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NEWSLETTER

This is *your* Parish Newsletter and all contributions and general news items are welcome. The deadline for all notices and items for the April/May newsletter is 5pm on Monday 16 March. Please send items for publication in writing (handwritten, typed or email) to ensure correct spelling of names and details.

If you would like to make a contribution towards the cost of producing this newsletter, please give a donation to your distributor. A suggested annual donation is £3.

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

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**The Parish of
Swaledale with
Arkengarthdale**

PARISH NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY and MARCH 2015



**St. Andrew's, Grinton
St. Mary's, Arkengarthdale
St. Mary's, Muker
Holy Trinity, Low Row**

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From the Vicarage

Some ways to mark the season of Lent

Ash Wednesday falls this year on the 18th of February. I invite you to join us for a service of *Holy Communion with Ashing* at 10am at St. Andrew's, Grinton to mark the start of Lent. Other ways to take part in Lenten observance include our Lent meetings, on the theme of *Hospitality*. Details are in this newsletter and everyone is welcome.

We are also grateful to Christine Ford, who is running a Lent lending library, so you can collect a book to read for the season in church services during February – do make use of this, and please do send me any recommendations for books for inclusion in future newsletters.

With every blessing for a Holy Lent,

Caroline

From the Registers

There were no Baptisms or Marriages in December and January

Funerals

8 November	John Martin	Grinton
17 November	Irene (Rene) Hunter	Darlington Crematorium
30 November	Jenison Frederick Stocks	Grinton
18 December	William Allen Cook	Arkengarthdale
21 January	Edna Ethel Harland	Grinton
22 January	Rosamund Hunter	Muker
26 January	Gordon Westerdale	Darlington Crematorium

Notice Board & Diary Dates

Tuesday 3 February, 7.30pm – **Deanery Synod Open Meeting** at Colburn Church Hall. All are invited to hear Bishop Nick Baines.

Saturday 7 February, 2-4pm – **Across in the Wood (Grinton Forest Church)**. Outdoor activities to explore the Christian faith, meeting in Grinton Churchyard. People of all ages are welcome. Further dates: 14 March, 11 April, Sun 10 May. (There will be the option of Confirmation in the summer for those who attend all the sessions.)

Cyril and Peggy Purver's usual soup and pancake Shrove Tuesday lunch will take place this year on Tuesday, 17th February in **MUKER PUBLIC HALL** between 12 noon and 2pm. Please come and help us eat the pancakes! Donations are invited for the Health Centres at Reeth and Hawes.

Wednesday 18 February – **Swaledale Festival Volunteers' social evening**. Sign up for stewarding, accommodation / hospitality offers, transport help and other tasks which are so essential to the smooth working of the Festival. 6pm at Fremington Village Hall. More details and RSVP to the Festival office 880018

Thursday 19 February, 7pm – **Low Row DCC meeting** at Ling Garth

Monday 23 February, 7.30pm – **Standing Committee meeting** at The Vicarage

Saturday 28 February, 10am to 4pm – **'Make do and Mend'** at Fremington Sunday School. Enjoy tea and cake, whilst having your mending jobs done for you. Bring them on the day or ring in advance to book them in (ring the Vicar on 884706 or Susan Allison on 884366)

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

Monday 2 March, 7.30pm – **Grinton DCC meeting** at The Vicarage

SERVICES IN THE PARISH : FEBRUARY and MARCH 2015

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

FEBRUARY

Sunday 1 February Candlemas/Presentation of Christ in the Temple

9.15am	Muker	Eucharist
11am	Low Row	Eucharist
6pm	Grinton	Evening Prayer BCP <i>at Fremington Sunday School</i>

Wednesday 4 February

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

Sunday 8 February 2 before Lent

9.30am	Grinton	Eucharist <i>at Fremington Sunday School</i>
11.15am	Arkengarthdale	Holy Communion BCP
6pm	Muker	Evening Prayer

Wednesday 11 February

10am	Grinton	Holy Communion BCP
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Sunday 15 February Sunday before Lent

9.15am	Muker	Holy Communion BCP
11am	Low Row	Eucharist

No evening service today

Wednesday 18 February

Ash Wednesday

10am	Grinton	Holy Communion BCP with Ashing
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Sunday 22 February Lent 1

No 8am service today

9.30am	Grinton	Eucharist <i>at Fremington Sunday School</i>
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11.15am	Arkengarthdale	Holy Communion BCP
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Wednesday 25 February

10am	Grinton	Holy Communion BCP
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MARCH

Sunday 1 March Lent 2

9am	Muker	Eucharist
10.15am	Low Row	Eucharist
6pm	Grinton	Evening Prayer BCP

Wednesday 4 March

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

Sunday 8 March Lent 3

9.30am	Grinton	Eucharist
11.15am	Arkengarthdale	Holy Communion BCP
6pm	Muker	Evening Prayer

Wednesday 11 March

10am	Grinton	Holy Communion BCP
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Sunday 15 March Lent 4/Mothering Sunday

9.15am	Muker	Holy Communion BCP
11am	Low Row	Eucharist
6.30pm	Arkengarthdale	Evening Prayer BCP

Wednesday 18 March

10am	Grinton	Holy Communion BCP
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Sunday 22 March Lent 5/Passiontide begins

8am	Low Row	Holy Communion BCP
9.30am	Grinton	Eucharist
11.15am	Arkengarthdale	Holy Communion BCP

Wednesday 25 March

10am	Grinton	Holy Communion BCP
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Sunday 29 March Palm Sunday

10.30am United Parish Service at St. Andrew's, Grinton. We welcome as our preacher The Venerable Paul Slater, Archdeacon of Richmond and Craven.

Important Advance Notice: The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is on Wednesday 22 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. Our speaker is Heather Naylor from Reeth, talking about her work with Oxfam and other agencies.

Grinton Conservation Project Meetings These are now on the second Saturday of each month, from 10am at St. Andrew's. They will begin with a brief meeting, and move into a practical session. All are welcome to come along.

Parish Lending Library

Christine Ford (886509) is now collecting together books for Lent reading which will be made available in all four churches. (Lent begins with Ash Weds on 18 February). If you have suitable books which you would be happy to lend to others please let her have them as soon as possible. They will be returned to you after Easter. Please also return to her any Advent books which you still have. Thank you.

A Home Group meets at Mike and Meg Evershed's home, 14 Overton Garth, Reeth. Contact them on 884296 for more information. This is an opportunity to discuss Christian faith in a relaxed atmosphere, where no prior knowledge is assumed. All are welcome at any or all of the meetings.

Upper Swaledale Christian Aid Group

Many thanks to those who supported the collection at the Low Row Village Carol Service. £215 was raised for Christmas appeal for better maternity services in Kenya, and was matched funded by UK Aid.

Our **AGM** is on Monday 2nd March 2015 at 2.00 pm at Low Row URC. Everyone is welcome to attend.

A leaflet, 'Count Your Blessings' is designed to help people count their blessings during Lent and give to help people out of poverty. It is available on the Christian Aid website and as a free app from the Apple App store or Google Play.

Christian Aid Week runs from 1-16 May. We need volunteers for the House-to-House Collection. If you can help, please contact Pauline Oldershaw (886790) or Susan Allison (884366) More information: www.christianaid.org.uk/getinvolved/lent .

Lent Meetings 2015 CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY

All meetings are Tuesdays at 7.30 pm.

You are welcome to come to some or all of the meetings.

24 February at Low Row URC

Old Testament hospitality: Abraham welcomes his visitors

Speaker: Mrs Sian Lawton, Theology student from Middleham

3 March at Holy Trinity, Low Row

New Testament hospitality: The Example of Jesus

Speaker: Mrs Daphne Clark, URC

10 March at Gunnerside Methodist Church

Reclaiming Hospitality

Speaker: Deacon Joy Sykes, Methodist Minister at Catterick Garrison

17 March at St Mary's, Muker

An Attitude of Hospitality

Speaker: Rt Rev James Bell, Bishop for Ripon

24 March at Reeth Methodist Church

Welcoming the Poor and Needy

Speaker: Arja Copperwheat, St. George's Crypt

31 March at Fremington Sunday School

Worship for Holy Week