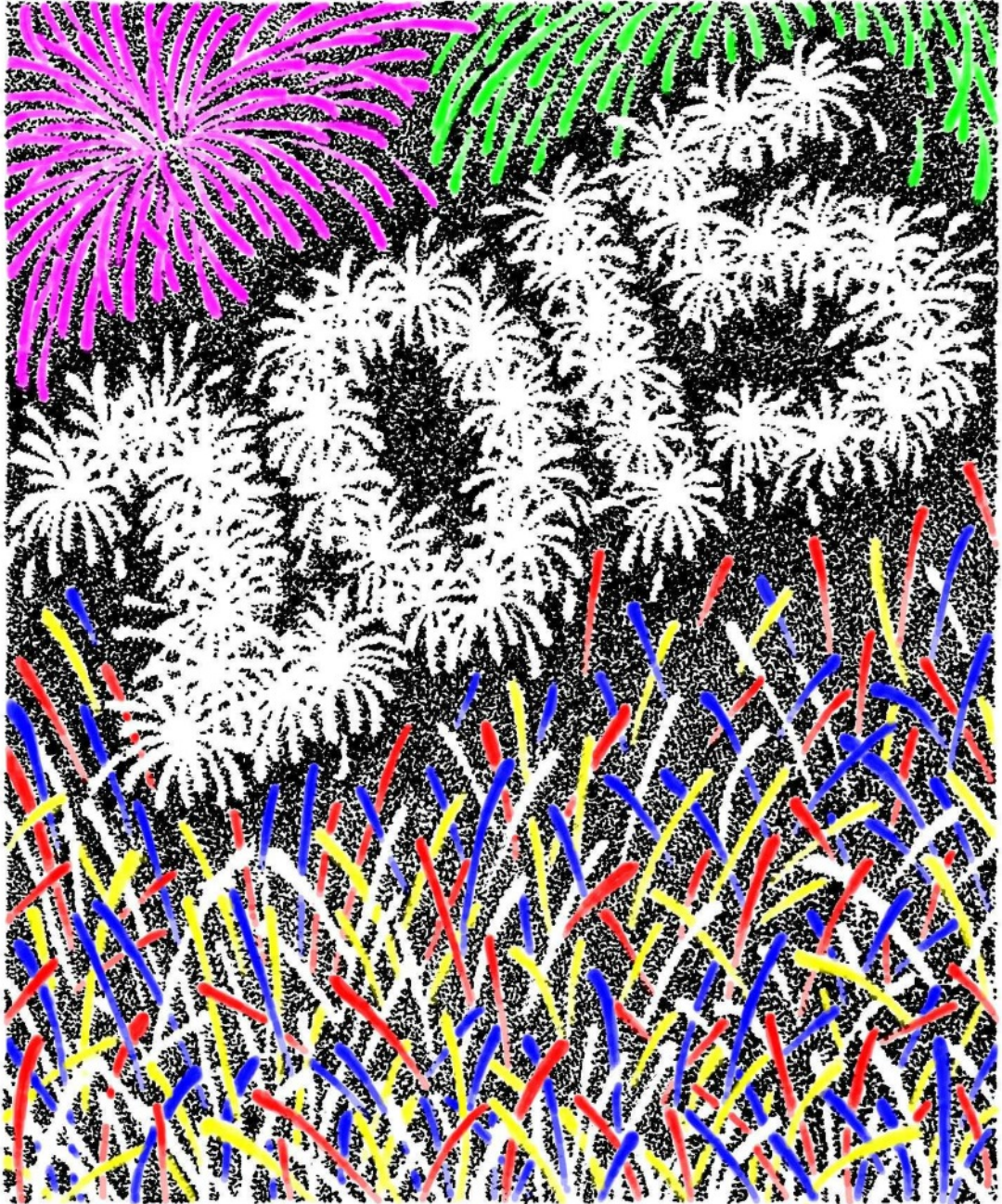


# Washburn Valley & Mid-Wharfe Churches



**December 2014**

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## **2 Church details**

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**The parishes and Anglican churches of the Washburn Valley and Mid-Wharfe United Benefice are**  
**All Saints Weston, St Helen Denton, St Michael and St Laurence Fewston, St Andrew Blubberhouses, All Saints Farnley, St Oswald Leathley**  
**www.fewstonwithblubberhouses.org.uk**

### **Clergy**

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**0113 203 7754 / askwithvicarage@btconnect.com**

**Day off: Friday**

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**01943 851234**

**The Revd Stewart Hartley**  
**01943 464106**

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**Denton: Mary Booth 01943 461281**

**Weston: Rosemary Row 01943 466726**

**Farnley: Richard Game 01943 464595**

**Fewston: Cheri Beaumont 01943 465977**

**Blubberhouses: Pat Anderson 01943 880284**

**Leathley: Terry Bramall CBE 01423 817666**

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### **Benefice Administrator**

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**Norwood and Timble Methodist Chapels are in the circuit of Wharfedale & Aireborough**

**Revd Rick Ormrod, Minister**

**Bramlea, High Ridge Way, Bramhope LS16 9AP**

**0113 267 8355 / rick.ormrod@methodist.org.uk**

### **Warden**

**Norwood Retreat Centre, Norwood, Otley LS21 2RA**

**01943 464458**

# January



2015

	4 January Christmas 2	11 January Epiphany 1	18 January Epiphany 2	25 January Epiphany 3	1 February Epiphany 4/ Candlemas
<b>Weston</b>	Holy Communion 9.30am (T-BCP) Rev T. Kidd  Mrs H. Caton	Mrs H. Caton	United Covenant Service 10.30am Fewston  Rev Graham Shield & Rev Rick Ormrod	Mrs R. Woodrup	Holy Communion 9.30am (T-BCP) Rev T. Kidd  Mrs P. Senior
<b>Denton</b>	M. Booth	Family Service 11am Rev G. Shield  A. Straume & J. Crowther		Holy Communion 11am (M) Rev M. Cleverley  K. Bootham	K. Boothman
<b>Fewston</b>	Holy Communion 11am (M) Rev J. Walden	Christingle Service 3pm Mrs J. Shield		Morning Prayer 11am (M) Mrs J. Shield	Holy Communion 11am Rev G. Shield
<b>Blubberhouses</b>	Closed for Winter			Closed for Winter	
<b>Farnley</b>	Family Service 9.30am Rev T. Hurren	Holy Communion 9.30am (M) Rev G. Shield		Morning Prayer 9.30am (T-BCP) Mr J. Charman	Family Service 9.30am Rev G. Shield
<b>Leathley</b>	Holy Communion 10am (T-BCP) Rev M. Cleverley	Morning Prayer 10am (T-BCP) Mr J. Charman Mr H. Walker		Christingle Service 10am Rev G. Shield  Evening Prayer 6.30pm (T-BCP) Rev G. Shield	Holy Communion 10am (T-BCP) Rev M. Cleverley
<b>Norwood</b>		2.30pm Rev R. Ormrod		2.30pm Rev L. Taylor	
<b>Timble</b>	10.30am Mr M. Hardstaffe				10.30am Rev F. Spandler

### **Lesley Taylor**

#### **This is me...**

**I arrived in August to take up my new appointment on 1 September 2014 as Superintendent Minister of the Wharfedale and Aireborough Circuit of the Methodist Church. Some of you may have already met me. But, I thought the best way to introduce myself to you, might be to tell you some of the things I'd like you to know about me.**

- I'm an identical twin.**
- I've been married to Andy for 9 years, although we first met 32 years ago! My stepson, Jude, is 28. He's autistic with severe learning difficulties and lives in specialist accommodation just south of Selby.**
- Andy used to teach English and Drama, but retired last summer.**
- We share the manse with Hattie, a six year old black and white rescue cat.**
- Before becoming a Methodist Minister, I spent 20 years in education...teaching History in several secondary schools. I then moved into Further Education...also to teach History...but became a manager in Student Services, delivering certain aspects of Student Services work across two sites and to approx 1800 full-time students.**
- I've been in ministry for 12 years, serving both of my appointments in the Nottingham and Derby District in Kirkby-in-Ashfield and then in the Vale of Belvoir, where I was also the Superintendent Minister. I love being a Methodist Minister and I think I've got the best job in the world.**
- I relax by watching crime dramas on TV. I'm currently loving Scandi-crime dramas and have a "Sarah Lund" jumper with reindeers on it.**

- **If there is one thing I'd love to be able to do...it's to sing. I really can't sing.**
- **When I heard that I was being stationed in the Wharfedale and Aireborough Circuit, I was so delighted I danced around the kitchen!**

**Over the coming months, I am really looking forward to getting to know the churches and people of the beautiful Washburn Valley.**

**Wishing you every blessing,**

**Lesley Taylor**



**St Helen Church, Denton**

**20 December**

**Blessing and thanksgiving for Lydia Carmen Darroch**

**Baptism taking place in Australia**



**Wednesday Morning Prayers**

**Wednesday 14 January**

**Timble Chapel**

**Wednesday 28 January**

**St Helen Church, Denton**





**St Andrew's church, Blubberhouses is facing closure due to falling congregational numbers and the rising costs of maintaining the Grade 2 listed building.**

**The Church was designed and built in 1856 by famous architect Edward B Lamb in Early English style and resembles an Alpine church perched on the steep hill at Blubberhouses. The patron was Lady Louisa Frankland Russell of Thirkleby Hall in North Yorkshire where Lamb also designed and built churches at nearby Aldwark and Bagby.**

**At the time of building, the Blubberhouses area had a thriving population and this was supplemented by the many workers employed to build the string of major reservoirs in the Washburn Valley. In recent years the local population has dwindled and this has resulted in falling attendances. This, coupled with the church's exposed location causing rising maintenance and running costs, has called into question the church's future viability. A recent inspection identified £20,000 of urgent repairs in addition to requiring a replacement boiler and heating system.**

**Fewston with Blubberhouses Parochial Church Council has launched an effort to find a partner to share the use of the building and help defray costs. Phil Bland, acting PCC Treasurer says "The mixed use of rural country parish church buildings is often the only way to ensure the building stays open for worship and preserves the heritage for future generations". He goes on to say "we would be interested in hearing from anyone who has any ideas or proposals that would help us keep this lovely little church open."**

**The PCC is hoping that it will have had sufficient responses by the end of January 2015 to enable it to form a view on the way forward and hopefully to have identified a future partner. If this can't be done the Church faces closure.**

**Anyone who would like to comment can send views by 31 January to Mrs Patricia Anderson, Hon PCC Secretary, Delves Ridge House, Menwith Hill Road, Darley, Harrogate HG3 2RA or to Mr Phil Bland, Acting PCC Treasurer, 144 Brooklands Lane, Menston, Ilkley LS29 6PJ or [philbland53@hotmail.com](mailto:philbland53@hotmail.com). A financial appeal is also being launched to raise the £20,000 required for immediate repairs and any contributions may be sent to the Treasurer at the above address.**

Please note that in the December Publication an advert for a Choirmaster was placed in error. We are pleased to announce that Alistair Wood (known as Ali), took up the post in November 2014 and we would like to thank him for all his hard work in organising the 2014 Christmas Carol Choir.



### **Monthly Discussion Group**

Following the Advent Group, the Monthly Discussion Group begins again on Wednesday 21 January

Fewston Parochial Hall

10.30 to 11.45am

We're continuing to look at John's Gospel, where we've reached Chapter 14

All are very welcome for friendly discussion as we learn together



### **SHOEBOX APPEAL**

Thanks to all who gave boxes and money to help children without presents this Christmas. 100 boxes were collected from the churches and schools - well done. That's 13 more than last year. Graham

### **APOLOGY**

I'm sorry for putting Rachel on the wrong track with regard to the fourth column of the service schedule on page 3 last month. I'd put Thursday 23 instead of Tuesday, therefore it made sense that the 24 was Friday and the 25 was Saturday. Also there were late amendments and other errors in the information given to Rachel that were obviously outside her control. Graham

Julie and I wish you all a Christ filled New Year. Please note our new address and phone number.

Graham

## VACANCY FOR PCC TREASURER

Fewston with Blubberhouses PCC are seeking an energetic and numerate person to carry out the duties of PCC Treasurer to commence early in 2015.

The work involves the day to day recording of payments and receipts relating to Fewston and Blubberhouses Churches, general administration of financial affairs, banking and the preparation of monthly financial reports to the PCC and the annual accounts. Ability to use Excel spreadsheets is essential as is familiarity with e mail and word processing.

There will also be general oversight of the various sub groups of the PCC, each of which has its own Treasurer. Some budget planning is also involved.

The PCC Treasurer is a member of the PCC and attends approx. 12 meetings per year working closely with the PCC Secretary and Churchwardens.

The current postholder is standing down at the next APCM in April 2015 so there is potential for a three month handover and mentoring if required.

Formal applications to the Hon PCC Secretary, Mrs Pat Anderson, Delves Ridge House, Menwith Hill Road, Darley, Harrogate HG3 2RA.

Informal enquiries to the current post holder, Mr Phil Bland 01943 872163



Farnley Church  
invite you to a  
"Plough Sunday"  
family service  
On 1 February at 9.30am

This special service will reflect the contribution made to the life of  
the valley by those who work on the land



**Cheri Beaumont, Mary Booth and Paul Howarth would like to express their sincere thanks to all those who so willingly undertake to deliver this magazine to our Parishes:**

- **Mrs Kathleen Noble**
- **Mrs Jane Jackson**
- **Mr Hindle**
- **Mrs Juliette Wood who has taken over Mrs Dawn Meeks' round**
- **Mrs Gill White**
- **Mrs Denise Eagland**
- **Mrs Kath Dinsdale**
- **Mrs Sarah Ashby**
- **Mr & Mrs M Ainsley**
- **Mrs Yvonne Dale-Winder**
- **Philip Herbert, Farnley and Riverside**
- **Molly Laxton, Farnley and Riverside**
- **Nora Hawkins, Leathley**
- **Marcia Smith, Leathley**
- **David Swallow, Leathley and Castley**
- **Sarah West, Stainburn**
- **Iana Storey, Stainburn**
- **Heather Stewart, Castley**
- **Mrs Keighley, Castley**
- **Sandra Howarth, Leathley and Otley**
- **Pat Cowgill, Askwith**
- **Anita Walker, Askwith**
- **Rhona Woodrup, Weston**
- **Lynne Kendall, Weston**
- **Hazel Pullan, Throstle Nest**
- **Julie Middlebrook, Copmanroyd**
- **David Beattie, Denton**
- **Alison White, Denton**

**Fewston with Blubberhouses PCC would also like to thank all those who have participated during 2014 with flower arranging and church cleaning both at Fewston and Blubberhouses. There is still plenty of time to join the team for 2015! If you would like to do so please contact Cheri Beaumont on 01943 465977. And an extra, big, thank you to those who turn up for the special occasion church decorating and cleaning at Advent, Christmas, Easter and Harvest.**



### **London Marathon 2015**

**Fewston & Blubberhouses PCC has been fortunate enough to win a charity ballot place in next years Virgin London Marathon and current acting Treasurer Phil Bland, a keen runner for Baildon Runners, has taken up the challenge to raise funds.**

**Elsewhere in this magazine readers will have seen the news that the future of St Andrews, Blubberhouses is being reviewed with a very real risk that it may have to be closed.**

**Faced with urgent repairs costing £20,000, Phil has decided to use the opportunity to raise funds for St Andrews by running the 26.2 miles on 26 April 2015.**

**He says “this is a once in a lifetime opportunity to raise funds for this very worthwhile project and if in some small way I can help preserve this lovely church for future generations it will have been worth all the pain and effort.”**

**Contributions can be made to :-**

**Phil Bland**

**144 Brooklands Lane**

**Menston LS29 6PJ**





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**Washburn Heritage Centre in January**

Our tea room is open every Sunday, 11am-4pm in January and also the last Friday of each month from 10.30-12noon. Come and see our Churchyard Secrets exhibition and pick up a programme leaflet. The following events are taking place in January, advance booking and payment is required to secure a place. Contact Rachel on 01943 880794 or [centre@washburnvalley.org](mailto:centre@washburnvalley.org).

**Thursday 8 January, 7-9.30pm**

**Osteology: Session 2 Science and the Dead**, dental evidence for health, mobility and diet at Fewston with Dr Camilla Speller, Sophy Charlton, Chloe Brown. £7.50 per person, £6 Washburn Society members.

**Friday 16 January, 7, 7.30 or 8pm**

**Washburn Bistro 70s style menu** with choices for each of 3 courses, with coffee and mints of course. £22.50 per person, £18 Washburn Society members.

**Tuesday 20 January, 9am-2pm**

**Trouble at t'Mill Walk** by the reservoirs and the river to explore the industrial history of Blubberhouses. 6 miles, 4 hours, some high stiles and a steep boggy field. Then back to the Centre for a delicious 2 course lunch. Sorry no dogs. £12.50 per person, £10 Washburn Society members.

**Thursday 29 January, 7-9.30pm**

**Trouble down at t'mill: Life at Westhouse Mill**, Blubberhouses with Prof Mike Dixon. Tea and biscuits will be serviced. £7.50 per person, £6 members.

**Community Lunch**

**Wednesday 28 January**

**12.30pm**

**Booking essential ~ Pat Anderson 01943 880284**

**Fourth Wednesday of each month ~ 25 February, 25 March, 22 April**

**Teas and refreshments**

**Fewston Parochial Hall**

**Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 January**

**From 11am till 4.30pm**

**Proceeds to Hall committee**

**Young Farmers' Club** On 19 November 2014 we had the district public speaking competition which we hosted at North Rigton primary school. It was a great night and we came out victorious winning the overall points trophy. The district thanked Farnley for hosting it and North Rigton primary school for letting us use their school.

On 26 November we held our meeting at Leathley village hall and we had some visitors for the night, PAT dogs. This is a voluntary charity group called pets as therapy who help people by taking dogs as friends to homes for the elderly. We had great fun seeing the dogs and a vote of thanks was given to PAT dogs by Josh Ryder.

On 3 December we had the auction of promises, this was a great night enjoyed by everyone who was there. Vote of thanks was given to everyone who donated things to be sold and to the auctioneer Mr Ian Smith for coming and selling everything. We had some fabulous donations including a photography session, muck spreader hire, a Christmas tree, round of golf at Rudding, a walk round Emmerdale and a family ticket for the Great Yorkshire Show. We raised a substantial amount of money which will be great for the club funds. What an excellent night for the club.

James Driffield

### **EVENTS in ASKWITH, WESTON and DENTON**

The Events Committee's Provisional Programme for 2015 is as follows:

21 Feb	Beetle Drive and Supper
6 April	Easter Monday Village Walk/Easter Egg Hunt/Hot X Buns in Village Hall
16 May	Village Refreshments, 12noon - 4pm
13 June	Askwith Show Stall
27/28 June	Open Gardens
31 Aug	Fewston Teas?
12 Oct	Harvest Supper
21 Nov	Domino Supper

With regard to Open Gardens will those people who are prepared to open their gardens over the weekend of June 27 & 28 please get in touch with Mary Booth on 461281. This popular bi-annual event is usually, although weather dependent, our most successful fund raising event for the upkeep of our two churches. Please support us.



## **Farnley Estate WI**

**As this report goes to press our Christmas Party will not have been held but I am sure it will have been an enjoyable candle-lit evening.**

**The first meeting of 2015 will be held on Wednesday 14 January when Louise Hanen from The Acorn Charity will talk on Dementia. Dementia is a condition that at some time in our lives we will all come into contact with through a family member or friend, so it will be helpful to us to have the opportunity to listen to an expert. Our hostesses for the meeting will be Daphne Baxter and Margaret Trotter**

**Each month I extend a welcome in this report to any woman living locally who would like to sample our friendly WI. We would love you to be brave enough to come (make coming your new year resolution!) or to contact our president, Gillian Lishman 01423 734275 or myself 01423 734543 for more details. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month at Leathley Village Hall, Leathley at 7.30pm, so please come and enjoy our meetings, you will be very welcome !**

**May I wish you all a happy and healthy 2015.**

**Pat Headley**



## **St OSWALD'S LEATHLEY EVENTS for 2015**

**Thanks to all who came and thanks to all who helped with 2014 social and fund raising events, including May bank holiday teas on the green, Otley Buttercross stall, Gift Day teas on the green, Fairfax Singers' concert and "Call my Bluff" wine quiz, all successful events.**

**We now need to plan 2015 events. A few of us are meeting at Washburn Cottage, Leathley on 15 January at 7.30pm to plan 2015 events and come up with fresh ideas. All welcome to attend.**

**We need your ideas and offers of help with events. If you can't come, please phone me on 0113 2842327 with your ideas and offers of help.**

**John Smith**

## **14 January's diary and editor's last word**

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**Dates for your diary (details of events can be found in magazine)**

<b>Thursday 1</b>	<b>Washburn Heritage Centre open</b>
<b>Sunday 4</b>	<b>Washburn Heritage Centre &amp; tea room open</b>
<b>Thursday 8</b>	<b>Osteology talk, Washburn Heritage Centre</b>
<b>Sunday 11</b>	<b>Washburn Heritage Centre &amp; tea room open</b>
<b>Wednesday 14</b>	<b>Morning Prayers, Timble Chapel</b>
<b>Wednesday 14</b>	<b>Farnley Estate WI</b>
<b>Thursday 15</b>	<b>Leathley event planning meeting</b>
<b>Friday 16</b>	<b>Bistro at Washburn Heritage Centre</b>
<b>Sunday 18</b>	<b>Washburn Heritage Centre &amp; tea room open</b>
<b>Tuesday 20</b>	<b>Trouble at t'Mill walk, Washburn Heritage Centre</b>
<b>Wednesday 21</b>	<b>Monthly discussion group, Fewston Parochial Hall</b>
<b>Saturday 24</b>	<b>Teas at Fewston Parochial Hall</b>
<b>Sunday 25</b>	<b>Teas at Fewston Parochial Hall</b>
<b>Sunday 25</b>	<b>Washburn Heritage Centre &amp; tea room open</b>
<b>Wednesday 28</b>	<b>Morning Prayers, St Helen Church, Denton</b>
<b>Wednesday 28</b>	<b>Community Lunch, Washburn Heritage Centre</b>
<b>Thursday 29</b>	<b>Trouble down at t'Mill talk, Washburn Heritage Centre</b>
<b>Friday 30</b>	<b>Washburn Heritage Centre &amp; tea room open</b>
<b>Saturday 31</b>	<b>Deadline for Blubberhouses Church responses</b>

### **Note from Editor**

**Happy New Year to all readers!**

**As you'll remember in December's issue, I asked for 2015 details of your various meetings, groups, events, activities that take place across the valley. I've included all the information that I received.**

**The deadline for submitting material for the February issue is Monday 19 January.**

**It costs £5 to have 12 copies of this magazine delivered to your door, and £12 to have it posted. Please contact Paul Howarth on 01943 465076 if you'd like to arrange postal delivery.**

**Please contact Ann Johnson at [ann@apmj.co.uk](mailto:ann@apmj.co.uk) or on 01943 880000 if you'd like to discuss advertising your business.**

**And finally please accept my apologies for omitting the Leathley Christmas service from the service sheet in the last issue, and for the inconvenience this caused.**

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