



The ^{New} Link

**News from Low Row and Keld
United Reformed Churches in Swaledale,
Part of the Tees Swale Pastorate.**

June and July 2021

Our first church service since Christmas and the easing of lockdown was led by the United Reform Church National Moderator, Revd Clare Downing who preached to a well attended congregation of about twenty worshippers meeting together at Pentecost in our church for the first time for five months.

Our service focussed on the gathering together in Jerusalem, at Pentecost, of the twelve disciples who together with large numbers of religious travellers from many different countries, were touched by the spiritual breath of God and filled with the Holy Spirit as predicted by the prophets.

Clare, went on to explain that we should use our Christian beliefs to influence the world around us and use this to guide us all when dealing with difficult situations in our everyday lives at home and work, and as a basis for formulating our views on the way we run and govern our society. In addition, we should give example of our faith by demonstrating forgiveness to those who have upset us, so helping others to understand what following the teachings of Jesus Christ means in our daily lives.

It was wonderful to be back together in worship and thank you to all who have worked so hard to ensure our Church has remained well maintained throughout the lockdown, especially to Edward & Ann Brown for all they do.

We would all like to send congratulations to
Steven and Christine Clarkson
on the birth of their twins –
Sam Laurie and Rose Shirley



We do hope to continue with services at Low Row on a fortnightly basis and here are the details for June and July all services begin at 10.30am:

6 th June	Mrs Mary Rose Kearney
20 th June	Daphne & Peter Clarke
4 th July	Mrs Kate Hunt
18 th July	This service will be held at Keld at 2.30pm

News from Keld

Over the next few weeks repair work will be carried out on some of the windows at Keld chapel followed by painting of them and the railings. The first service after re-opening will be at 2.30 pm on 18th July and will be taken by Revd Kathleen Wood. This will include the baptism of Emma Livingstone whose brother was baptised by Revd Hilary Collinson in 2018. It is hoped to hold a monthly service in the future.

Once the chapel has re-opened if there is anyone who would like to help in any way with the upkeep e.g. cleaning then please contact Sue Alderson (tel. 886292 email susana@swaledale.org) or Anne Brown (tel. 886181 email anneedward@f2s.com).

News from afar this time comes from our recently retired Ministers Stephen and Hilary Collinson:

Moving during Covid lockdown was certainly an experience, but we have settled in pretty well having got things more or less sorted in the house and some shape to the garden. As we are still being very careful over Covid we have not been able to get involved in much yet. However, with some easing of restrictions we have been able to explore a bit of the countryside as well as finding one or two short walks quite locally.

We are looking forward to the time when we will be able to meet up with the family instead of only through electronic means. We think often of things in the Dale and hope all are well.

Stephen and Hilary.

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