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Minutes of Church Meeting held
in Schoolroom Jan 8th 1957

Present: Mr & Mrs J. Coates Mrs J. Metcalfe
Mrs Riken, Mr & Mrs R. Alderson,
Mr & Mrs Alderson Mrs J. Metcalfe,
Mrs J. Alderson Miss M. Alderson,
Miss E. Wazlett, Mrs J. Coates, Miss E. Balwert,
Miss J. Thornborrow, Mrs W. Balwert,
Mrs J. Balwert, Miss M. Scott,
Mrs J. Sinclair Mrs E. Wright
Mr & Mrs S. Riken Mrs E. Whitehead
Rev J. W. Bury presided and
opened with prayer.

Our Secretary read a report of the
meeting held at Thwaite in December
when representatives of Keel, Low Row
& Keld & Thwaite churches met to
discuss the question of amalgamation
of the Swaledale churches.

Mr Bury explained the scheme
in detail, pointing out that it
would be for the period of
Mr Lyman's ministry.

Mr Berry asked the meeting if they would agree to the scheme in principle + should they agree, to appoint 4 Representatives to meet representatives of the other churches, to discuss matters of Finance, etc. These Representatives would then come back and report to their own churches.

Prof Mr L. Rukin

Sec Mr R. Alderson

That they agreed to the scheme in principle.

All present voted in favour of this.

Mr J. Metcalfe Mr R. Alderson

Miss E. Balwert, Mrs E. Wright

were chosen by the meeting as their Representatives.

Two letters of application for renting the manse were read to the meeting, one from Mr & Mrs J. Sinclair, Keld, the other from Mr W. Balwert, Greenses:-

Minutes of Church Meeting
held in Schoolroom Jan 15th 1954
Present Mrs J. Rukin Mrs E. Whitehead
Mrs J. Sinclair Mrs J. Boates
Miss E. Balwert, Miss E. Waggett
Miss M. Alderson Mrs Wright
Mr J. Metcalfe:-

In view of the fact that we have agreed to go forward with the grouping of the Swaledale churches the question of letting the manse was discussed. The first thing to do was to make up our minds if we were going to let the manse.

Prof Mr J. Metcalfe Sec. Mrs J. Boates

That we do let it
Everyone voted in favour of this and agreed that the tenancy should go to Mr & Mrs J. Sinclair.

The meeting gave careful consideration to the fact that the church should have the privilege of using the vestry when

required, and that the connecting
Door between the Manse and the
Church should be open, also that
our ~~Secretary~~ ^{Church Officials} should have access
to the buffet board upstairs.

In these circumstances it was
decided to ask for 7/6 a week
rent - the tenants being responsible
for the rates Tenancy 1st April 1957

This was Prop by Mr J Metcalfe
Sec. Miss M Alderson

7 voted in favour

The applicants Mr & Mrs J Sinclair
agreed to these terms

It was pointed out that
the Manse required thoroughly
cleaning out and all rooms
papering.

Prop. Miss B Waggett Sec Mrs J Coates

That we allow the tenants
£10 towards the cost of this

An Amendment by Miss E Balvert

That we allow £7 and if more required
the matter should be considered at
another meeting. This amendment did

not get a second + so was lost

It was suggested holding our
Annual concert on Friday July 15th.
Our Secretary was asked to
enquire the cost of a Bus to
bring Artists, from Reeth Low Row,
Thwaite to Keld. If the cost
of a Bus was reasonable she
would then get in touch with
various artists and try and get a
good programme. The names of various
artists were given to our Secretary.

Mrs Rubin read a letter she
had received from Mr Sinclair
re a visit to Keld in February.
The meeting enquired if the
dates in July were booked.

It was pointed out that this
was a personal letter + should
Mr Sinclair write to the Church
we would see if we had
vacant dates later on as
July had been booked up some
time ago. All agreed to this.

J Metcalfe 22.2.57

Minutes of Church Meeting
held in Schoolroom on Jan. 29th 1954

Present:- Mrs J Sinclair Mrs Rukin
Miss Waggett Mrs Scott Mrs J. Metcalfe,
Mrs J Metcalfe, Mrs J Alderson
Mr & Mrs R Alderson Miss E Whitehead
Mrs S. Rukin, Mr G. Calvert
Mrs J. Coates Miss J. Thornborrow
Mrs W. Calvert Mr J. Metcalfe.
Mrs Wright.

Rev J. W. Bury Presided and
opened with prayer.

Some years ago the Church
decided on Mr Waggett's advice,
(he being the only one of the
original Trustees now living)
to ask the Congregational Union
to become our Trustees.

The matter has now been dealt
with & Mr Bury brought to
the meeting forms for signature.

He read Mr Waggett's resignation
to the meeting.

Mr Bury explained that by

making the Union our Trustees,
we were not losing any privileges
& the Union as Trustees could
do nothing without instructions
from the Church Meeting.

Mr Bury read a Resolution
out & this had to be signed
by him as Chairman of the
Meeting. Prof Mr J. Metcalfe
seconded Mr R. Alderson that
we accept the Resolution, all in favour.
The Chairman then signed.

He then read out the new Trust
deed, giving description of all
Church properties at Keld & Thwate.
Mr Bury signed & this was
signed by Mr J. Metcalfe &
Miss B. Waggett as witnesses.

This was done with a
reservation that Mr Bury
would enquire re "Buildings"
at Thwate also enquire about
Schoolmaster's House.

The meeting then discussed the
grouping of the churches.

1st Decision Mr Lyman would have to be invited to take over the joint Ministry of the Churches.

Prof Mrs L. Rukin Sec Mr J. Metcalfe that we should invite Mr Lyman

2nd It was suggested that a fortnightly change in the times of the Ministers Services would be desirable i.e. Keld + Thwaite

2 Sunday Evenings & then two Afternoon Services

Prof J. Mrs Metcalfe Sec Mrs R. Alderson All in favour of this Rota

3rd Mr Bury pointed out that at the meeting of Representatives at Low Row, Keld felt that £110 was as much as they could afford. We at Keld are isolated & it is expensive getting pulpit supplies

The meeting agreed on the figure of £110.

Prof Mr J. Metcalfe Sec Mrs L. Rukin All but one voted in favour.

At this stage the scheme would go before the District Committee of the Union for its approval

Mr Bury said in future, meetings at Thwaite Low Row, when meetings of the group were called two Representatives from each Church would be sufficient

Prof Mrs L. Rukin Sec. Mabel Mrs J. Balvest that Miss Balvest and

Mr J. Metcalfe should be appointed. All in favour Mrs Wright will always attend the meetings as Secretary for the group.

Prop. by Mrs Rukin.

Seconded by Mrs R. Alderson

That when Mr Lyman is here in the afternoon we arrange our own Evening Service. b in favour b not

Mr Bury then asked the meeting 'so long as it does not involve'

great expense we will try and
arrange evening service on those
two Sundays when Mr Lyman has
been in the afternoon

Prop. by Mrs G. balwert

Sec. Mrs E. Whitehead

That this be done

All at the meeting voted in
favour,

It is understood that when Mr
Lyman is here on Sundays ^{evenings} there
will be one service a day

Minutes of Church Meeting held
in Church on July 26th 1957.

Present:- Mrs J. Rukin, Mrs E Scott
Mrs J. Sinclair, Mrs G. balwert
Miss E balwert, Mrs Wright
Mr J. Metcalfe, Mrs F. Metcalfe

The Question of Rent to be charged
for the garage belonging the
Church was discussed. + it was
Prop. Mr J. Metcalfe, Sec. Mrs Rukin
that a rent of 5/- per year
be charged. All present were in
favour of this.

Prop. Mrs E Scott, Sec. Miss E balwert
that we ask Mr Sinclair to
take our service on March 3rd.
and Mr Baines on the 17th Mar
5 voted in favour 2 not in favour
1 no vote

Prop. Mrs G. balwert, Sec. Mrs Rukin
As no Fellowship meetings have
been held during the last
winter it was decided to

share any balance in hand
between the Methodists and
ourselves. All were in favour of
this being done.
J Metcalfe 19-3-57

Minutes of Church Meeting held in
Schoolroom Mar 19th 1957.

Present: - Mrs J. Metcalfe, Mrs J. Sinclair
Mrs J. Boates Miss E. Babbert.
Mrs Wright Mr J. Metcalfe

The minutes of the last meeting
were read: Re Fellowship
It was Prop. by Mrs J. Boates
Seconded by Mr J. Metcalfe
that the last minute of the
previous meeting be rescinded
It was suggested that before
we share the money we should
have a meeting of the Joint
Fellowship to hear their views
as to what should be done

and our Secretary was asked to
arrange a meeting of the Joint
Fellowship to discuss the matter

Our Secretary read to the
meeting an Agreement setting
out conditions re letting of
the Manse. Mrs J. Sinclair
agreed to these and signed
in the presence of the meeting
and was witnessed by our
Secretary.

Prop Mrs J. Metcalfe Sec Mrs J. Boates
That permission be given to
the tenants of the Manse to
remove the Wash Border from
the Scullery. They would do
this themselves.

Our Secretary asked the meeting
if they would like her to write
a letter from the Church ^{to} thanking
Mr J. Waggett, thanking him for
his services as Trustee of the

church for many years.
all were in favour of this.

Minutes of church meeting held in
church after service on Sunday
April 29th 1957

Our minister Rev J J Lyman presided

Present: - Mrs J. Metcalfe Mrs J. Rukin,

Mrs J. Sinclair Mrs R Alderson

Mrs J. Boates Mrs J. Lambert

Miss E. Lambert Miss B. Waggett

Miss J. Thornborrow Miss M. Alderson

Mrs E. Wright. (11)

The meeting opened with prayer.

Mr Lyman pointed out that
the scheme of joining our churches
in Swaledale had taken longer
than we had anticipated +
the induction to Keld had
been postponed + he was

asking for fresh dates from
those who would be taking part.
The scheme was first submitted
to the District Committee who were
on the whole very enthusiastic about
it. After this it went to the
Executive Committee of the Union
who again looked at it with
praise + thought it a good scheme.

It then went through its final
stage to the Maintenance of the
Ministry in London, who too,
were enthusiastic + thought it
wonderful to think four of our
churches will work together + they
resolved to back the venture.
They pointed out that it was
not able to make grants for
bars. They asked if the churches
would be able to raise the £455
they had promised to, raise by
£45.

The group committee decided at
their meeting to go to their
churches + ask them to try

this for a year, when a new Settlement Agreement would be received.

The Representatives of our Church thought we might try to make it £130.

Prop Mrs J. Metcalfe

Sec Mrs R. Alderson

That Eld. would try + raise the £20 extra as our contribution

This motion was carried.

2 Abstentions.

We were also asked if we would start paying our contribution into the Group

Fund £130 per annum

Prop Mrs Metcalfe, ^{that} our Church Treasurer

Sec Mrs L. Rukin do this

Motion carried 2. Abstentions

J. Lyman
3rd June 1957.

Minutes of meeting held in Church.
Monday June 3rd 1957

Our Minister Rev J. Lyman presided.

Present, Mrs Rukin Mrs J. Scott
Mrs J. Sinclair Mrs G. Babest,
Miss E. Babest Miss J. Thornborrow,
Mrs Wright Mr J. Metcalfe
Mrs E. Whitehead

The meeting opened with a Bible reading and prayer.
Minutes of last meeting confirmed
Letters were read from the
to Reading Education Committee
saying they had appointed
Mrs Pedley as permanent
Head Mistress to Eld
Congregational School.

The question of letting +
putting the school masters
house ^{in order} was then discussed.
It was proposed to appoint
a committee from this

this for a year when a new Settlement Agreement would be received.

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Prop Mrs J. Metcalfe

Sec Mrs R. Alderson

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This motion was carried.

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We were also asked if we would start paying our contribution into the group fund £130 per annum

Prop Mrs Metcalfe, ^{that} our Church Treasurer

Sec Mrs L. Ruken do this

Motion carried 2. Abstentions

J. J. Lyman
3rd June 1957.

Minutes of meeting held in Church.
Monday June 3rd 1957

Our Ministers Rev J. Lyman presided.

Present Mrs Ruken Mrs J. Scott
Mrs J. Sinclair Mrs G. Babbert
Miss E. Babbert Miss J. Thomborrow
Mrs Wright Mr J. Metcalfe
Mrs E. Whitehead

The meeting opened with a Bible reading and prayer.
Minutes of last meeting confirmed
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to Reading Education Committee
saying they had appointed
Mrs Pedley as permanent
Head Mistress to Eld
Congregational School.

The question of letting +
putting the school masters
house ^{in order} was then discussed.
It was proposed to appoint
a committee from this

meeting to be responsible for attending to repairs which are needed now, and may be, in future Nominations Mrs Rukin Mrs Sinclair

Mr J. Metcalfe and
Rev J. Lyman Ex Officio

all in favour.

Prop Mrs Wright seconded Mrs J. Balvest that the committee as above be appointed to deal with all matters connected with the aforesaid house. All were in favour.

Proposed Mrs Rukin Sec Mrs Wright that the rent of the House should be £25 per annum. All were in favour.

It was moved that we appoint a treasurer from this committee.

Prop Mr J. Metcalfe Sec. Mrs Wright that Mrs Rukin should fill this office. All in favour.

It was agreed that until such time as rent was received money needed to pay for repairs should be taken from church funds + refunded when a balance was in hand.

Re-debt to Mr J. Waggett

A suggestion was made that the debt outstanding could be met out of the Ladies Fund. + our Secretary was asked to get in touch with the Ladies + ask if they would loan the amount of the debt free of interest. All those present at the meeting agreed to this course being adopted.

A letter was read from Brownhill Cong Church, Blackburn asking for help to build a new church. Held felt they could not do anything towards this.

J. Lyman
24 July 57.

Minutes of Annual Church Meeting
held on July 24th 1957

Our Minister Rev J. Lyman
Presided & opened with Prayer
Present: - Mrs J. Metcalfe, Mrs J. Rukin
Mrs Sinclair, Mrs J. Coates
Mrs G. Balvert, Miss E. Balvert
Miss M. Alderson, Mrs Wright
Mr & Mrs Metcalfe, Mr J. Metcalfe (10)

The meeting opened with a Bible
Reading and prayer:

The Minutes of the last Annual
Meeting were read and confirmed

It was proposed that all officers
of the Church be re-elected
for the next year.

Prop by Mr J. Metcalfe
Sec. Mrs Sinclair

All voted in favour

The Treasurer then read her
Report which showed a credit
Balance of £99. 1. 6. at the end
of June Mrs Rukin.

Our Treasurer was thanked by
for her very satisfactory report
& the Church extends our
thanks for her services.

Prop Mrs Rukin. Sec. Mr J. Metcalfe.
Our Secretary then read her
Report as follows

From July 1956 until April
1957 the Pastorate of Held &
Thwaite was still vacant.

During that period with the
help of our Dale Minister and
other Pulpit Supplies the services
on Sunday evenings were
maintained and our thanks
are due to those who helped us.

In April 1957 the Swaledale
group of churches was inaugurated
under the ministry of the
Rev J. Lyman of Low Row.
Since then Mr Lyman has

given us a service each Sunday
either afternoon or evening and we
look forward to a healthy church
life under his guidance

We have let our manse to
a member of the church and the
rent of this will help our
church funds.

Proposed by Mr J Metcalfe

Seconded by Mrs J Boales

that the church is very grateful
for their ^{services} on their behalf.

All other officers were re-elected

Mr Lyman expressed the view

that we had had a very

happy meeting he thanked us
for making Mrs Lyman + himself

so welcome amongst us and

as time goes on he hoped to

get to know us all better

+ was hopeful of arranging

a meetings during the week

to study the Bible

Minutes of Business Meeting held
on July 24th 1954.

Present:- Mrs J Metcalfe, Mrs J. Rubin
Mrs Sinclair Mrs J. Boales
Mrs J. Babert Miss E Babert
Miss M Alderson Mrs Wright
Mr J. Metcalfe, Mr J. Metcalfe (10)

The meeting considered the letter
from Leeds re Dales Minister

Prop. Mr J. Metcalfe

Sec. Mrs Wright

that the church should send
Ly. 10-0 in acknowledgement
of Mr Burry's services.

All were in favour.

It was hoped to try + fix
the Induction of Mr Lyman
for Thursday September 19th

John J. Lyman

Minutes of meeting held in
church. On October 31st 1957

Our Minister Rev J J Lyman
Presided

The meeting opened with
Bible Reading + Prayer.

The minutes of last meeting were
read and confirmed.

Proposed from the chair and
seconded in two or three places
that we pay the annual. Menima
contribution and order a
sufficient number of the news
letters to meet our actual need

Home Churches Fund

Prop. Mrs Ruken Sec. Mr J Metcalfe
that we raise the contribution
to Home Churches Fund to £10.
to meet the proposed target

Armistice Day Service

The minister gave notice that
he would conduct the Armistice
Day services in the traditional
way at the traditional time.

Boxing Day. It was unanimously
agreed that Mr Barry + Lecture
be invited

Take place in the manse
Discussion as to what could
be done.

Prop Mrs Ruken Sec Miss J Thornborrow
that we ask Mr Geo. Brown
to look see what could be
done - motion carried

Dales Scheme

Church Representatives for
meeting at Settle
Mrs Ruken + Miss E Lambert
carried

Ms 7 Metcalfe's Legacy of £80.
Prof Mrs Ruken Sec Ms J Metcalfe

That the Legacy be invested
in 4½% Defence Bonds.

Bonds in possession of Treasurer.
Some investment in 3% to be
considered at year end.

Papers re Legacy in manse cupboard.
Appointment of caretaker

Reported that there has been
no one as yet to take the job on
Ms 7 Metcalfe approached but
declined.

Rota of cleaning to be added to
as people volunteer. Mrs Ruken.
Mrs Sinclair, Miss E. Balvest
Mrs Wright.

Our minister to officially ask
Ms J Sinclair to light boiler
until new caretaker found

John J. Lyman
24 Jan 58

minutes of church meeting held
in church Jan 23rd 1958

Present: Mrs J. Ruken Mrs J. Sinclair
Miss E. Balvest Mrs J. Ruken Mrs Wright

Rev J. J. Lyman Presided

Meeting opened with Bible Reading
and Prayer

Re £100 Investment in War Loan
Our Secretary promised to write
to Leeds get particulars of
this investment by whom it was
bequeathed to the church etc

Annual concert

Prof Mrs Ruken Sec Mrs Sinclair
That our Secty write Mrs Ince
for particulars of a Pantomime
with which she had been
connected.

School House Fund

Prof Miss J. Thornborrow Sec Miss Balvest
That Mrs J. Ruken pay into
the held Congregational Ladies

Fund the sum of £24 as part
repayment of loan by them
to the fund

All agreed to this course

On June 29th 1958. The Tagley Male
Voice choir visited our church
and gave a concert in our
in the afternoon. The church
provided tea for them in the
Public Hall, at a charge of
4/6 per head.

We also provided lunch for
several ministers at the request
of Rev F Whitlock, in our
Institute on June 2nd 1958

Meeting held in church. after
service to pass the schedule.
July 27th 1958

Owing to many of our members
being busy haymaking it had
not been possible to have a
meeting before Mr Lyman started
his Annual holiday.
The schedule was read by our
Treasurer + those present agreed
that we had had a very
satisfactory year's working.
A meeting would be called
after Mr Lyman's return or
as soon as our members could
attend one. Treasurer reported
a balance of £74. 3. 11.

Minutes of Annual Church Meeting
held in Church Sept 15th 1958.

Our Minister Presided and
opened with Prayer.

Present Mrs J. Ruken, Mrs Sinclair,
Miss E. Lambert, Miss M. Alderson,
Miss J. Thornborrow, Mrs Wright

The Minutes of the last Annual
Meeting were read and confirmed.

Prop. Mrs Ruken Sec Mrs Sinclair. Accepted
The Balance Sheet (Schedule) was
again read by H. 3 11. being the
Balance as at June 30th 1958;

Secretary's Report.

The Swaledale Group of Churches
has now had a full year
working and we are able to
report that so far as Held is
concerned. the scheme has
worked in a way that has
surprised many of our people

who at first had misgivings about
it. We have had a service each
Sunday by Mr Lyman and on
the afternoons or nights as may be
when no service in our Church.
we have joined the Methodist
Church + between us we arrange
to fit in with each + they join
our services. I am pleased to
report that our Church life has
been strengthened by Mr Lyman's
ministry.

Prop. M. Alderson, Sec Miss J. Thornborrow that
Thanks ~~were~~ ^{be} expressed to our
Treasurer + Secretary for their
work on behalf of the Church
also to our Organists for their
share in our Worship.

Mr Lyman thanked the meeting
for the way in which they
were helping him to carry the
heavy burden which rested
on him + it was good to know
that the Church was behind
him all the time.

Proposed Mrs Wright Sec. Mrs J. Ruben
That we put Miss Margaret
Alderson on our list of Organists.
All voted in favour of this

All Officers of the Church were
re-elected for the next year.

Geo Wilbury

Ordinary Church Meeting held
after Annual Meeting 15th Sept 1958.

Our Harvest Festival on Sept
25th was discussed.

Mr Lyman will take both
services.

Prop Mrs Ruben seconded Mrs Sinclair
That we ask Mr J. C. Calvert Hawes
if he will conduct our service on
Monday night + bring Mr Ward
along with him

It was decided to hold our gift
Sale on Thursday Oct 30th 1958

Prop Mrs Wright seconded Mrs Ruben.
That we ask Miss Williams, Low Row
to open the Ladies Section of the Sale
and failing her Mrs Geo Brown.
Motion carried

All were in favour of asking Mr J.
Peacock Reeth to act as Auctioneer
for Live Stock etc
All in favour of this.

We were trying to think of someone
to open the Live Stock Section.

The Stalls to be, Handwork + Fancy
Grocery, Sunday School Stall, Auction,
Jelly, Bran Tub.

Collectors Marna + Margaret Dale Head.
" Jennie Stonesdale Frith Bridge End
+ New Bottages
" Mrs Sinclair Held + East Stonesdale

Mrs Wright + Miss Balbert Held Green.
Thorns Tygill Greenses Ingram and
Skeugh Head.

Letters were read from the L. M. S.
appealing for larger contributions
from the churches.

Prof Mrs Ruben seconded Mrs Wright

that as an immediate response
we send £5-0-0 from church
funds.

An appeal from Silcoates School
was left over.

Letters of thanks from Rev F Whillock
and Rev G Bury were read in
which they both expressed their
thanks for hospitality extended to
them in May + June

John Dyman
25 Nov. 58.

Minutes of Church Meeting held
Nov 25th 1958.

Present :- Mrs J Metcalfe Mrs J. Ruben
Mrs B Sinclair Miss E Balbert
Miss J Thornborrow Mrs Wright
Mr J Metcalfe

Our Minister Presided + opened with
prayer.

Minutes of Last Meeting read and
confirmed.

Mr Dyman congratulated the church
on their Harvest Festival result +
for the enjoyable weekends and said
we really did acknowledge God's bounty ^{to us}

Dales Churches Scheme

A letter was read from the Bountly
Secretary ^{which} called attention to a
deficit of £92. after 5 years working
of the scheme and asking if the
churches under this scheme would
help to wipe off the debt

Prof Mrs Ruben Sec. Mr J. Metcalfe
that our church should send £10.

County News Letter

Proposed Mrs Metcalfe Sec. Mrs J Sinclair
That we send 7/6 for further copies
for the coming year. All in favour

Delegate to Union Meetings

Prop Mr J Metcalfe Sec Miss J Thornborrow
Our Secretary should attend
Motion carried

Christmas Arrangements

Christmas Day. Usual Service
with Hilda Singers + Margaret.
Service conducted by our Minister.

Boxing Day.

Our Prop. Mr J Metcalfe seconded

Miss J Thornborrow

That Rev J W Barry should be
asked to bring his coloured
films. Suffer to follow on
both these nights
All in favour

Cupboard put into Church.

Prop Mr J Metcalfe Sec Mrs Wright
that a cupboard should be built
at the end of the Church for the
storage of our crockery etc
Subject to getting the consent of
the Trustees it was agreed this
should be done 6 voted in favour

Fireproof Safe

Prop Mr J Metcalfe Sec Miss E Calvert
That we should negotiate for the
purchase of a small new safe +
Mr Lyman promised to make
enquiries re same.
6 in favour

Electric Boiler

Prop Mrs J Sinclair Sec Mr J Metcalfe
That the Church should purchase
a 5 gallon Electric Boiler
Motion carried

Repairs to beading Landewing etc etc
Mr Geo Brown has inspected the
church + says if these repairs are
not carried out things will become
worse. All those present agreed
that these repairs etc must be
carried out

Sign Board outside church.
Prof. Nellie seconded Mrs Ruben
That the board be repainted +
enquiries made for someone
to carry out this work

Re caretaker

It was decided to ask at our
next Sunday service for
volunteers for cleaning the church

It was thought to leave the
painting of the church door
until the Spring

Mrs Sinclair asked the meeting
if she could have a new
fireplace in the manse
prop. Mr J. Melcalfe Sec. Mrs Ruben
that we allow £14 for same.
Motion carried

Our Treasurer gave us a detailed
Report of the Gift Sale total
which amounted to £291.14.1.
It was left with our Treasurer to
Pay part of this total into the
Ladies Fund.

Wm Berry:

Minutes of meeting held in the
church on Wednesday June 10th 1959

Present, Mrs J. Metcalfe Mrs J. Ruker
Mrs J. Sinclair Miss E. Balwert
Mrs R. Alderson, Miss J. Thornborrow
Miss M. Alderson Mrs Wright
Mrs J. Metcalfe.

Our two representatives who
attended the meeting at Low Row
on May 22nd put before the
meeting the points which were
discussed at that meeting & promised
to put them before our church
members.

Point 1. Does the church agree to
go on as a group.

Point 2. In the event of grouping
would all the churches share
maintenance and repairs to the
manse at Low Row during
grouping.

Point 3. Does the church agree
to each church paying a little

into the group, so as to have
money in hand in readiness for
removal expenses of a minister.
Point 4. At the Low Row meeting
it was thought that the bar
should ^{be} cleaned & jacked up in the
a garage.

Point 1. Our members agreed
that grouping was the right
thing to do.

Point 2. Our members did not agree
to share the cost of repairs &
maintenance of the manse as a
permanent thing, but when a
new minister came they would be
prepared to make a donation
for repairs etc.

Point 3. They will share the cost
of Removal when the vacancy
is filled.

Point 4.

Some of our members thought
a better idea would be to have
the ^{bar} garage stored in the manse

garage. It was explained that if the bar was sold now we should lose money.

Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting held in church, June 26th 1959

Present:- Mrs J. Melcalfe, Mrs J. Sinclair
Miss E. Lambert, Miss M. Alderson,
Miss J. Thornborrow, Mrs Wright
Mr J. Melcalfe, Mrs J. Ruker

Rev J. W. Berry presided and opened with Prayer.

This meeting was called after a meeting in which our church discussed whether they felt we at Keld should continue to group. The feeling of the meeting was unanimous that we should group.

Point 2. Our church was quite agreeable to share the cost of repairs etc to the manse at Low Row in the event of a minister being appointed - but not permanently.

Point 3. They will share the cost of removal of a minister.

Point 4. Re bar. It has been decided to have the bar greased, oiled, + blocked up and stored in the garage at Low Row until such times as it is required.

Minutes of Annual Church Meeting
held in Church August 18th 1959

Rev G W Berry Presided and
opened with Prayer.

Present, Mrs J. Metcalfe, Mrs J. Boates,
Mrs J. Sinclair, Mrs E. Whitehead
Miss E. Lambert, Mrs J. Boates
Miss J. Thornborrow, Mrs E. Wright
Mr J. Metcalfe

We also had with us Rev W. McPherson
from our Harrogate Church, who
is also Secretary of the Leeds
District Executive Committee also
on the Executive Committee of the
Yorkshire Union

The Minutes of the last Annual
Meeting were read and confirmed

Our Treasurer read her Report
which shewed a Balance of
£76. 4. 1. a satisfactory years working

The meeting expressed their thanks
for the services of their Secretary
and Treasurer, and all Retiring
Officers.

All Officers of the Church were
re-elected and our Organists were
thanked for their services

The Secretary read her report as follows:
We have had another 11 months of
working as one of the Swaledale
Group of Churches, and we have been
very happy during that period.

Unfortunately our Minister Rev J. J. Lyman
accepted a call to Selby at the end
of May.

We at Keld are quite prepared to work
again under the Swaledale Group when
a suitable Minister is found -
meanwhile with the help of Rev G W Berry
and other friends of the Church we
have been able to maintain our
Service each Sunday. Our Church life
continues to run smoothly and we
confidently look forward to a time
of settlement

Both the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports were accepted by the meeting. Rev W Mc Pherson said how happy he had been to be present with us, and told us what a beautiful church we had and what a fine work we were doing here in Keld.

Rev G W Curry closed the meeting with Prayer.

G W Curry

15 Aug 1960

Minutes of Ordinary Church Meeting held in church. August 15th 1959.

One or two details in connection with the group were discussed after a meeting with representatives from the churches.

It was thought that in future one service a month would be adequate for Thwaite.

It was agreed that the bar should be licensed + insured in the name of the Swaledale group, and that it should be used for legitimate purposes only.

It was also suggested that the churches should share the cost of putting aside £100 in a Trustee Bank so as to have a Replacement of bar fund. Nothing was put aside last

year for this purpose. This was an error
We discussed this matter at
held, after Mr Berry spoke +
explained the situation

Trop Mrs J Sinclair. Sec. Mr J. Metcalfe
that we share this amount with
the other churches

The motion was carried

Our Secretary was asked to write
Mr J. B. Balwert, Hawes to see
if he could take our Harvest
Festival meeting on Monday Evening
+ bring Mr Ward along.

Minutes of meeting held in church
Nov 24th 1959

Rev J. W. Berry Presided and
opened with Prayer

Present:- Mrs J. Metcalfe Mrs E. Reben.
Mrs J. Sinclair, Miss E. Balwert
Mrs J. Thornborrow, Miss M. Alderson.
Mrs Wright, Mr J. Metcalfe

A letter from Rev J. W. Beard was
read asking that each Dale
church should be willing to
contribute £40 per annum (when
without a minister) reducing to
not less than £5 when a
minister is appointed

Trop Mrs Metcalfe Sec Mrs Sinclair
that we agree to send £40.
All were in favour.

Christmas Arrangements were
then discussed.

Christmas Day. Rev J. W. Berry
will take service in the evening.

Boxing Day ~~Mr~~ ~~burry~~ will bring his colour films.

There will be supper on both these nights.

An appeal from the Young Peoples Committee asking for an annual subscription of 10/- towards the work of this committee. Our Secty pointed that for the first time she hoped to have two young people of an age suitable to join in the Dales Young Peoples Conference at Grassington in May next.

Prof Mrs Ruker see Miss J Thornborrow that our Treasurer should send 10/-

The meeting closed with the Benediction

Rev W. Burry Feb 23 1960

Minutes of meeting held in church
February 23rd 1960

Rev J. W. Burry Presided and opened with Prayers.

Present: Mrs J. Metcalfe, Mrs E. Ruker, Miss E. Calvert, Mrs J. Sinclair, Miss J. Thornborrow, Miss M. Alderson, Miss H. Scott, Mrs E. Wright, Mr J. Metcalfe.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. There were no matters arising.

Our Secty informed the members she had written to Mrs S. Kilburn on behalf of our church on hearing of the death of Mrs Kilburn. She read to the meeting Mr Kilburn's reply to her letter.

Re Retirement of our Moderator
Rev W. H. Watson at the end of June
Prof Mr J. Metcalfe see Miss M. Alderson that we send £1-0-0 towards a gift to him in recognition of his services to the Yorkshire churches

Re centenary of church Re-opening
in 1860

This question was discussed at length and it was felt that we should celebrate this occasion. The date was fixed for June 14th (Tuesday) + to hold a service in the afternoon, followed by tea and then a service in the evening - these two services at 3 pm + 7 pm. It was decided to ask all the ministers who have served the church since that date + our Secretary was asked to get in touch with them. It was also thought to ask Rev J. A. Figueres, who was Yorkshire Union County Secretary and our Dales Minister.
Rev J. W. Berry

The question of some form of heating in the Pulpit was put forward + our Secty was asked to get in touch with an electrician + ask his advice. Mr Wallis Reeth gave an estimate + it was agreed we accept this

Tablecloths. It was agreed that new ones should be purchased.

Re Northern College.

Mr Berry explained at length the work the college was doing in the training of ministers + it was agreed by all that we should send £1.

At the end of the Business meeting we discussed the question of Rev D. Mr Bender's visit on February 14th. Some of our members went down to Low Row to an informal meeting + to get to know Mr Bender. Our Low Row ^{church} very kindly supplied refreshments when he came to Keld on the Sunday afternoon the weather was wild + quite a few of our people could not get down to Keld. He stayed at Keld for tea with one or two members + our Dales Minister, going on to Low Row + Reeth in the evening.

The members who heard him take our service reported to the

meeting and there was a unanimous vote that so far as Keld was concerned we should give Rev D. Bending a "call". There will be meetings at Low Row + ~~Keld~~ Reeth to get their views.

Mr Berry thanked us for a very happy meeting and closed with prayer.

A ball to the Swaledale group of churches was sent to Mr Bending on March 3rd 1960. He replied saying he would consider our ball, but he wrote after a week or so, saying he was sorry but he felt it he must say no to our ball.

A short meeting of Ladies was held after service on June 6th re our centenary services. It was decided to have a knife & fork tea for which the charge would be 3/6 and a supper at 2/6 (sandwiches and cakes).

June 14th 1960.
June 14th was a day in the history of the church. It was in 1860 that the church was rebuilt. We had meetings at 3 P.M. + 7 P.M.
Rev G. W. Berry was in the chair. Speakers afternoon
Rev A. F. Mee + Rev F. Whitlock
Rev W. H. Soar + Rev J. J. Lyman.
We also had with us the Minister + friends from Headdingley church Leeds + friends from Ravenslone dale, Hawes, Reeth + Low Row.
Tea + Supper were served in the Public Hall.

During the Evening Services
a cheque for £5. was handed
to our Secretary as a gift
from the Headingley Hill Church.
Our Secretary thanked Rev
L. B. Green and asked him to
convey our thanks to his
Church for their gift, towards
heating our Pulpit

Minutes of Annual Church Meeting
held on August 15th 1960.

Present Mrs J. Metcalfe, Mrs J. Rubin.
Mrs J. Sinclair, Mrs J. Balwert
Mrs J. Balwert, Miss B. Waggott
Miss E. Balwert, Miss H. Scott
Mrs Wright Mr J. Metcalfe.

Rev J. W. Bury presided and opened
with Hymn and Prayer.

The minutes of the last Annual
Meeting were read and confirmed.

All Retiring Officers of the Church
were re-elected.

Mr Bury said how much the
Church appreciated the services of
the Officers, and mentioned the work
of their Secretary and Treasurer.
Mr J. Metcalfe proposed the thanks
of the Church for the services of
all officers. All were in favour.

Our Treasurer read her Report, showing a Balance of £ 102. 9. 2. This was considered as a successful year's working & the meeting accepted the Report.

Secretary's Report

We have been without a Minister since May 1959, and we still look forward to a time of settlement. With the help of our Dale Minister, and friends & visitors to the Dale, we have had a Service each Sunday.

We have had a name given as a candidate for the Ministry. Mr John Legg, who has taken a Service at each of the three churches of the Swaledale Group, and we are hoping that he will be accepted by the Union.

In June we commemorated the centenary of the rebuilding of our church 1860-1960. Four of our former Ministers joined & took part

in the Services. The other Minister Rev W Guntion, who lives down in Essex, would have liked to be with us but felt the journey too much for him. Many friends from other churches joined with us in these Services. Friends from Headingley Church also joined us. We also had our church re-decorated throughout in June.

At the close of the Annual Meeting the visit of Mr Legg who is a candidate for the Ministry was discussed. All who heard him liked the Service which he took. One or two wondered if he might be a bit young to have charge of three churches, but on the whole

the meeting felt he should be invited to become our Minister subject to the decision of the Status Committee, which meets in October

Mr Jack Metcalfe Proposed and Mrs J. Bahvent seconded this

Our Secretary was asked to arrange for the two Tablets in the Church to be re-lettered

A letter of thanks for her services as Organist for several years, was sent to Miss J Thornbarrow (Mrs B. Synter)

W. J. Bury
5 Sept 1960

Minutes of Church Meeting
held on September 5th 1960.

Present: Mrs J. Metcalfe, Mrs J. Ruken
Mrs J. Sinclair, Mrs J. Coates,
Miss B. Waggett, Mrs Wright
Mr J. Metcalfe.

Rev J. W. Bury Presided and opened with prayer.

We were pleased to have with us Rev Cyril Grant one of our Congregational Ministers who conducted our Service on the night before September 4th

This meeting was called to put before our members the financial state of the Swaledale Group of Churches at the end of June 1960. Since our Minister Rev J. J. Lyman left us in May of last year, there had been no income from the three churches as each had

run on their own + paid out expenses to the ministers and friends ^{who} had conducted our services: nothing therefore had been put aside for the re-payment of the £40. Loan given to purchase the bar + the £40 for replacement.

Our members were asked if they were willing to pay one third of this £80.

Prop. Mr J. Metcalfe Sec Mrs J. Coates that our church would bear its share £26. 13. 4. All in favour

The meeting also considered the question, as to whether each church was paying enough money into the group, seeing the group had never shown a balance in hand. After careful scrutiny, we found £454 per year was needed to run the group.

The income which had been paid by the three churches + the grant from the Union would total £430 leaving a deficiency of £34.

The churches at Low Row and Reeth felt it, was impossible for them to contribute any more than they did, at present

Our members after consideration offered to do their best to pay the extra £34 per year.

This was

Proposed Mrs Wright
Seconded. Mr J. Metcalfe. Motion carried

Mrs J. Sinclair on relinquishing her services as caretaker of the church, was thanked for all she had done.

Mrs Wright + Mrs J. Ruker offered to carry ^{on} + would ask Miss E. Calvert to share the duties in connection with the cleaning.

Mrs Sinclair asked if the Manse front door could be painted
This was proposed and seconded.
The motion was carried.

Our Secretary would write to
Mr B. Bowman asking him to
do this, when coming to do the
two Tablets in the Church
John Legg
9.1.61

Minutes of Church Meeting
January 9th 1961

Our Minister Rev J. D. Legg

Presided + opened with prayer
Present Mrs E Rubin Mrs J Sinclair,
Mrs J. Coates, Mrs Wright
Miss S Waggett, Miss E Caldwell
Miss H. Scott, Miss M. Alderson

An appeal was read from the
Central Congregational Church,
Johannesburg, appealing for a
subscription of £7 towards
the cost of building a multi-
racial Church Centre.

Prop. Mrs Wright
Sec. Miss E Caldwell

That we send £7.
The motion was carried
There were two abstentions

Another appeal from Blifton Church
Bottlingham was passed by.
It was felt that as a Church
aided by our Union we could
not support the appeal.

Two accounts were passed to
our Treasurer for payment
One a bill from Mr Geo Brown
for repairs to roof of Church
& Manse, the other from
Mr P Caldwell for work on
the Church Door

Our Secty was given permission
to order 100 bundles of Firewood
for lighting Church Boilers

Sale of Work

Proposed Mrs Rubin
Seconded Mrs Rubin

This would be sometime in October, on a suitable date towards the end of October 1961
The motion was carried

Appointment of Sunday School Treasurer. Prop. Mrs. Marina
Seconded Mrs. Ruker.

All in favour

Delegates to Annual Meetings at Sheffield. Mr Legg & Minister
~~Harold~~ Proposed Mrs. Wright
Seconded Leggie

The motion was carried

2 Abstentions

February Concert

Proposed Nellie, Sec. Mrs J. Boates
That our Secretary should write Miss B. Wallis Secty, Reeth Y. 7 b-
asking if the club would come to Keld + if they will come to give us a date which would suit them.

A suggestion brought forward by a member that a meeting of members and workers should be held, before any special occasion to arrange details of Refreshments etc. This was Proposed by Miss B. Waggett
Seconded Miss E. Lambert
This was felt to be a good idea and the motion was carried

Mr Legg at the close of the meeting explained his reasons for not favouring the Nativity Play on Christmas Day in detail

John Legg
23/1/61

minutes of church meeting held in
Schoolroom Jan 23rd 1961.

Our Minister Mr Legg presided
and opened with Bible reading
and Prayer

Present:-

Mrs Ruken, Mrs J. Sinclair
Miss B Waggett, Miss E Lambert
Miss M. Alderson & Mrs Wright

The minutes of the last meeting
were read and confirmed

Our Secty read a letter received
from Miss Wallis Secty Reeth G. & B.
saying their Party were unable
to assist us at our Feb'y concert,
as they had accepted a previous
invitation to visit held in March

after some discussion a Telephone
call was put through to
Atkings withdale to enquire
if they could give a concert

Miss B Stones would make
enquiries & let us know at the
weekend

The meeting appointed a small
Sub-committee to fix the
concert in the event of a
promise to come in February
The sub-committee appointed
were Mrs E Ruken Mrs J Sinclair,
& Miss B Waggett. This would
save another meeting being
called during the winter weather

It was decided at this meeting
to fix the date of our gift sale
for Wednesday Nov 1st
Prop. Mrs Ruken Sec. Mrs J Sinclair
All were in favour.

Put in blaming date column D & S Dumes
A letter was read from The
Northern College asking us to
send a donation as we did
last year £1-1-0.

Mrs Ruken Prop Belle Seconded
all in favour.

John Legg 6/3/1961.

a short meeting was held in the
Schoolroom on Tuesday July 21st 1961
to arrange details about our
Annual Concert (Arkengethdale Party)
Mr J. Metcalfe + Mrs George Scott
asked to take admission money
Waiters, Mrs Metcalfe, + Mrs J Alderson,
Hill Top, Mrs E Thornborrow,
Mrs H. Metcalfe, Mrs L. Rukin
Mrs R Alderson, Miss E Balvert
Mrs J. Sinclair, Mrs J Balvert
Mrs G. Balvert, Mrs J. Sinclair,
Mrs. Wright, Mrs W Alderson

Mrs R Alderson to collect money for
the supper.

All these duties were ably carried
out on the concert evening July 25th
Our Minister Rev J. D. Legg proposed
a vote of thanks to the Party,
friends of the church + visitors
from down the Dale, to those who
had provided supper and all
who had helped in any way,
to make our effort a success

Minutes of Church Meeting held
in Schoolroom March 6th 1961

Our Minister opened with Bible
Reading and Prayer.
Present:-

Mrs J. Metcalfe, Mrs E Rukin
Mrs J. Sinclair, Miss E Balvert,
Mr J Metcalfe, Mrs Wright.

A letter from the Long Insur. Company
giving a choice of a rebate on
the premium or an increase in
the amount assured was discussed
and all present agreed to the amount
for which the churches of Keld
& Thwaite are insured being
increased without extra premium.

All in favour

It was agreed by all that we
should send 10/- to the Young
Peoples Committee

Re our Sale of Work Nov 1st
A suggestion that Mr Hope who
was unable to open the Live Stock
portion at our last Sale in 1958
should be asked if he would
do so on Nov 1st.

Prop Mr J. Metcalfe Sec. Mrs Ruken
That Mr Hope should be asked.

February concert. The Arkengethdale
Party only asked for 10/- towards
expenses but some of our members
thought this was not enough.

Prop Mrs Ruken Sec. Miss E. Balwert
that another 10/- be sent to them

A vote of thanks was extended
to the Sub-committee appointed
to arrange details re the concert

John Stegg.
13/6/61.

Minutes of Church Meeting held
in Church June 13th 1961.

Our Minister opened with Bible
Reading, and Prayer.
Present Mrs J. Metcalfe Mrs E. Ruken
Mrs J. Sinclair Mrs R. Alderson.
Miss E. Balwert Miss H. Scott,
Mrs E. Wright, Mrs J. Metcalfe (5)

The minutes of the last meeting were
read and confirmed.

Our Secretary read a letter from
Mr Hope, expressing his regret
that he would be unable to open
our Live Stock Section of our
November Gift Sale.

Prop Mrs Ruken Sec. Mr J. Metcalfe
that we should ask Mr J. Sunter
Spring End if he would open the
Sale. All were in favour.
Failing Mr Sunter it was
Prop by Mr Metcalfe Sec. Mrs R. Alderson

that we should ask Mrs J. L. Lambert
All were in favour of this

Mrs J. Peacock to be asked to
act as Auctioneer.
All in favour.

Prop. Mrs. Pukin, seconded Mrs Metcalfe
that Mrs Leslie Sunter Low Row
should be invited to open the
Ladies Sale.
All voted in favour.

Failing Mrs Sunter, it was Prop.
by Mrs J. Sinclair, Sec. by Miss L. Lambert
that Mrs Percy Metcalfe, Greenes
should be asked.

Prop Mrs J. Sinclair Sec. Miss H. Scitt
that Mrs Irene Sunter be asked
if she would again concert
for us in the evening of Nov 1st.
All voted in favour.

Trust Deeds. A discussion as to
whether we should not have a copy
of our Trust Deeds for reference.
Prop. Mrs Metcalfe, Sec. Miss L. Lambert
that this course was advisable
& that we should get in touch
with Union at Leeds

At the close of the meeting Mr Legg
explained at length his belief
on Baptism & why he had said
he could not baptise an infant.
John Legg 12/1/61.

minutes of Deacons Meeting held
in Church on June 29th 1961.

Our Minister Presided & opened with
Prayer.
All our Deacons were present.
Rev J. W. Bead & Rev J. W. Burry were present
Our Secretary explained why this
meeting had been called, at
such short notice
The purpose of the meeting was

to hear again the views of our
Minister + our Church on Baptism
Frank discussion took place.

If as Mr Berry suggested a split
in the Church might occur, a solution
must be found. While neither Mr
Berry, ~~nor~~ Mr Beard did not take
Mr Legg's view, they were most
emphatic that they would not wish
Mr Legg to baptize in this case,
if it went against his conscience
+ his duty to God, because in their
opinion it would be very wrong
to do so. They felt that a way
might be found to overcome the
situation.

Their advice to the Deacons was
to have a meeting of Church members
+ if they were in agreement that they
wished the child to be baptized,
arrangements would be made.

Mr Beard also told the meeting
that we as a Church should seize
every opportunity to get the children

when old enough to attend Sunday
School, for they would be the
Church of the future.

Mr Beard closed the meeting
with prayer.

Minutes of Church Meeting held in
Church July 12th 1961.

Present: Mrs E. Ruken, Mrs J. Metcalfe
Mrs R. Alderson, Mrs J. Sinclair,
Mrs E. Whitehead, Mrs J. Balvest
Mrs L. Ruken, Mrs J. Boales, Miss E. Balvest
Miss M. Alderson, Miss B. Waggett
Mrs E. Wright, Mr J. Metcalfe

Our Minister opened with Bible
Reading + Prayer

A letter was read asking for the
July Communion collection to be
sent to the Retired Ministers
+ Widows Fund.

Prop. Mrs Ruken Sec. Mr J. Metcalfe

that we send the loose collection
on July 16th to this fund

Our Secretary read letters from
Mrs L. Sunter + Mr J. Sunter
accepting the Church's invitation
to be Openers at our Nov Sale
of Work

Mr Legg explained to the meeting
that his view about the Baptism
of an infant had not changed
He feels his obedience to God
restrains him

After a lengthy discussion it
was proposed by Mrs Ruken,
seconded by Mrs J. Sinclair
that if any child's parents
desire their child to be baptized
and the Minister refuses, Rev.
J. W. Burry or any other Minister
should be asked.

This was carried unanimously.

In the case of Mrs Whitehead, Fess
Prop Mrs M. Alderson.
Sec. Mrs R. Alderson.
that we should ask Mr Burry
to baptize her child.
This was carried.

John Legg
25.10.1961.

Minutes of Annual Meeting held
in Church on Monday July 14th
Present:

Mrs Ruker Mrs J Metcalfe Mrs J Sinclair
Mrs E. Whitehead Mrs J. Boates Miss H. Scott
Miss E. Gilbert Mrs Wright Mrs J. Metcalfe
Our Minister opened with Bible Reading + Prayer
The Minutes of the last Meeting were
read and confirmed

Re-Election of Officers

Prop. Miss H. Scott Sec. Mrs J. Boates
that all Officers of the Church
be re-elected.

Our Minister expressed the thanks
of the Church to all our Officers
for their services during the past year
The Treasurer read her report
which showed a balance of £6. 3. 7.
and the meeting accepted the
Report. Sec. Mrs J. Sinclair

It was explained to the meeting
that we should need more
money, as we had a few
bills to settle which had

been presented since the end of
June, and our Secretary asked
for permission to ask Mess Waggett
for a grant from the Ladies Fund
Prop. Mrs Ruker Sec. Mrs E. ^{Whitehead} ~~Wright~~
that our Secty asked for £50
to be transferred.

Prop. Miss H. Scott, Sec. Mrs J. Metcalfe
The Church have promised to
raise £164 per annum from
1st July 1963 to June 30th 1964.

The question of a baseliner for the
Church was discussed at length.
Mrs Wright Prop. Mrs J. Metcalfe Sec.
that Mrs Sinclair should be
asked to take £5 for attending
to the boxes + we should
then try + get someone to clean
the Church for £10. only 2 voted
for this

Impendment

Prop. Mrs J. Metcalfe
Sec. Mrs J. Boates
that our Secty should ask

Mrs Sinclair if he would look after the Bibles for £7. 10. 0 + in the event of Mrs Sinclair agreeing, she would then put up a notice for advertising for someone to tidy up the Church after each service, for which the payment would be £7. 10. 0

The Amendment was carried.

John Dugg
7.8.1962

Minutes of Church Meeting Wednesday
Oct 25th 1961

Present Mrs Ruken Mrs Sinclair
Miss E. Gilbert Mrs J. Gilbert
Mrs E. Whitehead + Mrs Wright
Our Minister opened with prayer
Scripture reading and prayer

Our Minister signed the Minutes of the meeting held on July 13th after being accepted by those present

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed

Matters arising. Basketmaker
Our Secty reported she had had an application from Kathleen McAuliffe for the basketmaker post. The offer was accepted unanimously. The offer was accepted unanimously by all present. To commence duty as from Nov 1st 1961

Other small details in connection with our Gift Sale were discussed and decided upon.

The meeting then discussed the Report of Commission. 1.
Our Minister outlined the Report in brief, and also a letter which had been received ^{signed} by a number of Ministers stating their views against the Report of Commission 1. No decision was taken at this meeting but it was agreed to discuss the matter more fully at a

latest date.

John Dugg
6.12.1961.

Minutes of Church Meeting held
on Dec. 6th 1961.

Our Minister Presided and
opened with Bible Reading and
Prayer.

Present: Mrs Rukin Mrs Sinclair
Mrs J. Metcalfe, Junr. Miss E. Balvest
Mrs Wright Mr J. Metcalfe.

Our Minister signed the minutes
of the last meeting after being
read and confirmed.

Re barstaker. The question of
giving Kathleen a gift of 10/- at
Christmas was discussed, but
it was felt it would be wisest
to raise the salary of £7. 10-0
to £8 per annum as from
Jan. 1st 1962. This was Prop
by Mrs Rukin J. Metcalfe and

seconded by Mrs Rukin.

All were in favour
Re our gift sale. The amount of
£224 10-0 was raised. of this
amount expenses were £14 12-7.
balance £209 17-5 and our
Treasurer was asked to transfer
£125 to the Ladies fund.
All were in favour of this

Our Secty asked if we were
willing to send 10/- towards
the work among our young
People's Department, as usual
This was agreed to by all.

Arrangements for Christmas

Usual Service on Christmas
Day in which our young
people would read lessons
sing carols etc. Followed by
Supper in the Schoolroom 2/-
Boxing Day.
Mr Barry's coloured slides

to be followed by supper in
the Schoolroom in charge of

Prop Mrs Sinclair Sec. Miss E Gilbert
that Mrs Brian Sunter, name
should be transferred from
Keld. members Roll to that
of Low Row.

John Steff
7.2.1962.

Minutes of Church Meeting held
on Feb 2nd 1962

Present:- Mrs Ruben, Mrs J. Metcalfe
Mrs Sinclair, Mrs J. Metcalfe
Miss E Gilbert, Miss H Scott
Mr J. Metcalfe, Mrs Wright

Our Minister presided and
opened with Bible Reading and
Prayer.

The minutes of our last meeting
were read and confirmed

Owing to Rev J W Berry being on
the sick list our Boxing Day
Programme had to be cancelled
Our Secty saw Mr Berry & he
suggested several dates for his
visit. Arrangements were
discussed. It was Prop by
Mrs Sinclair, Sec. by Mr J Metcalfe
that we should ask Mr Berry
to come on Wed. the 14th Feb.
All were in favour of this

Prop. Mr J Metcalfe, Sec. Miss E Gilbert
That we should have a supper
in the Institute, and our
Secty was asked to write to
Mr Geo Gilbert asking permission
to use the Institute
It was agreed that the Hot Water
could be heated in the
Schoolroom.

February concert.

Our Secretary was asked to

Write to Mrs Atkinson, Brkengasthdale asking if they could arrange a concert Party for February appointment of sub-committee ie Mrs Sinclair Mrs J. Metcalfe + Mrs Ruken to deal with matters regarding the concert Mrs Atkinson could not arrange a Party a proposal by Mrs J. Metcalfe Sec. Mrs Sinclair that permission should be sought to remove the doors from the pews in the church.

This was carried and our Secretary would write to the Trustees.

Our Secty reported that the Manse Roof needed attention without delay. Prop Mrs J. Metcalfe Sec. Mrs Ruken, that Mr George Brown should be asked to examine the roof + timbers and let us have an estimate as to the cost.

Commission 1.

This was again discussed, at some length + it was Prop. Mrs Ruken Sec. Mrs Wright that we reject the proposals set out in Commission 1. This was carried unanimously.

John Dugg
3/12/62

Minutes of Annual Church Meeting held on August 7th 1962.

Present Mrs Ruken Mrs J. Metcalfe Mrs J. Sinclair, Mrs J. Duggell Metcalfe Mrs J. Boates Miss E. Babest Mrs Wright, Miss M. Alderson

Our Minister Presided and opened with Bible Meeting + Prayer

Re Election of Officers of the Church.

Prop Mrs J. Metcalfe Sec. Mrs Sinclair that all Officers of the Church be re-elected. Carried unanimously.

Our Secty reported that during the year we held our usual Gift Sale which was a very successful day (£227) which + was about our usual amount.

In June we had a visit from ladies from Mr Lyman's Bright Hour. Congregations over the past year have been up to the average + quite good in spite of the small population of our vicinity. Mr Legg commenced a class for our young people + we hope to continue this in the winter.

Our Treasurer read her Report which shewed a balance of £43.

The Treasurer + Auditor were thanked for their Reports.

Mrs Rukin Prop + Marina Sec. this all was in favour.

Our Secty was asked to write to our Organists thanking them for their services.

Mrs Rukin Reported that there was £28 in the School House Fund.

John Legg
16/12/1963

Minutes of Church Meeting 3rd Dec 1962
Present - Mrs Rukin, Mrs J Sinclair, Miss E Albert, Mrs Coates, Mrs J Metcalfe, Mrs Wright, Mr J Metcalfe.
Our Minister presided + opened with Bible Reading + Prayer.

Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Prop. Mr J Metcalfe, Sec. Mrs J Sinclair that Mr K. Barningham be asked to remove the doors from the Church Pews + fill in the screw holes + touch up the paint work + repair the Offerory Box.

all were in favour
at the same time ^{our Secty} she would
enquire if they would have a
concert Party to come to Keld
in May.

It was suggested that the
same sub-committee as last year
be appointed to deal with matters
regarding the concert, i.e. Mrs Rukin
Mrs J. Sinclair + Mrs J. Metcalfe
all were in favour of this

Prop. Mr J. Metcalfe Sec. Mrs J. Sinclair
that we again send a Donation
to our Northern College

Christmas arrangements:-

Our Secty informed the meeting that
Mr Berry was unable to bring
his slides on Boxing Day + she
was asked to write him asking
for a date after the first week
in January.

Prop Mr J. Metcalfe Sec Mrs Wright
that we have the usual
Christmas Day Service, with
musical items + Mrs Wright
would ask Mr B. Alderson + our
young people to take part
Supper to follow in the
Schoolroom
Boxing Day ^{Service} would be abandoned

John Stegg.
1.4.1963.

Minutes of Church Meeting 1st April 1963
Present Mrs J. Rukin, Mrs J. Sinclair
Mrs J. Metcalfe, Mrs B. Whitehead
Miss E. Babert Mrs Wright

Our Minister Presided and opened
with Prayer

The minutes of the last meeting
were read and confirmed.

Our Secty reported that the Low Row

Concert Party had promised to come to Keld on May 14th for our Annual Concert. The meeting agreed that the Sub Committee would suggest names for a chairman to ~~be~~ for the concert. Mr H. Metcalfe chairman Re Mr Barry's coloured slides.

It was thought that on account of lambing time and lighter nights this matter should be left over till August and discussed again.

A letter was read from Mrs Smith formerly of Ainsdale asking for her membership to be transferred to Keld + Thwaite. A letter was also read from the Secty of the Cong. Church at Ainsdale supporting Mrs Smith's application.

Prop Mrs Ruker Sec Mrs Wright that Mrs Smith should be accepted as a member.

A letter was read from the Yorkshire Union asking for a donation of not more than £1 00 towards a gift to Mr D. Wade who has completed 25 years as Treasurer of the Yorkshire Union. Prop. Mrs E. Albert Sec Mrs Wright that we send £1.

£ in favour I abstained from voting. Our Secty was asked to arrange for one or two Preliminary notices to be put up re our concert in May.

It was also thought that our Insurances should be looked at + ^{then} considered if we should increase the amount insured.

The meeting closed with prayer

John D. King
18/10/1963.

Minutes of Annual Church Meeting
held on July 16th 1963.

Present Mrs J. Ruben, Mrs J. Metcalfe
Mrs J. Metcalfe, Mrs J. Boates,
Mrs J. Sinclair, Miss E. Lambert,
Mr J. Metcalfe, Mrs Wright.

Our Minister presided and opened
with Bible Reading + Prayer.

The minutes of the last Annual
Meeting were read and confirmed
Prop Mr J. Metcalfe Sec Mrs Boates. Accepted by all
Prop Mr J. Metcalfe seconded Mrs J. Sinclair
that all officers of the Church be
re-elected. All were in favour of
this.

Our Treasurer read her report
for the year ended June 30th 1963
which showed a Balance of £15. 16. 7.

The meeting expressed their thanks
to our Treasurer and Auditor +
all other officers of the Church
for their services during the year.

The meeting closed with prayer.

The Insurance of the Church was
discussed at the Annual Church
Meeting + it was prop. Mr J. Metcalfe
seconded Mrs Sinclair that
our Minister and Mrs Wright
go into this matter and then
report to the Church.

Our Secty reported that she had
been requested by Mrs Metcalfe to
ask if the Church could see their
way to increase her salary as
base salary of the Church
Prop Mrs Ruben. Sec. Mr J. Metcalfe
that we increase the salary from
£8. to £10 per annum
all were in favour of this.

John Stegg
13/8/1964

Minutes of Church Meeting Oct 15th 1963

Present: Mrs Rukin, Mrs Smith
Mrs Surclaus, Miss E. Albert:-

Our Minister presided and opened
with prayer.

re Thwaite Church Renovations.

It was decided to give Thwaite
our church's approval of the
scheme to renovate the church,
under the guidance and approval
of our Minister.

Prop. Mrs Smith Sec Mrs Rukin
all were in favour.

It was agreed to take out a Policy
to cover Voluntary labour against
accident, during the renovations
Premium to be £2. 10. 0.

Re Our Insurance with the Long
Insurance. As agreed at the
last Annual Our Minister and
Secty. have looked into the
matter of coverage.

A Surveyor has examined our
churches and has recommended
that our church + contents at present
insured for £2000 should be
increased to £4000. They have also
quoted for coverage against storm +
tempest + Public Liability.

They also advise the Manse to
be increased from £490 to £3000,
Thwaite to be increased from £430
to £5850.

As it was only a small meeting,
it was felt that we present
could not make a decision
about this matter, but would
discuss it at the next meeting.

Appeals re churches in South Africa
+ Retired Ministers + Widows
Christmas Fund were passed by

Re Commission II.

It was hoped that a few of
our members would go to

Hawes on Nov 2nd to - hear our
Moderator also Rev Alan Sell
speak about Commission 1.

We are trying to fix a date
for Mr Berry to bring his
coloured slides - next Friday Oct 25th
was suggested

John Legg
26.11.1963.

Minutes of Church Meeting held
Nov 26th 1963

Present Nellie, Chrissie Mrs Ruken
Miss E. Balbert Mrs J. Coates Mrs J. Balbert
Miss M. Alderson Mrs L. Coates
Mrs Wright Mr J. Metcalfe.
Our Minister Presided and opened
with Prayer.

Christmas Day Arrangements

It was decided to have a few
musical items during the service,
and our Secty was asked to see
Mrs S. Clarkson, Dorothy Clarkson,
Jennifer + Chris if they would
help us. Supper to follow service.

The Insurance of the Churches was
again discussed in detail
Mr Legg outlined the proposals set
out by the Congregational Insurance
Company.

Prop. Mrs Ruken Sec. Mrs J. Coates
that we insure against Public
Liability - premium to be £1. per an.
It was agreed for the present not
to insure against flood and tempest
All in favour

Prop Mrs J. Coates Sec. Mrs J. Balbert
that we increase the Insurance
on Held Church from £2000 to £4500
All in favour

Prop Mr J. Metcalfe Seconded Mrs Wright
The insurance on the Manse should
be increased from £750 to £1000
All in favour

Prop Miss B. Waggett Sec Mrs Wright
That Thwaite Church be insured
against Public Liability from £1. PA
All in favour of this.

Organists. Our Secty reported

that Mrs S. Fawcett had tendered
her resignation as joint Organist
It was suggested we might see if
we could arrange a rota + Mrs
Wright was asked to approach
Rene Mabel + Jennifer to find out
if they could help us.

Prof Mr J. Metcalfe Sec. Mrs J. Boates.
That in future we pay the Lords
Prayer and that we discontinue
the vesper.
All were in favour.

John Skye
9/4/1964

Minutes of Church Meeting held Apr 7th 1964
Present Mrs Rubin, Mrs Sinclair,
Mrs E. Boates, Miss E. Balvest
Mrs Wright. Minutes last meeting ^{confirmed}

Our Minister presided and
opened with prayer.

Re Mr Vasey's legacy of £140, the
interest from this in the region
of £y. 10 0 P.A. to be used to keep

Mrs + Mr Vasey's grave in good order
As the grave needs attention. Our
Secty was asked to write Mr Peckhard
Hysgarth for an estimate for putting
the grave in order.
Prof. Mrs Sinclair Sec. Mrs. E. Balvest
All were in favour.

A letter was read from L. M. S. asking
if we could raise more money this
year. Our members made a note of
this.

Our Treasurer had received from
Mrs J. Metcalfe, a graveyard book
together with £3 2 5 balance.
Prof. Mrs Sinclair Sec. Mrs Wright
that Mr J. Metcalfe should be
asked if he would take over
the late Mrs Waggett's work and
see the grass in the graveyard
was cut.

All in favour.

Low Row Concert Party
A letter was read from Mr L. Barningham

saying their concert Party were willing to come to Held in May. but could we have them on a Saturday night as a member of the Party was only at home Saturdays. After discussion Saturday May 16th was decided on but in view of this being what Saturday our Secty was asked to write + see if Friday of that week the 15th would be suitable as perhaps the member of the party would be home on Friday night. This was the only suitable date as the following Saturday is the Dales conference.

Gift Sale. Prop. Mrs Ruken.
Sec. Miss E. Balwert; - That we fix our gift sale for Wed. Nov 4th
all were in favour

Morning service was again discussed and we agreed to let the matter be dropped for the time being

minutes of Annual Meeting Aug 13th 1964
Present Miss E. Balwert Mrs R. Alderson.
Mrs J. Balwert, Miss M. Alderson,
Mrs J. Boates, Mrs Ruken Mrs J. Sinclair
Mrs Wright.
Our Minister presided and opened with Prayer.
John Stegg
19/11/1964.

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and confirmed. Our Treasurer read her Statement for the year ended June 30th 1964. which was approved by all. Prop. Mrs Ruken, Sec. Mrs Boates that our Treasurer and Auditor be thanked for their services and they were asked to serve the Church during the next Church year. Prop. Mrs J. Sinclair, Sec. Miss M. Alderson that all other Officers of the Church be thanked for their services.

Other business discussed given overleaf

An Appeal from The Northern College that we should increase our giving in view of the extra money needed to modernise the buildings.

Prop Mrs Ruken, Sec Mrs J Boates that we double our Annual contribution. All were in favour of this.

Opened for Ladies Effort & Gift Sale Nov 4th. Prop Mrs J. Metcalfe seconded Mrs J. Sinclair.

That we should ask Mrs. Ashley Smith, if she would open our sale. Failing Mrs Smith. Prop

Sec. Miss E. Balwert Mrs Ruken Mrs Bamm

All were in favour of this

Eventually opened by Mrs R O'Connell.

Harvest Festival Prop Mrs Sinclair Sec. Mrs Wright that Mr Densdale of Gayle be asked to take our Harvest afternoon service.

Monday night. Prop Mrs J. Metcalfe Sec. Mrs J. Sinclair that we ask

Mr Berry to take out Monday evening service

Failing Mr Berry Prop Mrs J. Metcalfe seconded Mrs R Alderson that we ask Mr J. B. Balwert & voted 2 Abstentions.

The Monday service conducted by Mr. A. Laurie Our Secy was asked to write Mrs Irene Sunter Simonstone asking if she could help us again with a concert party for our sale of livestock etc.

Failing Mrs Sunter Try Secy Reelk Young Farmers all agreed to this.

Minutes of Church Meeting Nov 20 1964

Present: - Mrs Ruken Mrs J Sinclair Mrs J. Metcalfe Mrs J. Boates Miss E. Balwert Mrs E. Whitehead Mrs J. Boates Mrs E. Wright Mrs M. Alderson.

Our Minister Presided and opened

with prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed:

Our Treasurer reported that the total amt of our Gift Sale on Nov 4th was £263 5. 8

Prop Miss E. Calvert Sec Mrs Rukin that we transfer £145. to the Ladies Fund the rest to be placed in Church Funds

All were in favour of this Prop Mrs Rukin Sec Mrs J. Coates that we sent £2. 0. 0 to Makers

Silver Band with thanks for their services on the evening of our Gift Sale all in favour

Howard Stanley Tribute

Prop Mrs Coates Sec Nellie that we send £1. 1. 0

all in favour

Christmas Day arrangements

Prop We have the usual service on Christmas Day conducted by our minister. with a few musical items. Our Secty was

asked to see Jennifer + Dorothy Clarkson Mrs S. Clarkson. Mrs Dick, Laurie - Mrs + Jennifer a. Duet Prop Mrs Rukin, seconded Nellie.

Mrs J. Coates, asked if the Tablets could be opened, during the time our services are being held.

This was approved by all and Mrs Sevelan asked to see this was done.

Our Secty was asked to write to the Secty of the Reeth Young Farmers Club, asking if they were getting a concert party together, and would they give the concert at our Annual Gift concert in the Spring

Our Secretary read a letter from Rev J. W. Berry, saying he had come to the conclusion that he could not accept the church's

invitation to Baptize Mrs Whitehead's baby.

Prop Mrs Rukin

That Mr Bury be asked to re-consider his decision

There was no second for this proposition

Our Minister then asked if anyone else had any other proposition to make

There was no reply to this.

John Stegg.
25.11.1964.

Minutes of meeting held on Nov 25th 1964
Present Matena, Mrs Rukin Mrs Sinclair
Miss J. Coates Mrs E. Whitehead,
Mrs R. Alderson

Our Minister presided and opened with prayer.

The ~~met~~ minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. This meeting was called at the request of Mrs J. Sinclair to discuss further the question of the Baptism of the infant child of Mr + Mrs E. Whitehead. Prop Mrs Rukin Sec Nellie - that the child be Baptized Prop by Mrs Sinclair Sec Mrs Rukin that our Secty should write and ask the Rev A. F. Mee if he would Baptize the infant child of Mrs Whitehead. Dec 20th was suggested as a date for Mr Mee to come over to Keld. In the event of Mr Mee accepting the Church would be responsible for bringing ^{him} to Keld and back home. All in favour. Prop Mrs Rukin All in favour. Sec Annis

Annis
10 Mar 1965

On Dec 6th Mr Legg announced from the Pulpit that he wished to tender his resignation from the Swaledale group of churches at the end of February 1965

minutes of church meeting held on 10th April 1965

Chairman Rev G. W. Barry
Present Matina Mrs G. Lambert,
Mrs Rukin, Mrs Sinclair,
Miss E. Lambert Mrs J. Coates Mrs J. Metcalfe
Mrs E. Whitehead, Miss H. Scott,
Mrs Wright, Mr J. Metcalfe.

Mr Barry opened with Prayer
Baptism

Mr Barry explained that so long as Mr Legg was our minister, he could not interfere in church matters. He said Mr Legg had been a success minister during his ministry of the Swaledale group. Mr Barry explained

now that Mr Legg had left us, he, Mr Barry, could do now, what he could not do before.

He spoke fully on his own views about Baptism, and told our members that they, as a church, should seek to get these young mothers into the fellowship of the church, otherwise our church would die. Just coming on special occasions was not enough.

Mr Barry said he would baptize Mrs Whitehead's baby on Sunday March 21st. With regard to Mrs S. Fawcett's twins, he would wait till they were a little older

Dales Ministry.

Mr Barry is retiring as Dales Minister at the end of June + the Union of S + Wales have agreed to the appointment of another Dales Minister in Mr Barry's place. At present it costs £1200 a year

to have a Dales Minister, including House, bar, etc. The maintenance of the Ministry allow £650 towards this. Fresh arrangements are being made for contributions from the vacant churches, which will be as follows. Vacant churches to contribute $\frac{1}{2}$ of the amount they pay into the group which means Held will have to pay £61. 6 8., which is $\frac{1}{2}$ of the amount we pay into the Swaledale group i.e. £124. When a Minister is appointed we shall pay £10. per year. A resolution was taken and was moved by Mr J. Melcalfe & seconded by our Treasurer. All present agreed. Our Secretary asked Mr Curry if he would give his views about the new Draft constitution. He said he thought that there was nothing in this, that will affect our church life. at Held in an adverse direction.

Our Reeth church have resigned from the Yorks Cong Union also the b. u. of E + W. We are being joined by our Richmond church, who are very pleased to join us. The Swaledale group Reps. met at Low Row + Richmond Reps joined ~~us~~. They are contributing £184 to the scheme. Richmond would have been joining us, even if Reeth had stayed in.

All our members present agreed that we invest the £50, given to our church by the family of the late Mrs Lund, in Defence Bonds.

The Dales conference will be held at Martin Top on Saturday May 15th. This will be Mr Curry's last Dales conference and we ^{hope} a good few of our members will attend this conference - details will be given later. Our Secretary was asked

to write as from this church
meeting to the Rev A F Mee
extending our good wishes to
Mrs Mee and himself during
his illness. ^{saying} We are often thinking
of you here at Hedd.

Minutes of church meeting May 24th 1966

Present: - Mrs Ruker Mrs J Sinclair
Mrs J Metcalfe Mrs E Calvert
Mrs J Coates Mrs A B Wright

Our Secretary read a letter she
had received from Rev J W Beard
asking if we would send a
gift to Mrs R H H Jones as a
tribute to the memory of Rev.
R H H Jones who died after a very
short illness. It had only been our
Dales Minister for 9 months - he
had many friends and was

looking forward to his task amongst
our several churches. Our churches
can ill afford to lose a Minister
like Mr Jones. All the Dales churches
were represented at the funeral
service at Hawes prior to entombment
at Elswick-le-Tyde.

The tenants of our manse
asked if they could have permission
to fix a small aerial at the
end of the church wall.
The Trustees saw no objection to this
provided it was covered by
Insurance. Our Secty was asked to
write the Long Insurance Company
to see if this was in order.

The aerial has now been put on
the end wall of the church + all
is now in order.

Minutes of Annual Church Meeting
held on August 30th 1966

Present

Mrs J. Metcalfe Mrs C. Sinclair
Miss E. Lambert Mrs E. Lambert
Miss H. Scott Mrs E. Wright

The minutes of the last meeting were
read and confirmed.

Our Secy informed the meeting that
Weld Church sent £8. 10. 0 + Invoice
£8. 10. 0. towards the gift to Mrs Jones.
The full total from the Wales Churches
was £290.

The matter of buying the new
Congregational Praise Hymn Books
was discussed and our Secy was
asked to write to the Independent
Press enquiring if the former price
of 10/6 each still held good.

In the event of purchasing some
of these all members present offered
to buy their own.

Harvest Festival Sept 25th

Our Secy was asked to write

Rev L. Bardsley Vicar of Muker
if he would take our Evening Meeting
on Monday Sept 26th at 7 P.M.

The Balance Sheet for year ending June 1966
was read by our Treasurer & showed
a Balance of £110

This was thought by our members present
to be very satisfactory.
All agreed that the Balance ^{Sheet} as read
should be sent to Leeds.

Minutes of Church Meeting held on
Sept 19th 1966

Present:- Mrs J. Metcalfe Mrs J. Sinclair
Miss E. Lambert Miss M. Alderson
Mrs A. E. Wright.

Since our last meeting the price of
"Congregational Praise" has been
increased from 10/6 to 12/6 each
and our Secy asked this meeting
if we should still order them

at the increased price. All present agreed that we should order 50 Book together with an Organist book a suggestion was put forward that some members would buy their own. It was agreed by all present that the money to pay for these should be taken out of our "Ladies Fund"

Our Secretary was asked to write to Mr Barker Healy to see if he would be able this year to send us flowers to decorate the church for our Harvest Festival.

The tenants have asked if we will provide cement and hardboard to repair the wall in the Washhouse of the Manse. There is also a door which needs repairing + they have offered to do this ^{work} using some wood which was formerly the pew doors of the church.

All agreed to this course being followed.

Harvest Festival Weekend £32 8. 6

Minutes of Church Meeting

Present: Mrs J. Melcalfe Mrs E. Calvert Mrs J. Coates Mrs J. Sinclair Mrs E. Wright.

Mrs Sinclair had asked our Secretary if a new fireplace could be put in the Manse Sitting Room. The few members who were at the meeting felt they could not in view of the small number of members at this meeting give an answer.

Our Secty pointed out that in the event of a new fireplace being put in the Rent of the Manse would have to be increased. The matter was left in abeyance.

Our Secretary pointed out that the matters discussed at our members meeting were for discussion by our members and

then passed on to the b church
if necessary, not to be broadcast
to all.

Minutes of b church meeting held
on Wednesday Jan 4th 1964

Present Mrs J Methcalf Miss E
Salvert Miss M Alderson
Mrs J Boates Mrs Wright.

This meeting was called to discuss
our Sunday services. It was
felt that in view of the
stormy weather we were likely
to experience during the next
three months, it was not worth
while asking Preachers from away
in view of the small number
who might be at b church.

All present agreed that we
should have our service each
Sunday at 9 + 6-30 alternately
+ that our Secretary would
take Bible Reading + Prayers.
We would also learn a few

Hymns from the new Congregational
b church Hymn Book, which we
shall be using shortly.

Our Secty said weather permitting
we she would try and ^{get} a preacher
say one Sunday in the month

At the close of the meeting Mrs Wright
expressed her gratitude to the
members for the Tea Trolley she
told the meeting it was an
unexpected gift. She told us we
shall never know how much she
would value this, and said all
she had done for Keld b church
had been a great pleasure to
her + she would continue to do
all she could for the b church + its
members in the future.

Minutes of Church meeting held
on March 7th 1967

The meeting was called to discuss the date of our Ladies Effort + Stock Sale which is held every 3rd year and always the first week in Nov. It was decided at that meeting to fix an Opener for the Ladies Effort. The members present agreed that our Secty should find out what date the Methodest Church intended holding their Sale.

At this meeting it was proposed that we should ask Mrs Redley, at Reeth to open our Ladies Sale + failing her Mrs Mee. It was also suggested that our Secretary should write + ask Mrs Mee if their Party from Ravenstonedale would give a concert in the evening.

Minutes of meeting after service
on Sunday Feb 12th

Present. Mrs J Metcalfe Miss E Calvert
Mrs R Alderson Mrs J Sinclair
Miss M. Alderson Mrs J Alderson
Mrs. J. Metcalfe Mrs E Wright +
Mrs J. Metcalfe: -

Our Secretary reported that the Methodest Church had fixed their sale for Thursday Nov 2nd. This meeting felt that we should not alter ~~the~~ ^{our} sale to a later date + decided to hold it on Wednesday Nov 1st. Our Secty was instructed to put a blaiming Date in the D + S. Times. from now onwards. This was the week we had always held our gift sales + suited our farming folk.

MW Wadsworth
27-3-68

Minutes of Church Meeting Oct 10, 1964

Present: Mrs Jenclaw Mrs Rukin
Mrs J Coates Miss E Calvert Mrs G. Calvert
Mrs E. Whitehead, Mrs J Metcalfe
Miss M. Alderson. Mrs Wright.

Mrs Wright read a letter she had received from Rev J. W. Beard saying the Rev R. Wadsworth had accepted the call sent to him from the Swaledale + Wensleydale group of churches and would be starting his ministry in the new year. All our churches will be very happy that, we have, after a long vacancy, found someone to care for us & his family will receive a warm welcome from all the group of churches.

A letter was read from our Northern College saying that their effort to raise £40,000 for improvement to the Training College ^{had been successful} & thanking all the churches for their help. Our Treasurer read the Annual

Report showing a Balance of £123-16-9. A letter had been received saying that as the Dales Group has been disbanded, the Swaledale + Wensleydale group has been attached to the Harrogate group. This was agreed to. Balance in Ladies Fund £343 13 6.

RW Wadsworth

Following the above meeting, we held one to discuss details of our Gift Sale on Nov 1st at which adherents were invited. Arrangements were made for the kind of stalls, helpers on these stalls, Refreshments, and all the various duties attached to a function of this kind. Mr Ollershaw will open the Sale of Livestock, Mr Peacock the Auctioneer + Mrs Pedley Reeth will open the Ladies Sale & Concert Party from Egglestone will entertain in the evening. Teas + Suppers will be served.

Another meeting my was held on Oct 25th
Oct 25th in the Manse

Present Mrs Sinclair, Mrs Hunter
Mrs Hutchinson Mrs Rukin Mrs M Alderson
Mrs J Coates, Mrs J Clarkson
Mrs J Lambert Mrs E Lambert
Miss M Alderson.

It was decided to order 14 lbs Beef
& the Potted meat would be made at
Rose Cottage. Chrissie also ordered
a ham. Ordered 15 Loaves Bread
and 2 doz bread buns ^{from Sylva} also 15 Loaves
Bread from J. Coates.

Helpers with Refreshments will all
pay for tea, but supper will be
free

Helpers in morning for Tea & tables
Joy, Nellie, EW, Annie, Rose Cottage
Mrs Thornborrow

Rene will introduce Mrs Pedley

KW

Our gift sale took place as
arranged on Nov 1st
We were a bit anxious on the
morning of the sale as to whether
the Live Stock could take place
however, after a good deal of enquiry
by Mr J. Metcalfe we were given
permission to hold the sale of
Stock, but they had to be left
in the field in which they were
sold until "all clear" was given.
We express our thanks to Mr Metcalfe
for all he did to make the sale of
Stock possible. The sale realized
£

Our Ladies effort was opened by
Mrs J. Pedley Reeth. A Box of
3 chocolates was presented to her
by Angela Coates and Buttonholes
were presented to Mr Ollershaw &
Mr J. Peacock by Hazel Whitehead
Mr Ollershaw opened the Live
Stock Sale which realized
Letters of thanks have been sent
to all who helped with the sales

Tea was served from 3-30 onwards.
A concert Party from Egglestone
entertained us in the evening &
was much appreciated by a large
audience. Buffet was served
at the close and it was agreed
that, in spite of the wet weather,
we had had a happy day.
The result of the sale was £232.

KW Wadsworth

27. 3. 68

minutes of meeting held on
March 27th 1968.

Present Rev R W Wadsworth
Mrs Sunclaw, Mrs E. Whitehead
Mrs J. Boates, Miss E. Balwert
Mrs J. Metcalfe, Mrs Wright.

Our Minister opened the meeting
with Prayer.

The last minutes were read and
confirmed and signed.

Re. Frank Metcalfe's Legacy
This legacy of £80 was ~~left~~ left to
our church in 1957⁺ became due for
re-payment, and we were asked
if we wanted to invest these bonds
in 5½% Development Bonds and
all who accepted this offer were
asked if they would like to
transfer these to British Savings
Bonds. On behalf of the church
I wrote accepting the transfer,
which will now bear interest at
the rate of 6% ^{agreed}
all at the meeting, with this transfer
thought

Mr Wadsworth, that a report
re the School House Funds should
be given at our Annual Meeting
of church members

Our Treasurer reported that the
amount in the Ladies Fund
was £355. 1. 10

The meeting asked Mrs Wright to write ^{to ask} Mr J E Brown to look at the fireplace in the Manse Sitting Room as the rain comes ⁱⁿ + tell us what can be done about it.

It was decided by the meeting that a new sink should be put in the Kitchen of the Manse.

MW Wadsworth

Minutes of Church Meeting July 10th 1968

Our Minister Presided + Opened with Prayer
Present Mrs J Metcalfe Mrs Ruker
Mrs Sinclair Mrs J Coates Miss E Balvert
+ Mrs Wright

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising. Our Treasurer read the Balance Sheet showing a Balance of £123. 16 s. at the end of June. This was agreed by all members present. This balance was larger than usual as we had no Minister until Jan 1968. At present our Church provides £200 per annum towards the Minister's Stipend.

It was proposed by Mrs Wright that the Church would find £20 more towards the Minister's stipend for the year ending June 1969.

This was agreed by all present.

Discussion took place as to why not try a Bring + Buy Stall in early December. Mrs Metcalfe also would try to get someone she knew who has a film of the Dales to come. We would also serve coffee. All present at the meeting thought

this to be a good idea.

Mrs Wadsworth asked if each of the churches would appoint one person to let him know of any one who was ill etc.

Mrs Wright promised to do this.

Mr Wadsworth thought it would be good to hold an Annual

Service on his Induction Day in April, holding it at each of the 5 churches in turn.

All agreed to this suggestion.

Our Minister thanked Miss

Lowest for keeping the accounts. The meeting agreed to take Enterprise for 1 year. Mrs Sinclair gave a Report on the School House funds.

The meeting closed with prayer
Church

Annual Visitation of our church at Keld took place on July 29th

when the Minister & Secy of our

Wetherhallion church met. Our

Minister and Mrs Wright

S. 9. 68.

K. W. Wadsworth

Minutes of Church Meeting Sept 5th 1968.
Present, Mrs J. Metcalfe Mrs J. Sinclair.

Mrs E. Whitehead, Mrs J. Coates.

Miss E. Lambert, Miss M. Alderson +

Miss H. Scott, Mrs Wright

Our Minister presided + opened with Prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed and signed.

Mrs J. Metcalfe reported to the meeting that Mr Clementson would be pleased to come to the church and give a film show on Dec 6th 7. PM. It was also decided to hold a Bring + Buy Stall, and a Supper to follow. There will be a collection after the pictures, and a Supper will be provided.

Our Harvest Festival will be on Sept 29th. Our Minister will be with us at both Service 2 + 6-30 PM.

On Monday there will be a short Service, 7. PM, followed by Sale of Produce etc. in the schoolroom.

Our Secretary was asked to ask Mr R. Metcalfe, "Greenesis" if he would again act as auctioneer of the Sale in the Schoolroom.

Mrs Wright will again ask Mr Barker Healaugh if he will, as in former years, be able to send us flowers for church decoration.

Re The Manse. Several items in the Manse need attention. The roof needs attention as water comes down the chimney when it rains heavy - the sink in the scullery ^{sinks} needs attention - in fact it requires a new one - the back door also wants replacing.

Mr Wadsworth promised to have a word with Mr J E Brown + get some idea of the cost of these items, and let the church know on Sunday next.

The meeting asked our Secty to

write to Mr Bernard Bowman for an estimate for painting the outside of the church, also graining the door, and re-painting the notice board.

Mr Wadsworth read a letter which he suggested should be sent to all adherents + members of the church, asking if they would think about increasing their giving to the church. It was agreed to do this. Mrs J. Metcalfe said she would prefer to vote neutral.

On second thoughts it was felt that the letter referred to above should not be sent.

A short meeting was held in church on Sunday 5th September to consider the estimate given by Mr J E Brown. Members present Mrs R Alderson, Miss H Scott, Mrs J Coates, Mrs Sinclair, Miss E Caldwell, Mr + Mrs J Metcalfe, Mrs E Wright.

after much discussion it was agreed that the roof of the manse should be attended to and a new back door should be provided. The question of the sink was left in abeyance

K.W. Wadsworth

Minutes of Meeting Oct 31st
Present Messrs M. Alderson

Mrs J. Sinclair, Mrs J. Malsalfe
Mrs E. Lambert, Mrs J. Coates
Mrs J. Metcalfe, Messrs H. Scott.
Mrs Wright and our ministers

In view of the exceptionally stormy night it was felt that Mrs Wright & our ministers should not stay long and they left the meeting, after agreeing that we should accept Mr Bowman's estimate. The members & friends remaining to make the necessary arrangements for the Yelm Show

Bring & Buy Stall + Supper on Dec 6th
Result money Raised £24

K.W. Wadsworth

Meeting after service on Nov 25th
after considering the question of a suggestion that we should join our Methodist Church; during the winter months having a service in our church & in the Methodist Church on alternate Sundays. Our members felt they did not favour this idea

K.W. Wadsworth

21. 7. 69.

Minutes of Church Meeting July 21st 1969

Our Minister presided and opened with Prayer Present:- Mrs J. Coates, Mrs J. Sinclair Miss E. Calvert Mrs J. Ruker Mrs Wright.

Our Treasurer read out the Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended June 30th 1969, showing a Balance of £128. 3. 10.

The meeting thanked our Treasurer for her work for keeping our accounts, which were thought to be satisfactory. Proposed Mrs Sinclair. Seconded Mrs J. Coates, and agreed, to by all Present.

With regard to the Church's amount paid towards the Ministers stipend for the year ending June 30th 1970. the meeting agreed to raise our contribution by ~~£100~~^{£125} per annum.

Harvest Festival. It has been the practice to buy fruit and pay for this from Church Funds. A suggestion that members and friends

give 2/6, plus, if they like. Mr Wadsworth promised he would go to Richmond, to buy fruit etc and bring it up to Keld. This was agreed to by all.

With regard to Broken Intake Rent Mr Wadsworth will talk to Jack M. about the Rent for this £6. and then to Mr W. Alderson as to a possible increase in Rent.

Repairs to Manse. Repairs to Roof. cost £30. 14. 6. Door £12.

It was reported that our Sunday School Fund stands at £22. 16. 1.

Our Harrogate District has asked what Keld Church would give to Home Missions, and it was thought £4. 0. 0.

Last year visitors from The Harrogate District looked round our Church and, gave us a good report. This

year they are meeting all the
churches at the group ^{committee} meeting
on Aug 28th

Representatives on the group committee
Mr J. Metcalfe and Miss E. Calvert
were - re-appointed, and either Mrs Sinclair
or Mrs Boates, would be an extra
representative

We have maintained services
every Sunday, with regular services
of Holy Communion. We have met
for social events, and have been
supported by the village people.
Our village is visited by a very
considerable number of people who
visit the church when on holiday

The meeting thanked our minister for
making the new notice Board.

K. V. Wadsworth
17.11.69

minutes of church meeting Nov 12th 1969

Present Mrs J. Lukin, Mrs Sinclair
Miss H. Scott, Miss E. Calvert
Mrs J. Boates, Mrs Wright
Mr J. Metcalfe.

Our minister presided and
opened with Prayers
Minutes of last meeting
were read and confirmed

Bring + Buy Stall Nov. 25th 1969

Mr Wadsworth will show a
film, followed by Bring + Buy
Stall, in the school room, supper
proceeds for church funds.
Marina, Dorothy & Susan to be
asked if they will help with
the stall.

Mrs Wright will try to arrange
for a collection in aid of the
J. W. Ship.

"Sign In" envelope have been given out & we hope for a good response for this 1% gift. It was decided to sign in in the church 14th + 21st Dec.

Mrs J. Boates was appointed Secretary for Women's work

Sunday School.

It was agreed to make a fresh start in the Spring. Marina, Susan & Dorothy to be asked if they will help.

Mr Wadsworth will obtain handbooks etc. Mrs Wright to help in any way she can. The meeting thanked Mrs Wright for all she has done for the Sunday School.

The meeting closed with prayers.

Mr Wadsworth

27.4.70.

minutes of church meeting Apr 27th 1970
Present Mrs J. Sinclair Mrs J. Boates,
Miss E. Balwert, Miss M. Alderson
Mrs Wright:-
Our minister opened with Prayer.
The Bring and Buy stall on Nov 25th realized £18. 5. 0 for church funds.

S. School Anniversary.

Mr Wadsworth thought the children should take up to 10 of the service.

Mr Wadsworth suggested that when Sunday School starts the children should come into church for the first 10 minutes.

Our college at Manchester is now an amalgamation of the colleges of Manchester, Bristol + Nottingham. There are 30 students in training including 2 women.

The new Principal is Dr Edgar Jones

Retirement of our Moderator Rev
Martin Shepherd. It was decided
at the group committee meeting
to send £1. 00 from the
Swaledale group, towards a gift
to him, also £1. 0. 0 towards
a gift to Rev J. R. Beard, for
his 13 years of service to our
Yorkshire Church.

Mr Beard will follow Rev Martin
Shepherd, as Moderator

The new Secretary to follow
Mr Beard will be Mr John Gilbey
who has returned from Madagascar
and is a member of Wakefield
Congregational Church

Group Anniversary Service at
Hawes April 26th + letter
will be sent to Mr Leyland
thanking our Hawes Church
for their hospitality at the
Anniversary Service

The Group Anniversary Service
April 1971. Will be held at Keld
Church

Sale of Work. It was thought to
hold the Sale on Thursday
Oct 29th? Mrs Sinclair will ask
The Secty of the Public Hall if
the Hall is available for this
day.

Openers for the Sale

Mr J. Davis was proposed for
the Live Stock + Mrs Burry
for the Ladies effort.

Auctioneer Mr J. Peacock

Miss Grayson Mr Wadsworth
suggested, that we as a Church
might invite her and other
people in the Village to tea
and Biscuits. The Church to act
as Hosts. The date suggested was
Wednesday 6th May 7 PM to 8-30
Marina and Anne will get cups out
Anne will give milk + Mr Wadsworth
will bring Tea, Biscuits + Sugar

When the date of the Sale is fixed our Secretary will write to the Openers & Auctioneer.

The meeting closed with prayer

AWW

Minutes of Church Meeting 12.8.40.
4 members Present

The accounts were received and approved with thanks to Treasurer. It was agreed that the Church should ^{must} find £240 towards the cost of the Ministry (Group Funds) for the year beginning July 1941.

It was noted that the only contribution to C.B.W.M. during the past year was 16/- for Medical Missions. It was agreed that the Church must find means to increase this amount.

It was agreed that members

and friends be invited to give contributions (2/6 or more) for the purchase of fruit etc for the Harvest Festival. Mr Wadsworth volunteered to purchase the fruit. It was agreed that Mr Ronnie Metcalfe be asked to act as Auctioneer. Mr Wadsworth was asked to ask him to do this

It was thought highly desirable that a concert Party be obtained for the November Sale.

Mr Wadsworth was asked to approach Mr Jackson of Inker to see if he could arrange this. Mr Wadsworth was also asked to invite Mr J. Peacock Reeth to act as Auctioneer. A meeting to arrange about food etc to be held later.

It was agreed that Mr Wadsworth should speak about the World Poverty appeal on a Sunday and give out leaflets and collecting

envelopes to be returned on
Remembrance Sunday.

It was agreed that the Sunday
School Outing for next year be
considered at an early date - as
there had been difficulties about
School holiday, and in filling a coach.
It was suggested that one possibility
might be to hold a "joint church S.S.
outing" with the Methodists + Wesleyan Hawes

It was agreed to hold our
S. School Party on New Year's Day
Jan 1st. Marina and Margaret
to buy presents. Marina would
ask Norman Guy re music.
K.W.W.

minutes of church meeting Oct 6th 1970
to discuss details re gift sale
to be held on Nov 4th 1970.
It was good to have some of our
young people at the meeting.

Live Stock Sale opened by
Mrs J. Davis, at 2-15 P.M.
Auctioneer for Live Stock
Mr J. Bell.

Boxes of chocolates for Mrs Davis
and Mrs Berry.

Buttonhole for Mr Bell

Mr Wadsworth will introduce
Mrs Davis and Mr Bell ~~has~~ at
the Live Stock Sale

Mrs Wadsworth will introduce
Mrs Berry + Mrs Davis

Twins will present
Boxes of chocolates to Mrs Berry
and Mrs Davis.

In charge of Live Stock Sale
Mr J. Melcalfe, Mr B. Alderson +
John Coates. 2-15 P.M.

all ladies will help preparing
Tea + Supper: charge 2/6 Adults
1/3 children, jellies 9^d each

concert at 7 P.M. by members of the
Richmond Operatic Society
Admission 2/6 children 1/-
Chorus will ask if the Public Hall
Piano is in tune

Lynnie will order bread
b. hessie will get flowers and
Decorations for Platform with
Marina + Elsie. Rose Cottage
will make Potted Meat

All the Ladies of the Church will
help with Tea + Supper

Tea. charge 2/6 + 1/3 children
Supper " 2/6 + 1/3 "

Mrs Alderson will take collection
at the door in the afternoon

Decorations for Platform
These will be arranged by

Mrs J. Metcalfe, Marina and Elsie.
b. hessie will order flowers for the
Platform.

Collectors for concert

Mrs R. Metcalfe + Mr Robert Thornborrow.

Stall holders, arranged as follows
New stall, Dorothy, Joyce, Anne.

Fancy, Elsie, Jean Thornborrow.

Grocery, Rene, Betty

Jumble, Fanny, Margaret

Bran Tub, Mabel

Jelly, Marina, Molly, Elsie, Margaret

Auction, Mrs J. Hunter, Miss E. Lambert
Mrs Wright

Total amount of Sale £ 292.

K.W.W.

Minutes of a Church Meeting at Keld 11.2.71

Present eight plus the minister

Minutes the secretary, Mrs Wright, being in hospital as the result of an accident, the minute book was not available. Thanks for Mrs Wright's long and devoted service to the church was expressed. It was desired that this be recorded.

Plan the plan of services for April to June was considered. It was noted that all Sundays were provided for except 13th June when Mr Wadsworth would be on holiday. Mr. Wadsworth offered to invite Rev. Dennis Friend for that date. This was agreed.

School Master's House - as the house was not required by the present teacher, and as it is undesirable to leave the house vacant, it was agreed on the recommendation of the School House Committee, to let the house to a particular friend of the church who had offered to vacate the house if required in a few years' time. The rent,

which had been £1 per week, would be arranged by the committee at the same or a similar amount. It was pointed out that so far as is known there is no written regulation about the use of the house; but it is agreed by the church that the primary purpose, & intention of the donor, is occupation by the school-teacher.

Committee: Mrs Rubin (for whose services thanks were expressed) having relinquished her appointment, it was agreed that Miss Manina Alderson be appointed in her place.

Sunday School Outing: the only date suitable to Homes appeared to be 3rd July. Miss Manina Alderson was making enquiries as to whether this would be suitable to Keld people for a joint outing. It was agreed that if a sufficient number find this suitable, a joint outing be arranged. If there are very few interested there should be no outing for Keld.

Institute: a letter from Mr. George Calvert, secretary of the Literary Institute, reported that the Institute Committee and members had decided that it was impossible for the present Institute to carry on. Therefore the

Institute's affairs were being wound up and the property returned to the church. Discussion followed on the future use of the building. Possibilities of its use by the church or village seemed unlikely. It was agreed that Mr. Wadsworth enquire of the Yorkshire Congregational Union (the trustee) as to conditions of sale of the building and use of the proceeds of sale. Further discussion to follow the receipt of this information.

Remembrance Sunday Collection. For many years this has gone to St. Dunstan's. It was pointed out that the funds of St. Dunstan's make further collections for this fund unnecessary. Haig's Poppy Fund or Red Cross or some other fund might be more suitable. A decision on this to be made at a meeting later in the year.

Finance The treasurer reported a current balance of £77 on the general account. The net proceeds of the 'Gift Sale' had been £281. Of this £200 had been transferred to the "Ladies' Fund" and was receiving interest. The Treasurer hoped that it might be possible to reach the year's end without transferring any

money back to the general fund. The "Ladies' Fund" stands at £560 plus interest.

Church Heating It was pointed out that the present boiler has been in use for many years. It is not so efficient as it was & it is unlikely that its life can be very much longer. It is now impossible to obtain a similar model. An oil-fired boiler would be no more expensive to run & would avoid dirt & labour. It was agreed that Mr. Wadsworth should obtain quotations for a suitable oil-fired boiler.

Group Anniversary - 25th April. The treasurer agreed to book the Public Hall for tea. Arrangements for the tea to be in the hands of the ladies of the church. Agreed that the cost of hiring the hall be taken from the collection at the tea-table, the remainder to go to Group Funds. Mrs J. Metcalfe offered to provide a ham for making sandwiches for the tea.

Manse Rent. After some discussion it was agreed that the tenants of the manse (Mr & Mrs Sinclair) be asked to pay a rent for the manse similar to that charged for the schoolmaster's house (which has been £1 per week), the church to be responsible for repairs.

Slides Agreed to have coloured slides shown by Mr. Wadsworth on Saturday, 6th March at 7.30pm

Broken intake It was thought that the rent of this land should be rather higher. Mr. Wadsworth had seen Mr. W. Alderson who suggested the rent was high enough. Mr. Metcalf promised to see Mr. Tom Peacock as to the value of the property.

K.W. Wadsworth

Minutes of Church Meeting at Keld 29th March 1971

Present - seven plus the minister, who acted as secretary.

Minutes of the last meeting were read & signed as correct.

Matters arising: Rev Dr Friend had agreed to conduct Service on 13th June

Schoolhouse: let to Mr & Mrs R. Alderson at £1 per week.

Agreed that the tenancy commence on 1.5.71.

Miss M. Alderson had agreed to serve on the schoolhouse committee.

Group Anniversary: the hall was booked & arrangements were reported to be in hand.

Mause Rent: agreed that it be £1 per week

(the same as for the schoolhouse); the new rent to begin on 6.4.71.

Broken intake: Mr. Wadsworth reported that Mr. J. Alderson agreed that a higher rent was reasonable. Agreed that the treasurer give Mr. Alderson notice that the rent will be increased to £12 p.a. payable for the first time in May 1972.

Church Boiler: Quotations had been received from G.H. Walker (£260 - including time & cost etc) and from Spencer & Ward (£213). It was decided that this be left for the time & that a decision be made at a meeting later in the year.

Institute A letter from the Secretary of the Yorkshire Congregational Union gave assurance that the property can be sold & the money ^{from the sale} used either for capital purposes or invested & the interest used for ordinary church funds (& gave advice on the manner of sale). It was realised that the sale of the property would be easier & would bring a better price if the whole building were offered for sale. Part of the building is however let at a nominal rent as a garage. It was agreed that the matter

be left for further consideration & decision at a later church meeting.

Church Secretary It was noted that the church must appoint a successor to Mrs Wright as Secretary. Mr Wadsworth offers to do the work for the time being.

Christian Aid Week Mrs Coates & Mrs Whitehead (of R. Stovesdale) agreed to confer with members of the Methodist Church to arrange the area for house to house collection during Christian Aid Week.

Vacuum Cleaner. Mr. Wadsworth was asked to obtain prices of new & second-hand vacuum cleaners. It was agreed that as we are much indebted to members and friends for clearing the church without payment, the church should provide a suitable cleaner.

M. Wadsworth
23.7.71

Minutes of Church Meeting at Keld 23.7.71

Present: The minister, who acted as secretary and 7 members.

Minutes - Of the last meeting were read, approved & signed.

Matters arising: Christian Aid Week - This had been carried out as planned, thanks to Mrs Coates & Mrs Whitehead.
Vacuum Cleaner - Mr. Wadsworth had obtained some prices of reconditioned cleaners. It was thought that, in view of other expenditure, this might be left.

Accounts: The annual statement of accounts was presented by the treasurer, showing a balance at 30.6.71 of £29-35, with £569 in the "Ladies Fund" & £31 in the School Fund. The statement was approved with thanks to the treasurer. It was agreed that the church should find £245 for Group Funds for 1972/3, an increase of £5. The statement re church for Grants Schedule was approved.

Boiler: It was decided to install an oil-fired boiler to heat the church & to accept the quotation of G.H. Walker for £260-60.

Mr. Wadsworth to urge that the work be completed before the end of the summer.

Union with Presbyterians: it was agreed to hold a special church meeting at 7.30pm on Friday the 7th October to vote re union with Presbyterians & joining the proposed United Reformed Church.

Church Secretary: the meeting unanimously and warmly agreed in its desire that Miss Manina Alderson be asked to accept the office of Church Secretary. Mr. Wadsworth to invite her to do this & urge upon her the wishes & goodwill of the church.

Children's Christmas Party: the meeting approved the holding of a Christmas Party for all Keld children of school age in co-operation with the Methodists & the day school, & the contribution of £5 from S. School funds. Miss M. Alderson & Mrs A. Coates were appointed to act with the Head Teacher & 2 representatives of the Methodists.

Christmas Services: agreed that we hold a service at 6.30pm on Christmas Day, but no service at our church on ~~the~~ Sunday 26th; but to share in the service at the Methodist Church.

Harvest Festival: agreed to similar arrangements to last year's; cash contributions towards fruit to Mr. Wadsworth.

Institute: agreed that steps be taken to sell the Institute Building; therefore to hold a special church meeting for this purpose at 8pm on Tuesday 7th September.

K.W. Wadsworth
26.5.72

Minutes of a Special Church Meeting 7.9.71

The meeting was held to consider the proposal to sell the Institute Building. Only four members attended. It was agreed that for a successful sale it would be necessary to offer the whole building. Part is to be a garage at a nominal rent. It was thought desirable that alternative garage occupation might be provided & that this would help subsequent letting of the house.

It was agreed to ask further advice from the County Union

K.W. Wadsworth
26.5.72

Minutes of Special Church Meeting 8th October 1971

Present: ten church members & the minister in the chair, also acting as secretary.

Business to consider union with the Presbyterians & in particular to vote on the following proposition.
" (a) that this church resolves to unite with other member churches of the Congregational Church and with congregations of the Presbyterian Church to form one United Church under the name of the United Reformed Church (Congregational-Presbyterian) in England & Wales by the procedures and upon the basis, terms & conditions and with the Ministry, Structure & Councils defined and declared in the Scheme of Union.
" (b) and that the minister & the church secretary or one of them are requested to report forthwith to the Minister Secretary of the Congregational Church the number of votes cast for and against this resolution."

After explanation of the scheme & of procedure & questions & discussion a vote was taken by show of hands.

The voting was: 9 in favour & 1 against. The chairman therefore declared the motion carried by the required 75% majority.

Other business: the chairman expressed appreciation of Cleaning: the efforts of members & friends the recent cleaning of the church.

Secretary: the chairman reported that Miss Marina Alderson had decided, after careful consideration and with regret, that she could not accept the position of church secretary. Members were asked to give this appointment ^{earnest} ~~earnest~~ consideration. Mr. Wadsworth offered to ^{continue to} do the necessary work for the present.

Heating: the satisfactory installation of the oil fired heating was noted. Thanks were expressed to Mr & Mrs Sinclair for service over many years in connection with the old coke boiler. The meeting desired Mr Wadsworth to ask ~~Mr~~ Mr Sinclair if he was willing to look after the oil fired boiler (insofar as any care might be required) as a voluntary service to the

church. ~~Ass~~

Slides etc.

It was agreed to hold a social evening on Saturday 6th November. Mr Wadsworth to show slides at 7.30 pm, with tea & biscuits & a bazaar & book stall in the school to follow. Charge for whole evening 10p (children 5p).

W. Wadsworth

26-5-72

Minutes of Church Meeting 26th May 1972

Present: 7 members, the minister in the chair who also acted as secretary.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed along with other previous minutes.

Matters arising: it was noted that the proposed social evening had been held, & also that Mr J. Sinclair had kindly agreed to look after the boiler as asked.

Anniversary: it was agreed to hold two services for the Sunday School Anniversary this year, 2.10.20 pm

Harvest: it was agreed that the Harvest Festival services be held on 24th October & that as the Minister will be absent on that day Mrs J. Mee be invited to conduct the services. Inviting Mrs Mee, Rev D. Friend or Rev J. A. Fyans also invited. Agreed to hold a show service at 7 pm on the 25th to be followed by the Sale at 7.30 pm in the church; Mr. Ronnie McCreagh to be invited to act as auctioneer.

Finance the Treasurer ~~was~~ reported a balance of £106 in the general fund & £143 in the "Ladies Fund", with two months' collections & some ~~was~~ a little interest also received & no outstanding accounts. Mrs Calvert was thanked for her report.

Broken intake. the Treasurer reported that Mr Alderson (tenant of Broken Intake) thought that £12 was too high a rent, but was willing to pay £10. It was agreed that the

church seek & accept the recommendation of Mr. J. Metcalf on whether to accept £10 or to insist on £12.

Manse Insurance: It was agreed to increase the amount for which the Manse is insured to £2,500 (instead of £1,325) at ^{annual} ~~an~~ premium of £3.

Graveyard. It was agreed that negotiations & fees re graveyard be revised - Mr Wadsworth to bring drafts to next church meeting.

Representation. Mrs Wadsworth was appointed representative to the Treeside District of the Roman Catholic & the United Reformed Church. This to be ratified after 5th October when the URC is formally instituted.

Co-operation with local Methodists - it was agreed to hold conversations about possible united services & for other co-operation; the representatives to be appointed after service on 11th June in order to give all members opportunity to be present & express an opinion.

RW Wadsworth
12.7.72

Church Meeting 12.7.72 at 7.30 pm

Present five members and the minister who acted as secretary

Minutes of the last meeting were read & signed.

Arising from the minutes: it was noted with pleasure that Mrs Mee had accepted the invitation to conduct the Harvest Festival Services. Broken intake - the recommendation was that the rent be £12

Graveyard - a new scale of charges was suggested by Mr Wadsworth. It was agreed to circulate these & to make a decision at the next meeting.

Accounts the annual accounts were presented & approved, with thanks to the Treasurer & also to others who give voluntary service to the church. A balance of £127.25.

Donation from Sunday School - a donation of £20 to the Church general fund from Sunday School funds was approved. This to be specifically towards the bales.

Schedules - the statement was approved. It was agreed to offer £250 to Group Funds for the year 1973-4.

Wreaths agreed that if ^{on flowers} wreaths are purchased for a funeral the cost be borne by members and friends & not taken from church funds.

Insurance - agreed that personal accident cover should not be increased.

Church Secretary - Mrs Mabel Calvert was invited to serve as Church Secretary. On her agreeing to accept this office the warm approval of other members was expressed.

Other Business. Slide Show & Brunch & Buy Stall with Coffee - arranged for Saturday 7th October; Mr. Wadsworth to provide slides.

K.W. Wadsworth
7.11.72

Church Meeting 7-11-72. at 7.30 pm.

Present. the Minister + 6 members.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Arising from the minutes. Graveyard charges
Mr Wadsworth asked if we would like him to make enquires, regarding the scale of charges in other villages in the dale.

This was agreed by all.

Representative

Mrs Wadsworth was confirmed as representative to the Tees-Side District + the Provincial Synod.

Group Committee. It was agreed to have 3 or 4 members on the group committee.

Elders

agreed to appoint 3 Elders who would meet with the minister, perhaps once a month.

Church Account All agreed that Church account should be changed to its new name United Reformed Church.

Christmas Day a service to be held as usual at 6.30.

Slide Show Mr Wadsworth suggested we have a slide show in March, as he hoped to have some more slides by then. This was agreed upon. The date fixed was Friday, March 30th 1973. Also to have a bring + buy stall, + serve tea + biscuits.

Outside light It has been noted that the outside light needed attention. This matter was left ^{with} Mr Wadsworth + Mr J. Sinclair, to find out if it ought to be repaired or a new one fitted.

R.W. Wadsworth
11.12.72

Church Meeting 11-12-72

Present The Minister + 7 members.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

Arising from the minutes. Funeral + Graveyard Charges.

grave (to hold two) a) Church Member. £2.
b) others £5.

Plus additional charge by grave-digger employed by the undertaker, for digging or re-opening a grave.
Funeral Service in the Church. I Fee to Church.

a) regular attenders at worship.
(including all church members) no charge.
b) others £1.

II Fee to Minister a) Church members £1
b) others £2.

III Fee to organist by arrangement with the organist.

Institute

Mr Hatton has asked if ^{he} could rent the Institute for a lottery ^{+ woodwork} display. ^{+ sale} This matter to be decided upon at another meeting.

Gift Sale.

We had hoped to hold a gift sale

this year, but ~~we~~ we were asked by the secretary of the Public Hall, if we could postpone this until 1974. As they were having a Gift Sale this year. To meet the cost of the new heating system, which they have had to install.

The Church has therefore agreed to postpone its own Gift Sale until next year.

Gift Day As it is necessary for the Church to raise some extra money before 1974 so it was decided to have a Gift Day on Sunday, 11, February 1973. With a special Gift Day Hymn Service at 6 pm. Also to send out letters to any one connected with the Church.

Elders the following were appointed, Mrs Sinclair, Miss E. Calvert, & Mrs M. Calvert.

Crack in Church wall agreed that Mr Wadsworth should ask Mr G. E. Brown for an estimate for this work, & ask him to carry out the necessary work, if he thought the cost was not too high.

Outside light Mr Wadsworth & Mr Sinclair have needed. looked into ^{this} matter and found a new light would be needed.
RW Wadsworth
31.1.73

Church Meeting 31-1-73

Present the minister & eight members.
Minutes of the last meeting were read & signed.
Institute.

This meeting was held to decide whether, or not to let the building to Mr Hatton. A decision was reached to rent the Institute for £50 £60 yearly, on a lease to run two years, then renewable.

Mr Wadsworth agreed to show Mr Hatton over ^{the} rooms & to discuss repairs. The Bank & farmers group to be given notice to leave.

Books. Dr Ashley Smith & Mr T.C. Calvert are interested in buying these.

Garage

Proposed by Miss E. Calvert that the rent be £15 a year. Seconded by Miss M. Alderson. Motion carried.

Pulpit Supplies for March 4th & May 20th
As Mr Wadsworth was unable to be with us on these two occasions it was agreed to use the tape recorder for March 4th. A supply to be found for May 20th

Meetings for Winter

Our minister urged that we should hold some kind of meetings (or get together) during the ^{week for} winter months.

RWW Wadsworth
25. 5. 73

Church Meeting 25-5-73.

Present. The Minister + seven members.

minutes of the last meeting read + signed.

Matters arising. Institute.

Yorkshire Union had asked for valuation of the premises and on this basis negotiated a 2 yrs lease with Mr Hatton - 1st year at £100, 2nd year at £130, payable quarterly in advance. Bank etc have vacated the premises.

Garage - elders had agreed with tenant Mr Joe Sinclair that he have the garage + stable adjacent for £15 per annum, stable on 2 yrs lease.

Weeknight meetings - agreed to hold a weeknight service in church on Tuesday 2nd Oct at 7-30 p.m. and in November, December etc to hold a service on 1st Tuesday + social gathering on 3rd Tuesday. each month. Elders to make necessary

arrangements. Methodists to be invited to join.

Finance. Treasurer reported about £36 in hand in general fund; about £250/260 in reserve. (Ladies fund)

August 12th Agreed to hold no service at Keld on this date, but to encourage people to attend the annual Smarber Hall Service at 2-30 p.m.

Harvest Festival, Sept. 23/4 agreed to ask for donations with which Mr Wadsworth would ^{buy} fruit etc. Mr Metcalfe to ask Ronnie to act as auctioneer.

Preachers expenses. it was noted that these were always offered.

United Services: agreed that there would be advantages + disadvantages in more frequent group services. This to be considered by group committee

Church Porch. to be redecorated between 11 + 23 June

Annual Finance meeting to be on 11th July at 7-30.

Gift Day Total £106.

RWW Wadsworth
23. 7. 73

Church Meeting 23-7-73

6 members present.

minutes read + approved.

matters arising from minutes.

1. noted that cheque received for first quarter's rent of institute building.
2. Harvest - date of harvest festival this year confirmed as 23/4 Sept. i.e. 4th not 5th Sunday.
3. noted that porch had been painted as planned.

Accounts for the year 72/3 were presented and accepted. Thanks to treasurer.

Church offer to Group Funds for 74/5 £260
Statement for Schedule approved.

Broken Intake rent - agreed that £12 pa as previously arranged is a suitable figure; but Mr Wadsworth to negotiate with the tenant.

Day School - noted that voluntary closure of the school has been agreed to by the parents + managers, because number of children reduced to four. Note was taken of the long tradition of the school in connection with the church. Elders were asked to discuss the future of the school building.

1 W Wadsworth
30-10-73

Church Meeting 30-10-73

The Minister + 4 members present.

Minutes were read + approved.

Broken Intake. Mr Wadsworth reported that Mr J. Alderson thought that a rent of £12 was too high; he would £12 if required but with a sense of being dealt hardly with + suggested £10. (He had in fact paid £20 on account for the past two years.) The meeting felt that as so few were present a decision should be left to the next meeting.

Institute. Mr Hatton had given re-assurance that he wished to continue the tenancy.

Tuesday Meetings - as the Muker W.I. is held on the first Tuesday of the month, it was agreed that we hold our meetings on the second + fourth Tuesdays. - NOV 13th Service. NOV 27th colour slides
Dec 11th Service. Dec 25th Christmas Day Service. All at 7 p.m.

School Thanksgiving Service. It was noted with satisfaction that the special service on 21st October had been a happy + successful occasion.

School Toilets. arrangements had been made for temporary public use of these. Concern was expressed that care should be taken that the Church's interest in + ownership of this property be ensured.

Church Decoration The possibility of painting the back wall of the Church + the ceiling under the gallery was discussed. It was thought that the work should be delayed until after the wedding in December.

R.W. Wadsworth

15.5.74

Church Meeting 15.5.74

7 members present.

After prayer the minutes of the previous meeting were read + signed.

Arising from the minutes - it was noted that Mr J. Alderson had agreed to £12 P.A. rent for Broken Intake in future.

The total first year's rent for the Institute had been received, but Mr Hatton had not yet begun to use the building. It was not known whether

the two-year contract had in fact been signed. The school toilets had been accepted for public use by the local authority which had given written acknowledgement that the church's permission which had for public use could be withdrawn at any time. Mr Wadsworth agreed to write to the new local authority (Richmondshire District) to remind them of this fact, + to inform them that the property is to be sold, + to urge them to have the new public toilets built.

Church decorations had not yet been done.

Mr Wadsworth hoped to varnish the church door in the next few days; it might be possible to do the further work during the summer

Anniversary - the secretary to ask Margaret Fawcett to play the organ, also to ask Raymond, Kenneth, Diane + Hazel to read or say poems etc. It was hoped that C Alderson + L Rubin would sing at both services; Mrs G Lockyer would sing at the evening service. Afternoon service to be conducted by Dr Ashley Smith; Evening service by Mr Wadsworth.

Gift Sale - date; Thursday 31st October (not 1st NOV)

Openers (inside) - Mrs A. Butters.

.. (outside) - 1. Mr J. Metcalfe. 2 Mr Hind.
3. Mr Wilcock. Auctioneer: Mr S. Bell.

The secretary to write to all the above.

Mrs Whitehead to deal with booking the Public Hall. Mrs Metcalfe to make enquiries re availability + cost of the Bell Concert Party.

School - agreed to take steps to sell the building. Mr Gilbey to be asked (by Mr Wadsworth) to invite Norman Brown to value the property + to suggest alternative uses. Mr Wadsworth inform District + Province + seek approval of sale. The decision to sell to be confirmed at the next Church meeting.

Schoolmasters House - after some discussion of the future of this property it was agreed that the schoolhouse committee should meet to discuss the matter + bring recommendations or suggestions to the church meeting.

M. Wadsworth

17. 7. 74.

Church Meeting July 17th 1974

The minister + six members present.

Minutes were read + signed.

Arising from the minutes

Institute - suggest to Mr Hatton that he either pay rent + sign the contract or relinquish the Institute.

School Mr Gilbey be asked to instruct Norman Brown to proceed with obtaining planning permission + sale of school.

School House committee recommend that house be re-let to tenant on normal lease at higher rent. Norman Brown is to assess suitable rent + advise whether this contravenes rent - freeze. £50 to be paid from School House fund to Church funds.

Drains from east end of Church - work done by G. E. Brown. The minister to ask Mr Brown whether drain should not be continued to the wall.

Gift Sale opens, as those first asked were unavailable, agreed to ask Mr T. C. Calvert for Stock Sale; + Mrs Ashley Smith for inside Sale. Mucker Band + Soloists to be invited to provide a concert. A meeting to be held later for further arrangements.

Accounts - were presented + accepted with thanks to the treasurer.

Schedules + offer re-grant - agreed to offer £285 for the next year.

Moderator's letter re ministerial remuneration - the secretary to reply that the Church was

not prepared to send assessment monthly
by banker's order.

Harvest Festival - donations to be asked for; same
auctioneer as usual. Mr G. Alderson & Mrs G. Lockyer
to be invited as soloists.

Winter week night meetings - agreed to hold these
as last year.

Inwaite. - Mr Wadsworth reported on the position
at Inwaite, with need for repairs etc.

Signatures for Church accounts - the elders were
asked to arrange for alternative signatures,
instead of having one person only able to sign.

M. Wadsworth
20.1.75

Church Meeting 20th Jan 1975

Present. Minister & seven members.

Minutes read & approved.

Raising from minutes. - drains ended at best
place to avoid boulders & give maximum
room for graves.

Institute: notice to terminate lease at the
end of 2 yrs period had been given to

Mr Hatton by Yorkshire Union.

School. application for planning permission
rejected because of lack of "curtilage".
negotiations in hand for possible purchase of
a strip of land behind the school, which
would enable us to make a successful
application. Meantime the Northern Province was
considering using the school as a young
people's weekend centre. A decision would be
made at the March synod. The province would
pay a fair rent (perhaps £200 per annum) and
all costs of adapting & running the centre.

Schoolhouse: the tenant was willing to pay a
fair rent of £4 per week when rent freeze ends.
Agreed that this be arranged by trustee -
tenant to pay rent quarterly, to pay rates &
internal decorations. The church to pay
insurance, repairs & external decoration.

The successful Gift Sale was noted. Agreed
to make a donation of £5 to Mucker Band
which had provided the concert.

Manse rent: this must be considered as the
school house rent is to be raised. Agreed that
the Minister Secretary, Treasurer & Mr Metcalfe
consider this matter & bring recommendation
to church meeting.

Anniversary: agreed to hold two services
2 + 6-30 PM on June 1st.

Group Finances: agreed (along with other churches) to provide £60 for group funds before June 30th to meet increased expenses for this year.

Thwaite: a meeting will be held at Thwaite. 7-30 PM. on February 14th to discuss the future of Thwaite chapel. Members were urged to attend.

Manse: agreed to replace the leaking hot water cylinder. Mrs C Metcalfe: it was noted that Blussie is to retire from business. The secretary to send a letter of good wishes to this good friend and servant of the church.

Coffee Evening + Slides - in aid of the group car fund - to be held on Tuesday 11th March 7 PM. in place of Weeknight Service.

Graveyard: Mr C Alderson to be asked to tidy up the graveyard - paths, walls, trees etc. and to be paid from graveyard fund.

K.W. Wadsworth
11.8.75

Church Meeting 11th Aug 1975

Minutes - read, approved, signed.
- arising. Institute Mr Gilbey taking legal steps to recover key + rent.

School: Mr L Rukin had orally promised to sell land, but had not yet replied to trustees letter. Synod now renting school (£200 p.a) for youth centre.

School House - rental agreed (£208 p.a) + contract signed.
Maker Band there had been doubts about the proposed donation. It was agreed that £3 be sent - without reference to the concert.

It was noted that in future, church meetings decisions should be carried out - unless a church meeting was specially called to change decisions.

MANSE - the hot water cylinder has been replaced. Mr + Mrs Sinclair have given notice to quit at the end of Sept. Necessary steps had been taken; agreed that the house be valued for rental + advertised. One enquiry had been received.

It might be necessary to move church electricity meters + block up door.

Graveyard - some work had been done on grass, path etc.

Annual accounts - these were presented; Satisfactory balance noted. Thanks to Treasurer.

Offer to group for 1976/7 (if required) £350. It was noted that at some future date stipends will be paid from London + churches will pay

to London a monthly assessment towards Stipends
Group Car: agreed to make a gift of £50
immediatly to the group to cover cost
of new car.

Insurance: the meeting agreed increased cover
for insurance - including £10,000 for church,
£1,500, for church furnishings, £7,000 for market
£4,000 for school house.

Sunday School Funds - agreed to appoint Mrs M.M.
Whitehead + Miss E. Calvert to sign documents for
the N.S. Bank account. + that the account be
closed + the money (about £15) placed in the
church account.

Harvest. Mr Metcalfe to ask the auctioneer as
usual: gifts to be given to Mr Wadsworth,
to purchase fruit etc: the Secretary to see
about arrangement of produce + decoration;
Mr Wadsworth to invite Mr b. Alderson +
Convent girls to sing.

Toilets - Some repairs had been done, but not
completed. Mr Wadsworth to urge completion
of them. Noted that new toilets are nearly
complete. It was hoped that the District
Council might make a donation to the church
in recognition of the public use of school
toilets

Elders: thought to be given to election or
re-election of elders at the next church meeting.
Decoration. Mr G. E. Brown to be urged to
view + report on the widening cracks in
the ceiling etc. if he is not sure that
subsidence is completed, more expert opinion
to be sought; plaster to be repaired.
A quotation for decoration of the Church
to be invited from the decorator who did
the work at Thwaite.

Tuesday evening meetings - agreed that these
should be held again this winter -
Starting in November.

R.W. Wadsworth

10.11.75

Church Meeting 10-11-75

6 present.

Minutes of previous meeting approved
Arising from minutes - £19 received from SS
fund Post Office Savings Bank.
£20 received from District Council - re use of
toilets.
Repairs to ceiling completed.

Elders: election to be held in January three serving elders to be eligible for re-election.

The Manse let to Robert Thornborrow at a rent of £4 weekly. subject to contract.

Church Decorations: agreed that the main walls be peach, the pulpit apse pale green - both similar to present colours but paler. Ceiling white - perhaps a single band of colour round moulding. Windows frames (woodwork) and sills to be white. Agreed to ask Mr Wheatley for quotation for external painting.

Institute agreed to take steps to sell - proposed Mrs G Metcalfe, seconded by Mrs Sinclair and to ask trustee to seek planning permission.

Remembrance Sunday collection: £2-85. agreed to give it to Haig Poppy Fund: Mrs Sinclair to hand it to Mrs Calvert at the Post Office to be added to money from sale of Poppies.

KW. Wadsworth

Church Meeting 13-1-76

Manse letting to R. Thornborrow completed as from 1-1-76 rent in advance received.

Arrangements made to inspect the Manse regarding repairs etc.

Institute: Rent of £75 had been received for the second year of Mr Hatton's tenancy. After deduction of legal and other charges, this brought £26 to the church.

Norman Brown's valuation of the property was only £1,250, without planning permission for development, and he thought this was very unlikely without purchase of further land. Mr Gilbey questioned the wisdom of sale at this time. A letter from Rev D. Elliott raised the question of letting the Institute to the Synod as part of the Keld Project along with the school. He said that it was unlikely that a large additional rent could be paid, but spoke of repairs being undertaken.

It was agreed that he be informed that the church would be willing to consider letting the Institute buildings to the Synod committee, and would discuss rent in relation to what repairs are needed and what might be done by the tenant towards this.

Elders As no nominations had been received in addition to the present elders Miss E. Calvert Mrs M. Calvert, Mrs Sinclair. Mr Wadsworth declared them to be re-appointed for further service with thanks for their work & co-operation.

KW. Wadsworth 1-3-76

Church Meeting 2-3-76

Institute: agreed that the Church should let the ^{building} to Synod committee along with school for a period of two years, at a rent of £10 per year, provided the committee undertake ~~recess~~ necessary repairs to the building.

at the end of such a period the rent of the two buildings together to be reconsidered.

Electricity Account re Institute: Mr Wadsworth to write to N.E.E.B + explain position + actual meter reading: + church to pay adjusted amount due.

Manse: agreed repairs had been carried out.

Church Decorations Mr Wheatley had promised these should be completed before Easter.

Anniversary Services to be held on Sunday 6th June at 2 + 6.30 p.m. conducted by Mr Wadsworth Mr Chris Alderson + the Mucker Junior Choir to be asked to sing.

KW Wadsworth
15.11.76

Church Meeting 30-7-76

The Minister + 7 members present. Apology from Church Secretary.

Institute reported that Northern Province will rent + will do necessary repairs. (2 years)

Manse repairs account for £105 paid in July.

Church Decorations completed + paid for.

Accounts treasurer's Statement accepted with thanks.

Donations of £8 from Rose Cottage + £5 from Misses Watson to be used to buy carpet sweeper for church. Mrs Metcalfe to obtain sweeper.

The Keld Centre (School) to be in use at beginning of September: official opening 16th October.

Repairs: Mr Wadsworth to see Mr G.E. Brown re the

- 1) fireback boiler etc at schoolhouse.
- 2) outside painting at schoolhouse.
- 3) outside painting at school + repair to window bottom.

Harvest Festival Mr Wadsworth to ask Mrs Irene Whaley to sing at afternoon Service + Mr Chris Alderson to sing at evening Service. Noted that a party from Durham Street Church, Hartlepool will attend the evening Service. As Mr Wadsworth cannot be present at Monday evening Service + Sale it was agreed to ask Mr Alec Lawrie to conduct the short Service that evening. Sept 5th Tape recorder Service. Mr Wadsworth read a letter from the District Council, conveying greetings etc following a visit by representatives from the District.

KW Wadsworth
15.11.76

Church Meeting 15-11-76

The Minister + 5 members present.

Minutes of the last two previous meetings read + approved.

Arising from minutes carpet sweeper bought from money given to buy something for church. Agreed to buy new lamp shades for gallery from remainder of money (£3-30)

Harvest: a letter of appreciation and good wishes from Durham Street Church Hartlepool, following their visit to Keld Harvest.

Keld Centre a letter of thanks and good wishes in regard to the Opening from Brian Harris.

Repairs: had been done to schoolhouse (boiler), to Manse (wall and guttering), to Church (slate) and a start made on repairs to Institute - the last being the responsibility of the Keld Centre. Painting of school and schoolhouse not yet done.

Christmas Day, agreed to hold service at 7 p.m. along with the Tuesday evening meetings for winter.

Boiler MR Wadsworth agreed to approach G. E. Brown re a spare asbestos cover for the inspection window of the boiler.

Flowers there was discussion about provision

of flowers for church, the church being much indebted to Mrs Metcalfe for arranging this. Gifts of flowers will be appreciated.

MW Wadsworth

20-7-77

Church Meeting 20-7-77

The Minister + 5 members were present.

Minutes of last meeting were read, approved + signed.

The Annual accounts were presented, and passed. With thanks to the Treasurer. Harvest Festival. Arrangements were made to hold services at 2 o'clock + 6.30 p.m. on Sept 25th last Sunday in the Month.

Tuesday evening meetings for the winter months were arranged. Starting in November until March.

Christmas Day agreed to hold a service at 6.30 p.m. as usual.

There was also some discussion about lamp shades for the gallery. Painting the School Master's House + the School. Group Representatives + the Institute.

MW Wadsworth

31-3-78

Church Meeting 31-3-78

Present were the Minister + 4 members.

Minutes of the last meeting were read, approved + signed.

Painting of school + schoolmaster's house - Mr Wadsworth to remind Mr Wheatley of this work.

Correspondence a letter from the Yorks Union re investments. Mr Wadsworth + the Treasurer to deal with this.

Institute + School. it was resolved that the School + Institute be let to the Northern Province for five years on similar terms to those applying to the school, for annual rent of £200.

Anniversary 4th June 2 + 6.30. to be conducted by Mr Wadsworth. It was agreed to ask Mr C. Alderson to sing in the evening, + to ask the Vicar for some of the choir members to sing in the afternoon.

Group Funds. agreed to contribute an extra £50, which is £400 not £350. in 1978.

Lighting the secretary to ask Neil Clarkson for an estimate for strip lights under + in the gallery, also over the organ.

RW Wadsworth
15.8.78

Church Meeting 15-8-78

The Minister + 6 members present.

The minutes were read + approved.

Arising from the minutes. Painting of the school + schoolmaster's house. Mr Wadsworth reported that Mr Wheatley was behind-hand due to bad weather. He was asked to write urging the necessity for the work to be done this year.

Strip lights Neil Clarkson had given a quotation of £50 for four strip lights; it was agreed to ask him to instal 2 only - in the gallery. The question of an anglepoise or similar lamp for the organ to be considered later.

Investments the small amount of 3½% War Loan had been re-invested, along with £174 from the Vasey Legacy which had been on deposit awaiting investment for many years. The money was invested now in 3½% Funding Stock.

The secretary, Treasurer + Minister were asked to look up details of all the church investments. (It was said that the Vasey legacy referred to caring for a grave.)

Accounts for the year were approved with thanks to the treasurer.

It was noted that with improved income etc

the amount required towards stipend would be higher.

Harvest. 24th September. Services 2 + 6.30 pm.

The Minister to conduct both services.

The Secretary to invite Rachel Hall to sing.

Mr Wadsworth to invite Mrs Eva Stedman.

Service + sale on the Monday evening.

Mrs Metcalfe to ask R. Metcalfe to act as auctioneer. Gifts to Mr Wadsworth.

Christmas. agreed to hold service at 6-30 pm on Dec 24th + no service on Christmas Day.

Winter Services. agreed to hold services + meetings on Tuesdays in winter as usual.

Rev G.W. Bury. agreed to give £3 towards presentation to Mr Bury on his retirement, in October.

Insurance the elders were asked to consider recommendation from the insurance company.

K.W. Wadsworth

22.5.79,

Church Meeting 22-5-79

The Minister + 6 members were present.

Minutes accepted + signed.

Anniversary 3rd June. 2 pm. + 6-30 pm. Mr Wadsworth to conduct both services. Various possible soloists suggested.

Harvest Festival As there are five Sundays in September in 1979 it was agreed that the H.F. be on the fifth Sunday. 30th September, with services at 2 - 6-30. Our Minister to preach.

Painting Mr Wheatley has promised to do the painting in June. It was agreed that in addition to the school + school house, he should paint the front door of the Institute, and the side (garage door) in grey instead of the present brown, also the window bottoms of the Church + Manse, and Manse door

Dales Conference. to be held at Keld in 1980. probably on 17th May. This will necessitate hiring the Public Hall. Agreed to do this in good time and to make other arrangements needed.

Group car The group wishes to replace the car but was short of cash in hand. It was agreed to lend £300 to the group to be repaid in the next year.

Future of Group MR Wadsworth reported discussion in the Group Committee on this matter subject, undertaken in view of increasing costs, decreasing numbers, and the likelihood of MR Wadsworth retiring within two years time. Other factors in the situation are similar difficulties in the Methodist Church in the dales & the Keld Centre. The Group Committee's proposal to invite representatives of the District Council (Teeside URC) to share in discussion of this question was approved. A further suggestion that the Churches of the Group should meet together ^{and support one another's special services} more frequently, was also approved.

It was agreed that we should support this idea in regard to the Flower Festival Service at Low Row at 2-30 pm on 26th August + the Hawes Harvest on 2nd September at 6-30 pm. (with tea + biscuits) to follow; and that the other Churches be invited to attend the Keld Harvest at 6-30 pm. Sept 30th.

MR Wadsworth
4. 9. 79

Church Meeting 4-9-79

Present; Minister + seven members.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and signed.

Arising from minutes: Painting still not done.

MR Wadsworth to Phone MR Wheatley + if he cannot do the work in the near future, an approach to be made to a painter in Hawes or Kirkby Stephen.

Noted that painting to manse windows + door had been done by the tenant to whom thanks ^{had been} expressed.

Dales Conference: date MAY 24th - not 17th 1980.

Group Committee Meeting: 14th September Mrs Molly Whitehead agreed to attend with the Secretary.

Accounts: for the year 1978/9 were presented and accepted with thanks to the Treasurer.

Satisfactory balances were noted.

Harvest: September 30th and 1st October. MR Wadsworth to conduct Sunday Services; MR Mellor the

Monday evening Service. Mrs Metcalfe to ask MR Ronnie Metcalfe to act as auctioneer. The Secretary to invite Mrs Rachel Hall to ~~act~~ sing MR Wadsworth to invite Miss Fraser of Low Row.

Usual arrangements were made regarding Produce at Christmas Day - Service at 7 p.m. This to be part of the programme for Tuesday evenings - Second + fourth Tuesdays. November until the end February.

Grass Cutting: agreed to purchase extension cable for the grass cutter, and to make a window by the pulpit to open.

Institute Spouting: agreed to have Spouting put on east side of Institute.

KELD CENTRE: noted that an Open Day for the Centre to be held on 15th September. Service to be in Church if bad weather.

A rising from accounts, questions were raised about Keldon Side let to MR R. Hutchinson and the remaining Institute Funds. MR Wadsworth to raise these matters with MR Hutchinson + MR Coates

K.W. Wadsworth
29.1.80

Church Meeting 29-1-80

to present. Minutes read + signed.

A rising from minutes: extension cable bought + pulpit window made to open. Spouting not yet erected.

Painter not available but Mr Wadsworth had done some of the painting for which he was warmly thanked. More painting + new spouting at school house needed.

Keldon Side: Mr Hutchinson hoped to keep on this land. Institute funds - still to be dealt with.

Gift from estate of Miss Hannah Scott

a gift of £50 had been received by the Church. The Secretary had already written to her relatives: + the Treasurer + Minister had formally acknowledged the gift. Agreed that it would be suitable to use this gift (now on deposit at bank) towards the cost of church roof repairs.

Finance noted that £100 of loan to group had been returned: the remainder (£200) should be received by the end of June.

Services in March Mr Wadsworth would be away three Sundays in March. Arrangements for those Services were approved: March 9th Wensleydale Methodist Minister + Young People. Staying at the centre.

16th United Service at Methodist Church.

23rd Mr G. Mellor.

Correspondence: An appeal for churches to share in presentation to Rev A Macarthur. Agreed to give £1.

Also agreed to give (in June) £5 to Cong College.

Appeal for Retired Minister's Housing was noted.

Tuesday evenings: Agreed that the dates for these meetings in February be changed from the 12th + 26th, to 5th + 19th.

Mr Wadsworth said how encouraged + heartened he was by the support given to these meetings.

Church Meeting 4-9-80

Present: five members + the minister

Apology from the Secretary absent due to illness.

After prayers the minutes of the last meeting were noted and approved.

Accounts: the annual statement of accounts was presented, + accepted with thanks to the treasurer.

Satisfactory balances were noted; also considerable expenditure on repairs to the church roof etc.

Harvest: arrangements in hand for Harvest Festival on 28th + 29th Sept. Mrs J Whaley had promised to sing at the Sunday Services. Donations for fruit etc as usual; decoration on the Friday + Saturday: Mrs C. Metcalfe to ask Mr Ronnie Metcalfe to act as auctioneer;

Mr Wadsworth to conduct Services.

Winter Tuesdays: arrangements for the second + fourth Tuesday evenings beginning in November were found acceptable. (In December instead of the 4th Tuesday the Service would be held on Christmas Day) Mr Wadsworth would take the Psalms as a theme for the Weeknight Services; slides of Greece + Scottish Islands would also be shown +, it was hoped, an evening of words + music similar to the previous year would be arranged.

Thwaite Mr Wadsworth reported that the group

Committee thought it time for Services at Thwaite to be brought to an end; this was supported by visitors from the District Council, the Thwaite people approved + accepted this (although Dr Ashley Smith thought the chapel should be kept open). In view of the deteriorating condition of the building + the lack of opportunity for work at Thwaite. it was agreed that Keld Church meeting approve ~~the~~ the cessation of Services at Thwaite + the disposal of the property by the Province.

It had been suggested that Harvest Festival Services be held on 26th + 27th October to wind up the work. Mr Wadsworth's suggestion that we recommend to the Province that one third of the income from sale of the premises be used either for Retired Ministers' housing or for church extension (as at Coulby Newham) + that interest from the other 2/3 be equally divided between the Keld Centre + the group to support its ministry was approved.

Funeral Fees. it was considered right that fees for graves + funeral Services should be raised. Various figures were mentioned; a final decision being left over until the next meeting to give time for thought + consideration.

Thanks were expressed to Mrs C. Metcalfe for her services at the organ + to Mr Wadsworth for various activities.

Stanley L. Wilton
7/10/81

Meeting 13-1-81

This was a special meeting, (following our week-night service) to decide on our future minister. A unanimous wish to issue a call, to Rev. Stanley Wilton, who had been to preacher for us on JAN 4th, to become our next Swaledale/Wensleydale Group Minister. As Mr Wadsworth is due to retire at the end of March.

Stanley L. Wilton
7/10/81

Church Meeting 7-10-81

Six members present + the minister.

The Rev Stanley Wilton opened the meeting with Scripture + prayer + spoke appreciatively of his welcome. Minutes of the previous meetings of Sept 4th 1980 + JAN 13th 1981 were read + signed as a correct record. Miss E. Calvert presented the accounts for the financial year ending 30 June 1981, copies of which were circulated to the members. The accounts were adopted, with our warm thanks to Miss Calvert for

her faithful service.

Funeral + Graveyard Charges were in need of revision + after discussion the following charges were approved
grave (to hold two) (a) church member £5 (B) others £10.
Plus additional charges by grave-digger employed by the undertaker for digging or re-opening grave.

Funeral Service in the Church. Fee to Church.

(a) regular attenders at worship, including church members - NO charge. (B) - ~~£~~ other £5.

Fee to Minister (a) church members - £2 though the minister may waive this charge if he so wishes.

(B) other £5. Organist's Fee.

By arrangement with the organist.

The Church Treasurer proposed that the Rev. Stanley Wilton become a signatory on cheques for the Keld U.R.C accounts in place of the Rev. K.W Wadsworth. Barclays Bank at Hawes to be notified accordingly. This was agreed.

The Rev. Stanley Wilton spoke on literature shortly to be made available 'Towards Visible Unity. Proposals for a Covenant' which involves the Church of England, the Methodist Church, the Moravian Church + the U.R.C. which now embraces union but are for the reconciliation of these four denominations in order that we may act, serve, worship + grow together.

believing that this process will enable them to reach fuller visible unity in the future.

Methodist Church in Keld. The Rev. Harry Batty, + the Rev. Stanley Wilton had expressed the hope that the Methodist Church + the U.R.C. in Keld might come closer together for a common witness in worship. Over the year the two Churches meet regularly together each month (plus special occasions) and it was proposed to increase this process of worshipping + growing together over an additional six Sundays in the year. This small but not unimportant step might have a greater significance for the future than we realise, + was in keeping with the Proposal for a Covenant towards growing in understanding and unity. After discussion the suggestion of doing more together in worship was agreed, subject to agreement by the Methodist Church in its meeting on 8th October. The meeting concluded with the Benediction.

Harry Lill
15/9/82

Special Church Meeting

Held in Butt House by kind invitation of Mrs C. Metcalfe on 18th February 1982.

There were present the minister + 6 members.

This special meeting followed upon the Group Committee of 21st January 1982. which had considered the serious financial position of the group which found itself with inadequate resources to make provision for a new Group Car. This had raised the larger question of maintaining Church + ministry in the Dales where the churches of all denominations were facing financial difficulty.

It was unanimously agreed to begin the process of exploring the possibility of joint-action with the Methodist Church in the Dales, whilst also taking note of the Group Committee on 23rd February 1982 with representatives of the Teesside District Council when other possibilities might also be put forward. If, at that consultation, the only way into the future lay in considering joint-action with the Methodist Church, we recognised (a) that we must have a large commitment to such joint-action (b) that the Methodist Church might negative any such exploration in which case we would have to think afresh upon the future.

Harry Lill
15/9/82

Church Meeting 7-7-82

This meeting held in Low Row Church, on Wednesday July 7th 4.15pm. The Church Members of Low Row, Keld, Hawes, being gathered for the District Visitation of the Teesside District Council, it was resolved, after discussion, to follow the leading of the Richmond Church Meeting of July 6th 1982. -

- that we do not act now in the purchase of a group car but that we accept the loan of the Teesside District Council of £2,000 as from a date in 1983 and consider, should this prove possible, March 1983 as the date of purchase

- that meanwhile we request our four Churches considering special efforts for raising money for a group car (a specific appeal).

- that the sale of the car in 1986 at the end of Mr Wilton's ministry might cover, or go a long way to cover, the loan; in the event of any shortfall group resources should be able to bridge it - that the question of raising capital assets through the sale of any buildings in the group is of a complex nature and bound up with the current exploration of URC-Methodist partnership in the Dales, but we do take this possibility seriously as we look to the future of ~~URC~~ securing church

and Ministry in the Dales and consider if URC Ministry may be part of the scene from 1986 onwards. It was further noted that if we consider a new group car in 1983, then in addition to the loan of £2,000 from the Teesside District Council, we could add the gift of the Forster Trust of £1,000 plus a likely further £1,000 from the sale of the present car, making £4,000 in all. This probably means raising another £1,000 from the group by special efforts or special gifts.

Keld Church Meeting 15-9-82

The Revd. S. Wilton opened the meeting with prayer. There were six members present.

Miss E. Calvert as Treasurer presented the financial statement for the year ending 30th June 1982 which was adopted with our warm thanks to her. Increased insurance cover on the Keld Centre was reported, with half the cost of the increased premium being borne by the Keld Centre Committee, and it was hoped to effect a new Rental Agreement to provide for this necessary insurance cover. The present agreement concluded its five year period in February 1983, and we also hoped for a clause whereby the Northern Province accepted responsibility for external repairs.

We agreed increases on our own Insurance cover. MR. Wilton to write to the Congregational & General Insurance Co and request direct communication with MISS. E. Calvert to effect the new cover as soon as possible. The new figures would cover the church for £40,000, furnishings £6,500. Former Manse for £25,000 and the Schoolmaster's House for £25,000. There would be small increases on the premium for Public Liability and Voluntary Workers which also extended to the Keld Centre. The Keld Centre was now insured as: School £28,000 plus equipment £350. Institute £36,000. Plus equipment £450.

We decided not to take out further insurance on the boiler and heating system since we felt every precaution was already being taken in severe winter weather.

It was agreed that we should meet the request of the young people of Claypath URC, Durham, under their leader Mrs Daphne Clark, to lead the worship at the unusual time of 3 p.m. on Sunday 24th October.

Arrangements were made for our Harvest Services on 26th - 27th September. The Sunday afternoon service would be attended by the young people of West End URC Newcastle, and we would give a cup of tea to a coach load of 54 people from West Park URC Sunderland (who are bringing evening their own picnic tea) to visit Swaledale and our

Harvest evening worship led by the Revd. Harris Barbour of Northallerton.

It was agreed to hold a Christmas Day service at 7 p.m. weather permitting.

On special efforts for the Group Car, it was noted that our group of Churches would seek a coffee morning in the Richmond Town Hall on a Saturday in 1983 if a date could be offered. We agreed to explore the suggestion put forward of a special appeal for a sale of lambs in an auction mart, leaving the gift of a lamb or a donation open.

In consideration of our own Church finances, perhaps the appeal letter could carry such a phrase as "In the light of Church needs at a time of increasing costs along with the provision of a Group Car for Ministry, We make this special appeal".

The Secretary, Treasurer and Minister to consult together. The Teesside District Council was prepared to make a loan of £2,000 to the group towards the purchase of a new car, on condition that the Churches sought a closer relationship with the Methodist Church.

From a special joint meeting of our own members and the Methodist on 10th September, the suggestion was made of joint worship together during the winter months in Keld U.R.C. building, beginning from

31st October and going into April 1983. The understanding in March (or earlier if requested) to consider any future steps together. As this stage we do not know what lies beyond March/April 1983 and we are not committed in any way.

In discussion assurance was specially given that our worship together in the winter months gives no indication of what we may decide to do, in the process of growing together, for the summer months. Particular concern was expressed on the relationship between our Church and the conference parties attending the Keld Centre in the summer months and this called for further thought and discussion. Again, developments in Low Row pointed to the Methodist members worshipping in the Low Row ORC during the winter months, with nothing whatsoever planned for the summer period. Future planning depended upon what was sought both in Keld and Low Row.

Our Church Meeting adopted the suggestion of worshipping together in the winter months. The meeting concluded with the Benediction.

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Minutes of a joint Church meeting of Keld and Low Row URC on 24 November 1982 at 7 p.m.

The Revd. S. Wilton opened the meeting with Scripture reading and prayer. There were 14 members present (8 from Low Row and 6 from Keld). Apologies were received from Mrs. Christie Metcalfe and Mrs. Wilton of Keld.

The minister introduced discussion on the proposals from the Teesside District Council on which a paper had been prepared and circulated beforehand to every member. This paper is now attached to these minutes.

On 31 December 1982, new arrangements were put forward whereby continued pastoral oversight could be given in Keld and Low Row provided a new scope, with extended responsibilities, for the ministry of the Revd Stanley Wilton, was acceptable. This meant a new financial partnership between the Teesside District and our two churches since the minister would also serve in the District and in the Northern Province as Director of Training for the Auxiliary Ministry.

After a period of question and comment Mr. Wilton spoke on the advantages and disadvantages of the proposals. The advantages were fourfold: (1) Continued leadership with consultation at the appropriate points for making decisions, bearing in mind the partnership begun with the Methodist churches in Keld and Low Row (2) Keeping together in a period of great change churches in the Dale (4) Maintaining a United Reformed Church "presence" with a URC minister. The disadvantages were twofold: (1) The churches at Keld and Low Row became part of Mr. Wilton's responsibility; he would have other obligations to fulfill of the churches at Keld and Low Row compared with the budget of the previous grouping of the four churches, but we were taking a venture of faith towards 1986 when Mr. Wilton would retire. It was a venture of faith we were undertaking on behalf of the whole Christian Church in the Dale without any certainty or promises upon what the position might be from 1986 onwards.

Mr. G.E. Brown of Low Row was elected to the chair upon the retirement of the minister to allow further discussion to take place. After an interval Mr. Wilton was requested to return and Mr. Brown happily announced that there was a unanimous decision, with warmth and conviction, to go on into the future on the basis of the proposals put forward by the Teesside District Council.

It was agreed that decision-making in the future would need to be by joint Church meetings; it could be that the three elders in each Church might form an executive committee for consultation but experience would help us to come to a view upon this. For the moment it would be useful to retain the Old Group Committee with representatives from Hawes and Richmond for the purpose of friendship and liaison (bearing in mind the use of resources from buildings) even though the group no longer existed. Whether we dropped the title of the "Swaledale-Wensleydale Group" and thought instead of the "Dales Ministry" for the two churches of Keld and Low Row could be left for further thought.

It was reported that Dr. J.W. Ashley Smith wished to remove the harmony, formerly at Thwaitte and now in Hawes, to the Brixton Congregational Church in London. He had originally brought the harmony from the Billingham Baptist Chapel to Thwaitte, and we agreed to honour his wish in the matter. Should he change his mind, the harmony could find a place in Keld.

Low Row URC agreed to give hospitality to the women of the Teesside District in their outing to the Dale on Wednesday, 11 May 1983

Future dates were noted:

Closing service at Richmond Friday 31 December 1982 at 7 p.m. to be followed by fellowship over supper at 7.30 p.m.
URC-Methodist consultation on Friday 14 January 1983 at 7.30 p.m. at the Keeth Methodist Church
"Group" Committee at the Manse on Tuesday 22 March 1983 7.15 p.m. "Group" Anniversary at Keld on Sunday 17 April 2.30 p.m. when the Moderator of the Northern Province would be the preacher.
"Group" Coffee Morning at Richmond Town Hall on Saturday 2 July 1983 at 9 a.m. - a fund-raising effort in which Richmond friends promised their full support.

The minister concluded the meeting with an expression of appreciation and with prayer.

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Members free, if they wish to do so, to take part in any future meetings under the Dale's Fellowship should it continue. (It was noted that the next Dale's Fellowship had been projected in 1984 for Saturday 19 May 1984)

Keld URC resolved

Minutes of the joint Church Meeting of Keld URC and Low Row URC held at Keld on 21 March 1983 at 7.15 p.m.

The Revd S. Wilton opened the meeting with Scripture Reading and Prayer. There were 15 members present (9 from Low Row and 6 from Keld). Apologies were received from two Low Row members (Mrs. Mary Gunter and Mrs. Jenny Gunter)

The Minutes of the joint Church Meeting of 24 November 1982 and of the joint Elders' Meeting of 24 January 1983 were read by Mr. G. Edward Brown, accepted and signed.

Finance With our adoption of the Calendar Year as our Financial Year (in order to adopt the practice of the Teesside District Council which now funded our ministry) we received and adopted with thanks to the Treasurers (Mrs. Anne Brown, Group Treasurer; Miss E. Calvert from Keld and Miss A. Gill from Low Row) the statements of the six months July to December 1982. The final accounts dated 5 November 1982 of the Hawes URC (which closed on 1 September 1982) were also made available. The Revd S. Wilton also reported on a new Rental Agreement for the Keld Centre, to be signed by the Trustees, the Yorkshire Congregational Union, and the Northern Province of the URC, which would operate from 1 March 1983. The rental had been increased from £200 p.a. to £300 p.a. and Keld URC would be responsible for adequate insurance cover (to be revised biannually) but the Northern Province as tenants would accept all responsibility for external repairs. Keld URC would receive £250 for 1983 (10 months at £25 per month) and £300 for 1984 (the full twelve months period)

Minister's Car Through the good office of Mr. Edward Brown, Church Secretary at Low Row URC, we learned that Mr. Kenneth Birmingham of Low Row was making available his Morris Ital car, registered on 11 August 1981, with less than 7,000 miles on the clock, at a price of £3,800. In consultation with the Group Treasurer, the Treasurer of the Teesside District Council, and our two Church Treasurers, we took action upon this. The Teesside District Council made available a loan of £2,000; the Yorkshire Congregational Union made a gift of £1,000 from the Forster Legacy. Until the current car could be sold, it might be necessary to ask for a loan of £400 from each of our Churches at Keld and Low Row which could be re-paid immediately the current car was sold (privately if possible by advertisement). If the current car sold say for £1,300, then we could repay the Teesside District Council £500 of the loan. The balance of the loan would be met in 1986 by the sale of the car at the conclusion of Mr. Wilton's ministry in that year. The action upon the car was approved.

Ministry now and in the future The resolutions of the Teesside District Council of 21 September 1982 and 16 November 1982 were made available to the members. Alongside of his role as Provincial Director of Training for the Auxiliary Ministry, Mr. Wilton had a special brief this year for the three central Stockton URC Churches. In his absence in Stockton on Sundays 1st and 29th May and 19th June, our Teesside ministers would be assisting our churches. Under the prompting of the Elders in their meeting on 24th January, Mr. Wilton had taken up the question of future ministry beyond his retirement in 1986, both with the Moderator of the Northern Province and the Secretary of the Teesside District Council. Clearly future URC ministry turned upon the provision of capital resources and an eccumenical partnership among the churches in the Dale, whether URC-Methodist or URC-Methodist-Church of England. The Church at Hawes remained unsold as yet, but the sale of the Manse had been completed for

£15,000. The rental of the Manors in Richmond was now another asset to be reckoned "for the Churches in the Dale and Ministry in the Dale". Given a new partnership in the Dale, and the URC under partnership, then a URC ministerial team. It was extremely unlikely that financial resources would be released to keep things going working-together of the Churches to 1986 and beyond. In such a context we discussed the summer planning of 1983 with our Methodist Churches in Keld and Low Row. The Elders of our Churches have purposes with our Methodist Friends; it was possible that a URC-Methodist Meeting could take place in Keld on 29 March 1983. Group Committee The final meeting of the Group Committee would take place on 22 March at the Manors at 7.15 p.m., which would be useful as we looked together at the special effort of the Coffee Morning at the Town Hall, Richmond, Saturday 7 May 1983, at 9 a.m.

Northern Province Synod Day would be held in Edinburgh on Saturday 18 June 1983. Such travel by special arrangements had been ruled out because of expense, we would consider either private car arrangements or the hiring of a mini bus. This would depend upon the numbers in response.

The Elders' Meeting had agreed to order copies of the Prayer Fellowship Handbook which had now been received and their use would be prepared for in the future of future church worship. It was confirmed that Keld URC and Low Row URC had undertaken each to send a £5 annual donation to the Northern (Congregational) College, and the meeting agreed that a £5 subscription from each Church would be made in December of each year to The Bible Society. The question of creating a "Welfare Fund" for distribution of small gifts to those in hospital or need was left for further thought at a future meeting.

Approach to the Church of England Under the approval of the Teesside District Council of URC on 21 September 1982, the Reeth Methodist Circuit on 9 March 1983, and our own informal URC-Methodist meetings, an approach had been made to the Bishop of Ripon for conversations upon the initial meeting would be effected for report to our URC-Methodist meeting at Keld on 11 July 1983.

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Keld URC resolved

Dales' Fellowship had been projected in Keld for Saturday 19 May 1984) (It was noted that the next to take part in any future meetings

Minutes of the Joint Church Meeting of Keld URC and Low Row URC held at Keld on 2 November 1983

The Revd. S. Wilton opened the meeting with Scripture and Prayer. There were 14 members present (8 from Low Row and 6 from Keld). Apologies were recorded for Mrs. Annas Alderson (Keld) and Mrs. A. Kendall, Mrs. M. Alderson and Mrs. M. Sunter (Low Row)

The Minutes of the Joint Church Meeting of 21 March 1983 and the Joint Elders' Meeting of 8 August 1983 were read and confirmed by signing. It was noted that in preparation for the main items on the agenda before us, there had been 'informal' Church Meetings at Keld on 15 September and at Low Row on 21 September.

Warm welcome was expressed to the Revd. David Peel who was visiting us on behalf of the Teesside District Council of the United Reformed Church in consideration of the report he had made on 21 September 1982 to the District Council from his visit to the Dales' Churches (copies of the report had been previously circulated to members).

In matters arising from the Minutes we noted that the Austin Allegro car still remained unsold though the asking price had been dropped from £1300 to £1000 and meanwhile both Keld URC and Low Row URC are each owed £400 from loans for the purchase of the present second hand car; Low Row URC Anniversary and Flower Festival would be held on 17 June 1984 at 2 p.m.; the next Elders' Meeting planned for 17 January 1984 needed to be brought forward to 11 January 1984.

The Revd. David Peel commended us warmly for the earnest endeavour in bringing about ecumenical relationships among the churches in the Dale, as witnessed by the URC-Methodist partnership which had integrated ministry and the joint use of buildings in Keld and Low Row, and also by the current exploration of a Local Ecumenical Project in Swaledale. District Council had made this an essential element in Mr. Wilton's continuing ministry which also had wider obligations in the Teesside District and in his work as Provincial Director of Training for the Auxiliary Ministry.

Mr. Peel noted with satisfaction the steps we had taken for improved Insurance Cover on all our buildings and witnessed the adoption of the following resolutions: Low Row URC approves the executive action taken by the Church Secretary and Treasurer in adopting Major Cover for the full cost of re-building the Manse on an indexed basis at a premium of £1.25 per £1000, plus coverage of full water damage at an extra premium of £3 per annum; Keld URC approves the suggestion of extending the same full cover for its former Manse and the Schoolmaster's House on the same basis.

Low Row URC agreed to authorise the Church Secretary and the Minister to institute enquiries upon the transfer of the properties of Low Row URC from Private Trustees to the Trusteeship of the Yorkshire Congregational Union, in consultation with the Teesside District Council and the Northern Province of the URC, and to report back to a further Church Meeting.

The details of the Keld Centre New Rentals Agreement had previously been circulated and it was a considerable relief that the Northern Province as tenants had accepted responsibility for the external repairs of the buildings as well as interior decorating and upkeep.

Voting by Ballot for the full support of the Local Ecumenical Project for Swaledale, on which papers had been in circulation to all members since September, produced a 100% vote in favour from all the members present. The Revd. David Peel expressed encouragement and delight on behalf of the District Council and his own private members in being present during such a decision.

The Church Meetings of Keld URC and Low Row URC authorised their Treasurers for each church to make a donation of £3 in December towards the expenses of holding the URC General Assembly in Newcastle-upon-Tyne during May 1984; for each church to make a donation in December of £5 for the work of the Bible Society

to administer a "Welfare Fund" in consultation with the Elders and the Minister, the sum not to exceed the sum of £15 for any one church during the period of a calendar year.

The Church Meetings of Keld URC and Low Row URC:

- accepted the small increase in the MAINTENANCE OF THE MINISTRY for 1984 as notified by the District Treasurer: Keld up from £485 to £500 and Low Row up from £719 to £750
- authorised the Group Treasurer to meet with the Minister and Elders and Church Treasurers to prepare a Budget for 1984, the date being agreed as Wednesday 11 January 1984 7 p.m. in Butt House, Keld
- authorised the Group Treasurer to pay for 20 copies (ten for each church) of the GNM Prayer Handbook for 1984, and, if needed, maintain at least five copies among us of "Reform" to ensure the minimum rate of £3.25 per annum per subscriber

The Church Meetings of Keld URC and Low Row URC authorised the Minister to write to the churches of the Dales Fellowship of Grassington, Martin Top and Settle, as well as informing Sedburgh and Ravensstonedale, that Keld URC and Low Row URC are unable, formally as churches, to continue in official support of the Dales Fellowship, which official support carries responsibility for planning and providing hospitality for the annual meeting. Whilst the decision is made with regret in acknowledging the tradition for meeting and Fellowship which began in 1907, the reality and the priorities of church life for Keld URC and Low Row URC put to the fore association in the Teesside District Council and the Northern Province of the URC, as well as inter-church relationships in Swaledale. This formal decision leaves individual church members free, if they wish to do so, to take part in any future meetings under the Dales Fellowship should it continue. (It was noted that the next Dales Fellowship had been projected in Settle for Saturday 19 May 1984)

Keld URC resolved

- that the 8 1/2% British Savings Bond of £50 which is open for repayment should be received by crossed warrant through the Keld URC Deposit a/c - that the Minister pursues with the Yorkshire Congregational Union Incorporated the possible sale of the small piece of land 15' x 14' at one side of the front garden of the Schoolmaster's House to Mr. Purver who has purchased the house next door

Low Row URC resolved

- to accept from the Yorkshire Congregational Union Incorporated the capital sum of £10 (plus accumulated interest) for the upkeep of the grave of one Edward Cherry, who died in 1939 and left the sum of £10 for the upkeep of his grave; the money to be invested in the Low Row URC Deposit a/c

DATES FOR 1984 The Elders would meet on the second Wednesday beginning each quarter, namely 11 January, 11 April, 11 July, 10 October, and Joint Church Meetings for the second Wednesday of the last month of each quarter, namely 14 March in Keld, 13 June in Low Row, 12 September in Low Row, and 12 December in Keld.

The meeting concluded with the Grace being said together.