GARGRAVE & CONISTON COLD

Parish Magazine -



Inside this month Our first mention of the B word? Ventriloquism and snowdrifts in 1933 What is reality?



Robin by river in Gargrave, photo by Paul Chapman See this and the rest of the magazine in colour at **www.gargravemag.co.uk**.

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WARDEN'S WORDS

Mike Maiden, Churchwarden

"We live in uncertain times" is a phrase I've heard many times over the years but it can rarely have been as applicable as it is just now. There seem to be so many things that hang in the balance, not least the "B" word – Brexit! Sorry to mention it but it is pretty much unavoidable. Across the world there are equally uncertain issues: will the trade war between the US and China continue and lead to instability? Will the Middle East tensions ever be reduced? What are Russia's true intentions? In summary, what will 2019 hold for us?

There is a Christian response to this sense of uncertainty that stresses the fact that God is unchangeable, a secure fixed point in stormy waters, and many Christians testify to the truth of that. But I find it interesting that the Christmas story we have just celebrated gives a different perspective. Although living in the security of being God, in Christ God took on insecurity. The idea of being born in a stable to parents who couldn't return home because King Herod was after their son's blood, of being a young child in a country occupied by an empire that was efficiently cruel, and of growing up to a life where there was "nowhere to lay His head" is certainly not a life of certainty. The stable he was born in certainly didn't lead to a stable lifestyle (forgive the pun).

The Christian message of Christmas is that we have a God who is not remote from our anxieties and stresses because in Christ he suffered them. So, yes, God is a safe place of refuge in troubled times but not one where we need to forget reality. God can talk to us about reality; about being misunderstood, opposed, persecuted and even, finally, facing premature death. He can talk to us about friendship, about being let down by friends, of weeping over the death of friends. He can talk of success and even fame, because all of those are part of His experience too.

It is a most remarkable revelation that our Christian message from God is not "here I am, come up to me" but "there you are I'm coming down to you." Wherever I find myself this New Year God understands not just theoretically but practically, in a real life way. Christians sometimes talk of a "walk with God," a day-to-day sharing of all those joys and sorrows that we face but that He did too. On that walk

we find a secure point of reference who can help us in times of suffering through fully understanding what it feels like to suffer. Christmas leads to Easter, the manger to a cross, showing that God was prepared to go to the ultimate sacrifice to build relationship with His people and to be able to walk with them as they choose to walk with Him.

We at St Andrew's hope you had a really happy Christmas and look forward to walking with you in 2019.



DIARY FOR JANUARY

Coniston Cold

Sun 6 Jan	Evensong with the Revd Felicity Lawson, 4pm, Church
Sun 13	Holy communion with the Revd Felicity Lawson, 9.30am
Sun 20	Evensong with the Revd Ian Greenhalgh, 4pm, Church
Sun 27	Holy communion with the Revd Ian Greenhalgh, 9.30am,

Gargrave

Wed 2 Jan	Parish council meeting. 7.30pm, Village Hall Annex
Thu 3	Registration for Voices of Craven 2019, 7pm, Church
Sun 6	Prayer Book Communion with Bishop David Hope, 8am, Church Family Service, breakfast 10.15am, service 10.45am, Church Oasis quiet reflective service, 6pm, Church
Fri 11	Ladies Section Dance Denis Westmoreland, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Sat 12	Provisional: Coffee morning, 10-12, Village Hall. Please check village hall noticeboards for confirmation.
Sun 13	Prayer Book Communion with the Revd Felicity Lawson, 8am, Church
	Sung Eucharist with the Revd Felicity Lawson , 10.45, Church
Wed 16	Handbell ringing, 2pm, Church
Fri 18	Library film night: The Breadwinner, 7 for 7.30pm, Village Hall
Sat 19	Provisional: Coffee morning, 10-12, Village Hall. Please check village hall noticeboards for confirmation.
Sun 20	Morning Prayer with Linda Wall, 8.00 am, Church Service of the Word by Worship Team, 10.45, Church
Mon 21	Gargrave Show meeting, 8pm, Village Hall Annex
Wed 23	Handbell ringing, 2pm, Church Bingo, 7.30pm, Village Hall Annex
Sat 26	Provisional: Coffee morning, 10-12, Village Hall. Please check village hall noticeboards for confirmation.
Sun 27	Prayer Book Communion with Revd Ian Greenhalgh, 8.00 am, Church
	Sung Eucharist with the Revd Ian Greenhalgh, 10.45, Church
Wed 30	Handbell ringing, 2pm, Church

- Regular weekly and biweekly Gargrave events Mondays: 9.30am Tai Chi Qigong, Green opposite Bollywood Cottage, riverside of War Memorial 10.40an Tai Chi Qigong for Beginners, venue as above Art Club, Village Hall Annex 1.30pm Bingo, Gargrave Community Centre on Neville Crescent 2pm Modern Sequence Dancing, Village Hall 7.30pm 7.30pm Bell ringing, Church 8pm Quiz, Old Swan Inn **Tuesdays**: Heritage Group, Church 10 am Contemporary Pilates with Bee Faulkner, Village Hall (term time) 10 am 11.30am Standing/Seated Pilates with Bee Faulkner, V Hall (term time) 10.30am Adult Tennis Coaching and Social Tennis (weather permitting) 12.30pm Alternate Tuesdays – lunch at Gargrave Community Centre on Neville Crescent, followed by games. £4.50 Craft and Chat, Church 2pm Indoor Bowls, Village Hall 2pm Classical Pilates with Cate Davies: 'Mixed Ability' Village Hall Annex 2pm 4pm Tap dancing lessons, Village Hall Annex (term time only) 6pm Classical Pilates with Cate Davies: 'Beginner Athletic' Village Hall (term time) 7.05pm Classical Pilates with Cate Davies: 'Intermediate Athletic' Village Hall (term time) pm Brownies & Rainbows (school term only) 8pm Quiz Night, The Old Swan Wednesdays: 9.15-12 Gymnastics for pre-school children, Village Hall Gentle Hatha Yoga, Village Hall Annex 9.30am 9.30am Tai Chi Qigong, Green opposite Bollywood Cottage, riverside of War Memorial 10 am Caterpillar Club, Church 10.am Social tennis 1.30 pm Over 60's, Village Hall Annex Gymnastics for children over 5 4pm Thursdavs: Phoenix Club, the Anchor, alternate weeks 9am 9.30am Water Colour painting class, Village Hall Annex 9.50am Walking for Health, 1st and 3rd Thurs of the month, meet at Summerseat 10am Coffee morning, Gargrave Community Centre on Neville Crescent 12.30pm Luncheon Club, alternate weeks, St Andrew's Church Indoor Bowls, Village Hall 2pm 7.30pm Tai Chi, Village Hall Annex (term time) Fridays: 9.15-12 Gymnastics for pre-school children, Village Hall Contemporary Pilates with Bee Faulkner: 'Intermediate', Village Hall (term time) 9 am 10.30am Contemporary Pilates with Bee Faulkner: 'beginners', Village Hall (term time)
- 7pm Community choir rehearsal, Church

Sundays:

2pmSocial Tennis2pmAfternoon Tea & Games, alternate Sundays, Neville Crescent Community Room8.30pmQuiz, Masons Arms

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Voices of Craven

CALLING ALL LOCAL SINGERS

Come along and register for Voices of Craven 2019

on Thursday 3rd January at Gargrave Church at7pm

£3 including refreshments

Everyone Welcome - talented or not so talented

For further information please contact Joan Horsfield on 01756 749802 or Email voicesof craven@gmail.com

Family service, 6 January

Report on December Family Service

On Sunday 2 December the church bells rang out to welcome everyone to family service and the first Sunday in Advent! Folk of all ages streamed in to enjoy a breakfast of scrummy bacon and sausage sandwiches, all enjoyed with coffee and an advent quiz sheet whilst exploring the beautiful Advent tableau displays around church. We lit our first advent candle, sang songs, shared prayers, opened a giant present to find a star, and explored the contents of a gift sack to discover amongst all the glitter and Christmas paraphernalia the real meaning of Christmas, Jesus Christ. The Saviour of the world. Wonderful.

Next family service

Come and join us on Sunday 6 January for our next family service, 10am for breakfast then service at 10.45, and discover what the New Year brings!

Calling Jazz and Blues Fans...

Peter Hardyman

The 6 **Pendle Jazzmen**, and guest players, play a Dixieland/ Mainstream jazz and blues session in the relaxed and welcoming atmosphere of the Lounge of Ighten Mount Bowling Club on the First* Thursday of each month. [* *But <u>10th January</u> 2019.]*

From 8.00 p.m. to 10.15 p.m. [Doors open 7.00 p.m.]. Admission £2.00.

Visitors are welcome. Licensed bar. Raffle.

"... give me Doctor Jazz!"

For further information see: <u>www.jazznorthwest.co.uk/pendle.htm</u> Ighten Mount Club, Romford Street, BURNLEY BB12 8AF approx 18 miles from Gargrave. Tel. 01282 423 230

French Conversation Club

Allison Wiffen

French Conversation Club meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Old Swan. Next meeting 17 January at 8pm.

What bishops do

We were celebrating the 100th anniversary of our church, and several former vicars and the bishop were in attendance. At one point, our vicar had the children gather at the altar for a talk about the importance of the day. He began by asking, 'Does anyone know what the bishop does?'

There was silence. Finally, one little boy ventured: 'He's the one you can move diagonally.'

From the church registers

Baptism November 18

Lily Rose Goodman Charlotte Rose Gormley

Letter from the editor

Duncan Faulkner

Peter Poulter

It's a few years since we've had a letter from the editor. First, happy new year to all our readers! I hope 2019 is a good one for us in Gargrave and Coniston Cold, no matter what turmoil might be affecting the wider world.

There are some changes afoot in the magazine team. For the past few months I've been editing the magazine largely solo as Beatrice has being putting more time into her Pilates, Tai Chi, Somatics and the rest of her increasingly diverse portfolio career. She has also been trying to find someone to take on the advertising work for the magazine. Thanks to Mike Maiden and others we now have a nucleus of volunteers; the final distribution of roles is still to be confirmed so we'll report more next month. Thanks to the many others who are already helping with organising subscriptions, bundling up the magazines and hand delivering to over 400 houses around our parishes.

We are continuing a tradition that dates back at least to the 1930s. In St Andrew's Church there are back copies of the "Parochial Magazine" from 1933 onwards. In this and the next few issues I will add some extracts from these early magazines to give a flavour of how village life has changed - and of what has stayed the same.

We are always open to new proposals for contributions, either one-off or regular. Are there any wildlife watchers out there who could provide some monthly nature notes? How about some correspondence from the further-flung parts of our parishes such as Eshton, Flasby or Winterburn? What about some photos to celebrate anniversaries or achievements around our communities: graduations, awards, golden weddings and more?

From the archives

Duncan Faulkner

Back in 1933 the vicar of St Andrew's was Arthur C Blunt. An army of churchwardens represented Gargrave (two Mr Prestons), Banknewton (Mr Mason), Eshton (Mr Wills), Flasby (Mr Reeves) and Winterburn (Mrs Shackleton). Church services were at 8am, 11am and 6pm every Sunday, with another Communion at noon two Sundays a month, also at Winterburn chapel four Sundays a month, with extra children's services and baptisms.

The first surviving issue of the magazine records the baptism of Thomas Harrison on 22 January 1933 – who remains an active member of St Andrews to this day. This was a couple of weeks after the Annual Parochial Gathering, in a crowded Victoria Hall. The programme was opened by the Hand Bell Ringers, followed by an "exhibition of ventriloquism" for which Mr Dixon of Leeds was paid the grand sum of £1 15s. Glees sung by the choir, and a "*most amusing sketch*" led on to refreshments and then dancing to a live band. The £14 proceeds were given to Church School Funds, "*which are in rather a bad way, owing to considerable expense lately incurred in laying down new water pipes, and painting the interior of the school*".

Thirty-three children were attending weekly confirmation classes, separate for girls and boys. In February 1933 the vicar's letter remarked ..." we have had one of the worst snowstorms within living memory. We had 50 hours continuous snow here, accompanied by a severe gale, so that the snow drifted to great depths and nearly all the roads were blocked, and many villages on the high ground entirely cut off. Owing to the terrible conditions our Sunday congregations were the smallest that I have seen since I have been here ... We have certainly had a taste, during the last three days, of the "old fashioned winter", which was supposed to be a thing of the past".



Was Rev. Blunt ahead of his time, expecting global warming even back in 1933?

Is your New Year's Resolution to learn something new? Try Handbell ringing The Gargrave Handbell Ringers need more ringers. We are meeting in St Andrew's Church at 2pm on 16th, 23rd and 30th January. Do come. All welcome.

Parking

A man was driving down the street in a panic because he had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking place. Looking up toward heaven, he said "Lord, take pity on me. If you find me somewhere to park, I will go to church every Sunday for the rest of my life.' Miraculously, a parking place appeared. The man looked up again and said, "Never mind. I found one.'



Friday 18th January sees the start of our Winter season of films when we will be showing the Oscar nominated animated film "**The Bread Winner**." The film was a winner at the Leeds International Film Festival 2017

Set in 2001 Afghanistan this animated film tells the inspiring story of a determined young girl who, following the capture of her Father, disguises herself as a boy in order to provide for and reunite her family.

The customary Café style seating will be in place, so please bring your own refreshments. Village Hall doors open 7pm and the film starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5, on sale at the door. Under 16s, free admission. Sorry, but following guidance, we can only allow Guide Dogs into the Hall.

As part of the celebrations to mark the 60th anniversary of the opening of the Village Hall on **Friday 15th February** we are planning to show a film from 1959 together with a Pathe News Reel from the same year. Further details in next month's magazine.

Over the past year the number of Active Borrowers have been steady whilst issues and visits are up. NYCC have also looked at 5 year trends and the Library has maintained the customer base over this period and, while issues have fluctuated, they are now maintained at a very healthy level.

In recognition of the above and following the success in the Summer Reading challenge the Library has received another award from NYCC for "Outstanding Achievement." This award will be proudly displayed alongside the certificates we won last year.



Alan Simpson and Patsy Simpson receiving the award from Craven District Council

A big thank you to John Hewitt and the merry team of volunteers who have steered The Home Library Delivery Service from strength to strength.

Another big thank you to all of you who support our social events, to the 100 Club members, to the schools who support the Reading Challenge and a special thank you to the Volunteers who have made the Library such a success and without whom we wouldn't have a Library.

Pilates New Year

Bee Faulkner

Contemporary mat and standing Pilates classes with Bee Faulkner:

After the Christmas break, we're resuming on 8 January for a 7 week block up to February half term. Pilates (mixed ability): Tuesdays 10am and Friday 9am; Beginners Pilates Fridays 10.30am; Standing and Seated Pilates with Qigong Tuesdays 11.30am. For further information, contact Bee on 0777 898 0994. visit https://gargravevillagehall.org.uk/pilates/ find on Facebook: BeeActive Pilates Qigong.

Classical Pilates classes with Cate Davies are held on Tuesdays as follows: 2pm 'Mixed Ability' in the Annexe, 6pm 'Beginner Athletic' and 7.05pm 'Intermediate Athletic' both in the Main Hall. All classes are bookable in blocks in advance only. For further info or contact Cate on 079 5533 8775 or visit: https://www.facebook.com /catedaviespilates/?hc_ref=NEWSFEED

Thank you for helping the homeless this winter

Sarah Curtis

Many, many thanks to all those who participated or supported this years charity of helping the homeless through the St Georges Crypt in Leeds. The impressive sum of £1,140 was raised at the coffee morning held on November 24th at the Village Hall .

As well as supporting such a worthy cause, this event was hugely enjoyable with something to suit all ages. We were entertained with music from the handbell ringers and the Village Choir, as well as delightful ballet dancing from Jaki's pupils.

The stalls were varied and many with activities and games for children and plenty of coffee and mince pies for those who simply wanted to sit and chat !

Thank you on behalf of the churches together and Christians in Gargrave.

WANTED! Any surplus Christmas gifts!

Tony Wimbush

Sue Lvall

Following on from the popular Christmas Fayre 'Christians in Gargrave' will be holding a Village Spring Fayre on 13th April. Any surplus Christmas gifts such as chocolate, biscuits, wine, toiletries or whiskey! would be gratefully appreciated for their Raffle, Tombola and other stalls. Please give to Joan or Tony Wimbush or Sarah Curtis at the 10-45 Sunday morning service. Thank you!

Gargrave Heritage Group

We've have received £2,205.58 from the Co-op Community Fund, so a huge thank you to everyone who has supported us – the lovely staff at the Gargrave branch and, most importantly, the people who shop there. This fund is an excellent way to help local organisations, so whenever you use your membership card, 1% of what you pay for Co-op own brand products goes to your nominated cause. We want to encourage all Co-op shoppers to join this excellent scheme, get a membership card and help your local community, as well as saving money for yourselves.

Allan Morris, the Gargrave Branch Manager, presented the cheque to members of the Heritage Group on 24 November.



The money raised will be used to support our on-going projects – making a permanent display for the ancient stones in the church and writing a history book about Gargrave's contribution to the First World War.

Our event "For the Fallen" on 20 October was very much enjoyed by all who attended the daytime exhibition and the concert in the evening. The luncheon club paid for the flowers which decorated the porch and the church. Many thanks to Norma and her team for providing all day refreshments and to Joan for organising the concert. With the money raised, £100 was donated to the visiting choir, The Fairfax Singers and £500 to the church towards the tower restoration fund.

Craven Lawn Tennis Club

Beth Whitley

Craven Lawn Tennis Club in Gargrave held their Annual Presentation Evening on Friday 23rd November 2018 at Herriots Hotel in Skipton with an excellent turnout of members and players following a highly successful season at the Club. It is hoped in 2019 that the Club will field both an additional Men's Doubles and Ladies Doubles team in the Bradford Parks League in addition to the existing 4 Mixed Doubles Teams and Men's & Ladies Doubles teams. Anyone interested in joining the Club is asked to contact Club Secretary, Beth Whitley, at secretary@craventennis.org.uk - winter memberships are available for play on the 3 new All Weather Courts recently installed.



Award winners: Ron Bell (President's Day Cup), Sally Clarke (President's Day Cup & Joint Winner of Vera Fell Trophy), Hugh Sissling (John Hill Cup), Philippa Murgatroyd (Joint Winner of Vera Fell Trophy), Graeme Southam (Joan Wilson Cup) and Hon President Trevor Dixon.

Coniston Cold Young Farmers news

Sam Dawson

In November the Young Farmers enjoyed lots of activities, Judging, bowling, bonfires and public speaking.

The club achieved particular success at the District Public speaking competition which was held at Rathmell primary school. In the junior reading team, Mary Throup, Isla Dawson and Ruby Stapleton came 2nd. In the junior chair group Sam Emmott placed 3nd and Megan Walton placed 4th. In the Junior speaking group in 1st place Sarah-Jane Haggas and 2nd was Millie Brennan. In the junior vote of thanks Alice Walton placed 3rd. In the Brainstrust chairman group, 1st place went to Jed Shepherd and 3rd place to Rob Schofield and in the Brainstrust panel, 1st place were Gemma Darwin, Charlotte Lambert and Matthew Ashworth. Overall the club placed 2nd and as a result of this will be heading to the county finals in January.

More recently the young farmers visited Moor Laithe Farm where the Wrathall's hosted judging of chocolate cakes and Cull cows. In December young farmers are looking forward to their annual whist drive and Jacobs join at Tottie Hall.

P Riverside Tai Chi Qigong news

Bee Faulkner

Our last session of 2018 had an unpropitious start in the grey damp foggy cold December morning. Then, during our silk reeling warm up exercises, a hint of the sun started shining through and the grey gradually dissipated to show the blue behind. And soon the morning was transformed: with the sunshine sparkling through the dewdrops suspended on the willows overhanging the river; and the low winter sun reflecting so beautifully off the waves of the full fast flowing river. And there we were, moving away through the Shabashi (set of 18) exercises, at one with our surroundings, feeling refreshed and rejuvenated – another lovely start to the week.

We're resuming meeting weekly, after the Christmas break, on Monday 7 January. The 9.30am group is followed by a beginners group at 10.40am All are welcome to join in at our sheltered spot between the war memorial and the river, on Gargrave's Water Street Green BD23 3LY. For further information contact Bee on 0777 898 0994 or find us on Facebook: BeeActive Pilates Qigong.

News from Gargrave Village Hall

The celebrations to commemorate the opening of the Village Hall back in 1959 are now fast approaching and the first event to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Village Hall will take place on Friday February 15th when Gargrave and Malhamdale Library will show a film produced in 1959. Carton Brown of the foreign office is a British comedy film made by the Boulting Brothers. It features Terry Thomas in the lead role as an inept foreign office diplomat. Peter Sellers and Luciana Paluzzi also star. A Pathe News reel from 1959 will also be featured.

The seventeen piece Swing City Big Band will be playing at the Hall on Saturday 16th February, reliving the golden days of Big band music.

Vintage singer Hattie Bee will be complimenting the anniversary weekend and will be performing on Sunday afternoon the 17th February. We are especially delighted that Hattie is able to join in the celebrations as she is a former member of the Pantomime group and lived in Gargrave until quite recently. Hattie (Harriet) was one of the leading junior performers of the group and also a script writer. Nineteen year old Hattie has studied musical theatre at Leeds City College and she is currently studying screen writing at a Lancashire University. Harriet performs at some of the most prestigious Vintage events in the country so we look forward to welcoming her back to the Village Hall where her musical career first began!

FARMING ON SCALEBER HILL

John Hall

The remembrance services for the ending of the first war a hundred years ago have given many families room for thought.

The Farmers Guardian has printed several letters where readers have given information regarding the experiences of grandfathers during the first war. In my case it was my father who was involved. In so many cases, due to the horrors of the battlefield, many would not mention what they had been through. In my case once I could bring him into conversation he would spend hours reliving life in the trenches.

Born in Roeburndale above Lancaster into a farming dale, as the lads reached 18 they were conscripted into the forces. He and all his mates were called up to the East Lancs Regiment. The so-called War Committee instructed all girls to work the farms with ageing fathers.Not only were fit young men taken, all the young fit horses were taken for the gun carriages in France. If a good horse was seen in town it would be commandeered there and then, taken out of the shafts, drop the harness into the cart and left to get home as you like. As they were fit lads due to their work, a couple of weeks square bashing and they were on their way.

Crossing the channel they hit a severe gale and were sea sick, not a very good start. It was then many months of stalemate in the trenches gaining a little ground and then being pushed back for months. Food was very scarce, living weeks on weco porridge. That was the farming term of flaked maize. Seeing flashes of film from the war and remembering conversations with my father brings home the reality of the times.

As for my father in law, he joined the army at sixteen, telling the officers he was 18, at the outbreak of war. He went through the whole of the first war in the artillery. His job was to handle a group of six horses to tow the heavy guns. Ride the front one and lead the others. During the last onslaught, with three lines of guns, his job was to bring the back gun through the line to the front. Twice a shell killed the horse he was sat on, and he survived.

Both my father and father in law were gassed during the conflict and never really got over the damaged lungs, but never complained. Life for my father was not easy, the farm dilapidated, the horses on which he depended were old as the army took all the best. Twenty years later they had to survive another world war, as my father was one of eleven there was no help from home as times were hard. Back from the war started with a few sheep and poultry but secured the tenancy of Scaleber in 1933. No electric, no running water. I have had the opportunity to follow on at Scaleber and to make many changes.

Both men were elated when Britain joined the EU as they thought it would stabilise Europe.

After all they went through I wonder what they would say about Brexit.

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER AND GARGRAVE – THE SAINT OF THE DALES

Captain Cuttle

Anglo-Saxon Attitudes

Part two:

Robert's father, who was possibly called Earnwine, was the rector of this settlement. Up to the middle of the twelfth century it was normal for secular priests (as opposed to monks) to be married. His church may have been built of material from the Roman villa downstream, just as the stone of the surviving Saxon church at Escomb, near Bishop Auckland in County Durham, was scavenged from a nearby Roman fort. Escomb has an inscription Leg VI, showing that the fort was occupied by the Sixth Legion. Perhaps our church was similar in design.

It is not known what the baby Robert's given name was. He was unlikely to have been called Robert, because it was a Norman name and the Normans were hated because of what had happened not many years earlier. Questions arose. How did this boy become a student of theology in Paris? Why did he return to succeed his father as rector? Why did he go to Whitby to become a Benedictine monk? Why did he join a group who left the relative comfort of their monastery to survive as best they could in a wilderness? And why are there dedications to his memory in Ada, Michigan, and Shorewood, Wisconsin?

One Saturday, I was researching about him in Durham University library and after it closed walked across one of the Wear bridges to the cathedral, perhaps my favourite place in the world.

I fell into conversation with a clergyman in the Galilee chapel, where rest the remains of Bede, our first English historian and my fellow native of Wearside. Wearmouth monastery, where he was educated, was built by Benedict Biscop, and it was part of its territory that gave the name to Sunderland - the land sundered, or separated, from the monastery because it was on the other side of the Wear.

The Saxon aristocrat Benedict and his friend Wilfrid had huge influence on the early medieval Christian church. Wearmouth became famous throughout Europe for the scholarship of Bede, who was educated there..

I told this retired priest, a volunteer attendant, about my research and he said: "Wait here a few moments". To my surprise, I shortly found myself behind the red ropes in the cathedral library as a privileged guest.

It occurred to me that Robert himself would have walked where I had on the banks of the Wear, as well as along the Aire through our village, and almost certainly he would have attended services in the cathedral, perhaps saying his own Mass there. He also had a good friend in the person of St Godric, a hermit at Finchale, just a couple of miles down the river towards Sunderland.

Work began on the cathedral in 1093 and it was largely completed within his lifetime. It is likely that he and his brethren would have stayed at the monastery, or priory, as they made the journey mentioned later.

The cathedral is one of the ironies of this story. The Normans decided to build a church to the Greater Glory of Christ, the Blessed Mary the Virgin and St Cuthbert, shortly after they had condemned thousands of people to death by devastating the entire north. It was as much a political statement as religious. There was no fixed boundary with Scotland and this uncertainty led to much destruction and grief - to Robert in particular.

The breathtaking beauty of the cathedral, voted in a BBC nationwide poll to be the country's best-loved building, could not be a greater contrast to the condition of the north only a few years before its construction.

This devastation was one reason why some religious radicals decided to move into Yorkshire: few people to bother them; plenty of space, and they loved solitary places. They were monks who had been Benedictines - followers of the rule of St Benedict of Nursia - and had become disenchanted with the way the rule was being practised. They were sent by their leader Bernard, the most admired churchman in Europe, from Clairvaux Abbey in France and in 1132 began to build their own abbey at Rievaulx, near Helmsley in the North York Moors. They were the first Cistercians in the north. I've just discovered that in the last few months the Trappists of Mount St Bernard Abbey in Leicestershire have started brewing and marketing their own special beer, like a number of abbeys in other countries. It's called Tynt Meadow. I must sample some.

Next month: Lost for words.

TWO WORLDS COLLIDING – THE SECULAR AND THE SACRED

Tony Wimbush

"What if the primary reality of the universe is not matter? What if there is another quality, which is so fundamental that it actually pervades matter, and matter is actually a manifestation of it? What if this other quality also pervades living beings, and all non-living things, so that they are always interconnected" Steve Taylor (1)

A map and a lens

We all have what is called a "worldview", whether we have thought about it or not. Our worldview is our image of reality, what we understand as real and what is possible. Colloquially, our worldview is our "big picture" of the way things are. We acquire it simply through the process of growing up within in any given culture: through socialisation within our families, our education systems and within our wider culture through our experiences of things like work, religion and mass media. Our worldview is not only our image of reality, it's also a lens through which we see reality. What we are prepared to accept and entertain will be determined by the extent it fits in with our worldview, so it shapes our sense of reality as well. As a fundamental picture of reality a worldview is like a map laid over reality, conditioning both our experience and understanding. It determines our relationship with reality as we pay attention to what it tells us is real. Our worldview is embedded within us and it is largely unconscious in the way it influences what and how we see things. In fact, some would say, whether we consider ourselves religious or not, that it is effectively a belief system, and even, dare it be said, a faith!

Two kinds of worldview

Of course, there are many worldviews, as many as there are cultures and subcultures. At a very foundational level here in the West there are two primary kinds: a secular worldview and a religious worldview.

Put simply, in a religious worldview there is a "MORE". In addition to the visible world of our ordinary experience and disclosed by science there is a "MORE", that is a non-material level of reality, an extra dimension of reality. This view is shared by all the enduring religions of the world. The "MORE" has been named in various ways: God, Spirit, the Sacred, Yahweh, the Tao, Allah, Brahman, Atman, and, more recently, as Ground of Being, Ultimate Reality and Consciousness. Essential to this view are two primary claims. First, in addition to the visible material world there is another reality charged with energy, power, meaning and connection. Moreover, this reality, this "other world", is the source

or ground of "this world". Second, this "other world" is not just an article of belief, but an element of experience. This notion of reality does not have its origin in pre-scientific speculation about the origin of things, in anxiety about death, the existence of an afterlife or the need for protection and survival. It is grounded in the religious experience of humankind. It is not merely believed in but experientially KNOWN! Further this "other world" is not completely separate but intersecting. In every culture there are men and women who experience union or communion with this "other world", the world of Spirit. Those who experience it frequently and vividly often become prophets, healers, shamans, guides or mystics.

In contrast, in a secular, non-religious worldview there is no "MORE". There is only "this world" - the space -time world of matter and energy and whatever natural forces lie behind or beyond it. Born in the Enlightenment of the seventeenth century this view sees reality as having essentially one dimension, the visible and the material realm. This is now the dominant worldview in modern Western culture and is often referred to as modernity. Put simply, this is a building block, billiard board view of reality. Deeply ingrained in us this worldview makes us sceptical about any other reality. For most people, believing in another reality requires "faith" popularly understood as affirming that which on other grounds is doubtful! Any nonmaterial reality is alien to the modern way of thinking. There are no higher levels of reality, no different dimensions. Human beings do not have souls or spirits, and even our minds and consciousness are products of our brain. Even forms of energy (such as mechanical, thermal, and kinetic) are regarded as properties of material objects. Matter is the primary or fundamental substance and all phenomena can be explained in terms of the interaction of matter, including mental phenomena.

A new vision of reality!

But the reality of the "other world" deserves to be taken seriously. Intellectually and experientially there is much to commend it. The primary intellectual objection to it flows from a rigid application of the modern worldview's definition of reality. But the modern view is one of a large number of humanely constructed maps of reality. It is historically the most recent and impressive because of the degree of control it has given us; but it is no more an absolute map of reality than any other of the previous maps. All are relative, products of particular histories and cultures; and the modern one, like its predecessors will be superseded. Already there are signs of its eclipse. Ironically it is science, not religion, which is leading the way in abandoning the modern view in its popular form. At macro and micro levels, reality behaves in strange ways that stretch the popular worldview beyond its limits. The "old map" is being left behind and a post-material view of reality is evolving in much the same way that the Enlightenment paved the way to the decline of traditional religious belief throughout medieval Europe. Out of the colliding worlds of modern science and religious tradition a new vision of a sacred, interconnected world appears to be emerging!

Much of the above is from a religious perspective courtesy of Marcus Borg (1942-2015). He is best known as, perhaps, one of the clearest, most accessible and insightful Jesus scholars of this century. His mystical experiences were influential to his writing and lecturing. In a future article we will take a scientific-spiritual perspective on reality adapted from Steve Taylor's latest book (1). He is a lecturer in psychology at Leeds Beckett university who has extensively researched and written on spiritual transformation.

Acknowledgements: Adapted from 'Days of Awe and Wonder - How to Be a Christian in the 21st Century', Marcus J Borg (2017) and (1) quoted from 'Spiritual Science - Why science needs spirituality to make sense of the world', Steve Taylor (2018).

GARGRAVE PRE-SCHOOL

Judith Metcalfe

We have had a busy run up to Christmas. We did our nativity in pre-school with lots of mums, dads, grandmas and grandads watching. Our pre-school children were fantastic; some super singing, with some of our older ones having something to say. Well done to all; and many thanks to everyone for watching.



We will also be performing our nativity for the residents of Neville House. Penny came to visit us with 2 donkeys which the children loved. They stroked them and they were really soft and very friendly. Dexter the dog was dressed up in his Christmas jumper and hat. Kanga sports have been continuing their visits, and this term we have been doing dance. The children have loved this; lots of dancing to Christmas tunes and, of course, baby shark.

We will have had our Christmas party with fun and games and hopefully a visit from Father Christmas.

NEW £2-MILLION BIBLE-AND-ART WEBSITE

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If you want to enjoy art with your Bible reading, then visit the stunning new £2million Bible-and-art website, 'The Visual Commentary on the Bible' (https://thevcs.org/) which was launched late last year.

'The Visual Commentary on the Bible' matches three works of art with passages of Scripture. Each triptych has been chosen by a theologian or an art historian (so far, there are 44 listed on the site), who also provides a short commentary on the picture, relating it to the Bible verses. The images on the site are high-resolution, and with the powerful zoom facility, users can enjoy the artworks in great detail.

So far, there are 50 completed triptychs, or 'exhibitions', and another 50 await copyright permissions. In the next seven years, it is hoped that the number will grow to 1500.

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Dep. Skipton 0826, arr/dep. Gargrave 0831 towards Carlisle. Dep. Carlisle 1619, arr/dep. Gargrave 1816 towards Leeds.

Public Transport leaving Gargrave Compiled by Peter Hardyman 10 December 2018

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TRAINS from Gargrave FROM 9 DEC 2018. STOP PRESS: Also 1816 To Skipton (M-Sat)

 To Skipton (arrives approx. 5 mins later) & Leeds (arrives approx 50 mins later)

 Mon-Fri
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NOTES: (1. Change at Skipton) 2. <u>Not Settle</u>; change at Lancaster for Carlisle 3. Change at Hellifield 4. Terminates Ribblehead 5. Change at (or via) Lancaster for Morecambe.

<u>As of 9 Dec:</u> there are no planned engineering works to affect Gargrave trains during January. <u>That may change</u>. <u>Check with northern railway</u>. For live info on next 2 trains text GARGRAVE to 84950, or go to <u>www.rail.co.uk/live-arrivals-departures/</u>

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 (M is from Malham)

 M-Fri*
 0820 0910 0955 1055 1057M⁷ 1155 1255 1355 1357M⁷ 1455 1555
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 Saturday 0905++
 1100++ 1200 1300++ 1400 1500++

 To Malham (arrives ~ 25mins later) (Services 75, 210/ 211)

 Mon-Fri* [210/211]
 1000⁷

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