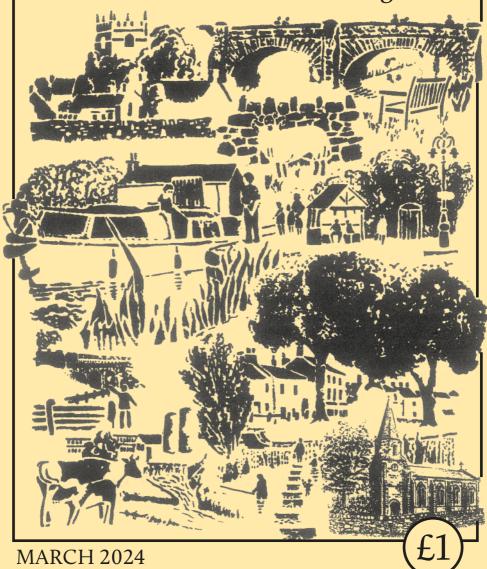
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Parish Magazine -



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Gymnastics (5+)—Mon and Wed, 4-6.30pm, info@ambitionsgymnastics.com **Rainbows** (5+)—Tue 5-6pm, Primary School

Brownies (7+)—Tue 6.15-7.30pm, Primary School, malhamdalebrownies@gmail.com **Guides** (10+)—Tue 7.30-9pm, Primary School, gargraveguides@gmail.com **Young Farmers Club—Coniston Cold**, Tues 7.30pm, Sarah Hargreaves, 01729 830123

Lunch Club, Neville Crescent Community Centre, 2nd Wed each month, 12.30pm, Carol 748990

Bowls—outdoor, Mar to Oct, Gargrave Bowling Club, Martyn Cox, 07745 018 459 **Bowls—indoor**, Oct to Mar, Tues & Thurs 2-4pm, Joan Griffin, 749277

Cricket—Gargrave Cricket Club, [contact details tbc]

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Pilates—Classical, Zoom Mon 9 & 10.15 am, Village Hall Tues 6 & 7pm Wed 7pm Thurs 9, 10 & 11.15 am, Cate Davies 079 5533 8775

Tennis and Croquet—Craven Lawn Tennis Club, Beth Whitley 749664, www.craventennis.org.uk

Table Tennis—Gargrave Village Hall Annexe, most weekends, Allison Wiffen, 07880520071

Tai Chi & Qigong—Village Hall, Wed 1pm. Ian Cresswell. See https://gargravevillagehall.org.uk

Tai Chi Qigong—Green by War Memorial, Wed & Thurs 9.30am, Zoom Mon 9am, Zoom Fri 9am (with **Pilates**), Bee Faulkner, 07778 980994, www.beeactivebeerelaxed.com **Gentle Hatha yoga**—See https://gargravevillagehall.org.uk

Art—Gargrave Art Group—Village Hall, Mon 1-3.30pm, Bev Parker 749910 **Bell Ringing**—St Andrew's, Mon 7.30pm, Sun 10.00am, Ali Lucas, 07921 970961 **Handbell Ringers**—St Andrew's, Wed 2 - 4pm (not all Wed; phone to check). Cynthia Hardyman 748839

Bingo—Neville Crescent Community Centre, Mondays 1.30-4pm, Carol 748990 **Gargrave Heritage Group**—Tues 10am, St Andrew's Church, Martin Thompson, 01756 541317

Gargrave Community Library—email admin@gargravelibrary.co.uk, Patsy Simpson 749489. Opening hours: Mon, 3pm-5pm; Tues, 10am-12pm; Wed, 2pm-4pm; Thurs, closed; Fri, 2pm-4pm; Sat, 10am-12pm; Sun, closed.

Craft and Chat—St Andrew's, Tues 2pm, Sylvia Humphreys 748779

Parish Council Meeting—Village Hall side room, 1st Wed of the month

Snooker Club—Village Hall Snooker Annex, every day, Stewart Smith 749340 **Gargrave 22 Group**—Village Hall, 2nd Wed in month, 7 for 7.30pm, Glenys Riley 07715 878709



Sarah Bottomley Magazine contributions and adverts

This magazine is produced by St Andrew's Church for the benefit of the whole community of Gargrave & Coniston Cold parishes. We welcome short articles, news, notices of events, anecdotes, announcements, obituaries, letters & photos, free of charge, subject to space and relevance.

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COLLARED!

Revd Andrew Steer

Wilderness experiences

There aren't many true wilderness areas left in our world - wild, unexplored areas which are often unmapped and inhospitable. Perhaps the nearest I have been was in the Scottish Highlands when a friend and I went 'off piste' and we found ourselves in a strange and eerie landscape with the sound of running water beneath the very ground we stood on. I wondered if I was the very first person to ever stand on this ground (and not fall through!). Thankfully we eventually found the right path and got back to solid ground.

Wilderness can be frightening - think about JMW Turner's brooding painting of Goredale Scar, and equally inspiring. Prior to the Victorians and before the age of easy travel, most people believed that wilderness areas were inhabited by scary monsters and evil spirits. Nowadays, we see a great surge in popularity for the outdoors which makes true wilderness even harder to experience (if you've ever slogged up a mountain to find every summit shelter and seat full of people and queues to the trig point you'll know what I mean.)

Most of us have experienced our own wilderness these last few years – first through the pandemic and the strange world that took us into, and latterly in the uncertainty of life today with wars and threats of wars. Post Brexit Britain is an uncertain place with beloved institutions such as the NHS and local government going through extraordinarily difficult times, and huge changes in society itself.

Jesus was often to be found in the Judean wilderness - escaping the crowds to seek solitude and find rest as well as spending long periods of time in prayer. After his baptism He was 'led by the Spirit' into the wilderness for 40 days of fasting and solitude to prepare for some huge temptations. Whether it was literally 40 days or just that the Bible often uses the phrase "40 days" as an idiom, we cannot be certain, but this is the root of the church's marking of the 40 days of Lent before the huge celebration of Easter. Having cleared out our cupboards of all the rich goodies on Shrove Tuesday, we prepare for a time of greater focus and discipline in our lifestyle by either giving something up or even taking on something new - some good works or acts of kindness. Lent was traditionally the time when people had to eke out their winter food stores before the new harvest was due.

In church we are following a Lent meditation on wilderness with a book entitled 'Journeying with God in the wilderness' which takes another wilderness journey as our template - the 40 year wandering of Israel in the wilderness as recorded in the book of Numbers. As Israel sojourned in the wild deserts of Sinai and the plains of Moab, they had to learn to put their trust in God's provision. This provision was never indulgent and never inadequate – it was always just enough. Every day the people ate and drank adequately – perhaps something most of us might frown upon, in our society of plenty and luxury. (Imagine Marks and Spencer launching a new range of meals called 'adequate' – I suspect it wouldn't sell too well!).

If you feel that you are in your own wilderness, wandering without a map and compass, alone and afraid, worrying about what is around the next corner, then perhaps you might like to join us? We have three wonderful and welcoming church families in our area (we are the Upper Aire Benefice) – all journeying towards Easter, all trying to find God and all trying to live more fully with God at the centre. We are all ordinary people who often take the wrong path but who work together to traverse the wilderness of this life into the promised land.

New Editorial Team

Your new editorial team from **April** will be Sheila Bloomfield, Eunice Padley, and Peter Poulter. We are happy to have this opportunity to work with the community and the church to keep the magazine alive and promote it within the Gargrave Parish. We would like to say a massive "Thank You" to Clare and Sarah for editing the magazine for the past year. We know we have big shoes to fill.

Thus far, we have met with the current editors and church financial team to discuss responsibilities and ways to move forward. Due to spiralling printing costs, we must take steps to ensure that the magazine remains viable. The price of the magazine will not increase; in the future there will be 10 magazines per year and the subscription rate will be £10 per annum. The Christmas issue will cover December and January. We will continue to include local news and events as well as popular articles, but readers will notice that some articles will be shorter and the magazine will have fewer photos and graphics. Over the next few weeks we will contact our regular contributors to introduce ourselves and to discuss priorities as we move into our new roles. We would also like to see an increase in subscriptions as this would allow us to produce a more robust magazine, and we hope that our readers will encourage their friends and neighbours to subscribe.

We are looking forward to editing the magazine.

Sheila, Eunice and Peter.

2024 Parish Magazine Subscription now due

We do hope that readers have enjoyed the magazine over the past year and have found it informative.

An envelope is enclosed with this magazine so that you can renew your annual subscription. This year there will be ten copies, so the cost will be ± 10 . It was decided that for December and January there would be a combined magazine.

It would be very much appreciated if you could return your subscription envelope to your deliverer before Thursday 21st March to ensure that you receive future copies.

New subscribers are always welcome. Contact Helen Wilson on 748977 or by email

helen thunder bay@hotmail.com

DIARY FOR MARCH

Coniston Cold

Sun 3	Compline Evensong, 4pm, Church. Bring and share tea after 4pm Service.			
Sun 10	Prayer Book Communion, 4pm, Church.			
Sun 17	Compline Evensong, 4pm, Church.			
Sun 24	Prayer Book Communion, 9.30am, Church.			
Sun 31	No Service (5th Sunday)			

Gargrave

Fri 1	Gargrave show annual supper dance. Village Hall. Further details and
	ticket sales - 01756 749320.

Sat 2	Coffee morning in aid of Sudan (see ad) 10:30-12 St Andrew's Church Book Fair . 10.a.m to 4.p.m. Village Hall.Refreshments available until 3.p.m. 50p admission.				
Sun 3	BCP Holy Communion , 8am, Church. Breakfast, 10.30am, followed by 11am Family Service, Church.				
Mon 4	Coffee morning (every Monday), 10.30am – 12pm, Church.				
Tues 5	Craft and Chat (every Tuesday), 2pm, Church.				
	Indoor bowls every Tuesday and Thursday through to April, 2pm – 4pm, Village Hall.				
Wed 6	Parish Council meeting. 7.15.p.m. Village Hall Annexe.				
Thurs 7	Indoor bowls every Tuesday and Thursday through to April, 2pm – 4pm, Village Hall.				
Fri 8	Coffee morning (every Friday), 10am – 12pm, Neville Crescent Common Room. Coffee and biscuits £1.				
	Picnic Supper Dance with live music from the group Silhouette. 7.30.p.m -11.p.m. Village Hall. £6 admission.				
Sun 10	Matins, 8am, Church.				
	Sung Eucharist, 11am, Church. Mothering Sunday				
	Gargrave Village Hall Management Committee Collectable and Craft				
	Fair. 9.30.a.m to 3.30.p.m.Village Hall. Light refreshments available until				
	3.p.m. 50p admission.				
Mon 11	Coffee morning (every Monday), 10.30am – 12pm, Church.				
Tues 12	Craft and Chat (every Tuesday), 2pm, Church.				
	Indoor bowls every Tuesday and Thursday through to April, 2pm – 4pm, Village Hall.				
Thurs 14	Indoor bowls every Tuesday and Thursday through to April, 2pm – 4pm, Village Hall.				
Fri 15	Coffee morning (every Friday), 10am – 12pm, Neville Crescent Common Room. Coffee and biscuits £1.				
Sun 17	BCP Holy Communion, 8am, Church.				
	Morning Worship, 11am, Church				
Mon 18	Coffee morning (every Monday), 10.30am – 12pm, Church.				
Tues 19	Indoor bowls every Tuesday and Thursday through to April, 2pm – 4pm, Village Hall.				
Thurs 21	Indoor bowls every Tuesday and Thursday through to April, 2pm – 4pm, Village Hall.				
Fri 22	Coffee morning (every Friday), 10am – 12pm, Neville Crescent Common Room. Coffee and biscuits £1. Library film show. Village Hall.7pm for 7.30.p.m "The Great Escaper"				

Sat 23	Provisional date - Gargrave Village Hall Management Committee				
	jointly with Gargrave Library Coffee morning. 10.a.m - Noon.Village				
	Hall.Bacon sandwiches and homemade cakes.Raffle, book and bric a brac				
	stall. Please check the Craven Herald Village News,Hall noticeboard and				
	website nearer the time to see if the date is confirmed or call 07989				
	585564.				
	Saturday Praise 6:45-8pm Church. Starts with tea/coffee and then about 1 hour of prayer and praise. All welcome.				
Sun 24	BCP Holy Communion, 8am, Church.				
	Family Communion, 11am, Church. Palm Sunday				
Mon 25	Coffee morning (every Monday), 10.30am – 12pm, Church.				
Tues 26	Indoor bowls every Tuesday and Thursday through to April, 2pm – 4pm,				
	Village Hall.				
Thurs 28	Indoor bowls every Tuesday and Thursday through to April, 2pm – 4pm, Village Hall.				
	Ash Wednesday -plus stripping of the altar. 7pm Church				
Fri 29	Coffee morning (every Friday), 10am – 12pm, Neville Crescent Common Room. Coffee and biscuits £1.				
	Good Friday - walk in the dales (see ad)				
	2pm Reflective Service in Church				
Sat 30	Craft and Chat Coffee Morning plus stalls 10-12 Entrance £3 (see ad)				
Sun 31	No 8am Service - 5th Sunday				
	11am Easter Communion.				
	Broadway Fairs Flea Market and Craft Fair. 9.30.a.m to 3.30.p.m.Village				
	Hall.Refreshments available until 3.p.m. 50p admission.				

St Andrew's church is aware that many people from marginalised groups have experienced discrimination in churches for reasons of race, gender or sexuality. To counter this the Parochial Church Council has agreed the following:

St Andrew's offers everyone a warm and open welcome where all are included; a place of belonging and connection."

EVENTS

Share a prayer with St Andrew's Church

Each morning at 9.00 a small group of people meet in S Andrew's to pray for the church and the village. You are welcome to join them. Either come along to church,

or maybe just pause for a moment, wherever you are, and share a prayer. This picture by the French artist Jean-François Millet shows a couple stopping their field work to pray when they hear the Angelus bell from the distant church. If prayer is not a word you use, then just

pause and reflect in your own way hopefully and lovingly for the life we share in our community.

Each month our prayer will focus on a particular part of the parish.

In March we will be praying for residents and businesses in Church Street, Church Lane and Riverside.

Craven Conservation Group event, 21st March 7:30pm Craven Conservation Group presents:

Assessing Ecological Richness in the Yorkshire Dales using audio, video, and visual data by Dave Melling and Rob Pheasant, Soundscape Project Researchers St John's Methodist Church, Church St, SETTLE, BD24 9JH Entrance: members: FREE! non-members: £5:

Gargrave Show Supper Dance

The annual fundraising supper dance is being held on Friday 1st March in Gargrave Village Hall from 7:30pm – 11.30pm. A carving buffet will be followed by dancing to Denis Westmorland. There will be a raffle. Tickets cost £17.50 each and can be reserved by calling Lisa Hall on 01756 749320.

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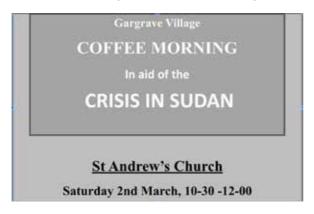
Zoe Pickup

Craft and Chat Coffee Morning

Felicity Richardson

Craft and Chat Group will be holding a coffee morning on Saturday, 30th March between 10 and 12.00 in St Andrew's Church. There will be a Craft table, a Baking Stall and a Chocolate Tombola. Entrance will be £3, to include a hot drink and a slice of cake. All profits to St Andrew's Church.

SUDAN – A CRISIS WITH FEW EQUALS! The Leeds Diocese, of which St Andrew's is a part, has strong links with the Episcopal Church in Sudan. The Rev Ian Wallace is co-chair of the Church Association for Sudan and South Sudan (CASSS.) His



recent report below gives an insight into the crisis there.

What wakes me at night are the faces of the people I have met in Sudan – people like you and me – who desperately want to live in peace, feed their families, get health care, and send their children to school. Since the conflict began last April

Sudan now has more than 6 million displaced people and has left much of the population on the brink of starvation. There are more children displaced in Sudan than anywhere in the world. Last year I watched as many thousands marched through London in protest at the situation in Gaza. Horrific as that situation is I am left wondering why no one is expressing similar concern and outrage at the situation in Sudan. Without doubt the level of civilian casualties in Sudan far surpasses anything happening in Ukraine or the Middle East.

Archbishop Ezekiel Kondo has drawn up a detailed 'Revival Response Programme' in these challenging circumstances to provide a channel for relief to be distributed through the Parishes.

Visit casss.org.uk for further information.



Here are the latest FREE online events from our environmental campaigning charity Victoria Benn

New - Friends 4 Friends

If you've ever wanted to know more about Friends of the Dales and its environmental campaigning work - now is your chance to find out! It is hosting a **social event** for non-members and supporters wanting to learn more on Wednesday 6 March. Existing members are welcome too as long as they bring a 'non member' friend with them!

Taking place at Gargrave Village Hall on **Wednesday 6 March (11am - 3pm)** there will be welcome refreshments, a short presentation, light complimentary lunch (donations welcome) followed by a guided, leisurely three mile circular walk.

There is absolutely no obligation to subscribe as a member at the event – it just offers an opportunity for anyone with a passion and interest in building a sustainable future for the Yorkshire Dales to get to know the charity better!

To book your place email: victoria.benn@friendsofthedales.org.uk

Online Talk: Connecting Young People to the Yorkshire Dales

Wednesday 20 March, 4.30pm

Meet one of Friends of the Dales Creative Campaigners – its group of passionate environmentalists aged 20-30. In this online talk Ruth Garrett will share the issues close to her heart as well as providing insight into the challenges faced by young people wanting to connect with or live in a National Park. In addition to supporting the charity's work, Ruth runs her own film production company, Kittiwake Productions and is an Ambassador for Campaign for National Parks (CNP). Ruth also created a short documentary on sustainable farming featuring former Friends of the Dales trustee, farmer Anthony Bradley, made possible with a CNP New Perspectives Bursary in 2022.

To book visit: www.friendsofthedales.org.uk/events

Library Film Nights



On **22nd March** we will be showing **The Great Escaper:** This film is based on the true story of an 89 year old WW2 veteran who walks out of his care home to attend the 70th anniversary in France of the D Day Landings. Moving and terrific performances from **Michael Caine and Glenda Jackson** in her final role.

The customary Cafe style seating will be in place, so please bring you own refreshments.

The Village Hall doors open at 7.00pm with the film starting at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5.00 on the Door with under 16s free. Sorry but we can only allow Guide Dogs into the Hall.All proceeds from the film nights go towards the running costs of the Community Library and the Library Committee thank you for your support.

Future film show dates are as follow:

- 26th April The Miracle Club
- 24th May Salmon Fishing in the Yemen

The 7th of March will see Pre-School children visiting the Library to celebrate **'World Book Day.'** John Frankland from the North Yorkshire Library Service will be on hand to read a story and the children will be encouraged to dress up as their favourite characters from literature.

World Book Day is celebrated in over 100 countries with the aim, in this age of 'Devices', to encourage children to explore the pleasure of books and reading. A provisional date of the 23^{rd} March has been set for our next joint coffee morning with the Village Hall Committee, but please check publicity material nearer the time for confirmation.



of time.

Settle Orchestra, Spring Concerts, 16 and 23 March



A Walk in the Dales

Paul McWhinney

For the last two years we have had a walk on Good Friday around some quieter parts of the area. I would like to extend an invitation to you to join us for a similar walk this year. You can avoid the Good Friday traffic, spend a great day outdoors, with opportunities to talk, reflect on the past year and look to the future, and perhaps see something different. The full circuit will be just under **14 miles** with **1125 feet** of ascent. The pace is quite relaxed. As before there will be opportunities (which many people have taken) to join later or to shorten your walk.

The route encompasses some quiet paths and gentle hills with beautiful views, and we hope you can join us on this walk. We will set off at 9am and finish before 5.30pm. A lift back up to Kirkby Malham at the end of the day will be available if you'd like to join us at lunchtime.

If you would like lunch at the Vic, please let me know by 25th March, so I can let them know approximate numbers. If you plan to join us on the walk, please let me know, for a rough idea of numbers. I can be direct messaged via Facebook.

Paul McWhinney <u>phm@mcwhinney.info</u> | 07973396948 on behalf of the churches of Gargrave, Coniston Cold, and Kirkby Malham.



AUCTION OF PROMISES.



When: Saturday 6 April, 2pm to 4pm

Where: Coulthurst Lodge Mark House Lane Gargrave

What: Bid by silent auction for an exciting range of events including a fabulous dinner party, afternoon tea, gardening advice, a round of golf, a celebration cake and much much more.

Offers of promises too please, contact Jo Ackroyd on 07702883067

Complimentary wine and cheese will be served, and all are welcome. All proceeds from the auction are for St Andrew's church.

Plant Sale in Aid of St Andrew's Church Funds

In early May we are planning the annual Summer Seat Plant Sale Please can you help by Popping a few seeds in a pot Putting some divided perennials in a pot Potting a few Summer Bulbs Donating anything unusual to add interest to the sale

Please add a label including the name of the flower, the colour and the variety. All offers will be gratefully accepted Dates and further details to follow in future issues of the Parish Magazine

Gargrave Art Exhibition 2024

Thursday 4th July - Sunday 7th July

Submission details available in May either in Parish Magazine or online:

www.gargraveart.uk

Thinking of volunteering? We'd love to hear from you!

gargravearts@gmail.com

Kirkby Malham Parish Hall Forthcoming Events

Revd Sue McWhinney

Film Night: Saturday 9 March at 7pm



'Top Gun: Maverick'
Tickets on the door £7
Veggie option, gluten free (advance notice please)
Bar Open
French Evening: Saturday 23 March
Menu: French Onion Soup, Coq au Vin, and Tarte au Citron

Tickets £18

Booking essential and by Wednesday 20 March

Please look out for news of other events including our regular Film Nights on village noticeboards and our FB page:

www.facebook.com/MalhamdaleParishHallKirkbyMalham

Any enquiries re events or bookings, please email Sue on

<u>malhamdaleparishhall@gmail.com</u> (note new email address) or call 07484 181699

NEWS

GNAT News (Gargrave Needs A Toilet!)

Bee Faulkner

GNAT is a community group set up in late 2019 when we heard our public loos here in Gargrave were due to be closed permanently at the end of the year. Hence GNAT was born, as many of us in the village and beyond couldn't bear the idea of this brilliant facility being closed. We are now in our fifth year of running the loos with no financial input from either Parish or County Council. Coin donations at the loos cover the water and sanitary bills, but are insufficient to fund cleaning. The funding to pay our two gallant cleaners comes from Standing Orders set up by supporters of the Loos. We are still looking for more people to contribute this way on a regular basis (eg £1+ per month) to help share the burden: please contact GNAT Chair Bee (07778 980994) or our GNAT Treasurer Allison (07880 520071).

Working Party at the Toilets, Monday 4 March at 2pm

Now's the time for us to tidy up the garden surrounding the loos after the winter, do some pruning and weeding, remove leaves from beneath the railings, spread some compost, clear the gutters, clean the doors etc. If you'd like to be involved, please just come along with some suitable equipment; for more info please contact Bee on 07778 980994. Any volunteers would be wholeheartedly welcome.

AGM for GNAT (Gargrave Needs A Toilet!...) on Friday 8 March at 6pm at 2

Riversway, Gargrave. All supporters of our village loos welcome. contact Bee on 07778 980994. We'll have a Bring and Share Jacob's Join meal together after the meeting.

Gargrave Open Gardens

Bee Faulkner

Date for your diary: **22nd and 23rd June 2024 (4th weekend of June).**

This year Gargrave Open Gardens Profits will be shared between our Parish Church and our local Hospices for adults (Sue Ryder Manorlands) and for children (Martin's House): this the result of extensive consultations with those involved in the event.

Bee and Duncan Faulkner are continuing as event coordinators for 2024, (Bee 07778 980994, Duncan 07979 304914). We are delighted to announce that Alison Lucas has accepted the role of Catering Chief for 2024, tel 07921 970961. *We could still do with a Marketing Masterminder and someone to be a link with the hospices - volunteers welcome.*

We'll be needing offers of gardens and help with catering and advertising as well as lots of visitors. *Please spread the word and do get in touch!*

Personal message from Caroline Thompson

I am pleased to announce that during 2023 I was able to raise £544.43 for the Sue Ryder Manorlands Hospice at Oxenhope. I was able to do this by selling a variety of

items from a stall at the Flea Market and Craft Fairs which are held at the Village Hall.

Special thanks are extended to anyone who has donated or purchased items through the past year, or simply popped a bit of loose change into the collecting tin. Your generosity can transform the last days of those in the care of the wonderful staff at Manorlands who enable families to spend precious time together.

The Hospice offers a range of support for people going through the most difficult times of their lives, from inpatient care to day services. Sue Ryder also provides Hospice at home care which helps people stay in their own home for longer and provides a respite for Carers. Bereavement support is also provided helping people manage their grief when they have lost a loved one.

We are very fortunate in having this wonderful facility in our area and every penny helps - literally. Thanks again to everyone.



Gargrave Church of England (VC) Primary School

'Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord'

LOVE, PEACE, HOPE

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We provide the National Curriculum with a focus on the core subject of English, Maths and Science. At school we believe that reading unlocks their learning and this is our core priority.

The pupils read at school and at home and are rewarded for regular reading. We use Little Wandle as the phonics programme and all the pupils make a flying start in

their reading.

We know that all pupils need a rounded curriculum in order to flourish. One of the popular subjects is French. Previously we have had a specialist teacher to lead, she now supports class teachers through a valuable resource called 'language angels'.

Mrs Driver supports staff development in meetings and pupils through enrichment. This year, she

spent a day in school celebrating Epiphany, the French way.

Here are Ash class enjoying this. In France, they celebrate through the sharing of a special bread. The oldest and youngest choose the order of distribution of pieces of the special bread. They all had to wait until everyone had a piece, then they could eat. Luck would come to those who had the golden coin. Easter is early this year and we wish all our community a lovely Easter.

St Andrew's Family Service Review - 4th Feb

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." (Today's theme from the bible)

There are times when I feel like a lie in on a Sunday morning. I'm glad I didn't today. This service was a humdinger - it really rocked.

How would you write the following in French? 13 E de net have a pen () I de not hove a robbe 3) 2 do not have a back 4) I do not have a glue stick. 51 I do not have any at annie

Peter Gardner

Sarah Peel

We were into Part 2 of a series looking at the relationship between grace, faith and works - and yes - this second one was about faith. First, though, we had a bit of a recap about grace, which you may recall is God's favour towards us. He wants the best for us and he's done all he can to promote our best interests, even though we don't deserve it.

Peter P and Pam B performed a brilliant sketch. Peter, doing his best impression of a male bag lady, (he's not like that in real life - honestly), wanted some flowers. Dahlias, tulips, etc. were what he was after, but Pam wanted to give him a rosebush and take his bags full of rubbish from him. Peter only wanted one rose. Pam wanted to give him an endless supply of roses. Peter wanted to pay. He just couldn't understand that the rosebush was free – yes – FREE, absolutely FREE, no payment needed, zero pounds and no, he didn't need to leave an IOU - and he could leave his rubbish with her. Peter- bless him - finally got the message and took the rosebush!

Did I mention it was free?

It was a modern parable. God really wants to give us salvation, forgiveness, eternal life and it's free - yes - FREE, absolutely FREE, and also, we get to leave our accumulated rubbish, the bad things in our life, with God, and start again without that burden. All <u>we</u> have to do is receive it.

Jen explained it beautifully. It's as if God in his grace, has given us the gift of salvation - and there it is, sitting on the table, all ready for us to take. But it doesn't do us any good sitting on the table. We have to <u>receive</u> the gift, take it, personally, individually. God won't force it on us. It's our choice whether we receive his gift or not and there is only one way to receive it. It's by believing that Jesus gave his life for us on the cross to make salvation available to us, personally, individually, by putting our trust in him.

Well, you know, the service all sort-of flowed together. Even the prayers and the songs somehow gelled and got the message over.

I'm really glad Peter got his rosebush - and I'm really glad I got my bacon and sausage sandwich. It was free you know.

Not lying-in that Sunday morning was definitely a good decision.

Chrysalis Arts Development is an arts organisation based in Gargrave that aims to help communities and artists respond to the climate emergency and connect with the natural world and their local environment.

We're planning to develop a new programme of activities and events at The Art Depot, our base in Gargrave, and would like to hear from anyone who might be interested in getting involved. Our aim is that the programme will combine creative sessions with developing ways in which local people can come together to reduce our carbon footprint and support biodiversity. These could range from waste management projects like recycling, upcycling, composting, repair workshops, sustainable craft and fun ways of tackling fast fashion, to gardening for wildlife and community growing initiatives, to new opportunities for developing environmental learning and creative skills.

We want to hear your ideas and suggestions and, to start things off, we're inviting anyone who might be interested to get in touch by emailing us at this address: rick@chrysalisarts.com. If there is sufficient interest, we'll set up an informal meeting—tea and cake provided—and, as an introduction, we'll share some of the work we've done in recent years. We'd also like to hear from any other local groups which might be interested in collaborating.

If you have any questions, please give us a ring on 07419 373571 or email us on: <u>rick@chrysalisarts.com</u>.

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An invitation to become a Friend of St Andrew's Church

Peter Poulter

St Andrew's is:

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- the contribution of personal gifts and skills;
- the financial expense of maintaining the life and work and the church building.

The parish has no financial support from the diocese and no endowment income. It is responsible for all the day-by-day costs and the upkeep of its historic building, and contributes realistically to the cost of ministry. In current terms this amounts to \pounds 70,000 each year.

There is a long history in Gargrave of people who recognised the importance of St Andrew's in the life of the village, even though they were not themselves regular members of the worshipping congregation. The Parochial Church Council is inviting you to share in that tradition by:

- being part of a volunteer resource offering time and skills to help with practical tasks in the life the church offers to the village community and around its buildings;
- making a regular financial contribution towards the annual costs.

I am willin	g to be a Friend of St Andrew's.
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gargravech	urchadmin@leeds.anglican.org THANKYOU!

Ahernes of Hellifield, Saturday opening hours

The Saturday opening hours are different to those shown in the advert on p.A14 of the central advert section. Saturday opening hours are now 9am–12pm.

News from the Village Hall

Caroline Thompson

Hopefully by the time this publication hits your letter boxes the Spring weather will have arrived. I am writing this piece as the wind howls and the snow mounts up steadily in the fields. I shall be breaking off shortly to move a sheep and its week-old lambs into the warmth and shelter of the barn. I may just join them as our boiler has broken down and it will certainly be warmer in there than it currently is in the house!

The poor weather has caused damage to yet another flag at the Village Hall. We have purchased a number over the past years ranging from top of the range to lesser priced ones and none withstand the strong winds for long, we have even tried strengthening the edges of them with special fabric but to no avail. The huge gusts we experienced at the start of the year literally left the last one in shreds so on the first calm day Robert and Stewart undertook the task of lowering both the flag and the pole itself. The intention of lowering the pole was to check if the internal pulley needed some servicing work but they found that the pole itself was in poor condition and the fibreglass damaged quite badly in a few places. Therefore, as safety is always paramount the flagpole was removed immediately. We had only decided weeks before that a flag would only be raised on special and official occasions, but we can still do this by using the small bracket above the front door of the hall.

We shall have held the AGM of Gargrave Village Hall Management committee by the time the Magazine is published and when I began to compile my Chairman's report for the year I initially felt we had not achieved as much as I would have liked, and we had been a little lapse on not chasing up on some projects and plans. However, on looking closer, I think we have not done too badly considering that we are all volunteers who have quite busy lives outside of the Village Hall work.

The major work in the year included the fitting of two new boilers which distribute heat to the Foyer, Library, side rooms, kitchen, main hall and stage. A new water boiler was also fitted which feeds the taps to the Foyer facilities. Roofing work was undertaken on the Snooker Hall and the two snooker tables were re-covered.

One of our committee members kindly took the time and trouble to provide an assessment to identify where we could make savings on energy. We took steps to remedy some issues, including boxing in and insulating the stage roof and in the process also removed a huge redundant fan from the back wall, blocking in the resulting gap. New LED ceiling lights were fitted in the main hall and sensor lights in the annexe corridors and outside the snooker hall. All small steps in our quest to become more energy efficient.

Our fantastic mural featuring the Village Hall logo now proudly overlooks the carpark and there are plans in the Spring to add further artwork to it. The masonry on the wall facing the car park was painted albeit in different shades – but that's another story! New Parking for Patron signs were fitted onto the wall to replace the old ones which were in a poor condition.

CCTV cameras have been installed to increase the general security at the hall and we continue to gather further information on the possible installation of solar panels. We have also been kept busy during the past year with organising lots of regular fund-raising Management Committee events, Dances, Collectable Fairs, Book Fairs and Coffee mornings. The latter of which we now run jointly with the amazing help of the library committee and for this we must give special thanks to Patsy, Jane, Cath and their fellow volunteers. We all enjoyed organising the Coronation tea in May when live music from the past six decades was played. Thus, a busy and productive year despite my earlier misgivings but imagine what we could have achieved had we followed up on everything we had discussed or planned to do. Hopefully this will be our aim during the next year or two. So, watch this space!!

Gargrave Bowling Club - Spring 2024 Update Martyn Cox

It seems strange writing about "summer bowls" when outside it is snowing quite heavily (but nothing compared to the volumes that John Hall recalled in his February farming article).

Although the bowling green closed in early October it has still been a busy time. We have had our Annual General Meeting at which the 2024 committee was appointed as well as new captains for our league teams. More details can be obtained on our website "gargravebowlsclub.uk".

Competition dates have been designated, our mower has returned from its winter holidays after being serviced in preparation for the new season. The greenkeeping team are waiting for the weather to improve so they can leap into action preparing everything for play. The new committee, which includes some of our recent new members, are full of enthusiasm to continue to make improvements to the facilities.

The Green's official opening is always Easter Saturday, which this year is March 30th, at 2pm. Everybody is welcome! The league season, however, begins in mid April so we are hopeful we can start practise a little earlier – depends purely on the weather.

We are planning to continue with our "Sunday Socials", where we invite potential new bowlers to come and have a friendly game with a view to joining us more permanently. For those who are not confident I will continue to offer "one on one" coaching. Please do not hesitate to call me on 07745 018 459 and we can arrange some sessions. I am sure there will also be friendly matches, against other clubs, arranged to help any new starters gain experience in match conditions.

That's it for now but I will update everybody in June when we will have decided which worthy charity will benefit from our fund raising activities in 2024.



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A MEDITATION FOR MARCH

Brian McLaren

Brian McLaren is a bestselling author, international speaker and was named by Times magazine as one of the most influential evangelical Christians in America. Below he charts his struggle to find a faith that seeks to engage a deep spiritual life with the needs of a suffering world. Do his insights have anything to offer us here in the UK?



Engaging with a World on Fire

We live in a world on fire. As the flames of unjust societies, humanitarian disasters, and ecological crises flicker around us, it is easy to feel helpless and overwhelmed. How can we respond to this destructive era with wisdom, love, and peace? Way back in 2007, I wrote a book called 'Everything must Change'. I wanted to understand what our greatest challenges and threats and problems were here on Earth as a global civilisation. I spent a year researching the literature of global crises, and came away with an understanding of four deep problems that we face. First, we face a crisis with our planet. We are literally destroying our life support system, disrupting our climate, destroying our oceans, depleting our soil, polluting everything, committing ecocide against the whole web of life.

Second, we have a crisis of poverty and unequal distribution of wealth and power, concentrating more and more power among a tiny minority of people.

That leads to a third problem: the crisis of peace. We know we're in trouble, so what do we do? We disseminate more and more weapons of increasing killing power. We set on fire all of our divisions: racial, economic, religious, social, gender, and many more.

So far we have the three crises of planet, poverty and peace; the fourth crisis is religion because all too often our religious communities are remaining on the sidelines. As the great spiritual giant of the last century, Thomas Merton said, they're "guilty bystanders". It seems to me that for too many people Christianity is seen as an evacuation plan – to get your soul off the earth and into heaven – rather than a transformation plan – how to help God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

A Resilient and Engaged Christianity

In my quest to find answers, I have drawn inspiration from those who have integrated a deep spirituality with action in service of the world's healing. Three examples stand out:

There is Thomas Merton himself. Although a Trappist monk he did not withdraw from the events and affairs of the world, he wanted a form of engaged contemplative Christian faith.

The great Buddhist teacher Thich Nhat Hahn came of age in Vietnam as his nation was descending into civil war. He didn't want to be part of a religious community that was disengaged from his culture and its struggles, and began to articulate a form of engaged Buddhism. It inspired me to share my conviction for the emergence of new expressions of a just and generous Christian faith.

More recently there is the Franciscan Richard Rohr who founded the Center for Action and Contemplation: to promote an activism rooted in the Christian tradition of contemplative prayer.

And of course, all these follow the supreme example of Jesus, who withdrew for a period of contemplative silence at the beginning of his ministry, a period of forty days, the story says. But then of course, he engaged with the struggles and challenges of his people in his time. Every day Jesus would follow the same rhythm: withdraw for solitude, but then come back to engage by healing, feeding, caring, welcoming, binding up the wounds of this world, implanting in people a vision of resilience and engaging with a world on fire.

Acknowledgement: Adapted from 'Radical Resilience' – the 2024 theme of Richard Rohr's free daily meditations. Radical Resilience is the ability to face hardship with greater love and deeper awareness. It is grounded in the practice of silent prayer, being fully present, as one way to grow more resilient – teaching us how to sustain inner strength, purpose, and connectedness.

An Anglican Perspective: 'Dear England – Finding Hope, Taking Heart and Changing the World' by the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, (2021). It's a letter to a divided country that no longer sees the relevance or value of Christianity. Both contemplative and deeply practical, this is an invitation to reconsider the Christian hope of a changed heart and a changed world.

John Hall

On a recent filthy, wet morning after an early start checking the sheep in the fields, across a pasture was a sight all shepherds dread – four feet stuck up in the air. I dashed across the field to find one of the largest texels well and truly stuck on her back in a shallow ditch. She was only just alive as her body was damming the water which was almost covering her nose. Unfortunately, I got my wellies stuck in the mud and tripped up! Not having enough strength to lift her up, I had to wrestle and roll her onto the banking top. I then made a quick dash home for Brian to bring the quad bike and trailer to collect her. The land was so wet that we couldn't exit the field by our usual route and had to make a longer de-tour.

Back at home in the barn painkillers and antibiotics were administered – as we suspected the reason she had got into difficulty was due to listeria. Listeria in sheep is very similar to meningitis in humans. As she was unable to stand, we propped her up on a bed of straw. This also helped to dry out her saturated wool. We continued by lifting and turning her several times a day to help circulation. We also gave her regular energy boosts until she mustered up the strength to start feeding and drinking herself. After a couple of weeks, she was showing good progress and surprisingly when she was pregnancy scanned the results showed she was still carrying 2 apparently healthy live lambs.

The scanning results from our entire flock show slightly more barren (not pregnant) sheep that usual. We are told this has been the general case this season due to the inclement weather in the autumn and winter. Scanning rates for the sheep that are in lamb are quite pleasing and thankfully there aren't too many triplets. However, one sheep is having quads! Following on from the scanning results the sheep have been multi-vitamined, sorted into feeding groups and housed where necessary. There is nothing more satisfying than seeing a shed full of content sheep on a cold, wet and windy night. Some of the hedges we planted have now reached maturity. Brian is currently in the process of carrying out hedge laying the traditional way - as opposed to mechanical cutting. Although it is very labour intensive it is very satisfying and produces a good dense hedge which is more wildlife friendly. The hedge laying is carried out in the dormant period (Nov-Mar). This gives the birds time to consume the seeds, nuts and berries and is completed before they begin nesting.

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24 Mar	Linda Wall	Alan Bagnall	Lesley Bagnall	Helen Wilson	Carol Hammond	Pam Bolas	Mark & Claire
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7 Apr	Linda Wall	Family Service Team					
14 Apr	Colin Chapman	Jo Ackroyd	Robert Ackroyd	Helen Wilson	Annelies van Oyen	Jo Ackroyd	Judith & Sheila
21 Apr	Kay Craven	Sarah Curtis	Judith Robinson	Jen Rowlands	Jen Rowlands	Duncan Faulkner	Jane & Carole
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TRAINS from Gargrave FROM 10 DEC 2023

To Skipton (arr. approx. 9 mins later) & **Leeds** (arr. approx 55 mins later) Mon-Sat 0744 0754 0950S0 1018SX 1048 1150 1350SX 1351S0 1522 (cont'd) 1551 1647 1815 1848SO 1850SX 2019 2134 2216 22371 Sunday 1121 1210 1420 1448 1656 1856 2108 2123 **To Giggleswick** (arr. ~ 20 mins later) & **Lancaster** (arr. ~ 65 mins later) M-Sat 0525S0 0528SX 0731 0902 1102SX 1103S0 1304 1504 1815 2006 Sunday 0922 1115 1412 1615 1814 **To Settle** (arr. ~18 min later) & **Carlisle** (arr. ~2hrs later) Mon-Sat 0606SX 0712SO 0832SX 0833SO 1003 1133 1604 1732 (cont'd) 1902 2033² Sunday 1002 1315 1509 **NOTES:** Generally, **only DIRECT journeys are shown here. 1**. Mon-Fri change at Skipton for Leeds. 2. Ribblehead only. As of 12 February: no engineering works in March have been identified. That may change. Northern website now states substitute bus pick-ups are at (central) Bus Stops on A65. Check with Northern Railway. For live info on next 2 trains text GARGRAVE to 84950, or go to www.realtimetrains.co.uk/

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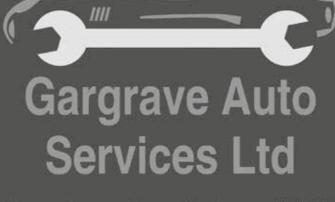
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