



The Benefice of Upper Wensleydale 'Church in the Home'

News Sheet: Oct 3rd-16th 2021

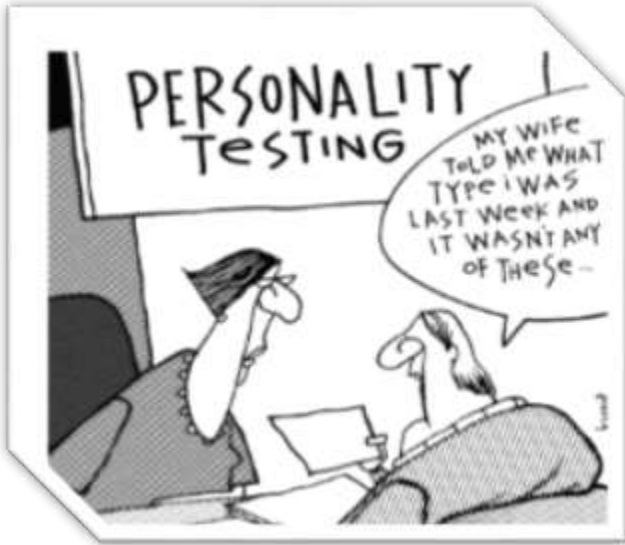


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The character of Jesus

As an undergraduate drama student I spent a considerable amount of time studying and putting into practice the teaching of the 19/20th century Russian theatre practitioner Konstantin Stanislavski.

He was noted as an outstanding character actor of his day and was responsible for the approach known as 'method acting' – the ability to think yourself into the personality and behaviour of someone else by examining their motives and emotions to create a realistic performance.

The mother of Peter Sellers told of an invitation to meet her son on the set of his latest film and to have lunch with him. Once 'in role' Sellers had a formidable reputation for not allowing anything or anyone to break in and disturb his focus. On her return home the taxi driver asked her if she had had an enjoyable day with her son; she famously replied '*No: I never got to meet him*'.

The writer of the letter to the Hebrews (extracts of which feature in our readings over the next two weeks) was trying to explain to new converts the true character and identity of Jesus. They were becoming confused as to who he is and to understanding that they (and us) *can* meet him and get to know him for who he *really* is.

The writer explains that he is greater than any other being, any other teacher or religious system. He is the '**heir of all things**', he was involved in creation and is the ultimate revelation of God. There is something wonderfully extraordinary about Jesus that no one, not even the angels can be compared to him. He came to be involved in our lives and make it possible for us to have a restored relationship with God. He is our '**great high priest**'. If we want to know what God is like we are called to look to Jesus. Jesus himself said '*Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father*' ^{John 14:9}. Everything we read and understand about God in the Bible must be read through the lens of Jesus, who he is and why he came. Jesus is unique and Jesus is all we need. He forgives our past, he blesses our present and he secures our future. Wonderful !

Whatever we are facing now, whatever we might have faced and experienced in the past, Jesus is the key to getting our lives in order. The key to understanding the Bible is Jesus. The key to understanding the character of God is Jesus. The key to LIFE is Jesus.

Might we live and enjoy our lives in the continued joy of this truth and if you have not yet experienced this for yourselves, don't waste time I commend him to you.

Rev Dave.



Upper Wensleydale Benefice Services

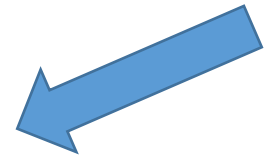
Oct 2021



	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	Evening Prayer
Oct 3 rd	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Harvest Celebration Lowlands Farm		By Telephone 4pm
Oct 10 th	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer Methodist Led	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	By Telephone 4pm



Evening Prayer



Come and join us from the comfort of your own home for **Evening Prayer** - Every Sunday at 4pm

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

Celebrations in October



wedding





Simon Richardson & Rebecca Stenson
Sat Oct 02 12.00 St Mary & St John's, Hardraw

HARVEST:

Askrigg – Sunday Oct 3rd 10:30am
at Lowlands Farm or in St Oswald's if weather is wet.

Hardraw - Sunday Oct 17th 9am Church of St Mary & St John


4th October – first Drop in Café, Market Hall, Hawes



4th October, 1st November, 6th December

DROP IN CAFE

A Good Life Project invites you to our Drop in café in the committee room, Hawes Market Hall .
Come along for a cuppa and a chat, it would be great to see you – everyone is welcome !
If a drop in café is something our community would like to see happening regularly, we will begin to incorporate arts and crafts, games, organisations to come along to share information and make these weekly drop ins.
Let us know if there is anything you would like to see arranged.



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Drop in Cafe
Hawes Market Hall
10am to 2pm
Tea / Coffee
Cake and company!
OPEN PANTRY

The Upper Dales Community Partnership Ltd
A Good Life Project



After a long period of Lockdowns and restrictions on us being able to meet together, we are pleased to announce that with all the appropriate Covid safety measures in place **Filling Station** meetings are back!

The Wensleydale Filling Station

Friday October 8th: 7pm – 9pm Thornborough Hall, Leyburn

Our speaker on October 8th is **Felicity Lawson**. Now living in Barnoldswick, Felicity was the Vicar of St Peter's in Gildersome and priest in charge at St Paul's Drighlington, (.... Where I served my Curacy! - Rev Dave) in the Diocese of Leeds. Previously she taught Pastoral Studies at St John's College Nottingham and was instrumental in the writing and the development of the 'Saint's Alive' and 'Emmaus' courses. Felicity is presently a trustee with the Scargill Movement in Wharfedale'.

The dates for the rest of the year are: November 12th and December 10th



We have all experienced enormous disruption and distress in our lives throughout the last 18 months due to the impact of the virus. This has been felt in our health, our lifestyles, our employment *and* in our personal finances.

The finances of our church buildings and the ministry and service we seek to maintain to our local communities and the upper dale as a church, has also been seriously affected.

On behalf of our treasurers and your individual PCC's, I want to say a very BIG 'Thank You' to all of you who have been maintaining your regular giving to this ministry despite personal uncertainty and the physical closure of the buildings. You may be doing this through a direct debit set up with your bank, online giving through our website, cash donations in a service or by using the envelope scheme. Because we were unable to gather together for so many months and the unease that so many still have about returning to our services, our income has been very seriously affected indeed. We have been having to use the modest financial reserves we do have to ensure that our commitments to various charities are maintained and that our historic buildings remain open for all to use. We are however, rapidly approaching a situation where this can no longer be sustained. It is our intention in the near future that we shall begin a short investigation into what the Bible tells us about our attitude towards giving and blessing others should be, but in the meantime, thank you for all you are doing ... the only income we have is from the generosity of yourselves as an expression of the love and generosity we have all received from the Lord himself.

Rev Dave

For more information on different ways you can donate please visit our website
<http://upperwensleydalechurch.org/donations/>

Help Needed

A Lady in snaizeholme is seeking someone who could join a rota of helpers to sit with her for 2 hours while her carer has a break at weekends. If you could help please contact the Vicarage on 667553 office@upperwenben.org for more details.

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