

**The Parish of
Swaledale with Arkengarthdale**

PARISH NEWSLETTER



February / March 2009

St. Andrew's, Grinton

St. Mary's Arkengarthdale

St. Mary's, Muker

Holy Trinity, Low Row

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From the Vicarage

I am delighted to announce that our new parish website is now live – the address is on the front cover of this newsletter. Many thanks to those who have worked on it, and to Roger Oldfield of Harrogate who has designed and built it for us. It will be updated regularly, and we hope that it will be used by visitors to and residents of the parish to find out information and to share details of upcoming events.

The next season in the church calendar is Lent, and there are details of the Lent Course in this newsletter. A good challenge to set yourself is to read a gospel through Lent. Start with Mark, and read a section each day, and you will soon have got through the whole story. Maybe you will also be inspired to move on to another gospel – or another book of the Bible. Our next 'Vision' area of work will be 'Learning more about the Bible', and this is a good way to start.

Wishing you every blessing for the New Year,

Caroline

From the Registers

Funerals

9 December	Hannah Carter	Arkengarthdale
15 December	William John Single	Darlington Crem.
19 December	Frances Steel	Darlington Crem.
13 January	Kathleen Atkinson	Darlington Crem.

Parish Notice Board

United Parish News & Dates for your Diary

Monday 23 February, 7.30pm, Standing Committee Meeting at The Vicarage

Tuesday 24 February – Shrove Tuesday

Monday 9 March – PCC Meeting at Fremington Sunday School, 7.30pm. Please come prepared to discuss our next ‘Vision’ area - ‘Learning more about the Bible.’

Wednesday 11 March – Christian Aid Meeting, 2pm at Low Row URC

Saturday 21 March – Reading the Bible in Church – a morning workshop for all who read lessons in our churches. Please let the Vicar know if you plan to come to this.

Important Advance notice: The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is on Tuesday 21 April, 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.

Confirmation 2009

There will be an introductory meeting about Confirmation at The Vicarage on Wednesday 4 March at 7pm. Anyone who is interested is welcome, and you are not committing yourself to anything by coming to this first meeting. There will be a short talk about Confirmation and we will discuss times and dates for future Confirmation Group meetings, so bring your diary. Please contact the Vicar for more information about this.

Arkengarthdale

Monday 2 March – DCC Meeting at Arkle Town, 7.45pm

Grinton

Tuesday 17 February, 2- 5pm, Afternoon Tea at the Vicarage, in aid of Grinton Church Kitchen and Loo Development Fund. All welcome.

Wednesday 18 February – DCC Meeting, 7.30pm at The Vicarage

Low Row

Monday 16 February – DCC Meeting, 7pm

Muker

Tuesday 10 February – DCC meeting at Armsleigh, 7.30pm

<p>Cyril and Peggy Purver will be holding their annual Soup and Pancake Lunch on Shrove Tuesday, 24 February, at Tutil House, Keld from 12.00 to around 14.30. All welcome. Donations invited for Muker Churchyard extension.</p>
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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)

February 2009

Sunday 1 February Candlemas

9.15am Muker Eucharist

11.00am Low Row Eucharist

6.00pm Grinton Evening Prayer BCP

Monday 2 February

7.30pm, Candlemas service at Ripon Cathedral.

Please let the Vicar know if you would like to go to this, or if you are going and can offer a lift, and we will try to link people up for transport.

Tuesday 3 February

7pm Muker Compline

Wednesday 4 February

10.00am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

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

Sunday 8 February 3 before Lent

9.30am Grinton Eucharist

11.15am Arkengarthdale Holy Communion BCP

6pm Muker Family Service

Wednesday 11 February

10.00am Grinton Holy Communion BCP & prayers for healing

Sunday 15 February 2 before Lent

9.15am Muker Holy Communion BCP

11.00am Low Row Eucharist

Tuesday 17 February

7pm Arkengarthdale Compline

Wednesday 18 February

10.00am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 22 February Sunday before Lent

8.00am Low Row Holy Communion BCP

9.30am Grinton Eucharist

11.15am Arkengarthdale Holy Communion BCP

Wednesday 25 February Ash Wednesday

10.00am Grinton Holy Communion BCP with Imposition of Ashes

March 2009

Sunday 1 March Lent 1

9.15am Muker Eucharist

11.00am Low Row Eucharist

6.00pm Grinton Evening Prayer BCP

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Wednesday 18 March

10.00am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 22 March Mothering Sunday

8.00am Low Row Holy Communion BCP

9.30am Grinton Eucharist

11.15am Arkengarthdale Holy Communion BCP

Wednesday 25 March

10.00am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 29 March Passiontide begins

10.30am United Parish Service at St. Mary's, Arkengarthdale, with a guest speaker from CMS.

Wednesday 1 April

10.00am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

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

Sunday 5 April Palm Sunday

9.15am Muker Eucharist

11.00am Low Row Eucharist

6.00pm Grinton Evening Prayer BCP

Holy Week Services

Thursday 9 April Maundy Thursday

7.30 Low Row Eucharist & Watch

Friday 10 April Good Friday

Walk along the Corpse Way – details in next newsletter

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

Saturday 11 April Easter Eve

8.45pm Grinton A Service of Light (Easter Vigil)

Sunday 12 April Easter

9.15am Muker Eucharist

9.30am Grinton Eucharist

11.00am Low Row Holy Communion BCP

11.15am Arkengarthdale Holy Communion BCP

Lent Meetings Programme 2009

All meetings start at 7.30pm and everyone is welcome

'This is how I Pray'

Tuesday 3 March

Quaker Prayer

Low Row URC

Jocelyn Campbell

Tuesday 10 March

Roman Catholic Prayer – Praying the Rosary

Reeth Methodist Church

Fr Dan O Neil

Tuesday 17 March

Monastic Prayer – Praying with the Bible (lectio divina)

Holy Trinity, Low Row

Joan Graveson

Tuesday 24 March

Praying for the World – Intercessory Prayer

Gunnerside Methodist Church

Ven. Janet Henderson (Archdeacon of Richmond)

Tuesday 31 March

Prayer Fair

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.

Fremington Sunday School

Revd Caroline Hewlett & Revd Julie Martin

A Christian Aid Update from Pauline Oldershaw (Secretary)

The collection at the Village Carol Service in Low Row raised £120 for Christian Aid. Thank you very much indeed for your support.

The speaker at our CA Week service last May was Jacques Miaglia from the Democratic Republic of Congo. He recently sent an urgent request for more funds to help people start again and recover from the trauma of war so we have sent a total of £150 to help with this work which includes distributing food supplies, improving local water supplies and sanitation facilities, providing seeds and tools to help people grow extra food and supporting people to earn vital income and find new livelihoods. More information can be found on the Christian aid website.

http://www.christianaid.org.uk/email/congo_oct08.html

Our AGM is on Wednesday, March 11th 2009 at 2.0 pm at Low Row URC. Everyone is welcome to attend.

A prayer for times of conflict
God of peace, you forget no one.
Be gracious to the people of Congo and bless them.
May we who have been given so much,
strengthen our resolve to work and pray for reconciliation
in all parts of the world bloodied by war.
Give us the grace to watch with those who weep
and the endurance to stand with those who wait for a safe return home.
Work through us to hold all suffering people in the palm of your hand
and to heal your broken world.
So roads scarred by the suffering of your people,
are made into perfected paths to peace.

Amen. (Christian Aid/Kate Tuckett)

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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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 is about the 12th of the month preceding publication. Please check the printed Newsletter for the actual date. 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.