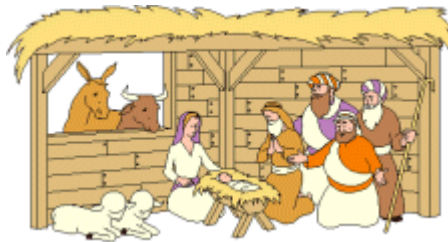


**The Parish of  
Swaledale with Arkengarthdale**

**PARISH NEWSLETTER**



December 2008 & January 2009



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

## From the Vicarage

My Advent reading for this year is *The Meaning is in the Waiting*, by Paula Gooder. You may recognise the title as a quote from the last line of R.S. Thomas' poem 'Kneeling', which talks about being still and meeting with God 'in a stone church in summer.'

The author writes, If we want to appreciate Advent fully we need to re-learn how to wait, to re-discover the art of savouring the future, of staying in the present and of finding meaning in the act of waiting.

She makes the point that actively waiting through Advent allows us to 'anticipate' Christmas properly, rather than rushing towards it from the moment the 'Back to School' displays come down and the tinsel appears in the shops, usually sometime in September.

Waiting, rather than being a waste of time, can be a creative and reflective experience. Taking time to appreciate the season of Advent for itself means that we can come to Christmas with fresh eyes. We can slow down and be still enough to full of wonder again at God's coming among us in his Son Jesus, the fulfilment of his promise in his perfect time.

Make time for the journey of Advent in small ways. One way is to read the Christmas story from the Bible, slowly, and then reflect on a verse or two through each day. Another way to mark Advent is in lighting a candle and saying a prayer each day, perhaps as you sit down to eat. These are modest beginnings, but will mark the journey. Advent will become richer and full of meaning, and Christmas will come, not as a rush, but as an eagerly awaited season of joy.

Wishing you and your loved ones the peace of Christ this Christmas,

Caroline

### From the Registers

#### Baptisms

26 October      Lily Hannah Richardson      Arkengarthdale

#### Thanksgiving

12 October      Mia Rose Hewitt Stubbs      Arkengarthdale

#### Funerals

15 October      Elizabeth (Lizzie) Hunter      Muker  
1 November      George Guy      Grinton

# Swaledale Christian Council Lent Meetings Programme 2009

'This is how I Pray'

Tuesday 3 March  
*Quaker Prayer*  
Low Row URC

Tuesday 10 March  
*Roman Catholic Prayer - Praying the Rosary*  
Reeth Methodist Church

Tuesday 17 March  
*Monastic Prayer - Praying with the Bible (lectio divina)*  
Holy Trinity, Low Row

Tuesday 24 March  
*Praying for the World - intercessory prayer*  
Gunnarside Methodist Church

Tuesday 31 March  
*Prayer Fair* (at Fremington Sunday School)  
This will take the form of a talk, followed by displays on tables, where you can learn about and experience lots of different ways of praying. If you would like to contribute to this, please let us know.

All meetings start at 7.30pm and everyone is welcome

## Parish Notice Board

Saturday 6 December - Children's Christmas Crafts, 2-4pm, Fremington Sunday School. All welcome.

Sunday 7 December - WI Carol Service, 2.30pm at St. Andrew's, Grinton

Sunday 7 December - Christmas at Marrick Priory - Food and Entertainment, proceeds to support the work of The Priory - All welcome, tickets on the door or from Peggy Purver (886400).

Tuesday 9 December - 11am, Bishop's Advent Lecture and Eucharist at Ripon Cathedral. All Welcome.

Sunday 18 January - start of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Wednesday 21 January - Swaledale Christian Council meeting, 7.30pm

Sunday 25 January - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service, 4pm at St. Mary's, Arkengarthdale. All are invited.

## Looking ahead to 2009

Fair Trade Fortnight is 23 February – 8 March, with the strapline, 'Go bananas this year.' Please think about holding a coffee morning or other event to mark this. More information at [www.fairtrade.org](http://www.fairtrade.org)

The Bishops' Lent appeal 2009 marks 20 years of our diocesan link with Sri Lanka. The aim is raise £25,000 to enable groups to travel to one another's countries, to develop relationships and to strengthen the link between us. The appeal will be launched with a Eucharist, using the Sri Lankan order of service, at the Cathedral on Sunday 1 February at 3pm.

### Arkengarthdale

Thanks to all who have supported us throughout the year, particularly during the recent ongoing appeal.

There will be no Sunday Evening Prayer or Evensong services at St. Mary's during the winter months. They will start again after Easter.

Saturday 20 December: 10am in Church to decorate for the Carol Service - please come and help - dusters particularly welcome!

Sunday 21 December - 6.30pm United Carol Service with Reeth Brass and Parish Choir. Refreshments afterwards.

Compline: 7pm on Tuesdays Dec. 16th and Jan. 20th. An opportunity to quietly prepare and give thanks for Christmas.

Looking for Christmas Presents? *A year in the Life of Arkengarthdale* DVD is now available at £9 from the Red Lion and CB Inns in Arkengarthdale, and The Post Office and other outlets in Reeth.

### Grinton

Tuesday 23 December – 7.30pm, Reeth Band in Concert at St. Andrew's, Grinton

### Low Row

Many thanks to everyone who contributed in any way to the church coffee morning held in November.

### Muker

Sunday 14 December - Crib Service – 4pm

Saturday 27 December – 6.30pm - Carol Service with Muker Silver Band

# Services in the Parish

## Key:

*Holy Communion BCP* is a service from the Book of Common Prayer

*Eucharist* is a Common Worship service (modern language)

**Tuesday 2 December**

**7pm Muker Compline**

**Wednesday 3 December**

**10.00am Grinton Holy Communion BCP**

**This service is in the lounge at Quaker Close Flats, and everyone is welcome.**

**Sunday 7 December    Advent 2**

**9.15am Muker Eucharist**

**11.00am Low Row Eucharist**

**6.00pm Grinton Evening Prayer BCP**

**Wednesday 10 December**

**10am Grinton Holy Communion BCP & prayers for healing**

**Last day of school term**

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

**Sunday 14 December    Advent 3**

**9.30am Grinton Eucharist**

**11.15am Arkengarthdale Holy Communion BCP**

**4pm Muker Crib Service**

**Tuesday 16 December**

**7pm Arkengarthdale Compline**

**Wednesday 17 December**

**10am Grinton Holy Communion BCP**

**Friday 19 December**

**2.15pm Ecumenical Christingle Service at St. Andrew's, Grinton**

**Sunday 21 December    Advent 4**

**9.15am Muker Holy Communion BCP**

**11.00am Low Row Eucharist**

**6.30pm Arkengarthdale Joint Carol Service at St. Mary's, Arkengarthdale**

**Wednesday 24 December    Christmas Eve**

**10am Grinton Holy Communion BCP**

**6pm Low Row Village Carol Service at Low Row URC**

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

**11.30pm Eucharist, St. Andrew's, Grinton**

**Thursday 25 December    Christmas Day**

**9.00am Muker, Eucharist**

**10.15am Low Row, Eucharist**

**Saturday 27 December**

**6.30pm Muker, 9 Lessons & Carols with Muker Silver Band**

**Sunday 28 December First Sunday of Christmas**

**8.00am Low Row Holy Communion BCP**

**9.30am Grinton Eucharist**

**11.15am Arkengarthdale Holy Communion BCP**

**Wednesday 31 December**

**There will be no midweek service today**

**Sunday 4 January The Epiphany**

**9.15am Muker Eucharist**

**11.00am Low Row Eucharist**

**6.00pm Grinton Evening Prayer BCP**

**Tuesday 6 January**

**7pm Muker Compline**

**Wednesday 7 January**

**10.00am Grinton Holy Communion BCP**

**This service is in the lounge at Quaker Close Flats, and everyone is welcome.**

**Sunday 11 January Baptism of Christ**

**9.30am Grinton Eucharist**

**11.15am Arkengarthdale Holy Communion BCP**

**6pm Muker Family Service**

**Wednesday 14 January**

**10.00am Grinton Holy Communion BCP & prayers for healing**

**Sunday 18 January Epiphany 2**

**Start of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

**9.15am Muker Holy Communion BCP**

**11.00am Low Row Eucharist**

**6.30pm Arkengarthdale Evening Prayer BCP**

**Tuesday 20 January**

**7pm Arkengarthdale Compline**

**Wednesday 21 January**

**10.00am Grinton Holy Communion BCP**

**Sunday 25 January Epiphany 3**

**8.00am Low Row Holy Communion BCP**

**9.30am Grinton Eucharist**

**11.15am Arkengarthdale Holy Communion BCP**

**4pm Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at St. Mary's, Arkengarthdale**

**Wednesday 28 January**

**10.00am Grinton Holy Communion BCP**

**Sunday 1 February Presentation of Christ/Candlemas**

**9.15am Muker Eucharist**

**11.00am Low Row Eucharist**

**6.00pm Grinton Evening Prayer BCP**

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

## Church Officers

### Clergy

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

### Church Wardens of the Parish

Mrs. G. Atkinson

Mr. R. Court

Dr. J. Wilkinson

Mrs. A.K. Bergin

Mr. N. Guy

Mr. R.G. Tyler

Mrs Ann Wright (St. Mary's)

### Parochial Church Council

Secretary: Susan Allison

Treasurer: Mr. R.I. Ford

*Contact details for the above officers are given in the printed Newsletter.*

## Newsletter

### Newsletter donations

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