

The card is taken from a photograph of the Lychgate and Church, in snow, and will be available this year in the smaller size of 7"x5". The cost of the cards will be £1 each or 6 for £5. The charity being supported is the Hambleton and Richmondshire Carers Centre.

Friday, 10th November 7.30 pm in the Coore Memorial Hall **Quiz Night** tickets; £5 from Anthony (748301) , Elizabeth (748664) or Katherine (748287). Finger buffet. Wine available to buy or bring your own. Proceeds for Scruton Church.

Saturday, November 18th, 10-12.30 in the Coore Memorial Hall **Christmas Fair** (proceeds to Herriot Hospice Homecare) This is the last time that Marilyn Ewart is organising this. Any volunteers? If so, please contact Marilyn.

Saturday, November 18th at 7.30 pm in the Coore Memorial Hall **Domino Drive**, tickets £2 at the door.

#### AINDERBY STEEPLE

Thank you all very much for supporting me in the Parable of the Talent's money raising scheme for the St. Helen's church, and yes I enjoyed having you all Thank you..

Dorothy Carr 10 Rievaulx Drive Morton on Swale

#### **FOR YOUR DIARIES**

**Saturday, December 2nd St Mary's Church Christmas Fair (see flyer)** If anyone has any donations for the Tombola or bric a brac stall could they please leave them at the village shop or with any church member - much appreciated

Saturday, 2nd and Sunday, 3rd in Scruton Church **Festival of Christmas Trees**

*If you have any notices for the newsletter, please contact Katherine Lawther (748287), or on [rjlawther@btinternet.com](mailto:rjlawther@btinternet.com) - I usually start typing during the third week of the month*

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## NEWSLETTER FOR NOVEMBER 2017

### SERVICES

#### NOVEMBER 5th All Saints

10.00 am KIRKBY FLEETHAM United Holy Communion *Mr Garner*

#### NOVEMBER 12th Remembrance

9.30 am SCRUTON Service of Remembrance *Mrs Lawther*

10.45 am KIRKBY FLEETHAM Service of Remembrance *Mr Peirson*

6.30 pm KIRKBY FLEETHAM Benefice Evensong *Mrs Garner*

#### NOVEMBER 19th Second before Advent

9.30 am SCRUTON Holy Communion *Mr and Mrs Exelby*

11.00 FENCOTE Holy Communion *Mr Perkins*

#### NOVEMBER 26th Christ the King

9.30 am SCRUTON Holy Communion *Mr and Mrs Clarke*

11.00 am KIRKBY FLEETHAM Holy Communion *Mrs Kettlewell*

#### DECEMBER 3rd Advent Sunday (purple)

10.00 am SCRUTON United Holy Communion *Dr and Mrs Ewart*

### FROM THE REGISTERS

#### Baptisms at SCRUTON

1st October Wilfred Bear Fawcett

8th October Olivia Eileen West

## FROM THE RECTORY (01609 773346)

Retreating into the presence of God!

I have just returned from my annual retreat to Scargill House near Kettlewell. 5 days of peace and quiet in warm and comfortable surroundings really do give a golden opportunity for peaceful reflection and provide a space in our busy lives to re-focus on God himself. I am a fairly active kind of guy as you all know so a completely silent retreat or one without some form of activity never really works for me. That is why the activity retreats at Scargill really do work well. Last year it was a cycling retreat this year it was a walking one. I travelled up on the Monday morning arrived a little early to check in so went for a cycle ride around Grassington and over to Malham Cove. Beautiful weather and that started my week off really well, each of the days we went walking with a group of 20 of us, following Mike and his sheepdog our trusty guides. We covered walks in our own beloved Swaledale, as well as walking over to Malham, and Grassington. It always amazes me how things appear very different when on the top of the fells rather than whizzing along on the country roads. Mind you wherever you go there are always huge hills to have manage to get up, but the views are always worth it.

After our ten miles or so each day we arrived back in time to freshen up give thanks to God for the day and then have a hot enjoyable meal as a reward for all of our hard work. Then it was generally quiet time the odd short film was available for those who wished to partake and I enjoyed an old film of the Dales Way looking at Yorkshire crafts and enterprise. It is amazing how many little gems are hidden away in the countryside around us.

Then it was hot chocolate after evening prayer and off to bed to read, sleep or generally mull over the day. I find switching off for a few days really helps me to switch back on. I have returned fully refreshed and keen to begin thinking about the months which lie ahead. It has been a busy time and a sad time for many of us so resting with God has helped greatly to move through those times and into the promise of the present. So remember that when things are a bit tough or rather demanding and life seems to be taking its toll, go on a retreat, spend some time in peace and quiet with God, enjoy the simpler things of life and let the Lord refresh you for all that lies ahead.

Every blessing

Clive

## NOTICES

### KIRKBY FLEETHAM

*October's coffee morning raised £121 for Church Funds*

*Parish Lunch held on Sunday 22nd Oct - A huge thank you to everyone who helped and for all donations of food etc - a lovely lunch and afternoon was had by all.*

**Saturday 4th November Coffee Morning** is to raise funds for **Help The Heroes** 10.00. - 11.15.

It's **Bonfire Night on KF Village Green**, from 5.30 pm Remember, remember the **5<sup>th</sup> of November** – a Sunday this year, put it in the diary.

Fireworks, food and fun. A Feast Event

Thursday 9th November at 7.15 pm at the Village Hall

**Kirkby Fleetham WI AGM and Show.**

### **Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall Events:**

**Thurs. November 2<sup>nd</sup>: Gardening Club at 7.00pm: Jane from Northdale** will talk about her work at the centre and also give some useful tips on winding down our gardens for winter. Visitors [£2.00](#)

**Sat. November 4<sup>th</sup>: Dominoes at 7.0pm** £2.00 to include light refreshments.

**Tues. November 7<sup>th</sup>: Booklovers' Group at 7.00pm:** Everyone welcome to bring along a book they have enjoyed and can recommend.

**Sat. November 25<sup>th</sup> QUIZ NIGHT at 7.00pm: Shanah Smailes** will be testing your little grey cells with her **QUIZ of QUIZZES!** Teams of 2, 3 or 4. Bar & Raffle. £5.00 to include pie & pea supper with Carol's legendary mint sauce! Tickets from KF Village Shop / Sheila (01609 748066)

**Thurs. November 30<sup>h</sup>: 11.45 for 12.00 noon – The Lunchbunch.** Come along and enjoy a delicious 2-course meal & coffee for £5.00! This month's menu: Beef Cobbler & Veg, Eve's Pudding & custard. Tickets from KF Village Shop.

### SCRUTON

#### **Scruton Village Christmas Card**

Scruton's Village Christmas card will be available to sign in the Church and also at all village events during November until the middle of December. Donations for signatures can be put in the wall safe (by the main door in Church) or given to Joan Walker ([748458](#)) at village events.