



The Benefice of Upper Wensleydale 'Church in the Home'

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I wonder if we will all remember where we were on the night of the 11th July? Whatever your opinion is of the *'beautiful game'*, the manner in which the Kingdom's teams and the England team in the build up to the final have been able to lift tired spirits after a gruelling 16 months, has been tangible. There was real hope that this time things might be different and with that, millions dared to dream.

Despite feeling deeply disappointed at the final result I am still very proud of the manner in which the England team and their manager have conducted themselves. They worked together, supporting and encouraging one another as they journeyed through the various stages and especially in the heartache of defeat in the penalty shootout. **Good leadership** and effective teamwork matters and there is much in scripture that speaks on this as well as dealing with disappointment and where we should direct our trust. It's been very distressing to see the anger that some are directing at members of the team and, worst of all, towards their very character and who they are.

Things certainly didn't always go the way the disciples were expecting or the apostle Paul for that matter, but the way in which they dealt with challenging circumstances reflected their love of Jesus and their hope and trust in God himself. Scripture is consistent in telling us that the only one we can *truly rely on* is God himself. **In Christ** we have an identity that stands above all things and some of the team who are facing this abuse know that and are leaning in on that truth because they already have a living faith in Jesus.

The responsibility for creating a better and more just society belongs to us all. We all have an active role to play in creating the world we want to live in and to hand onto our children. What we say, what we do, who we listen to and who we *follow* matters. Our readings for the next few weeks remind us of the call to follow God and to live our lives with Him. There is our **security**, there is our **hope** and there is our **future**.

A Christian friend of ours is a Primary School headteacher and she was distressed to see and hear the anger and vitriol that was being directed by so many people on the streets towards the players immediately after their defeat. They couldn't deal with their emotions. They didn't know how to.

She wrote the following: *'If we lay blame on individuals, they will start to blame each other on the playground. If we say someone isn't good enough they start to say it as well. If we refuse to talk about it and just get angry then they will too when things don't go their way. But if they hear conversations about what this team stood up for, how they supported one another when their hearts were broken, how they stood by their manager and listened even when they might have disagreed with his decisions, how they consoled one another when inside they were upset and cross, how they applauded each other and how they went to console those who failed to score ... then that is what the next generation will grow into.'*

King David wrote **'The Lord is my Shepherd'**. We're called to **follow Him** and make a difference.

Ref Dave.



Sunday July 18th Service Details



St Mary and St John's, Harddraw 9am – Communion
St Margaret's, Hawes 10:30am – Communion
St Oswald's, Askrigg 10:30am – Morning Prayer
2:00pm – Communion BCP

Sunday July 25th Service Details

St Mary and St John's, Harddraw 9am – Morning Prayer
St Margaret's, Hawes 10:30am Communion
St Oswald's, Askrigg 8.30am - Communion
10:30am 'Praise in the Pen' – Family Service – *Last one before the Summer break*
St Matthew's, Stalling Busk 2:30pm – Evening Prayer
Telephone Service of Evening Prayer: 4:00pm *Details above*



Join us for **Evening Prayer** from the
comfort of your own home.

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



'Loving Earth' National Exhibition
16th -27th July 10-4pm
Bainbridge Quaker Meeting House

Panels from the Loving Earth National Collection will be displayed at Bainbridge Quaker Meeting House from 16th – 27th July together with some made by local people and pupils at Bainbridge, Askrigg and West Burton Schools.

John Craven has agreed to take part in a power point presentation which will be shown during the exhibition. He and local farmers, councilors, teachers, children, clergy, and other members of the local community have been invited to choose a panel which they find particularly meaningful, be photographed beside it, and say why they chose it.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to see part of a national exhibition that will be shown in Glasgow during the International Climate Change Conference COP 26 in November.

Although many people are now concerned about climate change, they may feel powerless to do anything about it. The Loving Earth Project aims to show that making small steps can give them a direct stake in saving the planet. Hundreds of people in the UK and overseas have joined in this project to help to build momentum for action to prevent climate breakdown.

Initially a Quaker-led initiative, people of all ages are invited to design and make a textile image of a place, person or creature that is precious to them and is threatened by climate change, or an action they are taking in response. Nearly 200 beautiful panels have so far been created in a variety of styles and textile techniques.

To find out more visit: www.lovingearth-project.uk

I am privileged to have been able to see this before the official opening and it's a wonderful exhibition. The quality of the art work and the heart that lies behind it all is inspirational.

I encourage you to make a visit whilst it's here to be seen.

Baptisms Sunday July 18th – **Wren Hazel Clarkin**
at St Mary & St John's Church, Hardraw

Sunday July 25th – **Blake Arthur Lambert**
St Oswald's Church, Askrigg





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Covid guidelines beyond July 19th

What next?

There has been a great deal of speculation as to what life might be like beyond the 19th of July when many of the current safety restrictions will be lifted.

The government has confirmed that it will be changing its guidance whilst still 'urging caution' in response to rising cases of the Delta variant. Unfortunately there remains some confusion as to what all of this will mean for us as a church.

Nationally the Church of England has said the following:

"The prospect of the lifting of legal restrictions will be both a relief and a cause of anxiety and we are aware that there is likely still to be significant guidance in place. We have already been considering our current guidance to churches and are awaiting updated Government guidance for places of worship. We will also be seeking further clarification through the Government's Places of Worship Taskforce, which meets later this week, on a range of areas affecting public worship and places of worship."

We hope that by the time this newsletter reaches you we might have been given something more definite to tell you regarding singing, physical distancing and the much awaited liberation from the face mask - If we do, we'll share it with you on Sunday, but in the meantime "As you were"



Our wonderful team of **Church Wardens** were licensed for the next 12 months by the Archdeacon in St Andrew's Church, Aysgarth on Monday evening.

The first time it's been done from behind a face covering in church history!
Please pray for them as they carry out their responsibilities on our behalf.

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