

Link

Upper Wharfedale and Littondale Parish Magazine



LENT

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. *John 15: 9-11*”

The Link

The **Link** is the magazine and noticeboard for the Parish of Upper Wharfedale and Littondale, sharing news, reports and items of interest from the churches and our community. If you have something to contribute, please email it to your local correspondent or to the editor.

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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.

Amen

From the Vicar...

A Joyful Lent: a contradiction in terms?

Someone a few years back wished me “a holy and happy Lent”. I was struck by those two ‘H’s, particularly that last one. Holy? Yes, absolutely. We are sinful but we can choose to be (or endeavour to be) holy. The Wesley brothers majored on this idea of personal holiness as something achievable rather than something impossible. Yes, we are sinful – and we always will be - but we can be holy as well. At one and the same time. It is a recurring theme for the priest poet George Herbert, who talks about his “sour sweet days” with this in mind.

As to happiness in Lent ... that seems to be the more contradictory ambition. Particularly if your picture of Lent is one of suffering and endurance, perhaps with a bit of mortification thrown in. But it rings true with that part of the Beatitudes we read at the start of Lent where Jesus enjoins us to anoint our faces when we fast. On those rare occasions that I have managed to fast without trumpeting on about it there has been no question that I have felt more spiritual – and more joyful – as a direct benefit.



Christian joy is a very specific form of happiness. It is no less elusive than the *eudaimonia* that Aristotle discusses so beautifully in his *Ethics* but this surely must be ‘the pearl of great price’, the treasure in the field that Jesus refers to in his pithy parables of the kingdom in Mark’s Gospel. You give up everything else to possess it.

“He died that we might be forgiven; he died to make us good” is how the hymn puts it but if we are looking for a *biblical* rationale for Jesus’s own suffering and death it is that we might have joy “that your joy might be complete”. So, if that is what Holy Week and Easter on the far side of Lent is about then I wish you a very happy and holy Lent. And joy, lasting treasure, at the end of it.

Tom

From the Churches & Villages



JOIN US FOR LUNCH

in Lent

at CHURCH HOUSE GRASSINGTON on

Wednesday 19th March

and

Wednesday 16th April

12noon to 1.30pm



*Come and enjoy homemade
soup, bread and cheese!*

Donations to Christian Aid

Upper Wharfedale Churches Together Christian Aid Group

DON'T FORGET - Electoral Roll 2025

Electoral Roll



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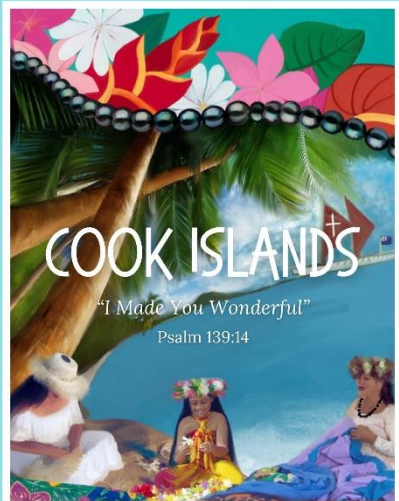
Contribute

If you want to be on the Electoral Roll for the Upper Wharfedale & Littondale Parish, please make sure you send your completed form to our Electoral Roll Officer, Christopher Winpenny, **by the end of March**. You can contact him at cwinpenny@gmail.com or phone or WhatsApp on 07860 735380 for more information.

Installation Service for James Theodosius

A reminder that our former vicar, James Theodosius, will be installed as Archdeacon of Richmond & Craven in Ripon Cathedral at 3.20pm on Sunday 6 April. James is currently Rector of Holy Trinity, Skipton, and our local Area Dean.

World Day of Prayer – 7 March



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER | MARCH 7, 2025



In partnership with World Day of Prayer International

World Day of Prayer is an international, ecumenical organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers. Our sisters in The Cook Islands welcome us and lead us for the Day of Prayer this year. This group of 15 islands in the South Pacific Ocean has a rich and colourful Māori heritage and a deep connection to nature. Join with us as we pray together and reflect on the theme 'I

made you wonderful'. This ecumenical Service will be held at Skipton Baptist Church at 2pm on **Friday 7 March**.

The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 120 countries. It begins in Samoa and prayer in native languages travels throughout the world — through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas before finishing in American Samoa some 38 hours later. It's a worldwide wave of prayer. For further information and resources, together with details of services in your area, see the WDP website: www.wwdp.org.uk

St Mary's, Kettlewell

March Rotas

Sidespeople

9 Clare Blakey-Williams

After Service Tea/Coffee

9 Di Blakey-Williams

Cleaning: Jenny Inocco

Flowers: None (Lent)

The *Pie, Peas, Pudding & Quiz Event* held on Saturday 1 February raised £600 for church funds. Many thanks to all who attended and helped in any way to make this such an enjoyable evening with a splendid outcome.

St Michael & All Angels, Hubberholme

March Rotas

Sidesperson:

2 C Winpenny

16 J Cowpe & S Kilvington

23 H&K Jeddere-Fisher

30 J Yarrow & L Hird (*Mothering Sunday*)

Flowers/cleaning

2 L Sowden

9 Lent - no flowers L Smith

16 Lent - no flowers L Smith

23 Lent - no flowers D Scott

30 Lent - no flowers D Scott

St Mary's, Conistone

March Rotas

Sidespeople.

5 Kathryn & Philip Butterfield (*Ash Wednesday*)

23 Hilda Dibb & Jo Foster

Flowers and Cleaning

2 Kathryn Butterfield.

Then Lent no flowers.

Opening Church

3 Philip Butterfield

10 Lewis Adams

17 Allison Clarke

24 Jane Pighills/Michelle Parkin-Vaughan

31 Philip Butterfield

Apr 7 Lewis Adams

St Oswald's, Arncliffe

March Rotas

Opening church w/c

2 Ian/Sally Smith

9 Elspeth Miller

16 Sarah Paul

Spiral of Silence

'Why are you so afraid of silence, silence is the root of everything'

Rumi



MEADOW LABYRINTH KETTLEWELL CHURCHYARD

To walk a labyrinth is to step into an ancient space for the soul. Take a moment to unburden yourself of expectation. Become aware of this moment, then ...

walking in let go of noise, spiral into the silence

in the centre listen to what is there for your heart and soul

as you return along the same path reflect on what thoughts and feelings are with you as you leave to take your place again in the world around you

23 Rebecca Ward-Dooley
30 Hilary Follows

Sidesperson

2 Rebecca Ward-Dolley
9 Not required
16 Elspeth Miller
23 Sarah Paul
30 Not required

Coffee

2 Sarah Paul
9 Not required
16 Elspeth Miller
23 Vena Rogers
30 Not required

Cleaning

Sarah Paul

Flowers

Sally Smith

Buckden & Langstrothdale

The **Supermobile Library** will be in Buckden car park from 10.00am until 12 noon on Wednesday 12 March, before heading down to Kettlewell for 1.00pm.

This month's **Whist Evenings** will be held on Wednesday 5th and Wednesday 19th in Buckden Village Institute. Doors open at 6.15pm and play starts at 6.45pm. There is an entry charge of £3.50 per evening which includes refreshments. For further information please contact David Lusted on 760877.

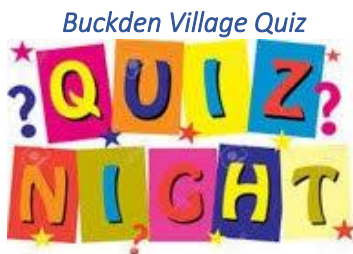
Hubberholme's Land Letting Auction

Just before 7:30pm on Monday 10 February, the bells of St Michael & All Angels Hubberholme were rung to call folk to a service of Evening Prayer preceding the Auction of the Poor Pasture. Those who weren't deterred by the dark night with its blustery, wet and cold conditions, assembled under the roof of the 12th Century Forest Chapel to hear Rev Tom Lusty lead the short service. Hymns were sung, readings read, prayers were said, before

dashing over the Wharfe to the warmth and welcome of The George Inn.

With the candle lit, the auction for the Poor Pasture was underway, assisted by an array of Tom's themed quizzes prepared for all who would have liked to bid but were wary of the consequences – catching moles and repairing stone wall! By 11pm the flame had died and Gill Huck from Church Farm, Hubberholme had acquired the pasture for the coming year.

Our thanks and appreciation to Gill; Tom – auctioneer and quiz master; Ed and Jackie for hosting us in their hostelry, and to all those, who 'in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Five', witnessed and participated in the letting of the Poor Pasture, Hubberholme.



The Buckden Village quiz will take place on Sunday 2 March in the Buck. Please take your seats from: 7.00 p.m. Quiz starts: 7.30 p.m. Entry fee is £2.50 per person. In aid of the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. For further info, email: quiz@buckden.org

Buckden Coffee Morning



The Buckden Coffee morning will be on Saturday 8 March from 10.30 - 12.30, in aid of the Upper Wharfedale Playground - Coffee and cake - £3. All welcome.

Buckden Gala 2025

This year's Buckden Gala and Buckden Pike Fell Race will be held, as is traditional, on the third Saturday in June – so please put Saturday 21 June in your diaries. More details will follow in the May Link, and at www.buckdengala.co.uk

Kettlewell with Starbotton

Kettlewell Scarecrows



Time to get your creative hats on again. After such a successful '30 years of Scarecrows' last year, we are trying to recreate the buzz and enthusiasm around the village. Difficult when the weather is so dreary I know, but.....

The themes for this August will be 'Festivals and Celebrations' and 'The Magical and Mystical'. A list of ideas will be published in next month's Link magazine. As last year, we will have a prize for the best 'Scene' where there are multiple scarecrows involved, as well as a prize for the best singular scarecrow (or perhaps 2 together). We will also continue 'People's Choice' winner which will be voted on by our visitors and announced at the end of the Festival.

HELP!!

The person who co-ordinates the catering in the village hall for the Festival is stepping down after August. It would be helpful to have someone shadow this role during this year. If you would consider taking on the catering co-ordinator for 2026, please contact Clare. *Please be aware that if the catering is not taken on by someone, the festival will probably come to an end.*

We also require more freezer space from May onwards. If you have capacity in your freezer for cakes, soup, etc, please contact Cathy on 01756 761953 or email kettlewellscarecrow@gmail.com

If you want to become involved but don't know where to start or what needs doing, please get in touch with Clare Blakey Williams at canddaway@gmail.com or 07779933262. Any help, big or small, is valuable. Thank you.

Kettlewell Scarecrow Committee

Free concert: Fish From Oblivion!



Fish From Oblivion are a vocal quintet from deepest Staffordshire and they will be performing a short birthday set of songs for one of their number in Kettlewell Church at 5.30 on Saturday 8 March. They will be bringing their own audience of around 30 people, but everyone is very welcome to join them for what will be a free concert lasting around 45 minutes.

There will be songs from the Republic of Georgia, medieval France, Senegal, with some Beatles and folk songs thrown in for good measure.

Kettlewell Film Night

The March film will be on 22 March at 7.30pm. 'Touch' is a poignant story of an elderly Icelandic widower who embarks on an epic quest to



find his long-lost first love after their clandestine love affair in 1960s London was cut brutally short by the obligations of family. Cert 15. This film is in Icelandic, Japanese and English languages with appropriate subtitles. Adults £6, school age children £3. As usual, bring your own drinks and nibbles. Ice creams served in the interval.

Kettlewell Lunch Club

Kettlewell Lunch Club will meet on Thursday 20 March at 12.30 for 12.45 in Kettlewell Village Hall. If you didn't put your name forward at the February meeting, please ring or text Sue on 760887 or 07765506738 by 4pm on Sunday 16 March to reserve your place. If there's no answer on the landline, please leave a message. The cost is £6 for two courses plus coffee and wine is available by donation. If, for any reason, you need to cancel your meal between Monday 17th and Thursday 20th March or are an absentee on the day, the meal will still need to be paid for as provisions will have already been ordered or purchased. The Lunch Club is open to anyone who is over 55 and lives in the Parish Council area of Kettlewell with Starbotton. If you are able, it is expected that the 'younger' folk attending would be willing to help clear following the meal.



Kettlewell & District WI

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INSPIRING WOMEN

The February meeting was a talk about Ethiopia, a country of which most of us seem to know very little, as demonstrated by a short quiz beforehand. The extremely interesting talk was given by our Secretary

Jane Welsh, who had taken a trip there in 2019. With photos and a video, she explained that, even though it has beautiful scenery and unique wildlife, it is a troubled country both outside and inside its borders. The people were friendly, but, sadly, there are grave tensions between tribes and religions. Thank you, Jane.

The presentation in March is a lot nearer to home, welcoming our speaker, Mr Peter Katic, who will be explaining the work and aims of the National Trust in Upper Wharfedale. As it is of local interest, the meeting will be OPEN to visitors at 2pm on Tuesday 11 March, in Kettlewell Village Hall. £5.00 to include refreshments. The competition for members is 'Z' and there will be a raffle.

Jack Heseltine

My family and I would like to thank the many people who sent us cards and offers of help in the coming months at the loss of Jack. Thank you to the many members of the public who attended the service at Waltonwray's Crematorium and to those who gave generously in their donations to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance and to the Kettlewell Playground, which he was involved with for many years. Each group received the amount of £335.00 to help in some small way in helping to keep these two groups going into the future

Maureen Heseltine

Littondale

Arncliffe Annual Parish Meeting

The next Arncliffe Parish Meeting is the annual meeting and will be held at 7:30pm on 2nd April in The Falcon, Arncliffe. All residents of the parish are welcome to attend.

Memorial Service; Andrew Hamer

A Memorial Service to celebrate the life of Andrew Hamer will be held on Monday 7 April 2025 at St Oswald's Church, Arncliffe, BD23 5QD at 12.30pm. The family would be grateful if you would join them after the service at The Tempest Arms, Elslack, BD23 3AY.

Amerdale Hall Events 'On Tour'

Whilst the Hall is closed for the next phase of renovation works, the fundraising continues with events being planned at Kilnsey Village Hall and Halton Gill Reading Room.

We are pleased to announce that you can now book and pay for tickets to events on our website; www.amerdale-hall-littondale.net. Alternatively, you can still contact Sarah Paul (07470 070031) or Gill Scott (07511 381357) with any queries.

The BIG Littondale Quiz

Kilnsey Village Hall

Friday 7 March, Doors and bar open from 7pm.

The BIG Littondale Quiz is back with hot supper and bar. Teams of 4-6 people. Tickets £10 per person. Please book by Monday 3 March for catering purposes.

Coffee & Cake

Halton Gill Reading Room

Saturday 8 March, 10.30am - 12.30pm..

Our monthly coffee morning and chance to catch up with neighbours and friends. Tea, coffee & homemade baking to eat in or take away. Payment by donation.

Family BINGO!

Kilnsey Village Hall

Friday 11 April. Doors and bar open at 6.30pm for 7pm start.

Fun for all the family members. Great prizes! Pay as you play (£1 per game). Please bring your own snacks.

Littondale Cross Country Golf Day

Saturday 10 May

Advanced notice of this very 'unique' and popular event. Just a few Tee times remaining. £60 per team of 4. Please contact Richard Paul - ring, text or WhatsApp 07788 142837.

Parish wide & beyond



A Celebration of Beresford Music

Bringing together the music of present day Beresfords and the traditional Dales dance tunes of the Langstrothdale Beresford/Cockerill clans

Sunday April 13th, 2025 - 2pm to 5pm

Buckden Village Institute

...In Upper Wharfedale itself



Entry Free – Tea and biscuits
Email Beresford@buckden.org to reserve seats

Donations to BIASAN & Yorkshire Air Ambulance

An opportunity to celebrate the music of the Beresford family, who for eight generations have lived, worked and made music in Langstrothdale, Upper Wharfedale and beyond. The event will explore both their musical heritage and their more recent and contemporary work



Settle Orchestral Society

Our Spring concerts will take place in Settle and Skipton as follows:

- **Saturday 22 March** at 3.30 pm, Settle Parish Church
- **Saturday 29 March** at 3.30 pm, Christ Church, Skipton

And we will be playing:

- Sibelius Finlandia



Grassington Town Hall

Saturday 1st March 2025 7pm -10pm

COME Traditional Dales
Village DANCING!

“Buttered Peas”



with caller Terry Evans

Lively tunes & dances from the Yorkshire
Dales & elsewhere!

Licensed bar - Refreshments

Tickets £10 on the door or £8.50 in advance from www.ticketsource.co.uk,
or in person at Grassington Hub (cash or cheque), t: 01756 752222

For further info contact: Richard [Hargreaves_strand@hawkswick.net](mailto:Richard.Hargreaves_strand@hawkswick.net) 01756 770346

Entry FREE for refugees and under 19s

in support of
Sue Ryder
Manorlands
Hospice

Wharfedale Support Group's Soup and Pudding Event

Thursday 6 March 2025
12 for 12.30pm
Burnsall Village Hall

Tickets: £12
Guest Speaker:
Clare Granger, High Sheriff of North
Yorkshire 2023 -2024



Tickets are available from:
June Robinson – Tel. 01756 – 753139
Hanneke Dye – Tel. 01756 752012
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Sue Ryder

- Dvořák The Noon Witch
- Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 5

Why not come along to enjoy an exhilarating afternoon, support local musicians and help keep live music alive? See our website for full details of future concerts and information about our new Buy One Donate One scheme for free tickets: www.settleorchestra.org.uk.

‘Grassington’s Got Talent’

At a meeting of a group of volunteers on 23rd January to organise various fund raisers to support grants to enable the development of the undercroft, which will then generate a regular income to sustain our Town Hall, I offered to organise a ‘Grassington’s Got Talent’ evening in the Town Hall on Saturday 14 June.

We had such an evening a few years ago and it was a great social and financial success. It entails finding some of the many talented adults and children around

Grassington and district, to come and perform their talent for about 5 minutes on the Town Hall stage to a large audience. All are welcome; individuals, families, groups, instrumentalists, comedians, dancers – whatever your talents – to make a lovely social evening. This is not a competition – just fun.

I am thinking of charging £10 per ticket for the audience, so, if we can get a full house, it will raise over £2,500 plus the profits from the bar. I am thinking we need 10 acts of 5 minutes in each half, with an interval of 20 minutes. Any children



participants could be in the first half. I have a master of ceremonies in mind who will bring the show together.

Please contact me (Mary Wilkinson), if you would like to participate, and/or tell me of people that I should approach. You can phone me on 07979149019 or 01756 752740 or PM me on Facebook or email marywilkinson066@btinternet.com. I look forward to hearing from you to make this a real community night.

Rainfall for January 2025

Arncliffe: 144.7 mm/5.70 ins

January rainfall 2000-2024

Highest: 405.6 mm/15.97 ins (2008)

Lowest: 55.8 mm/2.2 ins (2019)

Average: 193.7 mm/7.62 ins

Upper Wharfedale & Litchford Then & Now

The 'Old Litchford' Facebook site is a great source of fascinating insights into life in the past in our area. Richard Paul recently posted information on the populations of townships in Craven in 1802, taken from Whittaker's remarkable book *'History and Antiquities of the Deanery of Craven'*, which was published in 1805 and eventually ran to three editions, the last one in 1878, published some years after his death.

The total population of the townships of Upper Wharfedale and Litchford was

1,659 at that time – almost double the current population based on the 2021 census. The biggest change is in Arncliffe, where the population has dropped 73% over the last two centuries (probably due in part to the closure of the cotton mill in the late 19th century).

Parishes.	Townships.	
Addingham.	Addingham.	— 1157
	Part of Beamsley in Addingham parish †.	} 60
		— 1217
Burnsall.	Burnsall.	— 142
	Thorpe.	— 147
	Appletreewic.	— 244
	Hartlington.	— 105
	Rilston.	— 177
	Hetton, with Bordley.	— 172
	Cracoe.	— 191
	Coniston in Kettlewell } 182	
	Dale, with Kilnsey. }	— 1360
Linton.	Linton.	— 186
	Hebden.	— 341
	Grassington.	— 763
	Threshfield, with Skirethornes.	} 201
		— 1491
Kettlewell.	Kettlewell.	— 437
	Starbotton.	— 197
		— 634
Arnecliffe.	Arnecliffe.	— 241
	Hawkswick.	— 69
	Litton.	— 114
	Halton Gill.	— 139
	Buckden.	— 280
		— 843
Total population of the deanery of Craven.		— 44643

Township	1802	2021	Decrease
Arncliffe	241	66	73%
Buckden	280	174	38%
Conistone with Kilnsey	182	136	25%
Halton Gill	139	58	58%
Hawkswick	69	58	16%
Kettlewell with Starbotton	634	321	49%
Litton	114	66	42%
Total	1659	879	47%

Spring into Shakespeare with 'Country Matters'

A locally-based group of 26 keen performers will bring the sound of Shakespeare to the newly-refurbished Kettlewell Village Hall on Saturday 5 April when they present their highly original entertainment – '*Country Matters*'.

Drawing on material from three of Shakespeare's best-loved plays, *Country Matters* will lead the audience on a mixed-media journey of discovery through the complex and many-faceted relationship between court, city and country as depicted in the work of our national dramatist. Many of the controversial issues arising have surprising contemporary relevance!

Country Matters takes the form of an illustrated dramatic presentation, with the 26-strong Ensemble narrating, reading, discussing and performing extracts from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *As You Like It* and *The Winter's Tale*.

The piece has been developed by director Ron Norman in the light of several voice and text workshops he led in 2024. Those taking part in these previous sessions were astonished to discover the contemporary flavour of discussions of the rural economy and the relative merits of country and urban life in the 400-year-old plays - and by the extraordinary prescience of climate change in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Country Matters marks the next step in the group's 'Shakespeare journey'. The expanding group – now comprising 26 active participants aged from 30 to 91 - includes a core of 'locals' alongside those who travelling from Leeds, Wetherby, Arnside, Lincolnshire and even Zurich!

The aim of Discover Shakespeare – organised by UWALS with support from the RSC and the Yorkshire Dales Millenium Trust - is to allow those who

may not have had a positive experience of Shakespeare in the past to enjoy an active engagement with his language and text, and to develop the skills and confidence to read and perform his scripts.



Although the group does include a handful of experienced thespians, for many the Discover Shakespeare project is a new departure. And, remarkably, the whole *Country Matters* ensemble will only meet as a group when they assemble on the morning of performance day - Saturday 5 April. After an intense day of rehearsal, they will welcome their audience to Kettlewell Village Hall at 5 pm (finish by 7pm) for the 'Premiere' presentation of *Country Matters* (Tickets £3). Whether you are city or country, they hope you may like to join them for a pleasant couple of hours with the bard as you may never have ever known him!

For more info or to reserve your place for this entertaining one-off event, contact: uwalsociety@gmail.com

Country Diary - March

For the flame of the spring that consumes not but quickens is felt at the heart of
the forest aglow

And the sparks that enkindled and fed it were strewn from the hands of the gods
of the winds of March.

'March: An Ode', by Algernon Charles Swinburne

In Irish Mythology, at this time of year, as the winter loosens its grip, it is said that the Cailleach, goddess of Winter, transforms into Brigid, goddess of spring and rebirth. In fact, Brigid and Cailleach are two aspects of the same goddess, representing the cyclical changing seasons, life, and death.

In some years, the Cailleach holds on with grim determination ensuring that the days right into April are harsh and wintry, while in other years, Brigid (who eventually became St Brigid with her feast day celebrated on the 1st of February) dances gently onto the landscape with increasing temperatures, nourishing sunlight and the blessing of melodious birdsong.

Reviewing the forecast as we head into March, it looks like the two goddesses will be determinedly vying for the upper hand, with weather spells symbolic of both. It is a wonderful image to think of these two mythological beings jousting and squabbling for dominance, as the landscape is whipped by wind and snow in one moment and bathed in sun the next.

The knowledge that eventually Brigid will reign supreme instils hope and anticipation in us all. Yolk-coloured daffodils will spring up and the humble daisy will turn its cheerful face to the sun, as the Cailleach accepts defeat for another year and is once again overcome with new life as the landscape hums with activity and rebirth.



Rebecca Ward-Dooley

Community Events

The following events have been announced, and details are inside the Link, however, please confirm with the organisers, as the situation may change.

THIS MONTH

Sat 1 Mar	Traditional Dales Village Dancing, Grassington Town Hall
Sun 2 Mar	Buckden Village Quiz, The Buck Inn
Thu 6 Mar	Soup & Pudding for Manorlands Hospice, Burnsall Village hall
Fri 7 Mar	World Day of Prayer, Skipton Baptist Church
Wed 7 Mar	The BIG Littondale Quiz, Kilnsey Village Hall
Sat 8 Mar	Upper Wharfedale Playground Coffee Morning, Buckden Institute
Sat 8 Mar	Coffee & Cake, Halton Gill Reading Room
Sat 8 Mar	Free Concert by <i>Fish from Oblivion</i> , Kettlewell Church
Tue 11 Mar	Kettlewell WI Open meeting with Peter Katic, Kettlewell Village Hall
Wed 12 Mar	Supermobile library visits to Buckden and Kettlewell
Wed 19 Mar	Christian Aid Lunch, Church House, Grassington
Thu 20 Mar	Kettlewell Lunch Club, Kettlewell Village Hall
Sat 22 Mar	Settle Orchestra Spring Concert, Settle Parish Church
Sat 22 Mar	Kettlewell Film Night; ' <i>Touch</i> ', Kettlewell Village Hall
Sat 29 Mar	Friends of Kettlewell School Coffee Morning, Kettlewell Village Hall
Sat 29 Mar	Settle Orchestra Spring Concert, Christ Church, Skipton

FUTURE EVENTS

Wed 2 Apr	Arncliffe Parish Meeting, The Falcon
Sat 5 Apr	UWALS Shakespeare Project ' <i>Country Matters</i> ', Kettlewell Village Hall
Wed 9 Apr	Supermobile library visits to Buckden and Kettlewell
Fri 11 Apr	Family Bingo, Kilnsey Village Hall
Sun 13 Apr	A Celebration of Beresford Music, Buckden Village Institute
Wed 16 Apr	Christian Aid Lunch, Church House, Grassington
Wed 7 May	Supermobile library visits to Buckden and Kettlewell
Sat 10 May	Littondale Cross Country Golf Day
Sat 21 Jun	Buckden Gala and Fell Race, Buckden Gala Field

REGULAR EVENTS

Buckden Singers	Thursday – 7.30pm <i>Buckden Village Institute</i>
Coffee Morning	Thursday – 10.30-12.00 <i>Halton Gill Reading Room</i>
Dales Music & Song	Second Sunday - 1-4 pm <i>Buck Inn</i>
Funk Wire	Thursday fortnightly - 2pm <i>Conistone with Kilnsey Village Hall</i>
Kettlewell & District WI	Second Tuesday – 1.30pm <i>Kettlewell Village Hall</i>
Play Table Tennis	Wednesday – 4-5pm, 4-5.30pm, 5.30-7.15pm <i>Kettlewell Village Hall</i>
Whist Evenings	Alternate Wednesday - 7pm <i>Buckden Village Institute</i>

Community Directory

Upper Wharfedale & Liddale Directory of Local Organizations March 2025

Clubs and Associations

Buckden Art Group
Buckden Singers
Friends of the Dales
Funk Wire
Grassington & District Peace Group
Kettlewell & District WI
Kettlewell Chess Club
Kettlewell Cricket Club
Kettlewell & District Horticultural Society
Kettlewell Lunch Club
Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival
Kettlewell Table Tennis Club
Kettlewell Toddler Group
Liddale Cricket Club
Settle Orchestra
UW Arts and Literature Society
UW Field Society
UW Refugee Support Group

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Buckden Village Institute
Conistone with [Kilnsey](#) Village Hall
Kettlewell Village Hall

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Parish Councils/Meetings

Arncliffe
Buckden
Conistone with [Kilnsey](#)
Halton Gill
[Hawkswick](#)
Kettlewell with [Starbotton](#)
Litton

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Local Services/Organizations

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Grassington Pharmacy
Kettlewell Primary School
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The following schedule of church services in our parish is planned for this month, however, please check the parish website for confirmation at www.upperwharfedalechurches.org

Sunday 2 March

09.30	Arncliffe	Holy Communion
11.15	Hubberholme	Holy Communion

Wednesday 5 March: ASH WEDNESDAY

10.30	Conistone	Holy Communion with Ashing
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Sunday 9 March

10.00	Kettlewell	Iona Communion
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Tuesday 11 March

18.00	The Vicarage, Kettlewell	Sanctuary@6 Healing
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Sunday 16 March

09.30	Arncliffe	Morning Prayer
11.15	Hubberholme	Holy Communion

Sunday 23 March

09.30	Arncliffe	Holy Communion
11.15	Conistone	Holy Communion
16.30	Hubberholme	Evening Prayer

Tuesday 25 March

18.00	The Vicarage, Kettlewell	Sanctuary@6 Taizé
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Sunday 30 March: MOTHERING SUNDAY

11.15	Hubberholme	All Age Family Service
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Sunday 6 April

10.00*	Arncliffe	Holy Communion
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*Please note the change in time of the service

Holy Mass is celebrated on Sundays at 9.00 am at St. Margaret Clitherow's R.C. Church, Threshfield

