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Upper Wharfedale and Littondale Parish Magazine



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**Responding to the war in Ukraine**

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For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3 16

## The Link

The **Link** is the magazine and noticeboard for the Parish of Upper Wharfedale and Littondale, sharing news, reports and items of interest from the churches and our community. If you have something to contribute, please email it to your local correspondent or to the editor.

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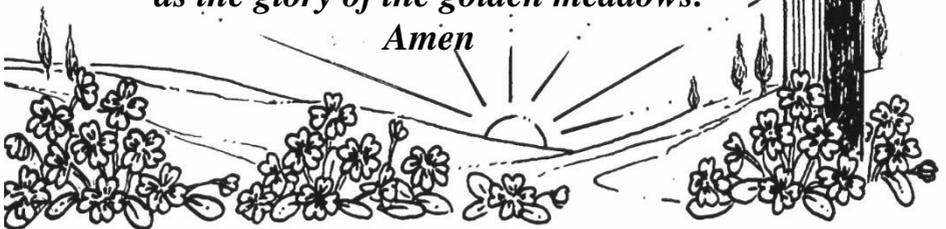
## A Dales Prayer

*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...

## Waiting for the Dawn

*“Christ has turned all our sunsets into dawns”. Clement of Alexandria*

This Lent I have enjoyed waiting for the sun to rise from various locations above Kettlewell. I find watching the sun rise a hopeful thing to do. Even if it is raining or misty you still get a good sense of the light intensifying. As Lent progresses there is a sense of the lengthening of the days, from less than 11 hours of daylight on Ash Wednesday to over 14 hours on Easter Day.

There are three different kinds of twilight: astronomical, nautical and civil. You don't really want to be walking about without a torch in astronomical twilight, you can just about go for a run in nautical twilight, and you can just about read a book outside at the start of civil twilight. It is good to be out and about as civil twilight begins to have time to anticipate the moment of dawn itself.

If you wanted to try this for yourself in Passiontide and Holy Week: on 3 April civil twilight begins at exactly 6.00am, and sunrise is at 6.36am. For each successive day you need to take away 3 minutes from these timings. I clock off from my routine on Holy Saturday, my favourite day of the year, that limbo time between cross and resurrection.

On Easter morning the sun will rise at 6.02am. This works well for the early service at Arncliffe. By the time we have gathered and lit the paschal candle from the Easter fire, the sun will, weather permitting, put in appearance at around the time that we process into Church.



Every sunrise is unique. The dawn: a consistent reminder of resurrection, each new day another miracle.

Tom

# From the Churches & Villages

## Parish News



### *Easter Services*

The services for Easter are shown on the back page of the Link. We plan to hold our Dawn Service from 6am on Easter Day by the side of the River Skirfare next to St Oswald's, Arncliffe. One very important feature, on what is usually a somewhat chilly spring morning, is the bonfire by the riverbank, and its preparation is due to take place from 10am on Good Friday, 15 April, when all help with gathering wood and constructing the bonfire will be gratefully received.

In addition to these services in the parish, there are several other events taking place on Good Friday:

-  Walk to the Cross at Rylstone for a short service at the cross. Meet at Rylstone Church at 10.00 am.
-  Walk of Witness and short service in Grassington Square at 11.45

### *COVID & Services*

In the light of more changes to national rules, and subsequently in the behaviour of many people in public places, we have decided to continue having masks and hand sanitiser available in our Churches and to keep certain pews empty to allow for physical distancing. However, the wearing of masks while moving around our Churches, and while taking part in congregational singing, is a matter for the discretion of individuals attending our

Churches. We would ask that everyone respects the views of those who wish to continue taking precautions.

### *Annual Parochial Church Meeting*

This year's (APCM) for the Parish of Upper Wharfedale and Littondale will take place at 7pm on Wednesday 27 April. The meeting, preceded by the Meeting of Parishioners, will be held using Zoom, as it has been for the past two years. Any Parishioners wishing to join the APCM should contact the Parish Office, by email to:

[upperwharfedale@leeds.anglican.org](mailto:upperwharfedale@leeds.anglican.org) or phoning 01756 380237. Nearer the time of the APCM we will send you an invitation to join the Zoom meeting. We will also send people who have asked to join the meeting an agenda for the meeting and background documents, which we will try to do in good time so people can read them before the APCM. We will not be reading through the documents during the meeting itself, in order to make the best use of our time



during the APCM, though of course we will give opportunities for people to raise any questions or concerns they may have.

### *St Mary's Kettlewell*



#### April Rotas

##### **Sidespeople**

- 3 Pauline Thompson
- 10 No one required
- 17 Clare Blakey-Williams
- 24 Dave Nelson

##### **After Service Tea/Coffee**

- 17 Judy Burgin
- 24 Sue Cullen

##### **Flowers**

Easter Team (see paragraph below)

##### **Cleaning**

Jane Howlin

### Spring Churchyard & Church Work

#### Morning

This will be held on Saturday 9 April from 9.30am to 1pm. Many hands make for lighter workloads! Over the last couple of years many folk have laboured alone in both the churchyard and the church to help keep both in good order. Here is the opportunity to work together again as a team. Please come along to spruce up both the churchyard and church in preparation for Easter. Refreshments will be available to assist labours as and when you feel the need. Should you have tools or equipment you feel would come in handy, please bring them with you.

### Easter Flowers at St. Mary's, Kettlewell

An open invitation is extended to anyone who would like to help decorate the church for Easter on Saturday 16 April from 10am. Some spring flowers will be available, but if you have greenery and garden flowers you can spare, please bring them along. Tea, coffee and hot cross buns will be served for elevenses.

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



#### April Rotas

##### **Sidesperson**

- 3 K&J Robinson
- 10 J&B Way
- 17 J Cowpe & C Winpenny
- 24 S&P Ebden & J Yarrow

##### **Flowers**

Lent - no flowers

Friday April 15 10.00am Decoration for Easter

##### **Cleaning**

- 3 J Way
- 10 J Way
- 17 Everyone

### Easter Lilies in Hubberholme Church

Reminder - there is still time for those wishing to dedicate lilies for the decoration of the church at Easter. Please send dedications and donations to Mrs. A Harrison, Ghyll End, Beckermonds, Buckden, Nr Skipton, BD23 5JL, or contact the Parish Office on 01756 380237.

## Palm Sunday Walk

The Palm Sunday Procession attended by the Bishop of Ripon Helen Ann meets on Buckden Village Green on 10 April at 10.00am. The procession should arrive at Hubberholme church at approximately 11.00am where there will be a short service.

## Fund raising events

- § There are still places left for the Easter Craft Workshop on Tuesday 5 April in Buckden Institute. Please contact Susan Lusted (760877) for further details and to book a place.
- § The annual Hubberholme Quiz sheet will be on sale from 1 April. Each sheet costs £1 and the winner (drawn in October) receives £20. Sheets are available from the George, the Buck, Josie, Sandie, Deirdre, and Sue Nelson.
- § The Church will have a stall at Buckden Gala on 18 June. Further details later.
- § August Bank Holiday (29 August) Fund Raising stalls and refreshments at Buckden School Room.

## Church yard maintenance

We are planning to do a morning's work on Wednesday 13 April on the two churchyards at Hubberholme to get them ready for Spring and the mowing. The main things are:

- § Clearing up a large fallen branch in the new churchyard
- § Clearing broken branches and mole hills to make the mowing easier
- § Cleaning gutters
- § Tidying up some of the shrubs and trees
- § Burning

Something for everyone! The main tools needed will be a chain saw, loppers, rakes, spades. Please bring your favourite kit!

## St Oswald's Arncliffe



## April Rotas

### Flowers

Mrs. P. Campbell

### Cleaning

Mr. & Mrs. B. Raper



## All CHURCHES Great & Small!

Two of our churches have recently been used as locations for filming a much-anticipated marriage in the latest series of All Creatures Great & Small. St Oswald's in Arncliffe was used for external scenes, and the interior of St Michael's and All Angels in Hubberholme for the wedding ceremony. We look forward to seeing the events later this year!

### *Buckden and Langstrothdale*

The **Library Van** will be in Buckden Car Park between 10.00am and 12 noon on Wednesday 13 April.



### *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. A light afternoon tea will be served afterwards. It is also the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Buckden Singers (for more details, see the article in this month's Link).

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.

### *Buckden Gala 2022*

After two years without a Gala due to Covid, the Buckden Institute Committee have decided that Buckden Gala will take place this year, following the usual formula - The Gala will be held, as is traditional, on the third Saturday in June – so please put Saturday 18 June 2022 in your diaries. This

year's Buckden Pike Fell Race – which starts and finishes at the Gala – is an FRA Championship event. More details will follow in the May Link, and at [www.buckdengala.co.uk](http://www.buckdengala.co.uk)

### *Kettlewell Luncheon Club*

The April Lunch will be held on the 21st at 12.30 for 12.45. If you didn't put your name forward at the last Luncheon Club, please ring Sue on 760887 by 4pm on Easter Sunday 17 April 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.

### *Afternoon Tea and Stalls*

An 'Afternoon Tea and Stalls' event, in aid of church funds, will be held in Kettlewell Village Hall on Saturday 30 April from 3-5pm. A Cake Stall, Bottle Tombola and Bric a Brac and Toy Stall will add interesting additions to the partaking of a delicious Cream Tea. Donations for any of the stalls will be gratefully received – especially bottles for the tombola which can be anything in a bottle: tomato sauce, cordial, gravy browning, wine – anything. It would be good to have these in advance, if possible, so they can be prepared with numbers – Kathryn Butterfield in Conistone and Sue Nelson in Kettlewell will be pleased to receive any donations. Please remember that if you donate a cake it must be wrapped and bear the ingredients that went into it - wrapped because of Covid and ingredients because of allergies. Nothing is

simple these days, but we do need to keep people safe. Hope you can come along.

### *Kettlewell & District Horticultural Society Show*

The Show will be held in Kettlewell Village Hall on Sunday 4 September. The schedule has already been planned for this first show since 2019 and the Committee would like to draw your attention to items in the various Sections, some of which can, even now, be being prepared.

In the **Photographic Section** the subjects are Spring, Bridges and the ever popular Any Subject - photographs not to exceed 7"x 5" before mounting.

**Vegetables:** Runner Beans, Leeks, Potatoes, Onions, Beetroot, Courgettes and Rhubarb. There is an Open Class for other vegetables.

**Fruits:** Plums, Apples, Cherry Tomatoes, Tomatoes. Open Class for others fruit.

**Cut Flowers:** Roses including Floribunda, Japanese Anemones, Dahlias, Crocosmia, Sedum, Phlox, Sweet Peas, Nasturtiums, Calendulas. Open Class for vase of Perennials.

**Pot Plants:** Foliage, Any type, Cactus or Succulent. Open Class for Flowering.

**Confectionary:** Parkin, Chocolate Cake, Fatless Sponge, Lemon Drizzle, Tea Loaf, Muffins, Tiffin, Shortbread, Scones, Bread, Fruit Pie, Gluten Free Cake.

**Preserves:** Marmalade, Jam, Chutney, Pickle, Mincemeat, Honey

**Homemade Drinks:** Vodka Based, Gin Based, Whisky Based, Red Wine, White Wine, Cordial.

**Flower Arranging:** Various Classes

**Handicraft:** Embroidery, Crochet, Cross Stitch, Knitting, Paper Craft, Jewellery. Open Class for items such as Rag Rugs, Homemade Clothes,

Patchwork, Quilting, Soft Furnishings etc. – don't be shy!

**Poultry:** Various Classes for eggs.

**Sections for Children aged 4 to 14.** Oodles of classes from a paper plate picture for 4-year-olds to a selfie for 12-14 years and the ever popular 'something to eat'.

Full schedules will be available shortly – look out for them in the village shop and other public outlets. If there is anyone who would like to join the Committee or help stage the Show, please ring Maureen Heseltine on 760371. Thank you

### *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

#### Upper Wharfedale Arts & Literature Society

## PRESENTING THE PAST EXHIBITION



Something for everyone to enjoy:

- A fascinating collection of old photographs of Upper Wharfedale
- A new archive of photographs
- Performances of original music, songs, poetry and stories
- New oral history recordings
- Original artwork inspired by the photographs
- A film of the project's progress over the year
- New research into the history of this area
- Refreshments

One visit may not be enough!

30<sup>th</sup> April & 1<sup>st</sup> May and 7<sup>th</sup> AND 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022 Grassington

Town Hall; 10am - 4pm. FREE Entry



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.

#### *Film Shows at Kettlewell Village Hall*

The next film show is 'Herself' Cert 15 on Saturday 2 April (details in the March Link. The final one of this season is 'Mothering Sunday' Cert 15, to be shown on Friday 6 May 7.30pm. Please note the change of day to a Friday evening for this film.

*On a warm spring day in 1924, house maid and foundling Jane Fairchild (Odessa Young) finds herself alone on Mother's Day. Her employers, Mr. and Mrs. Niven (Colin Firth and Olivia Colman), are out and she has the rare chance to spend quality time with her secret lover. Paul (Josh O'Connor) is the boy from the manor house nearby, Jane's long-term love despite the fact that he's engaged to be married to another woman, a childhood friend and daughter of his parents' friends. But events that neither can foresee will change the course of Jane's life forever.*

As usual adults £5 under 19 £2.50. Tickets from the village shop or on the door. Trailers for all films can be seen on the Internet.

#### *Kettlewell Duck Race*

After 2 years of absence the Duck Race is due to return. Normally held on the Spring bank holiday Monday, the last Monday in May, this year it will be held on May day, Monday 2 May. This is because the Spring bank holiday has moved to 2 June to incorporate the Queen's platinum jubilee over which period other things will be happening in the village. Duck Race tickets are £1 each and are available from village hall committee members, village shop or

outside the village hall on the day. All money raised is for village hall funds.

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[www.upperwharfedale.com](http://www.upperwharfedale.com)

Tel: 01756 636161

#### *Kettlewell & District WI*

The March Meeting held in Kettlewell Village Hall was a friendly social to restart WI life in a more "normal" way after the ups and downs of the last two years of Covid, although we agreed to go forward still taking great care.

The April Monthly meeting will take place at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 12 April in Kettlewell Village Hall and the speaker will be Sue Woodcock. Many of you will know from her time on Grassington Moor, as a member of Buckden Singers and, more recently, as a columnist in the Yorkshire Post each Saturday. The talk is entitled "From Copper to Shepherdess" and Sue will explain her transition from Police Officer to Sheep Breeder. She will be

bringing copies of her book and examples of her crafts using redundant men's ties. We would be delighted to welcome non-members to share Sue's experiences and also to share refreshments of tea/coffee and cakes. There will be a raffle and the competition, due to be "C" will this month be for a knitted corgi dog to recognise the Queens Platinum Jubilee, knitted to the pattern in the WI magazine or from Jane Welsh or Barbara Lambert. Eventually the toys will be hidden for members of the public to find, as an act of kindness to raise a smile. Hostesses will be Linda Thomson, Liz Ward and Barbara Lambert.

On Monday 2 May, from 10am until Noon, in Kettlewell Village Hall, the members will be holding their Annual Coffee Morning which coincides with the Morris Dancing. This is open to everyone and we hope for kind weather for all the Jubilee Celebrations.

### AMERDALE HALL EVENTS

#### Easter Treasure Hunt

Saturday 16 April: A treasure hunt around Arncliffe with chocolate prizes. Refreshments in the Village Hall. Fun for all the family. More details will be posted on Village notice boards.

#### Coffee & Chat

Saturday 30 April from 10am – 12 noon. 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.

#### Film night

'The Full Monty'. Friday 20 May, 7.30pm. This year marks 25 years since the release of the Full Monty, a cult classic that earned director Peter Cattaneo

an MTV Movie Award for Best New Filmmaker, won a BAFTA award and was nominated for Academy Awards in Best Director, Best Picture, Best Original Screenplay and Best Original Musical or Comedy Score. With news that a new tv series is in development with members of the original cast, we thought it was time to re-visit and enjoy this classic Yorkshire film. The film is rated '15'. Put this date in your diary – full details next month.

#### SAMANTHA SPENCE

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#### Rainfall for February 2022

**Arncliffe:** 361.9 mm/14.2 ins

**Litton:** 388.6 mm/15.3 ins

## Appletreewick Village Hall

Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**Post-pandemic fun & fundraising**  
Bar open from 6.30pm, for early socialising  
Music: 7.30pm

**Local band: Rhythm Method**  
(Jacqui Eames & Shaun Nelson)

**Tickets £7.50**

With all proceeds donated to Manorlands

At last we can dust the cobwebs off our village hall, and start using it again!!

Our own local community has really felt the impact of cancer recently, so let's use this opportunity to get together, and enjoy each other's company.

For tickets contact:  
Jacqui Eames: 01756 720149  
Shaun Nelson/Gilly Hart: 01756 751920  
Email: [gillysdesk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:gillysdesk@yahoo.co.uk)



Many people across the Parish will be extremely concerned by the ongoing, tragic events in Ukraine. With events moving so rapidly it is sometimes difficult to know precisely how to respond, but here are a few thoughts about the situation.

We have been praying in our Churches for all those suffering the impact of the invasion and will continue to do so. A particularly appropriate prayer which may be helpful from the Church of St Martin-in-the-Fields in London can be found at:

[www.stmartin-in-the-fields.org/prayer-for-the-people-of-ukraine/](http://www.stmartin-in-the-fields.org/prayer-for-the-people-of-ukraine/)

The Bishop of Leeds, the Right Rev Nick Baines, has shared his views on the issues involved, which can be found on the Diocese website at:

[www.leeds.anglican.org/news/bishop-nick-reflects-unfolding-tragedy-ukraine](http://www.leeds.anglican.org/news/bishop-nick-reflects-unfolding-tragedy-ukraine)

In terms of fundraising, the most helpful thing to do is to donate money to the charities which are already operating in the area and can offer the most direct help, partly because there are logistical difficulties in getting other items such as clothing, etc, from the UK to where they are most needed. The national Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) has an appeal for Ukraine -details at:

[www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal](http://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal)

You can also donate to the same appeal through other charities, such as Christian Aid and the Red Cross:

[www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/ukraine-crisis-appeal](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/ukraine-crisis-appeal)

[www.donate.redcross.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-crisis-appeal](http://www.donate.redcross.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-crisis-appeal)

For information on the UK government scheme for hosting Ukraine refugees:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/homes-for-ukraine-scheme-launches>



Stella Perrott has produced a useful guide on helping refugees following the invasion of Ukraine:

<https://yorkshirebylines.co.uk/news/refugees-how-can-we-help/>.

Basically, her advice is:

§ DO NOT send 'things' to Ukraine or the borders of surrounding countries unless you have navigated the Brexit paperwork, ensured there are people there to receive them and it has been explicitly requested. Otherwise, it can end up as landfill and environmentally damaging.

§ DO send money

§ DO join local refugee groups [refugees@upperwharefdale.net](mailto:refugees@upperwharefdale.net) that are still supporting other refugees including those from Yemen, Afghanistan and Syria and will keep you informed about what you can do.

§ DO raise awareness and keep informed <https://yorkshirebylines.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Fact-Sheet-September-21-dated.pdf>

## Buckden Singers Celebrate Fifteen Years of Singing!



When I first relocated to Buckden in 2005, I was disappointed that, despite its many attractions, there was no local choir or music group I could join. Always a keen singer and a lifelong chorister I, along with fellow newcomers John and Josie Cowpe (John an accomplished pianist and Josie a fellow singer) talked about forming a singing group. In 2007 we bit the bullet and issued an open invitation to anyone interested to come along to our first get together in Romany Cottage where we spent a good hour trying to come to grips with the harmonies of 'Amazing Grace'. Most had never sung in a choir before and did not read music. My conducting skills were embryonic to say the least!

Over the years a hundred people have passed through our ranks aged from eight to eighty plus. At our largest we boasted 45 members. Some have stayed a short time – a couple of years – others have become permanent members – in fact ten of our original twelve still sing with us. Our aim is very clear. We want to produce the best music we can, but our priority is community

and enjoyment. There is no audition, and everyone is welcomed.

We have now developed into a community choir of which I am very proud. We sing a variety of pieces from sacred to secular, from opera to musicals, from traditional to pop. Our annual programme consists of a minimum of three Christmas concerts/services, two summer concerts, and two church services at Hubberholme. We also sing at weddings and funerals from time to time. In addition, we have been invited to support many local events too numerous to list but include the Olympic Torch ceremony in Skipton, Grassington Festival, Armed Forces Day.....

Probably the greatest excitement and our claim to fame has to be our two television appearances: the first in one episode of BBC 1's *'In England's Green and Pleasant Lands'* with Selena Scott and the second in a number of episodes of ITV's *'The Dales'* with Ade Edmondson. They are still being shown in Australia and USA, so our little Dales village has become quite famous.

The Covid Pandemic of course hit us hard as it did not mix with choral singing.

However, after a steep learning curve we moved ourselves onto Zoom where we continued to rehearse on a weekly basis. Due to issues around latency, we couldn't sing together so we each sang alone at home whilst learning together. We then recorded our individual efforts and with the help of Richard Reeday who mixed our recordings we produced some audio/visual pieces, available on YouTube, which drew a great deal of acclaim.

Now we are back to 'in person' rehearsals with some mitigations around social distancing. Our numbers have not yet recovered to pre-pandemic levels, but many people have now returned, so that with a

few new members we are back up to thirty-five. New members are of course always welcome in particular altos, tenors, and basses.

Celebrating our 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary was not something we could do in the usual way, so we have postponed our celebration until the summer but are holding a community event on 3 April in Kettlewell Village Hall. '*Out of the Darkness and into the Light*' is our way of marking the emerging from the pandemic and will be both a commemorative and celebratory event...looking forward to the next fifteen years!

*Anne Vetch, Buckden Singers*



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I recently had the privilege of travelling to Lambeth Palace to receive the Cross of St Augustine from the Archbishop of Canterbury, together with three other colleagues from Sri Lanka, Malaysia, and South Africa, in recognition of our work with the Anglican Alliance and Anglican Health and Community Network in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The award reminds us of those who have served heroically and silently through this pandemic in care homes, hospitals, GP surgeries, grocery shops, delivery drivers, teachers - across the world. Many people work to care for the sick, feed the hungry, and find shelter for the homeless, welcome the stranger and the refugee here in the Leeds Diocese as well as in Malaysia, Sri Lanka and South Africa. Each receive and serve those in great need from near and far. Those who through charities and churches across Europe are now stretching themselves even further to support and serve those fleeing from the war in Ukraine.

*“As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God? My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me all day long, “Where is your God?”*”

Many are exhausted, but my work with these organizations, and with WHO, to engage people of all faiths - and none - in the response to Covid-19 over the last two years has shown me that in the most desperate of times God is present. Daily, He cares for the most vulnerable through acts of compassion and kindness, both small and heroic, from both neighbour and stranger, through you and through me.



As we approach Easter, we remember Jesus who gave his life so that we might live and called us to continue his work on earth:

*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

Sally Smith

Which of the following do you think is the biggest organ in the UK?

- 🔗 Royal Albert Hall
- 🔗 Liverpool (Anglican) Cathedral
- 🔗 Guildford Cathedral
- 🔗 Durham Cathedral
- 🔗 York Minster
- 🔗 St Albans Cathedral
- 🔗 Ripon Cathedral
- 🔗 Norwich Cathedral
- 🔗 King's College Cambridge

The Royal Albert Hall organ (built in 1871 by 'Father' Henry Willis), was once the largest in the world. After four rebuilds by Harrison & Harrison, it now features both Willis and H&H voicings and is currently the second largest in the UK. Liverpool Cathedral now claims to be the largest in the UK, built by Henry Willis between 1923-26. It is an instrument of tremendous power and majesty, but also of serenity and calm.

Why all this info? Because the digital organ gifted to St Mary's Kettlewell contains many Willis voicings. It had started life as a Bradford Computing Organ but had been revised in 2008 using Phoenix software. When our previous Vicar invited me to come and try the new organ after its arrival, I just played a chord of D major on the Swell manual and fought back the tears – it sounded so beautiful!

Until recently, we have not been able to hear the full versatility of this lovely organ, as the old (domestic) speakers were piled on the bench in the back room, behind curtains, but now, after a two-year delay due to Covid lockdowns, old pipes have been removed, and on the newly constructed platform high on the back wall new speakers have been installed, and when they have settled and



acclimatized, should reveal much more of its potential.

The organ has been described as the “King of Instruments”. Do we need so much versatility in order just to accompany hymns? The organ does more than just accompany hymns: it can rejoice, lift the soul in meditation, surprise, inspire as well as accompany and interpret the wording of the text. Its sole purpose, as quoted in Liverpool Cathedral, is to aid worship and play to the glory of God.

We look forward in Kettlewell, in the not-too-distant future, to hearing the organ played by a ‘proper’ organist, perhaps in recital, or in the context choral Evensong. Watch this space!

*Myra Eteson*

*[Where did the new Kettlewell church organ come from? That's the subject of a future article for the Link!]*

One of a handful of Lenten promises I made this year (including the ubiquitous giving up of confectionary, which so far has been a resounding failure) was to study and appreciate everyday things in nature in detail; to really see and observe what I would normally pass over and take for granted. April is a perfect time to do this as the land awakens in earnest, and we see the buds before the blooms, the nest building before the fledgling birds, and the mass of frogspawn before the wriggly tadpoles.

One of the commonplace things I have made a point of paying attention to so far is the burnished finery of the cock pheasant's feathers when highlighted by the sun. The display of vibrant deep copper-red, the absolute precision of the scarlet markings around the eye contrasting with the shimmering iridescence of the head and neck are so beautiful, but the sheer abundance of them in the dales means that we rarely take a second look.

Other spring sights I have particularly noticed are the plentiful catkins – it seems to have been a particularly good year for them with branches dripping with delicate gold-green flowers, like nature's



chandeliers. Catkins are produced by many different trees but the majority of the ones I've seen in the dale have been hazel and silver birch.

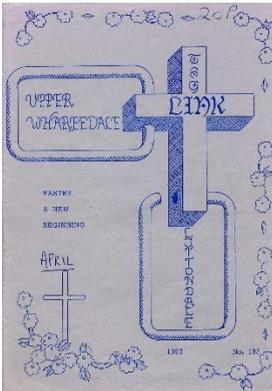
Why not take a second look at the startling acid green of the moss that covers our dry-stone walls, or the sunny splash of the humble celandine or dandelion?

I can recommend this careful and considered act of noticing as a source of inspiration and way of practicing gratitude in day-to-day life.

*Rebecca Ward-Dooley*

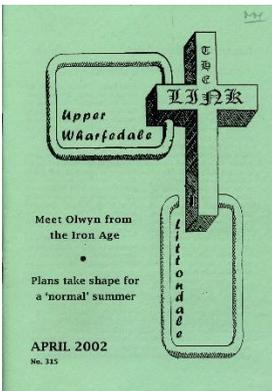


## Links to the Past

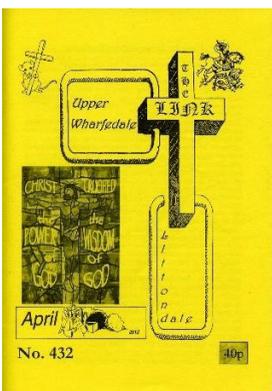


The April 1992 Link included a review of the Littondale Players performance of JB Priestley's comedy 'When We Are Married', directed by Janet Beard, and reporting that "the play proved to be a stylish, witty and well-constructed revival" and, "The performances proved to be thoroughly enjoyable to all age groups and remarkable talent was clearly visible."

The Link also included Tony Knapp's first letter as vicar of the parish, thanking everyone for the warm welcome and gifts, and writing about excitement of 'making a new start'. "Whether our fresh start is in new surroundings, or in old familiar ones, let us all make a new beginning this Easter – as we look to Jesus as the foundation of our new life together", he wrote.



The Link of April 2002 reported that children of Arncliffe and Kettlewell schools had recently experienced the excitement of archaeology in our own area. Kevin Cale, who led recent archaeological investigations, showed drawings and pictures of what had been unearthed. The 'star' of the evening was a woman known now as Olwyn, who was buried near the modern Kettlewell in about 650AD. From her well-preserved bones and skull, experts have a picture of the harshness of life at that time. There is evidence of partial disability which would have made walking difficult and of a severe abscess in her inner ear, so that eating would have been very painful. The condition of her teeth indicated she took mostly fluids for some time, so she may have died partly from starvation. It is possible that she was a weaver, as a notch in one of her teeth may show where she held the thread while working. This fits with an antler comb found nearby and used in weaving at about the same time.



Peter Yorkstone wrote of Easter in the April 2012 Link, highlighting the recent 'resurrection' of the Scargill Christian centre, which he said, "had come to an end in one form but has emerged as a new and exciting community. I suppose that is why Christians still continue to be optimistic, even if things are not going well in either their personal circumstances or within church life, because they believe in 'resurrection' as do I."

The Link also included a note of thanks to all those who had taken part in the kneelers renovation project, noting that "the kneelers, which are a distinctive feature of the church, were sewn by members of the community to individual designs about 35 years ago".

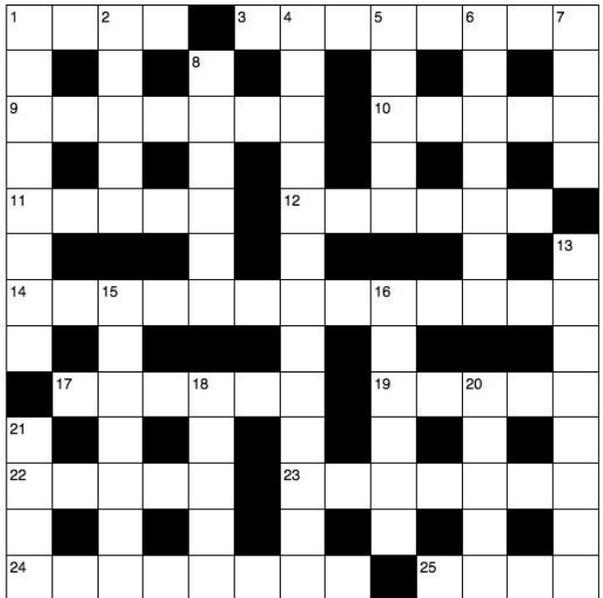
# Crossword

## Across

- 1 'The baby in my — leaped for joy' (Luke 1:44) (4) 3 A 'don't know' in matters of faith (8)  
 9 In the distant past (Jeremiah 2:20) (4,3)  
 10 Armada (1 Kings 10:22) (5)  
 11 Where Moses was confronted with the burning bush (Exodus 3:1) (5)  
 12 Hair colour indicative of skin infection (Leviticus 13:30) (6)  
 14 'The worries of this life and the — of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful' (Matthew 13:22) (13)  
 17 Expel (2 Kings 13:23) (6)  
 19 What Jesus wrapped round his waist when he washed his disciples' feet (John 13:4) (5)  
 22 The sixth plague to afflict the Egyptians (Exodus 9:9) (5)  
 23 For nine (anag.) (7)  
 24 Where there is no time (Psalm 93:2) (8)  
 25 Goliath's challenge to the Israelite army in the Valley of Elah: 'This day I — the ranks of Israel!' (1 Samuel 17:10) (4)

## Down

- 1 'I will become angry with them and forsake them; I — — my face from them' (Deuteronomy 31:17) (4,4)  
 2 Usual description of prophets such as Amos, Hosea, Micah, and so on (5)  
 4 'They cannot see the light of the gospel of the — — , who is the image of God' (2 Corinthians 4:4) (5,2,6)  
 5 An animal's internal edible parts (Leviticus 4:11) (5)  
 6 Popular 20th-century religious novel by Lloyd C. Douglas, which became a 1953 film starring Richard Burton (3,4)



- 7 'A — on a hill cannot be hidden' (Matthew 5:14) (4)  
 8 One of the exiles, a descendant of Bebai, who married a foreign woman (Ezra 10:28) (6)  
 13 Old Testament hymn-singing (8)  
 15 'And O what transport of delight from thy pure — floweth' (7)  
 16 Of felt (anag.) (3,3)  
 18 'So — the — sets you free, you will be free indeed' (John 8:36) (2,3)  
 20 Comes between 'bad' and 'worst' (John 5:14) (5)  
 21 'Neither height nor depth... will be — to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (4)

*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

Sat 2 Apr	Film Show at Kettlewell Village Hall; <i>'Herself'</i>
Sun 3 Apr	Buckden Singers <i>'Out of the darkness, into the light'</i> Kettlewell Village Hall
Tue 5 Apr	Easter workshop, Buckden Institute
Wed 6 April	Lent Lunch, Kettlewell Village Hall
Thu 7 April	Funk Wire, Amerdale Hall
Sat 9 April	Opera for the People, Kettlewell Village Hall
Tue 12 Apr	Kettlewell & District WI, speaker - Sue Woodcock
Wed 13 Apr	Upper Wharfedale Christian Aid Group Lent Lunch, Grassington
Sat 16 Apr	Arncliffe Easter Treasure Hunt
Thu 21 Apr	Kettlewell Luncheon Club, Kettlewell Village hall
Thu 21 Apr	Funk Wire, Amerdale Hall
Wed 27 Apr	Annual Parochial Church Meeting (Zoom meeting)
Sat 30 Apr	Coffee & Chat, Amerdale Hall
Sat 30 Apr	Tea & Stalls, Kettlewell Village Hall
Sat 30 Apr	UWALS Presenting the Past Exhibition, Grassington Town Hall

## FUTURE EVENTS

Mon 2 May	Kettlewell Duck Race
Mon 2 May	Kettlewell & District WI AGM
Fri 6 May	Film Show at Kettlewell Village Hall; <i>'Mothering Sunday'</i>
Fri 20 May	Film night, Amerdale Hall, <i>'The Full Monty'</i>
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

### Answers to Crossword

**ACROSS:** 1, Womb. 3, Agnostic. 9, Long ago. 10, Fleet. 11, Horeb. 12, Yellow. 14, Deceitfulness. 17, Banish. 19, Towel. 22, Boils. 23, Inferno. 24, Eternity. 25, Defy.

**DOWN:** 1, Will hide. 2, Minor. 4, Glory of Christ. 5, Offal. 6, The Robe. 7, City. 8, Zabbai. 13, Psalmody. 15, Chalice. 16, Let off. 18, If son. 20, Worse. 21, Able.

# Church Services



## 3 April – Passion Sunday

Arncliffe	09.30	Holy Communion
Conistone	18.30	Holy Communion
Hubberholme	11.15	Holy Communion
Kettlewell	11.15	Methodist Service

## 10 April – Palm Sunday

United Parish Service	Meet Buckden Green 10.00 for walk to
Hubberholme	Hubberholme for 11.00 for Holy Communion

## 14 April – Maundy Thursday

Kettlewell	19.00	Holy Communion & foot washing
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## 15 April – Good Friday

Conistone	14.00	Meditative Service
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## 17 April – Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service	Meet by the River Skirfare at 06.00 am for Holy	
Arncliffe	Communion followed by breakfast in Amerdale Hall	
Kettlewell with Conistone	09.30	Easter Communion
Hubberholme	11.15	BCP Holy Communion

## 24 April – Low Sunday

Arncliffe	09.30	Holy Communion
Conistone	18.30	Evensong
Hubberholme	09.30	Service of the Word
Kettlewell	09.30	Holy Communion

