

**The Parish of
Swaledale with Arkengarthdale**

PARISH NEWSLETTER

June / July 2007

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

From the Vicarage

Fair Trade Begins at Home

Many of us are familiar with the **Fairtrade** mark, and try to buy Fairtrade products when we go shopping. The Fairtrade website explains its history:



'The first Fairtrade label was launched in 1988 in the Netherlands and applied only to coffee. It was a specific response to the collapse of the world coffee price, which fell for some years to far less than the cost of production, and led to much suffering for coffee farmers and their families.'

Today, Fairtrade standards are set for a range of commodities from the developing world including tea, sugar and cocoa. The standards include a Fairtrade price that covers the cost of production and a premium, which is invested in the local community.'

Buying fairly traded goods is a worthwhile, sustainable and practical way to support those who make their living from farming.

So far, Fairtrade has mainly operated in developing countries, but recently the problems that British farmers are facing have been highlighted. People are starting to ask the question, 'where is fair trade for farmers in Britain?'

In a 2006 report commissioned by Sir Don Curry, 86 per cent of consumers said they believe that Britain should be a farming nation, yet just 18 per cent buy British-produced food. This explains, then, why the number of dairy farmers has gone from nearly 200,000 some 50 years ago to just over 12,000 now. The number of hill farms has halved in a decade.

The *Farmers' Guardian*, Waitrose and *Country Living Magazine* have come together to campaign around this issue. One of their websites puts it like this:

'How many of us have made a cup of coffee, safe in the knowledge that a producer in Kenya has received a fair price for growing it, yet when we added the milk, didn't give a second thought to the farmer in the UK going under because he's getting less for his milk than it costs to produce? Surely it's time to apply fair trade principles to British farming?'

Here are some useful websites to inform your thinking, your action and your prayers on this issue:

www.fairtrade4britishfarmers.co.uk

www.whyfarmingmatters.co.uk

<http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/index.htm>

Farm Crisis Network: www.fcn.org.uk

Revd. Caroline Hewlett



What's Your Favourite Bible Verse and Why?

One person sent this reply:

Psalm 27: v 1

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

This can be used to give confidence in the face of anybody from beastly headmasters to Income Tax Inspectors making extraordinary demands for money that you never had!

Psalm 28:v7.

The Lord is my strength and my shield;

My heart trusted in him and I am helped;

Therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth;

and with my song will I praise him.

This speaks for itself from all the daily trials and tribulations of daily life: difficulties with children and grandchildren, with friends, with work, with whether or not to be a Churchwarden, with whether to support Red Cross or victims of torture. However trivial other people think your problems are when you need help there is one source of support and He will sort it out and through what human agency he chooses. We are often surprised where our help has come from and it often leads us into channels we'd never have opted to travel.

Please send your favourite verse and a sentence or two about it to Caroline at The Vicarage for the next newsletter. It can be anonymous if you wish. This will be an ongoing 'series'.

Parish Notice board

Grinton

Tuesday 24 July, 7.30pm - Grinton DCC meeting - in church

Muker

Tuesday 12 June - Muker DCC, 7.30pm, at Armsleigh

Arkengarthdale

Friday, 22nd June - Cake and Produce Stall, Reeth Market for St Mary's Church funds

Monday, 9th July - DCC meeting, Arkle Town, 7.45pm

Friday, 13th July - Cake and Produce Stall, Reeth Market for Parish funds

Low Row

On Trinity Sunday we will be joined at the service by a visiting choir from Germany. They introduce themselves:

'The Young Vocal Ensemble Neckargemünd developed from a choir at a Grammar school near Heidelberg. After University, a group of former students eager for music and especially singing, set about reviving their love for choral music. Under their former "school teacher and conductor" Ingo Schlüchtermann they established a project choir in the year 2000, for people aged 20 to 25, from all over Germany. The Ensemble comprises around 20 singers and works on choral literature for four voices in a wide range of different music styles. Their trip to the Yorkshire Dales will be their third concert tour and the opportunity of singing in one of the beautiful, ancient Dales churches fulfils the young musicians with cheerful anticipation.'

United Parish News

The parish '**Connections Group**' has been meeting to think about a logo for the parish and presentation of written material, as well as how the newsletter and other parish literature can receive wider circulation. They will report to the PCC shortly, so watch this space for news.

Our **Lambing Service** was well attended and enjoyed by all who came. Many thanks to the staff at Hazel Brow Farm for making it possible, and to Reeth and Muker bands, and the Parish Choir for the music.

Back to Church Sunday is September 30th this year. There will be a 5th Sunday United Parish service of Holy Communion at St. Mary's, Arkengarthdale at 10.30am and our preacher will be The Venerable Janet Henderson, our new Archdeacon.

Deanery Service

Sunday 24 June, 3pm, at Easby Abbey, with Bishop James preaching. All welcome.

Parish Cake Stalls

These will all be held on Reeth Green.

Friday 8 June	Grinton
Friday 13 July	Arkengarthdale
Friday 10 August	Muker
Friday 14 September	Melbecks

Dates for your diary

Monday 16 July, 7.30pm, Swaledale Christian Council meets at Arkengarthdale Methodist Chapel

Tuesday 17 July, 7.30pm, PCC meeting at Fremington Sunday School

July – Deanery Youth Weekend at Marrick Priory (for 10-18 year olds). Please phone The Vicarage for dates, more information or to book.

Services in the Parish

Sunday 3 June Trinity Sunday

9.15am Muker Eucharist

11.00am Low Row Eucharist (and Patronal festival)

**7.00pm Grinton Evening Prayer BCP*

Tuesday 5 June

9pm Muker Compline

Wednesday 6 June

10.00am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 10 June Trinity 1

9.30am Grinton Eucharist

11.15am Arkengarthdale Holy Communion BCP

6pm Muker Family Service

Wednesday 13 June

10.00am Grinton Eucharist & prayers for healing

Sunday 17 June Trinity 2

9.15am Muker Holy Communion BCP

11.00am Low Row Eucharist

6.30pm Arkengarthdale Evening Prayer BCP

Tuesday 19 June

9pm Arkengarthdale Compline

Wednesday 20 June

10.00am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 24 June Trinity 3 (The Birth of John the Baptist)

8.00am Low Row Holy Communion BCP

9.30am Grinton Eucharist

11.15am Arkengarthdale Holy Communion BCP

Wednesday 27 June

10.00am Grinton Eucharist

Sunday 1 July Trinity 4

9.15am Muker Eucharist

11.00am Low Row Eucharist

6.00pm Grinton Evening Prayer BCP

Tuesday 3 July

9pm Muker Compline

Wednesday 4 July

10.00am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 8 July Trinity 5

9.30am Grinton Eucharist

11.15am Arkengarthdale Holy Communion BCP

6pm Muker Family Service

Wednesday 11 July

10.00am Grinton Eucharist & prayers for healing

Sunday 15 July Trinity 6

9.15am Muker Holy Communion BCP

11.00am Low Row Eucharist

6.30pm Arkengarthdale Evening Prayer BCP

Tuesday 17 July

9pm Arkengarthdale Compline

Wednesday 18 July

10.00am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 22 July Trinity 7 (Mary Magdalene)

8.00am Low Row Holy Communion BCP

9.30am Grinton Eucharist

11.15am Arkengarthdale Holy Communion BCP

Wednesday 25 July

10.00am Grinton Eucharist

Sunday 29 July Trinity 8

10.30am United Parish Eucharist Grinton

Wednesday 1 August

10.00am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 5 August Trinity 9

9.15am Muker Eucharist

11.00am Low Row Eucharist

6.00pm Grinton Evening Prayer BCP

Church Officers

Clergy

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

Church Wardens of the Parish

Mrs. G. Atkinson

Mrs. L. Lowther

Mr. R. Court

Mrs. A.K. Bergin

Mr. N. Guy

Mr. R.G. Tyler

Parochial Church Council

Secretary: Mrs. J. Graveson

Treasurer: Mr. R.I. Ford

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 next Newsletter is Saturday 7 July. Please send items for publication in writing (handwritten, typed or email) to ensure correct spellings of names and details.

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