



The ^{New} Link

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

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Our door is now open



As this newsletter goes to print churches are looking to re-open their buildings for services without the restrictions imposed during lockdown. Low Row URC has held services whenever they were able but Keld has remained closed since the initial lockdown, but now things will change.

Low Row, for the present, are holding services on alternate Sundays but eventually hope to go back to a weekly service. Congregations

have missed the singing and look forward to once again raising their voices in praise.

The building at Keld needs a little more attention for worship before it can re-open but some of the work is already in hand. The dangerous window above the entrance has been repaired and the work on the other windows will be carried out in due course. Painting of the railings and door is due soon with internal decorating when necessary. Residents indicated after a recent flyer was sent round the village, they are prepared to help with 'housekeeping' so a group is being set up to carry out the work.

So far there are three baptisms booked for Keld, two in August and one in September. The Keld Harvest service will be on 26th Sept taken by MiR Revd Richard Lewis and there will be the usual Auction of Goods on the Monday evening. In the future there will be services for Remembrance, Christmas and Easter. Please support these services if you are able to help ensure the future of the chapel and the work of the church in Keld.

WORSHIP AUGUST - SEPTEMBER

	Low Row (10.30 am)	Keld (usually 2.00 pm)
Aug		
1 st	Mr Harry Bunting	
8 th		Rev K. Wood Baptism
15 th	Ms Meg Thomson	Rev K. Wood Baptism
22 nd		
29 th	Revs D. & K. Wood	Revs D. & K. Wood MiR
Sept		
5 th		
12 th	Ms Dot Thomson	

19th

Rev D. Herbert Baptism

26th Rev R Lewis

Rev R. Lewis

MiR

On Sunday 4th July our service in Low Row was taken by Kate Hunt who is completing her training to become a URC minister and is currently attached to three churches in Greater Manchester.

Kate, who was previously a primary school teacher, led a very visual and stimulating service to convey God's message to us. She then commenced a week long stay in Keld as Minister in Residence and held twice daily services in the KRC.

We thank Kate and her husband for their contribution to Christian life in Swaledale and wish her well in her future role; serving God as a URC minister.

Several church going people were sent an email asking a) what you missed during lockdown? b) what you are looking forward to now restrictions have been lifted? c) what worries you about the future? These are some of the replies:

I missed the sense of togetherness and being enlightened and/or inspired by the sermon but am a little worried about our church being able to move forward in these challenging times.

I missed being able to sing in worship and meet freely with other members of the church family and am very much looking forward to being able to do that again.

Lockdown - Convinced ourselves that limited services in church, on Zoom and TV were all we needed. Opening up - Realised that we needed to be together and share friendship as well as sing in church. The future - Concerns that there will be those who have suffered greatly as a result of the pandemic and will not be able to adjust.

Really missed singing and Duncan's playing. Looking forward to a more relaxed time of fellowship when we can linger over coffee. Concern for the future as the average age continues to rise. Can we make our community worship more attractive to our local community.

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