

**The Parish of
Swaledale with Arkengarthdale**

PARISH NEWSLETTER



December 2011 & January 2012

St. Andrew's, Grinton

St. Mary's Arkengarthdale

St. Mary's, Muker

Holy Trinity, Low Row

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From the Vicarage

Back in July, the question on a magazine cover asked, 'What is your theme for Christmas this year?'

They went on to explain that it was so important to 'work up' your decorating theme, and to help they were going to start suggesting a Christmas theme each month for the next six months – these included: *black and white; snowflakes; peppermint and pink; eco friendly; blue and silver and traditional colours*. The themes were offered early 'so you can be on the look out for bargains and also hand make items in the lead up to Christmas without putting yourself under too much pressure.'

All of this was a bit of fun, of course, but it highlights a serious point. In the middle of the tinsel and glitter, let us not miss the important theme of Christmas – that of God coming among us, in his Son Jesus, as one of us, to know all that we know, to experience all that we go through, and to live and die for us. This way of looking at Christmas has a hope and a depth that no themed decorating colours can match.

Have a very happy Christ-themed Christmas,

Caroline

From the Registers

Baptisms

There are no recent baptisms to report

Marriages

22 October Robin Critchley & Davina Searle Grinton

Funerals

12 October Evan Emrys Morgan Grinton

22 October Robert Peacock Grinton

Diary Dates

Thursday 1 December, 7.30pm – **Swaledale Christian Council Advent Service** at Reeth Methodist Church

Friday 2 December, 7.30pm at St. Mary's, Muker – Muker Band Concert for Christmas with singer Emma Wardell - £6 on the door or tickets in advance from band members.

Sunday 4 December, 7pm – **Christmas Event with food and entertainment at Marrick Priory**. All are welcome to come and support the Priory's work with young people. Tickets and information from Peggy Purver on 886400

Tuesday 6 December, 7.30pm – **PCC meeting at Fremington Sunday School**

*Saturday 17 December, 10.30 -13.00, **Flowers for Christmas** - Yvonne Howard - local floral artist extraordinaire - will run a fun filled, creative workshop for decorations and flowers for Christmas, at St Andrew's Church, Grinton. £10 to include lunch (with hot soup!). All proceeds to St Andrew's lighting project. Please call Janice Freedman on 884284 for further details and to reserve your place.*

Tuesday 20 December

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

7pm Arkengarthdale Compline

Wednesday 18 January – **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** begins

Thursday 19 January, 7.30pm – **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service** at Low Row URC, with speaker Canon Richard Cooper.

Wednesday 25 January, 7.30pm – **Swaledale Christian Council meeting** at Reeth Methodist Church

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)

Thursday 1 December

7.30pm Swaledale Christian Council Advent Service at Reeth Methodist Church

Sunday 4 December Advent 2

9.15am Muker Eucharist

11am Low Row Eucharist

6pm Grinton Evening Prayer BCP

7pm Christmas Evening at Marrick Priory

Wednesday 7 December

10am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

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

Sunday 11 December Advent 3

9.30am Grinton Eucharist

11.15am Arkengarthdale Holy Communion BCP

4pm Muker Crib Service

Tuesday 13 December

7pm Muker Compline

Wednesday 14 December 10am Grinton Holy Communion BCP & prayers for healing

Sunday 18 December Advent 4

9.15am Muker Holy Communion BCP

11am Low Row Eucharist

6.30pm Arkengarthdale United Carol Service at Arkengarthdale Methodist Church.

8pm Carols round the Tree on Reeth Green with Reeth Band

Tuesday 20 December

2.15pm Schools' Ecumenical Christingle Service, at St. Andrew's Grinton
7pm Arkengarthdale Compline

Wednesday 21 December 10am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

Saturday 24 December Christmas Eve

6pm Low Row Village Carol Service at Holy Trinity
10pm (note change of time) Arkengarthdale Holy Communion BCP
11.30pm Grinton Eucharist

Sunday 25 December Christmas Day

9am Muker Eucharist
10.15am Low Row Eucharist

Monday 26 December Boxing Day/St. Stephen

There will not be a service today

Tuesday 27 December

6.30pm Muker Carol Service with Muker Silver Band

Wednesday 28 December

There will be no midweek service today

January 2012

Sunday 1 January Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

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

Wednesday 4 January

10am Grinton Holy Communion BCP
This service is in the lounge at Quaker Close Flats, and everyone is welcome

Sunday 8 January Epiphany

9.30am Grinton Eucharist
11.15am Arkengarthdale Crib Service & baptism
2.30pm Plough Sunday Service at Ripon Cathedral
6pm Muker Evening Prayer

Wednesday 11 January

10am Grinton Holy Communion and Prayers for Healing

Sunday 15 January Epiphany 2

9.15am Muker Holy Communion BCP
11am Low Row Eucharist
There will be no evening service at Arkengarthdale

Tuesday 17 January

7pm Arkengarthdale Compline

Wednesday 18 January

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity starts today
10am Grinton Holy Communion

Thursday 19 January

7.30pm Service for The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at Low Row URC, with preacher Canon Richard Cooper

Sunday 22 January Epiphany 3

There will be no 8am service today

9.30am Grinton Eucharist

11.15am Arkengarthdale Holy Communion BCP

Wednesday 25 January

10am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 29 January

Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

10.30am – United Parish Service at Holy Trinity, Low Row. The speaker will be *Revd Canon Paul Hooper, Director of Clergy Development*.

There will be a retiring collection for his chosen cause.

Wednesday 1 February

10am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

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

Sunday 5 February 3 before Lent

9.15am Muker Eucharist

11am Low Row Eucharist

6pm Grinton Evening Prayer BCP

Wednesday 8 February

10am Grinton Holy Communion & prayers for healing

Notice Board

Books for Advent and Christmas – These are available, together with Advent calendars and Christmas gifts, from *The Old Temperance Bookshop* in Reeth (phone number and details of opening times are in the Reeth Gazette). Cyril and Peggy Purver will not be taking books to sell round the churches this Advent, as in previous years, but instead want to encourage all of us to make good use of our local Christian Bookshop.

Arkengarthdale Posada: Thanks to all who agreed to take part in Mary and Joseph's journey down the Dale during Advent. A map and photographs of their resting places will be in St. Mary's Church after Christmas.

Lent meetings 2011 – These begin on Tuesday 28 February, with a meeting at Low Row URC. All meetings will begin at 7.30pm. Full details of the programme and venues will be available soon on leaflets and the website, and will also appear in the next newsletter

A BIG THANK YOU from Cyril Purver to all his friends who contributed in any way to his very happy 90th birthday celebration. As well as the many gifts and more than 100 greetings cards £250 has gone to the Great North Air ambulance. Thank you to the members of our parish for organising the cake – especially to Annas for making it, and to Louise for the beautiful icing. God bless you all.

Church Officers

Clergy

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

Church Wardens of the Parish

Mrs. G. Atkinson (St Mary's)

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Parochial Church Council

Secretary: Mrs. S. Allison

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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 mid January 2012. *Please see the printed version for the exact date.* 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

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