a person but also in a ministerial context. I have learnt new skills - who ever thought I would learn how to patchwork on a parish placement? I have learnt how to deal with surprises, like men looking in through the church windows with shotguns whilst I was preaching. But most of all I have learnt that deeply rural ministry is about community and our relationship with God in the ordinary changing seasons of life.

So as I leave you all to carry on my journey, I leave you to start a new "season" of the parish life as you welcome Alison your new curate in July. Once again I thank you all for a wonderful experience

Blessing and Prayers,

Siân

From the Registers

There were no Weddings in the months from January to March

Baptisms

8 March	Tamsyn Janet Stephenson	Arkengarthdale
8 March	Felix Raymond Roy	Arkengarthdale

Funerals

7 Feb	Jean Taylor	Arkengarthdale
18 Feb	Andrea Kitchener	Darlington Crematorium
4 March	Keith Duxbury	Grinton
10 March	Cicelie (Anne) Restieaux	Darlington Crematorium
12 March	Baby Gaddass	Darlington Crematorium
24 March	Alan Millen	Darlington Crematorium

Notice Board and Dates for your Diary:

Saturday 11 April, 2-4pm - **Forest Church** in Grinton Churchyard, on the theme, *Water, Wind & Fire*. All welcome, come dressed for the outdoors.

Sunday 12 April, 3pm - **Reeth Brass Band in concert in St Andrews Church Grinton**. There will be a retiring collection to fund future developments in the church.

Saturday 18 April - 10.30am-3pm in Grinton Churchyard - **Grinton Conservation Project Willow Weaving Day**. For information or to book a place, please contact Susan Allison on 884366

Wednesday 22 April, 7.30pm - Annual Parochial Church Meeting at Fremington Sunday School. This is for PCC members, everyone on the Parish Electoral Roll, and all regular worshippers. Please make the effort to be there as we look ahead together. Our speaker will be Heather Naylor, who lives in Reeth, and who has worked for Oxfam and other NGOs abroad.

SERVICES IN THE PARISH : APRIL and MAY 2015

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

APRIL

Wednesday 1 April

10am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

This service is in the lounge at Quaker Close Flats, all welcome

Thursday 2 April Maundy Thursday

7.30pm - Tenebrae Service at Holy Trinity, Low Row

Tenebrae is Latin for 'shadows' or 'darkness.' The service marks the darkness of Maundy Thursday with a series of readings and music and the extinguishing of candles.

Friday 3 April Good Friday

Good Friday Walk from 9am. See details in this newsletter and on the parish website.

Saturday 4 April Easter Eve

8.45pm A Service of Light (Easter Vigil) at St. Andrew's, Grinton. This service begins around a fire in the churchyard, and includes renewing our baptism promises.

Sunday 5 April Easter

9.15am Muker Eucharist

9.30am Grinton Eucharist

11am Low Row Eucharist

11.15am Arkengarthdale Holy Communion BCP

Wednesday 8 April

No service today

Sunday 12 April 2nd Sunday of Easter

9.30am Grinton Eucharist

11.15am Arkengarthdale Holy Communion BCP

6pm Muker Evening Prayer - this will be a lay led service

Tuesday 14 April

9pm Muker - Compline Service

Wednesday 15 April

10am Grinton - BCP Morning Prayer - lay led

Sunday 19 April 3rd Sunday of Easter

9.15am Muker Eucharist

11am Low Row Eucharist

6.30pm Arkengarthdale Evening Prayer BCP

Wednesday 22 April

10am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 26 April 4th Sunday of Easter

8am Low Row Holy Communion BCP

9.30am Grinton Eucharist

11.15am Arkengarthdale Holy Communion BCP

Wednesday 29 April

10am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

MAY

Sunday 3 May

5th Sunday of Easter

9.15am Muker Eucharist

No service at Holy Trinity today. Instead, you are invited to join us at 10.30am at Low Row URC, for the Smarber Weekend Service

6pm Grinton Evening Prayer BCP

Wednesday 6 May

10am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

This service is in the lounge at Quaker Close Flats, all welcome

Thursday 7 May

7.30pm Service for Christian Aid Week at Gunnerside Methodist Church. All welcome.

Sunday 10 May

6th Sunday of Easter

9.30am Grinton Eucharist

11.15am Arkengarthdale Holy Communion BCP

6pm Muker Evening Prayer

Tuesday 12 May

9pm Muker - Compline Service

Wednesday 13 May

No service today - transferred to Thursday for Ascension Day

Thursday 14 May

Ascension Day

10am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 17 May 7th Sunday of Easter/Sunday after Ascension

9.15am Muker Holy Communion BCP

11am Low Row Eucharist. We welcome the Salto vocale choir, from Heidelberg to take part in our worship today

6.30pm Arkengarthdale Evening Prayer BCP

Wednesday 20 May

10am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 24 May

Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

8am Low Row Holy Communion BCP

9.30am Grinton Eucharist

11.15am Arkengarthdale Holy Communion BCP

Wednesday 27 May

10am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 31 May

Trinity Sunday

10.30am at Holy Trinity, Low Row - United Parish Eucharist and Trinity Sunday celebration. Lawrence Moore, Director of the URC Windermere Centre, will be our preacher.

Monday 4 May, 2pm – Arkengarthdale Duck Race from Langthwaite Bridge. Duck numbers available from members of the congregation and in local shops.

Tuesday 5 May, 7.30pm Archdeacon's Visitation at St. Matthew's, Leyburn – This is the annual relicensing of Churchwardens. Everyone is welcome.

Wednesday 6 May, 7.30pm - Christians Together in Swaledale (formerly 'Swaledale Christian Council') AGM at Fremington Village Hall. All welcome.

Sunday 10 May, 2-4pm – Forest Church in Grinton Churchyard, on the theme, *Bread and Wine*. All welcome, come dressed for the outdoors.

Monday 11 May, 7pm – Low Row DCC meeting in Church.

Thursday 14 May, 7.30pm – Deanery Ascension Day Service at Easby Abbey. All welcome, please bring a chair.

Bank Holiday Monday 25 May, - Car Boot Sale for St. Andrew's Church, held on the Parks Field, Grinton by kind permission of the Brown family. Boots: £8, Admission: 50p. Open to buyers from 9am (Please note that no professional traders will be allowed on the field) Contact Susan Allison on 884366 for further details.

Prayer Group – This meets monthly for a breakfast prayer time. We can offer **A Week of Guided Prayer** to anyone who would like to participate. To experience it for the first time, or have a "top up", please contact Lee (884473) or Joan (886470).

**LINDA BAINES TO LEAD GOOD FRIDAY WALK.
3rd APRIL 2015 GOOD FRIDAY WALK via the Corpse Way.**

Christians Together in Swaledale are pleased to announce that Linda has agreed to be the 'spiritual leader' of this year's walk. She will guide us through some moments of reflection during the pauses in the walk. So who is Linda? - She is lover of the outdoors who also happens to be the wife of the Anglican Bishop of the newly created diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales.

How did it come about? - A bit of bare-faced cheek! After the inauguration service of "Bishop Nick" at Ripon Cathedral, he and Linda were greeting the members of the congregation as they filed out. We took the opportunity to refresh personally an invitation we had made to the bishop's office. Not surprisingly the bishop had commitments in the enlarged diocese, but Linda volunteered!

All are invited to take part, for all or some of the route - children most welcome.

8.00 am Assemble for pre-booked Communal Transport at Grinton Church
8.10 am Transport leaves for Keld
8.55 am Assemble at Keld URC for safety chat.
9.00 am Short Service at Keld URC; leave 9.10 am
10.30 am Service at St. Mary's Muker, leave 11 am
12.30 pm Gunnerside Methodist Church - lunch stop.
1.10 pm Short Service at Gunnerside Methodist Church
1.25 pm Assemble and off!!
2.45 pm Isles Bridge
3.30 pm Low Whita Bridge
5.00 pm Arrive Grinton (Hot X buns!!!)
5.30 pm Service in St. Andrew's Grinton
Total mileage – 12.5 miles

Brief stops to complete the readings of the Stations of the Cross are interspersed with the formal timed stops.

Strong footwear and waterproof clothing are recommended. Dogs are welcome. To protect stock and also for the safety of the walkers **DOGS MUST BE KEPT ON LEADS AT ALL TIMES.**

The organisers will lead the walk; however participants are responsible for their own safety. If the weather is really bad the services will take place as advertised, but there will be no organised walk.

PLEASE NOTE TIMES AT GRINTON, KELD and GUNNERSIDE.

For transport up or down the dale, please book a place.
Tel. Steve and Anne Ingham - 01748 886738 or email opa.x2@hotmail.co.uk (there will be a small charge for transport).

**A Hike – A Pilgrimage – A Procession of Witness
The Stations of the Cross**