



The Benefice of Upper Wensleydale

'Church in the Home'



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"Squares Shares."

So, some of you might wonder, What does this mean?, Squares?? Well.....Some of you might know me as the Vicar's wife. You might know me as Sarah Clark, might know me at school as Mrs.Clark. You might know me just as Sarah. I hope most of you do know me as Sarah. But Dave, and my brothers affectionately, call me "Squares." I'm not sure whether that's a good thing or not. Dad used to call me "Squarer". So I think it comes from that.

It's good to think about how we identity ourselves, how will we be known and what we are known by. Actually, that's something personally that I've struggled with, as anybody would, after they've retired from a busy very intense career as a teacher in senior leadership. I was that person in my own right, having my own life with a distinct identity and purpose, and suddenly I've been left with the fact that I don't really have a role as such unless its "Vicars wife "which is what lots of people call me. I am a Vicar's wife but that is not my identity. I happen to be married to a vicar (great one at that and very proud too).

Actually, it's been an interesting journey because when I truly came to Faith and gave my heart to 100% following Jesus Christ I know that my I had changed in my allegiance to who was number 1 in my life. I followed and wanted to be known as a follower of Jesus Christ and not just a 'church goer' or Anglican or even teacher.

We still go on through life, don't we... take on work and develop our personalities with hobbies, important roles in society and within our families. These are all wonderful things of God. Soaked into our identity is the amazing rich culture that we are part of. The character that we and society and God allows and creates in us is good, But God asks us to root our identity in Christ. "Christ in me the hope of Glory." Because one day, all that other stuff will get taken away. And one day there will be none of it except for Him and me and that will be all that is left at the end of it. If our identity is strong in Him then our security is strong in him too. How amazing is that and that's what I have learnt. It doesn't really matter about having a role.

The truth of the matter is that he wants us to follow Him as King in our life. The Old Testament says that He is King and he warns against us idolising other 'kings' which could be... possessions, work even people or creation itself. Who do we worship? Who is our King? What or who is most important to me? This can be very challenging, but when our King is Almighty God the Creator when we worship Him essentially above all others and root our identity in Jesus as Lord, then we are gifted with unending strength and nourishment and eternal security.

We always have a choice. That's the wonderful thing about God. He forces nothing on us and gives us free will to choose, but does also ask of us to follow His truth. Never without an incredible portion of Grace. God's Grace is actually more powerful. It understands where we are and accepts us with a great heart of LOVE ...but always gives us room to change.

So ... some questions to reflect upon. Who am I? Where is my allegiance? Who do I follow? Who is my King?

Amen

Sunday June 6th



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

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

St Oswald's, Askriigg 10:30am - Communion

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



Sunday June 13th

St Mary and St John's, Hardraw 9am – Morning Prayer

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

St Oswald's, Askriigg 10:30am – Holy Communion

St Matthew's Stalling Busk- 2.30pm Holy Communion

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



Weddings to celebrate this summer

We are delighted that our couples are able to go ahead with their plans and look forward to welcoming them into the buildings. Please pray for them as they prepare for their wedding day

Daniel Luke and Grace Hunter - July 3rd Hardraw

Henry Ashby and Charlotte Murray - Aug 7th Hardraw

Sarah Clegg and Henry Thirsk - Aug 16th Blessing at Askriigg

Richard Sunter and Georgia Donno-Fuller – Sept 4th Askriigg

Jessica Iveson and Alex Clark - Sept 10th Blessing at Askriigg

Chris Reed and Rachel Franks – Sept 30th Askriigg

Together in Prayer

Our prayer meeting, starts back in St Oswald's, Askriigg
on **Tuesday 8th June at 11am** (next one: 22nd June)

I hope you can join us



Job Vacancy - The Diocese of Leeds are looking to recruit a Deputy Warden for Parcevall Hall in Skipton. The post is listed as full-time (40 hours) but has the flexibility to be 30 hours (listed salary would be prorated). Parcevall Hall is a retreat house based in Appletreewick in the Yorkshire Dales, where many different groups come and stay. The Deputy Warden will deputise for the Warden in providing and arranging a welcoming, hospitable and efficiently run environment for visitors to the Hall. They will also deputise in the day to day running of the Hall, which is a Diocesan Retreat and Conference Centre for the Diocese of Leeds. For further information go to:-

<https://pathways.churchofengland.org/job/pathways/2452/deputy-warden>



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