



The Benefice of Upper Wensleydale 'Church in the Home'

News Sheet: Nov 28th – Dec 11th 2021



1st & 2nd Sunday
of Advent

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Looking ahead

This Sunday, November 28th, is Advent Sunday. In the church calendar it marks the start of the lead up to our Christmas celebrations on the 25th, just four weeks away. Shopping for gifts, preparation and organising the diary to visit family and friends suddenly becomes more earnest, but Advent is meant to be so much more than this. Advent invites us into a different journey.

The word "Advent" is derived from the Latin word *adventus*, which means "coming," and celebrating it is an ancient practice. Traditionally advent was a time of fasting and denial, much as in lent, where abstinence from certain foods and practices goes to make the delight of the feasting to follow, even more pleasurable.

For the church, it is a time of looking forwards as well as backwards and our Bible readings for the next two weeks pick up on this theme; that history is going somewhere. The news from around our nation and the world may cause us concern but Jesus told us that distressing events such as these would take place and warned us to be ready and at peace with God. That is why Jesus was born and lived among us; that we might know forgiveness through his sacrifice on the cross and be in right standing before the heavenly throne by placing our trust in him. The four weeks of advent create an opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds, as well as our diaries, to ponder these things afresh.

We remain conscious of the continuing impact of the virus upon our lives but things are very different to where we were this time last year as the variety of events and services on offer bear witness. All of our gatherings will retain appropriate Covid safety measures, so as you are considering how you might use advent and what you might attend, please understand that we are doing all we can to ensure your safety and wellbeing.

Three key events in this edition for your attention: the afternoon of festive Organ music with refreshments this Saturday the 27th in St Margaret's, and on the 5th of December, the Toy Service in St Margaret's - *focussing on blessing those in need this Christmas* - and the Christmas Memorial at St Oswald's in Askrigg.

With the Lord's Blessing


Rev Dave.



Upper Wensleydale Benefice Services

Nov/Dec 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
Nov 28	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	8.30 Holy Communion 10.30 Praise in the Pen Family Service	Evening Prayer	By Telephone 4pm
Dec 05	Toy Service 10.30 St Margaret's 		8.30am Holy Communion 2-5pm Christmas Memorial		<i>No Tel Eve Prayer this Sunday</i>



Come and join us from the comfort of your own home for **Evening Prayer** this **Sunday Nov 28** 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

Praise in the Pen

10.30am Sun **Nov 28th** St Oswald's

Our family service is open to everyone

If you are bringing children it would be great if you could let us know to ensure we have enough resources available for our family activities

Just call Steph on 667944 or Sarah on 667553



Christmas Variations

Sat Nov 27th 2.30-4pm

St Margaret's Church, Hawes



Malcolm Carruthers, our Benefice Organist, will be playing arrangements of popular Christmas Carols to welcome in the Advent Season.

Refreshments will be served in a short interval

Admission is free - retiring donations for the organ restoration fund

Come and
join us

TOY SERVICE

Sunday 5 Dec 10.30 am

St Margaret's Church, Hawes



We welcome donations of new, unwrapped toys at the service.
If you are unable to attend, donations of gifts can be left at the Vicarage.
Toys will be distributed by The Salvation Army

A Christmas Memorial

Sunday Dec 5th 2-5pm

St Oswald's Askrigg

An opportunity to pause, reflect and remember your loved one in a seasonal way. We invite you to light a candle and write the name of your loved one on a star that can be hung on our Christmas Memorial Tree



Gayle Chapel

Monday 29th November 12.00 Noon - Taizé Service

The event will start with a hearty soup and bread lunch followed by the service itself at 1.00pm.




Sunday Dec 12th 6pm –Carol Service



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Dec 12	Holy Communion	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion 4pm Carols by Candlelight		4pm Evening prayer by telephone
Friday Dec 17			7pm Christmas Tree Festival opens		
Dec 19	Holy Communion	Holy Communion 4pm Carols by Candlelight	Holy Communion		<i>No Tel Evening Prayer</i>
Dec 24 Christmas Eve 	10pm Holy Communion	6.30pm Carols in the Market Square <i>Bring a lantern</i>	5.00pm Carols by the Market Cross <i>Bring a lantern</i> 11.30pm Holy Communion	8pm Holy Communion 8.30pm Carols by Candlelight	
Dec 25 Christmas Day 		Holy Communion	Family Christmas Communion		



**Sunday Dec
26th**

10.30 Benefice Communion Service
at St Mary & St John's Church - Hardraw

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