



# The Benefice of Upper Wensleydale 'Church in the Home'

News Sheet: May 23<sup>rd</sup> – June 5<sup>th</sup>



Pentecost &  
Trinity Sunday

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## 'Come Holy Spirit'



This Sunday is known as **Pentecost Sunday**. It's a day in the churches calendar when we remember the life changing, pivotal moment in history when God sent his Holy Spirit upon the first believers and the church as we know it was born. The Holy Spirit is referred to in the Bible on numerous occasions. In its opening sentences and at the start of creation itself, the Holy Spirit is there and described as 'Hovering'. <sup>Genesis 1</sup> I love that image of the Holy Spirit waiting for a call to action. Before this moment, this 'call to action' showed itself principally on certain individuals for a particular purpose but God had been speaking through various prophets across a millennia, that a time was coming when the Holy Spirit would be poured out and available for *everyone*. That's you and me, and that is what we remember and celebrate this Sunday and, hopefully, every day of our lives. The Holy Spirit makes a difference. Without the Holy Spirit in our lives we cannot hope to live our lives the 'Jesus way'.

I was drawn to doing some reading around the events of what has come to be known as the '**Hebrides Revival**' this week. This was a life changing, pivotal moment in history between 1949 and 1952 for the communities of those islands and in particular, the isle of Lewis. Like many other accounts I could recall told to me by others or witnessed personally, it emphasises again that the gift of the Holy Spirit is for everyone. I remain excited that these particular events began with the prayers of two faithful, elderly sisters, Peggy and Christine Smith. One blind and the other crippled with arthritis, they were unable to travel to their local church to worship and so their small cottage became a house of prayer. They prayed fervently every day for God to pour out his Spirit so that the church they had attended since childhood would once again be full and filled with young people. The events that followed changed the communities for ever and went on to influence the world. Blacksmiths, Butchers, teenagers, men, women and children, ordinary folks of the isles encountered the power of God, close up and personal. In the village of Callanish, just as happened in Jerusalem all those centuries before, those present in the church meeting said that 'The Spirit of God swept into the building with the force of a hurricane and the floodgates of Heaven were opened'. As we read of the historical accounts of that first outpouring, let us not forget that the Spirit of God is not a fiction. He's there to be known and to be experienced and let us never underestimate the power of prayer. Thank you to all of you faithful prayer warriors. Let us pray our hearts longing for the same.

Peri Dare.

# Pentecost Sunday May 23<sup>rd</sup>



St Mary and St John's, Harddraw 9am - Communion

St Margaret's, Hawes 10:30am - Communion

St Oswald's, Askrigg 8:30am - Communion

St Matthew's, Stalling Busk 2:30pm - Communion

Telephone Service of Evening Prayer: 4:00pm - *Details below*

# Trinity Sunday May 30<sup>th</sup>



St Mary and St John's, Harddraw 9am - Morning Prayer

St Margaret's, Hawes 10:30am - Morning Prayer

St Oswald's, Askrigg 10:30am - Morning Prayer

Telephone Service of Evening Prayer: 4:00pm *Details below*



*Please remember to continue to wear a face covering and to sanitise your hands on entering the church buildings*



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#**

And then you're in ... say 'Hello' or sit quietly and enter into a short service of prayer and reflection

## *Help us Celebrate Birthdays*

Dear All,

It came to my notice recently that there have been a few 'big' birthdays in the benefice. The church does not have a way of knowing about these dates in advance, therefore, sometimes they go unacknowledged. I discussed this with Rev Dave and the church admin. I am aware many cards are sent by our churches for a number of reasons. In the past we haven't sent cards for special birthdays. We are going to try to do this from now on, where it is wanted.

Each January I am going to compile a list of birthdays of note so that the church family can send out a card. Rather than waiting until next January, if you know of anyone who has a special birthday between now and next year, please send me a message. I am thinking more of those of great age but there can be many reasons why a birthday is a milestone. So please include folks in the benefice you think would like a card. Also, if you know of someone who is isolated and will not receive birthday greetings please let me know if they would appreciate a card from the church members.

The idea would be to keep to people who live in the benefice where the cards can be hand delivered if possible.

Thanks - Suzanne Wright

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### **Help wanted**

**A lady in Gayle is seeking a paid carer and cleaner.  
Please contact Rev Dave on 667553 if you know of  
someone who can help**



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