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The Benefice of Upper Wensleydale

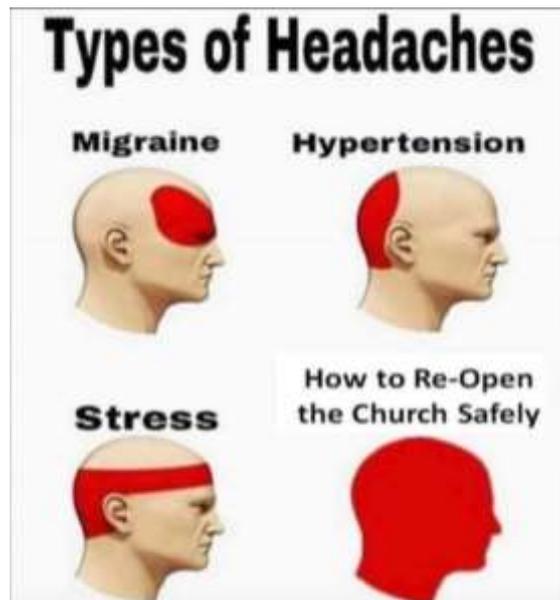


Edition 18

'Church in the Home'

Sunday July 19th– Saturday July 25th

From the Vicarage



On the 23rd of June the government announced that church buildings could reopen on the 4th of July for services of worship. The Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, who leads the Church of England's Recovery Group welcomed the news whilst acknowledging that it will take time before things can return to what we were previously used to. Our Diocesan Bishop Nick Baines has encouraged the next few months to be a period of transition as individual churches assess what is safe to re introduce.

After discussing the situation with our wardens, a proposal has been placed before the PCC's that would allow for services to resume in all four buildings, commencing with a celebration of **Holy Communion on August 2nd**. This is made possible because of the hard work and determination of a dedicated team of volunteers clearing & cleaning the buildings, creating the appropriate risk assessments and looking after us on entry, to whom we should all be most grateful. Things will continue to be different for a while longer as we work alongside new safety guidelines and, for some of us, respond to some changes in our timing, but all of this is *temporary* in order to allow us to meet together sooner, rather than later. I look forward to seeing you all once again, very soon.

Rev. Dave.



All my hope on God is founded

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W3LCGh02Vew>



Our mighty God knows each and every one of us, he knows our thoughts, good and bad, our words before they leave our lips. This powerful hymn speaks of a God of wisdom, a true and faithful God who if we follow we will not fall.

All my hope on God is founded,
all my trust he shall renew;
he, my guide through changing order,
only good and only true:
God unknown, he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Pride of man and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
all that human toil can fashion,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

Day by day our mighty giver
grants to us his gifts of love;
in his will our souls find pleasure,
leading to our home above:
love shall stand at his hand,
joy shall wait for his command.

Still from Earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done;
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son:
hear Christ's call, one and all –
we who follow shall not fall.

The Power of your love https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H9_0jiO5ZRM

This modern worship song is one of my favourites, our Lord lives in each one of us, he is a God of grace who holds us in the power of his love. If we allow our hearts and minds to be renewed and address our weaknesses we can weed out all that is bad in our lives and live to glorify him.

Lord I come to You
Let my heart be changed, renewed
Flowing from the grace
That I've found in You
Lord I've come to know
The weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away
By the power of Your love
Hold me close
Let Your love surround me
Bring me near
Draw me to Your side
And as I wait
I'll rise up like the eagle
And I will soar with You
Your Spirit leads me on

In the power of Your love
Lord unveil my eyes
Let me see You face to face
The knowledge of Your love
As You live in me
Lord renew my mind
As Your will unfolds in my life
In living every day
By the power of Your love
Hold me close.
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Sunday July 19th Bible Reading:

Genesis 28:10-19a, Psalm 139:1-11, 23-24, Romans 8:12-25, Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43



Click on this site, type in the reading you want and then listen to David Suchet read it to you.

<https://www.biblegateway.com/audio/suchet/nivuk/Gen.1>

Reflection

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Our readings today deal with the importance of relationship. A relationship with God. Our gospel reading is about seeds that have been sown; very appropriate at the moment as lots of us have sown seeds in our gardens this year. We have prepared the soil, planted seeds, watered them, weeded round them and we wait eagerly for signs of fruitfulness and a harvest. This account is coming straight after

the parable of the sower where Jesus explains that the seed is the word of God that is sown into our hearts and minds and what happens to that seed depends on our attitude and reaction to it. Our verses today take that picture further.

The parable is about good seed and weeds. This time the man sows good seed and then the enemy comes secretly and sows weeds in the same field. The servants enquire about pulling up the weeds and the master says let weeds and good seed grow together until harvest. When Jesus explains the meaning, He says the Son of Man is sowing the seed, and the field it is sown in is the world. The seeds represent the children of the kingdom. We are the good seed and at the end of the world when angels are sent to harvest the crop, the righteous, those who have a 'right relationship' with God, will go into the Kingdom of God and those who "offend and do iniquity" will head for the furnace of fire. I find this very hard to proclaim, but God is a God of mercy, grace and forgiveness as well as justice and He wants all men to be saved. When we realise that Jesus died in our place to pay the price for our sinfulness, we are free to receive the new life that God offers us in Christ. Then as God's seed in us grows and bears fruit, we are a blessing to those round us and our words and lives may encourage others to knock, seek and find the Saviour.

The Old Testament reading is from Genesis and it describes how God introduces Himself to Jacob, a young man who had tricked his elder brother Esau out of his birth right and his father's blessing. Esau is so angry he vows to kill his brother. Jacob is sent away from home until things cool off and while on his journey he camps rough for the night. Here he has a dream of a ladder reaching from earth to heaven with angels going up and down on it and God standing at the top. God speaks to Jacob and says 'I am with you and will keep you'. He doesn't say 'you played a dirty trick on your brother, I don't want anything to do with you.' God is always loving and merciful, wanting to receive us into His family.

The psalm was written by King David, who realises that God knows everything about him and knows everything that he does and he finishes the psalm by asking God to point out to him anything that isn't right in his life and to lead him to everlasting life. David has a relationship with God and trusts God to lead him in this life and beyond death into eternal life. As with Jacob, God can make himself known to us in His Word, in nature and in many different ways, and as with King David we can have a relationship with God, share our lives with Him and allow Him to lead and guide us through this life and bring us safely into the Kingdom of Heaven.

The New Testament reading from Paul's letter to the Roman Christians was sent to build up their faith. He says that as Christians we start a new life in Christ. We are adopted into God's family and the Holy Spirit living in us, witnesses that we really are God's children. Paul paints a picture for us of a person entering into God's family, not because we deserve it but because God wanted it and Jesus paid the price for our debt to be cancelled.

Right from the days of Jacob and King David, through the gospels and New Testament times and down to our present day, God delights to have a personal relationship with His people. During the last few months our relationship with our families has been mainly on the phone or emails or more modern forms of communication, and we look forward eagerly to enjoying a reunion with family members. In our relationship with God we have been able to praise and worship and thank Him and feed on His word on our own, but we look forward to fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ, to praise and worship together and to give thanks for the wonderful privilege of being in God's family, with the assurance of the leading and guidance of the Holy Spirit, day by day; and the sure and certain hope that we are in God's family for all eternity.

Margaret Iveson



Prayers



Heavenly Father, we thank you for the beauty of your creation and how we see the splendour of your majesty through all you have made. We delight in the song of the birds, the vibrant colours, the scent of the roses and our hills and valleys which attract many visitors each year. Open their eyes we pray that they may sense your presence as they travel through these dales.

We thank you for today's psalm reminding us that you know everything about us. You know our very thoughts and everything we do, even the words we are about to speak. Wherever we go you are with us and the psalmist says 'even there your hand will guide me and your right hand will hold me fast'. We praise you that in a world that is changing you are constant in your faithfulness towards us. Lord we pray many will come to know this truth.

Heavenly Father, we remember today our families and children which are precious to you. You say you want the children to 'come to you' and so we ask you to nurture them in the faith causing them to trust in Jesus more and more. We thank you that children are a gift from you and thank you for their enthusiasm and joy and all that we can learn from them. We pray for their protection and safety.

We lift up to you all who are struggling financially due to the current situation we find ourselves in. We pray for the unemployed and those worried about losing their jobs. We pray and bless the businesses that they may thrive again and ask for your wisdom to prevail in all the decisions the government make.

We pray for all who are sick in body, mind and spirit and all who feel burdened and 'burnt out' due to responsibility. Lord we cast our anxieties onto you for you love and care for us deeply. Refresh all who are struggling in a 'battle', we pray that they may know that 'the joy of the Lord is our strength'.

Father as we seek to become transformed into the image of your Son Jesus Christ we pray the song 'full attention' by Jeremy Riddle: 'May your voice be louder, May your voice be clearer, Than all the others. May your face be dearer, May your words be sweeter, Than all the others in my life. May your presence be truer, May your presence be nearer, Than all the others. May your light shine brighter, May your love move deeper, Than all the others in my life. Please keep my eyes fixed on you, Please root my heart so deep in you, Keep me asking, Keep me kneeling, Keep me abiding, That I may bear fruit'.

Barbara Spykerman

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Sunday July 19th
10:30am

**Join us for our
Family Together
Service**



To view this Sunday's service:
Visit the website
www.upperwensleydalechurch.co.uk
or our FaceBook page :
[upperwensleydalechurch-cofe](https://www.facebook.com/upperwensleydalechurch-cofe)

Sunday 02nd August

There will be a shortened Holy Communion said service in all our churches on Sunday 02 August at the following times:

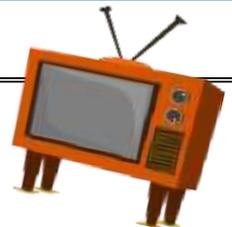
St Mary & St John's Hardraw – 9.00am
St Oswald's Askrigg – 10.30am
St Margaret's Hawes – 2.30pm
St Matthew's Stalling Busk – 4.00pm

Please see the full list of services for August and September attached. This is a transition arrangement until the end of September when we hope to be able to return to our regular timings and pattern of services.

**TV
Radio**

Worship on the BBC:

Tune into some of the services on TV and Radio.



Sunday: Radio 4 Sunday Worship 8:10 – 8:50am Catholic service -Diocese of Leeds

Radio 3 Choral Evensong 3:00 – 4pm from Chichester Cathedral

Wed: Radio 3 Choral Evensong 3:30 – 4:30pm from St Alban's Church, Holborn

Sunday BBC1 1:15-1:50 Songs of praise –The story of the Vicars of Eyam, Derbyshire, who placed the village into lockdown 355 years ago to prevent the spread of the bubonic plague.



Temporary Pattern of Services August – September 2020

Date	Hardraw 9am	Askrigg 10:30am	Hawes 2:30pm	Stalling Busk 4pm
2 nd August	First celebration of Communion for each community.			
9 th August	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Evening Prayer	
16 th August	Holy Communion	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	
23 rd August	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Evening Prayer
30 th August	OUTDOOR BENEFICE SERVICE If permitted- 10.30am venue tbc 8.30 HC in Hawes			
6 th Sep	'The Gathering' ONLINE ONLY Community involvement. 8:30 HC in Askrigg			
13 th Sep	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Evening Prayer	Holy Communion
20 th Sep	Holy Communion	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	
27 th Sep	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Evening Prayer