



## News Sheet 25<sup>th</sup>- 31<sup>st</sup> October



### **From the Vicarage (Sarah)**

#### **Let's celebrate the good!**

So these times are difficult. They are limited with rules, boundaries and restrictions but let's celebrate what we can do. Let's celebrate the goodness all around us. Let's celebrate hope and light. Let's not revel in the darkness and fear, but look to the light that shines even in the darkest times. Jesus. Theo (4 yrs) said to his mummy the other day, when she lit a candle on the coffee table... "Did you know mummy that Jesus is the light of the world?" Out of the mouths of babes! Remember this when you next light a candle. Put your name in the place of "mummy" .... "Did you know — — — that Jesus is the light of the world?" Remember Theo's faith and hope. Jesus asks us to believe like little children. "Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." Luke 18:17 NIV. Ask Jesus to shine into any darkness you may feel right now ... The darkness is real, true enough, and fear maybe lurking and shadows are present BUT let's not focus on that let's focus on the light and the hope that God brings because HE IS ALWAYS PRESENT. Though we might not feel it ... like the blue sky above the clouds hidden often ... it's still there and so is God.

♪ Turn your eyes upon Jesus  
Looks full in His wonderful face  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace. ♪

### **Services on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Oct**

St Oswald's Askrigg	8.30am	Holy Communion, 10.30am	<i>Praise in the Pen</i> – see below
St Mary & St John's Hardraw	9.00am	Holy Communion	
St Margaret's Hawes	10.30am	Holy Communion	
St Matthew's Stalling Busk	2.30pm	Holy Communion	

### **Benefice News**

#### **Celebrate the Light**

St Oswald's will be holding an hour of prayer over 5 days: **Oct 27<sup>th</sup> – Oct 31<sup>st</sup>, 5pm – 6pm**, to celebrate the light, to celebrate all things good and to pray for God's light to shine into the darkness that many are feeling right now. It would be lovely to welcome you there, to pray for our homes, our families, our communities and our nation; for safety, for strength .... For Hope.

#### ***Praise in the Pen* - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the Month 10.30am in St Oswald's, Askrigg starting on 25<sup>th</sup> Oct**

This is our new fun activity session to welcome our families back to Church. Each family will have their own, socially distanced pew, (or pen!) and all craft activities, dancing, stories and prayers will be done as a family 'in your pen' with all materials supplied. Families need to book their place by emailing [office@upperwenben.org](mailto:office@upperwenben.org), The next Praise in the Pen is **November 22**

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