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Gargrave Show

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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."

Here's hoping…

By the time you read this I very much hope that England will have won the world cup. I also hope that the wars in Ukraine and Sudan might be over, that the Middle-East might have found peace, and that a cure for every disease might have been found. We can hope for all sorts of things which may or may not come true, but hope is a much forgotten and rare feeling in 21st Century Britain. If we cast our minds back to the spirit of optimism and hope in wartime Britain, we see a different way of living. Nowadays people even fear even to bring children into this world.

It seems that we have succumbed to an inevitability about the future of our world, that society is falling apart, that the world is not safe and that our planet is doomed to destruction by AI, war, financial crises, and climate change. Is it any wonder that mental health and anxiety are at an all-time high? Jesus describes this situation vividly – he talks about 'men's hearts failing them because of fear' (there is much debate about whether this is a prophecy before the destruction of Jerusalem in AD70, or indeed a reference to 'the last days').

Clearly, like the England Football team at the time of writing, we need to recover our sense of hope and optimism. We need to ignore the pernicious junk of social media, and remember that however we consume our news – tv, radio, newspaper or socials, it is all carefully chosen by someone else to sell stories. And bad news certainly does sell!

For thousands of years the Bible has been declaring a message of hope for mankind – in all of God's interactions with people He gives them a message of hope – right from Noah through to Jesus, God declares that mankind has a wonderful future ahead. All we have to do is trust, believe and keep hoping. The Psalmist calls this 'waiting on the Lord' – not waiting with a sense of arms folded and impatient foot-tapping, but trusting that God is at work even though we may not see Him. Just as a seed is planted with hope and expectation, we believe that new life can come from seemingly barren places.

Jesus came into the world to show us what is possible when God is present and to give humanity a hope beyond all expectations. Who would have expected the blind to see, the lame to walk, lepers to be healed and the dead come back to life – all in a little backwater two thousand years ago? Not only is Jesus the Son of God, but He is God in the form of a man – in

Him God is saying “look, you need to know how much I love you, how much I have planned for you and the lengths I will go to in securing a wonderful future for you”.

May we live every day as people full of hope in God.

EVENTS AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

CHURCH SERVICES – ST PETER’S, CONISTON COLD

1 Aug – Yorkshire Day Coffee and Sale of Work, Village Hall 10.30 – 1pm

2 Aug – Sunday: Compline Evensong 4pm

9 Aug – Sunday: BCP Holy Communion 9.30am

16 Aug – Sunday: Compline Evensong 4pm

23 Aug – Sunday: BCP Holy Communion 9.30am

30 Aug – Sunday: No service

6 Sept – Sunday: Compline Evensong 4pm

13 Sept – Sunday: BCP Holy Communion 9.30am

20 Sept – Sunday: Compline Evensong 4pm

Church Services and Events – St Andrew's, Gargrave

2 Aug - Sunday: BCP Holy Communion, 8am, Breakfast 10.30am, Family Service 11am

9 Aug - Sunday: Matins 8am, Sung Eucharist 11am

16 Aug - Sunday: BCP Holy Communion, 8am, Morning Worship 11am

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

30 Aug – Sunday: No Service

6 Sept - Sunday: BCP Holy Communion, 8am, Breakfast 10.30am, Family Service 11am

13 Sept - Sunday: Matins 8am, Sung Eucharist 11am

20 Sept - Sunday: BCP Holy Communion, 8am, Morning Worship 11am

27 Sept - Sunday: BCP Holy Communion 8am

27 Sept - Sunday: Harvest Festival and Family Communion 11am

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

Alternate Fridays: 3/17 July: 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.

DIARY FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

Model Railway and Transport meeting, first and third Monday of each month. Village Hall Annexe. 7.p.m.

31st July - Friday: St Andrew's Sustainability Group - Coffee morning and lunch in aid of GNAT and Toilet Twinning. In church 10.30-1.30

AUGUST

11 August-Tuesday: Book Fair. Village Hall. 10.a.m - 4.p.m. Food available all day. Admission 50p or by donation.

12 August-Wednesday: 22 group. Village Hall Annexe. A talk on the Cheapside Hoard, a collection of early jewellery 7.p.m. for 7.30.p.m. non-members £5 to include refreshments.

14 August-Friday: Man Friday. A men's social morning. Village Hall Match room.10.a.m-Noon. £3.00 per person to include tea, coffee and biscuits. Cards, dominoes. All welcome.

14 August-Friday-: Picnic supper dance with live music from Denis Westmorland Village Hall. 7.30.p.m - 11.p.m. Admission £6.00 per person

22 August GARGRAVE SHOW

28 August-Friday: Man Friday. A men's social morning. Village Hall Match room.10.a.m-Noon. £3.00 per person to include tea, coffee and biscuits. Cards, dominoes. All welcome.

28 August-Friday: Charity dance. Live music from Bon Accorde. Village Hall 7.30.p.m -11. p.m. Admission £6.00 per person. 01729 830217.

28 August - Friday: St Andrew's Sustainability Group - Coffee morning and lunch. In church 10.30-1.30

31 August – Monday: Bank Holiday Organ Recital, Christ Church Skipton - Philp Rushforth (Chester Cathedral) 11.00 -12.10pm

30 August-Sunday: Collectable and Craft Fair. Village Hall. 9.30.a.m. - 3.30.p.m. Food available all day. Admission 50p or by donation.

DIARY FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER CONTINUED

SEPTEMBER

2 September-Wednesday: Parish Council meeting. 7.15.p.m. Village Hall Annexe.

3 September-Thursday: Pantomime sign up evening 6.30.p.m - 8.p.m. Village Hall.

11 September-Friday: Man Friday. A men's social morning. Village Hall Match
room.10.a.m-Noon. £3.00 per person to include tea, coffee and biscuits. Cards, dominoes. All welcome.

11 September-Friday: Picnic supper dance with live music from Philip Randall. Village Hall. 7.30.p.m - 11.p.m. Admission £6.00 per person.

19 September-Saturday: Book Fair. Village Hall. 10.a.m - 4.p.m. Food available all day. Admission 50p or by donation.

20 September-Sunday: Popular sequence tea dance. An afternoon of music from the musicals and movies. Hosted by Cath and Richard. Tea, Coffee and biscuits served in the interval. Admission £3.00 per person. Proceeds to Hall funds. 2.pm-4p.m. Village Hall.

25 September-Friday: Man Friday. A men's social morning. Village Hall Match room. 10.a.m-Noon. £3.00 per person to include tea, coffee and biscuits. Cards, dominoes. All welcome

25th September - Friday - Sustainability Group Coffee Morning and Lunch in aid of Fair Trade. St Andrew's Church. 10.30 - 1.30pm with hot drinks, freshly made sandwiches and homemade cake

25 September-Friday: Cinema club, new season begins. 7.p.m for 7.30.p.m. Village Hall

26 September-Saturday: Coffee morning run jointly between Gargrave Village Hall Management Committee and Gargrave Library Committee. Village Hall. 10.a.m - Noon. Bacon sandwiches and homemade cakes. Music from members of the Craven Accordion orchestra.

27 September-Sunday: Collectable and Craft Fair. Village Hall. 9.30.a.m. - 3.30.p.m. Food available all day. Admission 50p or by donation

EVENTS

SHARE A PRAYER WITH ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Peter Poulter

St Andrew's has a regular programme to pray for the church and the village. You are welcome to join them. Either make a special time of day or maybe just pause for a moment, wherever you are, and share a prayer.
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 August we shall be praying for the area from Holme Bridge to East Street, including the factory, the cricket club, Aireville Avenue and Chapel Croft. In September we shall be praying for residents and businesses in Marton Road from The Mason's to Bank Newton, including Marton Close, Walton Avenue, Riversway and Walton Close.

LIBRARY AUG/SEPT

Dave Smith

Summer Reading Challenge

The school holidays bring the start of NYC's Summer Reading Challenge for children aged from 4 to 11 encouraging them to read six library books, on any topic, over the holiday period. This year the theme is Read to the Beat.

The challenge for children is to read 6 library books of their choice and collect special stickers and other prizes along the way, every child who finishes will receive a limited-edition Story Garden medal and a certificate. Any child aged 4 to 11 can join in The Scheme which is now under way but it is never too late to enrol with application forms being available in the Library. The challenge runs until Friday18th September so still plenty of time to enrol and get reading.

100 Club Draw

A quick plug for the 100 Club, which is a vital source of funds for the Library. There are still a few numbers available at a cost of £2.50 a month with a monthly prize draw of £50, £20 and £10 and a bumper draw at Christmas when the prizes are doubled. Application forms are available in the Library or on the Library Website, *www.gargravelibrary.co.uk*
A reminder to current members to please let us know if you change your postal address or other contact details to ensure we deliver any prizes to the correct address.

Gargrave Village Hall Film Shows



Looking well ahead our film shows will start again on Friday 25th September and we have provisionally booked **"Mother's Pride."** This 2026 British comedy tells the tale of a failing pub, a divided community and a grieving family whose lives are transformed by brewing real ale and entering the Great British Beer Awards. Please check the Library Website, Library Posters or the Craven Herald for confirmation of the film title nearer the time.

The film stars Martin Clunes, James Buckley, Jonno Davies, Mark Addy and Gabriella Wilde

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.

Kirkby Malham Parish Hall Film Night

Saturday 15th.August. **'Mother's Pride'** Starring Martin Clunes A film about beer!
Saturday 5th. September.**'Glenrothan'** Starring Brian Cox. A film about two brothers and whisky!
Film entry fee is £8, including pie and pea supper: Veggie and gluten free catered for; let us know,
All films start at 7pm. Licensed bar. Cash or Credit card.

St Andrew's Beer Festival





The annual St Andrew's Beer Festival will take place in the church on **Friday 30th and Saturday 31st October.**

If you would be interested in sponsoring one of the barrels (£100), please contact Ali Lucas on 07921970961.

More information regarding opening times and entertainment will be in the October magazine.

SKIPTON RAILWAY SOCIETY

Alex Dewar

Mark's talk in June about the Burbank Branch in the U.S.A and his interpretation of it in a spare room was quite enlightening. He started modelling American Branch lines or "Short Lines" as they are known in the states, in HO scale, that is 3.5mm to the foot when he found that he was not happy with OO gauge which uses 4mm to the foot scale with the track being at 3.5mm to the foot. He showed how he was able to replicate all the various types of traffic that used the branch and the various industries and customers that were served including passenger services which are not as common over the pond as they are in this country.

The modular quarry layout is coming along nicely with discussions as how to store the various boards. It is hoped that we will be able to start running tests on the layout by the Autumn.



Forthcoming meetings are:

August 3rd Modelling and discussion

August 17th Slide Show

September 7th Modelling and discussion

September 21st Talk – B.R. in the 70s and 80s

Meetings are held in the Annexe at the Village Hall from 7.00 pm to 10.00pm. If you are interested in Railways and or modelling them and wish to join our group then just pop along on a meeting night or call me on 07341 345312

NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

Caroline Thompson.

The request for the monthly news bulletin from the Village Hall has come around very quickly again. It falls as we have just returned from our annual short break to Filey; the weather was good and just perfect for the long cliff top walks. We walked the Cleveland way path from Filey to Scarborough where you can take in some fantastic views. Exploring the traditional town is interesting too and one day we came across an Art show in the community buildings. It was with a touch of irony that at the same time I received a call asking about the opening times for the Art Exhibition in Gargrave, which at that point was due to be staged the following week. The show in Filey was organised by the members of Filey Art group, the simplicity of the staging added to the charm for visitors to the event, the group were proud of their work which included many seascapes, local views, puffins of course and one lone watercolour of Ingleborough.

We spent our last day in Bridlington and decided to drive home via a different route and followed the sign for the scenic road to Malton. We passed through lots of small Villages, many with streams running past the houses with tiny bridges to each property. The lack of services in each one was very noticeable but at each Village there was a sign for a Village Hall or Community building. There is no single register available, but it is estimated that there are 350 to 400 village halls and rural community buildings across North Yorkshire and in the broader Yorkshire region around 900 venues.

These spaces will be vital hubs in the area we drove through, for the lack of a local pub or small shop was apparent, so the Village Hall would be the one place for a social meet up or group activity. It was pleasing to see that the buildings were in use, and the majority were in good condition with a touch of vibrancy about them. Fortunately, there is some help there with bodies like Community First Yorkshire who can provide advice and training to the volunteers who run these important buildings. Both Community First Yorkshire and Action with communities in rural England are very knowledgeable about funding sources too and with this in mind we hope to have some discussions with representatives from Community First Yorkshire as we pursue an initiative to provide further resources at the Village Hall.

We are really pleased to welcome Harry Hinchcliffe from the Craven Accordion Orchestra to our Coffee mornings which are organised jointly between members of Gargrave Village Hall Management Committee and Gargrave Library Committee. In July we were introduced to some of the Junior players who were impressive. Future Coffee mornings will be held on 26th September, October 24th, November 21st and 19th December. A combination of adult and junior musicians will be playing. Admission is free to listen to the live music with donations to the Orchestra if wished. Bacon sandwiches, toasted teacakes and homemade cakes will be for sale. The Coffee mornings commence at 10.a.m until Noon.

Don`t forget the mid-week treat in August when a Book Fair will be held. Come along on Tuesday 11th August to browse and buy from the hundreds of books for sale from book sellers who will be arriving from all over the Northwest of England. The event opens at 10.a.m until 4.p.m with food available all day. Admission is 50p or by donation.

I do hope everyone has a good Summer and enjoys their holiday if they have one planned.

GROSSBUSTERS: The Monster Musical

This summer we celebrated our amazing year at school following successful Ofsted and SIAMs inspections with a summer performance.



The village hall was full for two performances of GROSSBUSTERS: The Monster Musical by Craig Hawes. The performance was led by the older pupils.

Every pupil from year 4,5 and 6 acted, spoke and sang their hearts out.



All the pupils took part through singing and dancing. It is wonderful to see the pupils flourish and shine on the stage, projecting their voices. These opportunities are important to us and build on our wider curriculum offer.

The show opens with a comic-spooky parody of bedtime fears in two worlds at once. A Normal Child is warned about terrifying monsters under the bed, while a Monster Child is frightened by tales of horrifyingly normal humans.



As both scenes build towards a scream, the action is suddenly interrupted when the real stars of the show burst in - the Grossbusters. They introduce themselves to the audience, shatter the spooky atmosphere, and then launch into their high-energy, eighties-style, synth-fuelled opening number, ***'Grossbusters'****, proudly presenting themselves as the city's monster-catching team.*

50th Birthday



On 21st June we celebrated the school being 50 years old. We walked to the old school buildings which are now houses then returned to school to plant a plum tree. We had a special birthday lunch.

Admissions:

We now accept pupils from school once they are three years old, we also accept in-year transfers.

Please ring 01756749433 if you wish to visit the school to look and see the school at work. We welcome pupils from the village and beyond.

A SUMMER MEDITATION: WAKING UP TO REALITY! *Brian Mclaren*

Brian Mclaren has become the voice of a new evangelism inspiring people to a new way of being human, in deep connection with one another, with the Earth and all her creatures.

Several years ago, I wanted to explore the question, 'What are the biggest problems, challenges and threats we face as a human species?' That question might sound depressing to you, but the quest seized my curiosity for three reasons.



First, to put it bluntly, as a preacher, I had become tired of religion. I was tired of people complaining about things like the style of music, the way I interpreted a Bible passage, or that I wasn't as dynamic or handsome as the young preacher on TV. I was constantly being drawn into big arguments about boring, religious trivialities.

While we were arguing about gnat-sized problems I suspected a herd of elephants had crept into the tent unnoticed. There was global warming for sure, but also resurgent racism and white supremacy, accumulated power among the super-rich, the dissemination of more and more weapons with greater kill power, and a greater susceptibility to authoritarianism among frightened and easily led people.

Second, for well over a decade, I had been going through a deep theological rethinking, what many now call 'faith deconstruction'. I had been taught the purpose and focus of Christianity was to help people end up in a good place after they die. But as a preacher who engaged with the Bible week after week, I had become convinced that this assumption was faulty. Every week when we prayed, 'Your Kingdom come, your will be done on Earth as it is in heaven', I realised that we weren't praying for our souls to go to heaven after death. We were praying for a better way of life to come to fruition down here on Earth, while we are still alive. I realised Jesus did not heal people so they could go to heaven; he healed people so they could live fully in this world now.

That theological revolution made me ask questions I had never asked before: If God cares about what is going on here in this life, shouldn't we care too? If so what are the biggest problems here on Earth? I had been so focused on heavenly problems for so long, I felt like I needed to take a crash course in Earthly problems.

Third, something was happening to me that often happens in mid-life. I was becoming less obsessed with my own success and well-being, and more concerned about the well-being of my four children and future generations beyond them. What kind of world would our kids face as they grew up and perhaps had children of their own. What can we do to help save our precious fragile planet? Aren't we supposed to be in the saving business?

But first let me offer my diagnosis. Our global civilisation as currently structured is both unsustainable and unstable. Ecologically our civilisation sucks out too many of the Earth's resources for the Earth to replenish, and it pumps out too much waste for the Earth to detoxify. Economically, our civilisation's financial systems are complex, interconnected, fragile and deeply dependent on continual economic growth. In addition, our global economic systems distribute more and more money and power to those who already have it, creating a small network of elites who live in luxury and share great political power, while billions live in poverty with little political power. Last but not least, the Christian tradition is again being hijacked in the pursuit of wealth and power to support a nationalistic, divisive politics which ignores the central message of the Gospel.

I realise that, whether in the world of religion or in the worlds of politics, business, education and science until things get bad enough most people don't change. They don't even notice. They just go on doing the best they can. The future of the Earth and humanity is way above their pay grade! Others may feel like my grandad did. He was a devout Christian who believed that God has the past present and future fully scripted already, so we don't need to worry. Whatever happens is God's will. But his was a different era and a different world; few can buy into that today.

So how can we help our children and grandchildren grow up in a world in turmoil, where their lives will almost certainly be less prosperous, less secure and less comfortable than our lives have been. To paraphrase St Francis of Assisi: What is mine to do? What is yours to do?

(*To be continued .....)*

Acknowledgement: Adapted from 'Life after Doom', 2025.



FARMING ON SCALEBER HILL

John Hall

As I write this article, we are currently experiencing the third heatwave of the summer. Despite the heat there is still plenty of moisture in the ground from the wet spells which has made for an excellent grass growing season. As such we took our one and only cut of silage at the end of June which exceeded expectations and filled the clamp. At least that is one thing we won't need to worry about this winter! Following on from this Brian has applied the slurry onto the cut meadows and the contractors will be back again shortly to spread the bedding muck. Making the best use of the nutrients in these so-called by-products, means artificial fertilizer is not needed. This is a huge bonus considering that the prices have escalated massively due to various conflicts around the world.

Shearing has started with Brian & Lisa tackling the hoggs and the tups. These animals tend to feel the heat more due to their much heavier fleeces and I am sure they were relieved to have their thick coats removed. Brian, unfortunately, isn't as flexible as he used to be and so the tups were sheared whilst they were stood up as opposed to being turned over as is the norm. This actually proved less stressful to both sheep and shearer! It goes without saying that the main flock will be sheared by contractors shortly.

The saying goes that lambs should be roasted twice! They are certainly doing well in the lovely warm weather. They have already been wormed and dung samples will be taken in about 6 weeks' time to assess whether they are ready for worming again. They have also had their first clostridial vaccination (for several illnesses but mainly Pasteurella which is a type of pneumonia). A second vaccination will be required in approximately 4-6 weeks. Due to the nature of the humid weather, they have also received a spray to help prevent fly strike (blowflies) which can occur when fleeces become damp or soiled and result in maggots which can cause massive irritation if left untreated.

Due to the abundant growth of both grass and vegetation Brian's hedgerow, which was laid in the spring, has become quite overgrown. Left unattended the weeds would smother and shade out the new re-growth. The only way to deal with this is to weed by hand to avoid any damage to the hedge. One of the bonuses has been the number of leverets residing in the thick cover.

With summer comes the show season. Many will be attending the 4-day Great Yorkshire Show which is an ideal opportunity for Farmers to

showcase what they do best and hopefully give the general public an insight into farming life and where their food comes from. Preparations are already underway for our own Gargrave Show followed closely by Malham & Kilnsey which provide an opportunity for villagers as well as farmers to take part and enjoy, as there are handicraft and horticulture sections as well as livestock. I would encourage one and all to have a go, whether that be baking a cake, making a pot of jam or entering some of your homegrown flowers or vegetables from the garden.

Once again, the Gargrave Show Sheepdog Trial will be held at Holmebridge Farm. This showcases the dog and handlers' ability to work together to manoeuvre a small flock of sheep around a set course on the field with the ultimate aim of penning the sheep, all in an allotted time. This proves very popular and is an ideal opportunity for spectators to see "one man and his dog" in action.

Gargrave Art Exhibition

Caroline Beard

We would like to say one enormous thank you to everyone who made this year's exhibition so special.



Over four wonderful days, we were delighted to welcome more than 1,500 visitors to Gargrave Village Hall. Thank you to everyone who came to browse, chat, be inspired, support our artists and, of course, enjoy the delicious homemade cakes from the wonderful Gargrave 22 Group ladies.



Behind the scenes, an amazing community of volunteers gave their time, energy and enthusiasm to make it all happen. From months of planning and preparing, to hanging hundreds of artworks, welcoming visitors, serving refreshments, and finally the army of volunteers who carefully took down, wrapped and returned artwork to artists and buyers on Sunday afternoon – every single person played a part in making this exhibition such a success.



To all our artists, whether exhibiting for the first time or returning once again, thank you for sharing your creativity with us. Your work filled the hall with colour, imagination and conversation, reminding us just how much talent exists within our community and beyond.

The winner will enjoy a dedicated exhibition space at next year's exhibition, so check https://gargraveart.uk to find out who won

Until then, thank you once again for making the 2026 Gargrave Art Exhibition one to remember.

PARISH COUNCIL

Claire Cadman – Chair

Dear Parishioners

Progress continues regarding the river wall behind the substation, with NPG regularly updating us on developments related to relocating all cables beneath the river.

Following the weekend when visitors stayed enroute to the Appleby Horse Fair, a public meeting was held where both the Parish Council and North Yorkshire Police acknowledged residents' concerns. These matters will be further reviewed by the working group during their upcoming session.

Councillor Myers attended the July meeting and provided updates on traffic challenges along Marton Road/Church Street, windfarm traffic bypassing Gargrave, and issues concerning bus timetables. The parish council has objected to the movement of granite by lorries on local roads in its response to the Calderdale energy park consultation. Proposals to move heavy lorries along the A65 and A59 was unanimously opposed at the July monthly meeting. Councillor Myers has assisted the parish council on these issues and reports on any progress will be presented at future monthly meetings.

The council is taking a summer break with no monthly meeting in August, and the next meeting will take place on Wednesday 2nd September. The working groups are also suspended until after the September monthly meeting.

Regrettably, Councillor Karen Hunter has resigned from the Parish Council. We extend our sincere appreciation for her dedicated service throughout her

tenure. The council now has a vacancy; those interested in being considered are encouraged to contact the clerk via email at clerk@gargraveparishcouncil.gov.uk. for more information about the election process and the role of a parish Councillor.

The playground now features signs designed by students of Gargrave Primary School, which have been successfully installed and present very well. Congratulations to all students who contributed their designs.

We will be organising another coffee morning in the autumn and will confirm the date after the summer break

St. Andrew's Family Service Review 7th June 2026 *Peter Gardiner*

Adam and Eve turned up at church this morning. I must say they bore a remarkable resemblance to Jo and her granddaughter. They seemed to be a bit nonplussed about what had happened. Lots of brambles had sprung up in Eden and a lion had eaten a couple of lambs. It had all happened since they'd disobeyed God's commandment and eaten some fruit from a particular tree. Anyway, everything in the garden was no longer lovely so they started playing the blame game. You know, the one we sometimes play,
"It's not my fault."
"Yes it is. Why did you have to listen to a talking snake?"
"Well, he was just so persuasive"
"How can a snake be persuasive?"
"Well it's not my fault"
"I'm sick of it" It's all gone wrong.
"It's God I blame. He's the one who gave us free will and intelligence"
"Yeah. He should find a way to put it right."
And off they went.
So, today it was all about creation – what went wrong – and what we could do to mitigate the damage we have done to the wonderful world God made.
In her talk, Jo, using a slide show, reminded us that when God originally created the world, he pronounced it good, and when he got to the people he'd made, he went even further and pronounced them very good. But, as the bible tells us, those people messed up and began the process of destroying God's creation - to the point where,

now, we are creating a change in the climate which is bringing disastrous consequences to the whole world.
Is there anything we can do to mitigate this? Well, people came up with various ideas – recycle, plant trees, etc. Some of the children suggested more innovative approaches – change banks to ones which don't invest in gas and oil which cause pollution, and hold big corporations to account.
An activity followed in which we were encouraged to write our ideas about how to make the world a better place, on paper leaves, bring them to the front and hang them on a 'tree.' The children in particular, seemed to appreciate this. And following up on the suggestion about planting trees, seeds and plant pots were distributed so we could plant a seed and see what came up!
The songs, readings and prayers were also on the theme of creation and sustainability – and to sustain ourselves, we partook of sausage and bacon butties. (I don't think this had anything to do with saving the planet). And finally, the vicar pronounced a blessing on us all.

IT'S A SPORTING (ETERNAL) LIFE!

Joanne Ackroyd



On Sunday 5 July St Andrew's resounded to the sound of footballs being kicked; golf balls being struck; boxing gloves making contact; willow on leather and even curling! A sporting theme demonstrating that to succeed in running the race of eternal life, just as in sport, requires focus and endurance. Our bacon and sausage sandwich breakfast may not have been the healthiest but it was certainly delicious and followed by sport in action, songs, prayers and gold medals was a thoroughly exciting colourful, noisy, and yes, spiritual experience.
Why not join us? All are welcome; our next service is 2 August, breakfast at 10.30 for an 11am kick off, final whistle blown by 12 noon. Next family service is Sunday 4 August – or come any Sunday at 11am – we will be there to welcome you in.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVING GARGRAVE

Peter Hardyman

TRAINS

Photocopies of the new timetables for Leeds-Gargrave-Settle-Carlisle and Leeds-Gargrave-Lancaster-Morecambe routes (from 17 May 2026) are available from Gargrave Library and from Gargrave Village Hall foyer. Timetables are also displayed on Gargrave Station platforms and at the Summer Seat Bus Stop.

Notes: For live information on the next few trains, text GARGRAVE to 84950, or use www.realtimetrains.co.uk

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ORGANISATIONS

Caterpillar Club (0+) – St Andrew's Church - Wed 10am during term – Carmel Hicks - 07485 032011 - carmelmartina@hotmail.com
Gymnastics – Ambitions Gymnastics – Classes for children 18 month-12 years. Unit G, Asquith Business Park. 07923 480365- admin@ambitions.com - https://www.ambitionsgymnastics.com/
Rainbows (4-7) - **Brownies** (7-10) - **Guides** (10-14) - **Rangers** (14-18) – Tuesday evenings- Primary School. gargraveguides@gmail.com
Young Farmers Club – Coniston Cold - Tuesdays 7.30pm- Sarah Hargreaves - 01729 830123

Cricket – Gargrave Cricket Club – Will Smith- 07495 214697- https://gargrave.play-cricket.com
Bowls – indoor Oct to Mar - Tues & Thurs 2-4pm- Village Hall - Joan Griffin- 01756 749277
Bowls – outdoor Mar to Oct - Gargrave Bowling Club - Martyn Cox 07745 018459
Tennis and Croquet – Gargrave Lawn Tennis Club- Beth Whitley - 07751 074085 – www.craventennis.org.uk
Table Tennis – Village Hall Annexe – most weekends – Allison Wiffen – 07880 520071
Gentle Hatha Yoga – see https://gargravevillagehall.org.uk – Ian Cresswell
Tai Chi &Qigong – Village Hall – Wed 1.00pm - https://gargravevillagehall.org.uk – Ian Cresswell
Tai Chi Qigong – Green by War Memorial – Wed/Thurs 9am – Zoom Mon 9am – Zoom Fri 9am (with Pilates) – Bee Faulkner – 07778 980994 – www.beeactivebeerelaxed.com

Art – Gargrave Art Group – Village Hall – Mon 1.00 – 3.30pm – Hilary McCormac – 07801 818491
Bell Ringing – St Andrew's – Mon 7.30pm – Sun 10.15am – Ali Lucas - 07921 970961
Handbell Ringers – St Andrew's – Wed 2pm-4pm – (not all Wed – phone to check) Cynthia Hardyman – 01756 748839
Bingo – Neville Crescent Community Centre – Mon 1.30-4.00pm – Carol – 01756 748990
Gargrave Heritage Group – St Andrew's – Tues 10.00am – Martin Thompson – 01756 541317
Gargrave Community Library – admin@gargravelibrary.co.uk – Opening hours: Mon 3pm-5pm – Tues 10am-12 noon – Wed 2pm-4pm – Thurs closed – Fri 2pm-4pm – Sat 10am-12 noon – Sun closed
Craft and Chat – St Andrew's – Tues 2pm – Sylvia Humphreys – 01756 748779
Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall Annexe – 1st Wed of month – 7.15pm
Snooker Club – Village Hall Snooker Annex – every day – Andrew Richardson -
Gargrave 22 Group – Village Hall – 2nd Wed in month – 7 for 7.30pm – Glenys Riley – 07715 878709







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