



## News Sheet 08 – 14th November



### **From the Vicarage** **Love Matters**

Amidst the many accounts of selfish behaviour, distress and violence, that seem to fill our media these days, there has been the heart-warming story of the music teacher Paul Harvey recently diagnosed with dementia, whose simple four note composition has been arranged and recorded by the BBC Philharmonic orchestra into the most beautiful recording and of Sir Tom Hunter donating £1 million to the 'Alzheimer's Society' and 'Music for Dementia' charities as a result of it. Love in action always cheers us and has the power to change our lives for good.

The message of Jesus is a message that calls us, encourages us and compels us to intervention for good. The love of which Jesus speaks, is not some soppy, sentimental, fluffy emotion that we so often see love as being portrayed today. The message of Jesus is not for the faint hearted or the weak. It's a tough, radical, uncompromising message of love that has the power to change everything in its path. It's a love that makes demands of us, a love that intervenes, a love that seeks for justice, a love that calls us to action to intervene for good and a love that then asks; have we got what it takes to live like that? Following Jesus is not for the faint hearted and weak. The call is to head towards something better, someone better and greater who has lived a life of sacrifice and service. One to whom we can look for inspiration and for help.

And so on this day as we remember and honour with gratitude, the sacrifice and the service of those who have gone before, that allows us the freedom to live as we do today, may we commit ourselves anew, to live life in a radically different way to a world that desperately needs us to.

*Rev Dave*

### **Benefice News.....**

Sadly due to the Government's call for a National Lockdown, services in church are **SUSPENDED** until at least December 06<sup>th</sup>. St Matthew's Stalling Busk will remain open for private prayer each day during this time. St Oswald's, Askrigg will open for Private Prayer only on Sunday mornings 10-12am on Nov 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. St Margaret's and St Mary and St John's will not be opening for private prayer during this second lockdown period. Open Pantry is still operating and the church will keep in touch with you through our usual channels. We have learned a great deal about what it means to be Church during lockdown and we are stronger for it. If you need to get in touch with Rev Dave please feel free to contact him at the vicarage. Its good to talk 😊



#### **November 08<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Sunday**

An act of remembrance will be held on behalf of the community in St Oswald's, Askrigg and in St Margaret's, Hawes. Due to covid restrictions these services are not open to the public.

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## Act of Remembrance

As we gather with so many others across our Nation for this act of remembrance, we do so in extraordinary circumstances. Amidst the uncertainty and disruption caused by the pandemic I invite us all to use this time to commit ourselves anew, to work for peace and reconciliation wherever we may live and work; that *all* people of *all* nations may come together and live in freedom, justice and peace, just as God intended that we should.

Another year has passed with the jarring images of the waste and ruin of war imprinted upon our minds as well as the shocking acts of terrorism that have been inflicted upon so many and so recently. Let us remember this day all those who have lost their lives in the service of others, those who suffer in any way through the impact of war and violence and those who are currently working for peace and reconciliation. For our greed, our aggression and our inhumanity to one another, we can ask for God's mercy as we confess our share in what is wrong with the world and our failure to seek and establish the peace which God wills for his creation.

*'God our light, breathe your gentle Spirit over the wastes of our world. Protect our memories and our wills from the infection of hate that we may live free from fear, prejudice and resentment. May the light of Christ lead us out of the valley of the shadow of death onto paths of reconciliation, forgiveness and peace that we might live in understanding and harmony with one another. And so this day we pray for peace, that the world may live for peace. That the frightened and the lonely would know peace. That the people and rulers of the world would seek for peace. And that it might begin with me.'*

Let us remember before God and commend to his sure keeping those who have died for their country in war and in keeping the peace. Those whom we knew and those whose memory we treasure. For all who have lived and died in the service of mankind.

*'They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them'*

**At 11am you are invited and encouraged to join with the Nation for 2min silence.**

*'When you go home tell them of us and say for your tomorrow we gave our today'*

### Readings for Remembrance Sunday

**John 15: 9-17** Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be full. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this, that a man may lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide; so that whatever you ask in my name he may give it to you. This I command you, to love one another.

**Ephesians 4:25-end** Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbour, for we are all members of one body. "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need. Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.