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## ***This Month...New Beginnings***

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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....

## *The Shape of the Future*

**A**s we emerge like Amaryllis flowers from the confines of lockdown, do you find yourself trying to get back to something, or are you moving forward into something new? Do you want to return to the patterns of living, working and resting that you used to frequent, or are you prepared for the new emerging landscapes in which we find ourselves? One of the challenging things that we have to grasp in the post-lockdown world, is that there is no going back; we have to make new lives for ourselves in the new situation



It's all very much Easter territory; Easter not about attempted, or even achieved, resuscitation, but resurrection. Resurrection takes us through death to a new place beyond ourselves; that may be exciting or terrifying, but it is a new place. So, what does resurrection look like in the context of emerging from the 'death' of lockdown? We have learned new skills and new ways of being as we have coped with Covid; some of these are going to be important in this new world. We need to hang on to these and put them to good use in our emerging lives.

Some of the ways we have adopted over this past 12 months will need to be put aside in the situation we are entering.

They may have served us well over these months, but they are not for the future.

To serve us well in the time ahead, we need to reappropriate some of what went before and put it to use in the new situation. We have had to put things aside that are vital for us, we need to find new expressions of these.

One of the toughest things to accept is that there are parts of pre-Covid life which we are going to need to let go. These may be different things for each one of us, but some of the things that we have had to lay down over this past 12 months, are things we need to let die. Trying to resuscitate them would not only be a waste of energy but would also be a failure to accept the reality of the situation, and evidence of a singular lack of vision for the future.

The exercise of discernment as we emerge is key to understanding what lies ahead; understanding what needs resurrection and what needs to die. Where is there new life and energy that points a way forward, and where are we weary and tired? This is probably the most important task for us as we head into the future.

As we emerge from the 'death' of lockdown, how will the light of Easter, the resurrection hope, take shape in your life? Where are the signs of resurrection?

May we have the courage and discernment to make real in our lives the resurrection life.

Hope you are blessed as we emerge

In Christ

/David x

*Rev David Macha, St Michaels Linton*

# From the Churches & Villages

## Parish News

### *Licensing Service*

The Licensing Service for our new Vicar, the Rev Tom Lusty, is due to be held at 7pm on Monday, June 28 at St Oswald's, Arncliffe. Further details of the service will follow later.

We are delighted that this has been sorted out so quickly, particularly as it means Tom and his family are likely to be joining us in the Parish by early in the summer. We are also hoping that the licensing service will be an 'in-person' event, though of course this will depend on progress in reducing the impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

### *APCM and Annual Meeting of Parishioners*

This will be held by Zoom on Tuesday 20th April 2021 and will be reporting on the year ended 31 December 2020. Anyone wishing to register for the Zoom meeting, or find out more, please contact Andrew Hitchon at the Parish Office.

### *Electoral Roll*

The annual revision of the electoral roll will take place between 26<sup>th</sup> March and 5<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Notices are up at the churches and further details regarding the electoral roll can also be found on the Parish Website at:

[www.upperwharfedalechurches.org](http://www.upperwharfedalechurches.org)

Please contact Christopher Winpenny on 01756 761950 or by email at [christopher@winpennyphoto.co.uk](mailto:christopher@winpennyphoto.co.uk) for details on how to apply to be included.

### *St Mary's Kettlewell*



### *Grand Easter Stall.*

This stall, which was to have been held on 27<sup>th</sup> March, will now take place on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Easter Saturday - in the Lychgate at Kettlewell Church from 10.30am

When the March date was published Prime Minister, Boris, had not produced his 'road map' out of Coronavirus restrictions. We are now all aware that 'lockdown' is not due to be lifted until 29<sup>th</sup> March – if all is going to plan – hence this new date.

So, we will be selling:

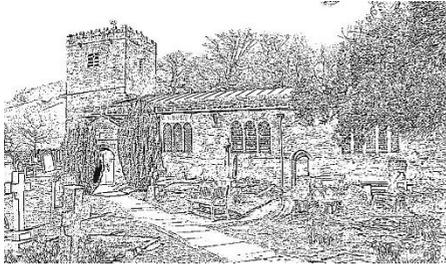
-  Knitted Easter Toys
-  Decorated Easter Cakes
-  Cakes – large and small
-  Simnel Cakes
-  Chocolate Crispie Nests
-  Easter Biscuits
-  Tarts and Crumbles
-  Easter Fudge
-  Seville Orange Marmalade
-  Greetings Cards
-  A painting by a well-known local artist.



Plus a Raffle of an Easter Hamper containing some of the above!

Please come along and help to make this event a success. The church is in great need of funds following very little income during 2020 and again into 2021. Thank you.

*St Michael and All Angels,  
Hubberholme Church*



As we look forward to a time when our churches will be open and services will resume, we are about to revise/update the various rotas. As far as the sidesperson rota is concerned, if anyone wishes to add their name or to find out what it entails, please feel free to contact Deirdre on either 760296 or via [dahalsall@aol.com](mailto:dahalsall@aol.com). Flower and cleaning rotas are coordinated by Susan Lusted on 760877. We hope to have the new rotas available by May so if anyone wants to volunteer their services please do so sharpish.

## Best Decorated Cake Competition

**Calling all artistic cake**

**decorators.** Our parish's first fundraising event of 2021 will be held this month and we hope that it



will attract the attention of everyone who has spent extra time in the kitchen over the past few months. Challenge your creative genes and show us what you can do!

The entry fee for the Parish Churches of Upper Wharfedale and Littondale Best Decorated Cake Competition is £5, payable to Upper Wharfedale and Littondale PCC (Account number 40541370 and Sort Code: 20-78-42. Please include the payment reference 'Cake').

As this is a visual competition email a photo of your cake with your name and contact number to - [uwlfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:uwlfundraising@gmail.com)

Photos in by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and will be judged by Jackie Yarrow. The winner receives the coveted title of *Upper Wharfedale & Littondale Best Cake Decorator 2021* plus a bottle of Champagne!

Congratulations and many happy returns to Derek Tennant on the occasion of his 90th birthday, 31st March 2021!



### *Kettlewell Village Hall AGM*

Due to the continuing Covid restrictions and the general poor attendance at local AGMs held over Zoom in the last year, the Village Hall Committee has voted to postpone this year's AGM until such time as it can safely be held in person, in the Hall. There being no constitutional requirement for the meeting to go ahead until this is practicable, we look forward to being able to make this a welcome occasion where we can see friends and neighbours in person again, and give all those who would wish it a chance to participate. We'll announce a date as soon as we are able.

### Many thanks.....

"Julia Queen thanks the very many kind villagers of Kettlewell who have baked, roasted, shopped, sent flowers, cards and plants and generally uplifted her spirits during her recent illness; she is most grateful."

### *Manorlands Hospice Sunflower Challenge!*

After a difficult year of fundraising event cancellations, for 2021, the Wharfedale Support Group for Manorlands Hospice are hosting 'The Sunflower Challenge'.

There are 2 parts to the challenge; **The Tallest Sunflower** and **The Best Sunflower Photo** (you can do one or both of the challenges) all at a distance! See <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/wharfedale-fundraising-group-for-manorlands-hospice>

Something to do in these stay-at-home times with prizes for both children and adults. "Get Sowing"!

*Graham Walter*

### *Amerdale Hall Online presents...*

#### **A Specialist Talk by Anne Buckley: Skipton's First World War POW Camp & its German Prisoners Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 8.00pm**

Anne will reveal the fascinating story of Skipton's First World War training and prisoner-of-war camp. She will discuss her work in leading a team to produce an English translation of the book *Kriegsgefangen in Skipton*, written by 60 of the 900 German prisoners of war in Raikeswood Camp, Skipton during the First World War. In addition, she will reveal some of the intriguing stories of the men themselves, who included naval captains, U-boat officers and airmen as well as foot soldiers. Anne will describe the community projects linked to the camp organised as part of the Heritage Lottery Funded Craven and the First World War project, based at Craven Museum in Skipton, including archaeology in residents' gardens.

Anne Buckley is a Lecturer in German & Translation Studies at the University of Leeds. She lives in Skipton, very close to the site of the First World War training and POW camp. *German Prisoners of the Great War. Life in a Yorkshire Camp* by Anne Buckley was published by Pen & Sword on 9 February 2021.

This is a free online event held via Zoom. Please contact your village rep to book your place: Ruth Cowan 01756

770293 or Sarah 01756 770282 or by  
email to [carrfarm@littondale.com](mailto:carrfarm@littondale.com)

Bookings close at midday on 7<sup>th</sup> April.  
Please book early to avoid  
disappointment.



*Rainfall for February 2021*

**Arncliffe:** 161.9 mm/6.37 ins  
**Beckermonds\*:** 425.00 mm/16.73 ins  
**Litton:** 165.32 mm/6.51 ins  
\*Jan/Feb 2021



*Twin Lambs by Alison Falshaw, Buckden Art Group*

# Meet the Vicar!

*We were delighted to hear that the Bishop of Leeds has appointed Rev Tom Lusty as Vicar of the Parish of Upper Wharfedale and Littondale. Tom is currently vicar of St Giles in Bramhope and will be licensed as vicar of our parish on 28 June. He kindly agreed to be interviewed (apparently his first exclusive interview!) for the Link.*



§ *We are delighted that you are coming to the parish and are looking forward to meeting you and your family. Can you give us a bit of a taster and tell us a bit about yourself?*

I am going to be 50 this year and Helen and I celebrate 20 years of married life this summer. So it is a milestone time for us to be moving to new ministry in the Dales. Helen works full-time as Director of the Leeds Church Institute. John our eldest son is studying at Leeds City College and Mark is studying for his GCSEs at Abbey Grange Academy, also in Leeds, and we have a dog Betty.

So far, half my ministry has been in the chaplaincy setting and half in parish ministry. I was a healthcare chaplain for

nine years, including five years spent as a full-time hospice chaplain. I bring see pastoral care as foundational to all mission in parish ministry and our best form of evangelism in the Church of England: the Church being there for people at all times in life.

The parish of Upper Wharfedale and Littondale will be my fourth parish ministry context after twelve years spent in commuter village, suburban and semi-rural settings. Being a parish priest has given me huge joy and fulfilment in life. Since the pandemic began that sense of purpose and vocation is greater than ever.

I really enjoy breadmaking and getting out and about walking and cycling. Music is important to me, and I have sung in over ten different choirs. For the last ten years

I have sung with the Leeds Festival Chorus. I will have to give that up as it is a bit too far to attend rehearsals so am looking to join a local choir.

🌀 ***If you had to describe yourself in 10 words, what would they be?***

My wife Helen suggested “**strong silent type**”, our son John thought “**mature in years**” (why use one word when three will do?), and Betty suggested “**sofa companion**”. And I had been hoping someone might say **spiritual and musical**.

🌀 ***Favourite....***

*(a) music/band/song/album?*

I listen to a lot of choral music; Supertramp; “Friend for all seasons” by Johnny Berliner; “Dreaming of a Holy Night” by Graham Kendrick.

*b) book/author/poet?*

Barbara Kingsolver’s novel “Unsheltered” really spoke to me during the pandemic; P. D. James; my three favourite poets are Malcolm Guite, Helen Dunmore and Hannah Stone.

*(c) food/meal/drink?*

Pub food; Seafood linguine; Landlord (Timothy Taylors)

*(d) sport/team/game*

To be honest I’m not really into sport. Will have a go at rounders.

*(e) film/TV programme/radio programme/podcast*

Into Great Silence (2005) – a portrayal of Carthusian monks at the Grand Chartreuse, high in the French Alps; Prison Break (a recent Netflix discovery); I’m Sorry I Haven’t a Clue; The Hook Lecture podcast from the Leeds Church Institute

🌀 ***What led you into the ministry?***

I have had a strong sense of God’s presence with me since childhood. I studied biblical studies at Glasgow University and discerned a vocation to full-time ordained ministry during my time there when I became immersed in the life of my local (Church of Scotland) Church. The university chaplains fostered this sense of vocation, and my parish priest in West Sussex supported me through the discernment process. This took two years as I was quite young at that point. During that time, I worked for a



large evangelical Church in South London and then as a warden of a retreat centre south of Birmingham. I was ordained deacon in Chichester Cathedral in 1999 and priested the following year in the parish where I served as a curate, St Mary's Billingshurst. A millennial year which makes it easy to remember how long I have been a priest.

§ *And what attracted you to our parish?*

Lots of reasons. I have always wanted to work in a fully rural setting, and this is the first opportunity I have had to fulfil that wish. The beautiful historic Churches are a huge draw – being busy on Sundays will be no hardship. A sense of the Churches being at the heart of the community. A healthy “adult worshipping congregation” across the four Churches. An outstanding parish magazine which represents the people of the parish well. I can't disagree with the parish's own claim to be “the loveliest parish in England”.

§ *I know you have already had a few short visits to the parish. What have been your first impressions?*

How well cared for and cherished all the Churches are. A local shopkeeper and sheep farmer coming across to say hello made a strong impression on our most recent visit.

In the past there have been a series of memorable day visits for instance co-leading a “Big Sing” with friends at the beautiful chapel in Scargill. When doing the Dales Way my joy finding the Church open at Hubberholme and a memorable pint at The George. When doing the 42 mile Six Dales Walk - from Settle to Pickhill via Nidderdale our group was disqualified for not getting to the checkpoint at Kilnsey village hall in time (someone had dropped a mobile phone and we had spent an hour hunting for it). We then spent the next two hours in “The Buck” at Buckden which redeemed the whole experience.

§ *Thank you – we're looking forward to meeting you in June!*



*Sheep Grazing by Val Walker-Wilton, Buckden Art Group*

## ABOUT...*Upper Wharfedale Refugee Support Group*



The Upper Wharfedale Refugee Support Group (UWRSG) is a network of individuals in Upper Wharfedale and Liddale who are helping refugees in some way. Activities include teaching English; arranging visits to the country and ‘welcome days’; collections of household goods, children’s toys, toiletries and food; the provision of information about refugees including an updated yearly fact sheet; campaigning and writing to our MP; and, raising money for refugees. Over the six years, dozens of individuals, the local churches, the Venturer bus company the Buckden and Kettlewell village halls and Upper Wharfedale School have all played a major role.

We have links with Syrian refugee families in Skipton and Richmond but most refugees in the UK live in the bigger urban areas so we are linked with Bradford Immigration and Asylum Seekers Support and Advice Network

(BIASAN) which provides a whole range of support for refugees and asylum seekers. Most of our collections are for them and many of our activities this year have been in support of BIASAN which has done an amazing job in supporting refugees in Bradford, despite coronavirus.

The last year has been particularly difficult for refugees in the UK. The isolation of coronavirus, particularly for young men, the insecure and poor arrangements for accommodating refugees, and the long wait for Home Office decisions within a ‘hostile environment’ have all taken their toll. We have joined with Yorkshire Bylines, a new on-line citizen newspaper, to highlight the plight of refugees in the UK and raise awareness.

Our ‘welcome days’ have, in the past been the highlight of the year. A day spent with refugees from Yorkshire and Lancashire playing, walking, eating, and

socialising is a joyous occasion. Sadly, we were not able to host a welcome day last summer and will not be able to do so this year. While outdoor activities may be permitted and safe by the end of the summer, crowded indoor activities or bus travel will continue to be a risk. Last year we were able to offer individual

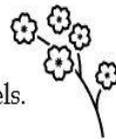
families picnics outside in our gardens and some respite and fun in nature.

If you would like to be added to the mailing list, would like to help in some way, or have any activities you would like to inform others about or need some help with, please get in touch [refugees@upperwharfedale.net](mailto:refugees@upperwharfedale.net)

*Stella Perrott*



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## Letter...*from the Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival*

Dear Upper Wharfedale residents,

### **We'd like to talk about Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival.**

Vaccinations are continuing apace, and **lockdown restrictions are scheduled to be lifted on June 21<sup>st</sup>**. Festivals and events like the Kilmsey Show, Settle Flowerpot Festival and the Great Yorkshire Show are going ahead. Grassington Festival, due to start 18<sup>th</sup> June is described as being "up in the air".

Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival is due to take place between the 14<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021. **The Scarecrow Festival is an enormously successful festival; in the last 5 years it has seen income of £235,000**, and after expenses divides the profits between the school, the church and the village hall. Additional monies are given out annually to support a huge range of groups, from toddlers and the playground, to the cricket and rounders teams, to flower tubs, contributions to bus services, dinners for village elders... the list is a very long one.

**The money generated from the festival ensures that Kettlewell and Starbotten remain vibrant communities.** The school, like most rural schools, has faced difficult times recently and faced possible closure in 2010 and 2017. The church relies heavily on the festival's contribution to allow for a vicar to be employed in such a small parish, and to help maintain the four local churches. The village hall's facilities, including some of the best loos in Yorkshire and a well-equipped kitchen, are hugely aided by the festival's donations.

Without a school, we lose young families. Without the hall, we lose a space where we can bring together families and friends to celebrate, play, learn, mourn and even to vote. And without the church, we lose our place of worship, a space for christenings, weddings and funerals, but also the pastoral support that we perhaps only fully appreciate in our most difficult times.

The **2020 festival was cancelled** in its usual format but ran as an **online event**. The online festival was successful, reaching 4,500 people, but made far less money, as was predicted.

If the festival does not run this year, then there is a possibility that **the festival will lose its momentum in future years**: visitors may find other things to do, volunteers will retire, the mechanics of running the festival will be rusty and difficult to revive. And should the festival not run this year, **the village is facing a serious reduction in income**, and may need to consider how that might be replaced.

**What was noticed last summer was that the visitors still came to Kettlewell**, throughout the summer and weekends. It is expected that they will come again, probably in far greater numbers as there is pent-up demand after a year of on-off lockdown, and foreign holidays remain restricted. Visitors will come, with or without the festival.

The question now is **what to do for 2021**.

The Scarecrow committee has discussed the possibility of holding a festival this year, which would look and feel quite different. The overall aim of this year's festival would be:

1. Reduce the size of the festival.
2. Reduce numbers of visitors congregating in the village.
3. Push the festival out of the village, by laying scarecrow trails and other festival activities to the outskirts of the village, and surrounding fields.
4. Reduce the number of volunteers needed.
5. Reduce the number of scarecrows.
6. Reduce catering significantly. Encourage visitors to bring their own picnics, use the pubs, shop and cafes more.
7. Set up semi-permanent trails and activities so that throughout the summer period, visitors will be directed along lesser-known footpaths, to disperse visitors and make the village less congested and safer.

**However, even this may feel like too much for Kettlewell and Starbotton residents. So we'd like your views.**

You will soon be receiving a **questionnaire** through your door that you can return to the porch of Brook House, Middle Lane, Kettlewell, or to Bushey Lodge Farm, Starbotton. Alternatively, you can complete the questionnaire at <http://survey.kettlewellscarecrows.uk/>

We value your feedback, because this concerns us all. Please complete the questionnaire, and for any additional comments you may want to make, email [melaniedenyris@gmail.com](mailto:melaniedenyris@gmail.com)

**Closing date for feedback is 12th April 2021.**

**Thank you.**



## Kettlewell Village Store...*Rising to the challenge*



Over the last year, almost every business in the village has faced challenges they never anticipated when they opened. Throughout this time, the efforts of key businesses - new and old - to help local residents get through the crisis safely by stepping up the level of service and reviewing their product range have been nothing short of inspiring, and a lifeline to many who have been shielding.

One business that has perhaps seen a bigger transformation than most is the Kettlewell Village Store. Changing shopping habits over the years had already caused a shift in the type and quantity of items local people wanted to buy, and forced Simon and Caroline to think about how they could continue to serve the local community while also remaining viable as a business.

“Like all businesses we have some core customers who have supported us all the way through lockdown, and indeed well before that,” says Caroline. “It has, however, been an incredibly tough year.”

The reasons for this go beyond Covid. Wholesalers who used to deliver to Kettlewell and provided much of the range of staples you’d expect to find in such a shop will no longer do so, meaning regular trips to Bradford and Leeds to restock, because overall demand for the delivery route has declined. The time and travel costs of maintaining the range have gone up even as demand for groceries has gone down, thanks in part to supermarket grocery deliveries offering prices that a small shop cannot hope to equal.

2020 has been a period of reinvention for the Store. It has brought a new website where orders for a range of goods can be placed. The addition of deliveries and pre-orders to the services has increased the number of customers Simon and Caroline can serve from around the area, with customers from Threshfield, Littondale and Beckermond becoming regulars as a result.

The Johnstons have also increased their efforts to reduce waste, especially from single-use plastics. The refillables range has been a welcome addition and

now includes dry goods like flour and sugar as well as cleaning products and traditional sweets. “It’s not just about packaging. When we can see the orders coming in and anticipate demand, we can be more effective and make sure we only get in what we will need. It’s the same for our customers: they don’t need to buy huge packets of things if they only need a small amount. At a time when we know people have suffered financially from lockdown, it helps us to keep things as affordable as possible.”

The eco focus is clear in other areas, too. After a year with far fewer tourists than the norm, with people being encouraged to stay in the UK for their holidays this year, the Store is gearing up to serve tourists with a range of products that will also, they hope, reduce the amount of damage to our local wildlife and scenery by introducing a range of environmentally friendly reusable shopping and lunch bags, as well as the new coffee mugs, in an effort to reduce the amount of litter dropped by tourists.

Reducing the food miles by sourcing as much as possible from local producers and suppliers is another policy which has proved popular with both locals and tourists alike. The introduction of the Mrs Darlington’s preserves range, among others, has been a success, and with the website now attracting orders for Yorkshire goods from around the world, Simon and Caroline are also increasing the range of non-food items they can offer these customers, with a range of souvenirs that includes gift tins and tea towels.



While this might seem a surprising departure, it’s all part of the plan: “We want to keep serving people in the village because that’s the role of a good village store. The sales we make to tourists and internet customers help us to stay open and support our community. At the same time, if it makes Kettlewell more visible and encourages people to come here once it’s safe to do so, that’s good for all of the village businesses we rely on.”

That’s a lot to have achieved in a difficult year while still serving customers, but it’s not what the Johnstons are most proud of. “We already took donations from the church for the food bank and we had an idea that if we gave the wider community a chance to order goods from the Store to go there, we might be able to help support more people in need through the crisis,” says Caroline. “We had no idea whether it would take off, but we couldn’t not try. The response has been better than we could have expected and while it may only seem a little thing, these little things add up.”

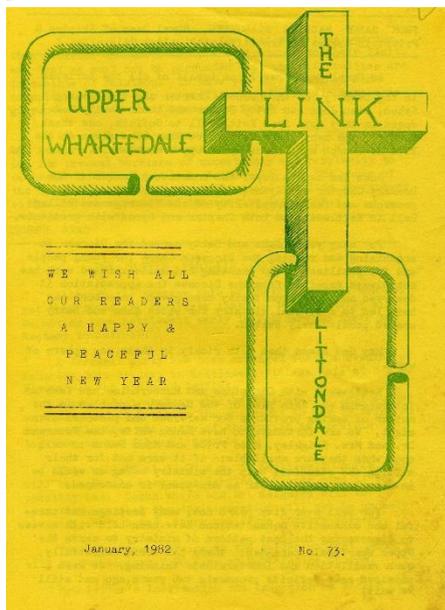
With the situation in the country still fluid, it’s hard for any business to plan: our small businesses need support now more than ever. If you’d like to keep up to date with new products and information, keep an eye on the Facebook and Instagram pages, go to the website at <https://www.kvsonline.co.uk/> or even do things the traditional way and pop in to the store yourself to see the new range. Which reminds me, we’re out of lemon curd...

*Melanie Denyer*

## ABOUT.....*The Link*

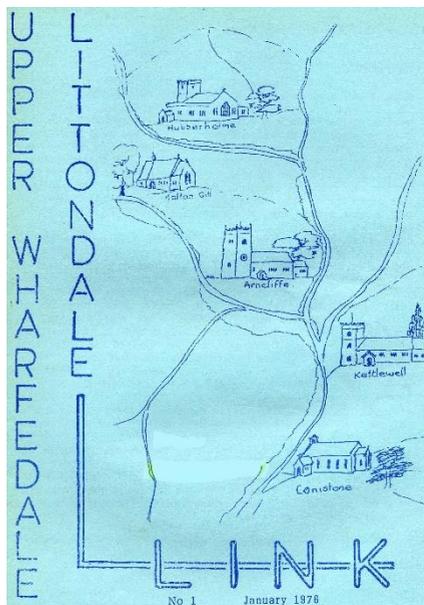
January 1976 – and the very first issue of the Link was published, replacing the ‘*Upper Wharfedale Magazine*’, the joint parish magazine of Hubberholme, Arncliffe and Kettlewell, which had provided news of events in the parishes for over 40 years from 1934. Link No.1 retained the cover design of its predecessor, drawn by the previous vicar of Arncliffe, Henry Thorman.

A new cover was introduced in 1980, which I understand was designed by Richard, son of Pat Poole, the former policemen in Kettlewell.



That design lasted until early 2020, when we started to produce an online version, so had the opportunity to introduce photos and graphics, including art from members of the Buckden Art Group.

But some things never change. The purpose of the Link is the same as it has



ever been. As the editor of the 250<sup>th</sup> edition noted, “Our aim today, as it was when Issue Number 1 was published, is to help God’s Good News go out and to join the people of the Dales together by recording events and local items of interest which really do Link us all. Without your help and support this could not be done. So please continue telling us about your news and what is going on – others like to hear about it, particularly those who can’t get out so much and those who have moved away from the dale but still keep in touch.”

The Link is still a local endeavour – local news, local events, and local contributors and an opportunity to highlight the work of the many local organizations and businesses that serve us in the Parish.

Nearly 100 people have been involved in producing the Link over the

last year, as contributors, editors, interviewers and interviewees, photographers, writers, artists, distributors, rainfall measurers, village reps....etc. Quite a remarkable community endeavour!

The Link is still distributed free and still goes to every household in the parish (thanks to an amazing group of volunteers who post it through your letter boxes). Covid meant we couldn't distribute print copies for several months, so we went 'online' and introduced colour (though we can't afford to print in full colour), and the Link is available on the Parish website under the News and Views section at:

<https://www.upperwharfedalechurches.org/news-and-views.html>

We also send out PDF copies of the Link to an email list – mainly people who have lived in the area in the past or have links to the Parish. If you would like to receive a copy of the Link by email, please contact the Editor at:

[smithiwho@gmail.com](mailto:smithiwho@gmail.com)

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1. Donate online (*preferred option*) at [www.upperwharfedalechurches.org](http://www.upperwharfedalechurches.org))
2. Place cash or a cheque in the envelope included in this month's Link, and leave it at one of these drop off points:
  - 🔗 Kettlewell – Village Store
  - 🔗 Arncliffe – Castle Farm
  - 🔗 Buckden – Cornerstones
  - 🔗 Conistone – Fisher's Barn

Thank you for your support!



*Flowers in a White Jug by Alison Woods*

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# Crossword

## Across

8 'He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the — ' (Isaiah 53:12) (13)

9 'When they had sung a hymn, they went — to the Mount of Olives (Matthew 26:30) (3)

10 Comes between Galatians and Philippians (9)

11 'Your heart will — and swell with joy' (Isaiah 60:5) (5)

13 Muslim holy month (7)

16 Ten ears (anag.) (7)

19 Under (poetic abbrev.) (5)

22 How Abram described himself to God when he complained that his inheritance would pass to a servant (Genesis 15:2) (9)

24 'Go to the — , you sluggard' (Proverbs 6:6) (3)

25 Debar from receiving Communion (13)

## Down

1 My — for His Highest (Oswald Chambers' best-known book) (6)

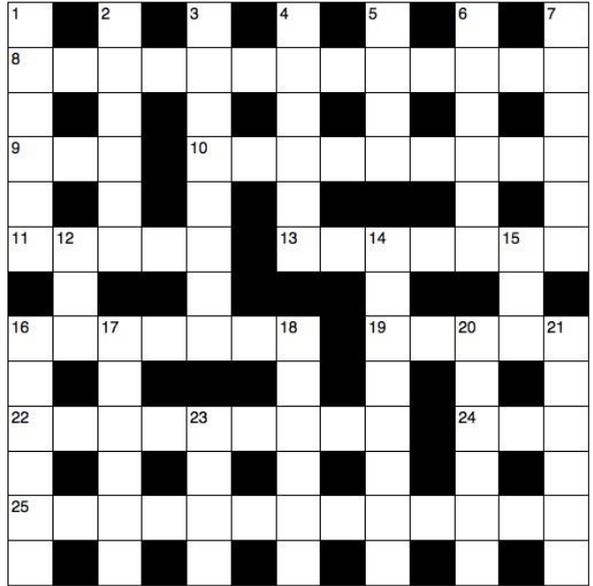
2 Festival of the resurrection (6)

3 'His sons will prepare for war and — a great army' (Daniel 11:10) (8)

4 'Let not the — string his bow' (Jeremiah 51:3) (6)

5 Name of the River Thames in and around Oxford (4)

6 'From then on Judas watched for an opportunity — — him over' (Matthew 26:16) (2,4)



7 'But Christ is faithful — — — over God's house' (Hebrews 3:6) (2,1,3)

12 Long-handled implement used to till the soil (Isaiah 7:25) (3)

14 Order to which monks and nuns devote themselves (8)

15 Appropriate (Proverbs 15:23) (3)

16 I, uncle (anag.) (6)

17 'They gave him — — of broiled fish' (Luke 24:42) (1,5)

18 'Weren't there three men that we — — and threw into the fire?' (Daniel 3:24) (4,2)

20 Mountain where Noah's ark came to rest (Genesis 8:4) (6)

21 'Don't you know that friendship with the world is — towards God?' (James 4:4) (6)

23 Prominent architectural feature of large cathedrals such as St Paul's (4)

*Solution on next page!*

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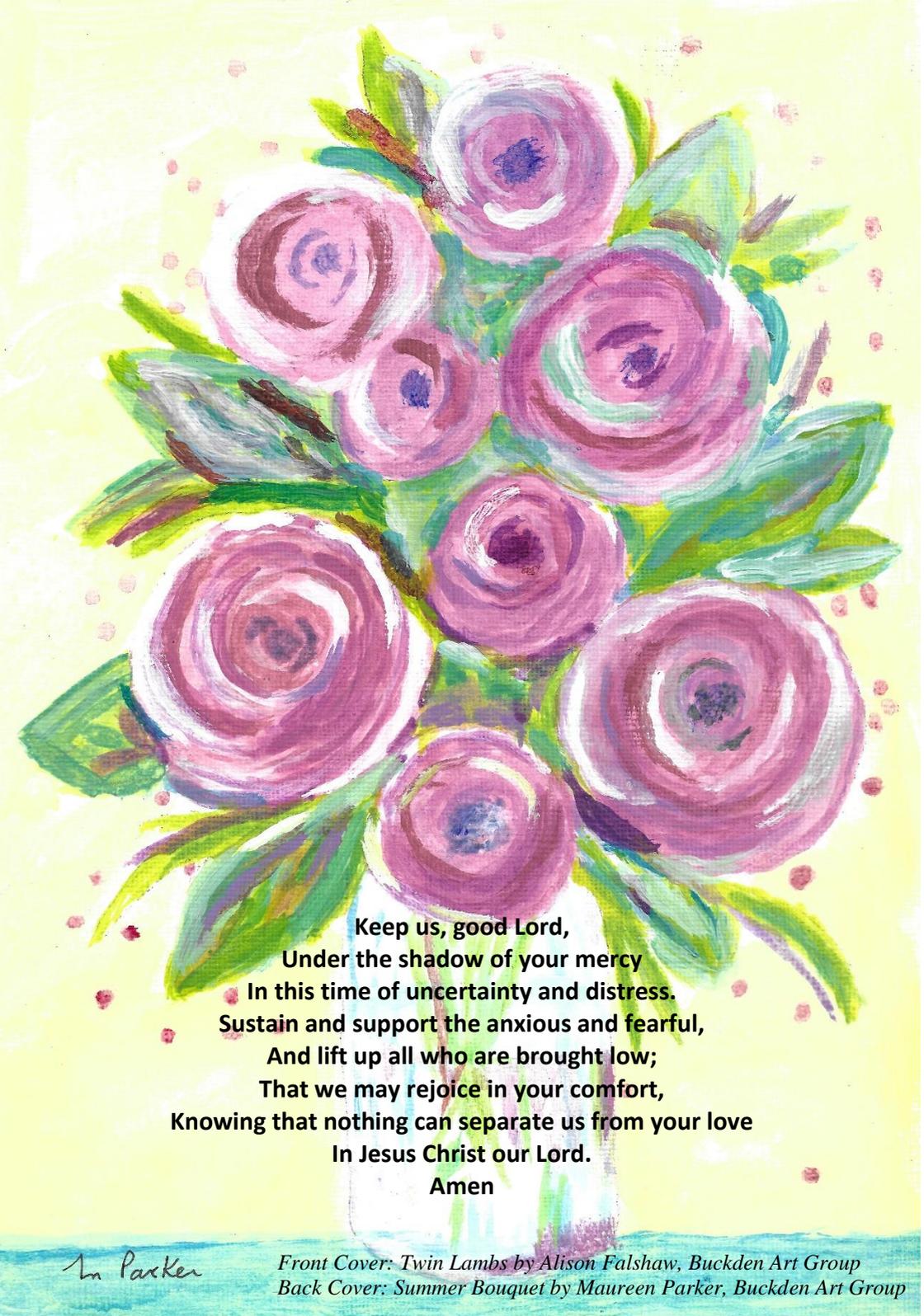
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## Answers to Crossword

**ACROSS:** 8, Transgressors. 9, Out. 10, Ephesians. 11, Throb. 13, Ramadan. 16, Nearest. 19, Neath. 22, Childless. 24, Ant. 25, Excommunicate.

**DOWN:** 1, Utmost. 2, Easter. 3, Assemble. 4, Archer. 5, Isis. 6, To hand. 7, As a son. 12, Hoe. 14, Monastic. 15, Apt. 16, Nuclei. 17, A piece. 18, Tied up. 20, Ararat. 21, Hatred. 23, Dome.



**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**

*In Parker*

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