



The Benefice of Upper Wensleydale 'Church in the Home'

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'CitH' News is taking a summer break so this edition is for the whole of August



**"Hope deferred makes the heart sick
but a longing fulfilled is like a tree of life."**



Proverbs 13:12

It's August ... a time perhaps to linger and loiter a little through the coming days but as the summer holidays begin our news outlets are already reporting sad tales of much longed for vacations and the hope of family reunions being dashed once again as the virus continues to intrude.

I wonder what you're like when dealing with disappointment. It's an experience we all encounter in our lives and one which we all have to learn to deal with, but when you are faced with it repeatedly it can start to wear you down, make you weary and before long, disillusionment may start to take over. The journey we have all been taking alongside the virus has certainly created plenty of disappointment for each and every one of us as plans have had to keep changing, our neat schedules disrupted, our hopes and our lives disturbed as 'Pings' and calls from the government's track and trace team have brought news of unwanted isolation and cancelled arrangements. But for far too many people, lives have taken an even more tragic turn.

Watching Team GB at the Olympic games in Tokyo this week has brought some sporting cheer to unwanted news in the Clark household, but with it the realisation that so many of our athletes have had to cope with a 'hope deferred' and yet have still kept on believing and chasing their dreams of success. The week began with such excitement as 'Magic Monday' saw Gold medals for Adam Peaty, Tom Daley, Matty Lee and Tom Pidcock and medals of all colours have continued to roll in since. If there has been a common denominator so far it appears to be our team's collective desire to not stop believing. What other successes might lie ahead?

As Christians we will encounter disappointment just as others do but our experience of it is different because in God our hope is never deferred. I frequently use a prayer that has the line;

'I refuse to be discouraged because you are a God of hope'.

When we are 'in Christ', the presence of God is always with us and that is always a cause for hope.

'My soul finds rest in God, my hope comes from him' Psalm 62:5, 'Those who hope in the lord will renew their strength' Is 40:31 and 'May the god of hope fill you with all joy' Rom.15:13, are just a few of the many references to God being the source of a very real and living hope no matter what interruptions or disappointments might cross our path. God's promise is that with our hope placed in him, our hearts can be fulfilled and our lives fruitful.

Wherever you might be and whatever you might end up doing this summer, may you know the reality of his love, his presence and his joy in your lives. **Enjoy the Summer** - back in September !

Per Dave.



Upper Wensleydale Benefice Services

August 2021



	St Mary & St John's, Hardraw 9.00am	St Margaret's, Hawes 10.30am	St Oswald's, Askrigg 10.30am	St Matthew's, Stalling Busk- 2.30pm
01 Aug	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Morning Prayer	
08 Aug	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Holy Communion
15 Aug	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Morning Prayer (2.00pm BCP)	
22 Aug	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	
29 Aug	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Evening Prayer

Evening Prayer on Sundays at 4pm (**except for 1st Aug**) via our tel conference service
See below



This August you might like to join us from the comfort of your own home for

Evening Prayer at 4pm

Every Sunday apart from August 1st

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#**

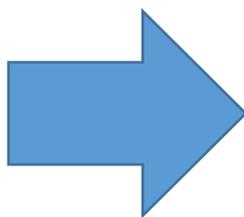
And then you're in ... say 'Hello' or sit quietly and enter into a short service of prayer and reflection

Funeral

Many of you will now be aware of the sad news of the death of Elma Banks of Askrigg, last week.

Elma's funeral service is to be held in St Oswald's on Friday August 6th at 2pm and will taken by Rev Malcolm Stonestreet.

New Youth Choir
starting in
September



Church Opening

Thanks to our wonderful team of volunteers we are steadily being able to open up our buildings to visitors during the week. Closing on a Thursday evening allows 48 hours before our services on a Sunday and alleviates us from having to undertake a 'deep clean' on a Saturday evening.

Stalling Busk – every day
Askrigg – Sunday to Thursday
Hawes – Sunday to Thursday
Hardraw – Sunday services only

RICHMOND – NORTH YORKSHIRE

NORTHERN YOUTH VOICES

COME AND JOIN US!
ARE YOU AGED BETWEEN 7 AND 13?
DO YOU LOVE TO SING?

WE ARE A NEW CONTEMPORARY YOUTH CHOIR SUITABLE FOR ALL ABILITIES. WE SING A RANGE OF MODERN MUSIC AND POP SONGS.

WHERE AND WHEN?
WE MEET FROM SEPTEMBER IN THE RICHMOND AREA.
MONDAY EVENINGS (6-7PM)

COSTS. JUST £3 PER WEEK. WE BELIEVE PRICE AND TRANSPORT SHOULDN'T BE A BARRIER FOR ANYONE WANTING TO COME ALONG. PLEASE ASK FOR MORE DETAILS OF OUR BURSARY SCHEME 1ST SESSION IS FREE.

DIRECTED BY DEBBIE ALLENBY.
MD OF THE DALES COMMUNITY POP CHOIR

NORTHERN YOUTH VOICES

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..... Celebrations this Month



Wedding

Henry Thompson-Ashby & Charlotte Murray
August 7th 2.30pm St Mary and St John's, Hardraw

Baptism

Freddie Kevin Teasdale
15 August 12.45pm St Oswald's, Askrigg



As part of a song writing challenge with the Christian organisation 'Resound' Sarah (Clark) created some lyrics to reflect the impact the virus has had on our world. Another member of the group, Chloe Rose, has set them to music and a video. It's different to her usual style. It's powerful & fulfils the brief of a contemporary lament.

Click on the link below to view and listen in
https://youtu.be/S_2l3GrePYk



Those of you who were able to visit the exhibition in the Bainbridge Quaker Meeting House will know just what a magnificent and inspiring display the 'Loving Earth Project' was.

Thank you to all the contributors and to our friends in Bainbridge who created the opportunity for us to see the work.



Stand Up Mask On

With the lifting of government restrictions our Wardens and members of the PCC's have been discussing and considering carefully how we might respond. Should we modify our behaviour in anyway and if so, what should that be?

At the moment we have a number of cases of infection in our communities and those involved are undertaking the required period of isolation, but it's a reminder that we still need to be careful and considerate. We have become accustomed to the situation changing quite quickly on the ground and so we are seeking to modify our response accordingly and hopefully, appropriately.

Just because we *can* do something doesn't mean that we *should* and everyone should feel free to respond in a way that they feel happy with but here is our current thinking.

We are to continue operating our practice of physical distancing and the regular use of hand sanitiser. Face coverings are no longer a legal requirement within our buildings but many people are feeling safer by continuing to wear one so our recommendation is that we might wear one upon entry but once seated you might like to make use of the liberty of being able to remove them. When we stand to 'sing' (which we can now do) or stand in preparation to move out of our seats then the request is that our face coverings might be used once more. We wouldn't need to wear them if we stand for the Creed or the Gospel but the acronym S.U.M.O. seems to fit for most other purposes. We hope that this explanation is helpful for the next few weeks at least.

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