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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 August/September Newsletter is Monday 13 July. Please send items for publication in writing (handwritten, typed or email) to ensure correct spelling of names and details.

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# The Parish of Swaledale with Arkengarthdale

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

JUNE- JULY 2015



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

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**This month, in place of a letter, we hear from Patsy Tyler about an experience that led to poetry:**

The poem that follows was written during a retreat in April. The focus was *Prayer*, in the context of *A Benedictine Experience*, with sessions to study and discuss the Benedictine vows of *Stability*, *Conversion of Life* and *Obedience*.

During free time on the first full day, I attempted to write a poem incorporating what had been learned about *Stability*, but the poem refused to be constricted by a carefully pre-planned rigid structure. It was only when I let go of the need for control and listened attentively to the heart that the poem emerged in its present form, carrying with it a message that spoke so strongly to the other participants that they insisted on taking copies home. Some asked for permission to include it in their parish magazines, and I was urged to submit it for this newsletter.

Surprisingly, over the next two days, it became clear that all three vows are intricately woven together and that the nature of all three is contained within the poem. In effect, through writing the poem and dealing with the inner conflicts that arose when asked to part with it, I was gifted invaluable experience of those vows, (which I now understand to be the very qualities essential to life in Christ), and the opportunity graciously to share with others.

## STABILITY

Christ set me free,  
And built a sturdy base to rest upon;  
That could withstand whatever life would send.  
But when Life called,  
I met Him with a handstand;  
And when I fell,  
I wondered what it was that I'd done wrong!

He didn't say – although He could have done –  
'You silly girl, why don't you listen?  
I've taught you everything  
That you should need to journey on:  
I don't expect habitual reaction;  
What I command is living, giving action from the heart in  
Love.'

No. What my Lord said was:  
'You are my Beloved –  
My Love is yours forever; night and day.  
Just learn the meaning of stability:  
Stand firm in Faith; just persevere; and  
Let Life be what Life will be.

And if you fall,  
It will be I that picks you up again,  
And puts you back upon  
More steady feet;  
But you won't always know it's me that lifted you –  
Unless, of course,  
You see My eyes in everyone you meet!

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## SERVICES IN THE PARISH : JUNE and JULY 2015

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

### JUNE

#### Wednesday 3 June

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

#### Sunday 7 June 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity

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

#### Wednesday 10 June

10am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

#### Sunday 14 June 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity

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

#### Wednesday 17 June

10am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

#### Sunday 21 June 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity

9.15am Muker Holy Communion BCP  
11am Low Row Eucharist  
*No evening service today - Parish visit to Ripon Cathedral. See details in this newsletter.*

#### Wednesday 24 June

10am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

#### Sunday 28 June 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

8am Low Row Holy Communion BCP  
9.30am Grinton Eucharist  
11.15am Arkengarthdale Holy Communion BCP

### JULY

#### Wednesday 1 July

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

#### Sunday 5 July 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

9.15am Muker Holy Communion BCP  
11am Low Row Eucharist

**5pm - Welcome service for Rev Alison Stewart Smith at St. Andrew's Grinton**

#### Wednesday 8 July

10am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

#### Sunday 12 July 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

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

#### Wednesday 15 July

10am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

#### Sunday 19 July 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

9.15am Muker Holy Communion BCP  
11am Low Row Eucharist  
6.30pm Arkengarthdale Evening Prayer BCP

#### Wednesday 22 July

10am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

#### Sunday 26 July 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

8am Low Row Holy Communion BCP  
9.30am Grinton Eucharist  
11.15am Arkengarthdale Holy Communion BCP

#### Wednesday 29 July

10am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

#### Sunday 2 August 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

9.15am Muker Holy Communion BCP  
11am Low Row Eucharist

**2-4pm Forest Church at Grinton with our friends from the Methodist Church. All are warmly invited to join in this circuit event.**

### From the Registers

#### Baptisms

17 May Martha Batty Low Row

#### Marriages

There were no weddings in April or May

#### Funerals

28 April Mrs Kirk Grinton

9 May Mary Coates Arkengarthdale

### PARISH NOTICE BOARD

Saturday 6 June - from 1 pm - **Arkengarthdale Sports Day** at Langthwaite

Wednesday 10 June, 7.30pm - **Standing Committee** at The Vicarage.

Friday 12 June - **Parish Cake Stall** on Reeth Market, organised by St. May's, Muker

Saturday 13 June, 10.30am - **Grinton Conservation Group** - meeting in the churchyard.

Monday 15 June, 7.30pm - **Grinton DCC** at The Vicarage

Tuesday 16 June, 7.30pm - **PCC meeting** at the Buck Hotel

Sunday 21 June - **Parish Visit to Ripon Cathedral**. We are invited to a guided tour of the Cathedral at 3pm, and to take part in Evensong at 6pm. Please let the vicar know if you would like a lift or can offer a lift. All are welcome.

Monday 22 June, 7.45pm - **Arkengarthdale DCC** at Mill Cottage

Friday 26 June, 7pm - **QUIZ NIGHT** at **Fremington Sunday School with Quiz Master Derek Pollard**. Teams of up to six people. £10 per person includes light supper and a free glass of wine. For more details contact Dorothy Beal 01748 880146. Proceeds to St Andrews Church, Grinton

### Welcoming our New Curate

Saturday 4 July, 3pm - **Ordination of Alison Stewart Smith at Ripon Cathedral**. You are welcome to come to this service, and you do not need a ticket.

Sunday 5 July, 5pm - **Welcome Service at St. Andrew's, Grinton for Rev Alison Stewart Smith**. This will be followed by tea and cake. Please let the vicar know if you can offer some baking for this event.

Wednesday 8 July, 7.30pm - **Christians Together in Swaledale** meeting at Keld URC. This is an open group and all are welcome to the meetings.

Friday 10 July - **Parish Cake Stall** on Reeth Market, organised by St. Andrew's, Grinton

Saturday 11 July, 10.30am - **Grinton Conservation Group** - meeting in the churchyard. All welcome.

Friday 17 July - **Bric-a-Brac stall for Christian Aid on Reeth Green**. Contributions for the stall are welcome. If you would like any items collected please ring Susan Allison on 884366 or Pauline on 886790

Monday 20 July, 1.30pm - **Arkengarthdale School Leavers' Assembly** in St. Mary's Church.

Saturday 1 August, 10-4 - **Woolly Day at St. Andrew's, Grinton** - spinning, weaving, crafts, refreshments etc. All welcome.