



A  
HAPPY  
AND  
PEACEFUL  
NEW YEAR  
TO  
ALL OUR  
READERS

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FROM CANON MAURICE SLAUGHTER - Priest-in-Charge of  
Arnccliffe-with-Halton Gill, and Rural Dean.

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Jean and I send you our renewed good wishes for this New Year, and pray that God may guide and richly bless every one of you in the good purposes of His unfailing Providence.

We can be absolutely sure of two things as the New Year unfolds before us.

1. The Faithfulness of God towards His universe and His people and, coupled with this unshakeable truth, the sure purpose of the faithful God in ordering all things in our lives for good.

Sometimes we may doubt this, especially if we have dark days thrust upon us bringing bewilderment, anxiety and sadness. Sometimes we may justifiably be tempted to think that our world is in disarray and that the Creator has given up caring!

The fact remains, however, that God is in total control. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. He cares with an intimacy and detail beyond our understanding, and His purposes are moving to His own determined and approved climax. This is true for the universe and our world; it is equally true for every individual life which goes forward into 1981.

2. The progress of life will continue as the purpose of God is worked out and His faithfulness proved. We often say 'life must go on'; indeed it must and will. We, however, are not like the flotsam tossed to and fro with the tide. We are each one of us part of the purpose and in all our comings and goings we have to see the good Hand of the unchanging, loving God who is the Lord of time and eternity.

So what is to be our response to these two certainties?

Surely, to be willing again and again to commit ourselves, our families, our nation and our world to that same faithful and purposeful God Whom we call Father, and through Whose beloved Son we find ever-renewed acceptance. And because we can commit ourselves to such a God, we commit ourselves, again and again, to our neighbour, made like us in the Divine likeness, and one with us in that sure purpose and loving faithfulness of God Himself.

Here is a suggested 'motto' for 1981. "If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Romans, Chapter 8, verse 31).

May God bless you all.

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Canon and Mrs. Slaughter thank all those who so kindly sent good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

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## GENERAL NEWS

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### 100 YEARS ON

January 1881 saw the publication of the first issue of the Upper Wharfedale Parish Magazine, covering the parishes of Arncliffe, Hubberholme and Kettlewell. It cost two pence and comprised three pages of news from the parishes and a nationally published supplement which the editors described as containing many well written articles plus a story and sermon.

The editors were the clergy of the three parishes, Archdeacon Boyd and the Rev. F. Howson, of Arncliffe, the Rev. E.W. Bereton, of Hubberholme, and the Rev. D. Hazlewood, of Kettlewell.

The first news item recorded that during 1880 rainfall at Arncliffe totalled 64.05 inches. At Kettlewell in that year there were nine baptisms, five marriages and five burials. Twenty-nine offertories produced a total of £14.2s. Choir boys at Hubberholme toured that parish on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day singing carols.

In the second issue of the magazine the editors gave themselves a pat on the back "on the great success which has already attended our little venture". The original print order, they explained, was for 100 copies "since it was thought that no great demand would be made for them in so scattered a district". But "this number was very quickly disposed of and a further supply was obtained from the hands of the printer, so that we now have about 100 subscribers".

The Link, distributed free to each household in four parishes and to some readers outside their boundaries, has a circulation of just under 400 copies a month.

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## CHURCH NOTES

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### SHARING THE CAKE

From a correspondent

As last year drew to a close, church treasurers could be forgiven for going round with long faces despite the approach of Christmas. They had received from the Bradford Diocesan authorities notice that their parishes' Diocesan Share had been increased by about 50 per cent for 1981 compared with last year. The amount which parishes in the Link's area are asked to pay is:-

Arncliffe-with-Halton Gill	£1,045 (last year £697)
Conistone-with-Kilnsey	£Figures not available
Hubberholme	£when going to press
Kettlewell-with-Starbottan	£1,766 ( " " £1178)

Also increasing is the amount of money which must be found in each parish for repairing, lighting, heating and insuring the parish church.

Balancing parish budgets in an area where sheep heavily outnumber people can be a daunting task, often accomplished only with the help of generous giving by a few. Can these few become many? It is important that they should so increase because a large part of the money we send to the diocese helps to pay the clergy. And clergy pay, despite increases, still lags behind what can be regarded as a fair reward.

The Church Commissioners used to provide all the money needed for clergy pay, but for about ten years even the Commissioners' large income from investments has failed to keep pace with inflation. In 1979, for instance, people in the pew, through the diocesan share, had to provide about 30 per cent of the pay of the 11,300 serving clergy.

The Commissioners still meet the entire cost of pensions to retired clergy and clergy widows. Not only is there a need to shield the pensioners from some of the effects of inflation, but the number of pensioners will rise steeply over the next few years.

Out of a total income of £53,000,000 in the last nine months of 1979, the Commissioners spent 84 per cent on paying and housing the serving clergy and paying pensions to 4,900 retired clergy and 3,950 widows.

On all sides Church finance has to be rigidly controlled. One effect of this is that those extra items which might be thought of as going into the parson's pocket - fees from weddings and funerals, payments from ancient charities and even Easter offerings - are deducted from his stipend cheque.

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BUCKDEN, HUBBERHOLME, LANGSTROTHDALE & CRAY NOTES

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THE FARMING YEAR

From a correspondent

Farmers are very thankful for a milder winter following the severe and expensive one of the previous year. We were very thankful for the dry spring in lambing time, which greatly reduced the mortality rate in the lamb crop. Unfortunately, the year was marred by a very wet summer, so that much of the hay was of a very poor quality.

Lamb prices were low at most of the sales, but subsequently improved with the introduction of the new E.E.C. regulations on 1st October - unfortunately too late for the majority of Dales farmers, as most of the lambs had been sold by that time.

We look forward to a more fortunate year.

BUCKDEN VILLAGE INSTITUTE

THE FIRST

WHIST DRIVE

of the

NEW YEAR

is to be held on 7th January at 7.30 p.m.

EVERYBODY WELCOME.

BUCKDEN VILLAGE INSTITUTEA D O M I N O D R I V E

WILL BE HELD

IN THE INSTITUTE ON

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23rd

P I E A N D P E A S U P P E R

EVENT IN AID OF INSTITUTE FUNDS.

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SOME CHRISTMAS HAPPENINGS

The Buckden Children's Christmas Party was held on 27th December, when entertainments were provided by some members of Scargill Community. The children were visited by Father Christmas, who brought presents for all. A Dance followed later in the evening, and both events were enjoyed by those attending.

Oughtershaw's Children's Party was hit by the pre-Christmas snowstorm, which made travel by road very difficult. Father Christmas, however, whose travelling arrangements are better suited for such conditions, managed to get through with a sackful of gifts for the few children who had reached the Institute. Unfortunately the Dance had to be cancelled.

Hubberholme Church was beautifully decorated for the festival, and we would like to record our thanks to Mr. Jim Middleton and Economic Forestry for the gift of the Christmas tree this year. The Crib scene, set in its handsomely-made stable, was again the centre of attention at the Crib Service on Christmas Eve, when a fair number of children remembered how the Light of the World had first shone at Bethlehem. At the First Communion of

Christmas, conducted by Canon White, about 50 worshippers were present, and more made their communion on Christmas morning. Church attendances were slightly down on last year, but we understand that several 'regulars' were away. The Lessons and Carols were enjoyed in a candle-lit church on the following Sunday evening.

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## LITTONDALE NOTES

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### BUILDING AMERDALE HALL

The new Amerdale Hall, to serve Hawkswick, Arncliffe, Litton, Halton Gill and Foxup, is to be built by a consortium of local contractors. They are: W.I.Hargreaves, of Hebden (building and plastering); Rowley & Geldard, of Grassington (plumbing and electrical); R. Newbould, of Skyreholme (joinery); and A. Burns (roofing). The Yorkshire Electricity Board has been awarded the contract for heating the hall. It is hoped that building will begin at the end of February.

### SPACE-AGE CHRISTMAS

Low-flying aircraft regularly 'buzz' Littondale, but parents and friends who attended the annual Christmas entertainment at Arncliffe School on December 16th found a 'spaceship' in the schoolroom. From it there emerged the proverbial 'little green man' who had come all the way from the planet Foxups on the other side of the galaxy known as Haltongillican. He was fascinated by the Christmas preparations in Littondale. After the significance of turkeys, plum pudding, mince pies and Christmas trees had been explained to him, the Bethlehem story was told in mime.

Throughout the play, which was specially written by the headmistress, Mrs. A. Fawbert, appropriate carols were sung with Mr. Edwin Page, the music teacher, at the piano.

The props, including the 'space capsule', had been made by the children, some of whom tackled more than one role in the play. Parents had a hand in creating the colourful costumes.

#### CHANCEL'S NEW LOCK

Work on transforming the appearance of the chancel of St. Oswald's Church, Arncliffe, has been completed and has been greatly admired. Thanks are due to Mr. Raymond Carter, of Foxup, who so expertly stripped off the old plaster and cleaned and repointed the stonework. Thanks are also due to all those who cleaned the chancel floor and furnishings when the builder's work was finished.

Other work which the architect recommended in his quinquennial report remains to be done, and for this money will have to be raised.

#### SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL

Extensive renovation and redecoration work at Halton Gill Reading Room has made it an attractive place for functions that can be accommodated in a small hall.

Recently a very successful Christmas whist drive was held there. Bookings are in the hands of Mr. Keith Brook, of Bargh House, Halton Gill.

SCHOOL GOVERNOR

Mr. Robin Miller, of The Falcon, Arncliffe, has been appointed by the Parochial Church Council as a governor of Arncliffe School. The vacancy arose when Mrs. Iona Hitchon ceased to represent the P.C.C., having been appointed as a representative of the North Yorkshire Education Authority on the Board, of which she is chairman.

CHURCH COUNCIL DATE

The next meeting of the Arncliffe-with Halton Gill Parochial Church Council will be held in the School at 8.00 p.m. on January 29th.

ARNCLIFFE CHURCH FLOWERS

January 4th - 11th - Mrs. Miller  
 January 18th - 25th - Mrs. Joan Middleton.

CLEANING ROTA - Mrs. S. Robinson & Mrs. R. Miller.

FLOWER FUND - A number of gifts to the Arncliffe Church Flower Fund are acknowledged with thanks.

SERVICES AT ARNCLIFFE CHURCH - JANUARY, 1981

January	4th	6.15 p.m.	Evensong
	11th	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	18th	6.15 p.m.	Holy Communion
	25th	10.30 a.m.	Mattins

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RAINFALL at Arncliffe during November was 8.31 inches - exactly the same as November, 1979.

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KETTLEWELL - WITH - CONISTONE NOTES

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CHRISTMAS ROUND-UP

CAROL SINGING - The Carol singers, collecting for the Church of England Children's Society on the three evenings before Christmas, were most generously supported to the tune of a penny or two under £115 - a magnificent total, and a notable increase upon previous years. Sincere thanks to singers and givers alike, and also to those who offered refreshment and lubrication to tired and croaky voices on the way round.

CHURCH SERVICES - What was probably another record was the attendance at the 'Midnight' Communion at Kettlewell. The church was so full that some of the congregation had to sit in the choir. There were many who came to share in the worship in addition to the 119 communicants, and there were more communicants at a shortened service which followed the well-attended Family Mattins on Christmas morning.

The Festival of Lessons and Carols deserves a special paragraph to itself because, in addition to, again, being very well attended, it marked the introduction of the newly completed choir robes. It was, surely, a proud moment for all concerned (a triumph, someone said!) as the choir processed in at the start of the service in their blue gowns and cassocks. All have been made locally, and a tremendous thank-you is extended to all the ladies who worked so hard (and so long!) to ensure that everything would be completed on time. The gifts of money to make possible the purchase of material is also warmly acknowledged here.

Christmas morning at Conistone must not be forgotten, for there a much-larger-than-usual congregation shared in a communion according to the Series III order which was conducted by the Revd. Dr. Robert Keighley.

TOY SERVICES We have received the following letter from 'Fairfield' (one of the National Children's Homes) at Harrogate in acknowledgement of the children's gifts this year:-

Dear Mr. Potter,

It is a pleasure to write once again to thank the members of the Kettlewell, Conistone and Hubberholme Churches for the grand lot of gifts you brought along for our children this Christmas time. Your help is much appreciated by us all, and certainly enables us to give the youngsters in our care a happy Christmas.

May we take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year and we hope you had a happy Christmas!

With best wishes. Yours sincerely, J. Whitehead.

KETTLEWELL W. I.

The President and Committee trust that all members have had a happy Christmas, and send their greetings for 1981, which they hope will be a good and prosperous W.I. year - especially as we celebrate 40 years of our existence.

It is hoped that January will be a happy and enjoyable month. Our usual members' meeting will be on Tuesday, January 13th at 7.30 p.m. Please do try and come, because all the arrangements and work plans will be finalised for the party.

We look forward to seeing all our members, together with many past members, at the party on January 20th. Members have tried to invite everyone personally, but communications may have broken down with family Christmas preparations! If you have been a member, and have not received an invitation, please let the Secretary know, because we would like you to join us. The party commences at 7.30 p.m. in Kettlewell Village Hall.

May we remind all members that the Bulb Show is in February this year, and we need your help with the entries. Please ask for a schedule, so that you can familiarise yourself with the classes.

THANKS FROM KETTLEWELL VICARAGE

John and Betty Potter and the Family extend our thanks to the many people who have sent us gifts and greetings for Christmas. We are most grateful.

And at the end of another year, we would like to express our gratitude to all the good folk who have helped us in so many different ways to do our work and to enable the Church's life and work to go forward. It would be difficult to try to name you all, and you would probably not wish us to do so; but your contributions range from service on the Church Council and winding the Church clock to contributing items for the Link, from sweeping, dusting and decorating to mowing the grass, from playing the organs and flying the flag to a host of other helping hands offered, appreciated and not now recalled. But a special word of thanks must go to the several clergy and readers who, between them, have conducted the services where I have been unable to be present, and so made possible the continuation of a reasonable pattern of worship in our area.

Thank you all. . . very much.

THE KETTLEWELL CHURCH GIFT DAY

Gift Day envelopes have continued to be handed in since the original total was announced in church, and readers will be delighted to know that your generous contributions have now totalled £240-50. You will read elsewhere in this issue of the increasing demands made upon us in running our churches, and the Church Council is grateful for your generous help through this year's Gift Day.

THE REV. JOHN STALEY

It is a pleasure formally to welcome the Revd. John Staley, the recently appointed Warden of Scargill House, as our preacher at the Family Communion Service at 11.00 a.m. on Sunday, 11th January, at Kettlewell Church.

C. OF E. CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The recent Coffee Morning at Fern House, Kettlewell, raised £25-38 in aid of the Society's funds. This was in addition to £78-72 received from the opening of collecting boxes brought in at the time.

Mrs. Proudfoot, local secretary, reports that there are now 17 boxes in use in the Link's area to her knowledge, and asks that if anyone else has one and would like it opened, or if anyone would like a box who does not have one already, would they please contact her at Fern House, (Kettlewell 251). Boxes will be collected in annually. She thanks all who supported the Coffee Morning and brought in boxes, and tells us that 1981 will be the Society's Centenary Year.

FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The group which meets for Christian fellowship, noted in last month's Link (which please see for details) will meet during January on 13th and 27th from 10.30 to 11.30 a.m. at Fern House, Kettlewell. All are welcome.

THE CONFIRMATION

What a happy occasion it was! Everything went very smoothly, and Bishop Wheeldon was most kindly and simple in what he had to say to the candidates. Quoting the opening words of Psalm 108 (O God, my heart is ready), he referred to the preparation that they had patiently undertaken, and urged them now to go forward into their full Christian life, and 'expect great things from God' and 'attempt great things for God'.

Bishop Wheeldon, too, had enjoyed his visit, and offered to come again at any time (from Brighouse, where he lives) to conduct our worship here.

KETTLEWELL CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

January 4th & 11th  
18th  
25th

Miss M. Wiseman  
Mrs. M. Chalmers  
Miss B. Backhouse

RAINFALL AT KETTLEWELL during November amounted to 202.8 mm (8 inches). 14.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The following letter has just been received with a Gift Day donation, and shows how the Link is appreciated by those whose houses are not regularly occupied. It expresses our gratitude to the magazine distributors.

Dear Mr. Potter,

Please find enclosed a gift for the Church's upkeep - rather late - but accept it from a holiday cottage owner living further afield.

I find the 'Link' most interesting, and thank the person who kindly puts it through our letter box. One day we hope to be residents of your lovely village.

I remain, Yours faithfully, Anonymous.

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A FOOTNOTE FOR NEW YEAR

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THIS IS A  
ROUND TUIT

At long last we have a sufficient quantity of these for each of you to have one of your own. Cut it out and guard it with your life. They are hard to come by - especially the round ones.

For years we have heard people say "I'll do it as soon as I get a round tuit".

Since you now have a round tuit of your own, many things that have been needing to be accomplished may now get  
DONE.

Idea stolen from the magazine of St. Francis, Salisbury.

# CHURCH SERVICES

## Parish of Kettlewell-with-Conistone and Hubberholme

### January 4th      2nd Sunday after Christmas

Holy Communion	8.00 a.m.	Kettlewell
Holy Communion	9.30 a.m.	Starbotten
Family Communion	10.30 a.m.	Hubberholme
Mattins	11.00 a.m.	Kettlewell
Evensong	6.30 p.m.	Conistone
Evensong	7.00 p.m.	Hubberholme

### January 11th      1st Sunday after the Epiphany

Family Communion	10.30 a.m.	Hubberholme
Family Communion	11.00 a.m.	Kettlewell
Evensong	7.00 p.m.	Hubberholme

### January 18th      2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

Holy Communion	8.00 a.m.	Kettlewell
Holy Communion	9.30 a.m.	Starbotten
Family Communion	10.30 a.m.	Hubberholme
Mattins	11.00 a.m.	Kettlewell
Evensong	6.30 p.m.	Conistone
Evensong	7.00 p.m.	Hubberholme

### January 25th      The Conversion of St. Paul (Epiphany III)

Holy Communion	8.00 a.m.	Kettlewell
Holy Communion	9.30 a.m.	Conistone
Family Communion	10.30 a.m.	Hubberholme
Mattins	11.00 a.m.	Kettlewell
Holy Communion	7.00 p.m.	Hubberholme

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The Roman Catholic Church of St. Margaret Clitherow, at Threshfield has Sunday Mass each Sunday at 10.00 a.m.

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There is a celebration of Holy Communion every Thursday morning at Kettlewell Church at 10.00 a.m.