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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 Rector...



LENT: What have you not given up?

Lent is fast approaching; it starts on Ash Wednesday 17th February – Don't forget your pancakes on Shrove Tuesday the day before!

For years English folk have been giving things up for Lent. Tea, coffee, beer, chocolate, cakes, amongst other stuff we like, have always been amongst the most popular things to lay aside for the forty days heading up to Easter.

As we continue in the privations of lockdown, I think we have all probably given up quite enough. Being cut off from family, friends, the pub, meals out, social gatherings, sport and the myriad other things we enjoy, is enough of a discipline for us all. So maybe this year its time not to give something up, but to take something on.

Why don't you develop a rhythm of treats through Lent to remind yourself of

the goodness of God? The original idea of Lent was to grow in our faith in God, and the privations and disciplines were merely means to put things aside as a reminder and means to deepen our relationship with Christ. They were never meant to be ends in themselves.

So rather than small acts of going without, this year why don't you introduce some small acts of joy and goodness into your daily routine? That might be a daily walk to celebrate God's amazing creation, a daily moment of calm listening to your favourite relaxing music to draw you into God's peace, a daily favourite special drink (warm or cold, bitter or sweet) to help you savour something more of God's depth and flavour, a daily playful moment when you do something you love to explore God's playful joy in you, a moment's silence and

stopping to draw you deeper into the person God made you to be, a daily telephone or email to friends and family so you can enjoy that God has connected us to others in community, or a myriad of other things?

Why don't you set aside Lent to grow a little? Take up a small regular discipline to help you to do that. Have a think about what you might do. Don't spend too long scratching your head; go with your gut. And don't get too hung up if in the course of the period you miss a day here or there; don't let that destroy the possibilities.

Lent is not about doing something for the sake of it. It is not about ticking off a 'to do' to achieve something. Lent is rather an opportunity to grow a little, especially in your relationship with God. He's up for that; what about you?

I hope you have a good Lent and I hope that despite all the restrictions and difficulties of this time you grow a little this Lent.

In Christ
/David x

*Rev David Macha, Rector, St Michaels
Linton*



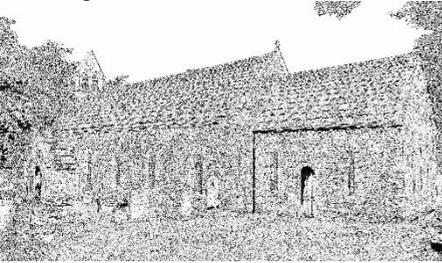
Reservoir Road, Kettlewell, by Julia Queen, Buckden Art Group

From the Churches & Villages

Parish News

Services in our churches have been suspended because of concerns about the spread of the coronavirus.

Members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Upper Wharfedale and Littondale reluctantly made the decision in the wake of rising numbers of infections across the country and reports of a number of cases in nearby Grassington.



The PCC voted for the suspension by a significant majority. Under the most recent lockdown rules churches can open for communal worship, but the Bishop of Leeds, the Right Rev Nick Baines, wrote to parishes to say this did not mean they were obliged to open. After the PCC made its decision Bishop Nick granted dispensation for services to be suspended.

It was reported in mid-January that more than half of the Church of England's parishes across the country had decided not to open for services.

Two of our PCC members have agreed to share their reasons for supporting the suspension in The Link.

Deirdre Halsall, Senior Sidesperson at St Michael and All Angels, Hubberholme, said: "As a member of PCC I voted to

close the Upper Wharfedale and Littondale churches because I thought we needed to show responsibility towards our congregations, considering the age or vulnerability of most of them and the fact that at the time of discussing and voting on the situation the Covid 19 virus was spreading very easily and fast within the Grassington area and we needed to protect our NHS.

"Our retired clergy were also being asked to travel through infected areas, which seemed an irresponsible request. I was surprised that churches could stay open considering they were closed last time and the variant was not spreading like it is now.



"Prior to the current lockdown and in the winter conditions numbers attending church were lower, with people using the online service that our worship team had been broadcasting every week. We have been told to stay at home and not mix, plus the Bishop of Leeds told us because we could stay open did not mean we had to. He said PCCs had to make the decision for their area and he would support the decision, which he has. Since our decision

many churches in other areas, plus some cathedrals in the country, have closed for services.

“Whilst church is closed there is the online service to listen to and for those people without computers there is a church service on TV every Sunday. No one wants to close church and we agreed to reassess the opening of church in the middle of February in the light of the situation at the time. We need to try to prevent infections spreading so that we can reopen sooner rather than later. I do feel that our decision was the right decision for the good of all people living in our Parish.”



Judy Burgin, a former Church Warden for Kettlewell and Conistone and a current PCC member, said: "Until now I have said that churches should be open. However, the current situation is grave, and the number of COVID positive cases in Grassington is concerning.

“I think the safest option for our elderly congregations is to cease public services until a greater proportion of us have been vaccinated.”

The Parish’s Vacancy Team has also decided to suspend opening our churches for Private Prayer, again mainly due to fears about the spread of the virus, though the number of people using our churches for this during the winter seems to be very low.

The situation with the virus will be monitored, and will be reviewed by the Vacancy Team on February 19, unless circumstances change significantly in the meantime.

Electoral Roll Revision 2021

We hope to announce the date of the APCM, depending on the situation with the Coronavirus pandemic in the March Link.

By March we are hopeful of having a clearer picture of how we can safely hold the APCM meeting.

If you are interested in having your name added to the 2021 Roll then please check the March LINK for details of how and when you can get hold of an application form.

If you wish to contact us in the meantime, we can be contacted by email on Christopher@winpennyphoto.co.uk or by phone on 01756 761950.

Thank you

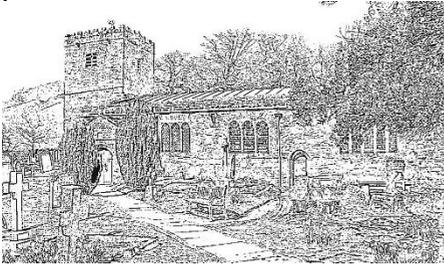
*Christopher Winpenny
Lead Parish Electoral Roll Officer*

Run to Raise Funds for Parish Share



The Rev Ian Greenhalgh, who has been leading some of our services during the Vacancy, completed a 21-mile run on

New Year's Day which went partly through our Parish, to help the Churches he has been supporting during the past three years. Ian raised an amazing £2858.50, and a portion of this will go towards our contribution to the Diocese. His run included a number of detours to avoid snow and ice in areas like Mastiles Lane, so he probably ran further than the planned 21 miles!



Hubberholme Parish Poor Pasture

As all will be aware, the bids for the 16 acres of land, the Poor Pasture, was to be done by written request to be given to me before January 4th. The winning bid of £550 was received from the Huck Family of Church Farm, therefore they continue to care for and use the land according to the required regulations.

Parishioners may be interested to know that "Open Reach" pay an annual rent because of the equipment they have on the land and their access to it. At the present time this is £450 paid at the end of each calendar year – long may it last!

*Mrs Avril Harrison - Churchwarden
Emeritus*

Village News

Littondale Christmas Card Delivery Service.

Thank you to everyone who helped with this year's Christmas card delivery service and to all who donated so generously. A total of £286.50 has been given to the Upper Wharfedale & Littondale Churches.

Santa's Sleigh

Santa was delighted to see so many Littondale residents waving and cheering as he drove through the Dale on Christmas Eve. He hopes that you all got the gifts that you asked for and he says a huge THANK YOU for making a chilly Christmas Eve so happy & welcoming. He added that he will definitely be back for Christmas 2021, so make sure you are all very good boys and girls this year!

Despite not actively collecting donations, £140 was received and this has been equally split between the two charity boxes in the Queens at Litton – Yorkshire Air Ambulance & Upper Wharfedale Fell Rescue.

The BIG Quiz

The next BIG Quiz takes place at 8pm on Thursday 11th February (via Zoom). It 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). 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 to set up your devices, please contact Michelle at mbmaloney@hotmail.com.

SAVE THE GREENFINCH!



Have you noticed a lack of greenfinches in your garden? The RSPB say “Pigeons carry a disease which is fatal to greenfinches. If you wash your bird

feeders once a week, you can help prevent the greenfinches from dying.”

‘Winter Walks’ on BBC Four



Many of you will already have seen this lovely series of 30-minute programmes of solo ‘Winter Walks’ in Yorkshire filmed over the last year. The fourth of the series features Baroness Warsi as she walks down from Park Rash through Kettlewell and on to Conistone. It’s beautifully filmed and features several familiar faces! If you’ve not seen it already, it’s available on BBC iPlayer.

Rainfall for December 2020

Arncliffe: 240.5mm/9.47ins
Litton: 269.75mm/10.62ins

Beckermonds*: 376.5mm/14.82 ins
*November and December



ABOUT...Lent and Lean Times in Upper Wharfedale

This month's Link takes the theme of 'Lent and Lean Times,' and in these challenging times we hear from two families running businesses in Upper Wharfedale. We begin with an interview with Jackie Yarrow, who with her husband Ed runs The George in Hubberholme, and is also one of our Parish churchwardens. We then hear how the pandemic has affected Keith and Hazel Jeddere-Fisher's B&B business at Low Rasigill, near Yockenthwaite, and how they have coped.



 ***Jackie, how long have you and Ed been at The George, and what brought you here?***

Ed and I came to The George in June 2013. It was a long-held dream to run a pub and B&B, inspired by a couple we met on our honeymoon in 1989. It was not something we thought would fit with family life so after enjoyable careers and dispatching our son to University we decided to follow the dream. We had always wanted to remain in Yorkshire, having been living in Leeds for 30 years or so, and were familiar with Wharfedale but finding The George was really down to a friend of ours who knew that it was on the market. It took only one visit for

us to realise that this was where we wanted to be.

 ***The George is renowned far beyond our Parish, with a remarkable history and an equally remarkable relationship with the church - historically and right up to the present. Can you tell us a little about it?***

I am not sure we were aware at that point of the fantastic history of The George, but there were certain parallels with a previous family that had run the pub in the late 50's early 60's – Jean and her husband, from Leeds (of the book, The George and Me) ran the pub with her brother. Indeed, when we first arrived

from Leeds my brother was also on our team of three!

The relationship between The George and the Church goes back many years (if not generations), not least because at one time the pub was the vicarage for the resident incumbent of the Church and indeed the candle on the bar which we still light whenever the pub is open is reminiscent of that time when the vicar would light a candle to show parishioners that he was at home. And of course we still host the annual meeting of the Hubberholme Parliament at which the auction of the 16 acres of pasture is the subject of bidding to secure the lease of the land for the following 12 months.

🔗 ***You have maintained that close relationship, for as well as helping run The George, you are also a churchwarden for the parish. What does that involve? What are your duties and responsibilities? Are there any particular challenges and joys in this role?***

Historically I think the role of Church Warden was perhaps more onerous and prescriptive than in recent times. Someone presented me with a booklet entitled 'A Church Wardens Year' when I was first appointed which made reference to climbing ladders, clearing gutters and checking the roof. As I have a real fear of heights – there had to be another way! Thankfully, and under the leadership of James the formation of the Parish of Upper Wharfedale and Littondale in April 2018, has moved us to a more co-operative approach in the sense that we have a number of dedicated and talented folks who either individually or as part of a team responsible for a specific aspect of

Parish life and give generously of their time and their gifts.

I suppose to summarise I would say that predominantly my role and that of my fellow Church Warden Andrew, is to co-ordinate and communicate with our local and wider community and to liaise with The Diocese of Leeds, in the hope that this helps the Parish continue and even thrive in these challenging times.

Being Church Warden and landlady does sometime raise an eyebrow and a smile. Most often, after a service at Hubberholme, when maybe I have been chatting to some visitors in the Church, only to see them 20 minutes later at The George, donning an apron and serving them Sunday lunch!

🔗 ***Winter is always a lean time for pubs, cafes and other businesses that serve our community but also depend on tourism for their survival. It must be so much harder having to deal with the pandemic and the impact of lockdowns and other restrictions over the last year. How has the pandemic affected the George and how have you and Ed adapted to this?***

The pandemic has been extremely challenging. Obviously, there is a financial implication in terms of having to close the pub but actually the really difficult part of the whole thing is missing our guests, so many of whom have become good friends during our years at The George. We have been fortunate in that the changes that we made to our outside space did mean we were able to operate quite successfully for the period between the lockdowns and we have been really delighted by the support that we have received. As for Ed and I, we have

made the most of the practice at retirement!! (and we think we could get used to it!)

We are optimistic that as 2021 progresses our whole community will be able to move on, and to put the pandemic behind us, albeit the legacy of the pandemic will long be remembered. For us at The George, some of the measures we have taken in terms of future proofing the business should stand us in good stead ensuring we can safely welcome more guests offer 'The George Outside Inn' as a venue for special occasions especially those associated with the Church and

local community (hatches, matches and dispatches!).

☞ What are your hopes for 2021?

Whatever 2021 brings rest assured that Ed and I are really looking forward to being able to open The George and to welcoming friends old and new during 2021 and the years to come.

Jackie Yarrow



🔗 ABOUT....Low Raisgill in 2020

We generally open in March and we had a few guests at the beginning of the month, the last one being Ron on the 15th, the same day that the cancellations started to come in. Ron had a programme of walks planned and booked in Europe, and was still hopeful for a summer of walking.

We were closed by the lockdown from the 23rd March for an indefinite period. In retrospect, we should have seen it coming, but it seemed very sudden at the time.

Cancellations and repayment of booking deposits followed over the next few months giving us a negative cashflow! Calling our business insurance resulted in a clear “No, not covered for this!” and talking to our accountant did not un-earth any hidden fortunes. Fortunately, Craven District Council paid us a grant very quickly, as we are registered for business rates and this more than covered the repayments that we had to make to guests cancelling their bookings.

Hazel and I then started looking for employment opportunities and put in for advertised jobs in the ‘Covid growth sectors’ – funeral services and supermarket delivery drivers! Neither came to anything but word got out that we were on the lookout and Hazel started working part-time at the Yockenthwaite Farm’s granola production unit in Skipton and I began restoring one of the gardens in the dale. In addition, our garden was manicured, the croft wall repaired, the house wall re-pointed, etc., and I ran about eight half-marathons on the moors. You could say a nice relaxed summer!



Late June and early July was all about preparation for re-opening when we were allowed to. Reading changing guidelines, preparing risk assessments, working out seating arrangements and everything else to be able to offer ‘Covid-secure’ hospitality for an unknown start date. We even had discussions on whether it would be best to get Covid now, so that when we were allowed to re-open we would not have to suddenly close up! In the end we did not purposely go and visit someone with Covid as I had to do as a child, to make sure I caught the measles!

In mid-July we opened with two of our four rooms. Initially there were almost as many cancellations as bookings. People were cautious, and a number changed their minds when the date of their holiday came closer. We had a period of good business in August and September and had to accept that we were often our guests second choice destination – “Oh, we had two weeks booked in France but

.....". Some, I am sure will be back in the Dales.

Most guests were aware of the extra precautions that needed to be taken and were very appreciative that they could at last come away for some holiday. A minority had little idea that it mattered where they had come from and that they could not just behave as normal. As with all public-facing businesses, you learn a lot about people in circumstances such as this.

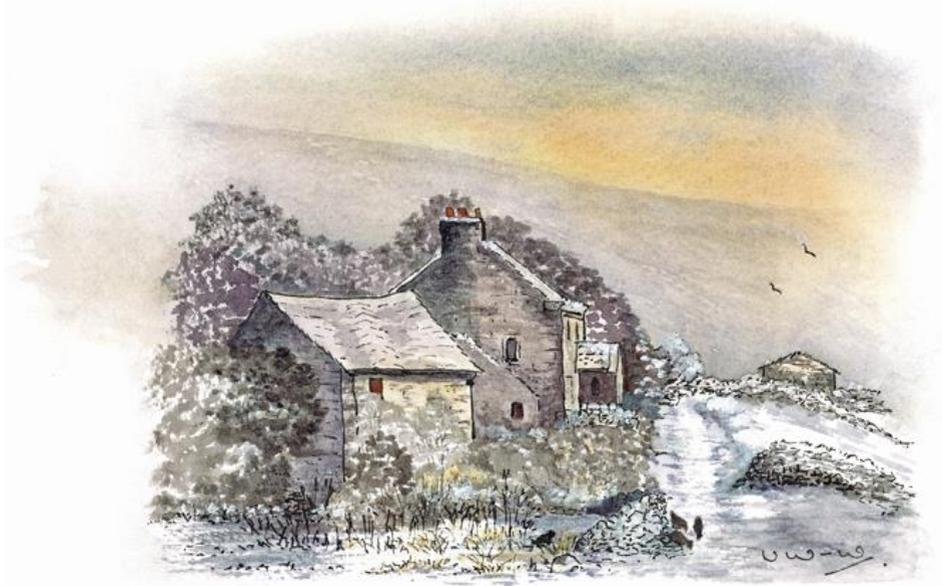
Confidence to go on holiday dropped in October with rising Covid numbers across the country and finding that we had a few

days without any guests, we made a quick visit to Bristol to see some family. Good that we did, as it has since been impossible.

In late October our business insurers got back in contact with us, saying that they had reconsidered their position and that we could now put in a claim for loss of profit due to infectious disease! Relief.

And in 2021? We are planning to open again from the 16th March. Very few people are booking their holidays yet. It is 'wait and see' time for them and for us.

Keith and Hazel Jeddere-Fisher



Halton Gill, by Val Walker Wilton, Buckden Art Group

ABOUT....the new church doors in Arncliffe

A door has opened on a new feature at one of our churches.

The new wooden doors at St Oswald's Church, Arncliffe, were created by local craftsman David Charnley.

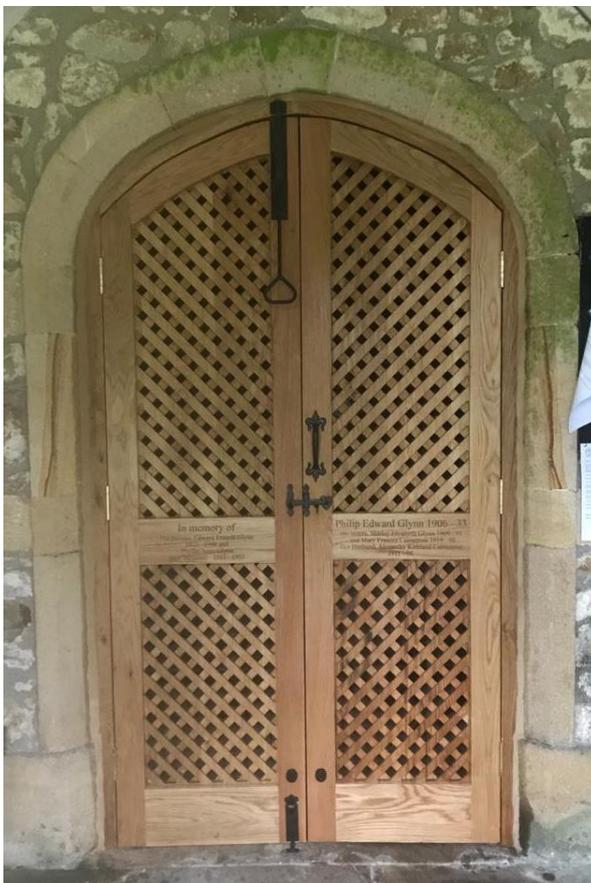
They have been provided by the Cairncross family as a memorial, particularly to one of its members who used to love to fish in the River Skirfare.

Frances Cairncross takes up the story. She says: "We asked particularly for a memorial at Arncliffe Church because our mother's brother, Philip Glynn, loved to fish in the river there. He died in 1933, tragically young, of Weil's disease, caught while fishing (though not in Arncliffe but near Leeds): he had a hole in his boot and a rub on his foot."

Philip had started a promising career as an orthopaedic surgeon. Frances says: "His death, in his late 20s, was an immense blow to the family, from which his parents never really recovered.

"Our mother - Mary Cairncross, nee Glynn - and her sister, Shirley Glynn, eventually scattered their parents' ashes in the Skirfare at Arncliffe, and when my parents died, three months apart in 1998, my brothers and my sister and I scattered their ashes there too."

Frances says her grandfather, Edward Francis Glynn (known as Francis), was born in Tewkesbury, and married a



cousin-by-marriage, Phyllis Anne Messent, who grew up in Tynemouth, where their father, Philip Messent, was chief port engineer.

Frances says her grandparents lived most of their married life in Ikley. Her mother was a keen rock climber and potholer as a teenager, and Frances believes she explored some of the caves on the road running up to Arncliffe. She also loved Mallam Tarn. "I remember her swimming there when we all visited Arncliffe as part of their 40th wedding

anniversary celebrations in 1983,” she says.

“My father, Alec Cairncross, was born and brought up in Lesmahagow, a small town in Lanarkshire, the seventh of eight children of an ironmonger. He wrote his autobiography, ‘Living with the Century’, just before he died in 1998. Three of the eight, including my father, became university professors.

“He met my mother during the War, while he was working for the Ministry of

Aircraft Production - at a conference of the World Student Service, I think. They married in Ilkley in 1943 and began their honeymoon in the Falcon Inn.”

With so many links to the Arncliffe area, family members are looking forward to a time when they can safely have a reunion and come to see the new doors at St Oswald’s Church for themselves.

Andrew Hitchon



Hedgehog, by Alison Falshaw, Buckden Art Group

Reflecting.....on Lent in 2021

Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent, falls this year on February 17th, of course we probably won't be able to have a service in the parish, just as we've missed so many other services since we were in the season of Lent last year.

Lent has its origins in the 4th century where it was introduced as a period of preparation for those people coming for baptism at Easter. The church at that time was sceptical about the real conviction of those becoming Christian in the new Holy Roman Empire. They endured a harsh regime of prayer and fasting, they refrained from washing and eating rich food. They also were tested on their knowledge of the creeds and the principles of the Christian faith, in front of the congregation. Finally if all went well they would be baptised at the Easter vigil.

In the not too distant past Lent could be seen as something to be "got through" it seemed to concentrate on depriving ourselves of things we loved most, usually chocolate, biscuits, alcohol etc. In my home parish during the 1960's we had a service of compline on a Wednesday night, each week at a different church in the deanery. My main memories are of the dirge like hymns and praying that we would be protected from any terror by night or the pestilence that walketh in darkness, just what you needed walking home in a village with no street lights!

We can of course still discipline ourselves by giving up little things hoping that when the big things come along we'll be ready for them. The church summarized these big things as

the seven deadly sins, lust envy etc. A few years ago the BBC held a poll which revealed that most people thought these were out of date and thought they should be replaced by cruelty, adultery, bigotry, dishonesty, hypocrisy and selfishness. Surely the same things just different names? And just as likely to be a problem for the whole 52 weeks of the year, not just the 6 weeks of Lent.

But now we look on Lent as a chance to take up or do something positive such as bible study or meditation, there might be Lent groups to study a book, often recommended by one of the Bishops. Here in the Parish we usually take part in the Lent Lunches held in Grassington for Christian Aid, we have also held lunches in our own villages raising money for charity.

So, Lent, 40 days of depriving ourselves of a biscuit with our morning coffee or 40 days of improving our relationship with God and our neighbours? The choice is completely up to us.

Patsy Campbell



ASH WEDNESDAY

Crossword

Across

8 Interrogated (Acts 12:19) (5-8)

9 'Burn it in a wood fire on the — heap' (Leviticus 4:12) (3)

10 Tobit, Judith, Baruch and the books of Esdras and the Maccabees are part of it (9)

11 Science fiction (abbrev.) (3-2)

13 Clay pit (anag.) (7)

16 Went to (John 4:46) (7)

19 'Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to — your bodies as living sacrifices' (Romans 12:1) (5)

22 David's plea to God concerning those referred to in 14 Down: 'On — — let them escape' (Psalm 56:7) (2,7)

24 Royal Automobile Club (1,1,1) 25 How the book of Ezekiel refers to God more than 200 times (Ezekiel 2:4) (9,4)

Down

1 Seas (Proverbs 8:24) (6)

2 One of the sons of Eli the priest, killed in battle by the Philistines (1 Samuel 4:11) (6)

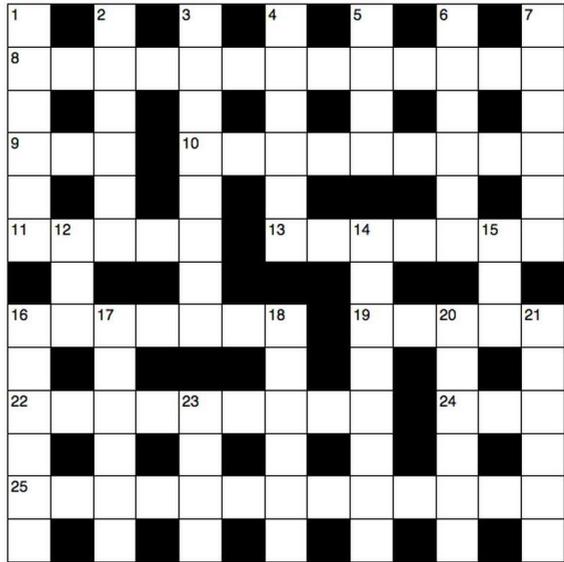
3 Specialist in the study of the Muslim religion (8)

4 'Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but — him as if he were your father' (1 Timothy 5:1) (6)

5 One of Esau's grandsons (Genesis 36:11) (4)

6 Taking a chance (colloq.) (2,4)

7 God's instructions to the Israelites concerning grain offerings: ' — salt to — your offerings' (Leviticus 2:13) (3,3)



12 Confederation of British Industry (1,1,1)

14 'All day long they twist my words; they are always — to harm me' (Psalm 56:5) (8)

15 The crowd's reaction to Jesus bringing back to life a widow's son in Nain (Luke 7:16) (3)

16 Disappear (Psalm 104:35) (6)

17 How Jeremiah was likely to die if he wasn't rescued from the cistern where he was imprisoned (Jeremiah 38:9) (6)

18 What the prophets do to a wall, with whitewash (Ezekiel 13:10, RSV) (4,2)

20 Made by a plough (Job 39:10) (6)

21 Noah was relieved when the flood waters continued to — (Genesis 8:5) (6)

23 Jesus gave the Twelve the power and authority to do this to diseases (Luke 9:1) (4)

Solution on next page!

Answers to Crossword

ACROSS:

8, Cross-examined. 9, Ash. 10, Apocrypha. 11, Sci-fi. 13, Typical. 16, Visited. 19, Offer. 22, No account. 24, RAC. 25, Sovereign Lord.

DOWN:

1, Oceans. 2, Hophni. 3, Islamist. 4, Exhort. 5, Omar. 6, On spec. 7, Add all. 12, CBI. 14, Plotting. 15, Awe. 16, Vanish. 17, Starve. 18, Daub it. 20, Furrow. 21, Recede. 23, Cure.

The Link

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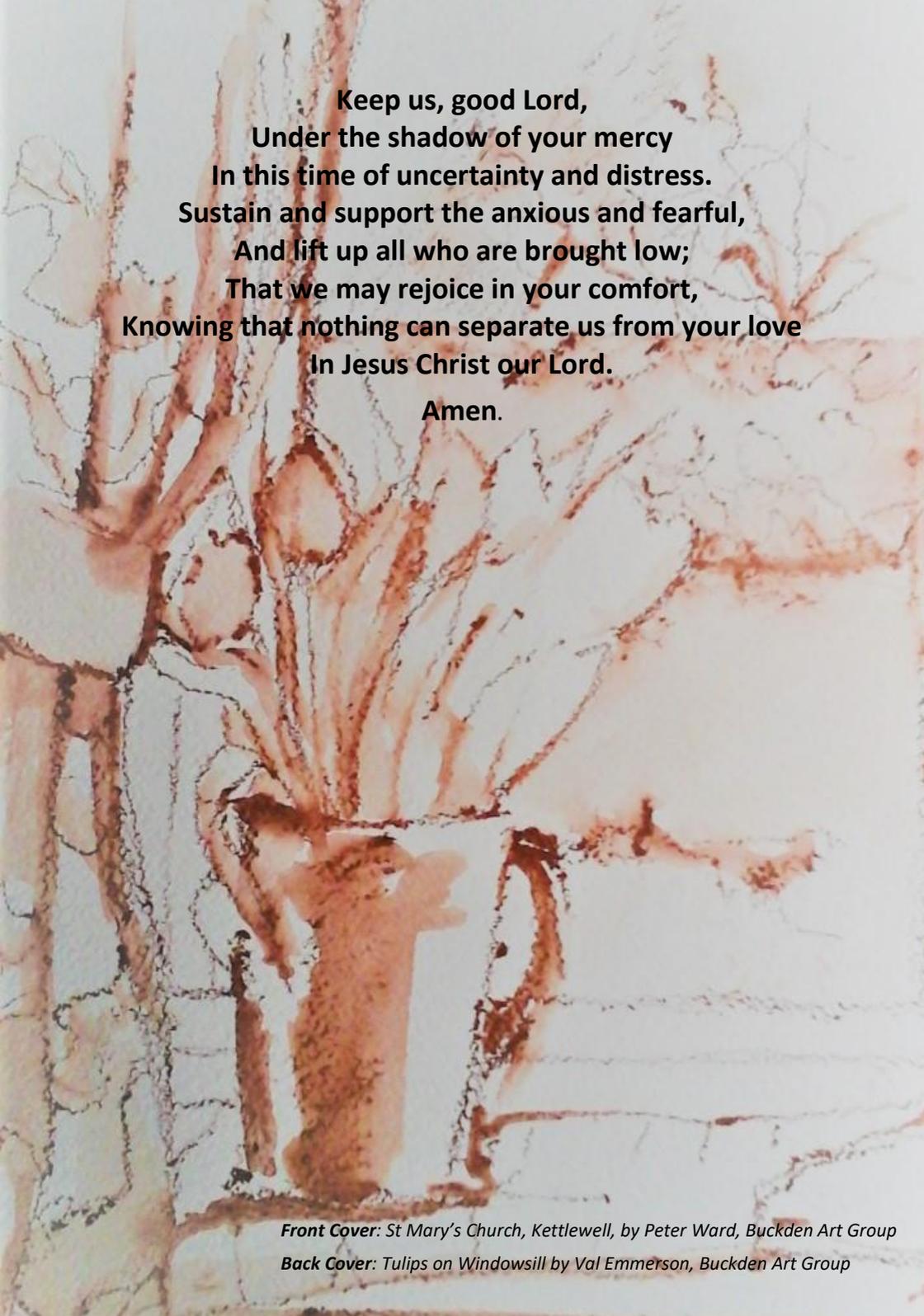
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Due to uncertainty over our service rotas at present we are unable to provide the list of services for the coming month that we previously published in The Link. Please check the posters at our churches for details of forthcoming services and also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

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.

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