December 2025/January 2026 THE FOUNTAIN

The Parish Magazine serving the communities of the Fountains Group, Aldfield Sawley & Winksley (Fountains Parish), Azerley, Dallowgill, Galphay, Grantley, Grewelthorpe, Kirkby Malzeard, Laverton, Mickley & Studley

60p



Dear All,

Christmas! Oh hang on, it's only early December. But even the first few weeks of the month are dominated by secular Christmas-themed events, parties, shopping, preparations of various kinds, and of course maybe a bit of religion in the form of carol services. Then after all this frenetic and stressful activity, Christmas Day happens, and the very next day people will ask you 'Did you have a good Christmas?'

Now you would expect me as a Christian to grumble about all this, so I will not disappoint. Of course, you may think a Christian has no business having an opinion about Christmas at all, since this lovely old pagan midwinter festival was cheekily stolen by the Church and reshaped for the sinister purpose of celebrating the birth of Jesus. There is some truth behind this claim, but nothing sinister: in ancient times when pagans became Christians, they used the dates of traditional festivals and gave them a new significance, and why not? Lighting fires, eating preserved food, and having a party at the darkest

time of the year is always a good idea. The customs and symbolic figures inevitably got all mixed up together, in this case, the pagan gods Saturn and Woden became associated with the prodigally generous St Nicholas of Myra (who really existed), resulting in the Dutch/German figure of 'Santa Claus' (who doesn't: sorry).

Now this idea of celebrating the turning of the year seems to me something we should work up to, perhaps spending the earlier parts of December in reflection and preparation. This is the time Christians call 'Advent'. I suspect that this can make the festival itself more fun, as deferred gratification is always more fun than gratification sought prematurely. Then perhaps you could revisit the old idea of continuing to celebrate Christmas in a relaxed way throughout the subsequent twelve days. For Christians too there is something more. This is not just about keeping midwinter darkness at bay, but about celebrating the Incarnation, the coming of God amongst us in the life of Jesus, to assure us of his promise to conquer once and for all the darkness of death and all the evils which blight our lives.

Adrian

Services in Fountains Benefice in December 2025

'And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.' (Luke 1: 76)

7th Dec	9.00 am	BCP Holy Communion, Mickley Andrew			
2 nd of Advent	10.30 am	Holy Communion, Kirkby Malzeard			
		Ven David			
	10.30am	Holy Communion, Grewelthorpe Andrew			
	2.00pm	Christingle Service, Sawley Methodist Chapel			
		Ian P & Libbie D			
14 th Dec	10.30am	Carol Service, Kirkby Malzeard Adrian			
3 rd of Advent	10.30am	Carol Service, Sawley Liz			
	10.30am	Holy Communion, Winksley Andrew			
	6.00pm	Carol Service, Dallowgill <i>Liz</i>			
	6.00pm	Christingle Service, Grewelthorpe Adrian			

21 st Dec 9.00am		9.00am	Holy Communion, Aldfield <i>Andrew</i>			
	4 th of Advent 4.00pm		Carol Service, Grewelthorpe Ian P			
4.00pm		4.00pm	Carol Service, Winksley Liz			
		6.00pm	Carol Service, Mickley Adrian			
	24 th Dec	4.00pm	Crib Service, Kirkby Malzeard Andrew & KarenP			
	Christmas Eve	11.30pm	'Midnight' Holy Communion, Winksley Andrew			
	25 th Dec	9.00am	Holy Communion by extension, Aldfield Adrian			
	Christmas Day	9.00am	Holy Communion, Grewelthorpe Ian P			
		9.00am	Holy Communion, Mickley Andrew			
		10.30am	Family Holy Communion, Kirkby Malzeard <i>Anna & Adrian</i>			
		10.30am	Family Holy Communion, Sawley Andrew & Liz			
	28 th Dec The Holy Inno	10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion, Kirkby Malzeard Ministry Team			
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Services in Fountains Benefice January 2026

<u>"</u>For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)

Epiphany Sunday		9.00 a	m BCP Holy Communion, Mickley <i>Andrew</i>			
4 th January 10.30 am		m	Holy Communion, Winksley Andrew			
	2.00pm	1	Evening Prayer, with Methodist guests,			
			Sawley Liz & Ian P			
Baptism of Christ						
11 th January	9.00 an	n	Holy Communion, Aldfield Andrew			
	10.30 a	ım	Morning Worship, Grewelthorpe Adrian			
			Holy Communion, Sawley Canon Philip Gray			
11.00am		m	Plough Service & lunch, Kirkby Malzeard			

Andrew

2nd of Epiphany 9.00 am Holy Communion, Mickley *Andrew*

18th January 10.30 am Methodist Morning Worship, Grewelthorpe tbc

Holy Communion, Kirkby Malzeard Andrew

11.00am Plough Service & lunch, Winksley *Adrian*

6.00 pm BCP Evening Prayer, Aldfield *Liz*

The Conversion 10.30 am Benefice Holy Communion & Methodist

of St Paul Covenant Service, Grewelthorpe

25th January Revd Ian Pruden, Revd Cliff Bowman, Adrian, Liz

For information about services please contact Revd. Andrew Cromarty on 01765 507479 or email parishfountains@gmail.com.org







PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Ministry Team would like to encourage more people in the church congregations throughout the Benefice to lead intercessory prayers in all services. We are very grateful to those who do this already, but it would be wonderful if more people would be prepared to help with this essential part of our worship. If you would like to be involved, the guidelines are very straightforward and flexible, and any of us would be happy to offer a brief and informal training session. Our contact details are:

The Rev. Andrew Cromarty:

01765507479/andrew.cromarty@leeds.anglican.org

Liz Jarvis: 07730989934/liz@pjarvis.net

Adrian Roberts: 01765 650 275/aproberts1961@gmail.com

HOME COMMUNION

If you are housebound, or are finding it difficult to get to church on a Sunday, we would like to offer an occasional service of home communion across the Benefice. If you would like to take advantage of this service please contact any one of the Fountains Benefice Ministry Team:

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A Date for your Diary......

Please pencil Saturday 21st March, 2026, in your diary, for the formal launch of our three *Fountains Ways – Ancient Paths for Modern Pilgrims* pilgrimage routes: *Abbots' Way* (launched informally in September), and our two new routes: *Curlew Way* (a lovely circular walk between St Andrew's, Kirkby Malzeard and St Cuthbert and St Oswald, Winksley, and back) and *Fishers' Way* (another beautiful circular walk between St Andrew's, Kirkby Malzeard, St James and the Methodist Church, Grewelthorpe, and St John the Evangelist, Mickley – and taking in the renowned Hackfall Woods).

As a planning group, we are excited to be launching these pilgrim routes just before Easter, with significant support from North Yorkshire Tourism and other funders, and trust that the opening event will prove great fun, will bring many people together from across these communities and from further afield, and will open the door for many to discover new joys - in walking this glorious countryside, visiting our friendly villages and beautiful churches, and, we, hope, in fostering faith in the hearts of many. We very much look forward to seeing you there (more details to follow)!

Andrew

Job Opportunity: Administrator for the Fountains Benefice

The Churches of the Fountains Benefice are looking for an Administrator to support the Rector, Ministry Team, and Churchwardens.

This will be a part time position of 6 hours per week with the possibility of extending it to 8 hours at busy times. Ideally the person would be self-employed and work from home, with some availability for meetings or working from the office.

The position requires proven effective administration and personal relation skills, with the ability to handle confidential information. They will need to take on organisational and secretarial duties and have some financial skills. We appreciate that applicants may not have worked in a parish environment before, but training and support will be available.

For further information, job description, rate of pay and application, please contact either

Lynette Barnes Email: lynette.barnes@sky.com Mobile: 0788 400 7436

or Bridget North Email: northbridget@yahoo.co.uk Mobile: 07740 423138

Closing date 29 December.

We will be holding interviews in early January with a start date in February.

Friends of Fountains

Invites you to our annual

CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP

Friday, 5th December – 7.00 – 9.00pm Fountains CofE School Hall

£30 pp, including all materials, a mulled wine and a mince pie



Saturday 6th December Grantley Village Hall 12-2pm

Hot Turkey Sandwiches



Mulled Wine and Mince Pies

Hot dogs, teas, coffees, & soft drinks Home-made Cakes and Produce, Tombola and other stalls

Everyone welcome
Proceeds to Fountains Parish

Saturday 3rd January - Kettle's On - Winksley Church Room 2-4pm (weather permitting)

Sunday 18th January @ 11.00am – Winksley Plough Service. Please join us after the service for a hot lunch served in the Church Room. If you would like lunch, please contact Yvonne on 01765 658419 or ylfleetham@aol.com or Bridget on northbridget@yahoo.co.uk

Friday January 30th - Domino Drive 7.30pm at Winksley Church Room.

Fountains Book Club

Book Group met in October to discuss 'You Are Here' by David Nicholls. The group previously read 'Us' by him many years ago and all had enjoyed that and 'You Are Here' was met with almost the same unanimous praise. There was just one person who 'wasn't bowled over' by it.

In 'You Are Here' a mixed age group of people, several of whom are strangers to each other, set off to do the 'Coast to Coast' walk and the narrative follows them through the walk and the creating and breaking of relationships along the way. Ultimately only two of the group finish it. David Nicholls has done his usual skill of creating realistic, believable characters and as a result the reader feels the journey and the emotions with them. In this book he explores a variety of relationship dynamics but primarily it is focused on two people who are entering midlife and are suddenly on their own and feeling isolated and lonely. The walk tests them physically, emotionally and mentally. The book could leave the reader slightly depressed but Nicholls incorporates wonderful humorous nuggets of action that give it a more witty edge and can have the reader chuckling out loud. The book also carries the reader along with 'will they, won't they' and a feeling of hope.

It is an easy read where you can feel like you have done the walk without ever having to leave the comfort of your armchair-perfect! Will they or won't they? Read it to find out.

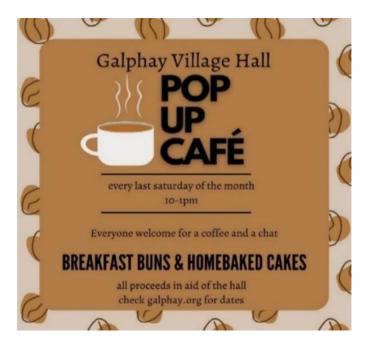
Our next book is 'All the Light We Cannot See' by Anthony Doerr and by the time you read this we will be onto our Christmas reads.

Libbie Davies

Galphay

Pilates with Dee at Galphay Village Institute

Every Thursday (9am)



Galphay Village Institute.

Upcoming Events for Spring 2026

Friday 6th March.

Fun Quiz Night (See February Fountains magazine and website for details).

A Charity Fundraiser for Medecins Sans Frontier

Our speaker for the evening will be a Harrogate medical practitioner,

volunteer for Medecins Sans Frontier and a committed fund raiser. He has experience of working with Doctors Without Borders, helping people all over the world who are suffering through conflict, natural disaster, epidemics or denial of healthcare facilities.

An evening of live music rocking away to local band ??????

Ticket details for these events will be available by emailing gvi@galphay.org in the new year.

Grewelthorpe

Grewelthorpe Village Hall December 2025 and January 2026

The Hackfall Café at the Village Hall welcomes customers for indoor and outdoor seating.

OPEN Monday – Wednesday – Friday 11:00 am – 1:00pm Saturday – Sunday 11:00 am – 2:00pm.

<u>Friday 5th December The Scrooge</u> Diaries, written and performed by Peter Macqueen.

"In this revelatory exclusive, Ebeneezer Scrooge opens his Diary to expose the awful truth about Tiny Tim, the Fezziwigs, Jacob Marley, and that disgustingly jolly, gluttonous, consumer-driven Ghost of Christmas Present. He reveals the truth behind a Christmas Carol and the vengeful, slanderous author of that novel, Charles Dickens. "A wickedly wild and witty play"

"Peter Macqueen......curmudgeonly, penny-pinching and old before his time.

Doors open 7pm for an 8pm start. Tickets £12 from the Village Hall during café opening or online from https://www.wegottickets.com/grewelthorpe

<u>GREWELTHORPE VILLAGE HALL CAFÉ TALK WEDNESDAY</u> 21st January 7.30pm

Steve Konya on 'The Digital Switchover'
Steve is a key member of Masham Community Offices's project,

supporting local communities with their IT issues and questions. He has been Grewelthorpe's Digital Champion for some time now, visiting the Cafe every fortnight to help all of us with our tech challenges. Steve will explain how the digital switchover, a significant transition in the UK telecommunications industry, will affect landlines. He will talk through the implications for all of us, here in Grewelthorpe.

Entry: £4 (includes glass of wine / soft drink)

THE BIG GREEN PIZZA TRUCK - GREWELTHORPE VILLAGE HALL *CHRISTMAS SPECIAL* FRIDAY_12th DECEMBER - 5.30 to 8.30pm Eat in or Takeaway. Refreshments available at the Village Hall Café for eat in customers from <u>5.15pm.</u> Hot & cold drinks / Wine and Beer.

Mobile Phone and Computer Questions? Help is still at hand

One of Mashamshire's Community Office's Digital Champions has kindly offered to continue to volunteer their expertise in Hackfall café, on alternate Mondays. Please ask in the Café for the dates. No appointment needed and, remember: there is no such thing as a daft question! We now have a Village Hall iPad, so access to the internet is provided, even if you don't have your own device.

Regular Classes

<u>Pilates with Elizabeth</u> Mondays 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd December. January Dates TBC 7:30pm -8:30pm.

Yoga with Jo Parker Tuesdays 2nd and 9th December. January dates TBC 6:30-8pm

<u>Ducklings Play Group</u> Thursdays 4th, 11th and 18th December and 8th January.10:30am – 12:00. A drink and snack will be provided. £2.00 per session. All welcome.

<u>Pilates with Gill</u> Thursdays 4th, 11th and 18th December and 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th January. 6:30pm-7:30pm.

Earthpath Drumming Circle Wednesdays 10th December and 14th January. 7pm. All welcome. £5 No experience necessary & spare drums will be available. Contact: Jane 07920196710

Grewelthorpe WI Thursday 8th January Dominoes Evening. Contact Mary Wilson 01765 650474 or Terri Duncanson email terridunk@hotmailco.uk Tel 07821162401 New members and quests are always welcome. Guests £4.

Community Lunch Tuesday 9th December Christmas lunch £8 and Tuesday 13th January £6, in the café. A homemade 2-course hot dinner and pudding, served by our friendly Hackfall Cafe volunteers. Extra portions for freezing can be ordered in advance. Call Susan Rizos on 01765 658200 to order your meal. Please state any dietary requirements.

Grewelthorpe Gardeners' Club Wednesday 28th January. Frances Cole and Judith Hooper. Gardening in Hot, Dry Summers; key tips and ideas for best growth and colours. Talk starts at 8pm with refreshments available from 7.30pm. Members free. Guests £5. New members and guests are always welcome. No need to book. Contact Mike 01765 658990 or Delia delia.jerome21@gmail.com for gueries/information.

VILLAGE HALL WEBSITE For more information about activities, events, facilities and to access our online booking system visit www.grewelthorpevillagehall.co.uk
WHAT'S ON IN GREWELTHORPE If you would like to be kept up to date you can subscribe to this e-newsletter by request at whatsongrewelthorpe@gmail.com



St James' and the Methodist Church Grewelthorpe

We would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year. Thank you......

We really appreciate your support as we continue our efforts for fundraising for the refurbishment to our Church.

Dates for your diaries.....

CHRISTMAS FEAST

Saturday 6th December 7.30pm Grewelthorpe Village Hall Tickets £22.50 per person to include Mulled Wine on arrival, 3 Course Christmas Dinner, Music Coffee and mince pies. For Tickets Contact Susan Rizos on 01765 658200 or 07740703868 Weekends contact Ann Pearson at the café in Village Hall

G CLUB NATIVITY In Grewelthorpe church Wednesday, 17th December. 6-7PM

Join us for a fun time with games and songs around a monthly theme. All primary school children welcome.

Ring Susan Rizos on 07740703868 with any queries.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christingle Service, Sunday 14th December 10.30 am (especially aimed with children in mind)

School Carol Service Thursday 18th Dec 2.30pm

Carol Service Sunday, 21st December 4pm

Followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Christmas Day service 9am led by Rev. Ian Pruden

THE EPIPHANY PARTY 2026

On Tuesday January 6^{th} , 2026, at 7pm, we will be holding our Annual Epiphany Party in the Church.

This very popular event has been running for 20 years and is the opportunity for Grewelthorpe's musical talent to sparkle and for those with clever or beautiful readings to share them with us all.

In addition to the excellent local entertainment, we also offer a wonderful supper and a glass or two of wine. What is more, there is no charge! (though donations are welcome). Please do mark the 6^{th} of January in your diary. Thank you.

Curry Night Eat in or Takeaway

Saturday, 24th January 2026 Grewelthorpe Village Hall Please watch out for further details. Tickets on sale very soon.

Have you wondered?

If God is there? Does He matter? Do we need God in our Lives? Would you like to know more about God and the Christian Faith? Do your children ask you questions? Or would you just like to remind yourself and discuss what you already know?

Another Emmaus Course is about to start They have run successfully in Grewelthorpe before; it is for non-church goers as well as those that do go to church or used to go. The group will be friendly and informal, a safe place to explore what you think about faith, or lack of it (doubts are ok). The six-week course offers an opportunity to talk, learn and increase our understanding. The course is for anyone across the benefice and will be on Wednesday evenings 7.30 -9pm in Grewelthorpe Village Hall starting on 7th January for six weeks.

If you are interested, or if you would like to find out more about it or if you can't make Wednesdays but would still be interested. Please contact Lynette Mobile 07884007436 Please do come along.

Kirkby Malzeard

Mechanics Institute Village Hall: December 2025

Wednesday 3rd: Kirkby Malzeard WI Christmas Party 7.15 pm

Friday 5th: Music Night 7.30 pm

Saturday 13th: Highside Singers Christmas Concert 7.30 pm **Monday 15th:** Parish Council Annual Meeting 7.30 - 10 pm

Friday 19th: Christmas Quiz Night 7.30 pm

Regular Classes:

Table Tennis - Monday 1st, 8th, 15th, 29th 10 - 12 noon

Pilates - Monday 8th, 15th 4 - 5 pm

Coffee, Click & Connect - Tuesday 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th 10 - 12 noon

Lunch Club - Tuesday 2nd

Highside Singers - 2nd, 9th, 16th 7.30 - 9 pm

Yoga - Wednesday 3rd, 10th, 17th 9.30 - 10.30 am

Table Tennis - Wednesday 10th, 17th 6.30 - 8.30 pm

Monthly Tunes Evening - Wednesday 17th 7 - 9 pm

Fit to be Free - Thursday 4th, 11th, 18th 7 - 8 pm

Yoga - Friday 5th, 12th, 20th 1 - 2 pm

SPECIAL FESTIVE CHRISTMAS QUIZ

7.30pm Friday 19th December at the Mechanics Institute
A FUN EVENING FOR ALL ASSURED!
PLEASE COME ALONG AND SUPPORT US.



Mechanics Institute Village Hall: January 2026

Friday 2nd: Music Night 7.30 pm

Wednesday 7th: Kirkby Malzeard WI 7.15 pm

Saturday 24th: Ceilidh 7.30 pm **Friday 30th:** Quiz Night 7.30 pm

Regular Classes:

Table Tennis - Monday 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th 10 - 12 noon

Pilates - Monday 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th 4 - 5 pm

Coffee, Click & Connect - Tuesday 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th 10 - 12 noon

Lunch Club - Tuesday 20th

Yoga - Wednesday 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th 9.30 - 10.30 am

Table Tennis - Wednesday 14th, 21st, 28th 6.30 - 8.30 pm

Monthly Tunes Evening - Wednesday 21st 7 - 9 pm

Fit to be Free - Thursday 8th, 22nd, 29th 7 - 8 pm

Youth Club - 15th 6.30 - 8 pm

Yoga - Friday 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th 1 - 2 pm



KIRKBY MALZEARD, LAVERTON AND DALLOWGILL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

PUBLIC CONSULTATION OCT-DEC 2025

Please complete the questionnaire on the Parish Council website and have your final say on our Neighbourhood Plan before it is submitted. Consultation closes 15.12.2025.



www.kmld-pc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan
Printed copies available on request to 01765 689390

The Highside Singers present their Christmas Concert

Saturday 13th December at 7.30pm The Mechanics Institute, Kirkby Malzeard Tickets £10 including refreshments

Contacts - Rosemary 07485 077064 or Ruth 01765 658417

KMLD GREEN TEAM AUTUMN UPDATE

The Green Team and Pathkeepers have been out exploring and surveying our local footpath network, noting any issues and compiling a list of jobs to do, to work with landowners and North Yorkshire Council on improvements. In July a group did a local walk, and became more familiar with the species of trees growing in the area, thanks to Phil Lyth, sharing his years of knowledge working with trees. The torrential rain did nothing to dampen our spirits!

On the Bank Holiday Monday at the end of August, farmer Sean Nicholson gave a great tour around the farm up at Castiles, explaining how they are following a regenerative approach to improve the soil, and also reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The 'cow-powered' feeding system was particularly impressive. Many thanks to Sean.

In September, we undertook our annual survey of the Crackpots Mosaic Trail. We are all pretty familiar with the route, so it was useful to chat to two couples who had just completed the trail, to see if there were any improvements they suggested, or places where navigation wasn't clear. On the whole, the mosaics are looking good - it is a balance between letting them grow old gracefully, and stepping in with repairs before things disintegrate too much. It is a very popular walk, and we should feel rightly proud as a community to have created it for the pleasure of so many over the 28 years it has been in place.

October saw a group of members meet at Laver House, for what is hoped to be the first of an annual apple pressing day. As it has been a bumper year for fruit, there was plenty of fruit to press, including some quinces, and enough equipment to go round. We ended up with some delicious apple juice. Thanks to James and Su Wood.

In November, Samantha McGivern, the new Volunteer Coordinator for North Yorkshire Council, came to meet the committee and has promised to work on our behalf to improve public rights of way in our Parish. We look forward to working with her. Also, a group met to put some bridleway markers up, as the route through Carlesmoor has been upgraded from a footpath.

DATES FOR DECEMBER

Friday 5th	Pathkeepers workday meet to improve stiles & waymarks on		
	land N of KM – details tbc		
Sunday	1330 - Green Team - Map reading workshop in the		
7th	Mechanics Institute Annex (tbc) - small charge for Green		
	team funds.		
Saturday	1130 - Green Team Christmas social – meet at KM cross for		
13th	walk to The Crown in Grewelthorpe and back.		

LOGO COMPETITION - We would like a simple logo, which, with the name of the group (KMLD Green Team and Pathkeepers), can be printed onto hivis vests, for when we are out and about. It needs to be simple and representative of our area and what we do, and will be printed in black on a green vest. Email your entries to Patrice.lyth@gmail.com, by 31st December, and see if you are lucky enough to have your design used.

Don't forget to check the noticeboard in the Mechanics and follow the Green Team Facebook page for news and events. Pathkeepers are a sub group of the Green Team working on behalf of NYC - if you are interested in getting involved with their activities, please email Patrice.lyth@gmail.com with your phone number and you can be added to the WhatsApp group.

Membership of the Green Team is £10 per person or £20 per couple/family, and forms are on the Green Team noticeboard in the Mechanics foyer or from Phil Bowe philipbowe@gmail.com. Please do support us as membership income will enable us to offer more activities, and do more to improve rights of way and the countryside in our local area for the benefit of all. The membership scheme has already enabled us to take out our own insurance cover, and we are also grateful to the Parish Council too for their support which will enable us to purchase materials.

The Kirkby Malzeard WI At The Mechanics Institute

- January 7th @ 2pm Members Social Afternoon
- February 4th @ 7.15pm Adventures in Kiwi Land, Patrice and Phil Lyth
- March 4th @7.15pm Rosemary and Twine, Amy Fairburn

Kirkby Malzeard Methodists

"Coffee, Cake and Chat"

Do please come and join us for an informal service with Coffee, Cake and a thought-provoking chat by Rev. Ian Pruden in the Coffee Lounge at the Mechanics Institute from 9.15am - 10am on the 4th Sunday of the month.

The next services will be:

2026

Sunday February 22nd Sunday March 29th



St Andrew's Church Community

Christmas Concert





Friday 12th December 7.30pm

St Andrew's Church Church Street Kirkby Malzeard Tickets £12.50

Proceeds to Church

Doors Open 7pm Wine & Soft Drinks Available

Electronic Ticket Sales:
www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-andrews-church-kirkby-malzeard
Direct Ticket Sales:
Nigel Robertshaw 07595 151782
thewoodpeckerscottage@qmail.com

Kirkby Malzeard C of E Primary School

As always, the school has been incredibly busy this half term and very thoughtful about supporting others. There was great excitement for the arrival of Sara Cox the Radio 2 DJ as she ran her Great Northern Marathon challenge for Children in Need and passed through Kirkby Malzeard. Oak and Acorn classes cheered Sara on from the school as she headed up Church Bank and Palm and Cedar classes did a brilliant welcome and 'Sara jingle' for her at Ivy Bank campsite. It was great to meet Pudsey Bear and everyone dressed in their finest yellow outfits.

The theme this year is 'Challenge yourself', therefore school counsel put on a selection of sporting challenges at lunchtime and the school has donated lots of money for this worthy cause.

The school also did an amazing job collecting for the Royal British Legion poppy appeal in support of our Armed Forces community and as part of the Christmas appeal for the Clothing Bank we are currently collecting new Pyjamas. Well done again to the school council for organising this and enabling those less fortunate to have lovely new PJ's for Christmas.

This year Friends have been very creative with their after-school crafting sessions when children could make Christmas tree decorations to sell at the village Christmas Fair. Thank you so much for this fabulous activity that is helping to raise funds for the school.

The children are very excited for their Christmas theatre visits to Leeds Playhouse. Key stage 1 will be going to see 'Stickman' and Key Stage 2 to see 'A Christmas Carol'.

Children from across school had lots of fun in Tag Rugby recently. 'Sporting influence' ran the sessions on Mondays for all children to gain new skills and enjoy the game of tag rugby.

The school wishes everyone in the community a very Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

The school is welcoming prospective parents to visit this term as part of our 'open term'. Prospective parents are invited to book a tour of the school on a day and time convenient to them. Come along and see for yourself how the school gained such an excellent OFSED report in 2023 when they found that 'Pupils love coming to the school. Pupils are

happy and safe in this nurturing environment. Treat one another with a high level of respect. The school is calm and classes have a working 'hum as pupils focus on their learning'.

For more information about the school please email:

admin@kirkbymalzeard.n-yorks.sch.uk or

call: 01765 658329 or follow us on @KirkbyMSchool to see lots of other amazing learning opportunities for our children.

You can also learn more about the school on our website:

http://www.kirkbymalzeard.n-yorks.sch.uk

Date for your 2026 diary

Sunday 7th June- Kirkby Malzeard Family Festival and Crackpots Trail run. Highside Playing Field

There will be lots of fun for the whole community throughout the day on the Sunday 7th June. Cheer on the runners, enjoy live music & the bar, eat delicious food, browse the stalls and take part in the games.

The Crackpots Trail Run award-winning event will take place in Kirkby Malzeard, on Sunday 7th June, 2026. It is an 11-kilometre trail run around the village area that starts from Highside Playing Field. If you are interested in taking part visit the website Crackpots Trail Run 2026 - RaceBest to find out more and to register email hello@crackpots.run

Put it in your calendar!

Mickley

Mickley 100 Social Club (previously known as the Mickley Film Club) Season Three

A really great night was enjoyed by all who came along to the Annual Mickley Quiz Night. Our congratulations to the winners, commiserations to the losers and our thanks once again to Andy Lyall for devising such an entertaining evening in Mickley.

10th December - Bridget Jones, Mad About the Boy (2025 1hr

58mins) Bridget Jones is back.. diary, pen, and perfectly imperfect self in hand, but Mad About The Boy gives us a more grown-up Bridget, still as hilariously relatable as ever, navigating love, loss, motherhood, and the madness of midlife in her signature quirky way.



7.00 for 7.30 in Mickley Village Hall. Entry is a £5 donation at the door, we will have our usual donations Bar available and Popcorn at the ready. All welcome, do come and join us.

Mickley Christmas Wreath Making Saturday 6th December - This popular event has **SOLD OUT.**

Village Christmas Carol Service - Sunday 21st December, 6.00 Please come along and join in our Village Christmas Carol Service on Sunday 21st December, followed by Mulled wine and Mince Pies in the Village Hall and the Big Christmas 100 Club Draw, with the 1st Prize being $\pounds 50$.

Set the Tone Fitness - Circuit Training in Mickley. Monday Nights, 6.00 - 7.00pm. Suitable for all levels of fitness.

Mickley Boys' Club

As The Fountain goes to print, the Club's visit to Raby Castle with its Christmas decorations on 4 December is eagerly anticipated. The annual Christmas Dinner on 20 December, is at The Crown, Grewelthorpe. Details of the attractive menu and price have been sent to members who are encouraged to contact Paul Kirk without delay for this popular occasion as the accommodation is limited.

Sawley

SAWLEY VILLAGE HALL

December

Tues 2nd Dec 10.00 am Badminton trial Tues 2nd Dec Dominoes 1.30pm Fri 19th Dec Christmas Dominoes 7.30 pm Sun 21st Dec Carols in the hall 6.00 pm

January

Fri 9th Jan Chapel Dominoes 1.30 pm Fri 9th Jan Family Games Night 7.00pm Fri 16th Jan Dominoes 7.30pm

We also have an active bowling club at the village hall who meet: Tuesdays 7.30 pm
Wednesday 1.00 pm
Friday 9.30 am

For hall bookings and information please email sawleyvillagehall@gmail.com

Sawley Moor Lane Diary

Flowers of earth and buds of heaven

November 1st and I found a broken white pigeon's egg dropped onto the green house roof! Will these birds never stop? Certainly, there are many pigeons about, perhaps they are cleverer than they look!

As a child I learnt the poem

January brings the snow, makes our feet and fingers glow

February brings the rain, fills the frozen lake again.

And so on through the months of the year, the seasons seemed fixed.

When teaching I introduced children to the Thomas Hood's poem November,

painting a grey mono colour month with its clever use of no:

No sun – no moon,
No morn – no moon,
No dawn – no dusk, no proper time of day.
No warmth – no cheerfulness, no healthful ease,
No comfortable feel in any member –
No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees,
No fruits, no flowers, no birds, no leaves,
November!

But over the last few years weather patterns are challenging this sure and certain calendar and looking round the garden, I noticed more plants with flowers still on the go than I expected. So, I counted them including both the designed and undesigned parts of our garden. Guess what – I recorded 55 different plants in flower on the first of November. Some were just hanging on, I am sure the absence of early or surprise frosts have helped but I wish I had kept a record in previous years. We feel/presume the flowers are there for our own delight but they are just doing their job – ensuring next year's unfailing perpetuation of the parent plant.

The dry spring and low rainfall has left many trees under stress and I expected a rapid autumn leaf drop but leaves too are hanging on, some not even turned yet. I wonder just what next year will bring? After writing this I have been observing the colour changes in the larch, which on the 1st Nov was mainly green with an odd branch turning towards yellow, then on the next two day these yellows spread becoming more vivid and luminous, today, the 5th Nov these yellows are turning towards bronze — a rapid and dramatic and very colourful change indeed. The beech is still king among the autumn trees and the road down towards Stephenson bridge is simply the most beautiful time tunnel of all.

Two weeks rain has changed all this and the leaves are truly stripped onto

the sodden earth. In the wood I have noticed an abundance of cobweb fungus growing on decaying toadstools, it spreads rapidly and envelops the larger toadstools as they fall and decay and is quite extraordinary!

Remembrance at Picking Gill

Fourteen hardy folk and a dog stood in the wind and rain to mark eleven o'clock on the eleventh of November 2025. In the eight years we have been meeting this is the first truly wet occasion but since the memorial was put up in the newly cleared space in 2018 the area round it has been enclosed by birch and gorse and, although the wider views have been lost, this new natural shelter kindly protects the stone from the worst of the weather. Rain drumming on umbrellas gave a different feeling to the two minutes quiet, patient and respectful silence and left us with an especially poignant memory.

SAWLEY METHODIST CHAPEL

Dec 7th at 2pm Christingle service with Rev Ian Pruden

joint with Cof E

Dec21st at 2pm Carol service with Rev Ian Pruden

2026

Jan 4th at 2pm United service at Cof E

Jan 18th at 2pm Covenant service with Rev Ian Pruden





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