

**The Parish of  
Swaledale with Arkengarthdale**

# **PARISH NEWSLETTER**



**February & March 2008**

**St. Andrew's, Grinton**

**St. Mary's Arkengarthdale**

**St. Mary's, Muker**

**Holy Trinity, Low Row**

## From the Vicarage

Why is Easter so early this year? It has caused problems for school holidays, and I have had a few discussions with people who have asked why it is not a fixed date.

The calculation of Easter is that it is the first Sunday after the Full Moon that occurs on or after the vernal equinox (which, for this purpose is always assumed to be on March 21). If the full moon falls on a Sunday then Easter is the next Sunday. This means that the date of Easter can vary by up to a month from 22 March and that Easter this year is almost the earliest possible date that it can be.

Easter is a moveable feast, based on the lunar (moon) calendar, like the Jewish festivals. This links it in with the Jewish Passover, the background of much of the biblical account of the death of Jesus.

The gospel writers pick up and use the Passover themes to explain what Jesus' death and resurrection is all about. These include suffering, the sinless lamb sacrificed for sin, and the Exodus story of God the rescuer taking his people from slavery to freedom. Against this background, the Easter story points to Jesus as the fulfilment of the promises of God that he would send a Saviour to redeem people and to bring them the hope of new and eternal life.

Happy Easter – Christ is Risen!

Caroline

### From the Registers

#### Funerals

20 December 2007

Dr Brian Lake      Grinton

31 January 2007

Mrs. Evelyn Barningham Arkengarthdale

## United Parish News & Dates for your diary

**Monday 25 February** – Standing Committee at the Vicarage, 7.30pm

**Friday 7 March** – Women’s World Day of Prayer

**Sunday 9 March** - 6.30pm Stainer’s Crucifixion, sung by the Swale Singers at St. Mary’s Arkengarthdale. This is a service for Passion Sunday, and all are invited.

**Monday 10 March** – Christian Aid Meeting at Low Row URC, 2pm

**Tuesday 11 March** – PCC meeting at Fremington Sunday School, 7.30pm

**Important Advance notice: The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is on April 8, 7.30pm 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.**

### **Low Row**

Thursday 21 February – DCC meeting at Ling Garth

### **Muker**

Tuesday 26 February – DCC meeting at Armsleigh, 7.30pm

## Swaledale Christian Council

### **GOOD FRIDAY WALK** via the Corpse Way

All are invited to take part – for all or some of the route.

9.00 am	Short Service at Keld URC; leave 9.10 am	2.5 miles
10.30 am	Service at St. Mary’s Muker, leave 11 am	3.2 miles
12.30 pm	Gunnerside lunch stop	
1.20 pm	Short Service at Gunnerside Methodist Church	
	Leave 1.30 pm	1.5 miles
2.15 pm	Smarber Chapel	0.5 miles
2.45 pm	Isles Bridge	2.0 miles
3.30 pm	Low Whita Bridge	2.8 miles
5.00 pm	arrive Grinton	
5.30 pm	Service in St. Andrew’s Grinton	
Total mileage – 12.5 miles		

Strong footwear and waterproof clothing are recommended. Dogs are welcome, but you are reminded that we will be walking through sheep country at lambing time. 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.

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

## Services in the Parish

### **Sunday 3 February**                      **Candlemas & Sunday before Lent**

9.15am Muker Eucharist  
11.00am Low Row Eucharist  
6.00pm Grinton Evening Prayer BCP

### **Tuesday 5 February**

7pm Muker Compline

### **Wednesday 6 February**                      **Ash Wednesday**

10.00am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

### **Sunday 10 February**                      **First Sunday of Lent**

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

### **Wednesday 13 February**

10.00am Grinton Holy Communion BCP & prayers for healing

### **Sunday 17 February**                      **Second Sunday of Lent**

9.15am Muker Holy Communion BCP  
11.00am Low Row Eucharist  
6.30pm Arkengarthdale Evening Prayer BCP

### **Tuesday 19 February**

7pm Arkengarthdale Compline

### **Wednesday 20 February**

10.00am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

### **Sunday 24 February**                      **Third Sunday of Lent**

8.00am Low Row Holy Communion BCP  
9.30am Grinton Eucharist  
11.15am Arkengarthdale Holy Communion BCP

### **Wednesday 27 February**

10.00am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

### **Sunday 2 March**

### **Mothering Sunday**

9.15am Muker Eucharist  
11.00am Low Row Eucharist  
11.00 Arkengarthdale Mothering Sunday Family Service  
6.00pm Grinton Evening Prayer BCP

**Tuesday 4 March**

7pm Muker Compline

**Wednesday 5 March**

10.00am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

**Sunday 9 March****Passiontide begins**

9.30am Grinton Eucharist

11.15am Arkengarthdale Holy Communion BCP

4pm Muker Family Service

6.30pm Stainer's Crucifixion, sung by the Swale Singers at St. Mary's Arkengarthdale. This is a service for Passion Sunday, and all are invited.

**Wednesday 12 March**

10.00am Grinton Holy Communion BCP & prayers for healing

**Sunday 16 March****Palm Sunday**

9.15am Muker Holy Communion BCP

11.00am Low Row Eucharist

6.30pm Arkengarthdale Evening Prayer BCP

**Tuesday 18 March**

7pm Arkengarthdale Compline

**Wednesday 19 March**

10.00am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

**Thursday 20 March****Maundy Thursday**

7.30 Low Row Eucharist & Watch

**Friday 21 March****Good Friday**

Walk along the Corpse Way – see details in this newsletter.

12 noon Good Friday Service at St. Mary's, Arkengarthdale

**Saturday 22 March****Easter Eve**

8.45 Grinton A Service of Light (Easter Vigil)

**Sunday 23 March****Easter**

8.00am Low Row Holy Communion BCP

9.15am Muker Eucharist

9.30am Grinton Eucharist

11.15am Arkengarthdale Holy Communion BCP

**Wednesday 26 March**

10.00am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

**Sunday 30 March****Low Sunday**

10.30am United Parish Eucharist at Muker

## Lent Meetings 2008

Everyone is welcome to attend some or all of these meetings.  
All meetings are at 7.30pm

### *The Life of the People of God*

Wednesday 13 February

***People of Unity*** (1 Corinthians 12: 12-20)

Arkengarthdale Methodist Chapel

Wednesday 20 February

***People of Hospitality*** (Hebrews 13:1-2)

Low Row URC

Wednesday 27 February

***People of Peace*** (2 Corinthians 5:18-20)

St. Mary's, Muker

Wednesday 5 March

***People of Justice*** (1 Peter 2:9)

Reeth Methodist Chapel

Wednesday 12 March

***People of Heaven*** (Philippians 3:20)

Fremington Sunday School

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> March. 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.**