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CONISTON COLD

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St Andrew's church is aware that 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."

COLLARED!

Revd Andrew Steer

"Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us…"

Many of us struggle with past hurts and painful experiences caused by other people, and yet forgiveness is foundational in the Christian faith. We believe that God forgives us, but actually forgiving others is often very, very challenging - I still struggle with feelings of anger and injustice from years ago.

In forgiving us our trespasses God does not lose track of what we've done but actually something much deeper and much more wonderful is at work. When God forgives us He actively chooses not to hold things against us. It's not forgetfulness but forgiveness, and through Christ's death on the cross our past no longer stands between us and God.

That's incredibly liberating. We all have things we regret—words spoken in anger, chances we missed, people we've hurt, but God doesn't pretend those things never happened. Instead, He promises that they don't define us anymore, but what does define us is His love. When God looks at us He doesn't see our mistakes, but all He sees are His beloved children, made new in Christ.

And that brings us to **Remembrance Day**.

Remembrance is such an important part of who we are. Every November, we pause to remember the men and women who gave their lives in war, and those who still suffer because of conflict. We remember not so we can glorify war, but so that we can honour sacrifice—and learn from it. Forgetting would dishonour those past sacrifices, but remembering helps keep us mindful of the true cost of peace and the real need to protect it.

In a way, there's a beautiful juxtaposition here - God "forgets" in mercy but we remember in gratitude. God chooses not to hold the past against us but we choose to hold the past carefully, with love and respect, so that we may live differently because of it.

When we remember the horrors of war, we're reminded of how fragile peace can be—and how much it depends on forgiveness and reconciliation. The same is true in our own lives. We can't move forward if we're mired in anger, resentment or guilt, but God shows us another way: forgiveness that frees, remembering that heals.

So as we stand in silence this Remembrance Day—whether in church, at a memorial, or simply at home—let's hold both truths in our hearts. We remember those who gave everything so that others might live in peace. And we remember, too, that God, in His mercy, remembers our sins no more.

That's the kind of remembering that changes the world. It turns sorrow into hope, and guilt into thankfulness. It reminds us that even when the world feels broken, God is still at work, renewing and restoring, working in His own timescale to bring justice, freedom and peace to our troubled world.

We will remember them.

And we give thanks for the God who forgives, heals, and makes all things new.

DIARY FOR NOVEMBER

Coniston Cold

Church Services – St Peter's, Coniston Cold

2 November – Sunday: Compline Evensong, 4pm

9 November – Sunday: Remembrance Day Service, 10:45am

16 November – Sunday. Compline Evensong. 4pm

23 November – Sunday: BCP Holy Communion, 9.30am

30 November – Sunday: No service

Gargrave

Church Services and Events – St Andrew's, Gargrave

Daily – Share a Prayer, 9am

2 November – Sunday: BCP Holy Communion 8am, Breakfast 10:30am followed by 11am Family Service

9 November– Sunday: Remembrance Day Service begins at the Cenotaph at 10:45am where the two-minute silence will be held, and continues in Church at 11:15am

16 November – Sunday: Matins 8am, Sung Eucharist, 11am

23 November - Sunday: BCP Holy Communion, 8am, Family Communion 11am

26 November – Wednesday: Midweek Communion, Noon

22 November – Saturday: Craft and Chat's annual Christmas Craft Fair with refreshments, St. Andrews Church, 10am - Noon. £3 entry includes a coffee or tea and a cake. Lots of stalls with beautiful handmade gifts including Margaret's mice - plus a chocolate tombola and entertainment by Let's Sing.

30 November – Sunday: BCP Holy Communion, 8am, Morning Worship, 11am. Carols at the Summer Seat at 4pm followed by mulled wine and mince pies in Church (donations to cover costs gratefully accepted).

Repeating Events

Every Monday: Coffee Mondays, St Andrew's,10:30am-12pm

First and third Monday of each month: Model Railway and Transport meeting, Village Hall Annexe, 7pm

Every Tuesday: Craft and Chat, St Andrew's, 2pm

Every Tuesday: Let's Sing, St Andrew's 12:30-2pm

Every Tuesday and Thursday: Indoor bowling, Village Hall, 2-4pm

Second Wednesday of each month: Gargrave 2022 Group, ladies welcome, £4 per person, Village Hall, 7pm

Every Friday: Coffee Morning, Neville Crescent Community Centre, 10am-noon

First and third Friday of each month: Man Friday. A men's social morning. Village Hall Match Room, 10am - Noon. £3.00 per person to include tea, coffee and biscuits. Cards, dominoes, board games, table tennis available. All welcome.

November's Events

1 November – Saturday: Coffee morning organised jointly between Gargrave Village Hall Management Committee and Gargrave Library Committee. Bacon sandwiches and homemade cakes. Raffle & Book stall. Village Hall,10am - Noon.

5 November - Wednesday: Parish Council meeting. Village Hall Annexe, 7:15pm.

7 November: Man Friday. A men's social morning. Village Hall Match room. 10am - Noon. £3.00 per person to include tea, coffee and biscuits. Cards, dominoes, board games, table tennis available. All welcome.

10 November – Monday: Library AGM. Village Hall Library, 7pm. All members are welcome to attend.

13 November – Thursday: Lunch Club at Kirkby Malham Parish Hall, Noon. £5 entry. Call 07840 962937 or kmphevents@gmail.com to book.

14 November - Friday: Picnic Supper Dance with live music for modern sequence dancing from Denis Westmorland. £6 admission. Village Hall, 7:30-11pm.

November's Events, continued

15 November – Saturday: Film Night at Kirkby Malham Parish Hall, screening 'Out of Africa.' 7pm. Tickets £8 on the door includes supper. Details on p. 10.

16 November - Sunday: Collectable and Craft Fair, also incorporating a display and demonstration in the Annexe from members of the Model Railway and Transport Club. 9:30am to 3:30pm, Village Hall. Food available until 3pm. 50p admission.

17 November - Monday: Gargrave Show meeting. Village Hall, Match Room. 7:30pm.

21 November: Man Friday. A men's social morning. Village Hall Match room. 10am-Noon. £3.00 per person to include tea, coffee and biscuits. Cards, dominoes, board games, table tennis available. All welcome.

21 & 22 November – Friday & Saturday: Christmas Shopping Fair at Kirkby Malham Parish Hall. Friday 5-8pm, Saturday 10am-3pm. Refreshments, drinks, stalls. Free entry. See poster on p. 15.

21 November – Friday: Gargrave Cinema Club Film Night, screening 'Lad, a Yorkshire Story'. Gargrave Village Hall. 7pm for 7:30pm. Admission £5 on the door. Details on p. 11.

27 November – Thursday: Lunch Club at Kirkby Malham Parish Hall, Noon. £5 entry. Call 07840 962937 or kmphevents@gmail.com to book.

28 November – Friday: Wreath Making at Kirkby Malham Parish Hall. £35 per person includes refreshments and materials for making a Wreath. Details on p. 10.

30 November – Sunday: Gargrave Christmas Lights Switch-On at 4pm at the Summer Seat, followed by mulled wine and mince pies at St. Andrews Church (donations to cover costs gratefully accepted).

EVENTS

Share a prayer with St Andrew's Church

Peter Poulter



Each morning at 9:00 a small group of people meet in St. 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 November we will be praying for the area from Holme Bridge to East Street – including the factory, Airedale Avenue and Chapel Croft.

Posada in Gargrave 2025

Peter Poulter



Posada is an old Mexican tradition where young people dressed as Mary and Joseph travelled from house to house asking for a room for the night and telling people about the imminent arrival of Jesus in the weeks leading up to Christmas.

Modern day Posada uses nativity figures of Mary and Joseph who travel from place to place. Each 'host' can create a celebration of the message of Christmas in their home, making room for Jesus in their lives.

St. Andrew's Church has chosen to share Posada in the village again this year. Will you be a host to Mary and Joseph for a night?

If so, add your name and contact details to the Journey Rota on the table in the church for a night that will suit you. Someone will arrange to bring the figures to your place at a time to suit both of you.

For the evening you host Mary & Joseph you can choose to do whatever you like. You could invite friends and family to sing carols and to talk about the meaning of Christmas. Or just read the Christmas story to yourself or together and share in a simple prayer. You could write your own – or there are some suggestions in the box in which the Holy Family will be delivered. The next day you need to arrange to take Mary and Joseph to the next host on the Journey Rota.

Please add your details on the Journey Rota by November 26th.

STANDING TOGETHER! – News from Sudan

Tony Wimbush

In June we held a village coffee morning to support the forgotten people of Sudan. The Leeds Diocese, of which Gargrave is a part, maintains long term links with Sudan through The Church Association for Sudan and South Sudan (CASSS). The following provides some background and an insight into the current situation there.

Sudan is Africa's largest country, a quarter the size of the USA with a population of some 50 million. It is a predominately Muslim country with 5.4% Christian. Since 2023 the army and a paramilitary group have been struggling for power. Around 25 million people, almost half children, are in need of assistance.

The Republic of South Sudan became independent from Sudan in 2011. Following civil war and further power struggles in 2023 an estimated 9.4 million, including 4.9 million children and over 800,000 refugees from the Sudan conflict need humanitarian assistance.

The Revd Daramali Abudigan is the last church minister left in El Fasher, a city the size of Bradford, in Sudan. This was after a Catholic priest had recently died from random shell fire along with five of Daramali's own congregation. He considered leaving but decided not to. From St Mathew's Episcopal Church he ministers to Christians of any denomination. "I am staying with my flock but whenever we lose someone it makes me very sad. Many die from hunger as there is no food or bread. Animal feed is being made into porridge to eat. May God relieve us of this calamity: there's nothing left in the market to buy." Meanwhile paramilitaries are building a 27-mile-long embankment round the city slowly strangling it in a medieval act of war. The situation is building for a massacre. Many other cities are under similar siege.

As the war in Sudan has moved south and west, behind it some displaced people have returned to find what is left of their homes and neighbourhoods. Kamal, the Diocesan Secretary for Khartoum is one such person. In most places, returnees are finding no water, no power, no jobs, no medical support, no schools and no safety.

The above gives us a glimpse of the desperate situation there. Christians in Sudan are holding together, supporting one another, praying for peace. They need us here in Gargrave to stand with them as a faithful family. There is a continuing great need for food, relief work and for the support of key church workers who have stayed in their localities. CASSS is also assisting the bishops to develop a three-year

strategic plan for the church to make progress and minister effectively during such traumatic times.

THANK YOU to all those who keep praying for Sudan, its people, and its church. Many thanks also to all who provide regular financial support or who wish to do so in future. **Visit www.casss.org.uk**

Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust Photography Competition *Victoria Benn*



The Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust **Rivers4Life** autumn stage photography competition is now open.

The charity is looking for the best photographs of Yorkshire Dales rivers and wildlife this autumn, to be included in its Rivers4Life exhibition which will be mounted at the Dales Countryside Museum in 2026 and will also feature in its 2027 calendar - all funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund.

For an entry form visit: www.ydrt.org.uk/photography-competition/

The autumn stage of the competition **closes 5 December.**

Remember to include the location of your photographs, taken in the catchments of the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust which includes the **rivers Swale, Ure, Nidd, Wharfe and Ouse and their tributaries.**

The Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust was established in 2004 as a Registered Charity, working to enhance and protect the rivers of the Yorkshire Dales for the benefit of everyone. By working in partnership with landowners, businesses, land managers and the public, it aims to care for the rivers, streams and catchments of the Swale, Ure, Nidd, Wharfe and Ouse as sources of pure water, as habitats for aquatic and other wildlife, and as havens of quiet recreation for anglers and everyone to enjoy. It also works with schools and communities to inform children and the wider public, to ensure a better understanding, care and appreciation of rivers and their associated habitats.

Find out more at: www.ydrt.org.uk

St Michael the Archangel, and Kirkby Malham Parish Hall



Remembrance Sunday

St Michael's Remembrance Sunday service will begin at 10:50am on 9 November.

Saturday Film Night at Kirkby Malham Parish Hall

The film 'Out of Africa' will be shown in memory of Robert Redford on Saturday 15th November at 7pm. Tickets £8 on the door, includes pie and pea supper. Bar open. Special diets catered for if booked in advance on kmphevents@gmail.com or 07815 100353.

Lunch Club at Kirkby Malham Parish Hall

Lunch Club will be held on Thursday 13 November and Thursday 27 November starting at Noon. Call 07840 962937 or kmphevents@gmail.com to book.

Christmas Wreath Making Workshops

Friday 28th November, £35 includes all materials for making your own Wreath at Kirkby Malham Parish Hall.
1 - 4pm session includes Afternoon tea and glass of Prosecco.
6 - 9pm session includes a grazing board and glass of Prosecco.
BOOKING ESSENTIAL: 07840 962937

Christmas Shopping Fair

Friday and Saturday, 21st & 22nd November. See poster on page 15 for details.

Woodland Trust Presentation – Nature's Calendar Hosted by the Craven Conservation Group

Zoe Pickup

Nature's Calendar: Phenology in the UK - Thursday, 6th November, at 7:30pm

A talk on the Woodland Trust "Nature's Calendar" project (Phenology) will be given by Judith Garforth of the Woodland Trust. (Phenology is the study of periodic events in biological life cycles - e.g. the time of budburst)

What is Nature's Calendar?

- A brief history of phenology recording in the UK (this goes back as far as 1736)
- How the seasons are changing
- Research outputs from the project
- How to get involved

St John's Methodist Church, Church Street, SETTLE, BD24 9JH
Entrance: members: FREE! non-members: £5; (join on the night)

Library News and Events

David Smith

Film Shows



On Friday 21st November we will be screening 'Lad, a Yorkshire Story.' This enchanting film, set in the Dales around Settle, tells the story of how the lad's troubled life is turned around when he meets and works with a Park Ranger. We first showed this film in 2014 when the young teenage actor, Bretten Lord, came to the Village Hall for a Question and Answer session. We are hopeful that Bretten will join us on the 21st and give an insight into how he went from local Panto, through film stardom before returning to Settle and Antiques.

The customary Cafe style seating will be in place, so please bring your 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.

Volunteers: Your Library Needs You!

Every so often the Library starts to run short of Volunteers and we are approaching the time when two or three more Volunteers would ease the load and ensure that the Library can continue to operate.

Volunteers usually work a two-hour slot with two volunteers on duty. Most Volunteers do one or two slots a month some do a weekly one. When you do a slot and how many is entirely up to you. We operate a web-based booking system so, at any time of the day, you can see which slots are available and, if any are convenient, enter your name.

As a new Volunteer you will always be on duty with an experienced Volunteer. Being a Volunteer is a great way to meet people. If you would like to help keep the Library running and are able to spare 2 hours a month, or whatever you can manage, to help behind the counter, please have a chat with one of our current Volunteers or email admin@gargravelibrary.co.uk and we will call you back.

Coffee Morning

Our next Coffee Morning being held in conjunction with the Village Hall Committee will be held on the 1st November,10.00am till noon in the Village Hall. The usual cakes, bacon butties etc will be on sale.

Library AGM

The AGM is to be held in the Library at 7.00pm on Monday 10th November and all members are welcome to attend.

Patsy Simpson

After 14 years of dedicated service to the running of the Library Patsy has decided to retire from her role as Volunteer Coordinator and all the other Library duties she was involved in, which were many and varied.

The Committee and Volunteers all thank her and wish her well in her well-earned retirement.

The Committee are looking at ways of splitting Patsy's many roles into more manageable pieces. Watch this place for future developments.

Farming on Scaleber Hil

John Hall

The Autumn routine is now in full swing with breeding stock sales almost daily. Although we attended the breeding ewe sales, we came home with an empty trailer having decided that the stock we have is sufficient as we kept some of our gimmer lambs as our own replacements. It was a different story at the tup sales. A beltex shearling was purchased to run with the shearling ewes (first time breeders) with an additional tup lamb as a longer-term prospect at a lower price. Hopefully by next year he will have grown to his potential and will be acclimatized to our farm and system.

We are now routinely selling our prime lambs and whilst the price is good, the price of replacement breeding stock this year is higher. To help the prime lambs reach their target weights required by the butchers, they need to be given minerals on a regular basis (particularly cobalt which is very deficient in the Craven area) and have supplementary feed in the form of lamb pellets in their diet. We have also sold a consignment of store lambs (to be fattened elsewhere) as our grass stocks are quickly depleting which is normal for this time of year. We did, however, make a few big round bales of haylage from two meadows where the grass had got too strong for the lambs earlier on in the season. These will be extremely useful in the winter for feeding the sheep once they are housed prior to lambing time.

We have also sold several batches of store cattle. We usually sell these when they are around 27 months of age. They are bought by other farmers who will feed them intensively inside to finish quickly for the prime market. Again, prices are strong but trying to purchase replacement young stock is costly. We normally buy young calves direct from select farms but are considering purchasing slightly older cattle to reduce the length of time they are on our farm to speed up our selling cycle.

The youngstock we have at the moment have all received their first pneumonia vaccination with the second dose following in approximately 3 weeks. The treatment is routinely administered to youngstock every year prior to their first winter

indoors. The older cattle have all been given a lungworm treatment – again this is done routinely prior to housing for the winter.

Brian & Lisa made their annual trip to the British Wool Marketing Board depot at Bradford with our wool sheets recently. It is always an enlightening and informative visit speaking to the General Manager about the processes and sale and marketing of the wool.

We are currently looking at a small-scale conservation scheme for our higher land which includes fencing out a deep gully and planting some native hardwood trees. Despite seeming a straightforward process, it is in reality becoming more and more frustrating dealing with officialdom. Having made the first enquiries back in June, 5 visits later by various bodies (YDNP, Natural England, RSPB, etc.) we are now 4 months down the line with planting season starting soon and nothing is finalised yet.

Despite Storm Amy we have enjoyed a superb Autumn. We have had a glut of apples on the trees which have been distributed to family and friends far and wide, even being taken back to Sheffield with some holiday cottage guests!

A Meditation for November

McLaren & Rohr

This month's meditation poses some challenging questions: through what lens do we see world events in, say, the Middle East or Ukraine; politics in the UK or USA; or how we see God, religion, the earth and what some call 'Christian nationalism'?

Learning how to see!

Any of us who wear glasses know the experience of being in the optician where you sit behind a machine and someone adjusts a series of lenses to help you get the right prescription to correct your faulty vision. There's a click and they say, "is that clear?" Click again "is that clear now?"

Some lenses help us see more clearly, others less clearly. Let me mention three lenses that make our seeing worse. First is the lens of authoritarianism. Through the lens of authoritarianism we look at every person and judge them by whether they share our allegiance against the common enemy, and allegiance to a dictator or strongman. Authoritarianism always reduces our sight. Another increasingly common lens is the lens of scapegoating where we feel better about ourselves by uniting and projecting out aggression and shame on some other group of people, making them into the common enemy. Scapegoating reduces our clarity of vision. So does superiority whether it's based on race, religion, ideology or nation. People spend millions of dollars or pounds to change the way we see each other whether through advertising, politics, propaganda and the algorithms of social media. We all face the constant struggle of having our vision reduced by authoritarianism, scapegoating, supremacy, and no doubt more subtle lenses as well. (1)

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Human nature, when seeking power, wants either to play the victim or to create victims of others. Once we start feeling sorry for ourselves, we soon find someone to blame, accuse, or attack – and with impunity!

When we read today's news, we realize the pattern hasn't changed much in all of history. Hating, fearing, or diminishing someone else holds us together for some reason. Creating victims is in our hardwiring it seems. Philosopher Rene Girard even called "the scapegoat mechanism" the central pattern for the creation and maintenance of cultures worldwide throughout history.

The sequence, without being too clever, goes something like this: we compare, we compete, we conflict, we conspire, we condemn, and we crucify. That's why spiritual teachers of any depth will always teach simplicity of lifestyle and freedom from competitive power games, which is where it all begins. It is probably the only way out of the cycle of violence.

It may be hard for us religious people to hear, but the most persistent violence in human history has been "sacralised" violence". Human beings have imagined they are acting on behalf of something holy and noble: God, religion, truth, morality, or love of country. It takes away all guilt while thinking oneself as being responsible and prudent but fails to recognise they are becoming what they fear and hate.

Jesus defied the scapegoating pattern. He willingly walked into a human world defined - as it still is today - by violence and dependence on scapegoats. He was murdered not because God wanted or needed his sacrificial death but because as humans, when the stakes are high, we determine who is in and who is out through violence and death.

But Jesus broke the pattern because the scapegoat didn't stay dead. And the victors didn't get to write the only version of history. The scapegoat was resurrected to tell the world a different story, a story of the triumph of love and life over death. Jesus invites us to live that story. (2)

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Acknowledgements: (1) Richard Rohr Meditation, 14.09.2025 (cac.org), (2) Things Hidden - scripture as spirituality, Richard Rohr, 2016

DALES FOOT HEALTH

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Jayne Clarke PRFHP
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Please note this Correction to the Organisations information:

The Caterpillar Club contact is now Carmel Hicks, 07485032011

Christmas SHOPPING FAIR



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News from the Village Hall

Caroline Thompson

The year is going quickly, the Jumble sale has come and gone, and I have just ordered our 2026 booklets which advertise the dates for next year's Collectable, Craft and Book Fairs. I guess everyone is beginning to think about Christmas, so do pop into the last two Fairs we are organising for this year which will be held on the 16th of November and 7th December. We have lots of stalls selling everything from Antiques through to new gifts and crafts. We shall be pleased to welcome members of the Monday Model Train and Transport group to the Fair on the 16th November. They will be displaying models made by themselves and will be giving demonstrations of the techniques they use. The members have a wide range of knowledge and will welcome any questions about their club and the models they create. The Train and Transport group's display will be in the Annexe. A Book Fair will be held on the 6th of December, and the stallholders have a marvellous selection of books to offer the discerning reader.

The Jumble sale was a huge success and even storm Amy could not hamper sales. A huge thank you to our thirty plus helpers who manned the various stalls - we really could not hold the event without you. Special thanks to everyone who also came along on the Friday to help set up the stalls. We raised an amazing sum of £2,917.00 pounds. The Jumble which was unsold will have a second chance throughout the year when we sell it from our pop-up sales table which is situated near the kitchen. It has proved popular with everyone. We also sell some of the goods at our Collectable Fairs. Unsold clothing, bags and shoes were sent up to school for their bags to school day, the items are weighed in, and cash is raised for school, so we are pleased to be able to help the school swell their coffers a bit. Hats, scarves and some of the bedding and household ware is donated to a lovely couple from Preston who help the homeless in their area and those struggling to provide basic items for their homes. Small toys have been given to Marie who has done an amazing job over the years for the children's shoe box appeal. Basically, we try to waste nothing which has been so kindly donated to us.

Our first two Man Friday mornings have gone well. They were set up at the beginning of last month as a welcoming space where menfolk could meet, just have a chat or play dominoes, cards, chess or even have a game of table tennis. Scrabble and board games were also introduced on request after the first morning. Unlimited hot drinks and biscuits are included in the £3 admission charge, and the match room is open from 10am until Noon. The room is accessed via the kitchen door and on entry is a sharp turn right, it's a good warm room as the days begin to get colder. The Man Friday groups are held fortnightly but may well be held weekly if the demand is there. Please do come along, new friendships have already been formed, and domino skills are improving too. The next social gathering will be on Friday November 7th.

The batteries have now been installed for the solar panels. They are much more compact than the boxes they arrived in first indicated and better still are in a stackable unit. The connections will soon be up and running so we look forward to

seeing what some sunlight and brightness will produce in energy. It has been a big project for us to undertake and could not have been done without the kindness of a wonderful woman, Ruth Abbott. Her generosity will be forever remembered by us. We hope to acknowledge this kindness by placing a permanent memorial plaque at the Village Hall, a place which gave Ruth so much pleasure and where she forged many friendships. She was a great character, a very intelligent lady with a lovely sense of humour. It was a privilege to have known her and to enjoy her company but not advisable for anyone of a nervous disposition to travel in a car with her. I still remember it well all these years later!

Gargrave Church of England (VC) Primary School

Sarah Peel

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Open Morning

On Tuesday 18th November we are holding an Open Morning. Everyone is welcome to visit with either the younger pupils, or if you are considering a move to our school, any child aged 3-11 years. We wish you to see the school at work and how the pupils learn in a structured and fun way. You will be shown the inside of the school building, our amazing new library, and the extensive grounds. We accept pupils from the term after they are three years old.

If you can't make this date - we also would love to hear from you and show you around - just give us a call and we can arrange a mutually convenient time. Our catchment area includes, Gargrave, East Marton, West Marton, Eshton, Broughton and Coniston Cold. Pupils living over two miles away and where we are the nearest school will be entitled to free transport to and from school.

Please contact school on admin@gargrave.n-yorks.sch.uk or ring 01756749433 if you wish to arrange a time to see our amazing school either for the open day or at another mutually convenient time. We welcome in-year transfers.



Summer Reading Challenge

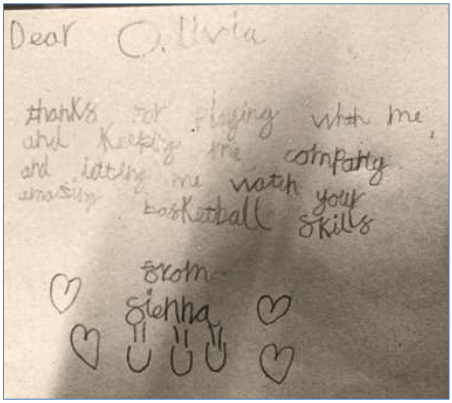
The above photo shows the winners of the village library summer reading challenge. It is brilliant to see so many from all year groups reading at least six books over the summer holiday.

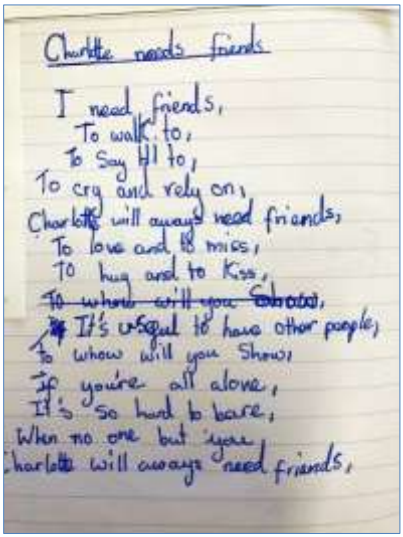
Harvest Festival

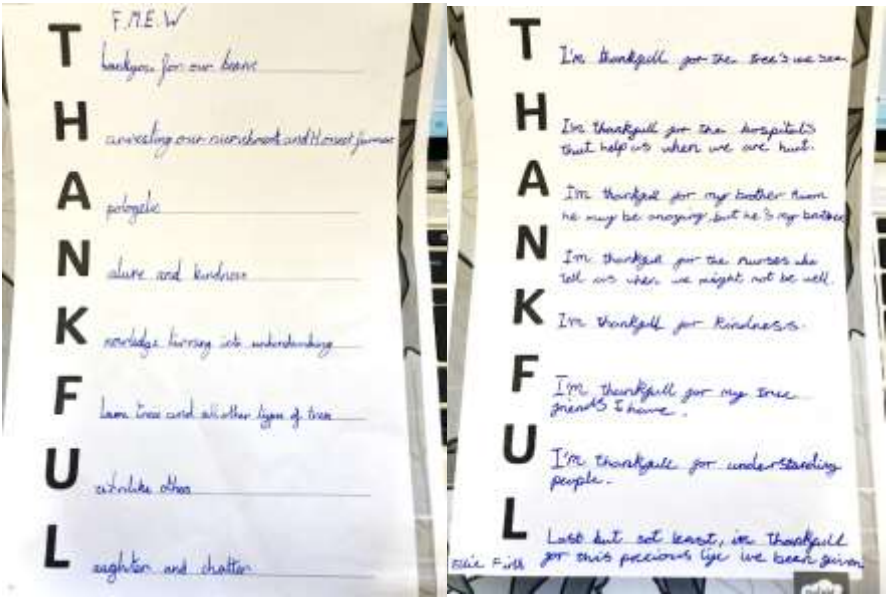
In October we have been thinking about our theme of thankfulness in worship. This involved a special harvest worship where each pupil shared what they are thankful for. Everyone donated food and then this was distributed to The Church Food Bank and Milton House. These gifts were much appreciated.

Here are a few examples of the work which every pupil shared in worship, I hope you enjoy reading them and their choice of words.









St. Andrew's Family Worship Review, 5th October 2025 *Peter Gardner*

"Season of mists and ….." well you know the rest, don't you. The season has changed and by the time you read this, those autumn leaves will be drifting by your window. Speaking of leaves, they played a significant part in our service today; red ones, yellow ones and green ones. But I'm getting ahead of myself. For the moment let's focus on that word 'change' because that was what the service was all about. We all experience it, like it or not, whether it's change of home, change of job or even that biggie, change from being single to being married.

King Solomon wrote about it in the bible. "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot …. … a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace" That was one of our readings today, and the other, from the book of Galatians, encouraged us to persevere through the difficult and trying seasons of life, reminding us that at the appropriate time, if we persevere and don't get weary of doing good, that season will change for us, and we will get our reward. But it will be in God's time and not necessarily in ours.

Our songs, for the most part, also focused on change - the changing seasons of our lives - and on asking God to change our hearts. But I suppose today's main event was the talk. Our preacher wanted to talk about Mr. Muller. No – not the guy who invented those desserts with the fruity bits you can spoon into the rice (very nice they are, too!) a different one. This George Muller was born in Germany in 1805. One fine day – or maybe it was raining – I don't know – he became a Christian and his life changed with a vengeance. He began to read his bible

ravenously and started to train to be a missionary. But he got bored and became a pastor instead. Eventually he ended up married and in Bristol, where he founded a charity to support missionaries and also began to educate adults and children. In fact, he founded several orphanages. I think our preacher said there were about 2000 children in 9 orphanages. And do you know what - he fed and supported them all, not by asking people for money, but through prayer. George was constantly praying – and when he prayed, the money just came rolling in – or sometimes people just came with food that was needed. Through prayer, he raised £1.1 million, the equivalent of £152 million in today's money.

What a man, eh!

George saw many changes in His life, but throughout them all he depended on God meeting his needs and those of others, through praying and trusting God to answer. Like him, whatever changes we are going through, we, too, can prove the truth of that bible affirmation, "The heartfelt *and* persistent prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much" (James 5.16)

Which brings us back nicely, to those leaves! They weren't real. They were pieces of red, yellow and green paper cut into leaf shapes on which we could write prayers. On the red ones we were encouraged to write prayers for something which we would like help to stop doing. On the yellow ones, we wrote something which we were doing and wanted to get better at and the green ones were for prayers about something new we would like to do.

What else – well I finished off with a pastry and coffee. I hadn't managed to get them before the service. And speaking of finishing off, I think I'd better finish off now, otherwise I might have the editor after me for writing too many words! Bye for now.

Skipton Railway Society

Alex Dewar

Progress continues on the Ironstone layout. We have now completed our Programme for the winter months which is as follows:

November 3rd - Modelling Night
November 17th - Talk by Adrian, "Weathering Freight Cars
December 1st - Modelling Night
December 15th - Christmas Quiz Night

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January 5th - Modelling Night
January 19th - DVD Presentation

If you are interested in joining us and are over 18yrs then come along to the Annexe in the Village Hall. All meetings are from 7:00 pm till 10:00pm with any talk or presentation commencing at 8:00pm.

Gargrave 2022 Group

Joy Robinson

We certainly get some unusual and interesting speakers at the Group and they always make us think. Two recent speakers certainly fell into this category and challenged our 21st century attitudes as women in today's society. How should we think about two activities followed by some women in times gone by? Were they being exploited or were they actually seizing a means of gaining their freedom and making their way in a world dominated by men?

The first talk, Dangerous Women, was about ladies who performed in circuses hundreds of years ago. It's hard to know when they began, it could have been in Ancient Greece. We've all seen the Knossos frescoes of youths leaping over bulls, but look again, some of those lads are definitely lasses!

In Tudor times, Henry VIII's famous fictional family portrait with all of his three children AND their mothers has his 'Jane Fool'. In fact such an occupation was one of the very few honourable professions open to a woman. Originally, such activities were not held in a 'circus', the first such recognisable to us would have appeared around 1768. Philip Astley, a retired cavalryman from the Seven Years War, charged audiences a penny to watch his wife and son perform riding tricks. He was able to make around 40 guineas a day!

Women were involved from the earliest times but of course there was a constant chorus of disapproval about women performing, risking their necks, scantily clad and taking them away from their apparently sacred tasks of cooking and child rearing. Many circus stars became cult figures and some were of different ethnicities, adding to their appeal.

Women took the chance to break the mould at circuses and do things on an equal or even superior level to men. Society was thrilled and scandalised in equal measure but it gave women opportunities they could never find elsewhere, not even on the stage. Their dangerous and entertaining acts brought them fame, fortune and sometimes fatality but they did it all on their own terms.

Less dangerous but even more scandalous was a practice that we hadn't realised was widespread in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. From Altar to Halter delved into Wife Selling. You probably thought this was a very rare and shameful occurrence. Judging by the large number of ballads and bawdy songs on the subject, it was very much more commonplace and very well regulated by society. It was heavily under reported although there are a number of newspaper articles relating to incidents, many of which do appear to have been in Yorkshire!

In the Hanoverian period (the Georges, before Victoria) if you wanted a divorce you'd need to be very rich, male and prepared to drag your own name through the mud by getting a hugely expensive Private Act of Parliament. This was obviously out of the question for ordinary folk and wives faced great perils if they were abandoned. They had no property of their own except their clothes, had no recourse to legal help, couldn't earn their own money and were the property of their husbands.

So if you wanted shot of an unsatisfactory spouse, you could arrange to be led to the market square in a halter and an auctioneer would lead the bids to buy your services as a wife. The crowd was there to see the process was done according to established practice and women would check that the wife in question truly wanted to be sold. It was a liberation for her, not as we imagine, a humiliation.

Wife selling was commonplace in country districts amongst the working population and the lower middle classes. The middle class considered it scandalous and disgraceful.

Often, it was a prearranged deal and the 'purchaser' was the wife's lover. The halter was always new, bought for the occasion. The wife had often been led from home, through toll gates where a receipt had been obtained, and market fees had also to be paid. This meant that the transaction had legal bills attached and could be shown to be in order although of course, wife selling wasn't legal. However, the authorities rarely intervened and usually turned a blind eye.

Money had to change hands, there could be goods or beasts as part of the price and they had to finish the process with a beer. Sometimes, a family arranged it to 'rescue' a wife from an abusive spouse. The husband had to be in agreement. It was very well regulated, conducted in a very public way and if the couple hadn't done everything in accordance with standard practice, they were sent home to try again next week.

As it became easier to divorce and as more and more people moved out of the countryside where everyone knew you, the practice of wife selling faded although the last recorded example was just before WWI in Leeds!

It is estimated that 20-30% of cohabiting couples at some stages of history were actually unmarried. This is not the impression that we've been given, is it?

Gargrave 2022 is also delighted to point out that they have had the seat by the Coop in village renovated for general use and enjoyment.

We usually meet at the Village Hall at 7:00pm on the second Wednesday of each month so our next meeting will be November 5th. However, please note that for December, January and February we are changing our time and day to avoid dark icy trips! December 12, January 16 and February 13 will all be Friday 12-2pm. All are welcome.

Gargrave Parish Council

Claire Cadman, Chair

My first month as Parish Council chair has been fast-paced and engaging. The Parish Clerk is diligently handling parish matters, including surveys and permits for riverbank repairs. River wall repair behind the South Street substation is being planned, with Northern Power Grid preparing to secure substations and powerlines and continuing to monitor their safety until permanent repairs can be made. Jayne and I are collaborating and liaising with relevant agencies to ensure smooth operations. A new Middle Green gate is expected in November to prohibit vehicular access to the green while maintaining pedestrian access.

After my election as Chair, a councillor vacancy needed to be filled. We welcome Steve Coetzer back to the Parish Council by co-option; his prior service as Chair ensures valuable experience for our team.

Join us for our first Parish Council coffee morning on Saturday, November 15th, from 10am to 12noon at Neville Crescent Community Room. Residents and interested parties can enjoy refreshments, learn about ongoing projects, ask questions, and discover how the Parish Council operates. As winter nears, we look forward to a number of village events including the Halloween trail and Christmas lights switch-on.

Parish Council meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:15pm in the village hall annex. Attendance is open to all.

Please note that the PC Clerk, Jayne Dunlop, can be contacted via gargravepc@yahoo.com.

Jayne's office hours are: Tuesdays 10am - 3pm, Wednesdays 10am – noon, Thursdays noon - 3pm (visits by appointment).

Settle Orchestra Partners with Northern Rail

Settle Orchestra is delighted to announce a new partnership with Northern Rail, which will support the orchestra's conductor, Andre Chan, with his weekly train travel from Manchester to Settle. This collaboration ensures that live classical music remains vibrant and accessible in our local community.

Charles Dobson, Chairman of Settle Orchestra, said: "We are thrilled to have Northern Rail supporting our work. Partnerships like this help ensure that music can flourish in our community, bringing people together, inspiring young musicians, and keeping culture alive in the Dales."

The partnership also strengthens Settle Orchestra's long-standing collaboration with the Royal Northern College of Music (RNCM). Each year, a postgraduate conducting student works with the orchestra, gaining invaluable experience. Former conductor Harry Lai went on to appear at the BBC Proms, performing with English National Opera and the BBC Philharmonic.

This season the baton passes to Andre Chan, a talented conductor from Hong Kong. Andre has worked with orchestras including the Hallé, Manchester Camerata, BBC Philharmonic, and Royal Liverpool Philharmonic. Thanks to Northern Rail, he can now travel easily to Settle, bringing his energy and expertise to rehearsals and concerts.

Settle Orchestra's 2025–26 season opens in November with Dvořák's Cello Concerto, followed by Beethoven's Mass in C with the Langcliffe Singers in spring. Summer concerts feature French works by Debussy, Ravel, and Poulenc, alongside Mozart's *Paris Symphony*.

For concert dates or to get involved, visit **www.settleorchestra.org.uk**

Public Transport Serving Gargrave *Peter Hardyman 13 October 2025*

BUSES from Gargrave *Except Bank Holidays

To Skipton (arr~15min later) (Svcs 75, 210/211, 580, 864) (M from Malham)
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Sunday from 26 Oct [864] 1201 1501 1701

To Settle (arr. ~25 mins later) (Service 580) and (+) onward to **Kirkby Lonsdale** (581) and **Lancaster** (81/82)
Mon-Fri* 0905+ 1000 1100+ 1200 1300+ 1400 1500+ 1600+ 1700+ 1900+
Saturday 0905+ 1100+ 1300+ 1500+ 1700+ 1800+ 1900+
Sundays + Bank Hols. ***No Service***

To Malham# (arr. ~25 min later) (Services 210/211, 75, 864)
Mon-Fri* [210/211] 1000 1310
Saturday [75] FROM 1 Nov 1000 1400 1600
Suns [864] FROM 26 Oct 1103 1303 1603
NOTE: #Tue & Thu [211] stops Coniston Cold 4 mins after Gargrave.

BUSES to Gargrave *Except Bank Holidays

From Skipton Bus Stn. (Gargrave ~15 mins) (Svcs 75, 210/211, 580, 864)
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Suns [864] FROM 26 Oct 1050M 1250M 1550M

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Sundays + B. Hols ***No Service***

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NOTE: #Tue & Thu [211] stops Coniston Cold 18 mins after Malham.

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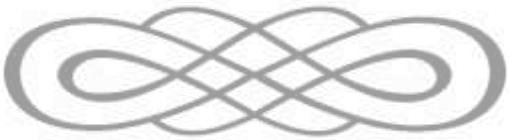
TRAINS: Photocopies of the present timetable to/ from Leeds, Carlisle and Lancaster are available from Gargrave Library. I intend to provide Train Times from 14 December (new timetable) in the December/January Magazine.
As of 13 October, no Engineering Works affecting Gargrave train services during November have been identified. *That may change*. *www.northernrailway.co.uk*

An Irish Airman Foresees His Death

William Butler Yeats

I know that I shall meet my fate
Somewhere among the clouds above;
Those that I fight I do not hate,
Those that I guard I do not love;
My country is Kiltartan Cross,
My countrymen Kiltartan's poor,
No likely end could bring them loss
Or leave them happier than before.
Nor law, nor duty bade me fight,
Nor public men, nor cheering crowds,
A lonely impulse of delight
Drove to this tumult in the clouds;
I balanced all, brought all to mind,
The years to come seemed waste of breath,
A waste of breath the years behind
In balance with this life, this death.





The Gargrave Cenotaph honours soldiers of the parish who lost their lives in the First and Second World Wars.

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