



News Sheet 01 – 07 November



From the Vicarage

Celebrating the Good Things

The clocks have been turned back, the dark nights are with us and this weekend sees the return of two very significant days in the churches calendar:

‘All Saints’ and ‘All Souls’ or ‘All Hallows’ and ‘All Hallows Eve’ (Halloween)

The word *hallow* means holy, so these are days when the church remembers and celebrates those who have lived their lives in faith as Disciples of Christ. In some cultures people wandered the streets dressed as Saints, knocking on doors and exchanging sweet pastries with one another. It's not difficult to see how this custom has become adulterated with current Halloween activities. Fundamentally, it's a time of the year where amidst the darkness, we can rejoice in the light that Jesus brings to our lives. As a church we've been working with our local schools and families to keep the focus on celebrating that light with happy pumpkin carvings and songs about God's goodness. Why not carve a happy pumpkin or light a candle, place it in a jar or lantern and have it shining out on your windowsill this weekend as a reminder of all the things we are grateful for. Jesus said: 'I am the Light of the World' John8:12. So: whatever we are facing, however we are feeling right now, it's good to proclaim that truth over ourselves.

Pat Jones

Services on Sunday 1st November

St Oswald's Askrigg	10.30am	Morning Prayer
St Mary & St John's Harddraw	9.00am	Morning Prayer
St Margaret's Hawes	10.30am	Holy Communion

Benefice News

November 08th – Remembrance Sunday

As we are unable to hold large services in church this year, we have decided to have two short outdoor remembrance services so we can ensure everyone can pay their respects safely. In Hawes there will be a short parade at 10.45 to the War Memorial followed by a brief service of remembrance at 10.50. In Askrigg there will be a short service of remembrance at 10.50 held at the Market Cross. Marshals will be on hand to help ensure social distancing rules are followed at both services.

Silent Art Auction –to raise money for St Oswald's Church Tower Appeal

The auction due to take place last April will now go ahead "*silently*" from **10 -12th December** in Askrigg. Piers Browne has collected over 50 paintings donated by a wide range of artists that will be displayed at an exhibition in Askrigg Village Hall. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, you will have to book a time slot to view the paintings and we will be accepting "silent" or sealed bids at the exhibition. You can view the catalogue **from November 1st** on our website <http://upperwensleydalechurch.org/silent-art-auction/>. If you are unable to attend the exhibition, bids can also be accepted by email. Exhibition opening times: Dec 10th 10-2 and 3-7pm, Dec 11th 10-2 and 3-7pm, Dec 12th 10-2 and 3-6pm. To book a time slot contact: piersbrowne@gmail.com t 01969 650434 m 07876233310. The highest bidders will be contacted by 7pm on Dec 12th.

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