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The Benefice of Upper Wensleydale 'Church in the Home'



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**Holy Week and
Easter edition**

From The Vicarage

The posters are on the gates and the news is being circulated ... this week sees our return to our buildings. Yes: we are going to be worshipping back together again and what a week to do so as we celebrate **Palm Sunday**, walk through Holy Week and then enter into the JOY of Easter. It will be the start of something new, and as we've been told, this time it will be '*irreversible*.'

The Journey of Holy week must have been for Jesus, at least, a turbulent roll of emotions. The glorious triumphant entry into Jerusalem ... the bittersweet last supper with friends ... the betrayal, deception and torment in Gethsemane, leading to His torture, pain and ultimate death. All so irreversible. So they thought ...

But then after waiting ... and even more waiting ... Jesus rises above it all. He defeats *even death*. This incredible Christian truth is FINALLY IRREVERSIBLE. Jesus Conquers Death and is alive forever. The joy of Easter is the joy of knowing that we have this eternal life available for each and every one of us when we take into our hearts the message of this crucial week. After the year we have experienced both personally and as a nation, let us ask the Lord to fill our hearts afresh with the spirit and joy of Easter that no matter what we might face in the days that lie ahead we do so as an Easter people.

So let's all walk forward together (like the clocks) into church, into spring, into restoration and into personal renewal. Let's begin to rebuild with one another heart to heart and face to face.

With our love for a wonderful and blessed Eastertide - Rev Dave & Sarah



Transition is everywhere it seems and our '**Church in the Home**' newsletter is no exception. Over the last twelve months we have emailed, printed and delivered 200 copies every week to help members of the church, both near and far, stay connected with one another as they worship from their home.

As we begin to return to our buildings and share in the opportunity to be together physically on a more regular basis, the way we have been doing things needs to adjust slightly to meet our changing circumstances. We're going to begin by moving to a fortnightly publication which fits in quite nicely with the Easter holiday weekend.



Sunday March 28th



We welcome everyone back to our wonderful buildings. As the crowd honoured Jesus and shouted their Hosanna's together as he entered Jerusalem, let's re enter into worship together to honour Him and welcome one another to our Communion services.

St Mary and St John Hardraw 9am

St Margaret's Hawes 10:30 am & St Oswald's Askrigg 10:30 am

St Matthews Stalling Busk 2:30 pm.

After such a prolonged time away from one another it's understandable that some may be nervous and cautious about gathering again. Many of us will have received at least our first vaccination and for this we can be thankful, but as yet, the virus hasn't disappeared so it's right for us all to continue to remain vigilant. We would like to assure you that all of the measures that were in place last year to create a safe environment are still in place and with us continuing to be sensible by observing the use of face coverings, sanitising our hands and respecting our physical distancing, we should be able to gather for worship again in the confidence that we are doing all that we can to ensure safety.



Maundy Thursday

6pm St Oswald's
Askrigg



An opportunity to come together in a quiet service to mark the moment of the Last Supper and Gethsamene. There will be no hand or foot washing this year.

Good Friday

A service of reflection at St Margarets Hawes 11:00am

An hour at the cross - St Oswald's Askrigg 2-3pm





Sunday
April 4th



Easter Day

Communion Services

“Alleluia! - He is risen indeed!”

Come and worship together and Praise the Risen Lord

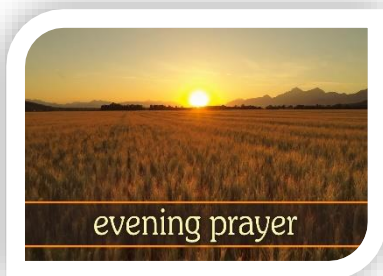
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St Matthews Stalling Busk 2:30 pm.

Sadly our Easter Morning Daybreak Service with BBQ fish and bread on the shore of Semerwater is a 'Covid Casualty', but we hope that all will be well for us to reinstate this wonderful occasion next year



Our Service of **Evening Prayer** via our telephone meeting room continues on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday as usual at 4pm

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#**

For our Families



It has been wonderful for us to keep connected with you through our fantastic schools who have allowed us to join in your Easter assemblies and celebrations. We hope you have enjoyed your Palm Crosses and Egg Hunts. You are all so very welcome at any of our services as we have packs and activities prepared for the children. Please remember our special family service just for you:

'PRAISE IN THE PEN'



'PiP' will be back at the end of April. Watch this space!!
Meanwhile keep an eye on face book for other activities and messages from us.

Looking ahead

| Sunday | 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 | Phone Church 4pm |
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| April 11th | Holy Communion | Morning Prayer | Holy Communion | Holy Communion | Evening Prayer |
| April 18 th | Holy Communion | Holy Communion | Morning Prayer BCP 2pm | | Evening Prayer |
| April 25 th | Morning Prayer | Holy Communion | 8:30 Said Communion 10:30 PRAISE IN THE PEN | Evening Prayer | Evening Prayer |

Easter Blessing

May the risen Christ who out of defeat brings a new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life that you might know his joy, his peace and his presence with you whatever you may face and wherever you may go.

