

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 April/May newsletter is 5pm on Monday 13 March. 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

FEBRUARY and MARCH 2017



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

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From the Vicarage

Keeping a Holy Lent

On 1 March, Ash Wednesday, we begin the journey of Lent, that sombre season which leads us through to the joy of Easter on 16 April. Lent is a good time to pause and think about our faith commitment.

Here are three suggestions for ways to mark this season:

Read a Gospel. Read it through several times, to get the flow of the story. Then read it again more slowly, over a few days. Make a note of any of the verses that strike you, and use them in your prayers.

Look up Love Life Live Lent. There is a book available, or see the website: <http://www.livelent.net/about.html>

Keep a spiritual journal. This is a place to focus your prayers, to write down your thoughts about your faith journey, and to keep a record of things that you learn.

May the Lord bless you as you seek him and keep a holy Lent,

Caroline

From the Registers

There were no marriages or baptisms in December or January

Funerals

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| 23 December | Helen Joy Court | Grinton |
| 14 January | Geoffrey John Bridel | Muker |

Notice Board & Diary Dates

Tuesday 28 February, 12 noon - 2pm – **Shrove Tuesday Soup and Pancakes at Muker Public Hall.** Donations for a local charity. Contact Mary Guy (886116) if you would like to help. No need to book, just come along.

Sunday 5 March, 6pm – Taizé Service

Following the service in November, another service after the style of Taizé, will take place at St Andrew's Church, Grinton. This reflective service with light, readings, prayers, singing and music will also include times of silence. Everyone is welcome.

The Upper Swaledale **Christian Aid Group AGM** is on Monday 6 March, 2pm at Low Row URC. Everyone is welcome to attend

SERVICES IN THE PARISH : FEBRUARY and MARCH 2017

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

FEBRUARY

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 4 before Lent

9.15am Muker Eucharist

11am Low Row Eucharist

6pm Grinton Iona Evening Prayer

at Fremington Sunday School

Wednesday 8 February

10am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 12 February 3 before Lent

9.30am Grinton Eucharist

at Fremington Sunday School

11.15am Arkengarthdale Holy Communion BCP

6pm Muker Iona Evening Prayer

Wednesday 15 February

10am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 19 February 2 before Lent

9.15am Muker Holy Communion BCP

11am Low Row Eucharist

No evening service today

Wednesday 22 February

10am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 26 February Sunday next before Lent

There is no 8am service today

9.30am Grinton Eucharist

at Fremington Sunday School

11.15am Arkengarthdale Holy Communion BCP

MARCH

Wednesday 1 March Ash Wednesday

10am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

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

Sunday 5 March First Sunday of Lent

9.15am Muker Eucharist

11am Low Row Eucharist

6pm Grinton Taizé Service - a quiet

service of light, music and sung chant

Wednesday 8 March

10am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 12 March Second Sunday of Lent

9.30am Grinton Eucharist

11.15am Arkengarthdale Holy Communion BCP

6pm Muker Iona Evening Prayer

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10am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 19 March Third Sunday of Lent

9.15am Muker Holy Communion BCP

11am Low Row Eucharist

6.30pm Arkengarthdale Iona Evening Prayer

Wednesday 22 March

10am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 26 March Mothering Sunday

9.30am Grinton Eucharist

11am Low Row Mothering Sunday Service

11.15am Arkengarthdale Mothering Sunday Service

Wednesday 29 March

10am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

Exploring Faith

Saturday 18 March, 10am – 12 noon

At THE ROKEBY INN (DL11 7QW)
(adjacent to the Hutton Magna turn on the A66)

“Re-imagining the Church in the 21st/22nd century”.
The Venerable Beverley Mason, Archdeacon of
Richmond and Craven

£5 (to include continental breakfast)
Further details from: Keith Miller 01833 627540/
0777 8318503

25 March, 10am-4pm, **Make Do and Mend** at
Fremington Village Hall. Come and enjoy a cup of tea
while you have your mending done for you. Donations
for the upkeep of the hall.

A **Christian Aid** leaflet, *Count Your Blessings*, is
designed to help people count their blessings during
Lent and give to help people out of poverty. It will be
available shortly. If you would like a copy, please let me
know. Pauline 886790

Parish Lending Library - Lent

Christine Ford (886509) will again be organising a Lent
lending library. If you have suitable books which you
would be willing for others to borrow please let her have
them during February. They will be made available in
each of the four churches during March and April and
will be returned to you after Easter. Many thanks.

Christians Together in Swaledale Lent Meetings 2017

Questions of Jesus: (Jesus the Great Interrogator)

All meetings will be held on Tuesday evenings starting at 7.30pm.

You may wish to come to all of the sessions, or drop in to one or two of them.

You may find it helpful to bring your own bible to each of the sessions.

The sessions are all based upon some of the many questions, which are recorded in the New Testament as being asked by Jesus. The sessions are intended to be an opportunity for us to reflect upon what these questions mean to us, and how we might answer them today.

Session 1: 14 March 2017. Low Row URC.

Questions around Invitation:

What? Among the questions to consider will be:

‘What are you looking for?’

Session 2: 21 March 2017. St Mary’s Arkengarthdale.

Questions about Identity:

Who? Among the questions to consider will be:

‘Who do you say I am?’

Session 3: 28 March 2017. St. Mary’s Muker.

Questions around the meaning of life, the question of Faith.

Where and Why? Among the questions to consider will be:

‘Where is your faith?’

Session 4: 4 April 2017. Gunnerside Methodist Church

Questions around Discipleship and Passion.

Me? Among the questions we will consider will be:

‘Will you lay down your life for me?’

Holy Week Service 11 April 2017 at Fremington Village Hall.