



Church News for 7th November 2021

3 before Advent

Worshipping With Us

We are delighted to return to a more normal pattern of worship across our six churches and are ready to welcome you to join us in all our buildings. PhoneChurch will continue to be offered at the 09:00 service each Sunday joining the congregation at Spennithorne and Patrick Brompton on alternating weeks. To join in simply call 03300 945 940 then at the prompt Room number: 55017514 # and use Guest PIN: 3885 # please see below for more detailed information. As more folk are joining us for gathered worship, the printed copies of PewNews will be available at the Sunday services and then delivered during the week to those who have requested them. We hope this will save time, effort, and expenditure. Please do let us know if you no longer require a posted/delivered copy. The Benefice Magazine will be restating shortly - more info soon!

Sunday 7th November 3 before Advent

09:00 [Holy Communion](#) - St Andrew's Finghall

09:00 [Family Service](#) - St Patrick's Patrick Brompton & PhoneChurch

10:45 [Holy Communion](#) - St Gregory's Crakehall

18:30 [BCP Evensong](#) - St Michael's Spennithorne

Readings Jonah 3.1-5,10, Psalm 62.5-12, Hebrews 9.24-28, Mark 1.14-20

Collect Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

BCP Collect O God, our refuge and strength, who art the author of all godliness; Be ready, we beseech thee, to hear the devout prayers of thy Church; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

During the week

09:00 Monday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday - [Morning Prayer](#) - PhoneChurch

09:30 Tuesday - [Morning Prayer](#) - St Michael's Spennithorne

10:00 Wednesday - [Holy Communion](#) - [Leo the Great, 461](#) - St Gregory's Crakehall & PhoneChurch

11:30 Thursday - Trevor Davies Funeral - St Mary's Hornby

11:00 Friday - John Douthwaite Funeral - St Andrew's Finghall

Sunday 14th November 2 before Advent, Remembrance Sunday

09:00 BCP Holy Communion - St Oswald's Hauxwell

10:45 [A service of Remembrance](#) - St Patrick's, Patrick Brompton

10:45 [A service of Remembrance](#) - St Mary's, Hornby

10:45 [A service of Remembrance](#) - St Michael's, Spennithorne

10:45 [A service of Remembrance](#) - St Gregory's, Crakehall

17:00 [Evening Prayer \(Taizé\)](#) - Zoom

Readings BCP Holy Communion - Hebrews 10.11-14 19-25, & Mark 13.1-8
Remembrance - Matthew 5:1-12

BCP Collect O Lord, we beseech thee, absolve thy people from their offences; that through thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed: Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour.



During the week

09:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday - [Morning Prayer](#) – PhoneChurch

10:00 Wednesday - [Holy Communion](#) - [Hugh, 1200](#) - St Gregory's, Crakehall & PhoneChurch

Sunday 21st November Christ the King

09:00 [Holy Communion](#) - St Patrick's Patrick Brompton & PhoneChurch

09:00 [Morning Prayer](#) - St Michael's Spennithorne

10:45 [Morning Prayer](#) - St Mary's Hornby

10:45 '[Stir Up](#)' [Simply Together](#) - St Gregory's Crakehall

17:00 [BCP Evensong](#) - St Andrew's Finghall

Readings Daniel 7.9-10,13,14, *Psalm 93*, Revelation 1.4b-8, & John 18.33-37

Collect Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BCP Collect Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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10:00 Wednesday - [Holy Communion](#) - St Gregory's, Crakehall & PhoneChurch



At the heart of Christmas



Sunday 28th November Advent Sunday

09:00 [Prayer & Praise](#) - St Patrick's Patrick Brompton & PhoneChurch

09:00 [Family Service](#) - St Michael's Spennithorne

10:45 [Holy Communion](#) - St Mary's Hornby

10:45 [Holy Communion](#) - St Gregory's Crakehall

17:00 [Advent BCP Evensong](#) - St Oswald's Hauxwell

Readings Jeremiah 33.14-16, *Psalm 25.1-9*, 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13, Luke 21.25-36

Collect Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BCP Collect Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever.

During the week

09:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday - [Morning Prayer](#) – PhoneChurch




16:00 Tuesday - [St Andrew's Day Patronal Holy Communion](#) - St Andrew's Finghall

10:00 Wednesday - [Holy Communion](#) - St Gregory's Crakehall & PhoneChurch



Message in the Movies

Come and join us as we watch a film by Danny Boyle where 'Ethics, being human and the soul come to the fore when a 7 year old finds a bag of Pounds just days before the currency is switched to Euros and learns what we are really made of.'






Free Popcorn - Bring your own drinks
No Charge for this event!

St Gregory's Crakehall
Thursday 25th Nov. 18:30

St Andrews Day

Festal Eucharist



St Andrew's Finghall
Tuesday 30th Nov - 18:00

PhoneChurch is working well, but please remember it is live and unless you mute the microphone on your phone everyone can hear anything that is happening at your end of the line. We are still learning how to best use this system and whilst responses during the service are working well, communal singing is causing problems - so for the moment please just listen to the music as it plays rather than singing along.

For the latest update from the Church of England please visit

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>

With Step 4 of the Government Roadmap has come a relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions. Bishop Nick and his colleagues have written a letter to the churches of the Diocese [which can be viewed here](#). In the letter, he encourages us to look to the needs of our neighbours and to take a cautious approach to re-opening

Our approach here in Lower Wensleydale for the moment is

Masks are encouraged when moving around and when the building is crowded.

Spacing out by using alternate pews is a simple way to help others.

The Peace will continue to be shared from where we stand.

Communion also continues in the same format as we have used during the restrictions with the Priest bringing the consecrated wafers to the congregation.

Hospitality at the end of services continues to be suspended, however, we hope to be able to reintroduce this in September.

Test & Trace continues in line with best practice advice.




Face Covering Encouraged

We warmly encourage all those attending this Church, especially when the building is crowded, to continue to use face coverings; remembering that they are mainly intended to protect other people, not the wearer, from coronavirus COVID-19 and that they are not a replacement for physical distancing and regular hand washing.



Meetings

We continue to hold phone discussions for Churchwardens, PCC Secretaries, & worship leaders. Our next meetings are on 10/11/21 and 01/12/21 at 16:15 on the PhoneChurch number.

Our next Service Leaders meeting is on Monday 6th December at 09:45

Rev'd Chris will be taking his rest days on Tuesday 9th and Tuesday 16th.

Wensley Deanery Synod is meeting on Tuesday 16th November by Zoom - all Churchwardens and PCC Treasurers have been invited to join us as Geoff Park the Chief Financial Officer for the Diocese is with us.

Our monthly Wensley Deanery Prayer meeting is at 11:00 on Wednesday 24th November at **St John the Evangelist, East Witton - all are welcome**

No Oasis - Please!

From Lisle Ryder, St Patrick's Environment Representative.

In the light of banning by the Royal Horticultural Society at its shows, please would those arranging flowers not use floral foam usually sold as Oasis. Through its use of microplastics, it causes serious pollution to the environment. Disposal of remains should not be added to compost, and particles should not be allowed into drains. Alternatives include glass beads or chicken wire scrunched into a vase.

For more info please see this article - <https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2021/24-september/news/uk/bishop-backs-campaign-for-more-sustainable-approach-to-flower-arranging>

Crakehall Youth Club

St Gregory's Crakehall Youth Club
We are back ... and about time too

One Friday in every month from 19:00-21:00 at Crakehall Village Hall. Bridging the gap between primary and secondary school and open to kids in Year 6 to Year 9/10. An evening of catching up with friends, playing organised games, a quiet moment, a tuck shop and a whole lot of fun. For young people who currently attend Y6 or have attended the village school, live in the village, wider parish, and Lower Wensleydale Benefice.



We are coming back soon for two random dates remaining in 2021 - Friday 12th November and Friday 10th December. And then on into 2022

With updated safeguarding procedures in place, please don't just drop off your son/daughter and leave. We have new registration forms that need completing before we can take responsibility for your child. Plus, it would be lovely to say hello.

Fancy helping, we would also be keen to hear from you. Subject to DBS and safeguarding training. Former member of the Youth Club over the years and fancy lending a hand please get in touch. Why not give the 'nicest' youth club in North Yorkshire a try?

If you have any questions, please speak to:
Trevor Starkey (tel. 07889 466 233), Gilly & Colin Bartram,
Louise Shepherd (Crakehall School), Peter Lohmeyer (Village Hall Committee),
Rev'd Chris Lawton (Church tel. 01677 937 124)

Parish Lunch

Wednesday the 10th of November at The Old Horn, Spennithorne 12:30 for 13:00.

Thursday the 18th of November at The Bay Horse, Crakehall 12:00 for 12:30.

Please book in with the Pub for Spennithorne - 01969 622 370
Please let Myra know by Monday 15th for Crakehall- 01677 427 970
The two-course lunch will cost £11.

All Are Welcome (from any Parish!)



Come and join us on Zoom for a time of Lectio Divina

Tuesday afternoons at 16:00 - Lectio Divina is a contemplative way of reading the Bible. It dates back to the early centuries of the Christian Church and is a way of praying the scriptures that leads us further into God's word. It is listening with the 'ear' of the heart that allows scripture to speak to us in new ways while also deepening our relationship with the Living God.

For further information and the Zoom link please contact:

Penny Johnson: 01677 450082 pennyj.johnson5@gmail.com or
Sue Bianco: 01677 450009 susanbianco54@gmail.com

Coffee Morning

St Gregory's Church, Crakehall
Friday 19th November
10:30 - 12:30

Hosted by Liz Ramsay
To support Friends of Mettupalayam -
[Changing Lives, A Rural Development Project in South India](#)



St Patrick's **Sat. 4th Dec.**
10:00-12:30

Christmas Fair

Coffee Morning
Stalls **Games**
Raffle **Crafts**

Lower  Wensleydale

*All proceeds to support the charitable work of
St Patrick's Church Patrick Brompton*

Wensleydale Filling Station

19:00 - 21:00 Friday 12th November 2021

Speaker: Roger Carswell

After a long period of Lockdowns and restrictions on us being able to meet together, we are pleased to announce that Filling Station meetings are back. The dates for the rest of the year are: 10th December. Details of these evenings to follow

Thornborough Hall, Leyburn. DL8 5AB

About Roger Carswell - Roger is an evangelist based in Threshfield, Wharfedale and will be speaking on: 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Matthew 9 v 37'



<https://thefillingstation.org.uk/station/wensleydale/>
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Community News

Bedale Community Library Make new friends, learn new skills, support your community. Bedale Community Library is an asset supported by many local people. To extend the opening hours we need more volunteers to work in the library and do many tasks behind the scenes. Volunteers do 3 hour shifts in teams about 3 times a month, on dates they choose. Full training is given. If you would like to know more please email us - committee@bedalecommunitylibrary.org.uk or call into the library in Bedale Hall - the volunteers will welcome you. Tuesday and Friday 10-12 and 2-4. Saturday 10-12.. www.bedalecommunitylibrary.org.uk

Diary Dates for Events at Constable Burton Reading Room

The following events are planned to take place at Constable Burton Reading Room:

Sunday 17th October - Afternoon tea 14:00 - 17:00. To be repeated on a fortnightly basis.
Saturday 4th December - Christmas lunch. 12:30
Saturday 18th December - Mulled wine and mince pies. 14:00 -17:00.
Saturday 18th December - Santa's Grotto. 14:00 - 17:00.

For details and other events please see the village website <https://constableburton.org/> or see the village noticeboard.

Crakehall Brownies & Guides

Tuesdays starting on 14th September at Crakehall village hall

Brownies (7-10 years) from 5.30pm until 7pm

Guides (10-14 years) from 7pm until 8.30pm

If you are interested please come along and bring your friends.

For further information or to find out more please visit the girlguiding.org.uk website or email mailto:crakehallguides@gmail.com



Richmond 950 concert

Richmondshire Choral Society
Friday 19th November 2021 at 19:30
St Mary's Church, Richmond DL10 4JX

Seasonal music from 20th and 21st centuries

Vaughan Williams – Fantasia on Christmas Carols

Finzi – In Terra Pax

Rutter – Magnificat

Harrison – Cantique 950

Cantique 950 is a commission with words by Mary Branigan and music by Mark Harrison, both of whom are choir members.

Tickets £10 from richchoral.org.uk, Castle Hill Books or via choir members. Also, on the door.

Online tickets for young people aged 16 -24 £3

Under 16 Free

More information 01325 374112 or richchoral.org.uk

Liberia News



Simon and Grace Stretton-Downes Simon is a dentist leading a team at a clinic at the Eternal Love Winning All (ELWA) Hospital in Monrovia. Grace is a nurse and will support Simon as well as seeking God's direction for her role in the mission field. The couple are sent by St Gregory's Church, Crakehall and are working for Serving In Mission (SIM) **Rosemary Gaven** is our local contact and keeps us update with the news they send. Simon says that while trusting that God is in control, it is very disappointing not to have had any response from Nairobi regarding Wannie's application to Dental School as yet. Academic dentist Professor Rob has booked his ticket to go to Liberia on 3rd December from Plymouth University to help work through the plans for the Therapist School - there are lots of things to sort out before his visit - including Simon talking with the Ministry of Health and Liberian Medical and Dental Council. It is hoped that Eddie will be starting his 3rd year at Nairobi Dental Clinic soon.

Grace is enjoying grandparenting duties in Johannesburg and it seems Nathan is proving delightful. Your prayers are always needed and very much appreciated, and Simon and Grace give you thanks for remembering them.

And Finally

From Rev'd Chris

On St Luke's day, we held our first service to include the laying on of hands since the Covid-19 restrictions came into place. Although we were low in numbers, I felt that it was good to once again return to this important ministry, and was very much appreciated by those who came. During the service, we gave thanks for the work of the Cornerstone team and formally brought that ministry to a close. I recognise that it is hard to let go of what was once precious, but with team members moving and some not able to commit in the same way it was decided that its season had come to an end. I hope that next year we will be able to train some members of the congregation as lay pastoral visitors, a new initiative from our Diocese, and once that is in place to once again revisit Cornerstone or something similar.

I realise that for some who read this PewNews Cornerstone may be an unfamiliar name so I am grateful for Penny who has provided the following background and history of the project. Thank you, Penny

'It began in 2010 with a growing awareness of people in our community who are alone at Xmas or living with a dependent relative i.e. dementia or where there are difficulties within a family. The Christmas Day lunch was set up – a traditional meal with roast turkey & all the trimmings, plenty of wine, homemade Xmas pudding with brandy butter & ice cream. Crackers etc., & a visit from Santa with his sack of gifts!!! It was held first in Newton-le-Willows & later in Hackforth Village Hall & ran for about 6 years. It provided a good opportunity to reach out to the community & to connect with others, many of whom were not part of the church. This was not about the church 'doing for' whoever might come, but more about us 'sharing' our Christmas with others. Around 18-20 came, including volunteers. Many in the community helped in a practical way & also generously donated to this event i.e. Malcolm Tempest gave several bottles of Cava & a crate of red & white wine every year. A local farmer, who wished to remain anonymous, donated two turkeys every year.

The Xmas Lunch then became part of Cornerstone, set up in 2011 & its aim was to develop a pastoral ministry that provided practical, emotional & spiritual support to church members & the surrounding communities. This included: providing transport, visiting the housebound, providing a listening ear & befriending, offering temporary practical support e.g. ironing, dog walking etc., etc. There were also Bereavement cards – again a gesture of connection & support with the bereaved in our community. A policy was set up, which covered such things as confidentiality, boundaries, DBS checks etc., & it was commissioned at a combined service in Spennithorne.

The core team/leadership was made up of those who had done in-depth training in listening, who had an understanding of bereavement (amongst other things) & with experience of being involved with chaplaincy, pastoral ministry, counselling, nursing or something similar. Cornerstone also provided a cream tea in the summer months which was held at the Ryders home in Newton-le-Willows.'

So once again I would like to thank all who gave of their time and resources so generously and I ask for your prayers as we discern together what shape pastoral ministry might take in our parishes in the future.