



Easter 6 & 7

The Benefice of Upper Wensleydale 'Church in the Home'

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'Thy Kingdom Come'

Last week's and this week's Gospel reading from John has Jesus instructing us to 'abide' in him; to stay rooted and attached to him, to remain in his presence, our life source. The next 14 days bring us three significant Christian festivals with a reminder of the importance there is for us to wait on God and in that waiting to trust, pray and 'abide' in his presence. **Rogation Sunday:** May 9th, **Ascension Day:** May 13th and **Pentecost Sunday:** May 23rd. Rogationtide is part of the Agricultural year where the church prays for the Lord's blessing on the fruits of the earth, for all those who work the land and for a blessed harvest. '*Bless this good earth and make it fruitful*' Traditionally it marks the start of three days of fasting before Ascension Day.

As a church, over the last 40 days we have been celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ – his bursting from the tomb and defeating sin and death, but on the 13th we remember him ascending back to the Father to take his throne over all dominions and powers and his instruction to his disciples to '**wait**' for the gift of the **Holy Spirit**. For 10 days the disciples devoted themselves to prayer ^{Acts 1:12} On the 23rd we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to all people and the life changing, life transforming power that there is for you and me in receiving him into our lives.

In 2016, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York asked the global Anglican communion to pray that all people might experience the reality of God's love and power in their lives and that this should take place, just as the disciples, in the 10 days that lie between Ascension and Pentecost. In the intervening years this call to prayer has become a global phenomenon, with Christians of all denominations praying for 5 people they know and love that they might encounter and know the power of the risen Jesus for themselves.

We have been giving away a prayer journal produced by the Archbishop of York to help us in our prayer during this time but other resources are available should you wish to access them from: www.churchofengland.org/resources/daily-prayer-thy-kingdom-come and there is also a free app containing audio for Morning, Evening, Day and Night Prayer from the booklet for all 11 days. The *Daily Prayer for Thy Kingdom Come* app has been updated with 2021 Sunday psalms and readings and the ability to set reminders for any or all the services at times that suit you. You can download this for Android or iOS devices.

I encourage you to respond to the words of Jesus and the call of the church and join with Christians around the planet between the 13th and 23rd of May and light up the world in prayer.

Rev Dave.



Annual Parish Meetings



The **Annual Parish Meeting** is an important occasion for the church family as it is the primary opportunity for members of the congregation to hear what the PCC have been engaged in on their behalf regarding the mission and management of the church; pastoral, evangelistic, social, ecumenical and financial and to ask any questions that they may have.

Because of the problems encountered in gathering together due to the virus, the 'APM's' for the year 2019 were held very late in the autumn of 2020 when we were able to enter our buildings again, *or* they were held on line. The virus is still with us but the situation is getting better and consequently we have been asked to hold our APM for the year 2020 before the end of May 2021 either as a physical gathering or on line.

As we are now worshipping together regularly once again it has been decided to hold the meeting physically in the appropriate church building to ensure there is plenty of space for us to meet safely. It may feel rather strange holding one so soon after the previous one but the dates for the respective churches are given below. Time will be given to answer any questions you may have but because of the impositions of face coverings we intend to make the proceedings as concise as we can.

All Meetings will be held in the church building

Sunday May 9th

St Oswald's, Askrigg - **11:30am** after the Morning Service.

St Matthew's, Stalling Busk - **3:00pm** after the afternoon service

Sunday May 16th

St Margaret's, Hawes - **11:30am** after the morning service

Tuesday May 18th

St Mary & St John, Hardraw - **7:00pm**

Electoral Roll

For centuries the parish churches of Wensleydale have stood at the heart of the communities they serve as places of worship, places to celebrate and commemorate significant life events such as baptisms, weddings and funerals, as well as being a centre that is able to host public occasions where residents wish to gather together.

The electoral roll is essentially a list of names of residents and visitors who might be regularly attending the many different types of service in the church building throughout the year and who recognise the significance of a living and flourishing church within the community. They may attend worship there or simply wish to support its work and be associated with it. The roll is updated regularly and the APM provides another opportunity for it to be so. Being on the roll is a sign of your support for the mission of the church. It also enables you to have a say and a vote in the business of the church at its annual meeting.

If you have not already done so, we would be delighted if you would like to become a member of the electoral roll in Askrigg, Hardraw, Hawes or Stalling Busk. If you are a regular visitor and a member of your home church's roll you can be a member of a second roll but you can only hold voting rights for one of them. If you would like to support the church in Upper Wensleydale in this way then please contact Karen in the office and she will ensure that the very simple form is sent to you straight away.



Sunday May 9th Service Details



St Mary and St John's, Hardraw 9am - Morning Prayer
St Margaret's, Hawes 10:30am - Morning Prayer
St Oswald's, Askrigg 10:30am - Communion
St Matthew's, Stalling Busk 2:30pm - Communion
Telephone Service of Evening Prayer: 4:00pm



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

Sunday May 16th Service Details

St Mary and St John's, Hardraw 9am – Communion
St Margaret's, Hawes 10:30am - Communion
St Oswald's, Askrigg 10:30am - Morning Prayer
2:00pm - Communion - BCP
Telephone Service of Evening Prayer: 4:00pm *Details above*



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





Ascension Day Service:

May 13th 7:00pm

It's been the tradition in Wensleydale to hold an outdoor celebration of Ascension in the grounds of Jervaulx Abbey. Last year this had to be cancelled because of the pandemic and this year we fall just outside of the governments 'Roadmap' in allowing such a gathering to return. So: *instead*, we are holding an online service via Zoom, which can be accessed by clicking on this link (email recipients)

<https://zoom.us/j/99980672727?pwd=QituWINBeDhFNThINm1FMmJ5WFgwdz09>

or by following these instructions and then pasting the link into your browser.

- 1) Open your computer's internet browser and navigate to the **Zoom** website at **Zoom.us**.
- 2) Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click "**Download**" in the web page's footer.
- 3) On the **Download** Centre page, click "**Download**" under the "**Zoom** Client for Meetings" section. The **Zoom** app will then begin **downloading**.

Advance Notice for our Families



'Praise in the Pen' For Pentecost!

Sunday May 23rd 10:30am

St Oswald's: Askrigg

Fun, Friendship and Faith
This Time: 'God's Power!'

Please book your
'Pen' by contacting
Steph on: **667944** or
The Vicarage **667553**

We look forward to welcoming you there

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