



The Benefice of Upper Wensleydale 'Church in the Home'



All Saints &
3rd before Advent

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'For all the Saints'

This Sunday is the day when our clocks go back one hour ... a first reminder perhaps? It heralds the start of winter with darkness arriving earlier and shorter hours of daylight on the way. I know that some of you love that sense of *'cosying in'* that the change of season brings, whilst others struggle with the cold and the challenges of the 'back end' of the year.

The weekend also incorporates **All Saints Day**, a celebration *and* a commemoration of all those who have loved the Lord and gone before us, but also those with whom we share our daily lives. I wonder; have you ever thought of yourself as a saint? There are numerous references in the new testament to believers in Christ being referred to as 'saints' or 'holy people'. It's a question of identity. Paul says that *'While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.'* Rom.5:8.

If our fundamental identity is no longer as a 'sinner', then what are we? The term 'sinner' in scripture is used to describe those who have not yet placed their faith in Jesus Christ, whilst believers are regularly referred to as 'saints'. The word 'saint' means 'a holy one' or someone who is 'righteous.' It's always good to remember that we're not made holy or righteous by our *own* goodness but because of our acceptance and trust in Jesus Christ; who He is and what He has done for us. Wonderful news! Of course, we still mess up and fall short of the lives that God has called us to live, but as disciples of Jesus we have been made right before God the Father and so our identity is as saints who will *sin* rather than 'sinners'.

Historically, **All Saints day** (Holy day) on November 1st has been a celebration of all the good things in the lives of the faithful who are no longer with us and the day before it, **'All Hallows Eve'** (Halloween) was a night of prayer and reflection. Today, many mark the day by remembering the lives of the dead in a different way by wearing frightening masks and costumes. It can be fun to dress up and eat special treats, but let's try to ensure that we keep our focus on *'all that is true, noble, pure, lovely and excellent'*. Phil.4:8

There is so much bad and sad news in our world at the moment that it seems important that we should do our best to not add anything else to it. Paul concludes with the promise that then *'the God of peace will be with you'*.

Have a look at the Pumpkin prayer in the notice section as an alternative way of looking at things and perhaps celebrate, that as the nights creep closer in, it creates an opportunity for the light to shine and push back the darkness for longer.

With the Lord's blessing


Rev Dave



Upper Wensleydale Benefice Services



Nov 2021

	St Mary & St John's, Harddraw 9.00am	St Margaret's, Hawes 10.30am	St Oswald's, Askrigg 10.30am	St Matthew's, Stalling Busk- 2.30pm	Evening Prayer 4pm
Oct 31 st	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer		By Telephone 4pm
Nov 7 th	Holy Communion	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion		By Telephone 4pm
Nov 14 th	<u>Remembrance Sunday</u> 10 am Quiet prayer in St Margarets . 10:50am Service at the war memorial 		<u>Remembrance Sunday</u> 10 am Quiet prayer in St Oswalds. 10:50am Service at the war memorial	<u>Remembrance Sunday</u> Family worship	By Telephone 4pm



Evening Prayer

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

As 4pm approaches call this number: **03330 164757** you will then be asked to enter the Room Number: **893 277 00#** and then the PIN: **2772#**

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



'Ring Out for the Climate'



On **Saturday 30th October**, the eve of the Cop26 Climate conference, St Oswald's will be ringing bells from **6pm to 6:30pm**

For centuries Church Bells have been rung as a warning of danger. St Oswald's bells will be joining with others across the nation to help raise the awareness of the significance and the importance of this conference and the need for a successful outcome.

Let's pray that world leaders who are gathering together will be bold in their vision and action for the sake of all humanity.



Here's a thought: Oxfam are regularly amongst the first people with emergency services such as the Red Cross to be providing practical help in areas of need all around the world. Responding to crisis as a result of climate change is becoming a more frequent occurrence. In an attempt to ensure that as many people as possible can have a voice at the COP26 conference, Oxfam have organised the **'World Climate March'**.

It's an opportunity to join a 'digital march' to let the delegates at the conference know of our concern. It's simple and easy to do. (It took me about 20 seconds – Dave) If you have access to the internet type in [Oxfam.org.uk](https://www.oxfam.org.uk) and then 'World Climate March' in their search box. Fill in your name and email address and then press 'Join the Virtual March' button. You can upload a picture or a video if you like as well.



Niall Kearney

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Niall Kearney of 'Summerdown' in Askrigg. Niall died in the early hours of Monday morning with family at his bedside. He was a faithful soldier and servant of Christ and a 'gentle man' in every respect of the word.



Remembrance 2021

Sunday November 14th



Hawes: At the War Memorial, Town Head – 10:50-11:10

Askrigg: At the Market Cross, Main Street – 10:50-11:10

Due to the ongoing situation with the virus, the main act of remembrance will be held outdoors but St Margaret's church in Hawes and St Oswald's church in Askrigg will both be open for quiet prayer and reflection from 10:00am

Praise in the Pen



We celebrated goodness and light as a gathered church at our 'Praise in the Pen' service last Sunday morning. Our Bible reading was of Moses and the parting of the Red Sea exploring how God is with us and what we need to do in times of need. We filled St Oswald's with praise and worship and enjoyed learning how we can make our pumpkins speak of love and hope!



Church Opening Times

St Matthew's Stalling Busk open all day every day

St Margaret's Hawes open Sunday to Thursday

St Oswalds Askrigg Open Sunday to Thursday

St Mary's and St John's Harddraw open all day every day

Following Jesus is like being a Pumpkin



- 1 God lifts you up, takes you in and washes all the dirt off you
- 2 He creates a new smiling face inside of you
- 3 He brings you to life by putting His light inside of you so that you can shine out for others

Have some fun this season carving your pumpkins and remembering how wonderful Jesus is as you do it.

Open my mind to learn more about you – **Cut off the top of the Pumpkin**

Forgive me for all the wrong things that I do – **Clean out the inside**

Open my eyes so your **love** I can see – **Cut eyes shaped like hearts**

Help me be **grateful** for all you've given me – **Cut a nose in the shape of a cross**

Open my ears so your word I can **hear** – **Cut holes for the ears**

Open my mouth to **tell** others you are near – **Cut a mouth**

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