

**The Parish of  
Swaledale with Arkengarthdale**

**PARISH NEWSLETTER**



December 2010 & January 2011

**St. Andrew's, Grinton**

**St. Mary's Arkengarthdale**

**St. Mary's, Muker**

**Holy Trinity, Low Row**

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## From the Vicarage

*How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given.  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.*

Recently, there has been a TV programme called *The Big Silence*, where a group of men and women spent 8 days on a completely silent retreat. They struggled at first, but each one met God in the silence and was changed by that experience.

The Old Testament has a story where the prophet Elijah hears God not in the earthquake, wind or fire, but in the "still, small voice".

Christmas reminds us that, in the noise and busyness of life, God came to us not dramatically, but as a small baby.

God still speaks, and God will break in to our lives if we listen and let him. Perhaps you could take some time in the middle of the busyness of this season, to sit and be quiet and to listen for God»

May you know the peace and blessing of Christ with you and your family this Christmas,

Caroline

### From the Registers

There are no Baptisms or Marriages to report since the last newsletter

#### Funerals

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| 8 October  | Ben Broadhurst   | Arkengarthdale |
| 21 October | Marion Thompson  | Low Row        |
| 28 October | Jennifer Attwood | Grinton        |

## Parish Notice Board

Thursday 2 December, 7.30pm œ**Swaledale Christian Council Advent Service** at Low Row URC œAll welcome

Saturday 4 December, 2- 4pm œ**Children's Christmas Event** œ"Stars' œat Fremington Sunday School. All primary aged children welcome, and pre schoolers with an adult. Please book a place with the Vicar (884706). No charge, but donations for this and future events.

Sunday 5 December, 7pm œ**Christmas at Marrick Priory** œAll are welcome at this event; come and support the Priory's work with young people. Tickets and information from Peggy Purver, tel. 886400

Thursday 7 December, 7.30pm œ**PCC meeting** at Fremington Sunday School

Thursday 9 December, 2.30pm œ**Luke for Everyone – Bible Study at Low Row URC**. All welcome

Friday 17 December, 2.15pm œ**Joint schools' Christingle service** at St. Andrew's, Grinton

### Arkengarthdale

The Windows - are they completed? - Come and see!

United Carol Service - December 19th at 6.30pm in St. Mary's Church with Arkengarthdale School children, Reeth Band and the Parish Choir.

Greta's Apres Christmas Dinner - Watch out for the date of this Cordon Bleu event.

Friday 11th February 2011, 7.30pm in Fremington Sunday School - Quiz evening. Tickets £8 to include quiz entry, supper and a glass of wine. Tables of 4 people. Tickets available nearer the time. This event is in aid of repairs to St. Mary's Church, Arkengarthdale.

### Low Row

Saturday 4 December, 7 pm at Low Row URC - **Swale Singers Advent Concert with Readings and Congregational Carols**. Proceeds in aid of the church. £5 at the door including mulled wine and mince pies.

Thursday 16 December, 7.30pm **Christmas Concert by the Parish Choir with mulled wine and mince pies**. £5 at the door in aid of the Holy Trinity Organ Fund

## Services in the Parish

*Holy Communion BCP* is a service from the Book of Common Prayer  
*Eucharist* is a Common Worship service (modern language)

### Wednesday 1 December

10am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

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

### Thursday 2 December

7.30pm Swaledale Christian Council Advent Service at Low Row URC

**Sunday 5 December Advent 2**

9.15am Muker Eucharist

11am Low Row Eucharist

6pm Grinton Evening Prayer BCP

7pm Christmas Evening at Marrick Priory

**Wednesday 8 December**

10am Grinton Holy Communion and Prayers for Healing

**Sunday 12 December Advent 3**

9.30am Grinton Eucharist

11.15am Arkengarthdale Holy Communion BCP

4pm Muker Crib Service

**Wednesday 15 December** 10am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

**Friday 17 December** 2.15pm Schools' Ecumenical Christingle Service, at St. Andrew's Grinton

**Sunday 19 December Advent 4**

9.15am Muker Holy Communion BCP

11am Low Row Eucharist

6.30pm Arkengarthdale United Carol Service at St. Mary's, Arkengarthdale, with the children of Arkengarthdale School.

8pm Carols round the Tree on Reeth Green

**Wednesday 22 December** 10am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

**Friday 24 December Christmas Eve**

6pm Low Row Village Carol Service at Low Row URC

11.30pm Arkengarthdale Holy Communion BCP

11.30pm Grinton Eucharist

**Saturday 25 December Christmas Day**

9am Muker Eucharist

10.15am Low Row Eucharist

**Sunday 26 December First Sunday of Christmas**

9.30am Grinton Said Eucharist

*This will be the only service in the parish today*

**Monday 27 December**

6.30pm Muker Carol Service with Muker Silver Band

**Wednesday 29 December**

*There will be no midweek service today*

## January 2011

### **Sunday 2 January      Epiphany**

9.15am Muker Eucharist  
11am Low Row Eucharist  
6pm Grinton Evening Prayer BCP

### **Wednesday 5 January**

10am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

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

### **Sunday 9 January Baptism of Christ**

9.30am Grinton Eucharist  
11.15am Arkengarthdale Crib Service & baptism  
6pm Muker Evening Prayer

### **Wednesday 12 January**

10am Grinton Holy Communion and Prayers for Healing

### **Sunday 16 January      Epiphany 2**

*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 18 January      7pm Arkengarthdale Compline**

### **Wednesday 19 January**

10am Grinton Holy Communion

### **Sunday 23 January**

8am Low Row Holy Communion BCP  
9.30am Grinton Eucharist  
11.15am Arkengarthdale Holy Communion BCP  
2.30pm Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service at St. Mary's, Muker

### **Wednesday 26 January**

10am Grinton Holy Communion

### **Sunday 30 January      Epiphany 4**

10.30am - United Parish Service at St. Andrew's, Grinton. The speaker will be the Revd Alan Coustick, Methodist Superintendent. There will be a retiring collection for his chosen cause.

### **Wednesday 2 February**

10am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

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

### **Sunday 6 February      Candlemas**

(Presentation of Christ in the Temple)

9.15am Muker Eucharist  
11am Low Row Eucharist  
6pm Grinton Evening Prayer BCP

### **Wednesday 9 February**

10am Grinton Holy Communion

## **Lent meetings programme 2011 – all meetings at 7.30pm**

This year our Lent Meeting encourage us to think about care for God's creation, and what it means for Christians to live in a 'green' and eco friendly way.

### **15 March at Low Row URC**

*People and Planet*

Discovering our relationship with Creation, and the interconnectedness of all things.

Speaker: Clive Davies, Research fellow at Newcastle University

### **22 March at Reeth Methodist Church**

*Battling the Elements*

Facing climate change, and linking justice, peace and the environment

Speaker: Father Dan O'Neil, Roman Catholic Priest in Richmond

### **29 March at Holy Trinity, Low Row**

*Abundant Life*

Learning to live more simply and with thankfulness

Speaker: Revd Elizabeth Clark, Methodist Minister in Thirsk and Rural Officer for the York and Hull Methodist District

### **5 April at Arkengarthdale Methodist Church**

*Food and Drink*

Thinking globally about where our food and water comes from, and the effect on other people.

Speaker: Revd Paul Rathbone, Christian Rural Concern

### **12 April at St. Mary's, Muker**

*Energy for the Future*

Taking the challenge to use our resources wisely, and to think about our energy use in the future.

Speaker: Revd Ian Robinson, curate in Wensleydale, and Environmental Engineer

### **19 April at Fremington Sunday School**

*Covenant with Creation*

Going on from here to live in harmony with God and his creation

An informal service, led by the three ministers in the dale, with contributions from local people.

## Church Officers

### Clergy

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

### Church Wardens of the Parish

Mrs. G. Atkinson (St Mary's)

Mrs A. Wright (St. Mary's)

Mr. N. Guy (St. Mary's)

Mr. C. Watts (St. Mary's)

Mr. R. Court (St. Andrew's)

Dr. J. Wilkinson (St. Andrew's)

Mrs. J. Graveson (Holy Trinity)

### Parochial Church Council

Secretary: Mrs. S. Allison

Treasurer: Mr. R.I. Ford

*Contact details for the above officers (addresses & telephone numbers) are given in the printed Newsletter.*

### 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 about, 17<sup>th</sup> January. *(Please check date in printed Newsletter.)* Please send items for publication in writing (handwritten, typed or email) to ensure correct spelling of names and details.

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