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VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

I got only one piece of feedback from last month's "View" (the lines are still open if you wish to do so!), and it was along the lines of "well, that's all very interesting but it means nothing to ordinary people- the Church of England is irrelevant to them." Well, I guess that may well be true for many in our villages, especially if by "Church of England" we mean the "institution" (with its synods, bishops and tendency to generate bad headlines for itself. Although that's nothing new- long before recent scandals, do you remember the furore about the Bishop of Durham, David Jenkins, being thought to deny Jesus' resurrection, in a radio interview in 1984?) And, as an ordinary parish priest trying to do my best for our villages, I too get fed up with some of the stuff that goes on with high-powered folk a long way from here.

But I wonder if our readers in Long Preston would feel that St Mary's itself is irrelevant to them? Would they miss our parish church if it was closed for redevelopment as housing, or even just abandoned (like so many churches in Scotland and Wales have been)? The graveyard too- what would be the reaction of our readers if this was closed and left in the care of North Yorkshire Council? (Not sure what their budget might be, to do the work now done by our loyal volunteers...)

Now I'm not being alarmist and suggesting this is likely to happen soon – it takes a long time to close a parish church and there are many legal issues to go through (something that other Christian denominations don't generally have to deal with.) But I hope it's a helpful background to my explanation (as promised-I'm sure our readers have been looking forward to this!) about the C of E and money. Because whilst the Church of England appears to be very wealthy, with "assets" over £11 billion (as in the news this week) this is all tied up with the Church Commissioners, who are a semi-independent body and have rules determined by Parliament as to how this money can be spent. The funds have built up over 300 years, and were initially made up of bequests and donations to help support poor clergymen (at a time when your stipend was a function of how rich your parish was). In the 1970s, many assets previously held by parishes and Dioceses were effectively "nationalised" into the Commissioners so that all clergy could be paid the same, and a decent pension provided for.

Now, there is the rather anomalous situation that whilst the Commissioners have over £11 billion in 2026, responsibility for paying the clergy was handed over to Dioceses in the 1990s when the Commissioners were feared to be going bust, to be funded by a contribution from each church called the "parish share". Our "share" at

Front Cover picture :-Kelly Armitage

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**Please note this will be in the Village Hall
Thursday 23rd July**

Chris Moorby will entertain us once again!

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Just to stress- this isn't an appeal to the village for money, though that may yet come: St Mary's has only a very small amount of funds in reserve, only sufficient to pay regular bills and nowhere near enough to fund significant repairs if they become necessary. And of course, I appreciate that other church communities across England have always been used to paying to "pay their way" (though they rarely have the challenge of grade 1 and 2 listed buildings which dominate rural parishes.) But I hope that my two articles have helped clarify some of the challenges we face at St Mary's, and how the history of the C of E has affected them. Enough about money- for now- and hopefully all this will continue to be more background information than an uncomfortable reality. *Please contact Revd James Rodley on 01729-851709 or jwerodley@yahoo.co.uk*

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AGE 7 AND UNDER		
1	COLOURING PAGE - Our New Logo	
1ST	2ND	3RD
Lucy Emmett	Zac Johnson	Barney Mellin
2	ART - Hey Diddle Diddle	
1ST	2ND	3RD
Frankie Woodcock	Barney Mellin	Zac Johnson
3	BAKING - Cake for Breakfast	
1ST	2ND	3RD
Ned Newhouse	Barney Mellin	Zac Johnson
4	CRAFT - Cress grown in an unexpected object.	
1ST	2ND	3RD
Finn L'Amie	Ned Newhouse	Zac Johnson
5	PHOTOGRAPHY - Funny Animal	
1ST	Frankie Woodcock	
AGE 12 AND UNDER		
6	CRAFT - An Animal Made From Fruit Or Vegetables	
1ST	2ND	3RD
Orla Faraday	Elkie Newhouse	Dexter Faraday
7	ART - Horseshoe Bends	
1ST	2ND	
Barney Mellin	Orla Faraday	
8	BAKING - Farmyard Fancies	
1ST	2ND	3RD
Arthur Lodge	Harriet Miller	Margot Hale
9	Garden flowers arranged in a decorated jar.	
1ST	2ND	3RD
Isla Johnson	Margot Hale	Harriet Try
10	A 'Bug Hotel' made from junk.	
1ST	2ND	3RD
Edward Lodge	Barney Mellin	Isla Johnson
11	PHOTOGRAPHY - Watch the birdy!	
1ST	2ND	3RD
Piper Woodcock	Barney Mellin	Finn L'Amie
12	MAYDAY 2027 PROGRAMME COVER	
1ST	2ND	
Henry Heward	Isla Johnson	

13	THE LONGEST DANDELION IN LP!	
1ST	2ND	3RD
Louis Hale	Harris Allen	Ned Newhouse
AGE 13 AND OVER		
14	ART - A Long Preston Walk	
1ST	2ND	
Andrea Dewhurst	Hannah Miller	
15	PHOTOGRAPHY - Feathered Friends	
1ST	2ND	3RD
Leigh Thornton	Holly Stockton	Holly Stockton
16	ART- Portrait of a Milk Man	
1ST	2ND	3RD
Sylvia Morris	Sylvia Morris	Amy Newhouse
17	PAPERCRAFT - Local Rag	
1ST	2ND	
Lucy Hodgson	Vicki Woodcock	
18	HANDICRAFT - Two Metres of Bunting	
1ST	Mags Wood	
20	KNITTING - Get Ahead	
1ST	2ND	3RD
Kate James	Janet Harker	Elizabeth Robertshaw
21	FLORAL - Give it Some Welly!	
1ST	2ND	
Andrea Dewhurst	Janet Harker	
23	SAVOURY - Quiche of the Year	
1ST	2ND	3RD
Lottie Hopkins	Mary Emmett	Vicki Woodcock
24	ACCOMPANIMENT - Say Cheese!	
1ST	2ND	3RD
Stuart Wiggins	Hannah Miller	Kate James
25	BAKING - A Signature Tray Bake	
1ST	2ND	3RD
Lottie Hopkins	Esther Hodgson	Caroline Allen
26	BAKING - A Technical Bread Bake	
1ST	Mary Emmett	
27	BAKING - A Showstopper Celebration Cake	
1ST	Lois Taylor	
28	BAKE OFF - Elpie's Flapjack	
1ST	2ND	3RD
Lucy Hodgson	Ruth Taylor	Lottie Hopkins

FOREST OF BOWLAND

Forest of Bowland Community Nature Fund



As part of its action to support nature, the Forest of Bowland National Landscape is launching a new Community Nature Fund.

The fund will offer grants to local community groups and parish councils who have plans to save and restore nature in the Forest of Bowland National Landscape area, and also those who want to provide opportunities for people to engage with, and connect to, nature in Bowland.

Applications will be open **from Monday 29th June until Monday 3rd August 2026** and will be assessed on a first come-first served basis.

Further details, including how to apply, are available at <https://www.forestofbowland.com/community-nature-fund> or by emailing cathy.hopley@lancashire.gov.uk or daniel.holden@lancashire.gov.uk

National Meadows Day

Saturday 4th July, 2pm – 4pm

Crook o' Lune Picnic Site, Low Road, Halton, Lancaster, LA2 6PD

Celebrate National Meadows Day with an afternoon in the beautiful Forest of Bowland National Landscape!

The meadows at the Crook o' Lune near Lancaster are at their best in July and August, so what better time to immerse yourself in this very special habitat?

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Bowland Champion Species Party

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For further information, please email hetty.byrne@lancashire.gov.uk

St Mary's Church Tea and scones/cake



Sunday 12th July 2026
At St Marys Church
2-4pm
All welcome

NORTH CRAVEN FLOWER CLUB



The summer flowers are beginning to appear in the florists and supermarkets and one that I look forward to are sunflowers (*Helianthus*). Bright and colourful enough to brighten even the dullest day.

This arrangement idea appeared several years ago in the *Flower Arranger* magazine and uses only 5 sunflowers, 6 *Hosta* leaves, 6 stems of *Alchemilla mollis* (lady's mantle), 8 small

pieces of conifer and few stems of yellow *Achillea* (yarrow). So apart from the sunflowers, plants that you might have in your garden. Other plants could be used as their job is to cover the block of foam.



As you can see by this picture, a block of biodegradable foam has been secured in a container large enough to take the foam block.

Next three lines of vertical bamboo canes have been placed in the foam in sets of three (nine pieces in total.)

The back one's measure 45cm, the middle ones 30cm and the front ones 25cm. The back row is in the middle, the next row to the right of the foam and the front to the left. The tops have been cut at a slant, and each line is slopped the opposite to the one in behind.



Three Hosta leaves are grouped in the front left of the arrangement and the other three to the rear right. The other foliage is added all the way round to cover the block. Place the smallest sunflower in front of the tallest line of bamboo slightly lower in height. Repeat this with two other sunflowers in front of each of the other two sets of bamboo, again cutting them slightly shorter than the sticks. The fourth sunflower has been placed to the front of the arrangement and the other in the back. Add the yarrow into the base, slightly taller than the foliage.

Remember to check the foam every day to ensure it doesn't dry out. One of the easiest ways to get the water into the foam is to place a couple of ice cubes on the top surface where they will slowly melt.

Sunflowers, a native plant of the Americas, the indigenous people were the first to grow them as a crop. There is evidence that in some places these were grown as far back as 4,500 to 5,000 years ago. They ground the seed to make flour, pressed the seeds to make oil and used the pigments for dyes and body paints. Spanish sailors came across the sunflower in the Americas and brought the seeds back to Europe in 1510. Used initially in ornamental gardens they then began to be used in early European folk medicine.

In 1888 Vincent van Gogh painted his vibrant Sunflowers series in Arles. His paintings didn't sell until after his death by suicide after many years of mental illness. Many of his sunflower paintings are held in museums and their estimated value of \$300 million to \$450 million each; if one should come to auction.

Sunflowers are easy to grow from seed and vary in height depending on the variety of seed grown. They are great for wildlife with lots of nectar and pollen for the bees and seeds for the birds later. Colours vary from yellow with brown centres to two tone yellow and orange petals, to almost brown petals. They get their name from their bright yellow blooms looking like the sun and also young sunflower buds track the sun from east to west during the day (heliotropism).

Our next meeting will be on 9th July in Hellifield Village Hall when our guest demonstrator will be Cate White with a demonstration entitled 'A Variety Act'. We will have no meeting in August but will be back again on 10th September with our guest Carolyn Drury with her demonstration entitled 'Seasonal Delights'.

Visitors are always welcome with a chance to learn lots of tips on flower arranging and get the chance to win one of the arrangements to take home!

LONG PRESTON METHODIST CHURCH



Our Mission is to Love God
& Love our Neighbour
Services start at 10.30am unless stated.
Everyone is most welcome!!



July

5th July:- Pastoral Worker Glenda Coogan

5th July:- **6pm Baptist Burial Ground**

Special Joint Ecumenical Praise Service with The Baptist Church Skipton.
Rev Susan McIvor & The Baptist Church.

Followed by refreshments at the Methodist Chapel. Everyone is most welcome. If wet it will take place in the Methodist Chapel.

12th July: - Rev Michael Houston

19th July: - Rev Susan McIvor (Sacrament)

26th July: - Maj Marie Hickman

August

2nd August: - Mr David Allison

9th August: - Rev Michael Houston (Sacrament)

16th August: - Mrs Lizz Harpa - Breakfast Cafe - Hymns & Prayers

23rd August: - Rev Stephen Dawes

30th August: - Mr Bill Murfitt

For Pastoral Support, Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals please contact:
Rev Susan McIvor on 07938 711263 or
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Methodist Church Diary July/August 2026

Monday **Little Footsteps** Group 10 – 11.30am (Term time only) A free under 5's group for Mums/Dads/ Grandparents - Drop in, stay for a play, listen to a story & sing some rhymes/songs, have a coffee and chat. Everyone welcome. Finishes for Summer holidays on Monday 13th July. Re-opens Monday 7th September.

Tuesday 1.30pm – 3.00pm **Strong & Steady** run by Jo Wulf (qualified instructor). Chair based exercises to improve your strength, balance & co-ordination, making you stronger, more confident & more independent. Followed by coffee & biscuits. Finishes for Summer on 7th July & re-opens on Tuesday 8th September. 1 Free come & try it session anytime during September. Why not drop in & give it a go!

Community Cafe will be on Thursday 2nd July 1.30pm – 3.30pm. Come for free coffee & cakes, in a warm cosy environment to have a chat, play dominoes & bring a friend. Thursday 6th August – 1.30pm – 3.30pm Afternoon tea & scones in the Chapel Garden. Everyone welcome.

Long Preston Parish Council

meets in Chapel on the 1st Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be on 2nd July at 7.30pm. No meeting in August. Next meeting will be Thursday 3rd September.

Coffee & Cake at Village Hall Thursday 23rd July at 1.30pm – 3.30pm. Chris Moorby will entertain us — No August meeting.

Friday **Craft Group** 10.30pm – 12.00pm - Bring whatever you are currently making, knitting, sewing, patchwork, card making, crochet, etc... Sharing knowledge and learning new skills over a cup of tea & biscuits. New members are always welcome just come along. £2 per session.

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5th July 2026 6PM

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT UPDATE

Public Bus Meeting at the Maypole June 3rd

This was extremely well attended. In brief we had Parish Councillors from Long Preston, Hellifield, Skipton and Settle. Also representation from the Settle to Carlisle Railway Development Company and Settle Community News.

From this meeting a core group was made to work together with the aim to get this service back to the original timetable as soon as possible. A Facebook group: The 580 Bus Campaign. A petition both online and



paper will be wanting your signatures.

Thanks to all who attended and especially Craig and Staff at the Maypole who were very helpful and welcoming

Jean Worthington
(Bunty)

Over 70's are back !!!

On Saturday 6th June, 25 Long Preston residents enjoyed a 2 course lunch with wine followed by tea or coffee and a small gift. An enjoyable afternoon was had by all, many personally expressing their thanks.

Our next meal will be early 2027 but look out for a fund raising event in the Autumn; further details will be advertised in due course.

If you are eligible and would like to receive an invitation to our next meal, please contact Ann Kay.

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YOUR GARDEN THIS MONTH

As I write this, I am having a coffee whilst looking out at our own garden. When it's your own spot, it's too easy to distract yourself with the things that need doing, rather than just enjoying the view that you have helped to create.

My eyes are drawn to the Rambling Rector Rose that climbs round two sides of the garden, with a stunning display of small white flowers growing in clusters, giving off the loveliest fragrance. It has weaved its way most spectacularly through a Sambuca tree, so we have the white rose flowers mingling with the pink flowers and dark leaves of the Sambucus. Truly stunning!

There is a Nepeta 'Six Hills Giant' that is about to burst into flower, a carpet of hardy Geraniums and so much more. Now, the niggling problems: A Peony 'Bowl of Beauty', whilst usually a big mass of flowers, this year's growth appears to be stunted and only a couple of flowers. And a Fig tree that is still alive and budding but isn't leafing (that's my fancy dress costume for the staff summer BBQ in jeopardy!). Both things to add to the to do list to find solutions.

I realise a lot of folks have containers rather than flower beds. My favourite container of ours is a weeping Acer underplanted with orange Diascia. All growing together is truly lovely.

We are lucky on our nursery to help folk with ideas for their own space and love nothing more than hearing about the results and seeing the photos of their efforts.

Our Nursery Manager, Gavin's PLANTS OF THE MONTHS are:

July: Leucanthemum 'Real Glory' & 'Goldfinch' – aka Shasta Daisy. Both dwarf, semidouble varieties with a long flowering period over summer.

August: Rudbeckia 'Goldsturm' – aka Cone Flower or Black-eyed Susan. Single daisy like, black-eyed yellow flowers with a long flowering period into autumn.

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LONG PRESTON HERITAGE GROUP

Sporting success in Long Preston



In July 1933 Learie Constantine, the West Indian test cricketer and Nelson professional, took part in a match between Long Preston and Nelson Electric.

In the line up above, he is standing second from the right with the Long Preston team.

Standing L/R: Edwin Butt, William Procter, Frank Clayton, W Ward, Arthur Throup, D Lupton, H Hargreaves, Learie Constantine, Fred Procter.

Front row: H (Jumbo) Throup – Umpire, Tom Dawson, Alan Ward

The match took place in the second field on the left after the playing field. It was estimated that between five and six hundred people were present, which included a good contingent from Nelson.

Long Preston was first to bat, opening with William Procter and Frank Clayton. William Procter was described in the newspaper report as 'a young player of marked ability, both as a batsman and bowler, and on this occasion scored 36 runs.' Others from the home team scoring double figures were H Hargreaves (14), E J Ward (16), A Throup (19). The Long Preston team was helped by T Nutter, a Barnoldswick professional, who took two wickets for eight runs. The total score was 107. Frank Clayton also bowled well for the home team, taking three wickets for 15 runs. Nelson Electric also scored well. Learie Constantine was described as showing complete mastery of the situation, scoring rapidly with 37 runs in ten minutes, which included seven boundary hits. Nelson scored a total of 95.



Long Preston Football Team 1948 & 1949

Back row L/R: R.Bicknell - Tom Clay - (Stan)J.Loveridge - H.Popay -
H.Wallace - D.Humphreys

Front row: J.Gane - K.Robinson - W.Proctor - Frank Irving - K.Cox -

Bill Rogerson

Commenting on football in his oral history, Frank Irving, 4th from the left in the front row, said that the village formed a football team after the war – “There was a group of us young, fit men, so we started the team. It lasted a couple of seasons and then people got married and had families and didn't have time any more. And it was difficult because we didn't have a proper pitch to play on. We used to play cricket in the summer too.” Judging by the number and size of the trophies in front of them, they were a successful team.

Frank Irving joined the Air Force at the age of 18. During the war years, he was a wireless operator and air gunner, flying over Europe and then in India and Burma. He said: “When the war ended, they gave us white overalls, and we used to fly passengers round India.”

In the cricket team, H Hargreaves, standing at the rear 3rd from the left and next to Learie Constantine, was a piano tuner by trade but also a wonderful cricketer who played in the Lancashire Teams (Burnley and Nelson).

In WWII, only four men from Long Preston lost their lives, two of these were from the cricket team. Fred Procter was killed in action on the Rhine; Tom Dawson was killed in Burma.

LONG PRESTON VILLAGE HALL

New Village Hall Booking System

The Village Hall has now a new booking system for anyone looking to book rooms either on a one-off or a regular basis.

Given the increase in the number of booking requests being received and to make it easier for people to see availability of the rooms at the Village Hall we have introduced a new on-line booking system.

To access the booking system you simple go to the Long Preston Village Hall website:

<https://www.longprestonvillagehall.org/>

Then navigate to the bookings page from the top menu.

The screenshot shows a registration form titled "Make Booking Request - Long Preston Village Hall". It has a "New User" section with fields for Firstname, Surname, Email, Group Name (optional), Telephone, Address Line 1, Address Line 2, City, County, and Postcode. Below this is a "Secure your account with a password" section with fields for Password and Repeat Password, accompanied by a CAPTCHA and a "Continue" button. At the bottom, there is a checkbox for "I'm not a robot" and a disclaimer: "We promise not to send you any junk email or share your details with any third parties". A link for "By continuing you agree by our End User Licence Agreement (EULA) and Privacy Policy." is also present.

If you scroll down you will then see the live calendar for all events taking place at the Village Hall for the current week. You can also navigate to a particular week or month in the future to see what's on.

To make a booking simply find the date you wish to make the booking for then click on the '+' against the room you wish to choose.

Please either create an account or if you already have one login to your existing account.

The screenshot shows a login form titled "Login". It has fields for Email and Password, a "Login" button, and a link for "I forgot my password".

Rooms

- ☒ Meeting Room
- ☐ Snooker Room

Booking Name

Number of People Attending

Start Date / Time

End Date / Time

Recurring Booking ☐

Booking Type

Additional (Line) Items

Line Item Group	Line Item	Quantity	Cost	
Extra Items	Kitchen	1	£5 per item	Add

Description

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Then create your booking detailing the time from and to that you require the room and any facilities like the kitchen and possibly the use of the cooker!

It's that simple!

You will receive a confirmation email that the booking has been requested and then subsequently an email confirming it has been accepted. Invoices, remittance advices and statements are produced and you will be able to see all of your bookings when you log into your account.

There is a demonstration video on the bookings page to help you get started.

Please send any questions to:
bookings.longprestonvillagehall@gmail.com

ST MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES

DAY	SERVICE	TAKEN BY:	READINGS	THEME
Sunday July 5 th	Holy Communion	Rev'd James Rodley	Zechariah 9.9-12, Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end	Jesus, provider of "rest for the weary"- we probably all need this!
Sunday July 12 th	INFORMAL FAMILY SERVICE	Rev'd James Rodley	Isaiah 55.10-13, Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23	Details TBC
Sunday July 19 th	Holy Communion	Rev'd James Rodley	Isaiah 44.6-8, Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43	The parable of the "wheat and the weeds"
Sunday July 26 th	Morning Prayer	Rev'd James Rodley	1 Kings 3.5-12, Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52	More parables- what's our "hidden treasure"?
Sunday August 2 nd	Holy Communion	Rev'd James Rodley	Isaiah 55.1-5, Matthew 14.13-21	Feeding the Five Thousand- what happened, and why?
Sunday August 9 th	INFORMAL FAMILY SERVICE	Rev'd James Rodley	1 Kings 19.9-18, Matthew 14.22-33	Details TBC

Sunday August 16 th	ST MARY'S PATRONAL FESTIVAL (Holy Com- munion)	Revd James Rodley	Isaiah 61.10–end, Luke 1.46– 55	A celebration of Mary, the mother of Jesus!
Sunday August 23 rd	Morning Prayer	Revd James Rodley	Isaiah 51.1–6, Matthew 16.13–20	"Who do people say that I am?" Jesus' question- but what's our answer?
Sunday August 30 th 11.15am	Holy Communion	Revd James Rodley	Jeremiah 15.15–21, Matthew 16.21–end	What's needed to be a true follower of Jesus
Sunday Sept 6 th	Holy Communion	Revd James Rodley	Ezekiel 33.7–11, Matthew 18.15–20	An amazing promise
Sunday Sept 13 th	INFORMAL FAMILY SERVICE	Revd James Rodley	Genesis 50.15–21, Matthew 18.21–35	Details TBC

Also- all are welcome to our service of Holy Communion according to the traditional Book of Common Prayer. In July, this will be at **11am on Thursday 9th**. 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. We'll be reviewing the timing and location of this service in the summer.

Any queries? Please contact Revd. James Rodley on 01729-851709, or jwerodley@yahoo.co.uk

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The Museum of North Craven Life will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2027, and The Folly Museum would love people from Settle, North Craven and the surrounding villages to help shape what comes next.

Join us for a free Community Create Day on Saturday 18 July, from 11am to 3pm at St John's Methodist Church, Settle.

There'll be museum objects to explore, creative activities for all ages, and plenty of opportunities to chat to museum staff and volunteers. Most importantly, we'd love to hear what local people would like their museum to look and feel like over the next 50 years.

Whether you have fond memories of visiting The Folly, care about local history, or simply want to be part of the conversation, you're very welcome.

Everyone is welcome, and admission is free.

For more information, email info@ncbpt.org.uk or find The Folly Museum and Coffee House on Facebook, Instagram or Bluesky.



The choir led by our accomplished Music Director Elaine Dave and accompanied by Geoffrey Woollatt, Organist and Director of Music at Bradford Cathedral, will be performing two concerts this summer as follows:

Saturday 11th July 2026:

Summer Concert with Mezzo Soprano 'Faye Milbourn'

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ARTS AND CRAFTS WEEKEND



St Mary's Church would like to thank all the artists and crafters who participated in our Arts and Craft weekend. Also, all the people who visited the Church over the weekend making the event a spectacular weekend.

We are planning to run a similar event in May 2027, if you are a crafter and would like to exhibit your work at the next event, please let Helen Cressey know, please email helen Cressey@aol.com

DID YOU KNOW?

Bees sleep between 5 and 8 hours a day, sometimes in flowers. They like to sleep with other bees and hold each other's feet.

MOBILE LIBRARY LONG PRESTON

Here are the dates for our forthcoming visits:

Layby near the Maypole Inn

Wednesday 15th July 2026 14:00 - 15:00

Wednesday 12th August 2026 14:00 - 15:00

Wednesday 9th Sept 2026 14:00 - 15:00

Wednesday 7th Oct 2026 14:00 - 15:00

Wednesday 4th Nov 2026 14:00 - 15:00

Wednesday 2nd Dec 2026 14:00 - 15:00

GARGRAVE ART EXHIBITION

The Gargrave Art Exhibition, held annually on the edge of the Yorkshire Dales, continues to celebrate local creativity at every level — and in 2025, visitors spoke clearly with their votes. The People's Favourite Award was won by Shelley Sheridan for her striking oil and acrylic painting *Break Free*, a powerful portrait of a grey stallion.

The Exhibition runs from Thursday 9 July until Sunday 12 July, 10am until 7pm, closing at 4.30 on Sunday. It is held at Gargrave Village Hall, West Street, Gargrave BD23 3RD. Entry is free, there is ample parking and delicious home- made snacks and cakes are available.

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Thurs 16th July	Moraig Craft Class	18:45 - 21:00
Thurs 23rd July	Coffee and Cake (Over 50s)	13:30 - 15:00
Thurs 13th Aug	Luncheon Club	12:30 - 15:00

Village Hall Booking QR Link



See page 20-21 for more information. Village Hall Bookings can now be made online, follow the QR Link above.

Weekly Activities

Day	Activity	Time	Contact
Monday	Tiny Hands Big adventure	9:30-12:30 term time only	Amanda Belt 07957972308
Tuesday	Art Class	10:00– 12:00	Tim (07850947278)
	Rainbows, Brownies, Guides	18:00 onwards	Term time only
Wednesday	Tiny Hands Big Adventure	13:00-16:00 term time only	Amanda Belt 07957972308
Thursday	Art Class	10:00—12:00	Paul (07708042648)
Friday	Boogie Babes	10:45—11.45 term time only	sophie@boogiebabes.biz



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Village Website		longpreston.info
Women's Institute	Elaine Simpson - President 07989 912482	2nd Weds Village Hall 7:30pm New members always welcome.
St Mary's Church	Vicar	Rev James Rodley 851709
Sunday Services 11.00am	Church Warden / PCC Secretary	Carol Slinn 840154
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