

**THE PARISH CHURCH OF
ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, KIRKBY IN MALHAMDALE**

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

A little while ago I was struck by a newspaper story about a seventeen year old boy who 'borrowed' his father's credit card. The boy flew to Rome where he indulged in a spending spree of staggering proportions, buying clothes and accessories from Versace, Gucci, Prada and Dolce & Gabbana. On return to England he entertained three friends at a luxury hotel before returning home in a hired limousine. The spending only came to an end when he hit his father's £12,000 credit limit!

What particularly struck me was not so much the patent dishonesty of the boy taking the card in the first place, nor the deceit and betrayal of his parents, but his comment to the newspaper that he had refused to apologise to his parents because he did not think he had done anything wrong. Instead, he blamed his father for not taking him shopping in the New Year sales, and as he was fed up with the weather he felt entitled to a holiday!

I guess most of us have been fed up with the recent wet weather but we certainly didn't feel that that automatically entitled us to escape it. Clearly that young man had a lot of growing up to do, but he also needed to face up to something he was apparently too immature to appreciate, namely that with adulthood we assume a moral responsibility for our actions. I make no excuses for him whatsoever, but he was perhaps exhibiting a symptom of an increasing trend in society which has so imbued people with a sense of their rights that the concept of mutual responsibilities which go with rights gets forgotten. His need for new clothes and a holiday was perversely translated into a 'right' exercisable with no thought for others.

The need to recognise that we acquire rights through the responsibilities we exercise is not a new one. Readers of the Old Testament are left in no doubt that from the very beginning, in response to his giving to us, God expects humankind to take on responsibilities to abide by his word. The biblical term for this is one of covenant. It remains a central theme in the Bible. We can sometimes forget this concept of a covenant between God and us. Yet we all have a part to play in it, and we need periodically to ask ourselves what are our responsibilities towards God, not just collectively, but individually. Knowing about God is no substitute for knowing God. It is very easy for our faith to drift away from a personal relationship. This was a theme which we explored in our worship at St. Michael's during January.

The five weeks of Lent which starts with Ash Wednesday on 10th February offer us a time when we can review our relationship with God and ask of ourselves these sort

of questions. Some of us will be exploring a new church resource book 'Seasons of My Soul' referred to elsewhere in the magazine. Not everyone though will have the time to devote to regular study like that, but that need not be a bar to making time to give up some time for personal reflection. There is much that we might ask of God, but what does he ask of us individually? What are our responsibilities as part of that covenant? Looked at from that perspective, we may well discover, as we seek to exercise those responsibilities in our lives, that God is keeping up his part of his covenant with us in ways we don't always realise. That can be a challenging but exciting prospect.



FROM THE REGISTERS

7th December 2015 Burial of Ashes of Richard Haggas
15th December 2015 Funeral Service of Joan Gertrude Botham



MALHAMDALE POPPY APPEAL 2015

Thanks to all those who supported the recent Malhamdale Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal: the collectors, St Michael's Church, Kirkby Malham School, and the many local businesses who all helped to make our Appeal happen, as well as all those who bought a poppy or gave into the collection at the Remembrance Sunday service at St Michael's Church. The Appeal has raised an amazing £1,080.00 to date!

People in the dale may like to express their support of this caring charity which does so much for Service men and women of past and present conflicts and their families, by taking out a £17.00 annual membership of the Legion. Members enjoy a range of benefits, and full details can be found on the website: www.britishtlegion.org.uk.

For further details, please contact Mark Willingham, Secretary of the Royal British



THE FUTURE OF THE "CATHEDRAL OF THE DALES"

It has been a dramatic year for everyone concerned with the Church fabric with a huge amount of work being done to fund and implement work to the roof. A very big "thank you" to all who have helped, and particularly to all of you in the community who have donated so generously to our Fabric Fund appeal.

Deteriorating plaster, evidenced by the thick layer of coarse dust removed daily from the pews, has been attributed to a gradual build-up of dampness. To tackle this, we decided to re-cover the nave roof with tern-coated stainless steel. Successive bids to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), while unsuccessful, meant we were perfectly poised to bid for the Listed Places of Worship Scheme (LPOW) funding when it became available in the run up to the general election.

This time we were successful and, with additional much appreciated grants obtained from several charitable bodies, we contracted the work. However, during a storm on the night of 8th May, theft of lead from roof of the south aisle made matters much worse and the project much bigger. Fortunately LPOW provided additional funding, which, together with other fundraising activities made it possible for work to commence at the end of September. Work proceeded apace until persistent wet weather made life difficult for the roofers and this looks like delaying completion until the spring.

Once the re-roofing work is completed, we plan to apply to HLF for grant aid in upgrading the heating and the lighting and in making the Church more adaptable. A key HLF requirement will be that we can make the Church's heritage available to as many people as possible. The PCC have recently appointed an Outreach and Development Group to explore how we plan and prioritize, and the group will welcome views. As we look to broaden the appeal of the building and enhance its role in the community, we would like to hear from anyone who can contribute in any way.

Help us do justice to the Church's description as the "Cathedral of the Dales".



CONISTON COLD YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB

Meetings are held 7:30pm at Richard Tottie Memorial Hall,
Coniston Cold, unless stated otherwise.

January meetings were:

5th January 2016 - Members took part in a quiz night at Coniston Cold village hall

12th January - District bingo at North Ribblesdale rugby club

19th January - Talk on National Parks by Alan Hulme

26th January - Hedging and walling indoor competition practice

Friday 29th January - District pig racing north Ribblesdale rugby club

Saturday 30th January - Coffee Morning at Hellifield

February meetings will be:

2nd February - Advisory and show meeting at Coniston

9th February - Pancake night at Coniston

Saturday 13th February - District hedging and walling competition

16th February - Half term dry slope skiing at Rossendale

23rd February - Farm supplies valuation at Pearson Farm Supplies



**Items of dried/long life foods always welcome
as donations to:**

SKIPTON FOOD BANK

<http://www.skiptonfoodbank.org>

Please leave your contributions in the box at the
back of Church

and we will deliver regularly to Skipton.

Thank you!





Women's
Institute

AIRTON WI

Our December meeting was held at the Friends' Meeting House, where we were treated to a "Sensory Quiz", organised by Jan, Norma and Alison. Our senses of smell, taste, touch and sight were tested and great fun was had trying to guess what was in each container. We also enjoyed some Yuletide refreshments.

Sue Yule

The January meeting was our Winter social event, where we gather for chatter, food and a little drinking. A good number of members met this year at the home of Kathryn Brown, everyone brought something to eat, which in our usual generous manner meant that we were well tempted by a wonderful choice of food. After a little business, we enjoyed each other's company for a couple of hours and no one seemed to want to leave Kathryn's warm and welcoming home.

Our next meeting will be at the Meeting House Barn and will be an illustrated talk about J.M.W. Turner by Mike Leeming. Looking forward to welcoming members and visitors to that evening.



Women's
Institute

MALHAM WI

Our 2016 programme for the year commenced with Margaret our President leading a crafty evening as we tried our level best to learn how to make quilt patches. Before we began Margaret gave us a brief history of patchwork quilting. With its strong tradition in the north of England, Wales and North America, this type of needlework enabled women to produce items for the household that were both useful and decorative. Significantly, where women quilted together, it provided an opportunity for them to meet, share their skills and socialise. In 18th century North America, quilting was viewed as the only 'legitimate activity' in which women from remote communities could meet, socialise share stories and then represent these stories in community quilts; it was from this tradition that American women began to put pen to paper and write.

Margaret had clearly planned with her audience in mind. Quilt templates were distributed - some of us weren't paying attention and used the wrong templates from the word go! Margaret was clearly in charge and kept us all on task. We were

making slow progress but it became much easier when someone thought to put 'the big light' on! The tricky bit was threading the needles, one question raised was "did Margaret buy these needles from The Extremely Small Needle Shop?" Of course it was nothing to do with eyesight.....

By the end of the evening we had nearly produced a passable cot quilt. Sue very kindly offered to progress this in order for the quilt to be used to raise money for charity. Joyce gave a warm vote of thanks to Margaret for a very enjoyable evening. It has to be said that even the needle-shy uninitiated enjoyed very much the get together; perhaps reminiscent of earlier quilters.

Next month we look forward to hearing from one of our new members, Joyce, who will be presenting a talk on her incredible climb of Mount Kilimanjaro.



THANK YOU FOR CAROL SINGING

A very big thank you to all villagers who participated in the two carol singing events over the Christmas period. Carol singing in the pubs on the 20th December and Carol singing round the village the 24th December. A fantastic grand total of £510 was raised for action for children. Thank you from all at Malham chapel.



CARTONS FOR CASH

Many thanks for all those who are filling these. So far £64.32 has been raised for the Fabric Fund. I have also now devised a way to strengthen the boxes and will do this when any are handed back.

Jen Darling

STEPHANIE DARLING RETURNS TO MALAWI IN FEBRUARY

Many thanks to all those who so generously donated towards Stephanie's work in Malawi when she took part in the Communion service at Kirkby Malham Church in July last year. £170 was raised for her fund at SIM (Serving in Mission).

Stephanie has now given me some leaflets about her work in Malawi and I will bring them to church. If anyone would like one please ask.

She also emails a Prayer Letter telling of her work to anyone interested, which is sent out about every couple of months. It is illustrated and is usually only two sides of A4. I know that one or two people have signed up for this in the past and if anyone else would like to receive it please let me know, with your email address if possible.



SMILE

On Sunday 10th January, we celebrated at St. Michael's the Baptism of Christ, and considered our own baptismal promises. The children were invited to spray the congregation with water from the font, a task which they undertook with enthusiasm, including throwing a bucket of water out of the church door to include all those who had not made it to church - Finlay laughed happily as they came back into church, saying "That was fun!" We all (including the Vicar) ended up rather damp, which led one member of the congregation to remark that it brought a whole new



NOTES FROM THE VICAR

CHANGE TO THE VICARAGE TELEPHONE NUMBER

Please note that after major problems with the Vicarage telephone number during November and December, this has been changed by BT and is now 01729 830946.

THANK YOU

Our collection at the Christingle service was shared equally between the Children's Society and the Maternity Stream of City of Sanctuary. £540 was split between these charities so a big thank you to all who donated. Rose McCarthy of City of Sanctuary has written to say 'thank you so much for sending us such a generous donation'.

A last minute decision was taken at Christmas to donate the collection at St. Michael's on Christmas Day morning to support flood victims in Cumbria. Thank you to everybody who contributed to this collection. Allowing for Gift Aid, £700 was raised and sent to the Bishop of Carlisle to disburse as he thought fit from his Discretionary Fund. He has since written to say: 'We were deeply touched to receive your letter and kind cheque for £700 from the PCC at Kirkby Malham. Thank you so much – and please convey our gratitude to all members of the PCC and the congregation for their generosity. We already have the names of families who are in desperate need of help following the floods'.

ASH WEDNESDAY

There will be a service of Holy Communion with ashing
at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 10th February** at St. Michael's
to which all are welcome.

LENT COURSE

There is one thing which we cannot argue with, and that is that we are all getting older day by day! This year's Lent course will explore the issue of ageing using a new resource book published jointly by the Methodist and Anglican Churches and entitled '*Seasons of my Soul: Conversations in the second half of life*'. Meetings will be on Mondays **15th February, 22nd February, 29th February, 7th March, 14th March and 21st March**. They will start at 7.30pm and finish by 9.00pm at the very latest.

Meetings will be in the Vicarage unless numbers prove too great for that. Obviously one gets the best out of a course by attending each session, and you are encouraged to do so (particularly the first) but I appreciate it can be difficult to commit to six evenings. If you are interested in joining then please get in contact with me.

MALHAMDALE CHURCH SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY

7TH FEBRUARY

Parish Church
Malham Methodist Chapel

10TH FEBRUARY

Parish Church

14TH FEBRUARY

Parish Church
Malham Methodist Chapel
The Religious Society of
Friends (Quakers), Airton

21ST FEBRUARY

Parish Church
Malham Methodist Chapel

28TH FEBRUARY

Parish Church
Malham Methodist Chapel
The Religious Society of
Friends (Quakers), Airton

NEXT BEFORE LENT,

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. Rev. N. Blundell

ASH WEDNESDAY

7.30p.m. Holy Communion with ashing

1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. Majors A. and M. Hickman
3.00 p.m. Friends' Meeting House

2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. Rev. J. Clasper

3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

10.00 am Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. Mrs. J. Jolly
3.00 p.m. Friends' Meeting House

Rota for 10.00 a.m. Services at the Parish Church—February

DATE	7th February	14th February	21st February	28th February	6th March
SUNDAY	SUNDAY before LENT	1st SUNDAY in LENT	2nd SUNDAY in LENT	3rd SUNDAY in LENT	4th SUNDAY in LENT
SERVICE	COMMUNION SERVICE	COMMUNION SERVICE	COMMUNION SERVICE	COMMUNION SERVICE	COMMUNION SERVICE
KEY-HOLDER	M. Dore	G. Parker	M. Bland	M. Dore	G. Parker
SIDES PEOPLE	R Carson P Carson	G. Bolland R. Bundy	P. Bamford E. Bamford	C. Cribb E. Mills	R. Carson P. Carson
READER	G. Parker	G. Parker	M. Leeming	P. Dore	B. Schutte
INTERCESSOR	S. Rycroft	S. Rycroft	V. Leeming	S. Bailey	J. Varney
ALTAR ASSISTANT	M. Dore	M. Bland	L. Ashton	C. Cribb	S. Rycroft
ORGANIST					

GARGRAVE & MALHAMDALE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

First, a big thank you to all who supported our coffee morning held just before Christmas, and made it such an enjoyable morning. Our thanks also go to John Merrill's family for donating one of John's paintings to the raffle which raised £150 for library funds.

The WI unveiled a plaque to celebrate the centenary of the founding of the WI. Again our thanks go to the WI for their support, on this and past events, where their help has been invaluable.

The library are organising a few events to see us all through to the hoped-for better weather in the Spring.

On **Friday 12th February** we are screening "**Hundred Foot Journey**" starring **Helen Mirren** and **Manish Dayal**. The plot revolves around the opening of an Indian Restaurant in a quaint French village in close proximity to an acclaimed French restaurant. War erupts etc etc.

On **Friday 8th April**, we are showing the much acclaimed film "**45 years.**" Anchored by sensational performances from **Charlotte Rampling** and **Tom Courtenay**, 45 Years is an intimate, moving and beautifully restrained portrait of a marriage shaken to its core by things left unspoken. Winning Best Actor and Best Actress awards at the 2015 Berlinale Film Festival, "45 Years" is British filmmaking at its very best.

For both films the now customary Café style seating will be in place so please bring your own refreshments. Doors open **7.00pm**, Film starts **7.30pm**. Tickets **£5.00** on the door.



The big news from the library is that we are about to move into the cyber world as NYCC, under a Government initiative, will be installing WiFi into the library for the use of library visitors. The installation is planned for the 26th January and the library committee are looking into the possibilities of running some basic training courses for users of

Tablets and Smart phones.
Watch this space.

KIRBY MALHAM PARISH HALL

VALENTINES CEILIDH



Saturday 13th February

with

Chris Bland

Tickets £10 including supper

Bar

Tel: Muriel 830277 / Maureen 830437

COME DINE WITH US



Friday 11th March 7.00 for 7.30 pm

French Themed Evening

3 Course Meal to include a glass of wine

Tickets £15.00

Bar & Raffle

MALHAMDALE OVER 60s



February Session

The next session will be on Monday 8th February at
Newfield Hall from 2.00 – 4.00pm

Please join us for a watercolour talk and demonstration by artist Alison Drake
followed by afternoon tea.

All over 60s most welcome.

**For more information and to arrange transport contact Angela Barnes 01729
830532 or Kath Hall 01729 830382**

**MALHAMDALE
LOCAL HISTORY GROUP**

Thursday 18th February

"The Malham Mines"

A local interest talk by Mike Gill

NB 8pm at Newfield Hall

Non-members are very welcome to attend,
£3 to include coffee / tea and biscuits.

For more information contact:-

Robin Bundy (Chairman) Tel. 01756 748220

Sue Lugton (Secretary) Tel. 01729 830201

www.kirkbymalham.info/KMLHG/KMLHGhome.html



VOLUNTEER DRIVERS AVAILABLE!

Many thanks to everyone who responded to my request for volunteer drivers to help people in Malhamdale who can no longer drive. I now have a good list of volunteers who would be happy to help out on an occasional basis.

If anyone would like the list please contact me:

Once you have the list, simply call a volunteer to ask if they are free to drive you on the date you require to your chosen destination.

If they are unable to help, just move on to the next volunteer.

If anyone else would like to be added to the volunteer driver list please let me know.

Many thanks

ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL FABRIC FUND 200 CLUB

DRAW PRIZE WINNERS

	November 2015	December 2015
1 st Prize	£100 Jan Woodroffe	Bernadette Schutte
2 nd Prize	£50 Jim Thwaite	Nikki Wilson
3 rd Prize	£25 Lynn Dibb	Frank Sharo
4 th Prize	£15 Mike Dibb	Avril Frankland
5 th Prize	£10 Margaret Thompson	Vicki Leeming

Kirkby Malham Church 200 Club 2015-2016 subscriptions FINAL CALL!

Many thanks to all who have paid their subscription for this year.

Last year we were again able to donate £3000 to the church fabric fund. It is a fun way of supporting the church and is supported by people from beyond the Dale as well as local residents.

We have welcomed 8 new members this year and have now 85 paid up members at the time of going to press.

In addition to the reminder in this magazine we have each tried to contact the remaining 25 regular contributors. If we have missed you or you have been forgotten please would you help us, in fairness to others, by ensuring your payment reaches us before the next draw which will be Sunday 28th February 2016.

You can drop off cheques (made payable to Kirkby Malham Church 200 Club) or cash with the following:

Joy Schofield (830463), Ashley & Rachael Caton (830250), Bernadette Schutte (830322) or Ali Milner (830588)

Or pay by BACS (Yorkshire Bank; account name Kirkby Malham Church 200 Club; account number 17805512; sort code 05-09-09)

MALHAMDALE OIL CONSORTIUM

For a number of years a community fuel oil ordering system has been working successfully in the Dale. I co-ordinate this and place the orders for oil every 5 or 6 weeks.

I am sure there are newcomers to the area and other folk who are unaware of our efforts to:

1. help reduce the carbon footprint within the Dale by having one tanker making multiple deliveries, and
2. help reduce our fuel costs by getting better prices by ordering in bulk.

Individuals are invoiced separately by the supplier, the scheme is very simple and there is no cost to participate.

Would you like to join us? Do you need more information?



AWARDS FROM KIRKBY MALHAM SCHOOL FOUNDATION

Anyone who attended Kirkby Malham School and is now in Year12 (or equivalent) of full- or part-time education or is in their second year of full-time Further Education may apply for a small award from the Foundation Trustees.

Those interested should apply in writing to:-

Tony Cawthorne
Listerhill Cottage, Malham
Skipton, BD23 4DB

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SETTLE STORIES FESTIVAL

For adults & children

1-3 April 2016

A good story can make your heart go faster. A great one can make it stop. Imagination transports us to other worlds so get ready for adventure as we step into the 6th Settle Stories Festival. Come and celebrate the many ways in which story can touch and transform our lives. Lend us your ears and let us open your minds from 1st to 3rd April for a weekend to remember in the idyllic Yorkshire Dales.

Adults - discover how global thinker David Babbs from 38 Degrees uses story for radical change. Then have a good laugh with comedian Alfie Moore, relax into the mystery of the Arabian Nights with Arabic storyteller Alia Alzougbi or dance the night away with Gypsy folk band Barbarella's Bang Bang.

Children - meet Kenyan storyteller Githanda Githae and travel across Africa. Escape to Alice's Wonderland then party with Captain Hook and Tinkerbell.

With 50+ events (lots free), come and create a story that will last a lifetime. Get your Earlybird discounts with saver passes online at: www.settlestories.org.uk and save up to 60% off tickets.



From the Editor . . .

All material for inclusion in the March issue of the Malhamdale Parish News should be with me before Friday 12th February, please.

Because of the way the dates fall, the March issue will not be ready for distribution until 3rd or 4th of March - apologies.

The Kirkby Malhamdale Educational Trust is a well established but little known local charity. We have limited funds to support educational and further development activities for local residents. The following is a guide to help you to meet our criteria and for you to consider whether you are suitable for funding:

- 1. You must reside in Malhamdale.*
- 2. You must be under 25 years of age when you apply.*
- 3. We will only consider a personal application from the person applying and it should be personally signed by you.*
- 4. The amount of the award will be at the discretion of the Committee.*
- 5. You should include a clear statement of the amount you are requesting, the reasons for the funds and a plan of action, including your overall costs and how you will obtain additional funds where the costs are greater than the requested amount.*
- 6. If funding is granted, we would appreciate a brief letter once your project/task has been implemented to inform the Committee as to how the grant helped you.*

The Committee meets in April and October to consider applications which should be made to:-

Liz Hesleden, Pirie Martins, Watery Lane, Airton, Skipton, BD23 4AG