

# Village Magazine

## February 2026



LONG PRESTON

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**Egmont Overture**

***Bibi Heal***  
Soprano

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Alto

***Oliver Heath***  
Tenor

***Rob Gildon***  
Bass

Conductor  
**Andre Chan**  
Leader  
**Anne Heaton**

**Sat 21st March, 3.30pm**  
Settle Parish Church

**Sun 29th March, 3.30pm**  
Christ Church, Skipton

***O Haupt voll Blut***

# **MENDELSSOHN**

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## VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

By the time our readers get to see this, it will be well on the way to an early Easter (5th April this year), and so memories of Christmas will probably have long since faded. But I just want to express my appreciation to all of those, both members of our regular congregation and others from our village, who offered their time and expertise to make our Christmas events and services so memorable. It was marvellous to see so many in church for our carol and Christingle services, and for carol singing around the village. Thank you again for coming!

I wrote recently about memories from the 1970s, and I'm going to indulge myself once more with an advertising strapline from that decade. Do you remember "a dog is for life, not just for Christmas", a phrase coined in an attempt to reduce the number of abandoned pets after the festive season? Well, a Christian (for a different reason, obviously!) would hopefully say something similar about the person of Jesus too - that to encounter Jesus solely as the baby at Bethlehem is all well and good, but in the end not much use in helping us navigate the challenges of our lives. We wouldn't expect our own little children to be able to do things for us, after all, and for all that the first Christians claimed powerfully that Jesus was indeed "God incarnate", the Bible also stresses that Jesus needed the care and love of an earthly home before he was ready, aged probably around 30, to take his radical message into the deeply challenging environment of his own day.

So if you're feeling, in the middle of winter as you digest this latest magazine, that all the "comfort and joy" of Christmas hasn't really sustained you for very long in 2026, don't worry, it's not meant to! St Mary's will be following, week by week until Easter, the story of how the adult Jesus came to lay down his challenge to a world full of violence, greed, and exploitation. It's a story that reaches its extraordinary climax at Easter, by when in Long Preston we'll hopefully be enjoying our annual move away from the cold and darkness of winter into the new, fresh, fragrant, perhaps even (maybe?) warm-ish air of spring.

Please contact Revd James Rodley on 01729 851709 or [jwerodley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jwerodley@yahoo.co.uk)

**Front Cover : Long Preston Planter—Katy Attewell**

## Coffee & Cake Afternoon for anyone 50 and over



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Please note from now on we will be meeting in the Methodist Chapel

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### **Settle Orchestra & Langcliffe Singers – Spring Concert Series 2026**

Settle Orchestra and Langcliffe Singers join forces this spring for an inspiring programme of choral and orchestral masterworks filled with drama and emotion. Beethoven's *Egmont Overture* opens the concert with heroic intensity, followed by Mendelssohn's moving chorale *O Haupt voll Blut*. The performance culminates in Beethoven's magnificent *Mass in C* – a work of profound beauty and spirit.

Audiences can enjoy this exceptional collaboration on:

**Saturday 21 March, 3.30pm – Settle Parish Church**

**Sunday 29 March, 3.30pm – Christ Church, Skipton** (please note this is a Sunday performance).

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For more information, visit [www.settleorchestra.org.uk](http://www.settleorchestra.org.uk) or follow Settle Orchestra on social media for updates.

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# PAUL WHITTAKER OBE

## **Enjoy a taste of music, signed song, laughter and deaf awareness with Paul Whittaker OBE**

On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February, renowned deaf musician Paul Whittaker will bring his trademark energy, charm and humour to the Dales for a very special workshop.

Paul has been profoundly deaf all his life yet pursued a career as a musician. In 2007, he was awarded an OBE for Services to Music. In 2010, he gave the first ever signed BBC Prom - Sondheim at 80 - in the presence of Stephen Sondheim and with performers such as Judi Dench, Bryn Terfel, Simon Russell Beale and Maria Friedman.

The workshop is being organised by Langcliffe Singers to raise money for an exciting Dales-based project. Funded in part by a grant from the Victoria Wood Foundation and from Settle and Skipton Rotary Clubs, the choir has commissioned locally-born composer Vahan Salorian to write an original piece of music depicting the seasons in the Dales, inspired by hundreds of interviews with farmers, auctioneers and schoolchildren. The piece will be premiered on 4 July 2026 and Paul will be signing the performance. Paul has worked with Langcliffe Singers in the past, signing a recent concert and bringing a whole new dimension to the music.

Everyone is welcome – of any age or ability and with or without any previous experience of music, deafness or signing. You'll be moved and inspired whilst having a lot of fun along the way. You'll learn that signing songs isn't just about signing the words but about expressing the rhythm and emotion of the music too.

The workshop will take place from 10.00 – 12.00 at the Catholic Church in Settle, and is repeated from 2.00 – 4.00 at Craven Arts in Skipton. Places cost £10 for adults and £5 for under 16s, and can be booked at [www.langcliffesingers.org.uk](http://www.langcliffesingers.org.uk) or by emailing [secretary@langcliffesingers.org.uk](mailto:secretary@langcliffesingers.org.uk).

*"Paul is the most inspiring speaker I've ever heard. He is funny, warm and engaging and he captivated the audience from the moment he started speaking." (Darryl Wideman, Headmaster, Silcoates School, Wakefield)*

*"Paul's remarkable talent as a musician and communicator ensure an evening filled with laughter and awe - learning about Paul's journey to become a musician, watching him interpret both classical and modern song, and learning Paul's sign interpretation of Bob Marley's 'Three Little Birds'." (Bardsey-cum-Rigton WI)*

Tenders are invited for the following two contracts:

### **Seasonal Grass Cutting in the village of Long Preston**

The contract is to maintain 12 Village Greens, The Baptist Burial Ground, the Playing Field and the grass verge along Lovers Walk by Methodist Chapel.

The Council will provide a ride-on mower, fuel, road tax and accessories such a strimmer to carry out this work. The contractor will provide all other tools for grass cutting such as edging equipment.

These areas are to be cut every week between April and October.

### **Village Lengths man**

Ground maintenance in the village of Long Preston of public spaces in the role of sub-contractor to Long Preston Parish Council.

The contract specifically includes but is not restricted solely to:

- ◆ Grass cutting, strimming and general gardening duties, including the areas by the bus stops, approaches to the Village including Kayley Hill.
- ◆ Trimming and pruning of hedges, verges, shrubs and saplings
- ◆ Collection and removal of leaves and debris such as (but not solely) storm damage and other debris
- ◆ Maintenance of benches, bus shelters, edging posts and other structures (such as but not solely the Memorial Fountain and War Memorial)
- ◆ Litter removal
- ◆ Monitoring and maintenance of the condition of Village Greens (excluding grass cutting)

The contract is based on an estimate of 80 hours throughout the year.

NB. Whilst each of these contracts stand alone, for the right applicant they could be combined if the extended role offers greater interest to an applicant.

Applicants will be self-employed and are responsible for their own National Insurance payments. Applicants will also have their own Public Liability insurance cover of at least £5,000,000. Evidence of this cover will be required.

Further details are available from the Parish Clerk by emailing [longprestonpcclerk@gmail.com](mailto:longprestonpcclerk@gmail.com) or ringing 01729 823723. The closing date for applications is Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026.



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## TRANSPORT UPDATE

Well, since I last wrote there has been a lot of activity in the bus world.

In November 2025 The Bus Services Act was passed. Also North Yorkshire Council's Bus Service Improvement Plans. Both to include to improved rural bus services. David Skaith, Mayor of York and North Yorkshire along with other Mayors across the country to meet local need.

In December 2025 I submitted a brief presentation to the Democracy forum describing what the people of Long Preston and Hellifield want from their bus service. Over the past 2 years myself in Long Preston and Trevor Metcalf in Hellifield have been asking for your feedback on the 580 Kirby Lonsdale bus company which passes through our villages from Settle to Skipton.

Our agenda is to be kept informed of any developments to enable us to share with you through our village magazines so that there is adequate time for everyone to participate in the passenger consultation when it happens.

This is not going to a quick process, but hoping to get updates to share with you.

Our aims. To have a meaningful communication pathway from North Yorkshire Council A bus service which is 'fit for purpose ' that meets passenger needs to avoid social isolation, an improved quality of life and practical solutions which will break down barriers to independence for all ages and abilities.

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## FUN FACTS FOR 2026

2026 is the first year since 1900 where all the digits add up to 10.

We're now closer to 2050 than 2000.

It's 100 years since the first TV was invented.

USA's Rock'n'roll Highway Route 66 celebrates it's centenary.

Winnie-the-Pooh and our national treasure, David Attenborough, both celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> birthday this year.

# NORTH CRAVEN FLOWER CLUB



Our Guest demonstrator at our January meeting was a welcome re-visit by Jill Perrins from Catkins flower shop in Settle. We always enjoy our sessions with Jill as she is always passing on tips and shows us arrangements that we might have a go at ourselves.



This was a hand tied arrangement which was then slotted into a pottery vase. Because it was hand tied, it kept its shaped when placed in the vase. It included lots of greenery from her garden and flowers were in the colours of yellow, pink and pale purple.

This arrangement was positioned on a wooden platform using an oasis tray and one block of floral foam.

The tall cream-coloured flowers were Chinchinchee or Ornithogalum. They are long lasting and stay upright in floral foam. Also included were white Eryngium either individually or inserted as a spray. The foam block was cover by ivy on the top and moss round the sides,





This arrangement used a wreath made from willow which added structure to the arrangement. The sunflowers added a splash of yellow which was echoed in the colour of the gold edged variegated Euonymus. A good staple piece of foliage that is easy to grow in our gardens. Provides a continuous supply of short stems that provide colour all the year round. Also available in a white edged version.

Very impressive DIY skills in this mechanics with just three small branches crossed and tied at the top which enabled a piece of oasis to be lodged in the top. A round of wood positioned in the bottom provided the platform for a second arrangement.



Finally, she put together this arrangement with peach-coloured gerberas, deep pink edges roses and yellow spray roses. All these arrangements done in an hour!



Our next meeting will be a practical 12<sup>th</sup> February. The meeting is to be held at Gargrave Village Hall as Hellifield Village is undergoing some renovations. The title of the practical is Spring Chicken with members doing an arrangement of their own choice using their own flowers and mechanics. Always interesting to see what arrangements people put together. There will be tea and cakes afterwards with cakes provided by the committee.

# LONG PRESTON METHODIST CHURCH



**Our Mission is to Love God**

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**Services start at 10.30am unless stated.  
Everyone is most welcome!!**

## **February 2026**

**Preachers: -**

1 <sup>st</sup> February: -	Mr Bill Murfitt
8 <sup>th</sup> February: -	Mr Richard Waller
15 <sup>th</sup> February: -	Rev Susan McIvor Café Style Chapel Anniversary Everybody welcome for a Bacon Butty/Toasted teacake, coffee & cake.
22 <sup>nd</sup> February: -	Rev Stephen Dawes
1 <sup>st</sup> March : -	Mrs Jane Jolly

For Pastoral Support, Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals please contact:  
Rev Susan McIvor on 07938 711263 or  
ministerskiptonandgrassington@gmail.com

## **Methodist Church Diary February 2026**

### **Mondays**

•*Little Footsteps Group* (10.00–11.30am, term time): Free under-5s playgroup with stories, songs and refreshments.

**No session on 16th February (half-term).**

•*Warm Space/Lunch Club* (1.00pm): Homemade lunch for £3, with takeaways available. Booking required.

### **Tuesdays**

•*Strong & Steady* (1.30–3.00pm): Chair-based exercise class to improve strength and balance, followed by refreshments.

**No sessions on 3rd or 17th February.**

### **Thursday 5th February**

•*Community Café* (1.30–3.30pm): Free coffee and cakes, games and socialising.

## Thursday 5th February

•*Parish Council Meeting* (7.30pm): Held in Chapel; all parishioners welcome.

## Thursday 26th February

•*Coffee & Cake* (1.30pm): Monthly social with a guest speaker (to be announced).

## Fridays

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03.02.1730	The London <i>Daily Advertiser</i> newspaper publishes the first stock exchange quotations.
04.02.1926	Malcolm Campbell sets a new world land speed record of 174 mph in Wales.
05.02.1958	Parking meters first appear on the streets of London.
09.02.1964	73 million Americans tune in to the <i>Ed Sullivan Show</i> to watch four lads from Liverpool appear for the first time – The Beatles.
11.02.1975	<i>Iron Lady</i> Margaret Thatcher, becomes the first woman leader of the British Conservative Party.
15.02.1971	Pennies, bobs and half-crowns all disappear as Britain goes decimal.
16.02.1659	A cheque is used for the first time in Britain.
19.02.1897	The Women's Institute is founded in Ontario, Canada.
26.02.1797	The Bank of England issues the first ever one-pound note.

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## EXCERPT FROM THE CRAVEN HERALD

Excerpt from the Craven Herald dated 28<sup>th</sup> February 1919.

Preparation Against Influenza.

The Local Government Board has received a list of "safety hints" by way of precautions against influenza, and these do not altogether agree with the view that face masks are useless — Sir James Criichton-Browne regards them as about as useful as putting up a barbed wire fence to keep off flies, but the Local Government Board recommend people attending influenza patients not only to wear a mask, but also goggles.

The mask it says, can be made of three or four pieces of muslin, sufficient to cover the mouth and nose. Healthy living, well-ventilated rooms, the avoidance of crowded gatherings, fatigue, chill and alcoholism, are among the recommendations, and people are advised not to waste money on drugs.

Importance is attached to the hygiene of the mouth and nose, which should be cleansed with a gargle made of one teaspoonful of salt to a pint of warm water, to which a few crystals of potassium permanganate are added, sufficient to turn the solution pink.

Sir Arthur Newsholme, the retired medical officer of the Local Government Board, has no faith in inoculation as a preventative of influenza, but believes that the prevention of pneumonia by vaccines is a much more hopeful possibility.

## PARISH COUNCIL THANK YOU

I would like, on behalf of the Parish Council, to say a big thank you to Bev and Paul and their team from Gledstone Gardens for sponsoring the lovely planter at the entrance to the village.

(Front Cover Picture)

It is a real asset and welcome to villagers and visitors alike and an enjoyment for all.

The planter was made by Gavin, one of the team, and he has done us proud.

Thanks again to all involved.

Katy Attewell

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# LONG PRESTON HERITAGE GROUP

Our children might think otherwise, but we have been fortunate to have missed the disruption from the snow brought along with the winds of Storm Goretta, which fell on large parts of the UK in the second week of January. It might, of course, be our turn before this article goes to press. It seems appropriate this month to revisit the Heritage Group article of February 2021 recalling the big snows of 1940 and 1947. This 2021 article can be accessed online by searching *LongPreston.info*, then selecting 'Village' from the top right of the screen, which will take you to all the Parish Magazines published since 2020.

January 1940 was the coldest month since 1895, with high snowfall figures in many parts of the country, including our village. In 1947, six weeks of snow began on January 23rd, and thousands of people were cut off by snowdrifts. The Thames froze over for the first time in more than 200 years. In 1963, temperatures were so low that the sea froze in places. At minus 20°C, this was one of the coldest winters on record.

Just a few of us might remember playing in the snow as children in 1940 and 1947, but many of us will remember the snow of 1963, when heaps of snow were still piled high at roadsides even as we approached Easter. Over the winter of 1981 to 1982, there were two significant snowfall events. The night of December 12th/13th, 1981 was a record-breaker, with minus 18°C recorded widely and a large part of the country snowbound for more than three weeks.

In late April 1981, an unseasonable and severe snowstorm hit parts of the UK, and the Yorkshire Dales were badly affected. The 'Big Freeze', as it was called by the press, came late in Easter week—the same week that had been so warm and sunny that children could play in the becks wearing only swimsuits, while parents sunbathed on the grass. In stark contrast, we woke one morning to snow too deep to set foot in. Helicopters were dropping hay in the fields and on the fells to feed the sheep, which were already lambing at that time of year. Not a happy memory for many Dales farmers.

The sign above the door of the Maypole Hotel is inscribed in large letters, *E CAMBRAY*. Mrs Cambray was the licensee, following on from her husband, Philip. She remained there from 1908 to 1925, which dates this image to between those years. Note the horse droppings in the road.



## BOWLAND DARK SKIES EVENTS

### **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February,**

7pm-8pm, Online : *Frank Holden: Observing Under Southern Skies*  
A free, online talk from Preston & District Astronomical Society

### **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February,**

5.30pm-7.30pm,

Gisburn Forest : *After Dark Forest Discovery*

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Sandra Silk (She/her) Project Officer

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## MOBILE LIBRARY LONG PRESTON

The Mobile Library will now call at Long Preston, stopping in the **Layby by Maypole Barn** next to the Maypole Pub.

### **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2.30 – 3.30pm**

You can join on board the Mobile Library when it visits, it's free, just bring some form of ID with you.

Once you are a member, if you wish you can browse and select items on-line then collect from a library of your choice.

The previous vehicle has been replaced by this smaller, more versatile version and is funded by the Arts Council England's Library Improvement Fund.

## DID YOU KNOW ?

Fresh snow absorbs sound, lowering ambient noise over a landscape because the trapped air between snowflakes weakens vibration. That's why it gets so quiet when it snows.

# FRIENDS OF THE DALES

## Eyes on the Skies - Protecting Birds of Prey



As an independent charity free from all financial and political ties, Friends of the Dales has spent more than four decades campaigning on the big issues affecting the Yorkshire Dales. Its new campaign is no different, speaking out against the ongoing criminal persecution of birds of prey, a barbaric practice that continues, despite these majestic species having been protected in law for over 70 years.

To learn more about justice for birds of prey, sign up for one or both of the charity's next two free online talks:

### **Saving Our Precious Sky Dancers – with Indy Kiemel Greene & Adrian Rowe from Hen Harrier Action**

**Wednesday 18 February, 5:30pm – 7:00pm**

Indy – familiar from *Springwatch*, *8 Out of 10 Bats*, and the HHA Skydancer Day – will introduce the iconic, **red-listed hen harrier**: how to recognise it, its key behaviours, and why it's a vital indicator of upland ecosystem health.

Adrian will then reveal how **satellite tagging helps monitor raptors and exposes illegal persecution**, and how the charity is funding both tags and specialised **wildlife-crime detection dogs** to strengthen protection efforts.

### **Talking Raptor Persecution with Dr Ruth Tingay**

**Wednesday 18 March, 5:30pm - 7:00pm**

Hear from wildlife conservationist Dr Ruth Tingay, who has worked in the field of raptor research and conservation for more than 30 years. A former President of the international Raptor Research Foundation, **Ruth now focuses on campaigning against the illegal killing of birds of prey in the UK through the blog Raptor Persecution UK**. She is also a co-director of the hard-hitting wildlife conservation organisation Wild Justice with Chris Packham.

Book for both of these free talks at: [www.friendsofthedales.org.uk/events](http://www.friendsofthedales.org.uk/events)

All talks can also be viewed later via: [www.youtube.com/@friendsofthedales](http://www.youtube.com/@friendsofthedales)

# LONG PRESTON PLAYING FIELDS

## Long Preston Christmas Light Switch-On Raffle

The raffle was drawn over the Christmas period on a Friday evening at The Maypole.

### Winners:

- Maypole voucher – Mr Wiggins
- Minerva voucher – Michelle Baird
- Robertshaw's Farm Shop voucher – Northrop Family
- Bottle – Leslie Inglis
- Drake & Macefield voucher – Clare Mellin
- Gardening voucher – Tim & Liz Palmer

The raffle raised **£235**, which will go towards the future of the village lights. Many thanks to the event sponsors: **The Maypole, Colin Ward, and J D Mounseys**. The event would not go ahead without their kind support.

## VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

1ST DRAW		December		2ND DRAW		December	
1st	68	<b>Stewart Robertshaw</b>	£25	1st	43	<b>Sheila Grant</b>	£25
2nd	137	<b>Frankie Wells</b>	£15	2nd	128	<b>Rob Yates</b>	£15
3rd	33	<b>Michelle Scholes</b>	£10	3rd	20	<b>Keith Ward</b>	£10
2026		January		SANTA GOT STUCK DOWN THE CHIMNEY DRAWN JAN 11TH 2026 BY NUMBER GENERATOR			
1st	1	<b>Alan Harker</b>	£25	1st	59	<b>Rene Twiggs</b>	£20
2nd	28	<b>Rob Wood</b>	£15	2nd	38	<b>Kate James</b>	£10
3rd	12	<b>Marrion Patten</b>	£10	3rd	37	<b>Roy Newhouse</b>	£10

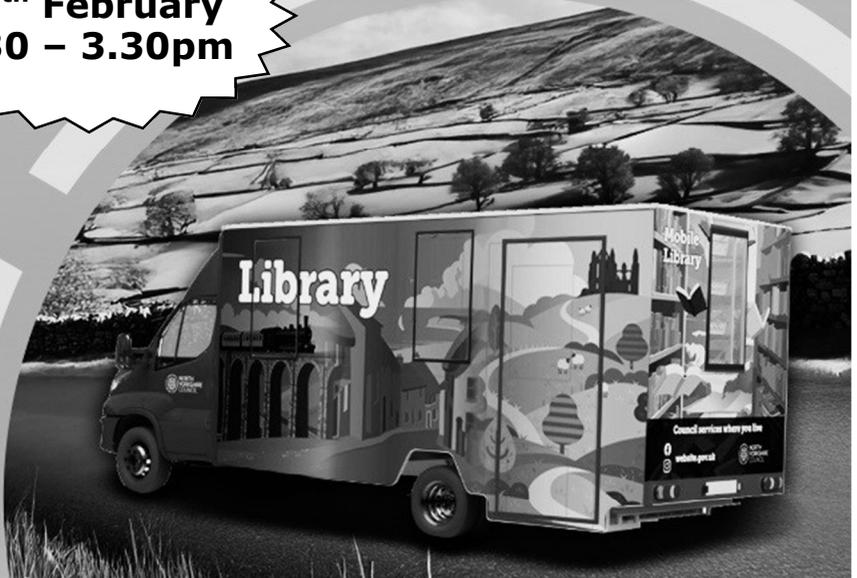


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# ST MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY	SERVICE	TAKEN BY:	READINGS	THEME
February 1 <sup>st</sup>	Holy Communion	Revd James Rodley	Malachi 3: 1-5, Luke 2: 22-40	"Candlemas"- the end of the long Christmas season
February 8 <sup>th</sup>	INFORMAL FAMILY SERVICE	Revd James Rodley and Mrs Janet Wood	Genesis 1.1-2.3; Matthew 6.25-end	The story of Creation
February 15 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	Revd James Rodley	Exodus 24.12-end, Matthew 17: 1-9	Jesus is "transfigured" in the mountain- but what does this tell us about him and his mission?
February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Morning Prayer	Revd Ian Greenhalgh	Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7, Matthew 4.1-11	First Sunday of Lent- Jesus is tempted in the wilderness.
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Holy Communion	Revd James Rodley	Genesis 12.1-4a John 3: 1-17	"God so loved the world..."- the most famous passage in the Bible?
March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	Revd James Rodley	Exodus 17: 1-7, John 4: 5-42	A woman meets Jesus at a well, and finds her life changed
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	INFORMAL FAMILY SERVICE for Mothering Sunday	Revd James Rodley and Mrs Janet Wood	1 Samuel 1.20-end, John 19.25b - 27	A celebration of Mothering Sunday!

All services start at 11am unless otherwise stated.

Did you come to St Mary's for our Christingle or Carol services before Christmas? If you did, why not try our Informal Family Services on February 8<sup>th</sup> or March 15<sup>th</sup> (Mothering Sunday)? Special activities for younger children, a variety of hymns and songs old and new, and hopefully something engaging for everyone!

Also- all are welcome to our service of Holy Communion according to the traditional Book of Common Prayer. In February, these will be at 11am on Thursdays 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. We use the centuries-old words to offer up the needs of our village in prayer; this quiet and reflective service lasts around 45 minutes.

*Any queries? Please contact Revd. James Rodley on 01729-851709, or [jwerodley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jwerodley@yahoo.co.uk)*

## LONG PRESTON GUIDES



Long Preston Guides with the help from Mags and Barbara, of the Friday Craft Group, made Hedgehog bags for Craven Wildlife Rescue to use to care for injured and recovering Hedgehogs.

This work was also part of the girls Stitchery badge

Thank you to Mags and Barbara for their help.

## MAY DAY FUTURE EVENTS



# Mayday Bacon butty Morning



Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March @ LP  
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# VILLAGE HALL DIARY FEB 2026

February	Event	Time
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	Churchyard mowers Coffee Morning	10:00-12:00
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	WI	19.30-22:00
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	Age Uk Luncheon Club	12:30-15:00
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	St Marys Soup Lunch	11.00-13:30

## Weekly Activities

Day	Activity	Time	Contact
Monday	<b>Tiny Hands Big adventure</b>	9:30-12:30 term time only	Amanda Belt 07957972308
Tuesday	<b>Art Class</b>	10:00– 12:00	Tim (07850947278)
	<b>Rainbows, Brownies,</b>	18:00 onwards	Term time only
Wednesday	<b>Pilates</b>	9:30 to 10:30 ; 10:45 to 11.45	Susie (07712131980)
	<b>Tiny Hands Big Adventure</b>	1pm-4pm term time only	Amanda Belt 07957972308
Thursday	<b>Art Class</b>	10:00–12:00	Paul (07708042648)
Friday	<b>Pilates</b>	9:30-10:30	Susie (07712131980)
	<b>Boogie Babes</b>	10:45–11.45 term	sophie@boogiebabes.biz



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Churchyard Mowers	Dave Eastwood 07778 546257	10 to 12 every Saturday Spring, Summer and Autumn
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	PCC Secretary	Carol Slinn 840154
<b>Methodist Church</b>	Minister Rev Susan McIvor	07938 711263 <a href="mailto:ministerskipptonandgrassington@gmail.com">ministerskipptonandgrassington@gmail.com</a>
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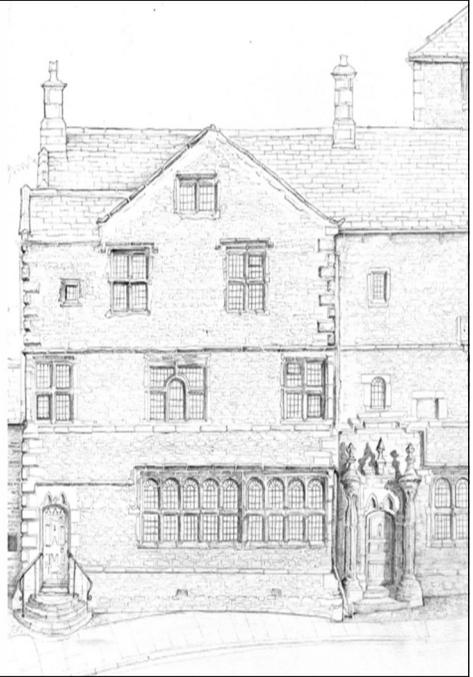
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