



Wagtail

The parish magazine
of Whittington, Arkholme
and Gressingham
April 2018

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Sunday 25 March is Palm Sunday



Palm Processions

NB clocks go forward
9.30am Gressingham
10.45am Hornby

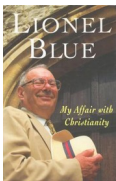


4pm Concert

'The promise of rebirth'
600 years of choral music
for Holy Week and Easter
with superb local choir
Divers Voyces

plus refreshments · at Whittington Church
free entry with retiring collection for church funds

Holy Week



7.30pm Monday 26 March

Our guest speaker this year is Dr Robert Ash
who was a student of Rabbi Lionel Blue
Saint Margaret's Hornby



7.30pm Maundy Thursday 29 March

Eucharist of the Last Supper – plus vigil of
intercession for the church and for the world
Saint Margaret's Hornby



10am Good Friday 30 March

readings and prayers for Good Friday
simultaneously in Arkholme and in Hornby

Easter Day



9.30am Whittington
9.30am Arkholme
9.30am Gressingham
all with Easter hymns
– and Easter eggs

10.45am Hornby
with junior choir



Plus: Saturday 24 March 7pm **QES Jazz Band and Sixth-Form Choir**

Arkholme Village Hall
bar · raffle · auction · tickets £10/£7
All proceeds towards Fiona's 12 months
volunteering in South Africa with Project
Trust – fiona.d.project.trust@gmail.com

Friday 20 April 7.30pm
Jacobs Join and
'Guess the name' game
Gressingham Old School Room
bring food, drink & good cheer

Saturday 21 April 7.30pm
Pie and Peas Supper
with bar and raffle
Whittington Village Hall

bus times and more events on the back cover...

Classified ads

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Wagtail

Welcome to the April edition.

All local churches and community groups are invited to send in news of their activities to Wagtail – reports of recent events (with photographs if possible) as well as announcements of what's coming up. Other local news is also welcome.

The next edition is the May edition. The deadline for items for inclusion is 19 April. Please submit all items to editor@wagtail.org.uk

Wagtail is also available online at www.wagtail.org.uk

Many thanks as always to all our contributors and distributors.

Michael Hampson

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Details of all three parish councils, and full minutes for Whittington and Arkholme, are online at
committeeadmin.lancaster.gov.uk/mgParishCouncilDetailsList.aspx

Gressingham Parish Council agendas and minutes are available online at www.hornbyvillage.org.uk/organisations/gressingham-parish-council

Details of all planning applications are online at lancaster.gov.uk/planning

Local problems can be reported to www.FixMyStreet.com

Local churches and community groups can be listed here for free. Please send additions, updates and corrections to editor@wagtail.org.uk



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Vicar's report for the Annual Parish Meetings April 2018

In another full year in 2017:

- Sister Judith OCMM joined us as our curate, working two days each week in the benefice, and continuing her ministry at the OCMM House of Prayer in Tunstall.
- Youth-led services continued monthly all year, and ran fortnightly through the summer with the special theme 'Back to the sources of faith'.
- Whittington began a monthly Songs of Praise service in February, featuring the stories behind some of our best-loved hymns.
- We launched a new Weekly Bible Study which has become a much-valued weekly fixture looking again each week at the previous Sunday's bible readings.
- We ran Stewardship Renewal across all four parishes, with welcome renewals of support for the four churches in multiple practical ways.
- Three representatives from the benefice went to a diocesan day conference specifically for young women, with Bishop Libby Lane.
- The Away Day on Saturday 10 June – shared with Saint Mary's – tackled 'The Bible in a Day', featuring a range of different addresses and workshops.
- Diverse Voyces presented two superb concerts featuring choral music from across the centuries, one in Hornby in April, the other in Gressingham in November; and the 50+ voices of Gathered Voices presented a hugely memorable concert in May which included The Hornby Singers' first public performances.
- Andrew White was the speaker at Whittington's annual Heritage Day, bringing the perspective of centuries to the topic of church life in the English villages.
- My own 25th anniversary of ordination was the occasion for a very pleasant afternoon garden party at Station House, catered once again by Arkholme church as part of their mid-summer Patronal Festival.
- And the Lent Programme for 2017 featured *Protestantism* by Mark Noll – looking at 500 years of growth, development and diversity, with Christianity shifting from being primarily a national culture to being primarily a personal faith, now known and established in every culture across the globe.

Carol Services continue to grow here in the four parishes, as they do across the country. Gressingham launched 'Carols by Candlelight' - and filled the tiny church with candlelight and with an enthusiastic congregation of 55. Arkholme celebrated with 70 adults and 40 children on Christmas Eve. Whittington once again had over 70, and Hornby's main carol service (joint with Saint Mary's) close to 200, with 40 more on Christmas Eve – and there were two Midnight Masses and four Christmas Morning services across the parishes as well. Remembrance also continues to grow year on year (here as across the country), with the 11am silence being observed in all four parishes.

Robin McIlveen continues as our Lay Reader, leading services once a month and leading school assemblies in Arkholme every Monday. Judith Greenwood continues as both our Pastoral Assistant and – with Anthony Smith – as an official 'Occasional Preacher'. Also assisting by leading occasional services are Derek Seber, Tony Ewens, and Mary McClements. A team continues to lead school assemblies weekly in Hornby, and each school attends services in the parish churches three or four times during the

year, including Hornby school's visit once each term to the weekly Wednesday morning Holy Communion service.

Mother's Union continues its recent revival, with branch leader Rose Roberts continuing at the helm, four new members enrolled on Mothering Sunday 2017, and a full and varied programme through the year.

Lent Lunches once again raised money for Christian Aid, and Afternoon Teas for church funds, all being generously catered by Avril Scoffin and her team, and enjoyed by all who attended.

We continue to share with Saint Mary's the combined choirs carol service, the Remembrance Sunday parade, the Palm Sunday procession, and Pentecost drinks in Saint Mary's garden, as well as the Lent Programme and the annual Away Days. Saint Margaret's was able to offer hospitality to Fr Luiz and Saint Mary's congregation for two large funerals in 2017.

Links within the benefice continue strong, coordinated through the Benefice Advisory (or coordination) Committee, and celebrated in our Sunday United Benefice services, held for each Patronal Festival and in every month with five Sundays. The Benefice Advisory Committee is working through Bishop Julian's thirteen marks of a healthy church, under the bishop's 'Vision 2026' heading. The Benefice Advisory Committee also coordinates all youth work across the benefice, and ensures compliance with best practice in safeguarding.

Average Sunday attendances – counting only ordinary Sundays – in Arkholme and Gressingham were unchanged at 11 and 10 respectively. Whittington's new Sunday Morning Songs of Praise drew in a confident average attendance of 15, while Whittington's Holy Communion, on the other two Sundays of the month, had an average attendance of 8.5 – both compared to an average Sunday attendance of 9.5 in 2016. Hornby numbers have been steady for more than ten years, at around 56 – but the new feature recently is the number of children present; in 2017 the average number of adults was 54, but there were also 8 children at the average monthly 'youth-led' service, and additional children through the month brought the weekly average under-16 attendance to 4, regardless of the Sunday (children are always welcome at any of our services). The distinctive Hornby early-morning traditional 8am service continues to draw an unchanged faithful average of 9, arriving in the dark and leaving in the light at the beginning and end of each year.

I am of course enormously grateful to all those who contribute in so many different ways to the life of the four churches: leading and taking part in Sunday services, offering music and hospitality, decorating the churches with flowers, organising special events, serving as churchwardens and on the PCCs, taking communion to the housebound and to The Old Vicarage, ringing the bells, winding the clocks, cleaning and maintaining the churchyards and the buildings and their contents, working for various charities including the Morecambe Food Bank and Christian Aid, caring for one another within the church community and beyond, and all those other things that contribute to our churches' life and ministry. For myself it is a privilege to be a part of the church community across the four parishes, and I look forward to continuing to work alongside you all in the year ahead.

Annual Parish Meetings in April – all welcome: Whittington Wednesday 4 April 7.30pm in the Village Hall; Gressingham Monday 23 April 7.30pm in the School Room; Hornby Sunday 22 April 11.45am in church; Arkholme tbc (check online or phone).

Support your parish church: bring offers of volunteering to the Annual Meetings or contact the vicar. Financial support: Whittington PCC 01-04-81 83241760; Arkholme PCC 01-01-60 94800464; Gressingham PCC 01-01-60 75562375; Hornby PCC 09-01-53 01663289; include your address as reference for an acknowledgement and for Gift Aid.

Whittington Old Photographs



Old Photographs of Whittington from the turn of the 20th century are now online at John Keegan's Whittington Village website – look under 'History' at www.whittingtonvillage.org.uk

With thanks to custodian Gerald Hodgson, and the team involved in digitising the images from the old glass plates.

Gressingham volunteers



Many thanks to a party of about 30 people who turned out for Gressingham's Litter Pick on 10 March. With this excellent turn-out, all the roads in the parish were cleared. Thanks also to all those who went out on other days.

Himalayan Balsam is the next challenge – an invasive species taking hold in at least fourteen sites around Gressingham. After a public meeting on 12 March to discuss the problem, it was agreed to organise two or three working parties over the spring and summer. Contact lesleywareing@gmail.com 21918

School leavers – Thinking about a Gap Year

The **Year-Out Drama Company** offers a one-year full-time drama course focusing on a wide range of practical drama skills and associated activities.

Alastair McPhail, of Arkholme School and QES, has just graduated with an MA in Advanced Theatre Practice from the *Royal Central School of Speech and Drama*, and is returning to *The Year-Out Drama Company* as a leader.

Based in Stratford-upon-Avon, and making the most of its links with the *Royal Shakespeare Company* and other industry professionals, the course allows students to become independent and to grow in confidence through a wide range of theatre disciplines.

Applications are now being accepted for September 2018 .

For information on how to apply, what is involved, and student accommodation, see www.yearoutdrama.co.uk – plus Facebook, Twitter and Instagram .

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Supporting someone with dementia?

Dignity in Dementia is about 'effective and easy-to-use dementia care instructions that will help you connect more effectively to the person you support, leading to an improved quality of life for you both'.



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Helping you support people with dementia

The programme includes: what is dementia, connecting to the feelings of the person with dementia, communicating effectively and building trust, the importance of comfort, how to detect pain, how dementia can affect vision, dealing with challenging behaviour, distraction methods, meaningful occupation, and the importance of reminiscence and music – plus looking after yourself and relaxation.

Five Tuesday mornings starting Tuesday 10 April at Carnforth Civic Hall, North Road LA6 9LJ. Contact Diane Smillie 07771 682378 or info@dignityindementia.org
More information online at www.dignityindementia.org

Arkholme School – the Peace Pole



Arkholme School Council and the Rotakids have met with members of the Rotary Club to discuss placing a Peace Pole in the school grounds.

We think this will be the first one in a Primary School in Lancashire.

A Peace Pole is a monument that displays the message *May Peace Prevail on Earth* in the language of the country where it has been placed and in 3 other languages.

We are asking for suggestions for the other language choices. Chinese, French, Portuguese and Polish have been suggested, but if you know of any language that it is particularly associated with the school we would like hear your ideas. There is an envelope for suggestions on the wall outside Class 4.

There could be a service of dedication when it is installed - perhaps linking to Arkholme as a Thankful Village (where everyone who served in the Great War returned alive).

Save the Date

The Charity Spring Ball at Arkholme Village Hall will be on Saturday 12 May

The Wagtail Wheelers are cycling from Gretna Green to Arkholme in aid of Sarcoma UK, in memory of Trina Pardula, arriving back into Arkholme to be welcomed by a fundraising party in Arkholme Village Hall on Saturday 19 May – open from 6.30pm, food at 7pm, tickets £10, more details next month.

Parish Councils

Gressingham Parish Council met on 5 March.

Issues discussed included:

- the long wait for council repairs to the flood-damaged fences and hedgerows alongside the main road near Loyn Bridge
- measures to reduce the chances of further traffic damage to Loyn Bridge
- the installation of traffic mirrors at problematic road junctions
- the erection of road signs to help delivery-drivers, and utility, medical and emergency services, find their way around Gressingham and Eskrigge.

Concern was expressed that almost 1% of the vehicles passing the Speed Indicator Device loaned by Caton Parish Council (600 vehicles out of 71,000) were travelling at more than 50mph, with the highest speed recorded at 68mph. Given the narrowness of the road and the lack of pavements, this information was thought to be relevant to any planning applications for additional housing in adjacent villages which, potentially, could increase the amount of traffic using the main road through Gressingham.

Next meeting 21 May.

Arkholme Parish Council also met on 5 March.

One option to investigate for the *Community Resilience* initiative is an emergency generator for the village hall.

5137 donations were made for the village hall (for renewal of furniture and for the defibrillator), the Lunch Club, and the Women's Institute.

Councillors are investigating the possibility of 'interpretation boards' around the village.

The Hopewell Cup in 2018 will be for 500 words 'Inspired by Arkholme' – fact or fiction, prose or verse, closing date end of October, prizes for primary, secondary and adult.

Next meeting Tuesday 10 April 7.30pm (note change of date) .

Gerald writes...

Once again the large carpet of snowdrops in Moor Ghyl has been a wonderful sight. It just seems to get better every year.

I thoroughly enjoyed the Arkholme School reunion night. A lot of effort had been put in to displaying all the memorabilia and it was so nice to meet up with old school friends after almost seventy-five years, thank you.

The annual charity dance held earlier this year raised £835 for cancer charities.

Thank you to the two workmen from the woodyard who spread salt the whole length of Church Street during the recent heavy snow. It very quickly made travelling so much easier.

On one of my recent afternoon walks I watched two treecreepers as they crept up the trunk of an ash tree searching for insects hiding in the bark. What a lovely sight it was, and how lucky we are to see these beautiful birds so near our homes.

We had a great night at the Pancake Party. Everyone was tucking into the delicious pancakes. I think I know which boy ate the most, he may just manage twenty next year.

Gerald Hodgson



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Sunday Morning Songs of Praise is a half-hour service featuring the very best all-time favourite hymns with Anthony Smith at the organ plus readings and prayers and refreshments afterwards
9.30am on the first Sunday of every month at Whittington church



Whittington has its Sunday service at 9.30am on the first three Sundays of every month – that's every Sunday up to and including the 21st of the month



Arkholme also has its Sunday service at 9.30am on the first three Sundays of every month – that's every Sunday up to and including the 21st of the month



Gressingham has two 9.30am services each month (first and fourth Sundays of the month), and one early service at 8am (second Sunday of each month)

Hornby has Parish Communion with a congregation of 60 and a full robed choir every Sunday at 10.45am.



The 'youth-led' service is on the first Sunday of every month in Hornby at 10.45am – Parish Communion with our young people present and helping to lead, and the Junior Choir in addition to the regular choir.

April Sundays are 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th.

On any fifth Sunday in the month, we have a United Benefice Service for all four parishes in Hornby at 10.45am. There are also United Benefice Services in Arkholme on the last Sunday in June, in Whittington on the last Sunday in September, and in Gressingham on the last Sunday in December.



The weather in Arkholme

Robin McIlveen

February Weather in Arkholme

17 Slightly Wet Days (less than 5mm) together adding up to 26.5mm

3 Decidedly Wet Days (from 5mm to just under 25mm) adding a further 36.2mm

20 Rain Days altogether adding up to **62.7mm** (2.5 inches) – leaving 8 dry days

Wettest Day 8th-9th with 19.3mm

At last the persistent above-average monthly totals have given way to a total nearly one third below the notional 90mm per month. Over half of February's total fell on the three wettest days, and over half of that amount fell on the wettest day, which came at the beginning of a fairly wet seven days leading up to the middle of the month. Fortunately, the second half of the month added only another 10mm of rain.

There were sharp frosts on the 7th and 8th of the month, and I had to melt the frozen rainwater in the old-fashioned gauge before I could measure the water volumes and convert them the rainfall depth. The wet second week was warmer, courtesy of the cloud which produced the rain, but the morning frosts set in again in the dry second half of the month, and produced a biting -7°C (19.5°F) on the 28th.

I still remember that Fahrenheit figure as the typical breakfast-time temperature I experienced during three months of persistent snow in central Pennsylvania in early 1979. A local by-law required us to clear our sidewalks after every fresh fall of snow, but in the typical absence of wind, the 20°F air temperatures ensured that I and my suburban neighbours returned from shovelling to our breakfasts with nothing worse than a rosy glow.

Here, this year, the cold easterly airflow continued into March of course, and the strong winds ensured that air temperatures of only -1 or -2°C chilled us sharply when out and about, and stretched our central heating systems when we were at home. As usual though, our location south of the Lake District massif, and west of the Pennines, sheltered us well from the severe conditions endured over much of the rest of Britain.

Some of our cold snaps this year have lasted long enough for moisture to freeze to significant depths below road surfaces. As the water down there freezes, it expands, crumbling the overlying road surface, and generating deep potholes after the thaw.

This reminds me again of our time in Pennsylvania, where the rapid thaw after three months of sub-zero temperatures left the local roads in an atrocious state for weeks, through the short dramatic spring in early April. Pedestrians in the small town where we lived had to beware of being bowled over by car hubcaps cartwheeling off the road after being shaken loose as a car wheel banged into a new crater.

In every other respect, the locals were well-prepared for their annual snows. At the first snowfall of the winter, all cars had to change to snow tyres, and all roadside parking was forbidden, so that snow-ploughs could make their daily rounds; and of course the sidewalk snow shovelling became mandatory. The local golf courses reinvented themselves as cross-country ski circuits. But of course it happens every year, whereas in Britain, a winter like this year's is a once-in-a-decade event. In Pennsylvania, we were at latitude 41° , compared with Arkholme's more northerly 54° ,

but the continental climate more than offset the 13 degrees of latitude (870 miles nearer the Equator). The summer there was hot, humid and thundery.

By the end of February, there have been 14 dry days in the 59 days of 2018, 35 Slightly Wet Days giving 52mm of rain, 10 Decidedly Wet Days giving 122mm, and no Extremely Wet Days, a total of 45 Rain Days giving 175mm of rain (6.9 inches). Continued at this rate, the full year's rainfall would be 1,083 mm, but of course anything could happen in the next 10 months, and probably will.

Arkholme and District WI



Janice McIlveen presided over the Meeting in Arkholme Village Hall on Monday 12 March and welcomed one visitor and 11 members.

For the second time our speaker had to withdraw but, once again, an excellent replacement was found. **Terry Bond from Silverdale talked about 'Travellers in the Lakes'**. They've been about longer than you might think – neolithic visitors settled 20,000 years ago. Naturally, it was the Romans who built the roads, giving us the name of 'highways'. They built them high so that they could see further – very wise for an invading force. Celia Fiennes explored riding side saddle in the 1700s when turnpike roads made travelling easier. Daniel Defoe, among others, thought it 'a most difficult and wild terrain' but the Romantic Poets walked for miles over it to visit one another and found inspiration for their works. Mr Bond had brought a wide ranging collection of literature and diaries for members to dip into.

*Anne Symons has been busy organising visits and confirmed two, a visit to Beatrix Potter's house at High Sawrey on 11 April, and to Harlow Carr RHS gardens on 8 May. Please contact Anne if you are interested in either. County led activities on offer include beginners' dressmaking, and a walking treasure hunt. You can explore healthy living and gardening or, if that's not your style, indulge with ladies who lunch at The Farrington Lodge Hotel when the proceeds will go to support Lancashire's ACWW project. The topic for the national writing competition this year is *The Day that Changed my Life – a diary extract – so charge up the laptop or sharpen your quill and get writing.* Arkholme Parish Council has made £100.00 donation to our WI for which we are grateful. Ideas for a social event to raise funds were discussed.*

The speaker at the meeting at 7.30pm in Gressingham on Monday 9 April will be Oliver Westall, on 'Life as a University Orator'. As usual, visitors are welcome.

Village Hall Draws

Whittington

£20 Anne Symons
£10 Elsie Fishwick
£5 Thomas Atkinson

Arkholme

£20 Mr and Mrs Jarvis
£10 Mr J Matthews, £10 Mr R Webb
£10 Mr and Mrs Ball, £10 Mr and Mrs Jackson



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Hornby Pool has a provisional re-opening date (as we go to press) of Monday 9 April, thanks to the hard work of the Lune Valley Community Society volunteers and local financial support. Open days at the pool are planned for Saturday 7 April and Sunday 8 April, 10am to 5pm, so come along to see the facility, meet the team, enjoy a swim (subject to numbers), find out more, and discuss plans for the future. Enquiries especially welcome from clubs, societies, affinity and friendship groups, PTAs etc as the team tries to guarantee the long-term future of the pool.

Daffodil Day at Whelprigg House, Barbon LA6 2LF is on Sunday 8 April, 1pm to 4.30pm. £5/£3.50/£2.50, under-5s free, refreshments included. Stalls include bric-a-brac, books and home produce.

The Hornby Occasionals will be presenting Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Sorcerer* 7.30pm daily 18-21 April. Tickets £10/£5 from Hornby Institute 22227

Creative Writing and **Family History** courses are back by popular demand at Hornby Institute – both free of charge, both running for six weekly sessions on Thursdays beginning Thursday 19 April – book on 22227
Creative Writing 10.30am-12.30pm
Family History 1.30pm-3.30pm.

The Countryside Society will meet at 7.45pm on Friday 20 April at Hornby Institute, when Gordon Fletcher will give an illustrated talk on "Curious Creatures of the Northern Seas".

Buses

Towards Kirkby Lonsdale and beyond (and back from Lancaster)

	NS	S				S	NS	Sun	
Lancaster	0645	0645	0745	0945	1145	1345	1545	1545	0850
Hornby	0712	0712	0812	1012	1212	1412	1612	1612	0907
Gressingham	0718	0718	0818	1018	1218	1418	1618	1618	0910
Arkholme	0724	0724	0824	1024	1224	1424	1624	1624	0917
Whittington	0731	0731	0831	1031	1231	1431	1631	1631	0923
Kirkby Lonsdale	0740	0740	0840	1040	1240	1440	1640	1640	0928
Ingleton	0800	0815	0900	1100	1300	1500	1700	1730	0945
Settle	0827	0840	0925	1125	1325	1525	1725	1755	1020
Skipton	0925	0925	1010	1210	1410	1610	1810	1840	(1)

Towards Lancaster (and back from Kirkby Lonsdale and beyond)

	NS			QES				Sun	
Skipton		0850	1045	1245		1445	1645	1845	(2)
Settle		0929	1125	1325		1525	1725	1925	1637
Ingleton		0958	1158	1358		1558	1758	1958	1710
Kirkby Lonsdale	0730	1015	1215	1415	1545	1615	1815	2015	1735
Whittington	0737	1022	1222	1422	1554	1622	1822	2022	1732
Arkholme	0744	1029	1229	1429	1601	1629	1829	2029	1738
Gressingham	0750	1035	1235	1435	1607	1635	1835	2035	1742
Hornby	0755	1040	1240	1440	1615	1640	1840	2040	1746
Lancaster	0820	1105	1305	1505	1654	1705	1905	2105	1805

Key: NS - not Saturday; S - Saturday only; QES - QES school days only

Sun – Sundays and Bank Holidays only from 1 April to 21 October

(1) continues to Malham 1050, not to Skipton; (2) begins at Malham 1605, not Skipton
All other buses run Monday to Saturday only.