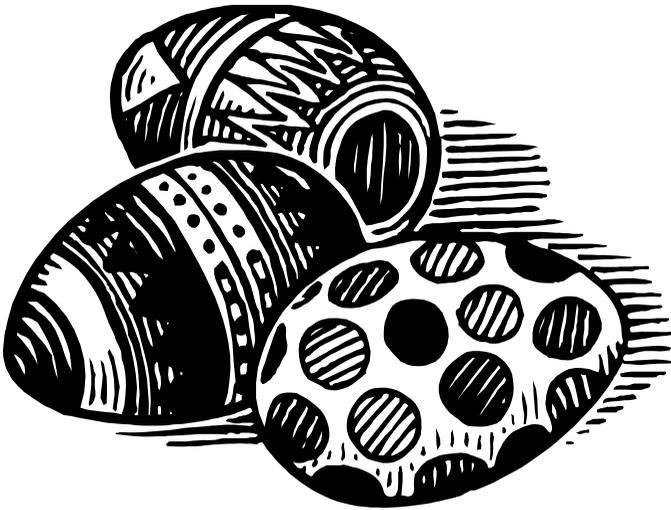


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Now the green blade riseth

*Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
Wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.*

Every year there is a debate in the media over the beginning of Spring. The Met Office says the first day of Spring is the first day of March. For other scientists though it is the Spring Equinox on 21st March. Traditionally Lady Day on 25th March marked the beginning of the year and Spring as the first season of the year. For the Romans it was the Ides of March, in our calendar 15th March. Whatever date you prefer it is certain that the last day of February is still in Winter and by the time we reach the first day of April we are in Spring.

The word Easter itself literally means ‘Spring’ and that is the Old English word for ‘life’. So the religious meaning of the greatest Christian festival and the secular definition of this natural season are very close. In celebrating the resurrection of Jesus on Easter morning Christians celebrate new life. Our hope is in the eternal cycle of life, death and new life. Every year we witness this natural cycle through the four seasons of the year. For the founding Christians of the church in the sixth and seventh centuries this natural cycle of creation spoke to them of the Christian message of Easter. They saw themselves as walking with Jesus everyday of their lives in his risen life.

For poets this link between the natural world and the Christian gospel is self evident. John Macleod Campbell Crum wrote the words of the poem, ‘Now the green blade riseth’ as a young Edwardian clergyman, based on the words of Jesus in St John’s Gospel 12:24, ‘*Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit*’. His poem now sung to an American folk tune reminds us that the season of Spring can tell of the mystery of Easter. The release of new life in the natural world around us during this month is as strange and welcome as the mystery of Easter, the promise of new life in death.

This month as we mark the beginning of Spring and enjoy the Easter holidays, let us pause for a moment and celebrate the new life that God has to give and all creation through the breathe of His Spirit.

Cameron

Churches Together in Grasmere & Rydal

Grasmere & Rydal churches together with all Christians living in our villages.

HOLY WEEK

1st April

10.30am

Holy Wednesday

Holy Communion, BCP in Grasmere

2nd April

11am

Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday Service at Carlisle Cathedral

7.30pm

Mass at Mater Amabilis, Ambleside

3rd April

12-3pm

Good Friday

Three Hours Service of Devotion in Grasmere,

5th April EASTER DAY

5.30am Sunrise Eucharist at St Mary's, Rydal *followed by breakfast at Rydal Hall*

8am BCP Holy Communion at St Oswald's, Grasmere, *traditional said BCP Communion*

9.30am Sung Eucharist at St Mary, Rydal *at this service Easter eggs are distributed*

9.30am Easter Mass at Mater Amabilis, Ambleside

11am Sung Holy Communion at St Oswald's, Grasmere *at this service Easter eggs are distributed*

7pm Easter Taize Service at St Mary's Rydal *a quiet service to celebrate Easter evening*



Easter Sunrise Service

The Sunrise Service this year begins at 5.30am. The service begins in the darkness of Rydal Church and as light dawns the congregation moves outside for the ancient ritual of lighting the Easter candle. The service of celebration then follows and afterwards everyone is invited to Rydal hall for refreshments.

Easter Vestry and APCM

The annual meetings take place on Sunday 19th April after the morning service. The annual meetings are an opportunity to hear about the life of the church and the developments in the Diocese, as well as conducting the formal business of an AGM. All welcome

Lent Group Reflections

Many people have been enjoying this year's Lent Group, 'Praise Him'. The five week course based on songs of praise from the New Testament has been followed by members of the churches in Grasmere and Rydal as well as by members of the Rydal Community. Individually and in a group over twenty-four people have discussed and reflected upon these words of scripture. The course booklet and notes are accompanied by a CD given the reflections of the Most Rev'd Justin Welby, Sister Wendy Beckett and the actor David Suchet. Each of the speakers have looked at the five bible readings in distinctively different ways. Their reflections together with Paula Gooder's insightful text and Moira Speight's thoughtful meditations have made this a memorable Lent. I was particularly impressed by the way the President of the United States spoke about his faith in week three. President Obama writes of Easter that Jesus 'spoke to the humility we all have to have as human beings'. Then he goes on to say, 'we're flawed and we make mistakes, and that we achieve salvation through the grace of God'. It is difficult to image any British politician would have the courage to speak about their faith let alone to show such insight about the grace of God. There is one final session of the group meetings and anyone is welcome to join us in the Tithe Barn on Wednesday 15th April at 11.30am.

Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid Week begins on 10th May. In the May magazine there will be envelopes for contributions to be married. Envelopes can be picked up from St Oswald's from the beginning of May.

Cameron Butland

WI News

At the March meeting, a large audience watched enthralled, as Sue Tyldesley demonstrated the art of Encaustic Wax. Using a travelling iron and hot plate, she melted coloured bees' wax on to paper and fabric, to create astonishing pictures of flowers and mountain scenes. She proved that it is possible to produce attractive works of art in a very short time, and several members expressed a desire to attend one of Sue's full day workshops to create their own encaustic art.

On 20th March, a group of Grasmere members and friends joined WIs from all over Cumbria for a "singalong" screening of *Mamma Mia* in Kendal. Wearing a colourful array of 1970s clothes and ABBA themed costumes, they entered fully into the spirit, singing and dancing throughout a most entertaining and enjoyable afternoon.

On 16th April eight lucky ladies will enjoy another relaxing Pamper Day at Kendal College Beauty School, which is donating the fees to a charity researching stillbirth and miscarriage. On St George's Day, 23rd April, husbands and friends will join WI members for a gourmet lunch at the College's formal restaurant.

These fun events are providing plenty of colourful content for Grasmere WI's scrapbook marking the Centenary of the Women's Institute.

Margaret Holden, Jan Perritt and Elaine Webster are already hard at work compiling a digital photobook recording this special year.

The next WI meeting takes place in the Tithe Barn at 2pm on Thursday 9th April, when Susan Oliver will talk about her life as a Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages. Susan has witnessed a full range of emotional events in people's lives, and promises anecdotes to make us laugh and cry. New members and visitors are always welcome. Come along and make new friends! £3 including tea and raffle.

Myra McCraith



St Mary's Church Rydal

Organ Recital

Ian Hare

Saturday 11th April
at
5.00 p.m.

In aid of church funds
Tickets at the door £10

**Saturday 11th April - A day of silent meditation led
by John Philip Newell**

The Bishop Bulley Barn, Rydal Hall - 10am to 3.30pm - Cost £20

John Philip Newell, internationally acclaimed Celtic teacher from Edinburgh, is the celebrated author of *Listening for the Heartbeat of God: A Celtic Spirituality*. In 2011 he received the first-ever Contemplative Voices Award from the Shalem Institute in Washington DC for his work as poet, peacemaker, and scholar. He has authored over 15 books, including *Christ of the Celts*, *Praying with the Earth*, *A New Harmony*, and his most recent visionary title *The Rebirthing of God: Christianity's Struggle for New Beginnings*.

Thank You

When Tony and I moved to Grasmere in 1993 we knew we were coming to a beautiful place but little did we know what a loving and caring community we were joining. Slowly we became aware of this and over the last few months of Tony's final illness we have been overwhelmed by the friendship, kindness, generosity and practical help of so many and simply the feeling that whatever we needed someone was just waiting around the corner to help. This gave us both so much strength to cope. Thank you
Dee Rogers

RUSHBEARING - Saturday 11th July 2015

The DVD from 2010 Rushbearing is available from Church and will be playing as part of a display about Rushbearing from 1 July onwards.

Blast Furness will play for the procession and the hymn on Moss Parrock. After the service as last year the Kendal Town Concert Band will perform a concert in Church after the service. The children's entertainment will be in the Tithe Barn and/or Rectory garden. Tea will be served as last year from a tent in the Churchyard but away from the Church tower. If the weather is poor then the tea can be taken in Church whilst the concert is going on.

Preparation of the rushes is to begin on Thursday 9th July in Church. There will also be a special children's session on Friday afternoon 10th July from 4pm to make crosses and baskets. The rushes are to remain in Church until Monday 22nd July, please sign the list in Church for stewarding of Church from Thursday 9th July to Sunday 19th July. The clean up will take place on **Monday 20th July from 9am.** *Cameron*

**NAT WEST MOBILE BANK AT GRASMERE VILLAGE HALL
CAR PARK THURSDAYS TIME 13.00 pm to 13.45 pm
PLEASE SUPPORT THE MOBILE BANK**

Book Group

March saw the Grasmere book group immersed in James Joyce's short story collection, *The Dubliners* (1914). Whilst all were taken with the ease of reading these nuggets of Dublin life, and many enjoyed them, there was an acknowledgement that we had left last month's light and happiness of Dodie Smith far behind. On closer inspection, Joyce's stories still spoke of food, song and good cheer but often left a quiet sadness in their picture of life. It was therefore fitting that the final story, 'The Dead,' received warm plaudits. After rather a long pause they announced:

NEXT MONTH'S BOOK GROUP meets at 8pm on Thursday 9th April, and will discuss Joseph Boyden's *The Orenda* (2013), a historical novel set in seventeenth century North America. Boyden is a Canadian novelist who often writes about the lives of Native American and First Nations peoples and this novel comes highly recommended. As ever, all are welcome!
Will and Polly

Will Clark's Great North Run

Hello – this year's challenge, amongst others is to support Will Clark in his quest to complete the Great North Run in September in aid of GNAAS as a thank you to them for airlifting him from the scene of his accident in Thirlmere to Newcastle Royal Victoria Infirmary.

I ask for your support to ensure I can support him. Motorised wheelchairs are not allowed, so he will need a team of pushers. Even though there will be a group of us, I haven't run since 1986 and then it was the Grasmere Gallop and not a half marathon.

I will be 62 and already have wonky knees and am at present overweight, I see this as a make or break year for my fitness levels. Please support me with pledges to get me to the start line. I pledge that if I get to the start line (and over it) I will get Will and myself to the finish line and over that too.

I have set up a Justgiving page in aid of The Great North Air Ambulance <https://www.justgiving.com/Carrie-Taylor3>, but if you prefer, there will be sponsor forms at the Pharmacy and Styles Hairdressers in the Red Lion Hotel, or just give me a call 35318. Gift Aid is possible. Please give what you can. Every little will make a huge difference to me.

Thank you for reading this *Carrie Taylor*

Friends of Grasmere

It is intended to replace the wooden benches situated in the Wordsworth Daffodil Garden. It is fair to say that the existing benches are 'well worn' but if any local resident felt they might be of use to them they will be available for collection from the garden as soon as the replacements are delivered during April.

The Will Clark Fund

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY.....Saturday 27th June 2015 Chris Carss is very kindly hosting a summer gala dinner for the Will Clark Fund at the beautiful Rothay Garden Hotel Grasmere on the evening of June 27th..... (almost the 3rd anniversary of Will's accident)

There will be delicious food and wine and also an auction of promises and live music. Come and share this evening with us to celebrate the support that you and the WCF have given Will since his accident.

Knit & Nat

Dates for April Friday 10th at 2pm and Tuesday 28th at 10am – All welcome, to Nat or Knit or both. We only ask you to bring 50p towards the heating and a cup for a drink. A very enjoyable couple of hours. By kind co-operation with the school there is roadside of gate parking available if necessary.

Car Boot Sale

There will be an Indoor Car Boot Sale at the Village Hall this spring/early summer, when dates are confirmed. Hopefully 6th or 20th June – all profits to go to The Will Clark Fund To be on the register of interest to get a table, please contact Carrie.

Poetry at the Wordsworth Trust

**Tuesday 5th May 7.30pm The Daffodil Hotel, Grasmere
Paul Muldoon £10.00**

Paul Muldoon makes a welcome return to Grasmere to mark the publication of his twelfth collection of poems 'One Thousand Things Worth Knowing'. Muldoon's work has become synonymous with technical invention and formal playfulness, but there's strong emotion at work too. His extraordinary charisma as a reader always makes for a very special occasion.

**Saturday 16th May The Jerwood Centre, The Wordsworth Trust
2.30pm The Poetry Business Pamphlet Competition 2014/15
Free but booking advised**

Come and join us for the launch of this year's winning pamphlets from the acclaimed competition.

**With Ann & Peter Sansom and this years winners
Basil du Toit, Paul Stephenson, David Tait (whose poems will be read
by Kim Moore) and Luke Samuel Yates.**

**Tuesday 30th June 7.30pm The Daffodil Hotel, Grasmere
Simon Armitage £10.00**

It wouldn't be summer without the annual Wordsworth Trust reading from Simon Armitage. Simon's combination of universal experience, everyday language and technical flair have made him one of our most popular poets. 'Paper Aeroplanes', just out in paperback, selects from 25 years of published poetry.

**Book on 015394 35544
All for now but watch out for news of poetry workshops very soon!**

Andrew Forster, Literature Officer
Wordsworth Trust., Dove Cottage, Grasmere Cumbria
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Wordsworth Trust Exhibition - ‘Wordsworth, War and Waterloo’

16 March to 1 November in the Wordsworth Museum

To mark the bicentenary of the Battle of Waterloo, the Wordsworth Trust is staging the first-ever exhibition to present William Wordsworth and other writers of the Romantic period as ‘war poets’.

Wordsworth, War & Waterloo will display hand-written manuscripts of William Wordsworth’s war poetry alongside stunning pictures, satirical cartoons and fascinating physical objects from the conflict which pitted Britain and her allies against France. These include a cannon from Nelson’s flagship, cannonballs from the Battle of Salamanca, weapons and costumes. There will also be a gruesome collection of teeth. At the time, these were called ‘Waterloo Teeth’, and no doubt many were taken from the battlefield itself but we cannot state that the ones on display were from this source. ‘Waterloo Teeth’ became the generic term for teeth taken from corpses and used to make false teeth for the wealthy.

Visitors will discover how the dramatic events of the war changed the lives of people across Britain, including women and children, focusing on the people from our region reacted to the threat of invasion.

With a particular focus on artistic and literary responses to the conflict, Wordsworth, War & Waterloo will demonstrate how war shaped Wordsworth’s ideas about his own role as a poet and how he felt towards the major military and naval figures of the period – Admiral Horatio Nelson, the Duke of Wellington, and, in particular, Napoleon Bonaparte. It will tell the story of the poet’s changing responses to the war that began in 1793 and culminated with Wellington’s victory over Napoleon at Waterloo in June 1815.

The exhibition will be richly illustrated with a number of important paintings, drawings and cartoons from the period, bringing together Benjamin Robert Haydon’s portraits of Wordsworth, Wellington and Napoleon for the first time outside London. It will also feature a range of satirical cartoons on the war and its leading personalities by the brilliant caricaturist James Gillray, and will display J. M. W. Turner’s sketchbook from his visit to the site of the battle.

Activities for families and children will be integral to the exhibition, which will offer a number of interactive displays.



Make sure you can vote on May 7

People have to be on the electoral register by 20 April to be able to vote in the General Election on 7 May.

The registration system changed on 10 June 2014. Previously, one person in every household was responsible for registering everyone else who lived at that address. Under the new ***‘Individual Electoral Registration’*** each person is now required to register to vote individually, rather than by household.

South Lakeland District Council sent a letter to every residential property in South Lakeland at the end of January. This letter showed who is currently registered to vote. If you were not included on the letter but you live at the address you need to register. If you pay Council Tax it does not mean that you are registered to vote.

You can register at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote or telephone the Electoral Services Office on 01539 733333, they can register you online or send you a paper form. You will need your National Insurance Number and date of birth.

Free, confidential advice and help is available from South Lakes Citizens Advice Bureau on any aspect of debt, consumer problems, benefits, housing, employment and any other problems. We have various outlets across South Lakeland and can also give advice over the phone – telephone 015394 46464 for an appointment and help.

Grasmere Village Society

Tony Rogers

At the beginning of our meeting on 17th March the committee observed a minute's silence in memory of Tony Rogers, who had been such a stalwart member of the committee for many years. He was always willing to volunteer and contributed to so many different aspects of GVS work for the village. One of his GVS tasks was to keep an eye on the uplands and report any problems or developments. His love and knowledge of the fells was notable and it was inspiring to see how he managed to visit them even in the later stages of his illness.

When ill health forced Tony to retire as treasurer in the middle of last year, Stuart Fawthrop, who stepped in on a temporary basis, was greatly helped by his advice and continuing commitment to the society. The committee then co-opted Marguerite Jenkinson, who is willing to stand for the permanent position at the AGM in April. She is already working very well with Stuart and Tony Lawrence, our Membership secretary.

GVS Litter Pick 21st March

The GVS litter picks in recent years were often initiated and organised by Tony with his characteristic efficiency and commitment. It seems appropriate that as I write we held one today 21st March; it is yet another reminder of how much he did for the community.

Mary Bass took over the organisation of this one. I cannot give final totals of bags collected but can confirm that it was highly successful judging from the large pile of bags piled up by the hall at 2.30 when I added my contribution. More people than ever took part in the work and we were rewarded by a sunny day which made it a pleasure to be outdoors helping maintain our lovely village and its beautiful setting.

I still find it difficult to understand the logic of people who carefully enclose their dog's poo in a plastic bag and then hide it in a corner next to the Millennium Bridge or in a hedge. There weren't quite so many this

year but in my collection alone there were four, plus some rather suspicious looking mini black bags.

One encouraging piece of news on the litter front is that Michael Johnson, the Lakes Parish clerk, and myself managed to arrange a meeting with David Coxon (LDNPA) and Nick Pearson (SLDC) which proved very constructive. It is hoped that by the end of March there will be two litter bins near the refurbished toilets in Stock Lane car and coach park, regularly emptied by SLDC with help from Lakes Parish. These will replace the bin provided by Grasmere Business Forum, which will then be available for duty elsewhere.

Annual GVS Dinner 26th March

We hope that this will be as successful as usual, bringing people together in a friendly, convivial atmosphere. It was still a few days away when I wrote this, so my report on it will have to wait for the May magazine. Two changes have taken place: it will be held this year at the Daffodil not the Wordsworth Hotel and the raffle is being organised by Nick McCraith. Looking at the list of prizes he has already collected from very generous donors in the village it looks as though it will fully justify the name of “Bumper Raffle” which Elizabeth Braithwaite always bestowed on it. It certainly promises to be that and we hope will raise a good amount of money for the Dementia Society which the committee is supporting.

Dementia Awareness Day and Training

These events, which take place on 25th March, will also be reported on next month. We are hoping that they will lead to Grasmere gaining the status of a Dementia friendly village. I'd like to emphasise the importance of keeping your eyes open to the posters we and others put up around the village. The parish magazine is great at keeping people informed but it is astonishing how often something urgent comes up in between the monthly magazines. Other examples were: the renewed threat to White Moss and the appearance, without any warning to the community, of sale board signs on some of the best loved land owned by the Lake District National Park

Authority. It is vital that the voice of the community is heard and I'd like to thank all those who wrote on these topics and/or about the issue of speeding on the A591.

Grasmere Pharmacy

Many changes are taking place in the NHS. Some are encouraging, such as the announcement that the joint South Cumbria and North Lancashire Better Care Together programme is so well regarded that it has been chosen as one of the 29 national Vanguard. In a rural area like ours, however we have to remain alert to possible threats.

It was probably sheer chance, but I received two letters about the pharmacy in the same post this week. They didn't seem to fit together logically.

One was about the Community Pharmacy Minor Ailment Scheme The Cumbria Clinical Commissioning Group (the lead GPs who are responsible for running much of our Primary Care) is exhorting us all to use the expertise of our local pharmacist to avoid having to travel to our local Health centre, let alone a hospital A and E, when we are suffering from minor ailments like coughs and colds. A leaflet at the pharmacy gives an impressive list of the help we can receive for particular health problems.

The second letter was about the NHS England Essential Small Pharmacies contract which expires on 31st March this year. There is no guarantee that small rural pharmacies will continue to be protected. Without it many will be in danger of closing.

One way in which you can help is by responding to opportunities for consultation. For instance Healthwatch, the independent body which is appointed to keep an eye on patient experience in Cumbria, welcomes contact from patients. Please do remember that your voice counts and respond to any requests for you to give your opinion.

GVS AGM: Thursday 23rd April

This is open to all residents of the village and anyone with an interest in what is going on in Grasmere. All are welcome. As previously announced,

it will be at 7.30 for 8.00pm in Grasmere Village Hall on Thursday 23rd April. This is an opportunity to meet others in the village. As usual there will be a welcoming glass of wine or fruit juice when you arrive. At 8.00 there will be a short business meeting with a brief report on last year's work and the election of the new committee. There is then an opportunity to suggest projects the GVS committee should undertake for the village and issues we should discuss.

Election of the new committee

We keep it as brief as possible but the election of the Executive Committee for 2015/16 is a vital piece of business at the AGM. All Executive Members, including the officers, stand down but can be re-elected. Members of the current committee who have stated they are willing to stand for re-election are:

President: Roy Formby, Chairman: Vivienne Rees; Vice-Chairman: Stuart Fawthrop, Honorary General Secretary: Mary Bass Honorary Treasurer: *vacant*, Membership Secretary: Tony Lawrence, Minutes Secretary: David Dodgson

Executive Members:, Dennis Batey, Peter Coward, Liz Harrison, Nick McCraith, Lee Rollitt, Andrew Saalmans, Sharon Savasi, Paul Truelove, Diane Wood. There are several vacancies.

Only paid up resident members can vote or be elected but there is still plenty of time to join for the modest subscription of £1 or you can do so at the AGM.

The next meeting of the old committee will take place on Tuesday, 14th April. Please pass on to the secretary or any member of the committee any matters of concern. The new committee meets on Tuesday, 12th May.

Don't forget - we need new members of the society and the committee! Do think seriously about standing or asking someone else.
Vivienne Rees

Rotas for St Oswald's 2015

	Sides man/women	Coffee	Flowers
5 Apr	Sonia & John Rickman	Rosalind de Wesselow Ann Fawthrop	<i>EASTER FLOWERS</i>
12 Apr	Ann Fawthrop Pat Taylor	Ann Jackman	<i>Refresh</i>
19 Apr	Bob Allen June Maddison	Rosalind de Wesselow	Pat Taylor
26 Apr	Trevor Eastes Ella Footit	Ann Fawthrop	<i>Refresh</i>
3 May	Rosalind de Wesselow Kay Adkins	Shirley Hill	Sonia Rickman
10 May	Sonia & John Rickman	Kay Adkins	<i>Refresh</i>
17 May	Ann Fawthrop Pat Taylor	June Maddison	Hilary Beskeen
24 Mar	Bob Allen June Maddison	Alison	<i>Refresh</i>
31 May	Kay Adkins Rosalind de Wesselow	Tonia Wainwright	June Maddison
7 Jun	Trevor Eastes Ella Footit	Ann Jackman	<i>Refresh</i>
14 Jun	Sonia & John Rickman	Shirley Hill	Alison

CHURCHES CALENDAR

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES are detailed on page 2



APRIL

8th 10.30am Holy Communion, BCP
9th 2pm WI Meeting in the Tithe Barn

11th *10am Celtic Spirituality Day led by J P Newell at the Bishop Bulley Barn, Rydal Hall. Philip Newell is author of the best selling book, 'Listening to the heartbeat of God'. To book please phone Rydal Hall 015394 32050*
5pm Organ Recital by Ian Hare at St Mary's Rydal

12th Easter 2

9.30am Eucharist at Rydal Church
11am Holy Communion, CW
6pm Said Evening Service

15th 10.30am Holy Communion, BCP
11.30am CTGR Final Lent Group Meeting in the Tithe Barn

19th Easter 3

9.30am Eucharist at Rydal Church
11am Holy Communion, CW followed by APCM
6pm Said Evening Service

22nd 10.30am Holy Communion, BCP

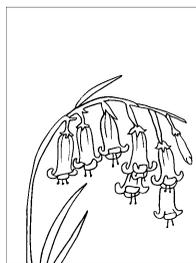
26th Easter 4

9.30am Eucharist at Rydal Church

11am Holy Communion, CW

6pm Said Evening Service

30th 10.30am Holy Communion, BCP



MAY

3rd Easter 5

9.30am Eucharist, CW at Rydal Church

11am Mattins, BCP

7pm *Taizé Prayers at St Mary's Rydal,*
no evening service at St Oswald's

6th 10.30am Holy Communion, BCP

7th General Election Day

10th Easter 6

9.30am Eucharist at Rydal Church

11am Holy Communion, CW

6pm Said Evening Service

13th 10.30am Holy Communion, BCP

14th **8am Ascension Day Eucharist at Rydal Hall Chapel**

2pm WI Meeting in the Tithe Barn

17th Ascension Sunday

9.30am Eucharist at Rydal Church

11am Methodist Service

6pm Said Evening Service

Now the green blade riseth

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
Wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,
Thinking that never he would wake again.
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green,

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain.
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Thy touch can call us back to life again;
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

J.M.C.Crum

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