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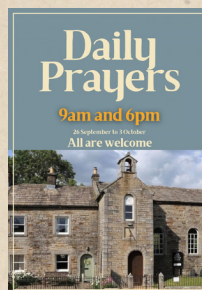


A TIME TO MEET PEOPLE

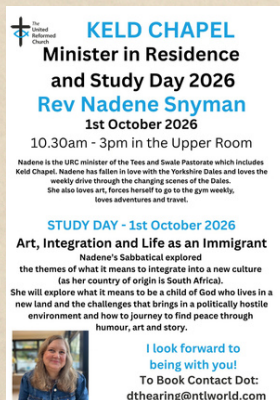
As the Minister of the Tees and Swale Pastorate it was a gift to have time in Keld to meet people and to have important conversations. Conversations with residents in Keld about the past and the present and some exciting discussions about the future. I felt so warmly welcomed, people were kind and generous with their time.



The **Harvest Service**, was attended by 12 people some locals and some from as far as Leeds. As many Keld Residents were away on holiday we managed a really good sing, aided by the majestic voice of Andy Souter. Thank you to Rachel who played the organ for us, and Glenda who decorated and organised the Chapel with Harvest products. On the following Tuesday we had the **Harvest Sale** at Keld Lodge, it is a yearly fun evening, with lots of laughter and bidding for the Harvest products and some local art work/photographs. Ronnie and Glenda were a brilliant double act, with Ellie graciously serving us refreshments. We raised £534 of much needed funds for the church. Thank you Keld Lodge for hosting us once again.



I led **Prayers** twice a day. Although I was on my own mostly I loved ringing the chapel bell and breaking into the normal rhythm of life with a call to prayer. It was special spending time in the chapel and time with God.



Open House

I had a Tuesday Open House at the Manse with 11 visitors. Some people were from Low Row, some from the Keld Chapel and some local residents to the Dales. There was much tea/coffee drunk, biscuits consumed and many many stories of the Dales shared. It was wonderful to have the 'manse' filled with laughter and shared history. Thank you to everyone who attended the special afternoon.

Walkers

I am grateful for the conversations I had in the museum, chapel and winter cafe with walkers from all over the world. People sharing with me their love of the Dales, stories of church 'back home' and a gratefulness for the fact that the chapel is open and part of the community. It was heartening to hear how important rural churches are to people.

I even managed one walk to the waterfall, with chats to walkers and sheep along the way



Study Day

I led a Study Day where 6 of us explored identity, and our different types of identity: social, cultural, spiritual and moral. How life's experiences shape our identity and shape how we navigate the world. We spoke about our identity in Christ and explored some bible verses about who we are in God. I spoke about my experience of growing up in South Africa as a white woman living under Apartheid. I talked about how I grew up in the church without being shown that Apartheid was wrong or sinful. And how my experience of 'waking' up to the racist society I grew up in has had a profound impact on my ministry and how I view the world now. It was an intense day with excellent discussions and input from the group. A big thank you to everyone who came and took a deep dive into some difficult topics for the day. We also laughed, joked and ate good food.