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Dear Friends,

As I write this I can hear in the distance the insistent bleatings of some newborn lambs in the fields by the National Park carpark in Grassington. On our walks at this time of year, Clare and I have our eyes peeled for gambolling - that moment when a lamb seems so full of the simple, unalloyed joy of being alive that it can't help but bounce uncontrollably around the field.

As we move into the month of May, the vibrant signs of spring are all around us: new life bursting forth in blossoms, the rich a varied dawn chorus greeting each morning, and longer days filled with light and warmth. This season of renewal wonderfully mirrors the heart of our Christian journey during Eastertide.



While it might seem a while since we celebrated Easter, it's not just a single

day but a season - a sacred time of fifty days when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the new life this offers to each of us. The empty tomb speaks of hope conquering despair, light overcoming darkness, and life triumphing over death.

In these times, as we witness ongoing conflicts and uncertainty in the world, the message of Easter offers profound comfort, guidance and, above all, hope. The resurrection calls us to be agents of peace, compassion, and reconciliation amid division and suffering. It reminds us that even in the darkest moments, God's light shines steadfastly, inviting us to respond with courage and love.

Perhaps, as the season of Easter stretches on into May, this is a good time to reflect on how the resurrection might shape our lives:

Hope in Action: Just as Jesus rose to new life, we too are called to rise above fear, doubt, and division. Are there ways that we might be bearers of hope in our families, workplaces, and communities?

Growth and Renewal: The natural world around us is blossoming, reminding us that God's grace is always at work, renewing our spirits and calling us to grow in faith and love.

Community and Compassion: Eastertide invites us to deepen our connections with one another, nurturing kindness, forgiveness, and understanding - both being and looking for signs of the Kingdom in our day-to-day lives.

As we continue to celebrate this Easter season, maybe you'll feel encouraged to make time for some moments of quiet reflection, to pray for peace in our world, and to share the joy of Easter with those around you.

John Clare was a man steeped in rural life and his poem (below) about young lambs captures this time of year beautifully.

May the light of the risen Christ shine brightly in your hearts and homes throughout May and beyond.

God bless,
Matthew

Young Lambs by John Clare

The spring is coming by a many signs;
The trays are up, the hedges broken down,
That fenced the haystack, and the remnant shines
Like some old antique fragment weathered brown.
And where suns peep, in every sheltered place,
The little early buttercups unfold
A glittering star or two--till many trace
The edges of the blackthorn clumps in gold.
And then a little lamb bolts up behind
The hill and wags his tail to meet the yoe,
And then another, sheltered from the wind,
Lies all his length as dead--and lets me go
Close bye and never stirs but baking lies,
With legs stretched out as though he could not rise.



Connections Quiz May 26

1. What country's capital is Valletta and largest city Birkirkara?
2. What body of water lies between Sweden and Estonia?
3. Who sang the song "Stand by Your Man"?
4. What is the name of the warm current that originates at the tip of Florida and crosses the Atlantic Ocean heavily influencing UK climate?
5. What part of a fish is used for propulsion?
6. Who starred opposite Billy Crystal in the film 'When Harry met Sally'?
7. According to the Bible whose wife was turned into a pillar of salt when she turned and looked back at Sodom?
8. Which arm of the military successfully stormed the Iranian Embassy in 1980 to rescue seven hostages?
9. What is the name of the peninsula that encompasses Andorra, Spain and Portugal?
10. What is the connection between the previous nine answers?

April 26 Answers

1) Bing 2) Liver 3) Aston Villa 4) Upminster 5) Ebenezer 6) Gambia 7) Ironic 8) ? Saffron 9) Fez 10) Taking the first letter of the answers for 1-9, you have an anagram of the title of a Disney film. Name the film. A Bug's Life

Winner: Betty Hammonds

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Thankyou!!

Firstly, a big thankyou to everyone who came along to the various events over Easter, and a very big thankyou to those that helped with the events.

Gardening Club

Do you have any spare seedlings, especially flowers? If so, Cracoe gardening club would love to accept them! We are planning on growing flowers to then sell as cut flowers to help fund our club, please do get in touch with Anne (see contact details below)

Churchyard Cleanup Picnic Saturday 11 July

We are planning a St Michael's, Linton churchyard cleanup day on Saturday 11 July.

Bring a picnic and a blanket, hot drinks and cakes provided, all the family very welcome.

Joyce Milner will be playing a variety of music on the piano from 9am - 6pm to raise money for EcoChurch so please do come and support her!!

Board Games Lending Library

Watch this space for details of a board games lending library...large scale outdoor games will also be available to borrow...perfect for the summer months!

Youth Clubs

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Envelopes are being delivered with the May edition of Burnsall News, and will be collected. We are grateful to the collectors who will be giving up their time to collect your envelope.

These people are Appletreewick- Jane Ellison Bates, Burnsall- Brenda Williams, Hartlington- Cath Currier and Viv Burfitt, Skyreholme- Fiona Thomson and Victoria Foster will collect envelopes in Thorpe when she delivers the June magazine. Your collector will have an official ID badge and spare envelopes in case you have mislaid yours. If you prefer donations can be taken to either the Post Office Grassington or the Hedgerow Threshfield. Please don't forget to complete the Gift Aid slips where applicable.

Alternatively donations can be paid direct into the Upper Wharfedale Fellowship of Churches Christian Aid account 20-78-42 account number 43851834.

Thank you for your support which is greatly needed by so many.

Brenda Williams

Why take part in Christian Aid Week?

This Christian Aid Week, your support could help mothers in Nairobi, Kenya, facing the devastating reality of urban poverty and the daily struggle to feed their children.

Most parents wake every single day knowing that they must go and earn money, otherwise their children won't eat that evening. Fridah knows this reality well. But she's determined to protect her grandchildren from hunger.

Through our partner, Beacon of Hope, she's received tools, seeds and training to grow fresh vegetables in a small city space – food she can cook for her family or sell to earn income.



Fridah with her grandson, Quillan, outside their house in Dagoretti, Nairobi.
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Notices found in church newsletters – that didn't quite come out right!

Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of the vicar's sermons.

The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing: 'Break Forth Into Joy.'

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married last weekend in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their schooldays.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

For those who have children and don't know it, we have a crèche and nursery in the crypt. Don't let worry kill you. Let the church help!

The image contains two promotional posters for Girlguiding activities. The left poster is for 'Rainbows' and features a photograph of two young girls in red and yellow uniforms working with jars. A red speech bubble contains a quote from Matilda: 'We play loads of fun games, do activities and challenges and sometimes get badges'. The poster includes the Girlguiding logo, the text 'Come and join Threshfield Rainbows on Mondays 4.30pm to 5.30pm. Follow the link below to sign your daughter up and we'll be in touch soon with details.', and the website 'girlguiding.org.uk/joinus'. The right poster is for 'Brownies' and features a photograph of a girl in a yellow uniform with her arms raised. A dark speech bubble contains a quote from Poonam: 'I had never climbed before. I was scared of heights. But I climbed and rang the bell all by myself and felt really proud of myself'. The poster includes the Girlguiding logo, the text 'Come and join Threshfield Brownies on Mondays 5.45pm to 7.00pm. Follow the link below to sign your daughter up and we'll be in touch soon with details.', and the website 'girlguiding.org.uk/joinus'.

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Brownies
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Palm Sunday procession

Pebbles, the donkey, led the procession from Burnsall Village Green to St. Wilfrid's on Palm Sunday. The weather was not the best for the walk but a good turn out met on the Green and undertook an Act of Worship led by Revs. Matthew Wood and Tony Kaunhoven.



Many thanks to Helen Wray and her family for lending us Pebbles. A lovely gentle donkey who also joined in the service at appropriate times.



Easter Frolics



Also, thanks to Bob Blair who organised our Easter Frolics. Again the weather was cold and wet so the event took place in Burnsall Village Hall and was enjoyed by a good number of children.

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Burnsall Parish website

Burnsall Parish has a website. The new website is for Burnsall Village Hall with lots of information available. There will be a calendar of events and people can see when things are on and also when the hall is possibly available to hire for an event. The bookings page is then easy to fill and start the booking process.

Other pages cover Burnsall School, the Village Green, Burnsall Sports, Burnsall Parish Meeting and St. Wilfrid's. There is a food and accommodation listing and tons of other information. The website is hopefully to give access to information about Burnsall far and wide.

Burnsall News

We welcome contributions to the magazine about anything that you are interested in. Something personal, something involving your community, something that annoys you, something fantastic that has happened—pictures are always welcome.

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Birding for Beginners

Saturday 9 May, 10am – 4pm

Designed especially for 18-35 year olds, this event offered in collaboration with the Upper Wharfedale Field Society, comprises an informal but informative morning session near Grassington to get you clued up on what to look (and listen!) for. In the afternoon participants will then venture out on a **4–5 mile scenic walk**, spotting birds along the way and learning how different species use the landscape throughout the year.

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Online Talk – Talking Raptor Persecution with Dr Ruth Tingay

New date Wednesday 20 May, 5.30pm – 7pm

A unique opportunity to 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](#)**. Ruth is also a co-director of the wildlife conservation organisation [Wild Justice](#), with Chris Packham.



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Tuesday 5th May 2026 at 8.00pm

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Election of Chairman
4. Minutes of the last meeting
5. Matters Arising
6. Finance- approve accounts, audit and exemption certificate.
7. Website
8. Burnsall Car Park toilets
9. Village Green report
10. AOB

Refreshments will be available before the meeting from 7.30pm.
The Spring draw of the Burnsall Village Hall Centenary Club will take place after the meeting.

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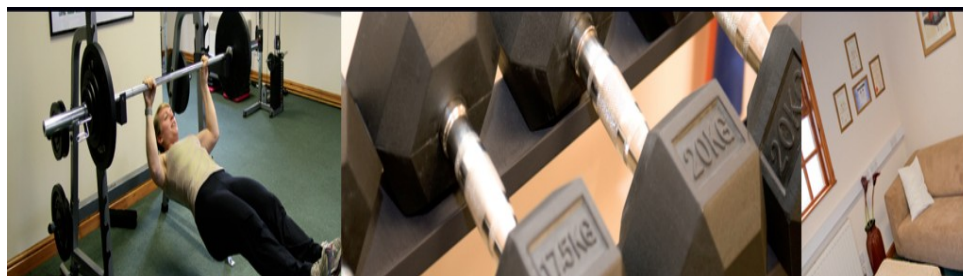
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Our April meeting was classed as an 'Open' one, to which other local WI's and members of the public were invited, we welcomed around 40 extra visitors. Our speaker was the talented Alison Aynesworth of Appletreewick, who works as an accredited artwork conservator and repairer. Alison told us of her early life, always having an interest in history and art which she studied at University, but didn't ever think her qualifications would lead to a proper career path. That is until she saw a picture of a lady doing some conservation and cleaning work on a painting and decided that that was something she would enjoy doing.

More training and she eventually became qualified in 2008. Since then she has worked in many churches, stately homes such as Castle Howard and lots of private commissions. She had quite a few interesting stories and some jobs which she said she felt very privileged to have taken part in. A dream placement for her, being a huge Bronte fan, was to clean the 12 panelled Apostle's cupboard in the Bronte parsonage. Another interesting job was in Manchester Town Hall. Millions of pounds are being spent on this Victorian building to save it from ruin. Her part in this was the restoration of the 12 murals in the main hall painted by Ford Madox Brown. These murals took Ford over 16 years to complete, he suffered a stroke towards the end which affected his brush strokes, Alison could see the changes in his style. Another notable commission and a 'brush' with royalty was in the garden pavilion on the Frogmore part of Windsor Park. Word had been passed around that The Queen was on the estate and on no account was anyone to speak to her. Whilst head down concentrating on a section, Alison was aware of someone behind her – HRH herself with her pack of Corgis and small terriers! She was interested in the work Alison was doing, had a short conversation and then went on her way.

Alison had many more tales to tell and gave us a brief history lesson on the development of artwork from Medieval to present times, Although this was her first foray into speaking about her work, she had everyone in the room engaged and interested. A very enjoyable evening.

After the talk, members and visitors sampled a wonderful selection of cakes with tea provided by the Committee, during which some people were able to consult with Alison about their own works of art.

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 7th May 7.15pm** when Malcolm Johnson will give a talk entitled 'Children's Favourites in the 1950's'.

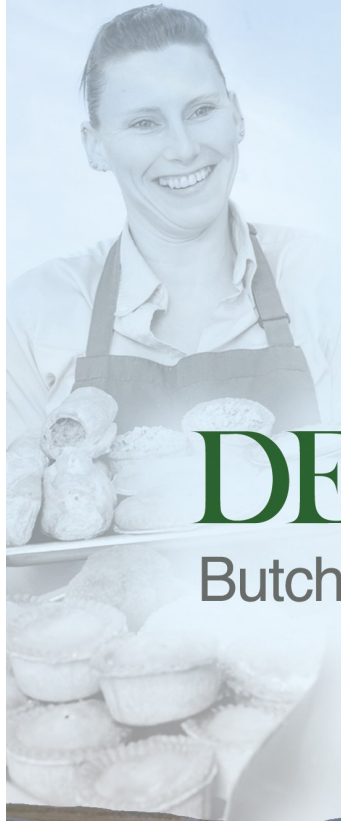




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9.30 St. Wilfrid's Holy Communion	Welcomer NT Reading Acts 7.55-60 Gospel John 14. 1-14 Intercessions Eucharist Assistant	J. Clark M. Fitton E. Williams G. Burfitt J. Clark
6pm St. John's Evening Prayer	1st Reading Zechariah 4. 1-10 2nd Reading Revelations 21. 1-14	B. Williams G. Dawson
Sunday May 10th	Easter 6	
9.30 St. Wilfrid's Holy Communion	Welcomer NT Reading Acts 17. 22-32 Gospel John 14. 15-21 Intercessions Eucharist Assistant	J. White H. Maxfield D. Scriven B. Williams J. Townend
Sunday May 17th	Easter 7	
9.30 St. Wilfrid's Morning Prayer	Welcomer Psalm 104. 26-35 1st Reading Isaiah 65. 17-end 2nd Reading Revelation 21. 1-8	R. Fort J. Townend S. Haggerty
6pm St. John's Holy Communion	NT Reading : Acts 1. 6-14 Gospel: John 17. 1-11	E. Williams J. Hibbert
Sunday May 24th	Pentecost	
9.30 St. Wilfrid's Holy Communion	Welcomer NT Reading Acts 2. 1-21 Gospel John 20. 19-23 Intercessions Eucharist Assistant	G. Burfitt C. Reeves J. White E. Williams J. Clark
6pm St. John's Evening Prayer	1st Reading Numbers 11. 24-30 2nd Reading Acts 2. 14-21	P. Weatherhead J. Ellison-Bates
Sunday May 31st	Trinity Sunday	
10.30 St. Michael's, Linton Holy Communion	Benefice Service	
Sunday June 7th	Trinity 1	
9.30 St. Wilfrid's Holy Communion	Welcomer NT Reading Romans 4. 13-25 Gospel Matthew 9. 9-13, 18-26 Intercessions Eucharist Assistant	P. Clark R. Fort S. Falshaw J. Clark G. Burfitt
6pm St. John's Evening Prayer	1st Reading 1 Samuel 18.1-16 2nd Reading Luke 8. 41-56	A. Dawson B. Williams

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25th may Appletreewick Coffee Morning AVH 10am

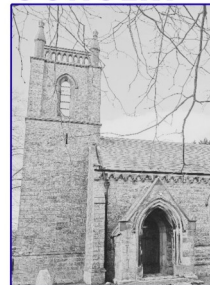
St. John's

Date	Flowers	Cleaning
4th May	Jennie Whiteley	Sandra Falshaw/ Margaret Stockdale
18th May	Jane Ellison-Bates	Jane Ellison-Bates
1st June	Sandra Falshaw/ Margaret Stockdale	Gill Dawson
15th June	Louise Jennings	Christine Hibbert/ Madeline Pye

St. Wilfrid's

Date	Flowers	Cleaning
3rd May	Carol Fitton	Ed and Brenda
17th May	Alice and Lydia	Alice and Lydia
31st May	Wendy Gibson	Michaela Daggett, Vicky Rowley
14th June	Hazel Maxfield	Dot Scriven, Joan White

CONCERT



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