

CHURCH OFFICERS

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NEWSLETTER

Would you prefer to receive these newsletters by email? If so, please let us know at carolinejhewlett@btinternet.com

This is **your** Parish Newsletter and all contributions and general news items are welcome. The deadline for all items for the February/March newsletter is 5pm on Monday 16 January. 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 Clergy day off is Friday.

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The Parish of Swaledale with Arkengarthdale

PARISH NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2016 and JANUARY 2017



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

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From the Vicarage

News commentators are already noting that 2016 will be a 'memorable' year - for lots of difficult reasons. It has been marked by wars, refugees and the Calais camp known as 'The Jungle'; it has been a year in which many well-known and well-loved people, including a long list of musicians and actors, have died; and it has been full of political change at home and abroad. All of this leaves a sense of fear and insecurity around us.

The Psalm writer speaks of hope in unsettled times:
God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

*Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea.
(Psalm 46)*

We are approaching Christmas, when we will celebrate that *The Word became flesh and lived among us*. Jesus came to us - to be just as we are, and to experience all that we know in life, good and bad. We can look to him to walk with us through these times of change and uncertainty.

Emmanuel, a name given to Jesus, meaning *God is with us* - whatever is happening around us - is the promise of the season that we are about to share.

Wishing you a blessed Advent and a Happy Christmas,

Caroline

From the Registers

Baptisms

9 October	Abigail Sunter	Grinton
16 October	Sophie Johnson	Muker

Marriages

15 October	David Clarke & Louise Mendez	Grinton
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Funerals

5 October	Jill Myers	Arkengarthdale
17 October	Dustin Mirick	Muker

Parish Diary

Thursday 1 December, 7.30pm - **Christians Together in Swaledale Advent Service at Low Row URC**. All welcome.

Saturday 3 December, 2-4pm - **Forest Church** in Grinton Churchyard. Outdoor activities and worship for all ages, with an Advent and Christmas theme. All welcome, come dressed for the weather.

Saturday 3 December, - Swishing Event at Cogden Hall

Sunday 4 December, 7pm - **Christmas event at Marrick Priory** - readings, music, mulled wine and supper. For tickets (£10) and information contact the Priory office (884434). Transport can be booked from Reeth. All are welcome to come and support the Priory's work with young people.

Monday 5 December, 7.45pm - Arkengarthdale DCC meeting at Arkle Town

SERVICES IN THE PARISH : DECEMBER 2016 and JANUARY 2017

Key: *BCP* indicates a service from the Book of Common Prayer; *Eucharist* is a modern language Communion service

DECEMBER

Sunday 4 December **2nd Sunday of Advent**
 9.15am Muker Eucharist
 11am Low Row Eucharist
 4pm **Come and Sing Carols** at St. Andrew's, Grinton.
 Informal carol service. Donations for Christian Aid's Christmas Appeal. You are invited to wear your Christmas jumper or hat for this service!
Wednesday 7 December
 10am Grinton Holy Communion BCP
Sunday 11 December **3rd Sunday of Advent**
 9.30am Grinton Eucharist
 11.15am Arkengarthdale Holy Communion BCP
 6pm Muker Crib Service (NB not 4pm as in previous years)
Wednesday 14 December
 10am Grinton Holy Communion BCP
Friday 16 December
 1.30pm Joint Schools' Ecumenical Christingle Service, at St. Andrew's Grinton
Sunday 18 December **4th Sunday of Advent**
 9.15am Muker Holy Communion BCP
 11am Low Row Eucharist
 6.30pm Arkengarthdale Joint Carol Service at St. Mary's Church
 8pm Carols round the Tree on Reeth Green with Reeth Band
Wednesday 21 December
 10am Grinton Holy Communion BCP
Saturday 24 December **Christmas Eve**
 6pm Low Row Village Carol Service at Low Row URC
 10pm Arkengarthdale Holy Communion BCP
 11.30pm Grinton Eucharist
Sunday 25 December **Christmas Day**
 9am Muker Eucharist
 10.30am Low Row Eucharist
Tuesday 27 December
 6.30pm Muker Carol Service with Muker Silver Band
Wednesday 28 December *There will be no midweek service today*

JANUARY

Sunday 1 January **Christmas 2**
 10am Grinton Said Service of Holy Communion
 This will be the only service in the parish today
Wednesday 4 January
 10am Grinton Holy Communion BCP
This service is in the lounge at Quaker Close flats in Reeth and everyone is welcome
Sunday 8 January **Epiphany**
 9.30am Grinton Eucharist
 11.15am Arkengarthdale Holy Communion BCP
 6pm Muker Evening Prayer
Wednesday 11 January
 10am Grinton Holy Communion BCP
Sunday 15 January **Epiphany 2**
 9.15am Muker Holy Communion BCP
 11am Low Row Eucharist
There is no evening service at Arkengarthdale during the months November-February
Wednesday 18 January **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity starts today**
 10am Grinton Holy Communion BCP
Sunday 22 January **Epiphany 3**
There is no 8am service at Low Row during the months November-February
 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**
 10.30am United Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Arkengarthdale.
 Candlemas Celebration, with preacher Archdeacon Beverley Mason.
Wednesday 1 February
 10am Holy Communion BCP
This service is in the lounge at Quaker Close flats in Reeth and everyone is welcome

Tuesday 6 December, 7.30pm - PCC meeting in Fremington Village Hall

Monday 12 December, 7.30pm - Grinton DCC meeting at The Vicarage

Friday 16 December, 1.30pm - Joint Schools' Christingle Service at St. Andrew's, Grinton.

Sat. 17th December, 7pm - Swale Singers concert in Gunnerside Chapel - The Christmas music from Handel's "Messiah" and Vaughan Williams' "Fantasia on Christmas Carols (and more). Donations £7 minimum (please), Gift Aidable. All proceeds to the Chapel.

Friday 16 December, 2.30pm, in Fremington Village Hall - The Parish Choir presents Christmas Music with Tea and Mince Pies.

St. Andrew's, Grinton - winter services arrangements

During January and February, Sunday services for St. Andrew's, Grinton will take place in Fremington Village Hall. Wednesday morning services will take place as usual - in church, but with the first one in the month at Quaker Close flats.

Wednesday 18 January - Start of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Thursday 21 January, 7.30pm - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service at Holy Trinity, Low Row.

Wednesday 25 January, 7.30pm - Christians Together in Swaledale meeting at Low Row URC.

2Dales Action for Refugees

<http://www.facebook.com/2Dales-Action-For-Refugees>

Following last year's very successful appeal to help needy, lonely people who are refugees in the Tees Valley, we are hoping to repeat the success this year.

Once again we are looking for the following items:-

Toiletries, Woolly Hats, Gloves - anything warm- Toys for young children and other Christmas gifts (No toy weapons please)

Items can be dropped off at Hudson House, Reeth from 5th December 2016. If you are able to wrap the Christmas gifts and mark them e.g. suitable for young girl or boy, it would be greatly appreciated, if not, don't worry as we have willing volunteers. Your generosity last year was overwhelming - to see the faces of the recipients of these gifts was very moving - you did a great job helping others. Please help us again this year. If you are able and willing to help please contact any of the following:- Richard Good 884353, Joan Graveson 886470, Lee Lowther 884473, Chris Watts 886202

The Children's Society

Very many thanks to the 32 box holders and donors who contributed **£767** for the Society - £127 more than last year. Thank you all for your generosity. Christmas cards can be ordered on line at

www.charitycardshop.com/thechildrenssociety/category/1

or ring 0300 3030 555. If you would like to become a box holder please contact Pauline Oldershaw on 886790.

Thank You

Very many thanks to all my wonderful friends in the Parish who have helped and cared for me during 2016. I feel very blessed, and pray that God will bless you in the coming year - Peggy Purver.