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VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

So— ask a random person in the street/bus stop/shop/pub “What do you know about the Church of England?” and the chances are that you’ll get one or more of these answers;

It was invented by Henry VIII
It’s halfway between “Protestant” and “Catholic”
It is “established”
It has lots of churches, and
It’s very wealthy (!)

And, as usual with these things, there’s both truth and misunderstanding in all of those answers. There were Christians in England way back in the time of the Roman Empire, but “the Church” (as an identifiable institution) only really gets going in the time of the great 6th and 7th century saints like Aidan, Cuthbert, Bede and Augustine of Canterbury. From then, it’s just the expression in this land, if you like, of “the Church” across Europe, governed nominally by the Pope but in reality, left mostly in the hands of English monarchs and bishops until the time of the Reformation. And yes, Henry VIII did break with Rome first and foremost because he wanted to divorce Catherine of Aragon and marry Anne Boleyn- but what came out of the other side of the turbulent 16th century was only Catholic in the sense of continuing some aspects of the traditional ways of worshipping. The C of E was, and always has been, a church of the Reformation, but equally perhaps only thereby Protestant by default — it has always claimed a continuity right back to Bede, Aidan and the other early heroes.

What does “being established” mean these days? Of course, at one (important) level, the C of E is just one of a number of Christian denominations whose members seek to worship God and live Christian lives in a way that brings “good news” to others. In the past, the Church of England had many privileges, both legal and economic, but most have disappeared. The existence of Church schools, as in Long Preston, is probably the most obvious sign of how the church/state relationship plays out today. Some bishops, for now, sit in the House of Lords and the monarch is still crowned in an Anglican service, but the ability of the Prime Minister to choose new bishops was given up by Gordon Brown some 20 years ago, and the days of the local parish church collecting tithes and running the affairs of the village were taken away in the 19th century.

What that does leave though, I think, is a responsibility of the C of E to each and every community in England. Everyone, regardless of their beliefs or none, can be married (for the first time, at least) in their parish church, and everyone can be baptised (after preparation) and have their funeral there likewise. So, the sense of “privilege” has, at a local level, turned on its head — I am privileged to serve my parishioners as the parish priest and am greatly pleased to baptise and marry those who live in our communities. (It’s not quite right, perhaps, to say that I’m pleased to conduct funerals, but it’s a particular privilege that I try and take seriously). In the 21st century, for all the headlines about church leaders sometimes doing irresponsible things, and arguments about money, I’d like to think the Church of England can regain what was always, right back to the times of the 7th century saints, our “core purpose” — to share the love of God in the places where the people of England live.

Oh — did I mention money just then?? Is the C of E “very wealthy”? Well — yes — and no....we’ll need to come back to that next month!

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

Front Cover picture :- Jo Heward

Coffee & Cake Afternoon for anyone 50 and over



Good Coffee
is a pleasure. ☺
Good Friends
are a treasure. ☺

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

Thursday 25th June

Speaker :- Alice Michelmores- Brown – Public Safety Officer for Settle area.

Make it a date to catch up with friends, have a chat, put the world to rights.

Catch up on what is going on in LP, Settle, the World.

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It's sad that we have had to write for the third time about 'dog poo' in the churchyard.

I've previously said that it's a small minority, but I'm afraid this doesn't seem to be the case. We are seeing the situation getting worse and a wider range of poo types and sizes (which means different dogs are involved).

It is a nationwide problem but more importantly it's a disgrace it's happening in YOUR churchyard because most of this will be YOU, who live in our community. Unfortunately, I can't prove that statement and as I've suggested in my last article, I believe all dogs should be DNA tested. This is so we can hold those accountable and take the embarrassment off the rest. On average it takes 9 weeks for dog poo to decompose.

We have previously talked about CCTV, but this would cost money which the church doesn't have. We therefore rely upon people taking responsibility for what their dogs leave behind!

We volunteers mow, and more importantly, we also strim the churchyard. This can be a hazard to our health if we hit dog poo. If ingested, yes I and others have been hit in the face and mouth, the potential diseases are; E.Coli, Salmonella, Campylobacteriosis, Yersinia, parvovirus, Toxocariasis (roundworm) and others.

We keep it tidy for all people coming to visit family relatives. It is NOT a dog exercise yard. There is a public 'right of way' on the footpaths connecting the three gates. Walkers should keep their dogs on short lead and stick to the foot paths. There is no 'right of way' in the rest of the churchyard unless visiting family graves.

VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

Results – May 2026

Position	Number	Winner Name	Prize
 1st	121	Julia Glossop	£25
 2nd	40	Joan Townson	£15
 3rd	18	Sue Bramley	£10

LANGCLIFFE SINGERS

A Shepherd's Year: A new community choral work celebrating Dales farming life

On 4 July 2026, Langcliffe Singers will premiere ***A Shepherd's Year***, an exciting new choral work by locally-raised composer Vahan Salorian.

Commissioned to mark the choir's 40th anniversary, the piece reflects the cycle of Dales farming life.

The project began at Skipton Auction Mart, where the rapid-fire of the auctioneers' calls and the rhythms of the mart sparked musical ideas. The work traces the agricultural year:

Autumn – The Auction Mart

Winter – Bringing the Animals Inside

Spring/Summer – Country Life

Vahan and librettist Dominic Kimberlin have worked with schoolchildren, farming families, auctioneers, and others to gather stories of Dales life. The result is a piece co-created by the community and dedicated to the people of Craven.

The premiere will be at Settle Parish Church. Langcliffe Singers will be accompanied by members of Settle Orchestra, and renowned deaf musician Paul Whittaker OBE will sign the performance.

The project has been supported by the Victoria Wood Foundation, whose backing enabled the commission and workshops to go ahead.



Composer Vahan Salorian working with Settle schoolchildren
[Photograph supplied by Janine Bebbington of Gorgeous Media]

A documentary film about the project, including interviews, auction mart footage and workshops, will be shown and then archived at The Folly Museum in Settle, creating a lasting record of rural life in Craven.

More than a concert,

A Shepherd's Year is a community portrait in music, giving voice to farming families whose work is often unseen.

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Safer Neighbourhood Team covering the Bentham, Ingleton and Settle area, Inspector 1214 Paul Crabtree, PS1040 Daniel Price, PS881 Sohail Tariq, PC188 Jane Carpenter, PCSO5561 Jayne Grace, PCSO5881 Julia Runciman. Who will be keeping you updated on recent crimes and incidents in Long Preston and the surrounding area.

We have had 8 incidents reported between 13.04.26 & 16.05.26

Reports include - abandon calls, Road Related Offence - manner of driving bikes & online harassment

12.04.26 - RTC - 2 vehicles - A65

23.04.26 - Concern for welfare/safety person sleeping in vehicle

04.05.26 - RTC - vehicle via wood in road - A65

12.05.26 - Suspect circumstances - person at Train Station

13.05.26 - RTC - vehicle via bollard

Crime Prevention:

Protecting yourself from fraud

If you receive a request to provide personal or financial information, you need to take a moment to reflect and step back from the situation. Even if they say they're the bank or other trusted organisation, you still need to take the time to stop and think about what's really going on. Deep down, you probably already know these basic rules on how to beat financial fraud - you just need to take a breath and stay calm enough to remember them.

1. Requests to move money:

A genuine bank or organisation will never contact you out of the blue to ask for your PIN, full password or to move money to another account. Only give out your personal or financial details to use a service that you have given your consent to, that you trust and that you are expecting to be contacted by.

2. Clicking on links/files:

Don't be tricked into giving a fraudster access to your personal or financial details. Never automatically click on a link in an unexpected email or text.

3. Personal information:

Always question uninvited approaches in case it's fraudulent. Instead, contact the company directly using a known email or phone number.

4. Don't assume an email or phone call is authentic:

Just because someone knows your basic details (such as your name and address or even your mother's maiden name), it doesn't mean they are genuine. Be mindful of who you trust - criminals may try and trick you into their confidence by telling you that you've been a victim of fraud. Criminals often use this to draw you into the conversation, to scare you into acting and revealing security details. Remember, criminals can also make any telephone number appear on your phone handset so even if you recognise it or it seems authentic, do not use it as verification they are genuine.

5. Don't be rushed or pressured into making a decision:

Under no circumstances would a genuine bank or some other trusted organisation force you to make a financial transaction on the spot; they would never ask you to transfer money into another account for fraud reasons. Remember to stop and take time to carefully consider your actions. A genuine bank or some other trusted organisation won't rush you or mind waiting if you

want time to think.

6. Listen to your instincts:

If something feels wrong, then it is usually right to question it. Criminals may lull you into a false sense of security when you are out and about or rely on your defences being down when you're in the comfort of your own home. They may appear trustworthy, but they may not be who they claim to be.

For more information - www.northyorkshire.police.uk

7. Stay in control:

Have the confidence to refuse unusual requests for personal or financial information. It's easy to feel embarrassed when faced with unexpected or complex conversations. But it's okay to stop the discussion if you do not feel in control of it.

If you've taken all these steps and still feel uncomfortable or unsure about what you're being asked, never hesitate to contact your bank or financial service provider on a number you trust, such as the one listed on their website or on the back of your payment card.

Report fraud

If you think you have been a victim of fraud, call North Yorkshire Police on 101 to report it to us. We are here to support you as well as offering help and advice to ensure you don't become a victim again in the future. Every report of fraud also helps us to build up a picture of the different scams that are in operation which means we can safeguard more people from being scammed.

How to report speeding concerns - Speed Management Protocol

www.northyorkshire.police.uk/search?q=speeding+concern

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4 E-mail SNACraven@northyorkshire.police.uk

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SETTLE ORCHESTRA

Settle Orchestra Seeks New Leader to Shape Next Chapter of Musical Excellence

Settle Orchestra has announced an exciting opportunity for an accomplished violinist to take on the role of Orchestra Leader from September 2027, as the current postholder prepares to step down after many years of dedicated service.

With a proud history spanning nearly 60 years, Settle Orchestra is a cornerstone of the local cultural scene, presenting three concert programmes each year to enthusiastic audiences in Settle and Skipton. The orchestra's repertoire centres on the classical canon, with regular collaborations with local choral societies on major works such as Brahms' *Requiem*, Beethoven's *Mass in C* and Verdi's *Requiem*.

The position of Leader plays a pivotal role in the artistic life of the orchestra. Working closely with an annually appointed conductor from the Royal Northern College of Music, the successful candidate will help shape each season's repertoire, lead the string section, and support the musical development of the ensemble.

One of the distinctive aspects of Settle Orchestra's model is its collaboration with emerging conductors from the Royal Northern College of Music, bringing fresh perspectives and energy to each season. This creates a dynamic and rewarding environment for the Leader, who plays a key part in translating artistic vision into performance.

Looking ahead, the orchestra is committed to broadening its artistic horizons through future collaborations that celebrate music as a bridge between cultures, connecting communities and enriching shared musical experiences.

"We are incredibly proud of what the orchestra has achieved over many decades," said Chair Charlie Dobson. "This is a unique opportunity for the right musician to play a central role in our future—working with talented conductors, committed players and a very supportive audience."

The orchestra rehearses weekly in Settle, with concerts held in November, March and June in Settle and Skipton. The position is paid, with fees dependent on experience.

Applications are open until **31 October 2026**, with shortlisted candidates invited to interview and audition in January 2027.

To apply, candidates should visit <https://www.settleorchestra.org.uk/vacancies/> and send a CV and covering letter to:
Charlie Dobson (Chair)

charles_snaygill@yahoo.co.uk

NORTH CRAVEN FLOWER CLUB



At our May meeting, our demonstrator Janine Gray, used both purple and white alliums in her arrangements. Alliums are just beginning to flower in our gardens and will be available from florists for the next couple of months. Follow these tips to ensure your alliums last as long as possible once cut.

- Ensure that your vase is very clean to ensure there are no bacteria lurking around that will shorten the lifespan of your flowers.
- Remove any leaves that would be below the water line to stop any rot.
- Trim the flowers stems to the right length.
- Arrange the stems in your clean vase filled with fresh water and flower food if you wish.
- Keep your flowers out of direct sunshine.
- Trim the stems and change water every day to prolong their life.

In this linear arrangement she also used white antirrhinums (snap dragons), small yellow Craspedia (Billy buttons), white verberna flowers and some iris stems that were yet to open but added to the straight lines of the design. She varied the height of the alliums and snap dragons using shorter stems to cover the oasis in her container.





This simple idea, I found in the Flower Arranger magazine which shows several purple alliums in a terracotta jug alongside allium seedheads. The stalks of the seedheads are holding the flower stems in place without the need for any other mechanics.

Alliums are one of the oldest cultivated plants and date back to at least 3200-2800 BCE. Originating in Central Asia before spreading to ancient Egyptian, Greek and Roman times. They were originally used in cooking and medicine in medieval times but they became popular as flowers for the garden during the 19th and 20th centuries.

Alliums are mostly grown from bulbs that are available from late summer ready to plant in the autumn to flower the following spring. The best time to plant is September to November so that they can establish some root growth before the winter. Plant in an area that gets full sunshine and in well-drained soil. The blubs will rot if planted in a wet area. You can also plant the bulbs in pots and containers. You can create a bulb lasagne in a deep pot by planting the alliums at the bottom and adding earlier flowing bulbs like tulips, on top.

For our June meeting we will be out and about visiting a garden near Harrogate but we will back at Hellifield for our July meeting when we will welcome Kate White, with a demonstration entitled 'A Variety Act'.

One of our main fundraisers this year will be our afternoon teas at Langcliffe Institute on Sunday, 26th July so make a note in your diary - lots of homemade cakes and cream teas!

FUN FACTS PART 1

Things which make you feel good for no real reason

Waking up and realizing you still have several hours left to sleep

Finding money in a pocket you forgot about

Hearing a favourite song play out of nowhere

Finally finishing a task you've been avoiding

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**Services start at 10.30am unless stated.
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June

Preachers:-

7th June:- Rev Susan McIvor (Sacrament)
14th June:- Rev Michael Houston
21st June:- Mrs Angela Walls
28th June:- Rev Roger Fox

July

5th July:- Pastoral Worker Glenda Coogan –

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

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Rev Susan McIvor on 07938 711263 or
ministerskiptonandgrassington@gmail.com

Methodist Church Diary June 2026

Monday Little **Footsteps** Group 10 – 11.30am (Term time only) A free under 5's group for Mums/Dads/ Grandparents - Come and find out what it is all about. Drop in, stay for a play, listen to a story & sing some rhymes/songs, have a coffee and chat. Everyone welcome.
Reopens Monday 1st June.

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. No meeting on 16th June.

Community Cafe will be on Thursday 4th June 1.30pm – 3.30pm. Come for free coffee & cakes, in a warm cosy environment to have a chat, do jigsaws/play dominoes & bring a friend.

Long Preston Parish Council now meets in Chapel on the 1st Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be on 4th June at 7.30pm. All parishioners are welcome to come.

Coffee & Cake will be on the 4th Thursday of the month. The next one will be on Thursday 25th June at 1.30pm – 3.30pm. The Speaker will be Alice Michelmores-Brown talking about home safety. Just a little heads up for July 23rd. Back by popular request Chris Moorby will entertain us once more, before we finish for the Summer.

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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**You're
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near the Maypole Inn.**

PUBLIC TRANSPORT UPDATE

By now most of you will be aware of the 580 bus reduction from Settle to Skipton.

Myself and others have taken this huge concern to NYC. Sir Julian Smith MP has written to Rachel Reeves Chancellor to request a reduction in fuel duty for buses and also informed her of the huge impact this reduction is having on residents in Long Preston and Hellifield. He outlined examples of this impact from myself and others who responded to his video on Facebook recently.

I'm in contact with Councillor Simon Myers and at the time of writing this article he has not yet had any news from the Minister, he will inform me as soon as he receives a response.

I also suggested looking at an alternative bus company.

The most recent impact this reduction is having is on Age UK. People needing to book transport to get to appointments but together with a reduction in Hospital Transport, their volunteers are too few to meet needs for all.

Other examples:

Social isolation and lack of independence.

Difficulties attending shift work and college.

2 hours between buses not practical. As a carer this makes it difficult to just pop into Settle or Skipton. Others have their genuine difficulties with this.

Very full buses, some having to stand. Recently was informed that schoolchildren were not allowed on their bus home from Skipton as at capacity re standing passengers.

Hopefully, next time I write I will have better news.

Jean Worthington (aka Bunty)

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FUN FACTS PART 2

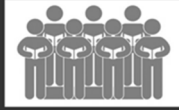
Things which make you feel good for no real reason

Listening to rain when you are cosy in bed

Breathing in the sweet, earthy scent of freshly cut grass

Taking off your shoes after a long day

Finding ice- cold water to drink when you are really thirsty



VOICES OF CRAVEN

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:

Friday 12th June 2026:

**Summer Concert with 'Libertas',
St Andrew's Gargrave, 7-30pm
Admission £12 cash on the door.**

Saturday 11th July 2026:

**Summer Concert with Mezzo Soprano 'Faye Milbourn'
St Michael's Kirkby Malham, 7pm
Admission £12 cash on the door.**

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YOUR GARDEN THIS MONTH

Well, we really are a little bored of the cold weather here on the nursery! *Hopefully by the time you are reading this issue, things have improved....*

The tunnels and greenhouse keep our home-grown plants growing nicely, but we do walk a very fine line with watering and controlling humidity in these conditions.

This time of year, gardens seem to explode and move so fast. Every time you pass through (unfortunately, not sitting out enjoying the weather at the time of writing), something else has sprung up. It can also highlight some gaps in the garden, be it a space or a lack of a certain colour.

What to do about it? You can either commit to a permanent solution and select a perennial, shrub or tree, or, if you're anxious about watering a new permanent member to the garden while it establishes, you can make a plan to buy it in the autumn and maybe pack it out with some annuals in the meantime.

PLANT OF THE MONTH

Our Nursery Manager, Gavin's choice this month is:

Lavender – a sweet smelling, insect attracting stunner. We grow English Lavender on site (hardier than French Lavender). Gav has a special compost mix that he has refined over time to ensure a very good, strong plant. A great plant for pollinators attracting bees and butterflies. We even had a Hummingbird Moth visiting ours last year!



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LONG PRESTON HERITAGE GROUP

Summertime in Long Preston

As we celebrated May Day this year, the children of Long Preston Endowed Primary School became part of our history, keeping up a long-standing



tradition as once again they gave us an outstanding display of dancing on Maypole Green, interweaving the colourful ribbons on the maypole and undoing them without tying them in knots, all the while dancing in time to the music. Reflecting on this day brings to mind other festivities enjoyed in the village of which the Heritage Group has many photographs dating back to the late 1800's. Here are just four.

A gathering on Main Green, August 1896. The Methodist Chapel with its spire, opened in the spring of 1893. The clock was installed in 1896/7. This could be Band of Hope Day. The Band of Hope was temperance movement run as sort of youth club, with events and activities to discourage young people from drinking alcohol.

Decorated Bikes on 'The Concrete', now Maypole Green, in the 1890's





Welcoming home the soldiers who returned from the Great War (1919)



Celebrating the Silver Jubilee of the reign of George V in 1935. This float is one of many processing at walking pace along the A65. On this horse drawn float are Joan and John Gibson, dressed as a bride and groom. Behind them are James, Janie and Margaret Gane as Page Boy and Bridesmaids.

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 includes 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. A disclaimer at the bottom states: "We promise not to send you any junk email or share your details with any third parties. By continuing you agree by our End User Licence Agreement (EULA) and Privacy Policy."

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 includes 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

Privacy

Agree to our Terms and Conditions ☐

Alcohol License (to be provided by yourselves) ☐

Music License (PRS / PPL, provided by us) ☐

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 May 31 st	Morning Prayer	Rev'd James Rodley	Isaiah 40.12–17, 27–end, Matthew 28.16–end	TRINITY SUNDAY - God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. How does that work?
Sunday June 7 th	Holy Communion	Rev'd James Rodley	Hosea 5.15–6.6, Matthew 9.9–13, 18–26	Jesus calls the apostle Matthew and heals a little girl
Sunday June 14 th	INFORMAL FAMILY SERVICE	Janet Wood	Matthew 9.35–10.8	What it means to be a disciple.
Sunday June 21 st	Holy Communion	Rev'd Michael Houston	Jeremiah 20.7–13, Matthew 10.24–39	The challenge of following Jesus
Sunday June 28 th	Morning Prayer	Rev'd James Rodley	Jeremiah 28.5–9, Matthew 10.40–end	Jesus as a prophet- in his time, and ours too?
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	Revd James Rodley	Isaiah 55.10 -13, Mat- thew 13.1- 9, 18-23	Details TBC
Sunday July 19 th	Holy Communion	Revd James Rodley	Isaiah 44.6- 8, Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43	The parable of the "wheat and the weeds"

Also- all are welcome to our service of Holy Communion according to the traditional Book of Common Prayer. In June, this will be at **11am on Thursday 11th** . 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

Rivers4Life at the Dales Countryside Museum

Rivers4Life is the brand new exhibition opening at the Dales Countryside Museum (DCM), Hawes on Saturday 6 June, running to 27 September. This family-friendly exhibition, packed with information about the work of the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust, promises to engage and inspire everyone to support its mission to create wild, natural rivers, valued by all.

Highlights include art works and creative projects produced in the Rivers4Life workshops run with Yorkshire Dales schools and community groups, including a Richmond care home and two refugee groups in Catterick and Ripon. Additionally, the exhibition will also showcase the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust photography competition winners whose work show cases Yorkshire Dales rivers, catchments and their wildlife through the seasons.

There will also be an exciting bespoke community theatre performance – **Tributaries** - about the River Ure at the DCM on 27 and 28 June and at the Ripon Workhouse Museum during the Ripon Theatre Festival on 4 July.

The Rivers4Life exhibition and the theatrical production are part of the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust's National Lottery Heritage Funded Rivers4Life project, which is a three-year project combining the arts and science, to enable the Trust's work to reach a wider audience.

Full details of all dates, venues and how to book can be found at: <https://www.ydrt.org.uk/rivers4life>



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From Monday, 27 April, residents will need to register their name, address and vehicle before visiting any of the county's 20 household waste recycling centres.

The move will help to ensure the sites are used by North Yorkshire residents who fund the service, and reduce visits from those outside the county, which currently accounts for about one in six users and costs the taxpayer up to £400,000 a year.

Registration is free, takes a couple of minutes, and lasts for three years.

Residents can register online from 27 April and use the centres straight away. Nothing will be sent in the post, and staff will check number plates on arrival.

Follow the QR code or link below for more information

<https://tinyurl.com/3ym5kyzk>

Those without internet access can call us on 0300 131 2 131, or visit a library or council office for help.



HELLIFIELD BEER FESTIVAL 19th and 20th June 2026

The 12th Hellifield Beer Festival will once again be held in the Village Hall.

The last 11 festivals have raised over £44,000 to support local organisations, groups and events in Hellifield and close surrounding areas. Our 11th festival was the most successful ever, enabling over £6,000 to be distributed.

The relaxed and informal event runs from **lunchtime until 11pm** on both Friday and Saturday. No advance ticketing – just pay on the day. Entrance fee includes programme, commemorative glass, and your 1st two drinks. The almost 50 beers and ciders on offer are purchased via a token system. Food will also be available to purchase.

If you have never been before, come along and have some fun; you will be made to feel welcome and hopefully you will enjoy it. If you are a regular – we can't wait to see you again.

Hellifield Beer Festival committee.



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Eyes on the Skies Campaign

Yorkshire Dales environmental charity Friends of the Dales runs regular events to support its campaigning work. The following – free but donations welcome – events form part of its Eyes on the Skies campaign, speaking out about the ongoing criminal killing of birds of prey and petitioning for vital legal reforms.



Head over to its website at www.friendsofthedales.org to find out more about the petition and add your name.

Birds and Nature Walk at Malham Wednesday 17 June 10am - 4pm

Ian Court, Wildlife Conservation Officer for the Yorkshire Dales National Park will lead a two mile guided walk to Malham Cove offering a rare chance to look out for one of the Yorkshire Dales' most majestic birds of prey, the Peregrine Falcon. In the afternoon Friends of the Dales Trustee and Chair of Malhamdale Environmental Group, Jane Smart will lead a two mile circular walk to Janet's Foss to explore the area's fauna and flora.

Book at: www.friendsofthedales.org.uk/events

MOBILE LIBRARY LONG PRESTON

Here are the dates for our forthcoming visits:

Layby near the Maypole Inn

Wednesday 17th June 2026 14.30 – 15.30

Wednesday 15th July 2026 14.30 – 15.30

Wednesday 12th August 2026 14.30 – 15.30

Wednesday 9th Sept 2026 14.30 – 15.30

Wednesday 7th Oct 2026 14.30 – 15.30

Wednesday 4th Nov 2026 14.30 – 15.30

Wednesday 2nd Dec 2026 14.30 – 15.30

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.

www.gargraveart.uk exhibition@gargraveart.uk

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	Event	Time
Sat 6th	Over 70's Lunch	12:30
Thurs 11th	Age UK Luncheon Club	12:30 15:00
Thurs 18th	Moraig Craft Class	18:45 21:00

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	1pm-4pm 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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Please include full name and postal details.

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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
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