

**The Parish of  
Swaledale with Arkengarthdale**

PARISH NEWSLETTER



December 2009 / January 2010

**St. Andrew's, Grinton**

**St. Mary's Arkengarthdale**

**St. Mary's, Muker**

**Holy Trinity, Low Row**

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## From the Vicarage

*Angels from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o'er all the earth.  
Ye who sang creations story, now proclaim Messiah's birth.  
Come and worship Christ the new born king.*

If you go into any bookshop you will find lots of books on 'Angels', usually in the 'Mind, Body & Spirit' section, but most of them are nothing to do with the angels described in the Bible.

Angels in the Bible are created beings, who live close to God, and whose main role is to be messengers of God. We see Gabriel and other angels at work in this way throughout the Bible's Christmas story. This carol reminds us that the angels who sang with joy at the creation of the world sang again at the birth of the Christ child, calling us to wonder and to worship at God's arrival among us on earth.

May the joy of the angels be yours this Christmas.

Caroline

## From the Registers

### Marriages

10 October Simon James Hossack & Rachel Mills Grinton

### Funerals

12 October Sheila Alexandra Williams

Grinton (Burial of Ashes)

29 October Emma Chennel Williams

Grinton Church & Cemetery

## Parish Notice Board

Tuesday 1 December, 7.30pm - PCC meeting at Fremington Sunday School

Saturday 5 December, 2- 5pm Children's Christmas Event, 'Angels', at Fremington Sunday School from 2pm. All primary aged children are welcome; please book a place with the Vicar.

Sunday 6 December, 7pm - Christmas at Marrick Priory. All are welcome to support the Priory's work with young people in this way. Tickets and information from Peggy Purver (886400)

Saturday 12 December, 6pm, at St. Andrew's, Grinton - Carols for the Crypt with a Choir from St. George's Church in Leeds. All are welcome, to support the work of St. George's Crypt which has been helping people in Leeds who are homeless and vulnerable for nearly 80 years.

If you can, please bring one or more of the following items to help people in need - Toothbrushes, disposable razors, powdered milk, teabags, instant coffee tins of meat and tinned ready meals.

If you cannot get to the carol service, items can be left at The Vicarage in advance.

Sunday 20 January, 8pm – Carols round the tree on Reeth Green with Reeth Brass Band.  
All welcome.

Tuesday 19 January, 7.30pm – Swaledale Christian Council meeting at Fremington  
Sunday School

Arkengarthdale

There will be no evening services at Arkengarthdale during the winter months November  
to February inclusive.

Building News - Our window repairs on the North and East are completed and the  
transept roofs have been repaired. We also have a new efficient boiler to supply our  
antique plumbing system and are expecting a warmer church this winter!

Grinton

Wednesday 9 December, 7.30pm - Grinton DCC at The Vicarage

Tuesday 22 December, 7.30pm - Reeth Band in Concert at St. Andrew's, Grinton

Low Row

Thursday 17 December - Concert in aid of church funds

We are planning to do Posada this year. If you would like to give hospitality to Mary and  
Joseph (crib figures, not real people!) for a night in December, please contact Joan  
Graveson (886470)

Lent Meetings 2010

All meetings are on Tuesdays at 7.30pm

***23 February - The Big Picture***

***Mr Alex Hewlett - Low Row URC***

An overview of the Bible: books of the Bible, types of literature, dates, and how to find  
your way around.

***2 March - The Big Story***

***Revd. Julie Martin- Holy Trinity, Low Row***

A journey from Genesis to Revelation – an introduction to the message of the Bible.

***9 March - The Big Project***

***Fremington Sunday School - Workshop – various leaders***

How to read the Bible and use it in your Christian life. A devotional & practical session,  
with Bible Reading notes and other helpful books and materials for sale and to look at.

***16 March - The Big Idea***

***Reeth Methodist Church - Revd Henry Dubois***

Relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

A reminder of the message of the gospel & how we can live it and share it with others.

***23 March - The Big Hope***

***Arkengarthdale Methodist Church -Fr Dan O'Neil***

Our final session, looking towards Easter – themes of death, resurrection, eternal life,  
and Christian hope.

## 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 1 December**

7pm Muker Compline

**Wednesday 2 December**

10am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

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

**Sunday 6 December    Advent 2**

9.15am Muker Eucharist

11am Low Row Eucharist

6pm Grinton Evening Prayer BCP

**Wednesday 9 December**

10am Grinton Holy Communion and Prayers for Healing

**Sunday 13 December    Advent 3**

9.30am Grinton Eucharist with baptisms

11.15am Arkengarthdale Crib Service - a Family Service with Blessing of Crib Figures –  
Please bring your Nativity figures to join our display for the day

4pm Muker Crib Service

**Tuesday 15 December    7pm Arkengarthdale Compline**

**Wednesday 16 December    10am Grinton Holy Communion BCP**

**Friday 18 December    2.15pm Schools' Ecumenical Christingle Service, at St. Andrew's  
Grinton**

**Sunday 20 December    Advent 4**

9.15am Muker Holy Communion BCP

11am Low Row Eucharist

6.30pm Arkengarthdale United Carol Service at Arkengarthdale Methodist Church, with  
the children of Arkengarthdale School. This will be led by Rev. Ruth Gee, the Chair of  
Darlington Methodist District

8pm Carols round the Tree on Reeth Green

**Wednesday 23 December    10am Grinton Holy Communion BCP**

**Thursday 24 December            Christmas Eve**

6pm Low Row Village Carol Service at Holy Trinity

11.30pm Arkengarthdale Holy Communion BCP

11.30pm Grinton Eucharist

**Friday 25 December            Christmas Day**

9am Muker Eucharist

10.15am Low Row Eucharist

**Sunday 27 December First Sunday of Christmas**

There is no 8am service today

9.30am Grinton Eucharist

11.15am Arkengarthdale Holy Communion BCP

6.30pm Muker Carol Service with Muker Silver Band

**Wednesday 30 December**

There will be no midweek service today

**January 2010**

**Sunday 3 January Epiphany**

9.15am Muker Eucharist

11am Low Row Eucharist

2.30pm Methodist Covenant Service at Arkengarthdale Methodist Church. All are invited.

6pm Grinton Evening Prayer BCP

**Wednesday 6 January**

10am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

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

**Sunday 10 January Baptism of Christ**

9.30am Grinton Eucharist

11.15am Arkengarthdale Crib Service

6pm Muker Family Service

**Wednesday 13 January**

10am Grinton Holy Communion and Prayers for Healing

**Sunday 17 January Second Sunday of Epiphany**

(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity starts today)

9.15am Muker Holy Communion BCP

11am Low Row Eucharist & Baptism

There will be no evening service at Arkengarthdale

**Tuesday 19 January 7pm Arkengarthdale Compline**

**Wednesday 20 January**

10am Grinton Holy Communion

**Sunday 24 January**

8am Low Row Holy Communion BCP

9.30am Grinton Eucharist

11.15am Arkengarthdale Holy Communion BCP

2.30pm Reeth Methodist Church - Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, with speaker Brother Robert Moore of the Hospitaller Order of St John of God

**Wednesday 27 January**

10am Grinton Holy Communion

**Sunday 31 January**

10.30am - United Parish Service at St. Mary's, Arkengarthdale. The speaker will be from the Children's Society, and there will be a retiring collection for their work.

**Wednesday 3 February**

**10am Grinton Holy Communion BCP**

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

**Sunday 7 February**

**9.15am Muker Eucharist**

**11am Low Row Eucharist**

**6pm Grinton Evening Prayer BCP**

**Wednesday 10 February**

**10am Grinton Holy Communion and Prayers for Healing**

**Parish Website - Photographers wanted!**

**The website is being well used and we receive positive feedback from those who use it to find details about services and events. So far, almost all the photographs on the site have come from Chris Goldthorpe's superb collection. We are looking for new images, so if you take digital photos of the local area and would like to offer a set (10 or 12 images) for use on the parish website, please contact the Vicar. There is no payment, but your name will appear on the website.**

# 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. J. Graveson (Low Row)

Mr. N. Guy

Mr. C. Watts Muker)

Mrs A. 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 donations

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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 February/March Newsletter is Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January. Please send items for publication in writing (handwritten, typed or email) to ensure correct spelling of names and details.

Contact:- Revd. Caroline Hewlett,  
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Please note that the Vicar's day off is Friday.