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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*

# From the Vicar

Change is a constant. And that seems somewhat contradictory.

But theologically it makes sense.

Creation is bound to change – it's constantly creating, that's the point. The creator, however, is constant – the origin of change and creativity.

When things change beyond our control, we can feel powerless and estranged. But that's not really true. We remain important and fully part of the way ahead because we are the very fabric of creation. We're just not the origin.

Christianity is an invitation into the fullness of creation. Not just the idea that we are part of creation, or simply and instinctually at one with creation, but significantly, that our consciousness shapes the *reality* of creation; our challenges and difficulties and the specifics of our creativity are all contributing to reality. To follow in the way of Christ is to enter into the vibrancy of this invitation.

We are called to conquer viruses through the brilliance of creativity and the vigilance of our care and hospitality; and to overcome suffering through the virtue of hope, generosity and love. These constants underpin the fluidity of change.

Sunday 26 April was supposed to be our last day in the Parish of Upper Wharfedale and Littondale. A couple of months ago

preparations for departure were underway and we were nearly set to go.

## **As of now, my last day as Vicar has changed to be Sunday 26 July.**

It has been unsettling and a little odd, for us all. Yet, the fullness of life is abundant – even in death - that's the Easter message. There's always something more. Something else going on. Some constancy that persists beyond everything.

It's not imaginary; it's strangely true and genuine. Such a truth brings forth hope, resurrection and life. It is the founding stone of creation and it allows hope to spring forth even in the most challenging of times.

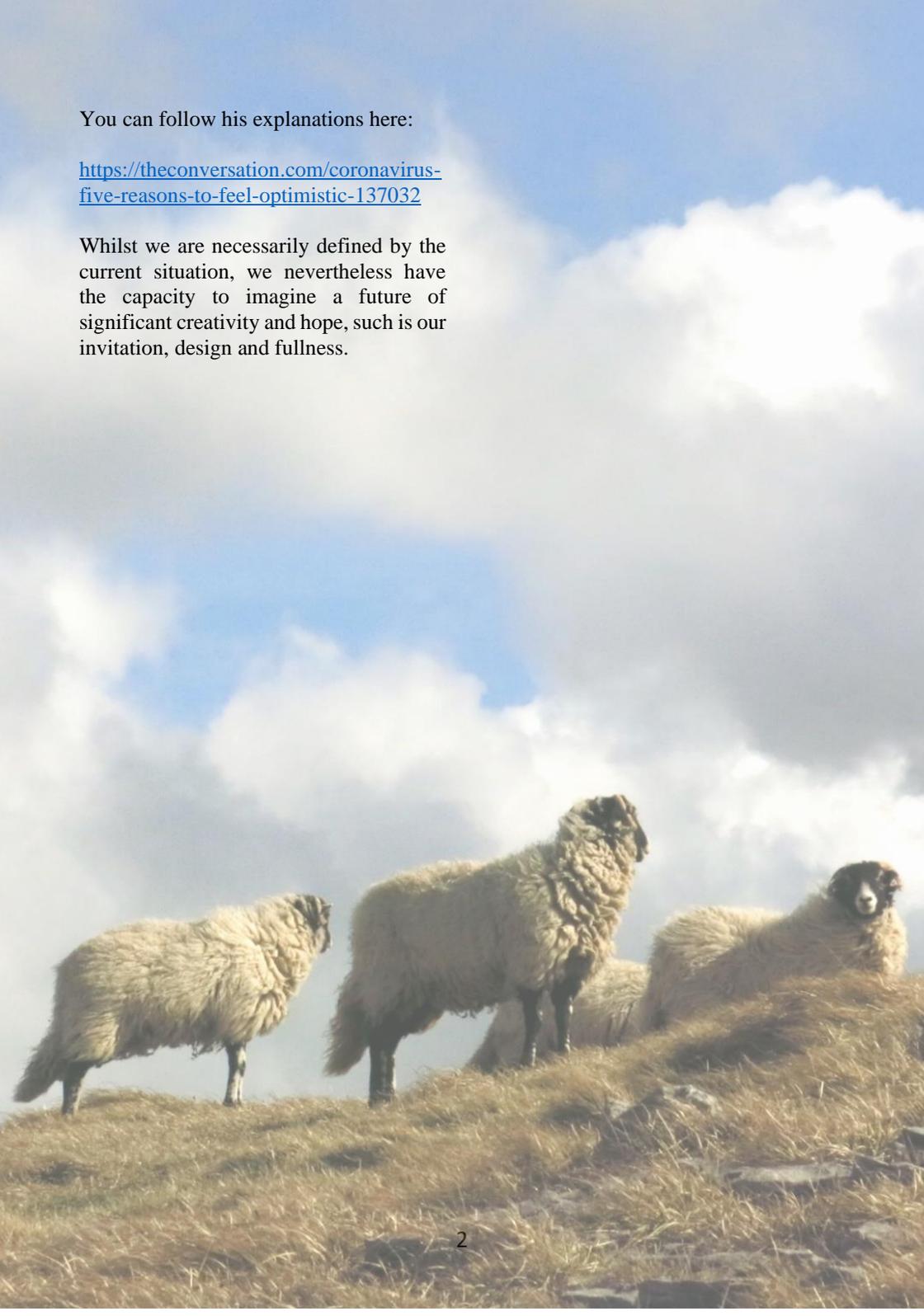
Professor Ian Boyd, a biologist of St Andrew's University, suggests five positives that have already emerged from the current crisis:

1. COVID-19 is under control in many countries
2. This has been achieved by us all abandoning our way of life temporarily
3. We now know a lot more about how to manage this disease
4. We have learned how to act in unison at a massive, global scale
5. We know a lot more about our vulnerabilities and how to manage them

You can follow his explanations here:

<https://theconversation.com/coronavirus-five-reasons-to-feel-optimistic-137032>

Whilst we are necessarily defined by the current situation, we nevertheless have the capacity to imagine a future of significant creativity and hope, such is our invitation, design and fullness.



# From the Parish

## From the Church Registers

### *Funeral and Burials*

3 April – St Mary’s, Kettlewell - Brian William Appleton

## From the Treasurer

You will have seen a message from James in the last edition of the Link highlighting the fact that the church finances have taken a hit as a result of the Coronavirus crisis. As Treasurer for the PCC I thought it might be helpful if I provide a bit of background to Church finances in general and explain the problem in a bit more detail.

Our income arises from a range of sources including regular giving (through standing orders and at services), donations, fundraising and fees from services such as weddings and funerals. Expenditure items include running costs such as insurance, heat & light, churchyard maintenance and administration costs in addition to our parish share contribution to the Diocese.

It’s fair to say that each year we only just about manage to balance our books, so with most of the income sources now drying up we are faced with a fairly big black hole, as the majority of our costs continue to accrue. For example, our monthly insurance bill alone is £500, so the longer this goes on the worse our finances will become.

You might be wondering why, if our finances are so bad, that we can still afford to go ahead with potentially costly projects such as new paths at some churches, the Labyrinth at Kettlewell and new music systems. The fact is that we do have some reserves - largely from historical donations and legacies - but the majority of these are ‘restricted’ funds which means that we can only spend the capital or interest for certain purposes or on specific buildings. We do have some ‘unrestricted’ funds but the majority of these are invested in stocks & shares and now is not a good time to cash them in given the recent fall in share prices. We do have some cash reserves which we have started to dip into, but these won’t last long at the current rate.

All this leads me back to James’s request in last month’s Link. If you are a churchgoer who usually makes a donation at services via an envelope or into the plate collection, we would ask that you consider making a donation of the amount you might have given during this period. If you don’t normally attend church but appreciate the important role in the

community that the Church plays, then we would welcome your contribution too.

It's easy to donate. All you need to do is click on the link below and make a payment with your card. You will be given the opportunity to Gift Aid the donation.

<https://www.mygiving.online/appdonation/DonateNow/098e30d7-df14-4a7b-9a01-022255e08595>

Alternatively, if you would like to make a regular donation, then you might like to consider setting up a standing order via your bank. The details you will need to give them are:

Beneficiary Bank Sort Code: 207842  
Beneficiary Account Number: 40541370  
Beneficiary Name: Upper Wharfedale & Litchford PCC

If you are a UK Taxpayer, your regular donations should be eligible for Gift Aid.

If you do set up a standing order, please send me an e mail and I will let you have a Gift Aid declaration. My email address is [nick.davies14@icloud.com](mailto:nick.davies14@icloud.com)

I appreciate that during this dreadful crisis, there are many worthy causes to support but I do hope you will be able to help us in some way. On behalf of the Church Wardens and the entire PCC, I would like to thank you in advance for any financial contribution you are able to make.



# From the Churches & Villages

Not much news this month due to the lockdown, but thanks to all who have contributed

## Buckden and Hubberholme

In the light of the developing COVID-19 situation, Buckden Institute Committee has decided that Buckden Gala 2020 will

not take place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June as originally planned.

## Kettlewell & Starbotton

### *Kettlewell Luncheon Club*

The venerable members of the Kettlewell Luncheon Club wish to sincerely thank Saul, Floss and family, at the Kettlewell Hostel, for the generous gift of pre-prepared food during the current crisis. We are all extremely grateful for this thoughtful and helpful gesture, typical of the Kettlewell community spirit, not only that, the food was absolutely delicious! Once again, our thanks.

### *Kettlewell Village Hall Committee*

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation the May committee meeting has been cancelled and also the Duck Race which would normally have taken place on the Spring Bank Holiday Monday at the end of May. It may be possible to reschedule this for later in the year. The films for this season have also been postponed. We hope to start the new season of films in September, if conditions permit, and look

forward to welcoming you all back to the Hall again then.

### *Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival Committee*

It's been very difficult to write this update. Originally, we wanted to let you all know the trail themes for the year, so you could plan your own scarecrows. Different members of the committee would be asking for volunteers for everything from parking to catering, via knitting and baking. We'd be full steam ahead to prepare for August. To an extent, we still are.

As of April 10th, our plan is to make a final decision about the Festival in early May. While it is looking increasingly likely that we will have to cancel, because we don't want to place our communities at risk, we are also trying to find a way to hold a virtual festival so we can raise some much-needed funds for the causes we support. For now, though, we are still

gathering volunteers, just in case, so please don't be put off. But we also have some other ways in which we'd like you to help us if you can.

**Photos:** do you have photos of past festivals that you're willing to share with us and are happy for us to use online as part of a virtual festival, or for printed merchandise? If so, please send them to the email address below.

**Knitting:** whether we run a physical festival or a virtual one, the scarecrow raffle has been a popular and effective part of the fundraising in the past, but we need more people to knit! We have yarn and patterns that can be delivered to Kettlewell and surrounding villages if anyone would like to knit for us during lockdown, so please do email if you can help.

**Recipes:** we're exploring the possibility of creating a Scarecrow Festival recipe e-book we can sell, so people can make for themselves some of the delicious treats they would otherwise be buying in the village hall. If this is something you would like to contribute to, please do email with an idea of what recipe/s you

would be willing to pass on, so we can get an idea of what we might be able to offer. We don't need the recipes themselves at this stage, just an expression of interest.

**Skills:** it's fair to say, we're in uncharted territory here. It's entirely possible someone is reading this and thinking they have something to offer - whether skills or an amazing idea - we've not mentioned. If this is you, please do get in touch.

For all of the above, or to find out more generally about what volunteering roles are available, the email to use is [melaniedenyeris@gmail.com](mailto:melaniedenyeris@gmail.com) or for those who would prefer to phone in the first instance, the number is 761923.

Finally, to reassure you all, we will not hold the Festival if there is the least risk to anyone's health, whether residents of Kettlewell and surrounding villages or visitors. We'll let you know final plans for this year as soon as we can. Until then, we hope you all stay safe and well.

*Melanie Denyer, on behalf of the  
Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival Committee*

## Littondale

### *Amerdale Hall*

The Hall was as full and cheerfully noisy as ever for the 2020 'Littondale's Got Talent' show on Saturday 15th February. A wonderful, convivial evening for the whole Dale community. Its spirit must have fizzed out even to those who weren't able to be there. The seven talent spots on

the stage, varying from the mildly serious (young performers on accordion and guitar) to the totally daft and hilarious (strong arm men in ballet tutus or big bear suits), were supported by a witty team of X Factor judges (including of course the ever sardonic Simon C. . . person) and a highly appreciative and responsive audience.

Amidst all the joyous thanks and congratulations at the end to the performers, judges, audience and the evening's terrific presenters, Brenda and Daphne, nothing was said about the team who had put the whole show together. I was too slow-witted to grab the microphone and thank them. Let me now, on behalf of everyone in the dale community, whether in the hall or not, say a HUGE THANKYOU to the unsung heroes of the evening, all those who played a part in the team which made the decision to put on another LGT show,

arranged it, cajoled and enabled performers and helpers to join in, prepared the hall, oversaw rehearsals, organized the excellent post-show supper, collected items and ran the raffle, and worked behind the scenes on the night to make it all the success it was. It needed dedication, a big time commitment, and as much talent as the performers themselves. Thank you again.

*Richard Hargreaves*

## Rainfall figures: March 2020

Rainfall for Arncliffe in March: 166.5 mm or 6.55 inches

Apologies that the figures are not complete this month, and that we don't have a table comparing with previous years – we'll correct it in the next Link!

Avril Harrison has pointed out that the rainfall figures from Beckermonds for January and February were incorrect. The real figures are January, 202.0mm (7.95 ins) and February, 512.0mm (20.16ins). The Environment Agency has not taken the March readings, but they hope to resume in the near future.

Rainfall figures are supplied by Elspeth Miller (Arncliffe), Avril Harrison (Beckermonds, and Ian Cuthbert (Kettlewell)

# Features

One of the new elements we are introducing in the Link is a series of 'Feature' articles.

- 🔗 **Meet:** A short interview with someone involved in parish and community life, such as lay readers and churchwardens, community groups, the school, local businesses, etc
- 🔗 **About:** A brief description of a local parish/community organization, initiative or event, for example, festivals, shows and fetes, associations and voluntary groups, local institutions, etc, describing what it is and what it does, its history, and how people can get involved. Information on aspects of life in the dales; breeds of sheep, cattle and other creatures of the Dales, nature sightings, etc.
- 🔗 **Remember:** A look back in time to an event of the past – based on a previous Link or other sources. History of people and places; villages, buildings, industries and institutions.
- 🔗 **Try:** Useful ideas and tips that are locally relevant, and encourage stewardship of creation, for example, tips to save energy and cut greenhouse gases, nature conservation, recipes, garden tips, craft ideas, etc

If you have any suggestions for future 'Feature' articles, do please let us know.

## 🔗 MEET: Andrew Hitchon

Our first 'Feature' is an interview with Andrew Hitchon, who was recently appointed as the Parish Administrator, and when the lockdown is over, you'll be able to find him again at the Parish Office, in Kettlewell Church. We thought you might like to get to know him better, so asked him a few questions about how he ended up in this role, and what he does.

🔗 *Andrew, for those who don't know you well, can you tell us a bit about yourself?*

I come from a local farming background, with family members in both dales. I was

brought up in Hawkswick and went to Arncliffe CE Primary School, where I was one of the pupils who appeared as child extras in the early episodes of Emmerdale Farm.

My main career has been in journalism, which has included being editor of the Craven Herald, though that association ended in 2015 so please don't blame me for anything to do with that publication since then! More recently I have edited an agricultural industry magazine, The Northern Farmer, and I have also worked as Parish Administrator since last summer.

I have been back in Hawkswick since 2014 and before that lived for more than 15 years in York. I usually attend St Oswald's Church in Arncliffe and am also Church Warden for St Mary's, Kettlewell, and St Mary's, Conistone.

**§ *You have recently taken on the role of parish administrator. What does that involve?***

The role of Administrator is surprisingly varied, with many different tasks coming my way. A lot of what I do is about being a point of contact between different people and groups. This can include being a point of contact between the Diocese of Leeds and the Parish on issues which may involve governance or finance, or between people from outside the local area and parishioners on a very wide variety of issues, often involving the wish to hold events at one of our churches.

Also, perhaps not so surprisingly, there is a lot of paperwork involved in church life, the maintenance of our historic buildings and the important 'life events' that are held on our premises.

**§ *What are the most challenging aspects of this role?***

Probably the most difficult side of the job is the amount of bureaucracy and 'red tape' involved in so many of our activities, which I know can prove frustrating to parishioners who are working hard to get things done and would sometimes just like to get on with it. I feel particularly responsibility where people's major 'life events' are concerned, because obviously

these are of huge importance to those who are taking part in them, though there may be many such events at any of our churches each year.

***Thank you!***



*The Parish Office is in the Jubilee Room at Kettlewell church, and Andrew is normally there from 9am to 1pm, Tuesday to Friday. Sometimes he has commitments away from the office, so if you are planning to visit, please get in touch beforehand (if possible), by email at [upperwharfedale@leeds.anglican.org](mailto:upperwharfedale@leeds.anglican.org) or calling 01756 380237.*

## ABOUT...Skipton Food Bank

The Skipton food bank is a youngish charitable organisation set up and run by Christians and originally at Skipton Baptist church but, after an intermediate address in Craven court, is now based at St Andrew's church. Its whole purpose is to help people and families who struggle financially to buy food, on top of all their household bills, by providing basic groceries...there's a list coming up! They work only through local agencies rather than directly with recipients so that those who might not feel able to ask are given an introduction.

St Oswald's, Arncliffe has had a box in church for donations for a while but now all the churches in our new Parish have a plastic box outside (since C19 - look in the porch or by the lychgate) to gather cupboard items or household necessities, which are collected and taken into Skipton regularly. Kettlewell village store also has a collection point.

At the moment because of COVID-19 they are working a delivery system rather than a drop-in centre but obviously still need donations both of food and money ...if you have either you can spare... even a single pint of UHT milk, tin of potatoes or shower gel will help. No fresh food, thank you.

If you would prefer to donate financially you can do so through their website:

<https://www.skiptonfoodbank.org/>

Here's that list of urgent needs (mid-April but fairly typical):

-  Tinned potatoes
-  Tinned veg
-  Tinned fruit
-  Coffee
-  UHT milk
-  Rice pudding
-  Custard
-  Tinned spaghetti
-  Jam
-  Pot noodle
-  Instant pasta (add hot water)
-  Rice, normal and packet
-  Shampoo
-  Shower gel
-  Children's toothbrushes
-  Adult toothbrushes
-  Children's toothpaste
-  Nappies, larger sizes
-  Toilet roll

If you are on Facebook you may like to read more about what's going on day to day at:

<https://www.facebook.com/skiptonbaptistfoodbank/>

*Gill Jowett*



### **Pick up Points**

Buckden School Room Porch  
Kettlewell Lychgate  
Conistone Church Porch  
Arncliffe Lychgate.



## REMEMBERING...Robin Miller

*Many of us remember Robin Miller with much fondness, and we were all deeply saddened by his death on Christmas Eve last year. St Oswald's was packed out for his funeral service, at which his daughter in law, Michelle, read this lovely eulogy. For those who could not be there, these words will remind you of the life of a great character of our parish.*

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Christopher Robin Miller was born on the 24th December 1942 to Mary and Marmaduke Miller in Settle, North Yorkshire. He had an older brother David. At the time of his birth, Marmaduke and Mary were running the Falcon Inn and Robin spent most of his childhood in the pub and on the Falcon's farm.

Robin attended Arncliffe Primary School followed by Ermysted's Grammar School in Skipton. He was a boarder at Ermysted's due to the length of the journey time. Following school, Robin read Chemical Engineering at the University of Leeds and subsequently got a job with British Gas for which he moved south to London. He worked with them for several years, with one of his projects being the decommissioning of the gas works in Slough.

In 1970, Marmaduke passed away and by 1975 Robin's responsibilities for the Falcon, its farm and his family pulled him back to Arncliffe. He never left again!

Robin married Elspeth Robinson in 1977 and they had their two children, Richard and Libby, in the following years.

Joking aside, from this point in his life, Robin's life really did revolve around the Falcon, Littondale, and the wider community. If I had to sum up Robin's driving principles in life and what defined him, it would be his attachment to and belief in community. This is most obvious in his role as the Landlord of the Falcon for 37 years. He believed that the pub should be at the heart of the community. He would very merrily tell tourist's 'we're closed' as locals sat drinking by the bar.

But beyond the Falcon, he is woven into the fabric of the community through the many other duties he performed. For many years, he has been caretaker for the village's water supply. For a similarly long period he has wound the church clock every Saturday morning. There were countless parties in the village hall, for which he ran the bar; sometimes he made it home afterwards, other times the village pump made a fine bed. He was also a stalwart supporter of the village fete, slipping a little extra into the fell race prize to try and encourage the best of the local runners to turn out.

Sport, in general, is part of community life within the dales and Robin was a keen supporter of all local sport. He was a regular at Wharfedale Rugby Club to watch the First XV and when he couldn't make it down to the club, he could be found repeatedly refreshing teletext waiting for the score to come through. Of

course, for him, what made it so special was the local lads who played and all the people from Upper Wharfedale who came out to support them.

He was President of Littondale Cricket club and took his greenkeeping duties very seriously. He always hoped for dry weather in the lead up to a match as it made clearing the cow pat so much easier. One of my abiding memories will be of him leaning over the gate to watch the cricket on golden summer's evenings.

He was a keen snooker player and he hugely enjoyed both the sport and the camaraderie of the Thursday night snooker matches at Kilnsey.

Despite not fishing much himself, Robin was incredibly passionate about the sport. He spent a lot of time worrying about river levels and the sight of a heron or a goosander would leave him apoplectic. His fury was only matched by his ineptitude with a shotgun.

His other great passions in life were mole and mink catching, the Falcon's septic tank and he was a keen cyclist. Unbeknownst to me until last night, he had a series of even older paratrooper bikes from World War 2, which preceded his current red rocket.

I know that Robin was very proud of both Richard and Libby and the lives they have made for themselves. He loved his four grandchildren Jacob, Molly, Beatrix and Emily deeply and much to everyone's surprise he was a wonderful babysitter. The children always loved his company

and not only because he always had a spicy mint in his pocket.

Lastly, all of Robin's family have been very touched at the number of cards and messages we have received since his passing. What has been especially lovely are the repeated references to Robin's good humour, dry Yorkshire wit, and his warmth.

Go well, God bless, you will be deeply missed.



# Reflections

A great many of us are familiar with the tradition of eating lamb at Easter, but how many folk think about where those lambs come from and how they are produced, reared and nurtured during their lives? It is not always plain sailing for the shepherd if, as is usual in the Dales, the weather is cold and wet, but they battle through, whatever the obstacles, in true Yorkshire stoic fashion with only the odd vociferation under their breath!

At daybreak, when most people are in their warm beds, an inspection of all the ewes takes place, those close to lambing having been brought closer to the farm. Generally speaking, ewes are quite capable of dealing with the last stages of pregnancy without the aid of a human, taking to motherhood seamlessly. The majority of births tend to produce twins with only about one third of lambs being single births. On very rare occasions triplets make an appearance which is not desirable for hill sheep resulting in one lamb being removed from the ewe to enable the remaining two to thrive. Occasionally ewes may need some additional help when, for instance, a lamb is breech or twins are fighting to enter the world first, but these problems can generally be solved with skill and patience.

When there is a mortality it comes as a bitter blow; all those months from November to April/May involving

supplementary feeding on the hills of hay and silage, constant checking of the health and wellbeing of the animals, can count for nought. Fortunately, this is rare and the joy of new life symbolising the coming of spring outweighs the setbacks. Who could not be moved by the sight of new lambs gambolling and frolicking with each other in the fields on a sunny summer's day?

So, after a month of lambing all the new arrivals have identification tags attached and marks specific to each farm daubed onto their backs before being returned to the fells for the summer. In the autumn lambs are sold at auction to go for 'stores' or in other words, for fattening up on another farm or fat lambs are sold for consumption.

The shepherd is a dedicated individual whose prime concern is the safe arrival of these significant symbols of Easter just as Jesus was a shepherd of Man, often referred to as the Lamb of God. The sacrifices made by a modern-day shepherd are small in comparison but nevertheless it takes a certain sort of individual to minister to the small vulnerable lambs whose welfare is paramount.

The rewards far outweigh the effort and in these uncertain times it is surely a cause for rejoicing and positivity at Easter time.

## A Prayer in the time of Covid-19

Loving Lord, we pray for your love and compassion  
to abound as we walk through this challenging  
season.

We ask for wisdom for those who bear the load of  
making decisions with widespread consequences.

We pray for those who are suffering with sickness  
and for all who are caring for them.

We ask for protection for the elderly and  
vulnerable not to succumb to the risks of the  
virus.

We pray for misinformation to be curbed that fear  
may take no hold in hearts and minds.

As we exercise the good sense that you in your  
mercy provide may we also approach each day in  
faith and peace, trusting in the truth of your  
goodness towards us

Amen

# Crossword

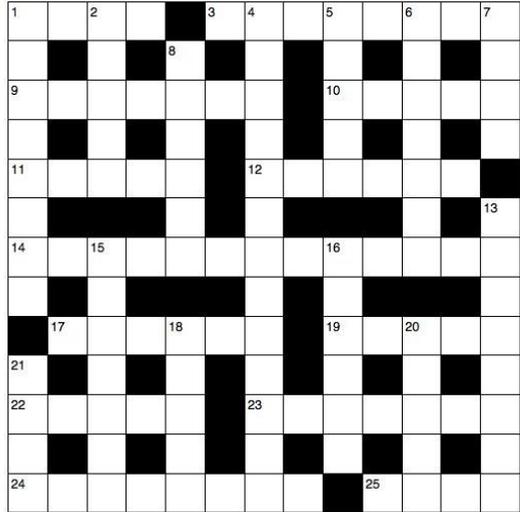
## Clues

### Across

- 1 'Therefore let us — passing judgment on one another' (Romans 14:13) (4)  
 3 'I — these persons here present' (Marriage service) (4,4)  
 9 According to a prearranged timetable (Numbers 28:3) (7)  
 10 Group of eight (5)  
 11 The cell into which the Philippian jailer put Paul and Silas (Acts 16:24) (5)  
 12 — Taylor, pioneer missionary to China (6)  
 14 Otherwise known as the Eucharist, Breaking of Bread, the Lord's Table (4,9)  
 17 'So that after I have preached to others, I — will not be disqualified for the prize' (1 Corinthians 9:27) (6)  
 19 Attend to (3,2)  
 22 Approximately (Acts 4:4) (5)  
 23 Tea rite (anag.) (7)  
 24 Rule of sovereign (8)  
 25 Test (anag.) (4)

### Down

- 1 The name of the street where Judas lived in Damascus and where Saul of Tarsus stayed (Acts 9:11) (8)  
 2 'The playing of the merry — , sweet singing in the choir' (5)  
 4 'We have been saying that — was credited to him as righteous' (Romans 4:9) (8,5)  
 5 Dr Martyn — Jones, famous for his ministry at Westminster Chapel (5)



- 6 Port at which Paul landed on his way to Rome (Acts 28:13) (7)  
 7 Observe (Ruth 3:4) (4)  
 8 Minister of religion (6)  
 13 'I am — of this man's blood. It is your responsibility' (Matthew 27:24) (8)  
 15 'Greater love has no one than this, that he — his life for his friends' (John 15:13) (3,4)  
 16 Archbishop who calculated that the world began in 4004BC (6)  
 18 'No one can — the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit' (John 3:5) (5)  
 20 Establish by law (5)  
 21 Product of Gilead noted for its healing properties (Jeremiah 46:11) (4)

*Solution on next page!*

# Contact Us

## The Link

The **Link** is the magazine and notice-board 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 by the 10th of the preceding month.

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### **Answers to Crossword**

**ACROSS:** 1, Stop. 3, Call upon. 9, Regular. 10, Octet. 11, Inner. 12, Hudson. 14, Holy Communion. 17, Myself. 19, See to. 22, About. 23, Iterate. 24, Monarchy. 25, Stet.

**DOWN:** 1, Straight. 2, Organ. 4, Abraham's faith. 5, Lloyd. 6, Puteoli. 7, Note. 8, Cleric. 13, Innocent. 15, Lay down. 16, Ussher. 18, Enter. 20, Enact. 21, Balm.

# What's Happening?



Not a great deal happening this month – but there will be more to come in the future!

This page will have a rolling calendar of events, providing details of events occurring this month, and a 'heads up' of future events in Upper Wharfedale and Littondale.

So please do let us know what's on and what's coming up!

 [Puzzle!!](#)

***Need something to do in lockdown?***

***Fancy a little competition to keep your brain busy and your mind alert?***

The eagle-eyed among you may already have spotted a few spelling mistakes in the Link this month. They are deliberate!! Five words are spelt wrong; find them all, and you should be able to rearrange them as the line of hymn relevant to life in the Dales. Send me an email ([smithiwho@gmail.com](mailto:smithiwho@gmail.com)) if you have worked it out; the answer will be in next month's edition, along with the names of those who solve the puzzle!!!

# Church Services

The church communities of Upper Wharfedale and Littondale aim to be open and welcoming to everyone. We extend the hospitality of Jesus to people of all faiths and none whatever your background or identity.

Currently, because of the coronavirus, our church buildings are closed, but you can watch or listen to our church services on the Parish website – do have a look.

<https://www.upperwharfedalechurches.org/>

Whether you are seeking God's presence, looking for information or some help with prayer and worship, we hope that you will discover that God's love is unconditional and within all things.

**Keep us, good Lord,  
Under the shadow of your mercy  
In this time of uncertainty and distress.  
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,  
And lift up all who are brought low;  
That we may rejoice in your comfort,  
Knowing that nothing can separate us from your love  
In Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen**

**Peace to all who enter.  
God's grace to all who depart**