



The Benefice of Upper Wensleydale

News Sheet: 14th-20th March

A love to celebrate



Week 4

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Ex.2:1-10, Ps.34:11-20, Col.3:12-17, Jn.19:25-27

A son's reflection on the 'Mothers' in his life.

'I've always thought that love is a thing that should be celebrated and the love of a Mother particularly so. My story is a story of a love so secure that it allowed others in. My name is Moses and I've come to realise that there are lots of different ways to be a mother.

I was born into trouble. Pharaoh had ordered that all baby Hebrew boys had to be collected by his soldiers, thrown into the River Nile and drowned. My mother, Jochabed, risked her own life hiding me from the soldiers until, after 3 months, she realised that I couldn't remain hidden any longer. If I was to live, she needed to be bold and courageous. She was. Mothers often are. She made me a basket, apparently the best basket she'd ever made, put me in it, took me down to the Riverside & then, with a prayer for my safety, she set me afloat. How she must have wept as she said 'goodbye' but she let me go to have a chance to live. You see, sometimes mothers just *have* to make difficult decisions.

With my basket bobbing gently on the water, my second 'Mother' now steps into the story; my sister, Miriam. Miriam was smart, quick witted, passionate and resourceful and she was all of those things that day and for many years after. She followed my journey down the river, taking care to remain hidden from view, until I came to rest in some reeds alongside where the Princess, Pharaoh's daughter herself, was bathing. The Princess heard me crying, spotted the basket, opened the lid and as soon as she saw me her heart melted. What can I say? I was obviously a good-looking lad. Miriam saw what was taking place & steps out and introduces herself to the Princess. Don't ask me how she did it, I told you she was resourceful, but not very long after that, I'm back with my birth mother who is now posing as my nurse and receiving a wage for looking after her own son! As I have often heard said; 'God works in wonderful ways'.

Jochabed and Miriam loved me, mothered me, taught me of God and his wonderful love and faithfulness & when I was old enough to fend for myself, just as was agreed, they said 'goodbye' for a second time as they made the journey to the Palace. There the Princess took me in as her own son; 'Mother' number three you might say. She lavished her love upon me. No servant girls for me. It was she who spent time with me teaching me her language and customs. Did she understand my story? I'll never know. Did she care? I'll never find out, but this I do know. She loved me. And I loved her. I loved her as I loved Jochebed and as I loved Miriam. The truth is, I've loved all my mother's. I've loved their devotion, their care, their self sacrifice and their faith in me in good times and bad. And now, now that I'm older and some might say, wiser, I've come to recognise that this love that I received from all of my 'mother's' is just a tiny example of how much God loves *His* children. And in my book, that's worth celebrating.'

PER DAVE.

HAPPY
MOTHER'S
Day!

Services For Mothering Sunday

14th March

A Family Celebration for Mothering Sunday

Streamed on our FaceBook page and website from **10:30am**



Upper Wensleydale Church – CofE

Website: www.upperwensleydalechurch.org/services

HAPPY
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4:00pm: A service of Evening Prayer

Held in our telephone meeting room.

It's easy to join in and many have been drawing comfort and strength by doing so.

The service will last for approx. 25 mins.

As 4pm approaches call this number: **03330 164757** you will then be asked to enter the Room Number: **893 277 00#** and the PIN: **2772#**



LOOK Up in Lent



ZOOM!

in and share a cup of Coffee or Tea with friends during the weeks of Lent. We will be sharing things that make us smile or bring us joy. **Next zoom meeting is Wednesday 17th March at 11:00am**

To join in, simply click the link below or copy and paste it into your browser

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74534391814?pwd=K2FLQ0ZWVldtWSt1TDAYmRpciAvUT09>

Meeting ID: 745 3439 1814 Passcode: T8hte5

Lent Study
with Rev
Vera

The next Zoom group to study the First Epistle of Peter is on
Thursday 18th March 4.30 - 5.20pm,

Ch 3v13-4v11 Baptism and Christ's descent to hell

If you are interested please contact Vera and she will provide you with the details you need to join the Zoom group. vera@vsinton.co.uk **666948**

Worship on the BBC - Mothering Sunday 14th March



Radio 4 Sunday Worship 8:10 – 8:50am led by Rev Cheryl Meban and Helen Warnock

Radio 3 Choral Evensong 3:00 – 4pm from Kings College Cambridge

BBC 1 Lent Worship 11.15 -11.45 with Rev Kate Bottley from St Cuthbert's Church in Preston

BBC 2 Songs of Praise 1:15-2.00pm – Brenda Edwards learns about a new Christian Community Grocery



Churches Opening for Private Prayer Sunday 21st March


We are delighted to be able to tell you that the church buildings will be open for private prayer on the 21st March prior to all church services re starting on Palm Sunday

St Mary & St John's, Hardraw 9.00 -11.00am

St Margaret's, Hawes and St Oswald's, Askrigg will open 10-12

St Matthews, Stalling Busk will continue to open all week for Private Prayer

Services back in church from Palm Sunday 28th March

|  Holy Week | St Mary & St John's Hardraw 9.00am | St Margaret's Hawes 10.30am | St Oswald's Askrigg 10.30am | St Matthews Stalling Busk 2.30pm |
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| 28 March Palm Sunday | Holy Communion | Holy Communion | Holy Communion | Holy Communion |
| 01 April Maundy Thurs | A service of Communion and reflection – St Oswald's, Askrigg – 6pm | | | |
| 02 April Good Friday | A service of Reflection – St Margaret's, Hawes – 11am | | | |
| 04 April Easter Sunday | Holy Communion | Holy Communion | Holy Communion | Holy Communion |



Love Flowers? Can you help? Seeking Flower Arrangers for St Oswald's



We are resuming the flower rota in St Oswald's at Easter and would love a few more people to join our team. People of all abilities are very welcome - a vase with fresh flowers is just as lovely as a pedestal display. If you are interested please contact Eleanor Scarr on 650216 or by email

james_scarr@btinternet.com.



Wensleydale Filling Station.



This week would have been our March meeting and it seems a long time since we have been able to join together in worship and teaching. I'd like to introduce you to Capernwray Hall and their Bible School principal, Derek Burnside. This link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UOoczLDCUOw> takes you to his first talk in a series called 'Glorious Reality'. He starts the series with the strap line 'I'm in Christ and He's in me' looking at the verses at the end of Romans chapter 8. Make yourself a cup of coffee, open your bible, sit down and enjoy listening to Derek speak to over 100 young people in the lecture hall as part of their Bible School (<https://capernwray.org/about/>)

God's Blessing - Mike and Pauline Hirst for Wensleydale Filling Station