

# Link



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## ***This Month...Remembering***

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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 Archdeacon...

## *Some thoughts on Remembrance*

The observation of Remembrance carries a particular weight of significance for each of us. Many of will have family memories or stories of soldiers, sailors, airmen, or civilians in support of them who died during armed conflicts. Some of these will date back decades, but in recent years the increased tempo of military operations has meant that many more families have been touched by the loss of someone dear.

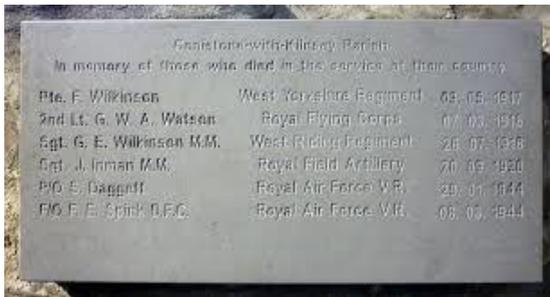
I served as an Army chaplain for 26 years, so this season brings particular memories. There are soldiers I knew, some good friends, for whom I had the sad

duty but inestimable privilege of conducting their funerals. There are the families I visited, especially during the Iraq

and Afghanistan campaigns, trying to help them make sense of the loss of a son, a daughter or a husband. There were the sad repatriation ceremonies, again sometimes for soldiers I had known, as their bodies were brought back with great care, the dignity of the military ceremonial being matched by the courage and fortitude of the families as they stood by the aircraft.

But above all perhaps it was on operations, conducting remembrance services for soldiers in foreign countries which has provided me with the strongest

recollection for this season. In 2008 I went into Kabul to conduct services and also to dedicate a plaque in the cemetery to mark those British personnel who had died in the previous year in Afghanistan: it was of necessity a short service, but there was a real sense of linking our service and commitment to that of previous generations. That itself is a complicated history, of course, and often our remembrance of those who have died may be set within a degree of political debate. But that should not obscure our gratitude for those who serve and risk their lives and abilities.



In recent years there has been some of the discourse about service personnel has been set in terms of heroes. While some are

indisputably heroic, for most there is just the determination to do a job they are asked to do, and to them the language of heroism feels too simple and melodramatic. This year we will not all be able to follow all the sad ceremonial of Remembrance, but we can remember with gratitude the faithful service of people like us, like members of our families. And we can emulate their quiet determination as we see our present challenges through to the end.

*Archdeacon Jonathan Gough*

# From the Churches & Villages

## Parish News

### *Gift Day 2020*

**R**esidents in the former parish of Kettlewell & Conistone will be familiar with the idea of a Gift Day but this year it will be extended across our new, enlarged parish for the first time. It's a date in our local church calendar where we celebrate the act of giving in all its forms and will be held this year on 15<sup>th</sup> November. We recognise that all our parishioners may not be regular church goers but nonetheless appreciate the important part that the church plays in the local community and may wish to make a financial gift to support the work we do.

This year, more than ever we have seen such generous acts of giving and kindness displayed to one another such as doing shopping or running errands for those who are more vulnerable or shielding. In many ways, the COVID-19 crisis has brought out the best in people. In financial terms however, this year has

been a disastrous one for the church and, in this parish alone, we are facing a black hole of around fifteen thousand pounds. We normally have so many regular activities throughout Upper Wharfedale and Littondale each year providing the lifeblood of our fund-raising activities, none of which took place this year. In addition, our largest donor, the Scarecrow Festival also sadly fell victim to the crisis, leaving a massive hole in our finances.

You will hopefully see an envelope included in this month's edition of The Link. I do hope that you feel able to support us by making a donation this year. There are several ways to do this and it can be gift aided if you are a taxpayer.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

*Nick Davies, Treasurer*

## From the Parish Register

### *Wedding*

4 September – St Michael and All Angels, Hubberholme – Christy John Hodgson and Heather Louise Wood

### *Funeral*

15 October – St Mary's, Kettlewell – Muriel Raw

## Remembrance Sunday services

The uncertainty we are all currently facing has made it difficult to plan events in the way we normally would, including our Acts of Remembrance within the Parish.

In this case the uncertainty stems from two quite different sources. We are now in a period of Vacancy, and therefore relying upon visiting clergy to provide many of our services, particularly those involving Holy Communion.

We are also in the midst of a public health crisis, with many restrictions in place to try to halt or slow the spread of coronavirus.

Our present pattern of worship allows for two Holy Communion services in our Parish each Sunday. On **8<sup>th</sup> November** it is the 'turn' of **St Oswald's, Arncliffe,** and **St Mary's, Conistone,** where the Rev Ian Greenhalgh is due to lead services with a theme of Remembrance at **9.30am** and **11.15am** respectively.

At Hubberholme and Kettlewell members of the congregations have decided to step forward and lead services, to ensure the tradition of Remembrance is maintained throughout the Parish.

The intention at **Hubberholme** is to hold an Act of Remembrance led by Avril Harrison inside St Michael and All Angels Church, provided no further

restrictions are introduced which prevent this happening. This service will start at **10.30am**, with a strict numbers limit of 30.

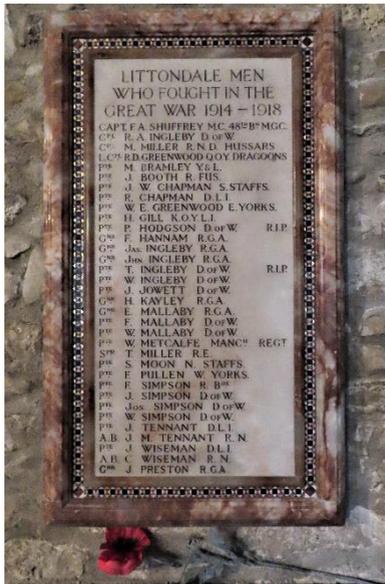
At **Kettlewell** people have in past years gathered at the village's War Memorial for an Act of Remembrance during the afternoon. However, the numbers involved are often such that it was thought it would be impossible to do this in 2020 while safely ensuring social distancing.

Therefore, the intention here is to hold a service in St Mary's Church at **10.45am**, led by Sue Nelson, to coincide with the 11am national minute's silence. People can lay wreaths at the War Memorial after the service, but the idea is that there will not be a time when large numbers of people head to the memorial, thus causing

a problem with social distancing.

There are two important additional points. Any services we hold will have to comply with the rules related to coronavirus, which include limiting numbers in our churches to allow for social distancing.

Also, it must be stressed that all these plans reflect what we hope to do, and could be subject to change due to the many present factors which are outside our control.



Please check posters at the churches and the What's On section of our website at [www.upperwharfedalechurches.org](http://www.upperwharfedalechurches.org) This includes details of upcoming services during the present month, and will be updated if we have to change our arrangements.

### *A word of thanks*

Just a quick vote of thanks from the Vacancy Team for the continuing support and efforts of so many people over the last few months. Thanks to you all. The sense of fellowship and friendship across the Parish is truly to be celebrated and will be invaluable as we continue to navigate our way along the Vacancy pathway in challenging and uncertain times.

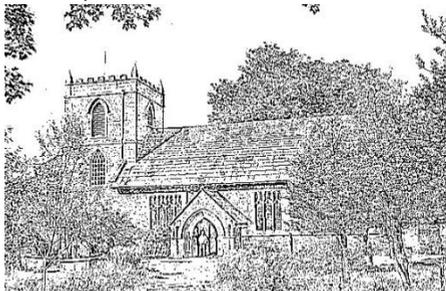
The process of appointing a new incumbent is in progress and we are still working to the timeline provided by The Diocese which should see the advertisement being published on 1 December 2020. Clearly everything at the moment is subject to change but we are optimistic that this date will stand.

And finally – the Annual Parochial Church Meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday 25 November 2020 at The Buckden Village Institute, commencing at 18:30. As a consequence of restrictions on numbers this will be a 'blended' meeting, whereby some people take part online and others gather in a meeting place where there is equipment available for them to



engage with those who are taking part online.

### *St Mary's Kettlewell*



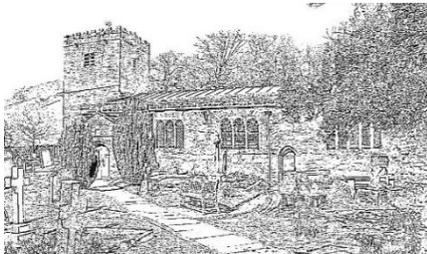
### *Preserve stall & all things Christmassy!*

Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> November, 10.30am to 2.30pm in Kettlewell Church Lychgate – hopefully! Jams, chutney, marmalade, mincemeat, mince pies, Christmas cakes, Christmas puddings and much more. Some items ideal for Christmas presents or your own celebrations, however low key they may be this year. All in aid of Church Funds – and they're certainly needed! All subject to local lockdown, of course, so please look out for notices around the village in the week prior. Everyone very welcome – if only to take a look.

### *Flowers at Kettlewell Church*

There is still the need for someone, or a couple of folk, with willing spirits and perhaps a flair with flowers to take on the creative role of flower arranger and flower rota organiser at Kettlewell Church. Help and advice is available, if required, to get you off to a good start. Should you like to pursue this further, please contact Sue Nelson on 760887. Thank you in anticipation.

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



### Christmas Updates

We are sorry to say the Christmas Christingle & Crib Service at 4pm on Christmas Eve will not be held this year because of the Coronavirus restrictions with low numbers (30 at the time of writing) only being allowed. We also will not be holding our Carol Service on Sunday December 27<sup>th</sup>, again because of the restrictions.

At present we are hoping to have some type of service on Christmas Eve but it is proving difficult to find a vicar available to come up the dale. Please watch for future information about this service nearer the time. We are hoping to have our traditional **Christmas Stars** somehow available for December and information will be available in the December Link. We know this custom is valued by many of you.

### Church Services

Thanks to retired clergy we will hold **two** services in church in November. These will be at **11.15am on Sunday November 1<sup>st</sup> & November 15<sup>th</sup>**. On Sunday November 22<sup>nd</sup> church is open for Private Prayer between 9am to 2pm.

On **November 8<sup>th</sup>**, thanks to Mrs Harrison leading us, there will be an Act of Remembrance in church.

On **Wednesday November 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>** the church is also open between 2 & 6pm for Private Prayer.

Our church is open for those of you who feel comfortable about meeting in a public place. These openings are in line with legal guidelines for public places and ensure we can be closed for 72 hours between people being in church. We hope that within the month you feel there is something for you to attend.

**REMEMBER** - Whenever you go in church you will need to wear a face mask, sanitise your hands and enter your names and contact details in the book at the back of church in case of the need for tracking and tracing – thank you.

According to our **November sidesperson rota**, Mrs A. Harrison with Mrs J. Mudd & Amy & Mrs. S.Kilvington & Mrs. M.Lightfoot are on duty on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Readers at these services will read using their own Bibles. If you are on any of the rota lists and feel unable to help during Coronavirus restrictions then please ring Deirdre 01756 760296.

### Hubberholme Land Letting 2021

As all will be aware the annual ritual and much enjoyed ceremony will not be able to take place, as usual, on the first Monday evening in the New Year. There will be no “race against the candle flame”, therefore we plan to carry out the continued use of the land by **written bids** – to be sent to, or given to, me before Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

The highest bidder will sign the documentation allowing the use of the 16 acres. If there should be more than one bid, neck to neck, it will be dealt with personally until the highest bid is achieved.

Over the past few years the bids have ranged from £450 to £1,000 plus – an open door! So please go ahead and get your bids in to me, make good use of the land and support our community – and a Happy New Year to one and all.

*Avril Harrison  
Church Warden Emeritus*

### Church Yard Working Party

Thank you to all of you who helped at the two sessions of tidying up the church yard and doing outside pre-winter maintenance. Without your help church would not be kept in as good a condition. We are very lucky to have a community that cares. In the Spring there will be another session, the date of which we will put in the Link next year.

We know at the present time of shorter daylight hours and less sunshine life can seem bleak but we do have each other to chat to on the telephone if it can't be face to face, and we do live a wonderful area. We are so lucky. Being positive, next year will be better if we continue to observe the safety rules.

### St Mary's Conistone



There will be a Parish service at Conistone on November 29<sup>th</sup> at 11am.

### Kettlewell Primary School



School is back! And we're not letting a pesky pandemic slow us down! Oh no! This term seems as busy as ever... and all done in a safe and secure way. First off, the infants. They've done lots of work around "The Gingerbread Man" story. They received a letter from the old woman asking them to bake some wonderful gingerbread people, and off they went. They enjoyed following the recipe, making them, baking them, decorating and then taking them home for their parents. Whoops! Scratch that... they all got gobbled up immediately! There's a very proud Amelia with her creations on the cover of the Link!

Meanwhile the juniors have been learning about the Stuarts (did you know the cure for bleeding was to write the word, 'Veronica' on your left thumb? Don't try it at home!) They've researched natural habitats and local history, rounded in maths, practised their French and learnt about story-writing. They've revelled in outdoor learning re-enacting Roald Dahl stories in the playground to celebrate Roald Dahl Day and undertaking science projects in the village.

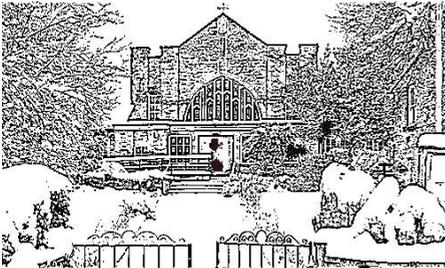
This month has seen Harvest Festival with donations going to Skipton Food Bank, and Bikeability came to Kettlewell to teach Yr 5s and 6s about safe bicycling on the road. We celebrated Mental Health Day and had our own little Scarecrow Festival making scarecrows out of paper and craft materials.

A huge thank you to Mrs and Mr Addyman for redoing our school garden for us during lockdown. It looks glorious, planted up with calendulas and verbenas and lots of insect-friendly flowers. We have a new Base Leader at Kettlewell, Miss Oakes, who is also the Federation SENCO. And in case you missed it, last July we were Ofsted (is that a word?). The inspectors remarked: "Pupils thrive in the caring, nurturing and inclusive ethos across the school." Very pleasing!

*Sara Cooper*

*Cover photo of Amelia Lambert and her gingerbread man (permission granted from Rebecca Lambert, mother.)*

### *Kettlewell Village Hall*



Following expressions of interest we are hoping to show two films before Christmas. On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November **‘The Runaways’** - a humorous, uplifting film following the adventures of three children and their donkeys in a chase across the North Yorks Moors. With the beauty of a classic family adventure film and harnessing a modern aesthetic, be prepared for an emotional journey into what it means to be siblings. A tale that includes donkeys, trains, joy, heartache and some of the best landscapes northern England has to offer.

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December **‘Military Wives’** - following a group of women in England whose partners are away serving in Afghanistan. Faced with the men's

absences, they form a choir and quickly find themselves at the centre of a media sensation and global movement. Inspired by global phenomenon of military wives choirs, the story celebrates a band of misfit women who form a choir on a military base.

Due to the pandemic we can only seat 12-15 people. We are showing the first one on a Saturday with a possibility of showing on the Sunday as well if oversubscribed. The December one will be shown on a Friday, again with the opportunity of a Saturday showing. Advance bookings only. Tickets £5 or £2.50 under 18 from Zarina's cafe by contactless card or by cash in an envelope. The cafe is open Friday to Monday 10.00am to 3.00pm or email [zarinabelk@gmail.com](mailto:zarinabelk@gmail.com), to arrange to pick up tickets. With your tickets you will be given details of how we have made the hall safe for you to visit and what to do when you arrive.

The film show will not be open to anyone from a tier 2 or 3 area. As circumstances are continually changing the films may be cancelled at short notice so please keep an eye out on social media and notice boards.

### *Kettlewell & District WI*

Since the Coronavirus Lockdown there have been no meetings apart from a Social Distancing Committee Meeting, in August, in the garden behind Fold Farm. As it rained members sat under umbrellas and the secretary kept her papers dry by sitting in the doorway of the greenhouse!!!

It was decided that, as the AGM was due to be held in October and it would still need to be an outdoor meeting, we could bring it forward to September 8<sup>th</sup> and,

with a couple of Gazebos in case of poor weather, we could have a lunchtime meeting, again in Fold Farm Garden.

So it was that the Blue Bell made us with an excellent lunch of Mushroom Stroganoff and “and Then Tasting Deli” provided mouth-watering cakes and biscuits and cheese. Members brought their own crockery and utensils and we all kept safe. After the President, Mrs Sheila Foster and Secretary, Mrs Jennifer Cuthbert gave their annual reports, it was decided to leave everything as it is until Spring when we can meet again and take it from there, hoping that by then the COVID-19 situation will have improved.

### *Kettlewell Luncheon Club*

After much thought and consideration, it has been decided that Luncheon Club will not resume this year. It had been suggested that a get together for a Christmas celebration would be a good plan, but in the light of rising cases of COVID-19 in the Craven area, it is now, we believe, not safe to do so. Those involved in organising Luncheon Club are extremely sad to make this announcement but consider it prudent to be patient and to wait until a vaccine renders it safe for all to meet again safely. This could be well into the New Year!

### *Children’s Society*

Barbara feels that it would not be sensible at time of writing to consider holding the Annual Christmas Coffee Morning at Fold Farm in November. Also, many of the lovely home Box Holders are worried that there has been a lack of small change and would rather just leave it until next year when we can make a super effort. Barbara will be making a donation to help

these deserving young people in such a dreadful time and if anyone would like to make a contribution please let her have it before 30<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you.

### *Kettlewell Scarecrow Committee*

The Kettlewell Scarecrow Committee will be holding this year's AGM on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November, via video call. Anyone wishing to attend please email: [kettlewellscarecrowfestival@gmail.com](mailto:kettlewellscarecrowfestival@gmail.com) by Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November to receive details of how to join the call. Thank you.

*Kettlewell Scarecrow Committee*

### *The BIG Quiz*

The next BIG Quiz takes place at 8pm on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November (via Zoom).

It is open to all, wherever you are and in the comfort of your home. All you need is access to Zoom and the Speed Quizzing Live App on another device (phone, tablet, iPad or similar). If several people in your home have the app, you can pit your wits against each other. Once again there will be a wide range of subjects with something for everyone and points for both knowledge and speed. The final killer round will really test your nerve - can you keep your score positive or will you slide into the abyss?!!

The link to the Quiz on Zoom will be posted on the Amerdale Village Hall Facebook page or can be emailed to you by Michelle. For more information or help, please contact Michelle at: [mbmaloney@hotmail.com](mailto:mbmaloney@hotmail.com)

### **FOR SALE**

Rayburn Rembrandt 16 inch fire grate. Brand new (still in its packaging). Contact 760235

## Rainfall for September 2020

*Buckden and Langstrothdale rainfall July 24<sup>th</sup> 1985 - October 2020.....?*

**J**ust to follow up on our Editor's desire to find out all he could about the rainfall records and publishing in the Link, I think I can help.

In July 1985, having arrived at Beckermonds in May that year to start our “retirement”, this daily task was passed over to Ross and myself by Margaret and Ronald Bray of Hallbeck, who had done it to date and because of ill health found the 9.00am daily routine difficult to carry out.

Here at Beckermonds, the original rain gauge, positioned by the Met. Office, was moved because of tree growth at the riverside into the field behind Ghyll End. Later, about a decade or more ago, it had electronic link-up and an independent rain gauge established, therefore daily readings were recorded without manual support. For a few years daily readings were carried out to compare data, but again because of “mature years” I have

accepted the monthly readings done by a gentleman from the Met. Office (Leeds), generally on the first day of the following month. He always calls if I am in, or leaves me a written record in the post box. This monthly reading I pass on to the Link via our local correspondent – this has been the pattern for the past 35 years as far as I am aware.

I have all my little “Pocket Registers of Rainfall” for this period of time if of interest. They have provided help to a researcher in Settle recording a possible link between rainfall and the movement of bats in local caves. He has completed two 5 year surveys.

The original trio for many years was the Cuthberts at Kettlewell, Robinsons at Arncliffe, and Harrison at Beckermonds. Mature age catches up with us all!

*Avril Harrison*

**Arncliffe:** 106.6 mm/4.2 ins  
**Litton:** 133.64 mm/5.3 ins



# Features

## ABOUT... 'Present in the Past'



Now...and then: The Kettlewell store, with current owner Simon Jonston, where the images which inspired *Present in the Past* were first discovered.

You may remember that 2020 was to have been the year of the ambitious UWALS Presenting the Past celebration of photographs, research, art, music, film and writing inspired by the Inman collection of 20th century photographs taken in and around Upper Wharfedale.

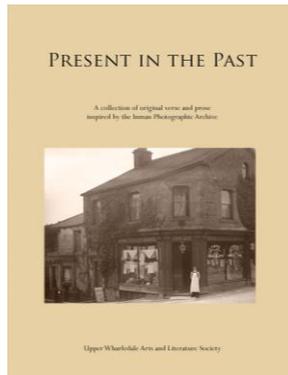
It was obviously disappointing to have to postpone the event until May 2021, but the good news is that the collection of original writing produced as part of the project has now been published.

'*Present in the Past*' is a collaboration between nine writers living locally, who have been inspired by these extraordinary images to create some wonderfully original and refreshingly varied work that is sure to amuse, intrigue, move and entertain.

The group, which first came together in the summer of 2019, included previously published writers as well as those with less experience. They had been meeting regularly pre-lockdown to share new work with their fellow contributors, and it soon became clear that there was sufficient common ground between them to enable *Present in the Past* to be organised around several broad themes.

But the joy of the collection is the sheer diversity of voice, style and genre explored by each writer.

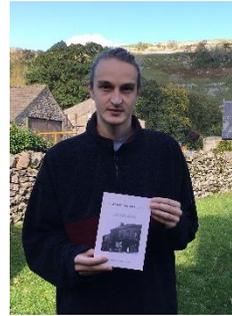
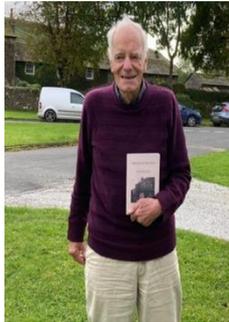
For Eileen Leahy, the author of several beautifully told short stories such as *The Last Laugh* and *Back End Baby*, the photographs (some of which are reproduced in the book) served as catalysts for richly imagined and wryly observed narratives in which we are invited 'inside the skin' of a central character. For other writers,



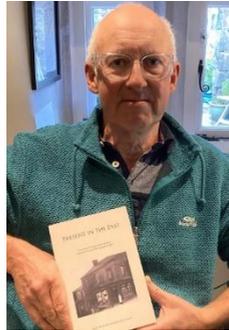
like Jack Paul (in poems like Now and Then and Reversed), Ron Norman (in poems such as Snowbound and song lyrics such as The Excursion) and Geraldine Norman (in Tied) the beguiling snapshots of Dales people going about their lives were the starting point for carefully crafted and thoughtfully reflective pieces of verse.



While the work of Heather Lane (in poems such as Hawkswick, 27th April and The Skirfare) draws intensely on her own closely observed responses to the history and landscape of the area, for other writers - like Mike Stephenson, Jane Hargreaves and Andrea Thompson – the images were triggers for vividly recalled reminiscences from childhood. Ian Smith's The Perfect Village trilogy, on the other hand, consists of three very different and creatively re-imagined prose pieces informed by extensive historical research.



With its fantastic variety of verse, short stories and personal anecdote, *Present in the Past* is the perfect antidote for those Autumn blues – and a perfect gift (dare we say 'stocking filler?') for friends and family. It captures all that is Upper Wharfedale: its people, its history, its customs and, above all, its wonderful landscape.



*In print.....contributors to Present in the Past include (clockwise from top L), Andrea Thompson, Jane Hargreaves, Jack Paul, Ian Smith, Ron Norman and Mike Stephenson*

*Present in the Past* is available for just £10, and can be ordered via the UWALS website at: <http://www.uwals.co.uk/> or contact Eileen Leahy (770051) or Geraldine Norman (770350).

## REMEMBERING.....Muriel Raw

*Muriel Raw sadly passed away recently, and her funeral was held at Kettlewell church on 15 October. Robert Lambert, her nephew, gave the following eulogy.*

**M**uriel, or Auntie Lou as most of the family knew her, was born in 1925, at Aysgarth, elder daughter of William & Kathleen Sayer, who owned the shop in Aysgarth that sold everything from motorbikes to matches. She was followed into this world by a sister Betty in 1927. They had a happy childhood and talked of lovely days in the Bluebell woods in Aysgarth Falls.

Her teenage years were interrupted by World War II and she talked of blackouts, tanks outside the house, watching explosions in the distance through darkened windows and the job her father was doing in the homeguard. They took in children that were evacuees and has remained in contact with one of them all her life. During these years she became close friends with Jean, Rita, Winnie and others, who remained close all her life.

After leaving school, she helped out in the family shop and became an integral part of village life and joined as a member of the WI. In 1956 she went to visit relatives in Canada for a few months, no doubt a daunting task for a

young woman on her own, sailing all that way but she thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

In 1960, her parents sold up and along with Muriel, moved to Woodlands View, Threshfield. Muriel got a job working for Stockdale & Helm in Skipton, a firm that even in those days were doing household deliveries of groceries. In 1963, she married Joe Raw and moved to Townhead, Kettlewell and became step Mum to Michael, Shirley, John & Dennis. They lived happily at Townhead for many years until Joe's health started to fail, when they moved to Pennypot, where she looked after Joe until his death in 1990.



Muriel threw herself into village life, being on the Village Hall Committee, the Parish Council and a Councillor and spent many hours researching and checking facts and attended numerous meetings. She went to Kettlewell Church every Sunday and for years she was on the cleaning and flower rota, as well as delivering the Link magazine in all weathers. She was also an active member of the Kettlewell & District WI and she, along with Betty was recognised in 2015

as the longest serving members, having achieved 75 years. Her most memorable highlights were when she met Prince Charles when he visited Kettlewell and when they filmed the Calendar Girls and she became an extra in the filming.

Whenever there was an event at the Village Hall, you could always find Muriel, either washing up, making sandwiches or breaking things; never wanting to be in the limelight.

Muriel always had a keen interest in politics and was a member of the Conservative Party. She never missed a debate or election result on TV, sometimes staying up all night. Up till 2 months ago, she was still questioning whether she should have voted for Boris?? Her other interests included tracing the family trees of both the Sayer/Lambert (dating as far back as 1314 ) and the Raw's as well as others needed along the way; the amount of research she did was staggering, hundreds of hours and 30 box files of information. She also had a deep knowledge of local Lead Mines and Smelting Mills.

The most important thing in Muriel's life were friends and family of which she had a lot. She loved going back to Aysgarth to meet up with friends, Rita & Jean and when they got into their 80s started going on holiday together, along with Betty up and down the country. She also appreciated being invited out for the day, for lunch or dinner or just a day out and had many good friends in the Dale.

Muriel was very much thought of as a second Mum to Robert, James, Richard and Tim, being a constant throughout their childhood and adult life. She was so proud of her large family and delighted in telling people she was a Great, Great, Great Aunt. She never forgot a birthday

or special occasion and any article about her family in the paper was cut out and placed with pride in her much treasured scrap books. She loved Christmas and always arrived armed to the family celebrations with a sack full of presents for everyone ( removing the Sellotape was always a challenge and caused much amusement). Despite having moved to Sutton Hall Care Home, she was thrilled to celebrate her last Christmas family gathering in Kettlewell.

Muriel was a remarkable, intelligent woman, with a heart of gold who always put others before herself, never claiming the recognition she richly deserved. In her final years, she always put on a brave face, despite her ailments and will be sadly missed by everyone that had the privilege to know her. Rest in peace, reunited with those loved and lost.

*Robert Lambert*

*The Parish Council also issued the following notice.*

'The Councillors and staff of Kettlewell with Starbotton Parish Council would like to acknowledge the recent passing of a dear resident Mrs Muriel Maw. At the start of tonight's meeting, Chairman Councillor Colin Lister said 'I would like to start the meeting by mentioning the passing of Mrs Muriel Maw. A legendary resident of Kettlewell and a past Parish Councillor. She was a remarkable woman and as much a part of Kettlewell as any of its structures. Her voluntary time given to the village and its events could possibly be un matched in quantity due to her having such a good health and determination throughout her long life. She will be greatly missed. We are sure that many of you will join us in sending our condolences and thoughts to her family.'



## REMEMBERING...those who died in WW1 & WW2

*Their bodies are buried in peace; but their name liveth for evermore. The people will tell of their wisdom, and the congregation will shew forth their praise.*

*Ecclesiasticus 44 14-15*

### Buckden and Hubberholme

#### First World War

James Banks (38), 11 Jan 1917  
Matthias Dixon (25) 1 Aug 1917  
Matthew Holmes (27) 31 Jul 1917  
Wilfred Holmes (19), 16 Nov 1916  
Francis Kendall (27), 8 Oct 1918  
Rowland Parker (23), 18 Sep 1918  
Bernard Tennant (23) 9 Sep 1917  
Gilbert Tennant (46), 1 Jan 1918  
John Turnbull (23) 3 Sep 1916

#### Second World War

Ernest Beresford  
Thomas Dinsdale

### Conistone and Kilnsey

#### First World War

John Inman (25), 26 Sep 1920  
George Watson (20), 7 Mar 1918  
Felix Wilkinson (35), 3 May 1917  
George Wilkinson (23), 26 Jul 1918

#### Second World War

Sydney Daggett (29), 29 Jan 1944  
Frederick Spink (23), 8 Aug 1944

### Kettlewell and Starbotton

#### First World War

Peter Beresford (21), 30 Mar 1918  
John Cockerill (31), 20 Feb 1916  
Charles Hyne (18), 21 Nov 2016  
James Metcalfe (34), 28 Nov 1917  
Richard Tennant (23), 8 Jun 1917  
William Townson (43), 22 Mar 1918

#### Second World War

John Holdsworth (24), 2 Mar 1945  
Michael Holdsworth (21), 24 Feb 1942  
Horace Mallinson (34), 25 Jul 1944

### Littondale

#### First World War

Percy Hodgson (31), 13 Oct 1916  
Thomas Ingleby (21), 13 Oct 1916

#### Second World War

Marmaduke Simpson (27), 2 Mar 1941



***Buckden Pike Memorial Cross,***  
*dedicated to the memory of five Polish airmen of the Polish Air Force 18th Polish Operational Training Unit based at RAF Bramcote who crashed their Wellington Bomber on 30 January 1942. The memorial was created by the sole survivor of the crash Jozef "Joe" Fusniak, with help from various local people, and completed on 8 August 1973. Fusniak died in July 2017.*

## REMEMBERING...Helen Motley, 1646-1695



### *Revealing and Remembering the life of Helen Motley, 1646 -1695*

Should you wander outside the church past the priest's door in the southern wall of St Mary's, Kettlewell, quite near the east end of the church, you will come across an old griststone grave slab set into the ground. It is the only Grade II-listed grave slab in the churchyard, with only one other listed gravestone in the area, in Linton Churchyard. Yorkshire Dales National Park (YDNP) deem the Kettlewell grave slab the most significant.

With weathering over time, the writing on the slab has deteriorated and become increasingly hard to read so the YDNP put the grave slab on their 'at risk' list for places of historical or architectural interest. That meant the PCC needed to do something to rectify the situation.

In order to save the transcription for future generations the PCC set about

organising a photographic survey which was completed with help from the Upper Wharfedale Heritage Group and St Mary the Virgin Embsay-with-Eastby Churchyard Project Team and the YDNP. With a wonderful 3D photogrammetric image in the bag, the YDNP suggested that the PCC install a small interpretation board near the grave slab telling something of the story of the person whose grave slab it was.

That was when the story of Helen Motley began to come to light. We needed to delve a little into her family history to discover why her grave slab is of such historical interest as to merit grade II listing.

Helen was born in 1646, and baptised on the 27th of December at Spennithorne, and was the eldest daughter of Helen and Thomas Crosfeild. Her father, noted as a diarist

whilst studying at Oxford and then during his ministry as an Anglican priest, was rector of St Michael the Archangel, Spennithorne between 1649 -1663 at the time of the English interregnum, a period of great religious diversity and controversy. Thomas, despite being a minister of the Anglican Church, preached tolerance of other communities of faith including Presbyterianism and Quakerism, and as a child of the vicarage Helen might well have been influenced by this sense of theological inclusivity at a very politically and religiously divisive time.

Her mother, also named Helen, came from a nearby aristocratic family. She was the daughter of Francis Wyvill whose father was Sir Marmaduke Wyvill (1542-1617) the first Baronet of Constable Burton and the first MP for Richmond.

This historical ancestry helps us understand a little of her family background and was the significant reason for the grade-II listing of her grave slab; but of equal, if not more importance to those of us who live in Kettlewell, was her marriage to a man called Henry Motley, a marriage that brought Helen into the life of the village three hundred and fifty years ago.

If you look on the list of clergy inside the church near the main door, you will see the name of one Thomas Motley, vicar of the parish from 1632-1670. His son, Henry Motley, was born in Kettlewell in 1646. He was schooled in Bradford, admitted to St John's College, Cambridge in 1666, was ordained priest in York Minster in June 1667, and three years later, in the May of 1670, Henry married Helen Crosfeild. In August of the same year, after the resignation of his

father, Henry was inducted as vicar of St Mary, Kettlewell.

Helen was twenty three when she arrived in Kettlewell as a relatively newly married woman. It would be lovely to know exactly where she and her husband lived but until now that detail has eluded our research. What we do know is that she had lived her vicarage life with Henry for nine years before we have evidence of their first recorded child.

Catherine was baptised in June 1679 and two years later a second daughter, Mary, was born to Helen and Henry. It was in 1684, that we hear of the burial of twins. We don't know their gender or names, only that they probably lived a very short time.

The death of young children was a more usual fact of life in the mid-17th century. However, it would naturally have brought a poignancy into the lives of all the family. As Christians, the rhythm of the liturgical year and their own belief in the resurrection - the restoring and continuity of life in the embrace of God - would have nurtured them, but they no doubt never forgot the two tiny lives who no longer shared a physical presence in the family's daily life.

The death of the twins could well have been the reason behind an odd occurrence in the working life of Henry. This is mere speculation at the present time, but there exists an unanswered question as to why the Rev Henry Motley was elected as Master of Linton Grammar School around this time, received the Bishop of Chester's Licence, but then almost immediately resigned, without it appears, having ever taught at the school. We can only imagine this may have been out of some

need to consolidate his responsibilities in Kettlewell in order to better fortify the family during this time of loss.

The local flood of 1686, when a huge head of water descended from the fells, sweeping away buildings in Starbotton and Kettlewell, would most likely have affected the pastoral life of Henry and Helen, as those fleeing the flood were supported by locals and wider folk, and homes and communities were rebuilt.



In 1690, Helen gave birth to Thomas. He was just five when she died. After her death, Helen's grave slab would most probably have been laid in the floor of

the Norman church and would only have been moved outside when the Norman church was knocked down and the Georgian church was built around 1890.

The interpretation board erected in June 2020, reveals the details Henry wanted to immortalise on his wife's grave slab:

HERE LYETH THE BODY OF  
M.HELEN MOTLEY LATE WIFE  
OF M.HEN: MOTLEY MIN OF THE  
CHURCH. DAUGHTER TO M. THO  
CROSFEILD RECT. OF  
SPENITHORN  
& TO M. HEL. WYVIL. GRAND  
DAUGH. TO S.MARM. WYVIL  
OF BVRTON CONST. KT &  
BART WHOE DIED 17 &  
WAS BURIED 20 JVNE  
1695 AN AET 49

It has an additional and personal Latin inscription reading:

THE GIFT OF THE LOVE OF HER  
HUSBAND HAD THEREFORE BEEN  
SENT TO HER

Henry stayed on as vicar of Kettlewell until his death in 1699. We have no record of what happened to Catherine, Mary or five year old Thomas.

*The Churchyard Project Group would like to thank Jane Lunnon of Embsay-with-Eastby History Group for historical research, ©YDNPA, 2019 (for the photogrammatic image) and Victoria Russell for the portrait of a woman of Helen Motley's time*

*Di Blakey Williams*

## About.... Our Churchyards

Our Dales churchyards are full of personal history in the form of headstones and other memorials put there by families down the generations to celebrate the lives of their loved ones.

These are special places, and in recognition of that the church authorities have established a set of rules and regulations which are intended to ensure that they remain that way.

Sadly this can cause difficulties and heartache if families discover that what they have in mind for a memorial does not fit with the rules. The reality is that a headstone can be removed if it is put in place without the necessary permission.

The best way to avoid such a situation is to be aware from the start that the rules exist and how to abide by them.

Normally the first step is to approach the Vicar to discuss placing a memorial or headstone in one of our churchyards. When a parish is in Vacancy, as we are now, then permission is needed from the Area Dean.

Anyone who are considering putting a memorial in one of our churchyards should in the first instance contact the Parish Office (01756 380237, [upperwharfedale@leeds.anglican.org](mailto:upperwharfedale@leeds.anglican.org)) and ask for a copy of the Churchyard Regulations, a document which includes an application form for introducing a headstone into a churchyard.

They should fill this in and return it, when it will be passed on to the person whose permission is required, which at the moment is the Area Dean.

It is important to remember that the Vicar or Area Dean must themselves abide by the Churchyard Regulations, which are not set locally but by the Diocese of Leeds.

Funeral directors and monumental masons are usually very well acquainted with these rules and can often give good, practical advice on what is likely to be approved or not.

*Andrew Hitchon  
Parish Administrator*



Reflection for Sunday Oct 11th



## Reflection... 'Are you sitting comfortably.....?'

### Matthew 22: 1-14

'Are you sitting comfortably? Then I'll begin.'

Some of you may remember that's how a radio programme, a story time for children called 'Listen with Mother' always began.

Jesus was fond of telling stories, or parables, but I don't think he ever began by saying 'Are you sitting comfortably?' His stories were usually intended to unsettle people, to leave them with questions, rather than making them feel comfortable. That was certainly the case with the story we heard in our reading this morning. The listeners on this occasion were the religious leaders of Israel and they were in no doubt that Jesus was having a go at them.

They were the guests who had been invited to the wedding feast and were simply not interested in going. They were God's chosen people who wouldn't accept Jesus, the long-promised Messiah. They got the message of the story all right - and didn't like it. As soon as Jesus had finished, they went off to plot an ambush for him.

The king in the story, who is a picture of God, is very patient with the invited guests who refuse to come to the wedding feast for his son. He keeps trying - but not for ever. When they make it quite clear they're not coming, the king is determined to have a party at all costs and invites anyone he can find. These people weren't expecting an invite so of course they hadn't got their best clothes ready. No matter: the king not only lays on a feast for them but provides free

wedding garments. Extremely generous, don't you think. Over the top really.

In the early days of our marriage, when we didn't have much money, my father-in-law kindly invited us on a holiday. I misunderstood his intentions and booked some accommodation near the hotel where he was going to stay. I didn't realise that he had planned - and paid - for us to stay in the hotel as well. I wasn't used to such generosity. Of course, I felt really bad about it afterwards but fortunately, my father-in-law didn't take offence. He continued to be very generous towards us in lots of ways. I was aware that some people took advantage of his generosity and the temptation was there for me too, to take it for granted. Almost to abuse it really. I think God knows the risks of being generous.

Moving on in the story, I've always been puzzled by the man who got in to the wedding feast still wearing his jeans and T-shirt. Why didn't he accept the wedding garment provided by the host like everyone else? When the king challenged him, he didn't say a word. So we can only imagine what he was thinking. Did he resent the implication that his clothes weren't good enough? Was he too proud to accept the wedding garment? Didn't he realise that by spurning the king's offer, he was insulting him? Was his favourite song perhaps 'I did it my way'?

You might have other ideas. Speaking for myself, and putting myself into the story, I wonder how well I respond to God's generosity. Do I accept his gift of forgiveness? Do I make his heart glad by trusting his love? Is my

response to his generosity whole-hearted- or faint-hearted? Am I willing to trust his way? I'll keep my answers to myself if you don't mind and leave you think about yours.

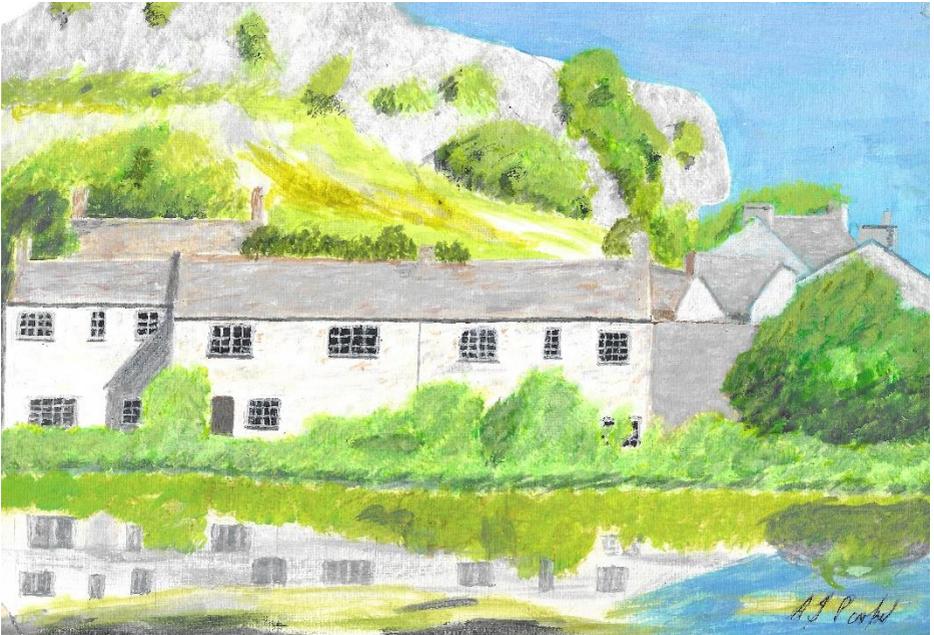
As we come to the end of today's reflection, we are probably aware that following Jesus is not about sitting comfortably and coasting to heaven. (Is that why church pews were designed to be uncomfortable?) It's much more like entering a race. Sometimes the road is

rough, uphill, narrow. Sometimes we feel alone, or despair of ourselves. Jesus didn't promise an easy ride, but he did promise to be with us, always. So, to quote some verses from the Letter to the Hebrews: 'Let us keep running in the race that lies ahead of us. Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection.'

Perhaps I'll see you on the road.

*Patrick Baker*

*UW&L Parish Service; 11 October*



*Kilnsey Reflections by Alan Parker, Buckden Art Group*

# Crossword

## Across

1 'The Lord Jesus... took bread, and when He had given —, he broke it' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (6)

4 'He has taken me to the banquet hall, and His — over me is love' (Song of Songs 2:4) (6)

8 Surrey town that hosts the National Christian Resources Exhibition (5)

9 Also known as Abednego (Daniel 1:7) (7)

10 Liken (Isaiah 40:18) (7)

11 A son of Etam, descendant of Judah (1 Chronicles 4:3) (5)

12 A part of the temple where the blood of a young bull was to be smeared (Ezekiel 45:19) (9)

17 'They make many promises, take false — and make agreements' (Hosea 10:4) (5)

19 Roman province to which Paul returned after evangelizing it on his first missionary journey (Acts 16:6) (7)

21 Material used to make baby Moses' basket (Exodus 2:3) (7)

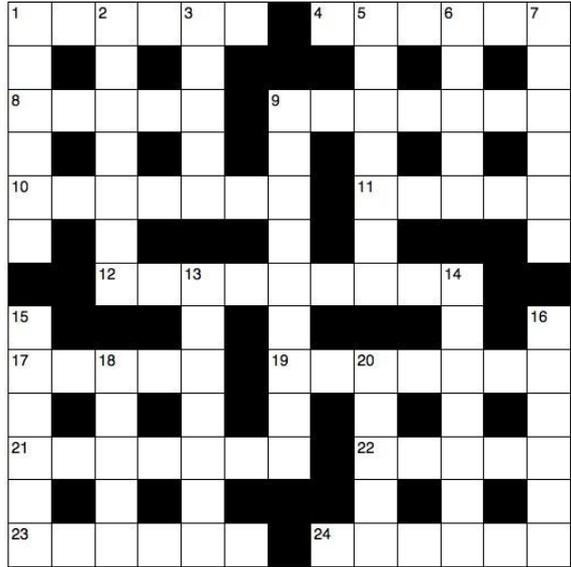
22 'And feeble as —, in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail' (5)

23 'The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep — to his voice' (John 10:3) (6)

24 Stalk carrying the sponge of wine vinegar given to Christ on the cross (John 19:29) (6)

## Down

1 Elijah dug one round the altar he built on Mount Carmel and filled it with water (1 Kings 18:32) (6)



2 'I am not — of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes' (Romans 1:16) (7)

3 Buddhist term relating to belief in reincarnation (5)

5 Damascus disciple who, at God's command, restored the sight of the blinded Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:12) (7)

6 and 16 Horses: their sound (Jeremiah 50:11) (5) and their gait (Joel 2:4) (6)

7 A three (anag.) (6)

9 Athenian council addressed memorably by Paul (Acts 17:22) (9)

13 Abide by (Galatians 3:5) (7)

14 Persian princes (Daniel 3:2) (7)

15 Force (Galatians 6:12) (6)

16 See 6 Down (6)

18 Paste (anag.) (5)

20 How the cedars of Lebanon are described (Isaiah 2:13) (5)

*Solution on next page!*

## Puzzle!!

**C**ongratulations to Ann Peters for getting the correct number of people named in last month's Link – it was 59, for those of you who also tried to count them!

Not a puzzle but a question this month:  
**Which of the four churches in our parish**

**does not have a memorial to those who died in the second world war?**

Send me an email ([smithiwho@gmail.com](mailto:smithiwho@gmail.com)) with the answer, which will be in next month's edition, along with the names of those who get it right.

### Answers to Crossword

**ACROSS:** 1, Thanks. 4, Banner. 8, Esher. 9, Azariah. 10, Compare. 11, Ishma. 12, Doorposts. 17, Oaths. 19, Galatia. 21, Papyrus. 22, Frail. 23, Listen. 24, Hyssop.

**DOWN:** 1, Trench. 2, Ashamed. 3, Karma. 5, Ananias. 6, Neigh. 7, Reheat. 9, Areopagus. 13, Observe. 14, Satraps. 15, Compel. 16, Gallop. 18, Tapes. 20, Lofty.

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# Church Services

Due to uncertainty over our service rotas at present we are unable to provide the list of services for the coming month that we previously published in The Link. Please check the posters at our churches for details of forthcoming services and also the What's On section of our website at [www.upperwharfedalechurches.org](http://www.upperwharfedalechurches.org)

You can also listen to our online services, prepared by members of our church communities, by going to the Home Page of our website.

**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**