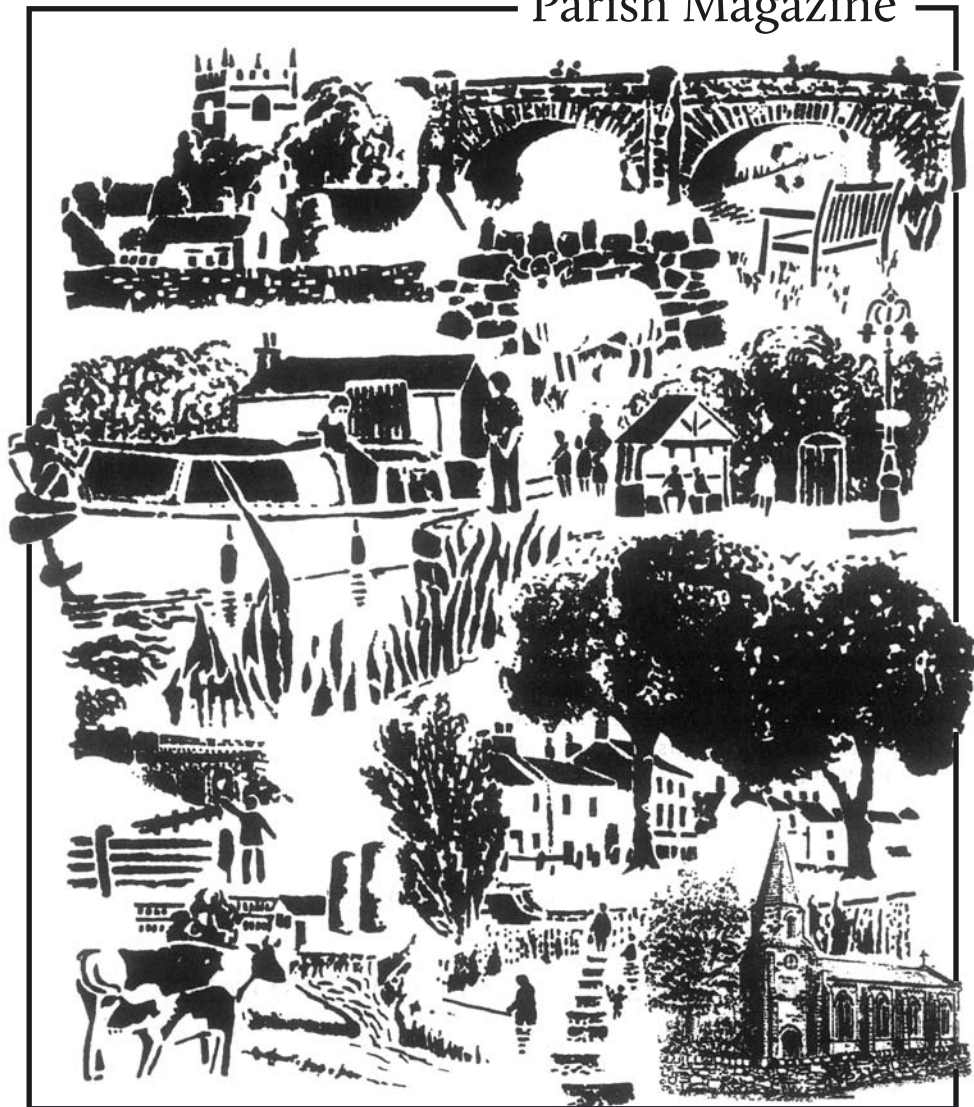


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ROD'S REFLECTIONS

A time with God

WEDNESDAY 9TH MARCH is Ash Wednesday, the day that begins the season of Lent. Lent has, over the years, become a time when people, even if they are not Christians, decide to "give up" something, usually some foodstuff and alcoholic beverage!

It makes people feel good that they have a focus of 40 days during which they can change their lifestyle for the better. It is something to aim for.

The true meaning of Lent is often lost. It is not a time to give up something, but a time, literally, to set aside time to spend with God; reading or hearing Scripture, praying or just sitting quietly and reflecting on life in general, and God's part in it.

I know how difficult this can be. As part of my own vocation, I am called to set aside time to be "alone with God", whether in worship during Daily Prayer (or indeed, daily prayer, which is rather different), in reading from the Bible or sitting quietly and listening for and to God. Sometimes, caught up in the daily round of things, it is hard to find time to focus on these, though the Celtic Church practice of praying in all situations, at any time and "on the hoof" has been and still is a great source of inspiration and help to me.

During this Lent, there will be a number of aids to "setting aside time" which I hope and pray that you may make use of.

Daily Morning Prayer takes place in St. Andrew's Church at 8.30 am Monday to Thursday.

There is an opportunity to borrow and use four cassette series of Dramatised New Testament readings for use at home; two New International Versions, a Good News Version and a King James Version. All of these will enable you to complete the New Testament over a three-week period, or quicker if you wish. If you are interested, please phone me on 01756 748548.

There will be copies of Daily Prayer and Bible readings for Lent available to take home from St. Andrew's Church from 1 March and you can contact me for a copy. These are simple services from the Northumbrian Community which you can use as individuals or with groups of friends.

There will also be the York Lent Course, which will be held over Lent as was advertised in the February magazine.

I pray that you can find time to be with God over this period of Lent and, indeed, over the course of the whole year and that the material mentioned above will be an aid to you. Please don't hesitate to see or phone me if you want any of the material, or perhaps to talk about anything.

Yours in Christ, Rod Geddes

DIARY FOR MARCH

Gargrave

- Tue 1 St David's Day Communion, 9am, Church
 Fri 4 Women's World Day of Prayer, 7.30pm, Church
 Sat 5 Coffee Morning, 10am to noon, Village Hall
Sun 6 Communion 8am, Sung Eucharist 10am, Church
 Mon 7 Parish Council Meeting, 7.15pm, Village Hall Committee Room 1
 Tue 8 Shrove Tuesday: Communion, 9am, Church
 Tue 8 Shrovetide Supper and Social, 7.15pm, Church
 Wed 9 **Ash Wednesday:** Communion, 7pm, Church
 Wed 9 Women's Institute Meeting, 7.30pm, Village Hall Annex
 Fri 11 Ladies Section Dance, 8pm to Midnight, Village Hall
 Sat 12 North West Book Fair, 10am to 4pm, Village Hall
 Concert with Helen Wray, 7 to 11pm, Village Hall
 School parent teacher association dinner dance, Coniston Hotel
Sun 13 Communion 8am, Service of the Word, 10am, Service with Prayer for Healing, 6pm, Church
 Flea Market, 10am to 4pm, Village Hall
 Tue 15 Communion 9am, Church
 Slide Show – Atlanta to the Blue Ridge Mountains with Derek Procter, 7 to 9pm, Village Hall
 Sat 19 Coffee Morning, 10am to noon, Village Hall
Sun 20 Communion 8am, Sung Eucharist, 10am, Church
 Tue 22 Communion 9am, Church
 Wed 23 Bingo, 7.30pm, Village Hall Annex
 Sat 26 NSPCC Soup Lunch, 11.30am to 2pm, Village Hall.
 Modern Sequence Dance, 7 to 11pm, Village Hall.
Sun 27 Communion 8am; Short service followed by Annual Church Meeting, 10am, Church
 Flea Market, 10am to 4pm, Village Hall
 Tue 29 Communion 9am, Church
 Slide Show – A Fellsman's Diary with Bob Swallow, 7 to 9pm, Village Hall.
Sun 3 Apr Mothering Sunday Communion for all, 10.30am, Church

Each Sunday: prayer time in church open to all, 9.30-9.50am

28 February - 13 March: Fairtrade Fortnight – "Show off your label" by switching to Fairtrade cotton to avoid "The Great Cotton Stitch-Up"!

Coniston Cold

- Sun 6 Holy Communion 4pm**
Sun 13 Joint Service at St. Andrew's, Gargrave 10am
 Cross Country Schooling Day, Hunter Trial Course, Coniston Hall, £20 per round. Details from Elizabeth Adams, 749647
Sun 20 Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer 9am
Sun 27 Evensong 4pm
Sun 3 Apr Mothering Sunday Holy Communion 4pm

Catholic mass times in Broughton and Gargrave

- Sunday: 9am at Broughton Hall Chapel
 11.30am Latin Sung Mass first Sunday of month
 Thursday & Holydays: 9.30am at the Oratory, 3 West Street, Gargrave

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Women's World Day of Prayer: Friday 4 March

This year the Women's World Day of Prayer service is written by the women of Chile. It is a particularly vibrant and jubilant service of praise and echoes the relief and joy which the world witnessed on the rescue of the Chilean miners at the San Jose copper and gold mine.

The service will be held at St. Andrews' Church on Friday 4th March at 7.30pm. The title of the service is "How Many Loaves Have You?" It reminds us of the world's scarce resources and how we need to share what we have.

Do come along and join us - men, women and young people are most welcome. If you wish to know more about the Women's World Day of Prayer you can visit www.wwdp-natcomm.org or ring Sarah Curtis 01756 748510.

Shrovetide Supper: Tuesday 8 March

The supper is in church this year. Supper and entertainment from 7.15pm. Please offer food contributions by signing the list at the back of church.

Pinsuti concert, Christchurch Skipton: Saturday 19 March

"O for the wings, the wings of a dove"

Pinsuti is a chamber choir based in Ilkley which has an increasing number of members from the Gargrave and Skipton area. On 19 March at 7.30 pm Pinsuti is taking a temporary departure from its early music roots to sing two major Romantic works: Mendelssohn's poignant "Hear my Prayer" and the beautiful Dvorak "Mass in D", both accompanied by organ, together with a delightful selection of shorter romantic pieces. Please join us for a lovely evening!

We will be supporting Skipton and Craven Action for Disability, so do bring your friends to make it a really successful evening. Tickets £7 and £5 concessions on the door – or £5 in advance from Duncan Faulkner or Caroline Woodhead or SCAD shop, Newmarket street Skipton.

Advance notice: Open Gardens: Saturday 25 June

Last year Gargrave Open Gardens attracted hundreds of people and raised nearly £2800 for St Andrew's Church. We are hoping to repeat this success on 25 June. Please put it in your diary. We particularly welcome offers of help with the catering this year – as well as all the usual tasks, including of course gardeners who are willing for their gardens to be included.

Advance notice: Auction Sale, Saturday 9 July

A sale in the Village Hall with Michael Westlake acting as auctioneer. Proceeds will be split evenly between seller and church (times are hard...).

NEWS

New look for the magazine

Duncan and Beatrice Faulkner

WELCOME TO THE NEW-LOOK Gargrave and Coniston Cold Parish Magazine! We are very grateful to Ruth, Val and Enid and their team who have faithfully produced the magazine for the last 12 years, and to Stanley for his highly successful advertising management, which he has kindly continued up until the present round of advertising renewals. Thanks mainly to our advertisers, the magazine is a significant and much-needed source of income for St Andrew's church.

Last month Rod wrote of the "new Magazine Committee" but if this committee exists we have yet to meet them! We, Beatrice and Duncan, have agreed to be editors, and Ruth has stepped in to coordinate distribution for now. We are hoping that others will step forward with offers of help, for example with distribution or updating the public transport timetables (p20).

We have made a lot more space available for news, reviews, notices of events and village information. You can find some new regular or occasional features in this issue such as **nature notes** (page 9), **Owd Bill's** take on Gargrave life (11), the first of a series that takes **local history** to new extremes (13) and Helen Pratt's column on **life as a vet** (12). **Children** – read about a competition (prize £1500!) on page 14. We have more news from Gargrave **village hall** (5) and **school** (15). It's still a church magazine as well and on page 8 you will find another new feature on what **God makes of culture**.

The lists of church readings and rotas have been moved to a new information section (19), which also includes transport timetables and even tells you what colour bin to put out.



This month we are pleased to include a selection of stunning local photos by Tony Smith. We'd like to say a huge thank you to our new and continuing contributors. Please continue to get in touch with your ideas, short articles, photos, news and notices of events, including photos and art work.

You may notice the new cover price, £1. This is for one-off sales of the magazine via several local shops which have kindly agreed to promote the magazine. The price for an annual subscription remains at £4.80, a substantial discount on the cost of printing the magazine. If you'd prefer it for free, we can email you a pdf version.

Any change to a well-established institution runs the risk of unpopularity in some quarters. But we hope the overall impression is good. Please tell us what you think of this new format. Our contact details are on page 21.

News from Gargrave Village Hall

Sally Thomas

THE VILLAGE HALL was founded in 1959 and is home to several different sections. Over the coming months it is hoped that each one will contribute to this magazine with a short narrative of when they were started, what they do, what they have achieved and how you can become a member if you so desire. There will also be a diary to show what is happening at the Hall during each month to enable you to see at a glance what is happening in the village (*this is merged with the diary of church services on page 2*).

We start with the Ladies Section which has been in existence since 1965 and provides a monthly Friday night dance. There is either a live band or organ player and the beautiful music provided is both old time and modern. Admission is £6 and includes a home made supper. There is an excellent raffle at every dance. All proceeds contribute towards the running of the Village Hall. Last year the Ladies Section was responsible for providing over £2000 and the year before the proceeds from this Section were in excess of £3600.

Everybody is welcome or alternatively if you would like to help out at the dances and join the Committee please contact Joan Phillip on 749468.

You can become a member of the Village Hall; membership booklets are available either at coffee mornings or from Committee members. The Hall is also available for private hire – contact Sally on 748098 for bookings.

Wanted – wool, jars and jumble

Marie (Poppy Fields) is appealing for balls of wool – not necessarily whole ones – to knit goods for her shoe-boxes for E. Europe at Christmas.

Tony Cockshott is appealing for jam jars.

Ethne Bannister is calling for jumble for the Jumble Sale on Sat 16 April

REVIEWS

Trouble in Panto Land

Ciara Parkinson-Jones

GARGRAVE PANTOMIME once again was a huge success and was something that was worth going to see. The cast were all fantastic and showed real enthusiasm when performing. The younger dancers also showed real talent and the music was upbeat and the routines showed that there had been a lot of effort put in. The full cast also showed the fact that if we work hard and try then we can put on a worthwhile show. The audience were also alive and when the baddies came on there was booing screams from the whole group.

The second half was by far the best and thanks to the fact that there was enthusiasm the show went as smoothly as ever. There was no forgetting the community song which was the Hokey Cokey, it was funny and everyone joined in. The whole show was a success and many thanks to the cast, props men and everyone who worked hard to put on such a successful show.

What the teacher says and what the teacher means...

If you have ever wondered what the teachers think of your child...

Your son James has a remarkable ability in gathering needed information from his classmates. (He was caught cheating in an exam.)

Fantastic imagination! (He's one of the biggest liars I have ever met).

GET TO KNOW THE CONGREGATION

Ruth Abbott

Birthday 1st October (longer ago than I care to think).

Place of birth Normanton, a mining town in West Yorkshire I was an only child which I have always considered to be a great 'handicap' in life.

Work I studied languages at university and went on to teach languages in secondary schools in Lincoln and later Manchester and spent the statutory 40 years at the chalk face!! But I did have a lot of varied work when I became Deputy Head and had to organise more or less everything for over 1000 pupils. Challenging - you've always to be one step, if not four, ahead of teenagers.

Early memories Mainly of the beginning of the war, I was immensely proud of the smart white shiny cover for my gas mask....my parents only had plain cardboard covers. During the air-raids, we all went to sleep in our neighbours' cellar which had been specially strengthened and provided camp beds for us all. We had tea and sandwiches, played cards and between raids, I learnt to play the piano. This was all much more exciting than sleeping in my own bed. Mercifully I was too young to realise the true danger and what it was all about.

First record My first record was of Kenny Ball, Chris Barber and Acker Bilk....I still love it.

TV programmes An eclectic mix. Sport, wildlife, some comedy, documentaries, music, drama and of course Strictly Come Dancing. I also confess to having eaten my evening meal for almost 50 years with the Archers (please don't ring between 7pm and 7.15pm).

Which animal would I like to be if not human? A koala bear sitting up a tree all day, snoozing in the Australian sun.

Which era would I like to go back to? I wouldn't like to go back at all. I would hate life without electricity, running water and central heating. Other times may sound romantic, but no, thanks.

What do I do in my spare time? Well, there isn't a lot really. But I do like listening to music and playing the piano. I enjoy a good book. I enjoy gardening, cooking, playing bowls but most of all writing. Perhaps a novel? Watch this space!

What the teacher says and what the teacher means (continued)...

Karen is an endless fund of energy and viability. (your hyperactive monster can't stay put for five minutes.)

Sue is a real athlete, with superior hand-eye coordination. (The little creep stung me with a rubber band from 15 feet away.)

CONNECTING WITH CULTURE



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CULTURE; it's a surprisingly small word for such a big concept. It encompasses the usual suspects, of course – art, music, books, magazines, buildings and technology. And here at LICC we are working to understand all these things through the lens of a biblical worldview.

But culture also includes so much more besides. 'Culture is', as Archbishop Derek Worlock, once remarked, 'the way we do things round here.' It has to do with the way that ideas shape us and inform our habits. So culture also includes the conversations we have about the books we read and the TV and films that we watch, as well as the books etc. themselves.

It includes the way we organise our time, the work that we do and the way that we do it. It includes our politics - why we think one party is more deserving of our vote than another, or our perception that it's not worth voting at all. It includes the way we raise and educate our young people. It includes our rest and our play - the leisure activities we choose, and the reasons why we choose them. And it includes our churches - the way our church does things will be different from the way the church down the road does things.

In short, culture is unavoidable. So all pervasive is its influence that it's been likened to the air that we breathe. Sometimes it can seem that our cultural air is somewhat polluted, and we can be tempted to withdraw to the relative safety of our churches. But that's not the way Jesus wants it. He prayed this about his disciples: 'My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world' (John 17:15-18).

By living like him, in the world but not of it, Jesus wants our everyday lives to be laced with his fragrance, making the 'cultural air' easier for everyone to breathe and our quality of life closer to the fullness that he intended.

Does that sound too grand? Well here's the thing - it can take no more than a conversation to begin to effect such transformation. The example of Christ himself proves it. Talking with the dejected travellers on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35), he listens to their despair and then opens their eyes to the interpretation of the events of their culture from God's perspective, setting their hearts on fire, filling them with new vibrancy and hope.

And of course, the very fact that Jesus - as a man living in first century Palestine, wearing clothes, sharing meals, learning a trade, interacting with people - could join the two travellers on the physical road at all is down to the miracle of the incarnation. In Christ, God came among us - into the midst of a human culture, in which he had to wrestle with the tension of allowing God to shape him in his image in the midst of the shaping forces of culture.

And he wants us to be like him - for our lives to be soaked in God's Word and lived in God's world, in order that we might be agents of transformation in our culture just as he was in his.

We plan to include a topical article each month, provided by LICC, designed to help us engage in such a way with the culture in which God has placed us.

WILDLIFE FROM MY WINDOWS

Sue Smith, Gargrave, 11 February

GILBERT WHITE, writing in 1788 in *The Natural History of Selbourne*, encouraged his readers to pay more attention "to the wonders of the Creation, too frequently overlooked as common occurrences". Sounds familiar?



Hedgehogs

Last autumn, I saw a hedgehog daily, waking and trotting along, and sometimes climbing vertically up onto the patio. He, or she, has disappeared from view as winter set in, and the deep freeze came upon us.

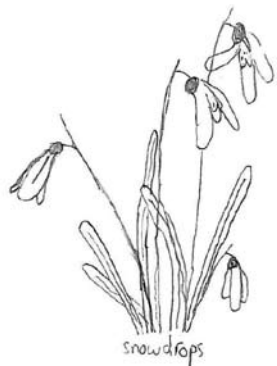
This was a time of survival for the birds. Blackbirds, blue, great and coal tits, robins, house sparrows and dunnocks coped very well, feeding on nuts and seeds provided by householders but also, after

the glut of red berries, on the grubs they found amongst the branches of the rowan, hawthorn and elders.

When the weather turned milder, it was disappointing to find there were no longer any wrens or nuthatches around, though the long tailed tits appeared with their delightful acrobatics, or clustering, side by side, all the way round the nut dispenser.



Blackbird



As the thaw continued, the snowdrops appeared, the crocuses came into bud, the daffodil leaves stood upright, and the bluebell leaves curled through – all rather later than usual this year.

Time to take stock. Notably I have not seen a pheasant, and there are usually two around in winter, though I've heard reports of them going to Skipton. I have yet to hear the call of the curlew. The most missed absentee is the song thrush; there are no snails around and the ground is too hard to probe. Skeins of geese, sometimes a hundred strong, have flown overhead, honking their way westward.

The advent of Spring has been mixed. The deep freeze may be over, but the weather is changeable, sometimes cold and frosty, or wild wet and windy, or sunny with radiant blue skies. The birds have responded unevenly. A pair of collared



doves mated and built a nest, far too soon, last November; but there are now pairs happily mating, necking, collecting long grasses and nesting. Black headed gulls still have smudgy white heads. Others, like the chaffinches are in full breeding plumage, but not yet pairing. The greenfinches are back, with their wheezy summer song. Winter is loosening its grip, the tide is turning, Spring is coming.



Illustrated by Chris Faulkner

Marriage advice

'I'm in a terrible fix,' moaned Mark. 'I'm in love with both Susie and Maria and I don't know which to marry.' 'No problem,' said Sean, his Irish friend, 'I know you're not a Catholic but I think the Church could help you. Call in St Patrick's on the way home tonight, kneel down and ask God for help - that should solve your problem.' Next morning Sean found Mark grinning from ear to ear. 'It worked. It's a miracle,' Mark enthused. 'I walked in, knelt down and there it was written in red across the altar cloth: AVE MARIA!'

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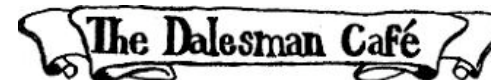
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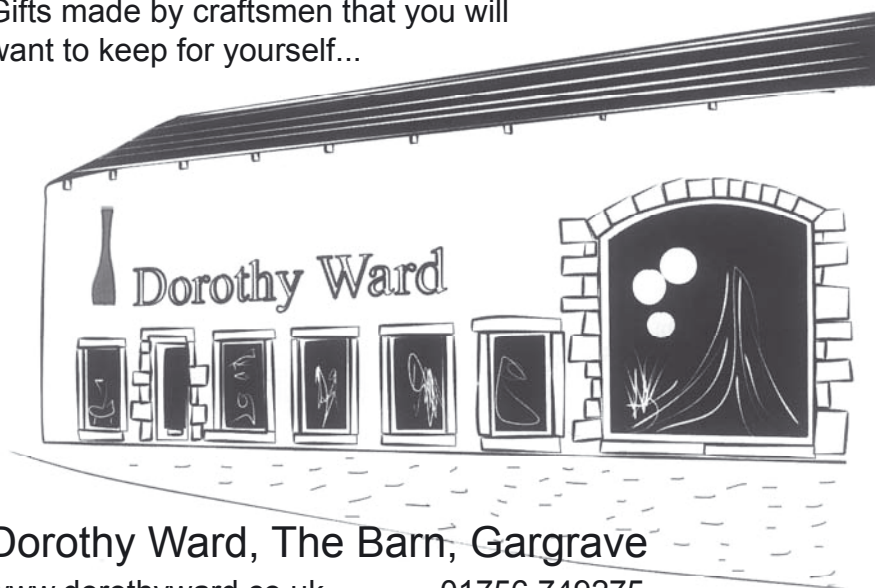
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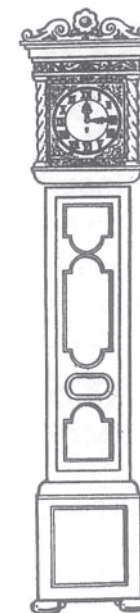
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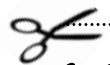
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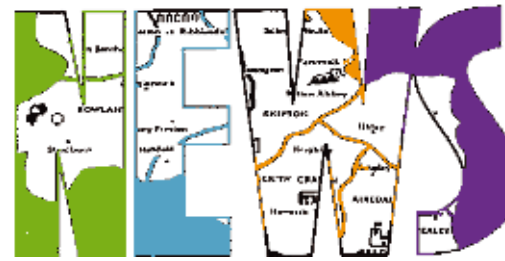
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Lent: turning our hearts to God

In the early centuries of the Church newcomers to the Christian community were baptised at Easter, the time of new life bursting through death. Believers were prepared for their baptism by teaching, prayer, fasting and self denial - spiritual exercises so that they might encounter the grace and call of God. Others, who wanted to renew that sense of commitment, joined in. That's how Lent began.

Lent also became associated very early on with the forty days that Jesus spent in the wilderness, fasting and praying and discovering what God was asking of him. I imagine Jesus in the wilderness seeking the Father's will but also praying to the Father for those he had come to rescue. Prayer and fasting turns our eyes to God and,

as we experience his grace and call, God turns our heart towards others.

Lent: turning our hearts to others

In January a referendum took place in South Sudan about whether the south form an independent country or remain united with the north. Southerners voted overwhelmingly for secession and Southern Sudan is expected formally to achieve statehood on 9th July 2011, the day that the Comprehensive Peace Agreement expires. Challenges remain for Southern Sudan such as addressing the underdevelopment and inter-ethnic conflict.

Bradford Diocese has links with the five dioceses in Northern Sudan: Khartoum, Kadugli, El Obeid, Wad Medani and Port Sudan. The situation for Christians in the Islamic north is uncertain. Just before the

referendum, President Omar al-Bashir declared: *"If south Sudan secedes, we will change the constitution and at that time there will be no time to speak of diversity of culture and ethnicity. Sharia [Islamic law] and Islam will be the main source for the constitution, Islam the official religion and Arabic the official language."*

What is this to do with Lent? Can I ask that we might commit ourselves to fast and pray this Lent alongside our brothers and sisters in Sudan as they seek to discover what God is asking of them in this time of overwhelming change and uncertainty. Many people are migrating south but there are others called to stay and bear witness to Christ in the North. Let us pray for them. Let us learn from them as we consider their courage, sacrifice, endurance, prayer and faith.

Lent: continuing in prayer

Compared to Sudan, re-organisation of the dioceses seems a much lesser issue but nonetheless one which for which we might continue to fast and pray. Submissions have been made to the Future of the Diocese Commission and we await to hear whether a Draft Scheme will be drawn up for consultation. Remember also Bishop Nick and his wife Linda as they prepare to make the move north for the enthronement on 21st May.

Lent is Springtime

Finally under God, let us take a look at ourselves. Archbishop Rowan Williams wrote, *"It's important to remember that the word 'Lent' itself comes from the old English word for 'spring'. It's not about feeling gloomy for forty days; it's not even about giving things up for forty days. Lent is springtime. It's preparing for that great climax of springtime which is Easter – new life bursting through death. As we prepare ourselves for Easter during these days let us sweep and clean the room of our own minds and hearts so that Christ's new life really may have room to come in and transform us at Easter."*

Denise Poole



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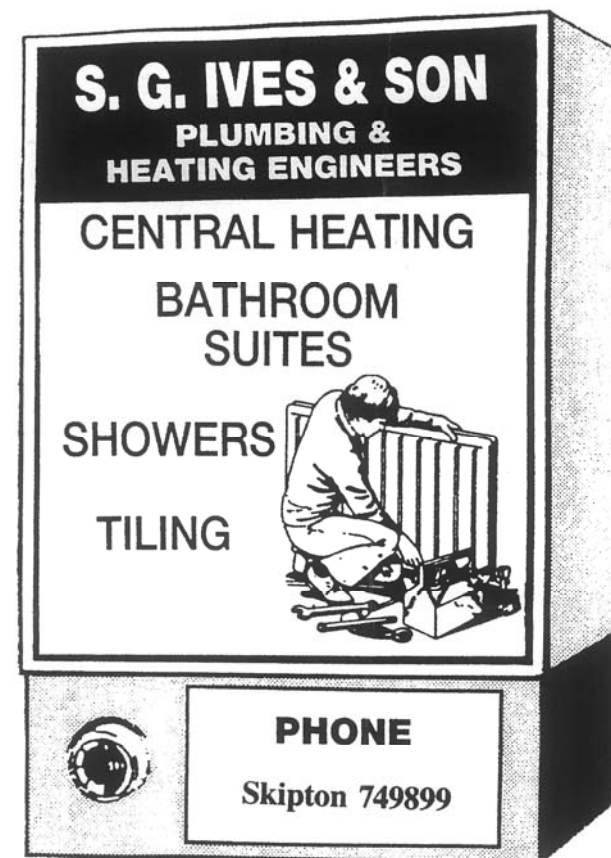
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OWD BILL

Raisin' t' roof I' Gargrave as seen bi Owd Bill

AH BETHOWT MISSEN 'at ah s'ud tell thi a bit abaat Gargrave 'at ah've just fun' aat terday. Ah went ter t' church theer 'cos ther wor a lot o' fowk goin' in – ah thowt 'at ther mun be summat goin' on.

Ah fun' aat 'at ther mun be nobbut just finishin' buildin' t' church theer, 'cos ther just purrin' t' roof on. Ah wor' fair capt wi 't' scaffoldin' – thanaws I't' owden days, it wor' allus med aat o' powls an' rope an' stuff. This 'ere wor made aat o' bits o' tin an' that.

They're 'evin' ter mak sum brass for this 'ere roof, an' soa ther wor 'evin' a concert I' t' church. 'Aaf a dozen young uns wor playin' flutes, an' some posh fowk stood theer an' sang abaat rainbows an' teddy bears an' stuff. Them i' t' church clapped ther 'ands, soa ther mun o' thowt 'at ther wor alreight! An' then, ivverybody supped cups o' teea, an ther wor loads o' buns an' stuff for 'em, an' they all kalled among thersens sayin' wot they reckoned abbaat these 'ere singers.

Atafter, sum lads played on banjos an' stuff, an' sang an' all. An' t' vicar said ardo, an' thanked ivveribody. Ah reckon ah'm bahn ter join them theer singers if they'll 'ev. mer. Burr ah reckon ah'.s'll 'ev ter speyk proper for that thanaws.

Translation for those who find difficulty with the above

It occurred to me to relate some information about Gargrave which I have just discovered. As there were a number of people entering the church, I felt there must be something important taking place. It transpired that the church was only now being finished by putting on the roof. I was impressed that the scaffolding consisted of metal poles, which previously would have been timber.

In order to raise funds for the roof, a concert was taking place. A group of young people played flutes, and high class singers were applauded. After tea and cakes, the congregation discussed the quality of the performers. There was a performance by a folk group, and the vicar thanked everybody. I think I would like to join the singing group with their permission. But I may have to speak correctly in that case.

Fishy

The vicar greeted a young lad at the church door one Sunday morning, and was impressed when the lad explained that though his father was going fishing, his father had insisted that his son come to church that morning. "And why is that, my boy?" The lad replied, "Dad said he didn't have enough bait for both of us."

ALL CREATURES (MOSTLY SMALL)

Helen Pratt B.V.Sc., M.R.C.V.S., G.P. Cert (Small Animal Medicine)



OVER THE COMING MONTHS I hope to provide a bit of info about what's going on in the veterinary surgery, hopefully adding an odd snippet of extra knowledge to help our local pet population. But first an introduction is in order....

I live in Bank Newton, with husband Neil who is the shepherd for the 1600 ewe flock at Newton Grange, and with our 2 young girls, Rebecca 7 and Zara 4. We moved to the area from the Chatsworth estate in Derbyshire in December 2007, and have been welcomed into life in the Gargrave area. I help to run the Gardening club at Gargrave school, and am an active member of the PTA. I have worked 3 days a week at Stanley House Vets at Colne and Barnoldswick in the small animal department since 2008.

So what's happening on the farm? Busy, busy (as per usual). Lambing has begun! Far too early you may say, but we are a week in to our earlier lambing here. Around 300 North Country mule and Texel x ewes are due over 3 weeks and we will have finished lambing this lot by the time this is being read. This tries to get a better price for the fattened lambs produced, hitting an earlier market whilst the price is higher because there are less lambs about ready. With the main flock of 1300 lambing from mid march and only a few weeks turn-around between the 2 lots, it feels I am to be a "lambing widow" for several weeks to come, with Neil putting the hours in, coming in, eating, then sleeping. Numbers are looking good, scanning percentage well over 200% for both lots (i.e. averaging out that most ewes are carrying twins), meaning Neil did a good job getting the ewes in tiptop condition at tupping time in October and November.

There often seems too few hours in the day, and the ones that are left I feel too sapped to do much more (sounds familiar??) Still no time for complaining as I only lend an occasional hand really, doing a few late nights to allow Neil to get his head down early, and feeding pet lambs etc with the girls, although the novelty for them tends to wear off after a week or so.

Having worked for 10 years in mixed practice in Cumbria and Derbyshire, my large animal veterinary days are pretty much behind me now, except for being used at home, so although I do on-call for Stanley House at weekends, this is my busiest time for call outs, to the Newton Grange flock.

An early morning wake up for a difficult lambing at this time of year can be a rude and cold awakening, but at least there's somewhere warm to put your hands...

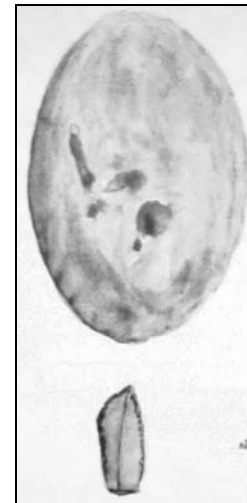
INTO THE DISTANT PAST

Kevin Jackson

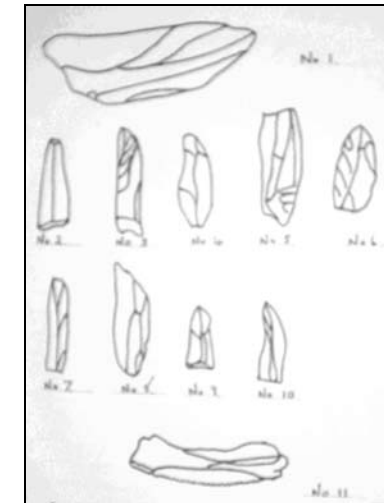
IMAGINE IF YOU CAN the landscape where Gargrave now sits being at the fringe of a large post-glacial crescent shaped lake, hemmed in by the drumlins which backed up from the terminal moraine at Cononley all the way to our present area (www.bgs.ac.uk/).

I am going to take you back to a time when the Mesolithic hunter/gatherers 8000-3500 BC were in this area as evidenced by the tools they left behind (www.outofoblivion.org.uk). These tools are made of flint and this material has survived the long passage of time. Other material will of course have been used but this has not survived. Three sites where tools have been found are at Raybridge, Neville Road, Skipton Road.

The first site at Raybridge lies on the 350 ft contour which roughly conforms to the shore line of this post-glacial lake.



At number 10 Neville Road which was the home of the late Lionel H Atkinson, he found at a depth of 18" the gravel of an old glacial terrace and directly upon it was a flint and what is possibly a hammer stone, used to chip flints.



The Skipton Road site sits well out into the floodplain at a lower level than either the Raybridge or the Neville Rd sites and produced flints which were found quite deep down, 12-14" on the gravel. This site must have been used when the level of the lake lowered probably due to draining through a breach of the terminal moraine.

It has been many years now since flints from our area have been recorded and it would be prudent to keep a close eye on any digging in your garden or

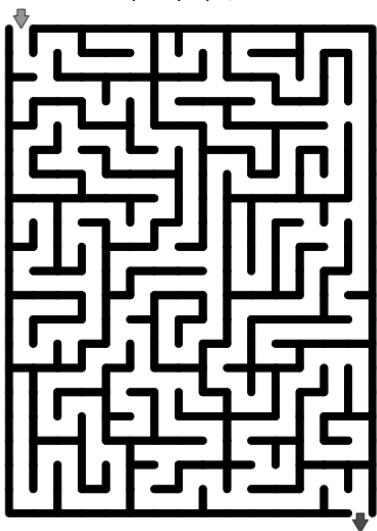
otherwise for further evidence of these Mesolithic hunters. If any are found they should be recorded through the Portable Antiquities Scheme: <http://finds.org.uk/>.

I'm grateful to Mrs Karen Lancaster (nee Atkinson) of Gargrave for the loan of her late fathers' unpublished journal.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Where to?

Can you travel through the maze to find your way to the jokes?



What do you give a horse with a cold?
Cough Stirrup!

Which snakes are found on cars?
Windscreen vipers!

What do you call a laughing motorcycle?
A Yamahahaha!

What do bees do if they want to use public transport?
Wait at a buzz stop!



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You can read more at www.realeasteregg.co.uk/comp. The competition closes on 14 March.

SCHOOL NEWS

Sarah Peel (Head Teacher)

WE ARE LEARNING about Inventors and Inventions and the pupils have enjoyed researching famous people and products. It has given the pupils a chance to be creative and ambitious, and perhaps inspire future ideas?

Writing

The school has adopted the Big Write approach to writing. This is a formal structure where every day the skills of writing are taught, including spelling, handwriting, words, connectives and punctuation. Each week the children talk about a type of writing, through drama, partner work or at home. The pupils then write for up to an hour in new Big Write books. The pupils are given targets every time they write and the expectation is that they understand and are taught the skills to meet their targets the following week. This focus on writing frequently, and understanding what they need to do to improve, is producing more confident writers and improved standards of work across the school.

PTA

The parents and staff ran the coffee shop at Skipton Town Hall and made over £1000. Many thanks for the delicious cakes and help on the day.

There is a Dinner Dance to be held on 12th March at Coniston Hotel. Tickets cost £27 and are available from school.

Mid-day supervisor

We need a mid-day supervisor, traditionally known as a dinner lady/man. If you have a warm and caring nature and are available at lunchtimes for an hour, then please, PLEASE contact school. This post would suit a kind and calm person. You really would make a difference to the young children in our village. If interested please contact Sarah on 01756 749433.

Out of hours

We are experiencing several problems with people on the school site out of hours. They should not be there. Thanks to our neighbours for reporting incidents to the police. Please continue to tell the police and school, then we can log incidents and try to encourage appropriate use of the school grounds. Many thanks.

*Chloe Metcalfe and
Katie Atkinson (Year 4)*

Technology work in class 3 and 4

MRS PEEL ASKED US to design a model that moved and used an electric circuit. We had a choice of using either a motor, light or a buzzer.

Firstly we had to choose a design. There was a choice of 4 designs. The designs were a Ferris wheel, wobblebuggy, roundabout or a winding up model. Then we adapted the design to make it our own.

Making our models

Making our models was the best bit! We had to use the glue gun which was very hot! We were so delighted with our models we even showed them in class 3's assembly. You should of seen them, they were fantastic! Pictures were put on "fronter", our online learning platform, for all our class to see from school or at home.

Testing our models

This was a success! We started with the Ferris wheels they spun round so fast it was like air conditioning. The buggies moved along like real space buggies. After that we tested the winding up model, it moved up like a hairy spider! Meanwhile we tested the roundabout, it spun round really fast! Finally we tested the wobble wobble buggy it wobbled around the room!

It was all really fun!

Swimming Gala

Robert Harker and Hattie Rawson

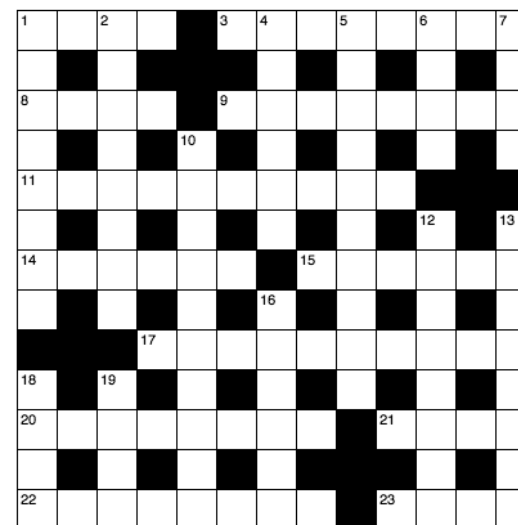


GARGRAVE PRIMARY SCHOOL entered the Skipton Schools' Swimming Gala. The children who took part were (from left to right):
Katie Atkinson,
Hattie Rawson,
Isobel Schofield,
Max Dawson,
Olivia Schofield,
Jonas Ditchfield,
Joseph Tiplady,
Robert Harker.

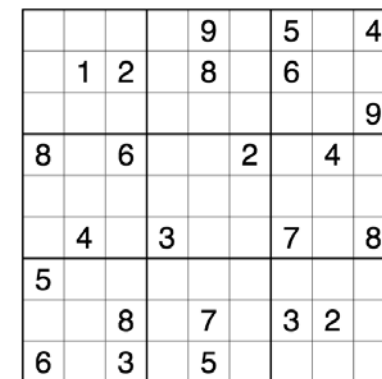
In our events we all proceeded to the finals. Thank you, for all the teachers and Craven College, for setting up the Gala. Gargrave School team retained the trophy. We are delighted. We all made a splash when we heard that we had won. There were 6 different schools who took part. The fastest overall individuals advance to the finals, against other areas of Craven, in early March.

PUZZLE PAGE

Bible crossword



Sudoku



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Across

- 1 Made from the fruit of the vine, symbol of the blood of Christ (4)
- 3 'You are to set an ambush behind the city. Don't go very far from it. All of you be on —' (Joshua 8:4) (3,5)
- 8 Seep (4)
- 9 Celebrated by Jesus on the night of his betrayal (Luke 22:15) (8)
- 11 One of the supposed sites of Christ's burial place in Jerusalem (6,4)
- 14 'A city on a hill — be hidden' (Matthew 5:14) (6)
- 15 He inherited Elijah's mantle (2 Kings 2:12–13) (6)
- 17 Where Jesus prayed 'Not as I will, but as you will' (Matthew 26:36, 39) (10)
- 20 'Only in his home town and in his — — is a prophet without honour' (Matthew 13:57) (3,5)
- 21 Sail (anag.) (4) 22 How Jesus was punished before his crucifixion (Matthew 27:26) (8)
- 23 Eye sore (4)

Down

- 1 Can't grow (anag.) (5,3)
- 2 A servant girl to Peter, 'You also were with that — , Jesus' (Mark 14:67) (8)
- 4 Well-being (Proverbs 3:8) (6)
- 5 Pentecostal denomination, — of God (10)
- 6 One of the 'obvious' acts of the sinful nature (Galatians 5:19, 21) (4)
- 7 'I preached that they should repent and — to God' (Acts 26:20) (4)
- 10 ' — — , the world will not see me any more, but you will see me' (John 14:19) (6,4)
- 12 He betrayed Jesus: Judas — (Luke 6:16) (8)
- 13 Jesus to Peter: ' — — of my sheep' (John 21:16) (4,4)
- 16 The centurion said, 'Surely this man was — — of God' (Mark 15:39) (3,3)
- 18 Baked bread (Mark 8:14) (4)
- 19 'Blessing and honour, glory and power, be — Him' (Handel's Messiah) (4)

Monthly meeting 7.15 pm, Monday 7 February 2011

1. *Apologies.* Janet Smales and David Crawford.
2. *Public participation.* Around 35 parishioners attended the meeting.
 - (a) A parishioner asked about the provision of allotments in the village. Janet Turner explained that the Council currently has no land available for this purpose. Peter Perls has asked a resident about the use of his plot of land but this had been declined. Janet referred the questioner to the landlord at the Masons Arms.
 - (b) The great majority of the parishioners present were concerned about the spring/summer influx of travellers. Janet Turner explained the by-laws and the role of the Police. She reiterated that this is a civil matter. The Council reported on the meeting it had arranged on 21 Jan on Low Green. Questions and answers to the Council followed and 10 parishioners volunteered to join a committee, with some members of the Council. This is to meet on 15 Feb to finalise the objectives and the approach to be taken which are to be recommended to the Council.
3. *County Councillor's report.* Shelagh Marshall reported on various meetings and reports she had been involved with during the last month:
 - (a) North Yorkshire Forum for Older People;
 - (b) A North Yorkshire talk about possible library closures;
 - (c) Contact with Julian Smith MP about library issues;
 - (d) A document on the Dales Integrated Transport Alliance which revealed the existence of a pot of money even though it was late to influence North Yorkshire's plans to withdraw some bus services;
 - (e) The Localism Bill which is complex and holds out the prospect of significant changes.
4. *The Library.* Mark Carruthers and Shelagh Marshall gave a joint update on progress. There is a Craven Area Forum meeting on 10 Feb for which members of the Library group have posed a question and will attend along with Janet Sugden.
5. *Village tidiness.* Roland Thomas expressed concern over the upkeep and maintenance of the Toilet garden area. Some members of the WI had created the current planting scheme. It was decided to consider the employment of a regular gardener for the area. This, together with setting a date for a Village Spring Clean are to be put on next month's agenda.
6. *Next meeting.* Monday 7 March at 7.15 pm in the Village Hall.

The 2011 Census is coming

The census has collected information about the population every ten years since 1801 (except in 1941). The next is on 27 March. You need to complete and return the Census form so that the services and facilities your community and family needs can be identified.

Rotas for St Andrew's Church

Readings for worship

6 Mar Exodus 24:12-18; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

13 Mar Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

20 Mar Genesis 12:1-4a; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

27 Mar Exodus 17:1-7; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

3 Apr 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

Or for Mothering Sunday: Exodus 2: 1-10 or Samuel 1: 20-end; 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 or Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:33-35 or John 19: 25b-27



Today's hymns are based on last week's trend in petrol prices...

| Sidesmen | | 8 am | 10 am |
|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| 6 March | Marion Scarborough | Stanley Preston | Kenneth Burgess |
| 13 March | Kay Craven | John Bailey | Tim Warner |
| 20 March | Janet Sturgess | Joyce Brotherton | Isobel Lacey |
| 27 March | Colin Chapman | Eileen Holden | Jean Coldwell |
| 3 April | Marion Scarborough | Stanley Preston | Sarah Curtis |
| Readings | | Offertory procession | |
| 6 March | Thelma Ellison | Eileen Holden | Jean Coldwell |
| 13 March | Hugh Turner | Service of the Word | |
| 20 March | Valerie Geddes | Norma Brothers | Judith Douglas |
| 27 March | Pauline Barnes | Morning Prayer | |
| 3 April | John Bailey | Pat Cockshott | Eileen Hoskin |
| Church cleaning | | | |
| 28 February | to 11 March | Jean Banks | Carole Ballard |
| 14 March | to 25 March | Beatrice Faulkner | Duncan Faulkner |
| 28 March | to 08 April | Eileen Holden | Eileen Hoskin |

If you are unable to carry out any of the above duties please swap with someone.

Refuse and recycling collection days

| | Gargrave – Mon and Tue collections | Coniston Cold |
|---|--|-----------------------|
| 7/8 Mar | Blue bag | Blue bin and blue bag |
| 14/15 Mar | Green bin | Green bin |
| 21/22 Mar | Blue bin and blue bag | Blue bag |
| 28/29 Mar | Green bin | Green bin |
| 4/5 Apr | Blue bag | Blue bin and blue bag |
| Brown bin (garden waste) collection days: | | |
| | Gargrave: Tuesdays 8 and 22 March, 5 April | |
| | Coniston Cold: Mondays 14 and 28 March | |

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| Sat | 0645 0905 1105 1439 |
| Sun | 1541 1805 |
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| Sat | 0932 1331 1840 2006 |
| Sun | 0951 1400 |

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| Buses from Gargrave to... | |
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| Sat | 0956 1110 1156 1325 1356 1455 1556 1710 1756 |
| Sun (20 March only) | 1208 1508 1653 |
| Settle Mon-Fri | 0750 0859 ...then every hour until... 1659 1804 2129 |
| Sat | 0740 (school term only) 0859 1059 1259 1459 1659 |
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| Sat | 1015 1230 1400 1615 |
| Sun (20 Mar only) | 1100 1240 1540 |
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| Glasgow via Carlisle Daily | approximately 1325 |
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Please do not hold us responsible if any of these times are wrong or out of date. Let us know of any corrections needed.

Organisations

Each week a lot happens in our parishes. This list shows some of the regular events. Please contact us if you'd like your organisation adding.

Weight watchers – School hall, Mon, 5.30pm
Modern sequence dance – Village Hall, Mon, 7pm
Bell ringers – St Andrew's, Mon, 7.30pm
Indoor bowls – Village Hall, Tues, 2-4pm
Tap dance – Village Hall Annex, Tues, 4-7.30pm
Rainbows – School hall, Tues, 5.30pm-6.15pm
Brownies – School hall, Tues, 6.15pm-7.30pm
Caterpillar Club – St Andrew's, Wed, 10-11.30am
Over 60s – Village Hall Annex, Wed, 1-3.30pm
Dog training – Village Hall, Wed, 4.30-10pm
Thomson dancing school – School hall, Wed, 5.30pm
Indoor bowls – Village Hall, Thur, 2-4pm
Theatre craft – Village Hall Annex, Thur, 5-6pm
Tai Chi – Village Hall Annex, Thur, 7.15pm
Youth café – St Andrew's, Thur, 6pm
Ballet dance – Village Hall Annex, Sat, 9am-2.30pm



"Ready when you are, George..."

And finally...

What now?

Today, I was in the bathroom at a popular coffee chain. Someone had written "What Would Jesus Do?" on the wall. Another person had added, directly underneath: "Wash His hands." Then a third person wrote, "And your feet."

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Dates for your diary in 2011

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| March | 4 | Women's World Day of Prayer |
| | 8 | Shrovetide Supper |
| | 12 | PTA dinner dance, Coniston Hotel |
| April | 16 | Jumble sale, Coniston Cold |
| | 29 | Right Royal Do – dance, Village Hall |
| June | 25 | Gargrave Open Gardens |
| | 29 | to 3 July Gargrave Art Exhibition |
| July | 9 | Auction Sale, Village Hall |
| August | 20 | Gargrave Show |

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