



# The Benefice of Upper Wensleydale

News Sheet: Dec 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>



## Good NEWS .... On the way!

We have just received the news this week of the saving power of the New vaccine; but we still have to wait and we still have to maintain our vigilance. We are not out of the woods yet.

Isaiah speaks of God being the comforting voice for when we are in the wilderness, and for many, this year *has* felt like a wilderness; a 'Roller- Coaster' of a year with dips and highs, but God's promise is of a levelling out – valleys lifted and mountains made low. In a turbulent world it's good to know and rely on the consistency of God. The image of God as shepherd, gathering and feeding. How we long to be gathered back together again instead of all this scattering and isolation. The psalm speaks of mercy and forgiveness as God ministers his grace, his truth and his peace and Peter's letter reminds us of our need to be prepared and ready in our hearts for Jesus' return as none of us know when that will be, but it *will* be. In all of our readings the promise of Hope rings out but it's in the waiting that we change. Waiting shouldn't be passive. As we wait on God he can be about his work of changing us as we allow our character to yield and submit to his perfect will for our lives. Let's make a new way for him in our lives and trust in the HOPE that is to come. *Sarah*

**We're back!** Services resume this week in our church buildings



**Toy Service** Thank you for your wonderful generosity in providing such a range of gifts to bless a child this Christmas.

We welcome Major Sampson of the Salvation Army to our service this Sunday at St Margaret's in Hawes at 10:30am

## A Christmas Memorial

An opportunity for private prayer and thanksgiving for the lives of those we have lost.

Sunday Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> 2 – 5pm:  
St Oswald's Askrigg



## Silent Art Auction 10-12 Dec - Askrigg Village Hall

Don't forget to book your time slot to view the Art Exhibition and sale in aid of St Oswald's tower appeal. There are over 50 paintings to view and you can leave a sealed (silent) bid at the exhibition. You can book a time to view the paintings by contacting Piers Browne [piersbrowne@gmail.com](mailto:piersbrowne@gmail.com) t 650434 m 07876233310.

If you are unable to attend you can view the paintings online <http://upperwensleydalechurch.org/silent-art-auction> and send in your bid by email/tel.

Exhibition opening times are:

Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 10-2 and 3-7pm, Dec 11<sup>th</sup> 10-2 and 3-7pm and Dec 12<sup>th</sup> 10-2 and 3-6pm

Askrigg: December 13<sup>th</sup> – Hawes: December 20<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm

## 'A Candlelight Celebration of Christmas'



Come and enjoy the Christmas story told through readings and music both traditional & contemporary. Let's cheer ourselves with something 'Christmassie' *Limited numbers available.*