

Link

The Parish Magazine for Upper Wharfedale and Littondale

Christmas, unsurprisingly, is our theme for this month's Link - the time of the year when we remember the birth of our saviour Jesus Christ, born in humble circumstances, executed as a prisoner, and rising again from the dead, to reconcile us with God. Christmas is a time to give and a time to thank.

So we'll begin with some expressions of thanks to those who are helping out with Parish services and other activities, during this difficult period of COVID-19 and the vacancy. Thank you all!

We would also like to thank the many people involved in producing the Link each month – providing advice and ideas, contributing articles, news, information, photographs and art work, measuring rainfall, and distributing the magazine through your mailboxes. Over 50 people from the parish have contributed to the Link one way or another this last year; it's

an incredible team effort and all done voluntarily –thank you all!

A special thanks to our printers, Pioneer Press of Skipton (<https://www.pioneerpress.co.uk/>), who have generously given us free colour printing for our cover this month. If you carefully remove the cover from the magazine, you have a Christmas Card from the Parish and an advent calendar from the children of Kettlewell school to pin up somewhere!

Thanks too to our advertisers – their support for the Link means we can continue to distribute the magazine for free, and your support for them means many local businesses can survive and - hopefully - thrive!

'Christmas in the time of Covid' will no doubt be different for many in Upper Wharfedale and Littondale, but may it still be a time of celebration and thankfulness for all.



From the (retired) Vicar...

Perhaps I should have entitled this article “Saving Christmas”, or perhaps NOT!

It’s been a strange year and we are approaching an Advent and Christmas the like of which we have never encountered before. Indeed, historically, this year has been the first time that we have not even been “allowed” to worship freely in our churches. We, like our brothers and sisters of other faiths, have been denied opportunities to meet together in communal acts of worship. At the time I am writing, there is no certainty that we will be able to do so at Christmastide.



I find it interesting that there is, apparently, a desire to “save Christmas”, which actually has absolutely nothing to do with our Christian Faith at all, it’s all to do with being able to be “together with family and friends”, whereas, at the moment, to paraphrase the Archbishop of York, places of worship are being treated on the same level as Bingo Halls!

Actually, that was not far from being the state of affairs at the time of Jesus’ birth and subsequent ministry.

God sent His Son into a place and time where there was great turmoil and uncertainty; where people were being forced into doing something dictated from far away and above, the Great Census, which involved them having to put their lives on hold and, as we would say today, jump through hoops in order to comply.

Jesus’ ministry was a constant battle against secular and religious people who were going against everything faith in God was concerned with.

The most important aspect of God’s sending Jesus was, and indeed is, the fact that we, humanity, always had a personal and direct line to God, which can never be broken.

That is what “Christmas” is about. God, through Jesus and the Holy Spirit, being continually and unchangingly present for each and every individual, whatever their circumstance and situation. It is God saving us from the desolation of hopelessness and the desperation of loneliness.

Nobody can “save Christmas”, because Christmas is an act of God’s saving us!

I hope and pray that you have a Christmas in which you can feel the very real truth of God’s presence holding you together with those you love, even if, like our family, you are actually physically apart.

Rod Geddes

(Rod will conduct several services we hope to hold around Christmas this year)

From the Churches & Villages

Parish News

Trying to sort out our Parish Services for December, and particularly the Christmas period, has been a trickier task than normal this year, as we have had to contend both with being in Vacancy and the added uncertainty of continuing coronavirus restrictions.

Our Worship and Evangelism Group and the dedicated volunteers who create and put together our online offering have been working hard to try to ensure that we are able to take part in services and worship during this very special time, by all means available to us.



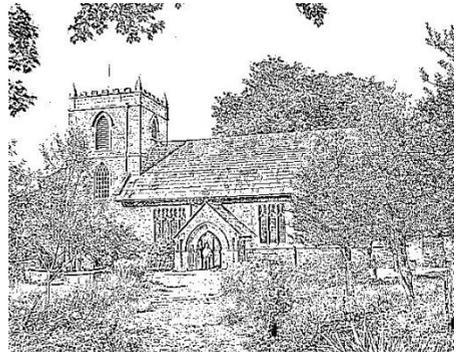
One thing we can be reasonably sure of is that, unfortunately, we will not be able to present the programme of Christmas church services that we have in the past, both because clergy are not available to conduct the services and because some of these events are affected by coronavirus restrictions. However, parishioners are turning to novel means to fill some of these gaps.

One very special innovation this year will be an online Carol and Nativity Service involving young people from the

Playhouse group and The Buckden Singers (see separate article).

And with carol services in our churches ruled out by restrictions there are plans afoot for another online opportunity to come together and share in seasonal songs on 27 December via Zoom.

At the time of writing, the present lockdown was due to end on December 2, though it was not certain what further restrictions might be in place after that. Assuming we will be able to resume services in our churches, for the first part of the month we hope to revert to the pattern of services we followed before the lockdown.



This should mean that on Sunday, December 6, we will have Morning Prayer at St Mary's, Kettlewell, at 9.30am, and Holy Communion at St Michael and All Angels, Hubberholme, at 11.15am. On Sunday, December 13, we hope to have Holy Communion at St Oswald's, Arncliffe, at 9.30am, and at St Mary's, Conistone, at 11.15am. On both

these Sundays our Parish online services will be available on our website at www.upperwharfedalechurches.org

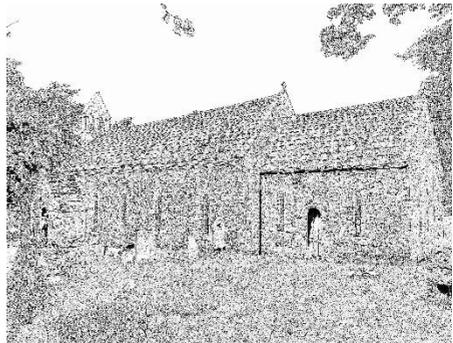
On Sunday, December 20, the plan is to have Holy Communion at St Mary's, Kettlewell, at 9.30am and St Michael and All Angels, Hubberholme, at 11.15am. These services are due to be led by the Rev Rod Geddes, who has suggested that the ones being held on December 20 should in effect be 'early' Christmas services for those congregations. Suitable seasonal arrangements are being made for those services.



It is planned to have a service of Holy Communion on Monday 21 December at St Oswald's, Arncliffe, and an informal service of readings and music at St Oswald's on Christmas Eve at 3 pm.

The online offering on December 20 will also be a special one, as it will be the Carol and Nativity service with the Playhouse children and The Buckden Singers.

The situation around Christmas itself and the end of the month has provided a complex challenge this year. Our regular visiting clergy all have alternative commitments at this time, and other sources of help we have been able to call on the past have not been available to us. In addition, coronavirus restrictions have meant that all our church carol services and other popular events such as Christingle services have effectively been ruled out.



We have been able to arrange one Holy Communion service in the Parish on Christmas Day, which is due to take place at St Mary's, Conistone, at 9.30am. The Area Dean, the Rev Ruth Harris, has very kindly agreed to take time from her role as Vicar of Christ Church, Skipton, to lead the service.

There will be also be a Christmas Day Morning Prayer Service on our website.

[Parish Carol Service, 27 December](#)

There will be no services in our churches on December 27 but a service for the parish will be held via Zoom on Sunday 27 December at 10:30am. This will give everyone an opportunity to sing along in their own living room with specially recorded festive music by The Buckden Singers. Why not bring along a mince pie

or a slice of leftover Christmas cake and enjoy some music together from the comfort of your own home.

A zoom invite will be sent out by the parish office in the lead up to Christmas, if you would like to be added to this list please contact Andrew Hitchon, Parish Administrator, on 01756 380237 or by email to:

upperwharfedale@leeds.anglican.org

before Friday 18th December.



All these plans are subject to change, depending on factors ranging from winter weather to the Government imposing coronavirus restrictions which affect what we can do. Please check our website (www.upperwharfedalechurches.org), emails sent out by the Parish Office and our church noticeboards for any developments.

We continue to try open to open our churches 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.

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.

Morning Services



A weekly online Morning Prayer service has been put together by a team of volunteers in the parish since we have been in vacancy. The service offers a time to worship and reflect, while we are unable to go to church in person, either because we are in lockdown, or if parishioners are shielding or self-isolating.

The service includes specially recorded hymns, readings, a reflection, and beautiful seasonal images and videos of our dales.

It can be accessed via the church website at:

www.upperwharfedalechurches.org

and is available every Sunday morning, and for the following week.

The volunteer team invite anyone who would like to join in to do so, whether it is by recording hymns, doing a gospel reading, or submitting photographs of our beautiful landscape.

Please contact Rebecca Ward-Dooley for more details on: 01755 770441 or by email: Rebeccawarddooley@gmail.com

Gift Day Update

Thank you to all those who donated to our Gift Day last month - we have been overwhelmed by the response! We are still collecting some envelopes but at the time of writing have already received donations totalling £3000 which is a fantastic outcome and will really help us get closer to filling the huge gap in our finances this year. It's not too late to donate, you can still drop off your envelope at one of the collection points or go to our website home page where you will be able to donate online.

Whilst this effort has focused on our finances, please don't forget that giving takes many forms, giving time or a simple act of act of kindness to another works wonders and costs nothing!

Nick Davies, Treasurer

Running for the Churches!



Canon Ian Greenhalgh is a retired vicar from Austwick, who has been taking some of our services during the vacancy period. Ian is a former military chaplain and used to run marathons for the RAF. He has decided to run 21 miles on New Year's Day to help the Churches he has been supporting during the past three years.

The Diocese of Leeds raises much of its money to pay for clergy and other vital work by share, and due to Coronavirus many churches have had difficulty raising the full amount. In order to help with your share payments any money raised will go towards your share. Parishioners are invited to follow the Just Giving link to sponsor his efforts – and please put the name of the church on the form too.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfundimg/ian-greenhalgh?utm_term=EpR7awWMM

Thanks for supporting him – and us!

St Mary's Kettlewell: Preserve Stall & all things Christmassy!

Kettlewell Church Lychgate. The second lockdown restrictions made it impossible to hold the above stall in November so... at the time of going to press it is hoped to go ahead on Saturday, 5th December from 10.30am to dusk, however please keep an eye on the church website at

www.upperwharfedalechurches.org where the very latest information will be available. Notices around the village will also advertise the event, but there may have to be a last-minute postponement should the lockdown be extended.

Jams, chutney, marmalade, mincemeat, mincepies, 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. Everyone very welcome – if only to take a look.

Flowers at Kettlewell Church

PLEASE! Is there anyone, someone, or a couple of folk who would be willing to take on the creative role of flower arranger/rota organiser at Kettlewell Church? Help and advice is available. Should you wish to pursue this further, please contact Sue Nelson on 760887. Thank you in anticipation.

Muriel Raw

The Raw and Lambert families would like to thank everyone for their kind messages of condolence and generous donations to Kettlewell Church in her memory.

St Michael and All Angels, Hubberholme Church

On Sunday December 13th the church is open for Private Prayer between 9am to 2pm. Look at the posters for Wednesday openings during December and January.

According to our December sidesperson rota Mr. & Mrs K. Robinson are on duty on December 6th & Mr. & Mrs. S. Lusted on December 20th. 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 01756760296.

It looks very unlikely that we will have our usual spectacular Christmas tree in Church. One thing for certain, however, is that we will still have ‘The Stars in Our Lives’. The present thinking is that the yew trees outside the porch could be illuminated and laminated stars with their

messages and dedications be hung on them.

Dedications and donations (any amount) can be sent to Mrs A Harrison, Ghyll End, Beckermonds, Buckden, Skipton BD23 5JL along with a cheque payable to Upper Wharfedale and Littondale PCC or card payments can be made by contacting Susan Lusted on 01756 760877. Donations can be Gift Aided by adding your name and post code – this adds a further 25% to your donation, at no cost to you. Alternatively, just pop along to the Churchyard where stars will be available. Your continued support is very much appreciated – Thank You.

Pictures of the trees will be posted on www.buckden.org at Christmastime.



Buckden and Langstrothdale Poppy Appeal

‘Lockdown’ did not mean ‘locked purses’! A last-minute Poppy Appeal around the village raised £220; an amazing sum. “Thank you” Buckden.

In addition, the wonderful display at Hubberholme church, organized by Sandra, using 650 knitted poppies - crafted by the Knit & Natter Group and their friends – has raised over £100, so far.

In these difficult times, Charities find themselves most vulnerable; the community has always supported the aims of the Royal British Legion and this year has been no exception.

David Lusted

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 4th, 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



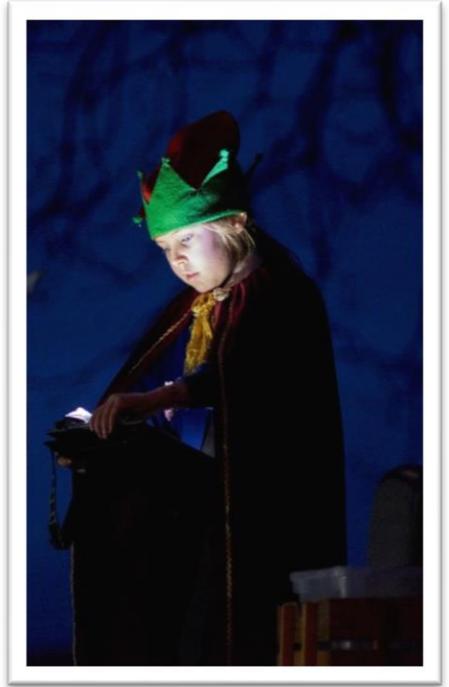
Parish Nativity!

From Dec 20th, a special online YouTube nativity service will be available on the parish website at: www.upperwharfedalechurches.org/

Members of the community from across the parish have created a festive service, including carols sung by the Buckden Singers and the parish congregations, and a specially written nativity written by Helen Brocklehurst, from the Scargill Community, and performed by children

from the parish Playhouse group. In these difficult times, it will be a chance to view photos of all the wonderful nativity productions over the last few years, while listening to a heartfelt and profound community production. We may not be able to gather as we would do normally, but we can still spread the message of Christmas in homes and hearts around our dales. *(Playhouse photos used with permission of parents)*





Buckden Singers Christmas Concert



The poster features a red background with white snowflakes and two large white Christmas ornaments hanging from the top. The text is centered and reads: "Buckden Singers Zoom Choir Online CHRISTMAS CONCERT From Saturday 19th December 2020 at 7.30". Below this, the website www.buckdensingers.org is listed. At the bottom, it says "We welcome donations to St. George's Crypt, Leeds, in lieu of admission charge" with the website www.stgeorgescrypt.org.uk below it. Small Christmas trees are visible at the bottom corners.

Buckden Singers have continued to meet, despite COVID-19, via Zoom, and are in the process of putting together a Christmas Concert. Congregational Carols, choir pieces etc will all feature. It will have a different feel to it – but it will be happily festive! It will be available to view from Saturday 19th December on www.buckdensingers.org

Please do watch if you are able and be part of our Village Christmas, albeit virtually. We would welcome donations to St George's Crypt, Leeds, in lieu of admission charges. www.stgeorgescrypt.org.uk

Thank YOU for the music

Richard Reeday would like to express his sincere thanks and appreciation for the generosity that he has been shown in helping to keep Buckden Singers and the Churches of Upper Wharfedale and Littondale singing and making music together during the pandemic.

It's a privilege to be able to blend the individual recordings of your voices and instruments together so that you can still feel and sound like a congregation and a choir, even though you are unable to sing together in person.

I hope the recordings give a much needed boost to all who sing on and listen to them - whether as part of the weekly online church services, the upcoming online Carol Service or the Buckden Singers Online Christmas Concert.

2020 has been a tough year to be a musical director and composer in the theatre industry, so I am forever grateful for your kindness and support.

Many, many thanks once again and have a lovely Christmas and I hope, a much happier New Year,

Richard Reeday

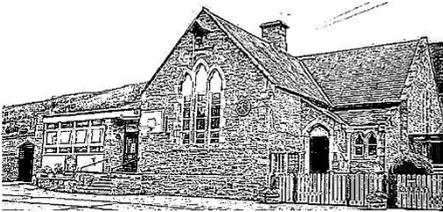
Kettlewell Village Hall



We are still hoping to show the Film "Military Wives" on 11th December. Tickets are available from Zarina's cafe

Kettlewell open 10.00am -3.00pm from Friday to Monday, or email zarinabelk@gmail.com to arrange collection. If oversubscribed we will show on the Saturday as well. This will all of course depend on Government restrictions appertaining at the time and is subject to cancellation at short notice. See our website and Facebook page.

Kettlewell Primary School



As our ability to travel has been reduced, in turn, we've been able to revel in what is close to us, enjoy the seasons and truly celebrate the events that punctuate the year.

The children celebrated Harvest Festival by bringing in things they'd grown at home, by singing using sign language and through poetry. Class 1 enjoyed Halloween by making magic potions and carving pumpkins, and the results were impressive, and at times rather messy! They enjoyed bonfire hotdogs instead of fireworks. And then for Remembrance Sunday, all the children created a beautiful wreath which was placed on Kettlewell War Memorial. Three children, from years across the whole school worked together to write and present a Remembrance Day tribute. Especially well done to Jack! 5 years old and a dab hand at PowerPoint presentations!

Remarkably, a golden egg was discovered in school and the infants were giddy with excitement to find it, and then

even more giddy when they discovered what had laid it. A huge (and we mean HUGE) dragon had entered the classroom and was hovering just below the rafters. Hats off to Mrs Paskins and Miss Oakes for creating such joy and wonder in our school, during such a difficult time.

Class 2 have done a vast amount of work: on their family trees, local history, endangered species, autumn wildlife, tag rugby, mind mapping, and imagining life as a rural vet (no guesses as to what's inspired that topic!) It really feels like they're making up for that lost summer term. They created a feelings thermometer, as part of their psychological, social and health education, and dressed up as evacuees for a 1940s day, learning to dance the Lambeth Walk. And Odd Sock Day was celebrated as an opportunity to talk about the ways people can be unique and different, within our close community. Amen to that! At a time when the restrictions, challenges and fears of Covid-19 weigh heavier than we may think on our childrens' minds, what better time to invoke the wartime spirit of resilience and determination to overcome!

From the Friends of Kettlewell School...

Due to the lockdown, we have not been able to make any draws for our 100 Club. Those who paid for their numbers for the 2020 draws will therefore be carried forward to the 2021 draws, the first of which will take place early in the Winter term of 2021. The price is £5 per number to be entered in 4 draws throughout the year, with prizes of £20, £15, £10 and £5 each time. Those who have not yet paid for a number, but would like to be

included in the draws, should contact Rebecca Lambert on 07919 520488.

Sadly, we will not be able to hold our Christmas Fair at Kettlewell School this year which has been so brilliantly and generously supported by local families, residents, and businesses for many years. To offer at least a little festive spirit, the Friends of Kettlewell School will host a takeaway stall outside the deli in Kettlewell on Sunday 13th December, offering mulled wine and mince pies on a drop-by basis between 2 and 4pm, with all proceeds going to the school. All social distancing restrictions must be observed.

A Littondale Christmas!

Santa's post box and virtual Grotto

Father Christmas is inviting you to write to him with your Christmas wish list. Your letters can be posted in the magic phone box at Litton between December 1st and 13th. We hear there is a gathering of Snowmen in Litton between these dates, so on your way to post your letter, see how many Snowmen you can spot! Letters will be forwarded on to Father Christmas at the North Pole and if you would like a personal chat with him (via Zoom), he has a bit of time available in his busy schedule on Saturday 19th December. To book a time slot, please contact Ruth (markandruth1@aol.com) or Michelle (mbmaloney@hotmail.com).

Littondale Christmas Card Delivery Service

Anyone wishing to send Christmas Cards to Littondale residents are invited to use our Christmas card delivery service. Please bring your cards together with a suggested donation of 10p per card to Carr Farm, Arncliffe, by Sunday 13th December. Cards must be clearly labelled with the recipient's full name and address (house name AND VILLAGE).

NB The closing date is slightly earlier this year to allow 72 hours before sorting and delivering as per Government Covid-19 recommendations. All donations to the Churches of Upper Wharfedale & Littondale. Thank you for your support.

The BIG Christmas Quiz

The next Big Quiz takes place at 8pm on Tuesday 22nd December (via Zoom). Christmas fancy dress optional!

The Quiz is open to all wherever you are and in the comfort of your own home. All you need is access to Zoom and the Speed Quizzing Live app on another device (phone, tablet, iPad or similar). Once again there will be a wide range of subjects with something for everyone and points for both knowledge and speed.

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.

Rainfall for October 2020

Arncliffe: 208.3 mm/8.2 ins
Litton: 251.92mm/9.9 ins



MEET...Robbie Kirkbride, Public Safety Officer

My name is Robbie Kirkbride, and I am the new Public Safety Officer based out of Grassington Fire Station. I want to introduce myself and the services that I can provide for, and within, the community in Wharfedale.

To make you aware of what my role will consist of, I thought it would be helpful to explain. I am a combination of the 3 emergency services: Fire, Police and Ambulance. The role is undergoing a trial period to provide an intervention, prevention and protection role covering all aspects.

Fire role

We are able to provide a 'Safe and Well' and fire alarm check on any individual who requests it. This involves making sure they have working smoke alarms and in the correct location within the property, and also giving out fire safety advice in and around the home. During these visits we are also able to give advice on health and well-being and highlighting slips, trips and falls. On the back of this we can refer people on to other external agencies to help improve their day to day life, whether that be through heating grants, fitting of hand rails, or awareness with regard to alcohol, smoking, mental well-being and dementia, to name but a few.

We can also give safety talks for social groups and schools within the area highlighting the main points of the Safe



and Well talk and also other safety aspects that the fire service would cover such as water safety, wild fire and road safety.

Alongside this I will be responding to fire calls from Grassington Fire Station.

Police role

The services that we provide within our policing powers is to aim for a safer happier community and assisting in low

level disputes such as parking problems that the area comes across during the tourist seasons. We also give advice on home safety and also assist in tackling local and rural crime which is becoming more common in the area.

Ambulance role

As a community first responder I will hopefully be the first point of call for any incidents that come through within the surrounding area that the ambulance service can send us to such as cardiac arrest, strokes etc. Other roles undertaken would be delivery of prescriptions and of

patients to and from the local surgery when other services may not be available.

My role is not limited in any capacity and I am happy to take on and review any challenges that are put in front of me.

I look forward to meeting you, developing my role and serving the Wharfedale community.

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REMEMBERING....Walter Morrison 1836-1921

To mark the centenary of local MP and landowner Walter Morrison on 18 December 2021 and to celebrate his contribution to Malhamdale, Craven and beyond, a group has been formed to plan a series of events, including talks and exhibitions, throughout Craven in 2021. Led by the Museum of North Craven Life at The Folly in Settle, the committee includes representatives of Malhamdale Local History Group, Kirkby Malham Church, School, and Parish Hall, the Field Studies Council at Malham Tarn House, Giggleswick School, the National Park and other local organisations.

Walter Morrison inherited Malham Tarn Estate at the age of 21 in 1857. He was a very generous benefactor and had

a great interest in education. One of his best known local gifts is Giggleswick School Chapel – its distinctive dome reflects his interest in the archaeology of the Bible lands and he was Treasurer of the Palestine Exploration Fund for over fifty years. He also paid for the new Kirkby Malham School and a school at Malham Tarn. Other local donations were made for the restoration of Kirkby Malham Parish Church and part of the cost of the new Kirkby Malham Parish Hall. In Settle, he paid for the Drill Hall and equipped the Territorials.

As an MP, Walter Morrison won Parliamentary elections for Skipton in 1886 and in 1895. He had many business interests and locally he was Chairman of the Yorkshire Dales Railway, which



Giggleswick School Chapel

hoped to connect Skipton with Hawes. He was a director and subsequently Chairman of the Craven Bank. In the Skipton Head Office, he was noted for often using the office glue to messily stick envelopes, as he disliked licking them.



Kirkby Malham Parish Hall

Malham Tarn House was his “mountain home” and he stayed there for long periods each year, spending the winter months in sunnier climes for the sake of his health. He loved walking and regularly walked to and from Settle, Bell Busk Station and Kirkby Malham Church, whilst his staff used his carriage. He would often visit his tenants and enjoy a cup of tea in their farmhouse kitchens, with an infant on his knee. Later in life, he was affectionately known as “The Grand Old Man of Craven”.

More exciting news about the events in the 2021 Walter Morrison Festival will follow soon.

The organising committee would very much like to learn of any

photographs or memorabilia of Walter that have survived the years. If you have any such items or any anecdotes that have been passed down through your family, please contact Malhamdale Local History Group at: MLHGenquiries@gmail.com

For further details, please visit: www.kirkbymalham.info/KMI/malham_moor/morrison.html

*Caitlin Greenwood & Heather Lane
Museum of North Craven Life*

(There is an interesting link between Walter Morrison and our Parish. In July 1858, while staying for a few days at Malham Tarn House, Charles Kingsley walked over to Arncliffe. It was that visit that inspired him to write ‘The Water Babies’ a few years later.)



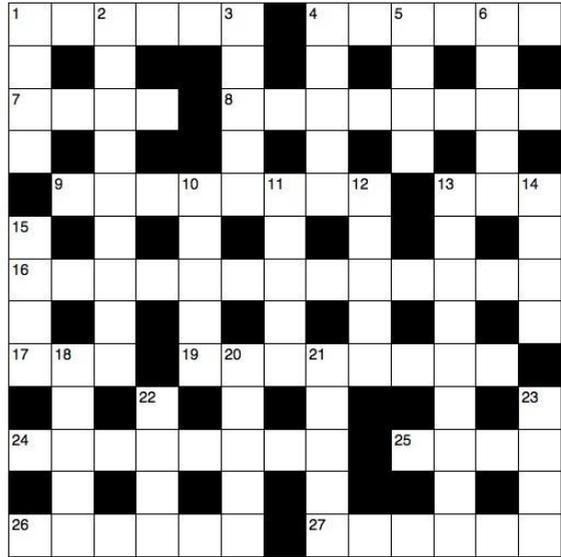
Crossword

Across

- 1 Rely (Psalm 62:7) (6)
 4 'He stretches out the heavens like a —, and spreads them out like a tent to live in' (Isaiah 40:22) (6)
 7 What the dove carried the olive leaf in, when it returned to Noah's ark (Gen 8:11) (4)
 8 Annoy (1 Samuel 1:6) (8)
 9 Judah's last king - ended his days as a blind prisoner in Babylon (Jeremiah 52:11) (8)
 13 'They all — and were satisfied' (Luke 9:17) (3)
 16 Eliphaz the Temanite was one; so was Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite (Job 2:11; 16:2) (4,9)
 17 National Association of Evangelicals (of the USA) (1,1,1)
 19 Popular song for New Year's Eve, Auld — — (4,4)
 24 Able dock (anag.) (8)
 25 Number of stones David chose for his battle with Goliath (1 Sam 17:40) (4)
 26 Elgar's best-known 'Variations' (6)
 27 Soak (Isaiah 16:9) (6)

Down

- 1 Money owing (Deuteronomy 15:3) (4)
 2 Conciliatory (Titus 3:2) (9)
 3 'Do this, whenever you — it, in remembrance of me' (1 Cor 11:25) (5)
 4 A group assisting in the governance of the Roman Catholic Church (5)
 5 One of the gifts Joseph's brothers took with them on their second journey to Egypt (Genesis 43:11) (4)



- 6 'Reach out your hand and — — into my side. Stop doubting and believe' (John 20:27) (3,2)
 10 Be outstandingly good (2 Cor 8:7) (5)
 11 'What — — that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?' (Psalm 8:4) (2,3)
 12 Horse's feet (Judges 5:22) (5)
 13 Notice (Deuteronomy 17:4) (9)
 14 Comes between 2 Chronicles and Nehemiah (4)
 15 One of Israel's northern towns conquered by Ben-Hadad (1 Kings 15:20) (4)
 18 Narnia's Lion (5)
 20 One of two rivers in which Naaman preferred to wash (2 Kings 5:12) (5)
 21 Avarice—one of the evils that come from inside people (Mark 7:22) (5)
 22 Knight Grand Cross of St Michael and St George (1,1,1,1)
 23 Jacob's first wife (Gen 29:23) (4)

Solution on next page

Puzzle!!

For the first time, no-one got last month's puzzle correct, though several tried! The only church that does not have a memorial to those who died in the Second World War is St Oswald's Arncliffe – which means that Marmaduke Simpson, who died on 2 March 1941 aged 27, is the only person not to have memorial in the parish. No puzzle this month!

Answers to Crossword

ACROSS: 1, Depend. 4, Canopy. 7, Beak. 8, Irritate. 9, Zedekiah. 13, Ate. 16, Job's comforter. 17, NAE. 19, Lang Syne. 24, Blockade. 25, Five. 26, Enigma. 27, Drench.

DOWN: 1, Debt. 2, Peaceable. 3, Drink. 4, Curia. 5, Nuts. 6, Put it. 10, Excel. 11, Is man. 12, Hoofs. 13, Attention. 14, Ezra. 15, Ijon. 18, Aslan. 20, Abana. 21, Greed. 22, GCMG. 23, Leah.

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