



Trinity 12

The Benefice of Upper Wensleydale



Edition 24

'Church in the Home'

Sunday August 30th – Saturday September 5th 2020

From the Vicarage



Our reflections during August have been reminding us that 'being right with God' is not the result of good earthly conduct and hard work, but a free gift available to each and every one of us by placing our trust in Jesus Christ. It's all about a decision we make and, in the words of St Augustine, until we do, we will not find peace.

"Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in thee."

Next week we will host our 'Yorkshire Harvest Celebration', reminding ourselves of God's goodness but also of his interest in a very different harvest; that of people coming to know him and living their lives in the joy and freedom that he intended. God wants us to stay 'afloat' and above the stormy waters of life and he provides the means for us to do so.

Our reading for today speaks of a fruitful vine. The vine is healthy and fruitful because all the branches remain attached to it, drawing their strength from its root. It's the same for us and our relationship with Jesus. Whatever challenges we face, the most important thing for our survival is staying rooted in him. It doesn't matter how old or how young we are.

Being unable to gather in our buildings for worship for 20 weeks has helped us to focus on new ways in which we can remain connected with one another and with Jesus. Our prayer chain, pastoral call groups and online services have all helped to connect many new people with the message of hope and life and love that there is in him.

There are so many wonderful resources out there that can help us in this, some of which we promote every week: TV, Radio, podcasts and online Bible readings, but the mainstay will always be knowing God through studying his word, spending time with him and spending time with others who are doing the same. That is the joy of being a 'Church'

This Bank Holiday weekend why not spend some quality time with God?
Stay connected. Be **refreshed, renewed** and **restored**.

Rev Dave.



Love Divine

<https://youtu.be/JGGcqhKShQ8>

Music from
Sarah

We have had this so many times but it is just brilliant. It speaks of dwelling In that love ... thee we would be ALWAYS blessing.. fix in us your humble dwelling ... living in God's love and waiting on The glory of the fruit to be found as He goes about His job to finish His work in us .. changing us from glory to glory .

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us your humble dwelling,
all your faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, you are all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with your salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all your grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more your temples leave.
We would always give you blessing,
serve you as your hosts above,
pray, and praise you without ceasing,
glory in your perfect love.

Finish then your new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see your great salvation,
perfect in eternity:
Changed from glory into glory
till in heaven we take our place,
there to sing salvation's story
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Charles Wesley

ABIDE WITH ME <https://youtu.be/f6iNvPxdRFI>

This song is so good and reminds us that God is asking us to abide in him ... To work out of the rest that comes from abiding in his love day in day out through the painful times and then we will see fruit.

I have a home, Eternal home ,
But for now I walk this broken world
You walked it first, You know our pain
But You show hope
can rise again up from the grave

Abide with me. Abide with me
Don't let me fall, And don't let go
Walk with me, And never leave
Ever close God abide with me

There in the night, Gethsemane,
Before the cross Before the nails
I'm overwhelmed Alone, You prayed
You met us in our suffering
and bore our shame

Abide with me. Abide with me
Don't let me fall, And don't let go
Walk with me, And never leave
Ever close God abide with me

Oh, love that will not ever let me go
Love that will not ever let me go
You never let me go
Love that will not ever let me go

And up ahead, Eternity
We'll weep no more and
sing for joy abide with me
We'll weep no more and
sing for joy abide with me

Abide with me. Abide with me
Don't let me fall, And don't let go
Walk with me, And never leave
Ever close God abide with me

Love that will not ever let me go
Love that will not ever let me go

You never let me go
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Matt Maher



Sunday Aug 30th Bible Reading:

John 15: 1- 12

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

REFLECTION

It's time to start looking for the fruit

Ven Kevin Roberts:
Director of ReSource Ministries

Maybe because of the lockdown, I have been much more aware of what has been happening in the garden.

This year I have noticed things that I have missed before, and watching fruit starting to grow has been one of them. I have taken great pleasure at seeing clusters of tomatoes take shape in our growbags and start to turn from hard green to edible red. My careful pruning has proven beneficial

But my message isn't so much about looking for natural, biological fruit, fun though that is, but rather, that after a time of severe pruning in our national life, and for most of us personally, and certainly in our churches, we need to be on the lookout for the fruit that will now begin to grow. Indeed, as the world and church begins to open up again, we need to be actively looking for it, and not so preoccupied with the return to busy normality that we don't see the new fruit that is taking shape in our lives and in our churches.

Certainly, as Jesus describes it in John 15, the purpose of pruning is that there might be more fruit. The gardener removes branches that bear no fruit, in order that the vine may be more fruitful. That's why a good vine dresser cuts back even the newest growth. That's the purpose of the exercise. That there might be more fruit. Pruning may look to be all about loss but ultimately judicious, even severe, pruning is all about gain not loss, as new fruit begins to grow.

For some of us the loss has been enormous. For many of us it is ongoing, and unremittingly painful. For all of us life has been shorn of things we had taken for granted. Many of our churches have been radically pruned, with the inevitability of permanent change. Let's not even begin to think that we can stick pruned branches back on the vine. That's not the way pruning works.

It is early days, but is new growth beginning to show on pruned branches? Is fruit beginning to take shape that promises a new kind of harvest, a new kind of abundance? Are there signs of fruit that will last; fruit that demonstrates that we are Jesus' disciples; fruit that is to the Father's glory?

Jesus couldn't have put it more clearly in John 15. No branch can begin to bear fruit by itself, it needs to be attached to the vine and draw its sustenance from the nutrients and vitality of the vine. He, Jesus, is the vine of which we are the branches. As we remain in Him, so He remains in us. Apart from Him we can do nothing, He says, but with Him we will bear much fruit; fruit that will last.

Friends, this is a time for remaining and for looking. It is time for closer attachment to Jesus and greater attentiveness to what He is doing in our lives. It is a season of greater fruitfulness.



Prayers



'Wait for the Lord – be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord' Ps 27:14

God of love, we thank you for your presence with us; that you long for us to spend time with you, know you and hear your voice. Increase in our hearts a desire to wait on you, remain in you and abide with you. As we freely receive your love may we freely share with others all that you have given to us through Jesus Christ.

Lord: as you abide in us, may we abide in you.

Loving Father of all, we pray for your church throughout the world and throughout this nation, that she may always speak the truth of who you are and be all that you have created her to be. May we as members of your church always show your love and care, seeking out the needy, the lonely and the rejected that your love might be revealed in action to those around us. Bless this church with an increase in knowing your presence.

Lord: as you abide in us, may we abide in you.

We pray for those in need of any kind; physical, mental, emotional and spiritual. As we watch and listen to the news from around your creation, forgive us for where our greed and lack of tolerance has created violence and fear and lack of resources. May there be peace and understanding in the world and let it begin with us.

Lord: as you abide in us, may we abide in you.

Lord of all love, be a comfort to those who are distressed and in sorrow. Console, strengthen and heal those who are sick, weak and in pain; bring your peace to those who have been affected by the virus physically, mentally or financially and surround those who mourn the loss of loved ones with the blessing of your love and presence. We remember before you this week the family and friends of Norma Jones, Jean Moore and Jean Lambert who have died recently.

Lord: as you abide in us, may we abide in you

Lord of all life, we thank you for all who have borne fruit in their lives for you. For those who have shared the reality of your love and your presence with us and with others. Bless us and this church with power and freedom to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

Merciful Father: accept these prayers for the sake of your son our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen

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Sunday Aug 30th
We hope you might
join us at one of
our services



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www.upperwensleydalechurch.org

or our FaceBook page :

[upperwensleydalechurch-cofe](https://www.facebook.com/upperwensleydalechurch-cofe)



Bank Holiday Sunday



St Mary & St John's Hardraw at 9.00am Holy Communion

St Oswald's Askrigg at 10.30am Holy Communion

St Margaret's Hawes at 2.30pm Holy Communion

Please wear a
face covering

A Yorkshire



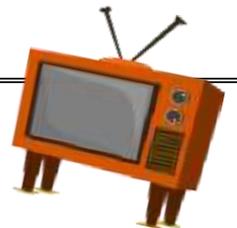
Sunday September 6th

An online Family Celebration with contributions
from across the Benefice and the Dale – 10:30am
Premiere on our Facebook page and website

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 from the Greenbelt Festival,

Sunday: Radio 3 Choral Evensong 3:00 – 4pm Live from St Martin-in-the-Fields

Wed: Radio 3 Choral Evensong 3.30-4.30pm Recorded at the Charles Wood
Summer School – St Patrick's Cathedral - Armagh



Sunday: BBC1 1:15-1:50 *Songs of praise* with
Aled Jones from Blenheim Palace



Temporary Pattern of Services August – September 2020

Date	Hardraw 9am	Askrigg 10:30am	Hawes 2:30pm	Stalling Busk 4pm
30 th August	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	
6 th Sep	'The Gathering' ONLINE ONLY - Big Yorkshire Harvest 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