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For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29: 11

# LENT

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## The Link

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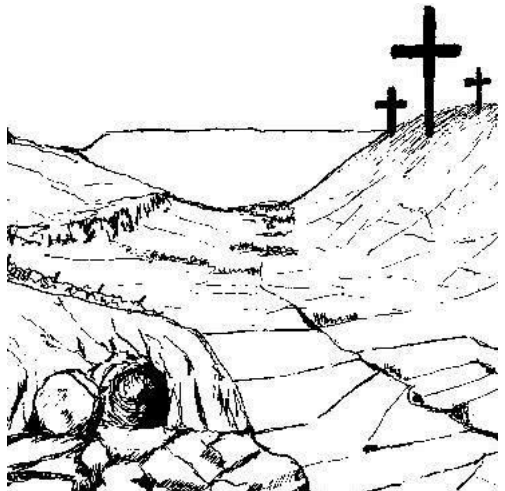
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## A Dales Prayer

*May the Father's grace  
abound in you  
as the flowing water  
of the beck.*

*May the Son's love and hope  
invigorate you  
as the rising slopes  
of fell and dale.*

*May the Spirit's companionship  
be with you  
as the glory  
of the golden meadows.  
Amen*



# From the Vicar...

## *Feasting and Fasting*

The Church year is a healthy mixture of feasts and fasts. We keep things in balance, this is the way. It is good for our bodies and minds and spirits to both feast and fast. Lent has traditionally been seen as a time of fasting and self-denial, and whilst a bit of discipline is no bad thing, Jesus may be less concerned about how much chocolate we eat compared with how we engage with those in need.

In recent years the start of Lent has coincided with End Hunger Day promoting food justice with the message “food for all”\*. Lent is a great opportunity to show the love of God for all people. We believe that God’s love is overwhelmingly generous, and Christians should be generous in response. We also know we fall short of the generosity God expects of us in our poor stewardship of food.

During the pandemic it felt wrong to encourage people to fast given that we had given up so much already, Lent already felt ‘pinched’. Similarly, all our celebrations have felt muted. Our celebrations now need to be proportionate to what we have been through in the last 800 days (it makes 40 days and 40 nights seem less extreme), for what we have lost - and the people we have lost.

On Sunday 3 April at Kettlewell Village Hall we have an opportunity to give local expression to the fact that we have finally, God willing, reached the far side of this. There will be elements of remembering, looking back. Also, of celebration, anticipating the feast that is Easter.

Tom



\* Later in the Link there is some guidance ‘Food: ten tips for a better world’. Suggestions include giving food to foodbanks, growing your own food, re-using leftovers, eating together as families, and buying fair-trade products.

# From the Churches & Villages

## Parish News

**A**s spring approaches a new pattern of Services is to be introduced at our four Churches. The change was discussed last month by a group which included our Vicar, the Rev Tom Lusty, our Church Wardens, Senior Sidespeople and Lay Readers. It was then agreed by a majority of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) in an email vote.

The new rota can be found on the back of this month's edition of the Link, and begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2, with a 7pm Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes at St Oswald's Church, Arncliffe. This new pattern, which will be kept under review, is intended to meet, so far as possible, the wishes of Church communities to have Services at particular times on Sundays.

This means that at Conistone the emphasis is on evening Services and at Arncliffe the focus is on Services starting at 9.30am. At Kettlewell and Hubberholme there is a certain amount of 'give and take' between early and late morning Services. Evening Services will move back to 6.30pm as the days get longer, and we have regularised the times of late morning Services, so they all start at 11.15am.

The other major change is to introduce a 'free Sunday' on some dates in the rota. This means there will not be a Service at that Church on that Sunday and people are free to attend other Churches in the Parish which are holding Services.

The idea is that Sunday Services will follow the same pattern each month thereafter, except when there is a fifth Sunday (United Parish Service) or special

events in the Church Calendar, as of course will be the case in April.

There will be more to say about April Services in next month's edition of The Link, but we are very much looking forward to resuming many of the events around Easter that we could not hold due to Covid lockdowns and restrictions. These include the Palm Sunday procession to St Michael and All Angels, Hubberholme, which the Bishop of Ripon has agreed to attend once more, and our Services on Easter Day itself are due to start at 6am on the banks of the River Skiffare by St Oswald's, Arncliffe, followed by Services at St Mary's, Kettlewell, at 9.30am, and then at Hubberholme at 11.15am.

### *Parish Lent Lunches*



Please join us in Kettlewell Village Hall, 12.30-2pm, for Lent lunches and a reflective talk on Wednesday 16 March, 30 March and 6 April. There's also an opportunity to join the Ecumenical Upper Wharfedale Christian Aid Group's Lent Lunches in Grassington on Wednesday 23 March and then in Holy Week on Wednesday 13 April.

We'll share a light nutritious lunch of soup and bread and cheese. Donations to Christian Aid. We will reflect together on the following three poems from Janet

Morley's anthology '*The Heart's Time: A poem a day for Lent and Easter*':

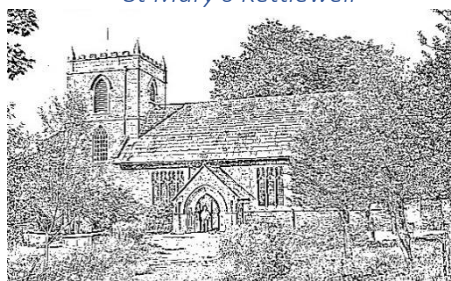
- 🔗 *The Wrong Beds* by Philip Larkin
- 🔗 *Sheep Fair Day* by Kerry Hardie
- 🔗 *Resurrection: Borgo San Sepolcro* by Rowan Williams

*From the Parish Registers*

## INTERMENT OF ASHES

12 February – St Mary's, Kettlewell –  
Sheila Robinson

### *St Mary's Kettlewell*



### March Rotas

#### **Sidespeople**

- 6 Judy Burgin
- 13 Clare Blakey-Williams
- 20 Phil Burgin
- 27 Dave Nelson

#### **Coffee/Tea**

None at present

#### **Cleaning**

Jan Walter

#### **Flowers**

None - Lent

### Simnel Cakes

As the Church is not holding an Easter Stall this year, Sue Nelson (760887) is prepared to make Simnel Cakes for those who would like to order one, with profit going to church funds. 4-inch cakes £8; 6-inch £12; 8-inch £16. Please order by 31 March. The cakes will be ready to pick up, or be delivered, by Easter Saturday, 16 April.

### *St Michael and All Angels, Hubberholme Church*



New cleaning, flowers, and sidespersons rotas for 2022/23 are being drawn up. Anybody willing to assist with cleaning and/or flowers, please contact Susan Lusted (760877). Anyone interested in being a sidesperson and would like more information, please contact Deirdre Halsall (760296).

### March Rotas

#### **Flowers**

Lent - No flowers

#### **Cleaning**

- March 6 D Halsall
- March 13 D Halsall
- March 20 J Mudd
- March 27 J Mudd

#### **Sidespeople**

- 6 H&K Jeddere Fisher
- 13 S Kilvington & J Yarrow
- 20 D & S Lusted
- 27 S & D Parsons (Mothering Sunday)

### Easter Lilies

Over the years it has become a tradition to decorate Hubberholme Church with lilies at Easter time, to celebrate and give thanks to God for the things dear to us - a special event, a wedding anniversary, the birth of a child, our beautiful environment, friends, family departed loved ones - the list is endless. If you would like to "gift" lilies please send a copy of your dedication(s) to be added to the ribbons attached to the display of the lilies, along with your

donation to Mrs A Harrison, Ghyll End, Beckermonds, Buckden, BD23 5JL (Cheques payable to UW&LPCC) or by BACS by contacting the Parish Office on 01756 380237. If you are a UK taxpayer and would like to "gift aid" please add your name, address, and post code. The display will be created on Good Friday, so do call into church (where dedications can also be added) over the Easter period - but if you have difficulty attending, do visit [www.buckden.org](http://www.buckden.org) to see photographs. A most sincere "thank you" for supporting our beautiful, ancient church.

### Fund Raising – three events

We will be holding an Easter workshop on Tuesday 5 April in Buckden Institute from 10.30am until 12.30pm. There will be a charge of £10 to cover refreshments and you will have the opportunity to make an Easter floral decoration and a craft item. Please ring Susan Lusted (760877) to book a place, which are limited to 16.

Buckden Gala – 18 June. Church stall including books.

29 Aug - Bank Holiday Fund Raising stalls and refreshments at Buckden School Room. Further details to follow.

*St Oswald's Arncliffe*



### March Rotas

#### Cleaning

Mrs. E. Leahy

#### Flowers

None – Lent

## Food: Ten Tips for a Better World

1. Take some cakes round to a neighbour (food brings people together)
2. Do you live with your family? Eat together at least twice a week
3. Cut out a sugary food ... or go t-total 'til Easter... and then give the money you've saved to a charity that feeds the hungry (we suggest Christian Aid: [christianaid.org.uk](http://christianaid.org.uk))
4. Donate some food to your local foodbank/Salvation Army/equivalent
5. Find out why so many hungry people are going to foodbanks and then write to your MP. (We're a rich country; does this really need to happen? It's not fair. It's not right)
6. Shop local and support local farmers
7. Buy some Fairtrade food – there's tea, coffee, bananas, chocolate and much more (You can be confident that farmers in the poorest countries are not being ripped off)
8. Can you re-use some of your leftovers tomorrow? (We all waste too much food). Shop with a list – that cuts down those impulse buys you don't really want and end up throwing away
9. Grow some food of your own (vegetables, if you've a garden, or herbs in the kitchen)
10. Ready to eat? Thank God! Pause and give thanks for farmers and everyone involved in bringing food to your plate

### *Buckden and Langstrothdale*

The Library van will be in Buckden car park between 10.00am and 12 noon on Wednesday 16 March.

Knit and Natter continues to be held at Dalegarth each Tuesday morning from 10.30.

Details of the whist evenings can be found on the village website or by contacting David Lusted (760877)



### *Buckden Singers: 'Out of the darkness and into the light'*

As we emerge from the Covid Pandemic, Buckden Singers together with the Rev Tom Lusty are putting together a community event that is both celebratory and commemorative. 'Out of the darkness and into the light' It will take place in Kettlewell Village Hall on 3 April at 4.00pm and it will last approximately an hour. Light refreshments will be served. We anticipate that demand will be quite high so we would ask you to book your seats in advance by contacting me at [anne@vetch.co.uk](mailto:anne@vetch.co.uk) or by telephone 01756 760882. There will be a small charge of £5 to cover costs. Payment details below. Some tickets will be available on the door.

Sort code: 20-78-42

Account number: 10352055

Account name: Buckden Village Institute

Please add your initials if possible

### *Films at Kettlewell Village Hall*

The March film at the hall will be "*Herself*" Saturday 26 March 7.30pm. A young mother escapes her abusive husband and fights back against a broken housing system. She sets out to build her own home and, in the process, rebuilds her life and rediscovers herself. Cert 15. Inspired by true events. Tickets, adults £5 Under 19 £2.50, available from the village shop or on the door. As usual bring your own drinks and nibbles. Look out also for the April Film on Saturday 23 April. '*Mothering Sunday*' Details in the April Link. Trailers of all the films can be found on the internet.



### *Music at Kettlewell Village Hall*

Nicola Mills presents '*Opera for the People*' at 7.30 pm on Saturday 9 April. Nicola performs light opera and crossover music. Hear her stories and choose from her Song Menu. Nicola is a world class soprano singing at Glyndebourne and in opera houses throughout Europe and New York. The evening promises to be uplifting, friendly and down to earth – it's opera for the people. Tickets £10/£8 from [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) or on the door. Children under 12 free.

# theWI

## INSPIRING WOMEN

### *Kettlewell and District WI.*

The February meeting was held at lunchtime in Kettlewell Village Hall and was a tasting lunch of Nepalese Cuisine which was explained and provided by Mrs Sally Smith from Littondale. It was excellent! Afterwards she talked about her time, with her husband, living in Nepal, and then went on to talk about her work, and that of her husband, with the World Health Organisation and gave us lots of information about how the Coronavirus had affected different parts of the world in so many different ways. Thank you Sally, please come back to talk to us again.

The next meeting is a “regrouping and hoping to get back to some normality” afternoon on Tuesday 8 March at 2.00pm. It will take the form of a friendship meeting with some crafts going on so, if you feel up to it, please bring some scissors and pins and help to cut out carry covers for Airedale hospital patients to discreetly carry catheter bags or, if you would prefer, bring your own projects or just chat, have a cuppa and get “going forward” back on track. Hostesses will be Jo Foster and Liz Ward, the competition is “B” and there will also be a raffle.

We have an excellent programme for the rest of the year, which can be seen in the notice board on the door on the King’s Head Bridge, (by kind permission of Mr Mrs Tony Marshall) or just ask Jane Welsh or Barbara Lambert for a detailed card,

available to non-members too, as are several of the meetings and we do love to have visitors.

*Barbara Lambert*

### *Kettlewell Luncheon Club*

The March Lunch will be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> at 12.30 for 12.45. If you didn’t put your name forward at the last Luncheon Club, please ring Sue Nelson (760887) by 4pm on Sunday 13 March to reserve your place. If she’s not at home leave a message. The Luncheon Club is open to anyone who is over 55 and lives in the Parish Council area of Kettlewell with Starbotton. The cost is £5 for two courses plus coffee and there is a wine bar – by donation.

The wearing of face coverings, when not seated at a table, will continue until everyone feels ‘safe’ without them, as will socially distanced tables of 6 or 7 and hand sanitising.



### *Funk Wire*

The ever-popular **Funk Wire** resumed last month after the Christmas break. The dates for the next month are

- 3 March
- 24 March
- 7 April

New members are always welcome. Sessions are from 2pm until 4pm at the Village Hall, Arncliffe.

***We sing like no one is listening!***

### *Arncliffe Annual Parish Meeting*

Arncliffe's annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 30 March at 7:30pm in Amerdale Hall. All residents of Arncliffe are welcome to attend.

### *Amerdale Hall Events*

#### Events Meeting

Please join us to discuss future events at Amerdale Hall. New ideas very much appreciated - everything considered, everyone welcome! Tuesday 1 March, 8pm at The Queens Arms, Litton.

#### Piercing the Pennines

An illustrated talk by David Joy on Wednesday 16 March at 7.30pm. A true Yorkshireman born and bred in Upper Wharfedale, David Joy is the author of over 50 books. Awarded the MBE in 2006, he has written extensively on railways and many aspects of the Dales. His most recent work Piercing the Pennines looks at a theme that also forms the subject of this talk.

'Often taken for granted, the tunnels made first by miners and then by canal and railway engineers are extraordinary achievements against seemingly insuperable odds. They represent epic construction in the harshest of conditions with high loss of life. The talk looks not just at the tunnels and the men who created them but also covers how and where they lived. Locally it gives full attention to high drama and sheer desperation in completing the Settle and Carlisle railway with its shanty towns famed for their wild living.'

Tickets £5, available from village reps; Mark Houston (770419), Ruth Cowan (770293), Sarah Paul (770282) and Gill Scott (770095). Doors & bar open from 7.00pm. Tea & Coffee also available.

## GRASSINGTON MEDICAL CENTRE

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[www.upperwharfedale.com](http://www.upperwharfedale.com)  
Tel: 01756 636161

#### Coffee & Chat

Saturday 26 March. 10am – 12noon. Come along for a cuppa and a catch up, plus homemade baking to eat in or take-away. Payment by donation. All proceeds to Amerdale Hall. CIO no 1993381.

#### *Rainfall for January 2022*

**Arncliffe:** 122.9 mm/4.84 ins  
**Litton:** 141.28 mm/5.56 ins

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## Fasting...What's the point?

**A**s I write this can't but help but give a smile. I mean, at Scargill we love our food! It's one of the central aspects to good hospitality, and we are renowned for tea and plenty of cake. People don't usually come to Scargill to fast – you would have to be very saintly and strong willed if that was your intention!

So, what I offer you now in these few words, I offer as someone who is learning, and who has a desire to explore the merits and challenges of the spiritual discipline of fasting. I'm no expert but I can see the richness and depth it can bring to our lives.






So why Fast? What is the point? Pete Greig, the founder of the prayer movement 24/7, writes, 'The discipline of fasting can focus our prayers in the way that a magnifying glass can focus sunlight to start a fire.' Fasting then, can intensify our praying and make us sensitive to the work of the Holy Spirit. The early church fasted when faced with major decisions on how the good news of Jesus was to be advanced. We read in Acts 13: 2-3 how they prayed and fasted in choosing Barnabas and Saul and continued to fast and pray as they sent them on their way, 'So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.' Praying and fasting enable us to tune into what God is saying.

Many of us will be familiar of the passage of Jesus in the wilderness, tempted by the devil, and where he fasted for 40 days – now that I find hard to contemplate! But what is intriguing is that Jesus was **led** by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness and returned in the **power** of the Holy Spirit (Luke 4: 1-2). Although we may not always see the fruits of our prayers and fasting, I do believe that situations, people, and circumstances can change; that God's Kingdom of love, light and life can breakthrough in what seem like 'dead end'

circumstances. Fasting can release God's power. Arthur Wallis who wrote '*God's Chosen Fast*' an acknowledged classic on the topic of fasting says, 'When exercised with a pure heart, and a right motive, fasting may provide us with a key to unlock doors where other keys have failed.'

Fasting is never easy, but it can bring change in ourselves, the circumstances we are praying for, and make us sensitive and open to God's heart for his world, and our local community. Jesus also reminds us that if we fast, we don't make a show and dance about it! (Matthew 6:16-18)

This Lent could be a good opportunity to have a go at fasting, so here are a couple of top tips.

-  Take baby steps – if you have never fasted before then just start with one meal.
-  Once you have tried that a few times you might want to be more adventurous – try fasting from your evening meal one day to your evening meal the next day (if you are considering a longer fast check it out with your doctor)
-  It would be good to keep a journal – Fasting enables us to be sensitive to God, but other stuff in ourselves can surface (such as anger and unforgiveness etc) – invite God into these areas. Also keeping a journal encourages us to see what God is doing in the situations we are praying for.
-  Use the time you would normally be eating to read your Bible and pray.
-  Don't beat yourself up if you break a fast early! We live by grace not by guilt! Fasting is an invitation to come closer to God – and the invitation is there to go again...and again.

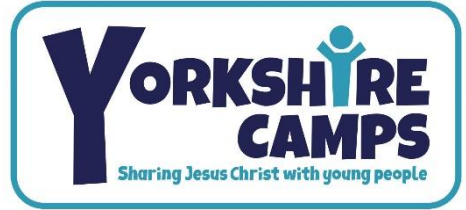
*Phil Stone, Scargill Community*

## Yorkshire Camps – Netherside Hall

Amazingly, it is ten years since we first looked and started praying about Linton Camp with a view to changing it to a camp centre. God had other plans for us but through our interest in that, a year or so later someone suggested we look at Netherside Hall instead. The rest they say is history. It is now approaching seven years since we got the keys and began work. God has amazingly provided us with an incredible centre which children across the UK love coming to on camp.

This year we are looking to develop the coach house and plans have been submitted to renovate it to provide living accommodation for some of our team, as well as an indoor climbing wall and craft space. We continue with a programme of maintenance with the Hall to keep it looking fresh for our campers. We will also open our crazy golf course and putting green as a new activity. The campers have enjoyed the lockdown renovated nightline hidden in the woodland. We want to keep developing

ideas for activities, so campers never tire of coming on camp and there are always new adventures to be had.



2022 has a large number of camps in the diary and looks to be one of our busiest years yet, for which we thank God. 49 teenagers joined us for camp over New Year, which was surprisingly mild and for which we were grateful as we sat outside by the bonfire. We don't know what the year will bring, but we trust God that He will help us face whatever challenges there may be and to make the most of every opportunity.

*Hannah Peace, Yorkshire Camps*  
[www.yorkshirecamps.org.uk](http://www.yorkshirecamps.org.uk)



## 🔗 World Day of Prayer – 4 March



In the last 10 years of parish ministry, I have been quite involved with the Women's World Day of Prayer at St Chad's Far Headingley and St Giles's Bramhope. The organisation has now been abbreviated simply to "WDP" as it is open to men to attend and to contribute, like the Mothers' Union.

World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical organisation which enables women all over the world to share the ideas and concerns of the writing country. Organised and publicised by women from around the world it is a unique institution, with a particular focus on prayer for the world church and simply for the world. Preparation for the day takes several years. An international committee based in New York coordinates the work of national committees to facilitate an annual World Day of Prayer service.

I had wondered if this unique one-off institution would survive the pandemic but in fact all the signs are that WDP has flourished by adapting and going virtual. Last year WDP's focus was on the people of Vanuatu. My eyes were opened to the indigenous culture there and to the particular issues faced in wider society. I enjoyed singing their favourite songs in the Churches there one of which has the chorus

"On Christ the solid rock I stand / all other ground is sinking sand".

This year the focus has come round specifically to the people of England and Northern Ireland and Wales, the three countries that make up our area: our landscape, people and culture all shaped by our history. The Bible text "I know the plans I have for you" from Jeremiah has been chosen to reflect on some of the issues which face us today.

I thought I would support this venture as I have family in friends in each of these places (!). It is good to know that women (and men) from all over the world are praying for us and the situations we face, particularly on 4 March, but all year.

Seeing that the nearest WDP group offering a service on the day itself is St Andrew's Church Skipton I will go and support that expression of WPD this year but hope to offer something in one of the Churches of the parish in collaboration with ecumenical colleagues from Upper Wharfedale next year if there is significant support. I have invested in copies of this year's material and will distribute to any congregation member who might be interested in using the material this year.

Tom

## Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival; we're back in business!



**T**wo questionnaires, one AGM and an EGM later... and we've got the go ahead!

Our questionnaires were returned with a resounding majority: 49 people FOR holding the event, 6 AGAINST, and out of this latter group, 4 said they'd help anyway! We consider that a great result and almost unanimous. Truly: thank you to everyone who filled in a questionnaire, came to a meeting, or offered help. Your input has been invaluable.

And we've listened and learnt. The festival constitution will be looked at in September 2022, and a working party will be created to address villagers' concerns and bring the main beneficiaries together to discuss who gets what. We'd do it sooner, but we need to crack on and deliver a festival!

And other changes will come too. We acknowledge that the village hall catering has become a thing of beauty in terms of quality and range, but it's also a massive undertaking. Efforts will be made to reduce the burden, and currently, the plan is for the village hall to NOT open on two of the

slowest days of the festival, to give village hall staff a bit of a breather.

The festival has a new Chair and a new Treasurer and has created small teams to co-ordinate Scarecrow-making, Marketing & Publicity, Car Parking, Catering and Merchandise. So, if you have some free time, and want to join in, please do so. Every idea and offer of help is warmly welcomed. There are jobs for all - from writing quiz sheets, to repairing and repainting a Captain Pugwash automaton! Contact: [info@kettlewellscarecrowfestival.co.uk](mailto:info@kettlewellscarecrowfestival.co.uk) for more details.

The festival will run from 13-21 August, so fingers (and toes!) crossed for fine weather, and an enjoyable festival for all!

*Sara Cooper*





## Belated thanks from Asylum Seekers in Bradford

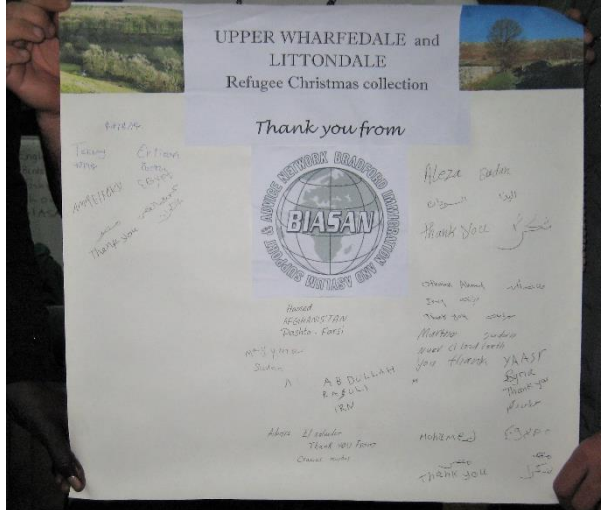
On Thursday 10 February in the English lessons at BIASAN we were able to give out to all our 30 students the gifts which had been sent to us in carloads just before Christmas by the kind and generous folk in Littondale and Upper Wharfedale. Sorry for the delay in passing them on. BIASAN was closed for Christmas Week and live lessons couldn't be restarted until the end of January. In two separate classrooms all students were given some stationery and then chose something from the toiletries on offer.

To show their thanks we asked or helped each student to write a 'Thank You', their name and country in both English and in their own language on a Thank You Scroll, the back of a piece of a wallpaper roll. Not everyone managed this, but we tried.

Finally, they joined in singing the 1967 The Scaffold song "Thank You Very Much" (Remember it?) in our adaptation, e.g. "Thank you very much for English weather", not "the Aintree Iron".

There were two 'Thank You Scrolls' produced, one by each classroom, and these will be on display in Arncliffe and Kettlewell churches. Thank you!

*Richard Hargreaves*



## UWALS - Presenting the Past Exhibition

In 2018 UWALS held a very successful exhibition in Grassington Town Hall around the theme of Upper Wharfedale 1918. Over 600 people visited the exhibition over the weekend, and it kindled tremendous interest and enthusiasm. Most people stayed for a considerable length of time, such was their absorption in the display, and many came back the following day. As a community event, it was more successful than we could have imagined.

In response to this exhibition, Matthew Roberts loaned us a collection of around 400 photographs which his father had found in Kettlewell Village Shop when he took it over; only a handful had ever been published. It was too late by then for us to do justice to this treasure trove of local history, so we conceived another full project built around the archive. We were successful in winning a Heritage Lottery grant which allowed us to fund an ambitious community project, setting up groups to use the photographs as inspiration for writing, music, artwork, oral history, research and photography. With support in the shape of a grant from Cracoe and Rylstone Community Fund, we have published a book, *Present in the Past*, which has received good feedback, and are planning a

CD of original songs. Another outcome of this community endeavour is an archive of modern photographs of Upper Wharfedale for another group to discover a century from now! Covid delayed the planned exhibition twice, but all is looking fair for it to go ahead over two consecutive weekends (30 April/1 May and 7/8 May) in Grassington Town Hall. There will be much more than exhibition boards; there will be performances of the songs and music, along with readings of the creative



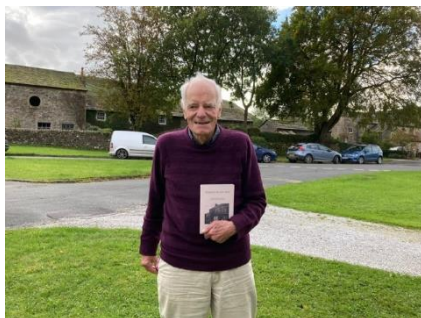
*A small selection of the photographs*

writing the photographs inspired. Visitors will be able to listen to the oral histories collected from local Upper Wharfedale residents and watch a film that captures the project's progress. All this and free entry thanks to the HLF. In fact, one visit is unlikely to be enough!

So successful was the production of songs, music, stories, and poetry that an Evening of Words and Music will be held in The Octagon to allow people to enjoy a fuller repertoire; this will

be on Friday June 10th. Details of the Presenting the Past project are on the UWALS website, where we will be also uploading a lot of the exhibition material.

*Geraldine Norman, Secretary, UWALS*

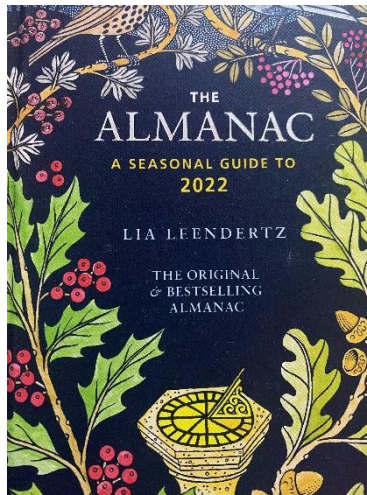


*UWALS chairman, Mike Stephenson, with a copy of Presenting the Past*

## Country Diary - March

As I'm writing this, we are in the grip of yet another stormy day, snow melt sliding into the river and pounding rain and wind. The River Skirfare has engulfed the land and a big task is underway to get livestock to dry ground. At this time of year, as the days tip steadily into official springtime, there is a period beforehand that feel as if we are stranded in a Narnia-style everlasting winter. It is hard to imagine the sun offering warmth, and the grass beginning to grow again; but we have faith that it will, and our thoughts start to turn to planning for garden bounty and seed sowing.

Over that last few years, I have very much enjoyed *'The Almanac: A Seasonal Guide'* by Lia Leendertz. A book is produced every year and is a treasure trove of recipes, folklore, and guide to the sky at night. There is also an intriguing section on 'Gardening by the Moon'. It is believed in some cultures that the moon's movement, in addition to



creating tides, has far ranging effects on the natural world. This method of gardening taps into this theory and gives advice accordingly. For example, in the first quarter of March, following a new moon, it is suggested that we plant and sow anything that develops above ground and prepare for new growth.

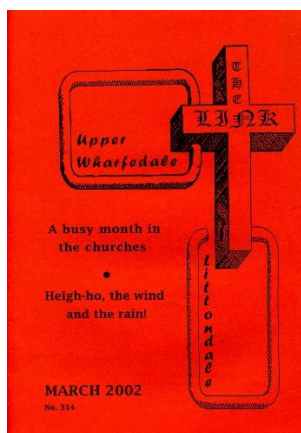
As our thoughts turn to the approach of Easter, and the Lenten period of fasting and reflection beforehand, it is interesting to consider this Christian festival, or Pascha, is something else that tethers us to the waxing and waning of the moon. Easter Sunday is celebrated on the nearest Sunday to the first full moon after the Spring Equinox, also called the Paschal Moon, which is on March 20<sup>th</sup> this year. We can look forward to this particular full Moon casting its glow on the land, in the certain knowledge that winter will be firmly in retreat.

*Rebecca Ward-Dooley*

## Links to the Past...20 and 30 years ago



The March 1992 Link included words of introduction from Tony Knapp, the new vicar-designate for the benefice. Tony wrote, “When I first visited Upper Wharfedale about 25 years ago, little did I imagine that we'd be coming to live in Kettlewell! Cathy and I were both students in London, and I came to stay with her parents in Horsforth. We borrowed her dad's car and drove into the Dales. It was an eye opener for me, a southerner from Cardiff, to discover the beauty of the area. I thought that northern England was much smaller, largely covered in industry! I was certainly proved wrong....It's amazing how God can arrange things years in advance to fit his plans. He knows what he is doing, but often we don't realise till later....We're certainly excited about God's plans for all of us in Upper Wharfedale, and we look forward to making many new friends.



For a history of the Link over the last century, check out the March 2002 edition. ‘In fact, there was no link in 1902. 100 years ago, the magazine was called the Upper Wharfedale Parish Magazine, and it covered the parish of Linton as well as Kettlewell and Arncliffe. It consisted of four pages slightly larger than those of today and was professionally typeset and printed on superior paper by the Craven Herald. It was devoted entirely to church news, including the size of all the collections. One of the events recorded in March 1902 was the distribution with every copy of a portrait of the Bishop of Ripon, William Boyd Carpenter, in whose diocese all our local churches at that time fell. In Arncliffe, the wife of the vicar, Canon WA Shuffrey, contributed a letter from the Lady Superintendent of a home in Headingley, thanking the Waifs and Strays Vicarage Party for a parcel of clothing....The magazine continued in a similar form until 1975 when it became known as the Upper Wharfedale and Littondale Link and was produced first by the Revd E Bush of Hubberholme, and then by the Revd John Potter of Kettlewell, who diversified its contents to make it in a small way a community as well as a church magazine. The cover was redesigned in 1980. In 1981 the editorship was taken over by laymen (sic) – successively Henry Heaton of Arncliffe, Sue Nelson of Kettlewell, and until the end of 1997, Geoff Clegg of Halton Gill. Each of these, and the present editor [Geoffrey Taylor], has also set out the material in the form in which it is printed.

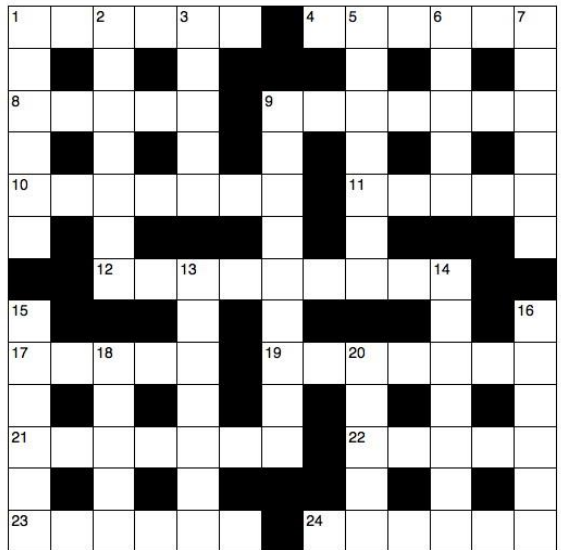
# Crossword

## Across

- 1 Arouse (Song of Songs 2:7) (6)  
 4 Extinguish (Isaiah 1:31) (6)  
 8 “They — — ,” you will say, “but I’m not hurt!” (Proverbs 23:35) (3,2)  
 9 Unhappiness (Nehemiah 2:2) (7)  
 10 Jewish (7)  
 11 Dirge (anag.) (5)  
 12 ‘A truthful witness gives honest — — , but a false witness tells lies’ (Proverbs 12:17) (9)  
 17 Paul quoted from the second one in his address in the synagogue at Pisidian Antioch (Acts 13:33) (5)  
 19 ‘Do not use your freedom to — — the sinful nature’ (Galatians 5:13) (7)  
 21 ‘As you can see, he has done nothing to — — death’ (Luke 23:15) (7)  
 22 Name applied by Isaiah to Jerusalem (Isaiah 29:1) (5)  
 23 ‘All the people — — one man, saying, “None of us will go home”’ (Judges 20:8) (4,2)  
 24 Lazarus, who was carried by angels to Abraham’s side when he died, was one (Luke 16:20) (6)

## Down

- 1 Appalled (Job 26:11) (6)  
 2 ‘In an — — to escape from the ship, the sailors let the lifeboat down into the sea’ (Acts 27:30) (7)  
 3 Expel (Acts 18:16) (5)  
 5 ‘But I have a baptism to — — , and how distressed I am until it is completed!’ (Luke 12:50) (7)



- 6 ‘Of the increase of his government and peace there will be — — ’ (Isaiah 9:7) (2,3)  
 7 Hurry (Psalm 119:60) (6)  
 9 ‘For I desire mercy, not — — , and acknowledgement of God rather than burnt offerings’ (Hosea 6:6) (9)  
 13 One of its towns was Sychar, where Jesus met a woman at Jacob’s well (John 4:5) (7)  
 14 Shouting (Acts 7:57) (7)  
 15 Arachnid (Isaiah 59:5) (6)  
 16 One of Paul’s first converts in Philippi was Lydia, a — — in purple cloth (Acts 16:14) (6)  
 18 Donkeys (5)  
 20 Raked (anag.) (5)

*Solution on next page!*

# Community Events

The following events have been announced and details are inside the Link, however, please confirm with the organisers, as the situation may change.

## THIS MONTH

Tue 1 Mar	Amerdale Hall events planning meeting, Queens Arms, Litton
Fri 4 Mar	World Day of Prayer
Tue 8 Mar	Kettlewell & District WI
Wed 9 Mar	UWALS 'Present in the Past' Enamel Workshop
Wed 16 Mar	Mobile library, Buckden
Wed 16 Mar	Lent Lunch, Kettlewell Village Hall
Wed 16 Mar	'Piercing the Pennines' – talk by David Joy, Amerdale Hall
Thu 17 Mar	Kettlewell Luncheon Club
Wed 23 Mar	Upper Wharfedale Christian Aid Group Lent Lunch, Grassington
Sat 26 Mar	Coffee & Chat, Amerdale Hall
Sat 26 Mar	Film night, Kettlewell Village Hall; 'Herself'
Wed 30 Mar	Lent Lunch, Kettlewell Village Hall
Wed 30 Mar	Arncliffe Annual Parish Meeting

## FUTURE EVENTS

Sun 3 Apr	Buckden Singers 'Out of the darkness, into the light'
Tue 5 Apr	Easter workshop, Buckden Institute
Wed 6 April	Lent Lunch, Kettlewell Village Hall
Sat 9 April	Opera for the People, Kettlewell Village Hall
Wed 13 April	Upper Wharfedale Christian Aid Group Lent Lunch, Grassington
Sun 5 June	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Party, Kettlewell
Sat 18 Jun	Buckden Gala
13-21 Aug	Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival
Mon 29 Aug	Fund raising stalls, Buckden School Room
Sun 4 Sep	Kettlewell & District Horticultural Show

## REGULAR EVENTS

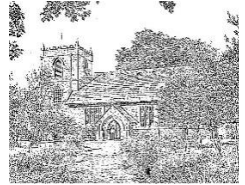
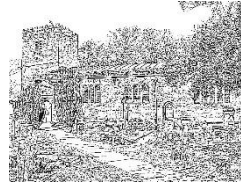
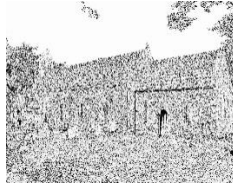
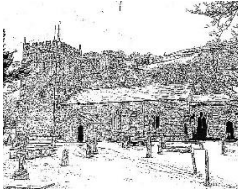
What	When	Where
Play Table Tennis	Wed 3.20-4, 4-5 and 5-7pm	Kettlewell Village Hall
Indoor Bowling	Wed 2-4 pm	Kettlewell Village Hall
Funk Wire	Thur -fortnightly 2 pm	Amerdale Hall, Arncliffe
Buckden Singers	Thur 7.30pm	Kettlewell Village Hall

### Answers to Crossword

**ACROSS:** 1, Awaken. 4, Quench. 8, Hit me. 9, Sadness. 10, Semitic. 11, Ridge. 12, Testimony. 17, Psalm. 19, Indulge. 21, Deserve. 22, Ariel. 23, Rose as. 24, Beggar.

**DOWN:** 1, Aghast. 2, Attempt. 3, Eject. 5, Undergo. 6, No end. 7, Hasten. 9, Sacrifice. 13, Samaria. 14, Yelling. 15, Spider. 16, Dealer. 18, Asses. 20, Drake.

# Church Services



## 2 March - Ash Wednesday

Arncliffe 19.00

Holy Communion with Ashing

## 6 March – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

Arncliffe 09.30

Holy Communion

Conistone 18.30

Holy Communion

Hubberholme 11.15

Holy Communion

Kettlewell 11.15

Methodist Service

## 13 March – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

Arncliffe 09.30

Morning Prayer

Conistone 18.30

Holy Communion

Hubberholme 11.15

BCP Holy Communion

Kettlewell Free

## 20 March – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

Arncliffe Free

Conistone 18.30

Evening Prayer

Hubberholme 09.30

BCP Holy Communion

Kettlewell 11.15

Holy Communion

## 27 March – Mothering Sunday

Arncliffe 09.30

Holy Communion

Conistone Free

Hubberholme 18.30

Evensong

Kettlewell 11.15

Morning Prayer

We continue to ask Parishioners and others visiting our Churches to wear masks while moving around the building and especially when singing. Please also take other sensible precautions, such as not attending Church if you have COVID-19 symptoms. Please keep certain rows of pews empty to allow for physical distancing. Please fill up

from the front of the Churches as directed by the sidespeople. At the end of the service, please leave in an unhurried way, starting with those nearest the exit, as directed by the sidespeople. Please save socialising and mingling until you are outside. Thank you for your understanding.