

The Benefice of Upper Wensleydale

'Church in the Home'



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God keeps His promises

This week we would like to share with you some of what has gone on in our **'Praise in the Pen'** family service. This service was set up in lockdown to enable children and families to access church in a warm interactive and yet safe environment. The service has been well attended from all over the Benefice and is run by an incredibly dedicated team. This week we were thinking about the theme, "God keeps His promises." It seemed a timely focus for our first meeting of 2022 when so many of us might have made a promise to ourselves in the way of a New Year's resolution. How many times do we break those I wonder? Have you ever had a promise broken by a friend or a parent? How does that make you feel? Disappointed? Sad? Let down? We are here to tell you that God *DOES* keep his promises and doesn't let you down, but do you know what His promises are?

He never promised an easy life without suffering or pain, but He does promise that He will be with us to the end of the age and that His character is steadfast and certain, '... Yesterday, today and forever' ^{Heb.13:8} in the sad, joyful, difficult and exciting times of life. We might not **feel** that He is with us, but the reality is; He IS. That's where **Faith** comes in. Trusting that this is true, even when at times we might not feel like it is.

During our time together we explored this by looking at the story of Noah and God putting the sign of His promise in the sky in the way of a Rainbow. Dave told us that one calculation gives approximately 7,147 promises from God to man in the Bible. The more we know what these promises are, the more we can speak them into our lives at times when we need them. Everyone then made themselves bookmarks and door hangers and chose a promise from God to stick on and decorate to take home and keep in their minds.

The service ended in a special way with each family coming forward to pick a scroll from a 'Promise Basket' containing promises from God's word to take home with them whilst listening and watching a video of a song all about God's goodness to us. It was lovely to see and hear the children read them out and begin to own them for themselves.

So, which promise of God might you take hold of today? Have a look at the readings for the next two weeks and find some written there, especially in the psalms. Do not worry if you have not kept up with promises you made to yourself but be encouraged by remembering that God **will** keep His promise to you. **Amen.**

Sarah

Praise in the Pen - 23 January, St Oswald's Askrigg



Noah knew God was his friend.
Even to the very end.
He trusted God in every way
And in the end God saved the day.
The rainbow shines and gives the sign
God keeps his promises all the time

So:

Thank you God you're always near
Helping me to persevere
Keep me going when it's tough
Even when the day seems rough .
Your light inside me, always there
Reminding me how much you care
The light of Jesus helps me cope
Bringing life and love and **HOPE**



Some dates *from* the Diary

December 31st 2021

The wedding of Matthew Wilkinson & Kirsty Whippey
St Margaret's Church – Hawes

January 2nd 2022

The Thanksgiving of Matilda Vera Winstanley
St Margaret's Church – Hawes

January 14th

The funeral of Nora Oversby
St Margaret's Church – Hawes

January 15th

The Thanksgiving service for the life of Jane Kemp

January 16th

The Baptism of Tommy Andrew Thompson
St Mary & St John's Church - Hardraw

Jan 23rd

The Baptism of Emilia Jayne Harrison
St Oswald's Church – Askrigg

Some dates *for* the Diary

Thursday February 3rd

The Funeral Service for Mary Halton 10:30am, St Oswald's, Askrigg

Mary died on the morning of January 20th Many of us will have our own very special memories of Mary and her contribution to the village and to the life of the church. It would be lovely if you were able to attend this service to give thanks for her life and all that she was to us.

February 20th

The Baptism of Ralph James Rucroft
St Oswald's Church – Askrigg

February 26th

A service of Thanksgiving for the marriage of Matthew and Sarah McCallum
St Margaret's Church - Hawes



Face Coverings Latest - 'S.U.M.O.'

From Thursday January 27th face coverings are no longer mandatory in any setting but may be recommended in enclosed or crowded places. The Wardens and I feel that the best response at the moment would be as we had it in August last year: ie to encourage the wearing of a face covering as we enter a building or move around within it but to appreciate the freedom of being able to remove it once we are sat down and our act of worship begins.

When we stand to sing it might be wise to retain the use of the face covering for the next few weeks as we observe what is happening with the virus in our communities. We wouldn't need to wear them if we stand for the Creed or the Gospel etc but the acronym S.U.M.O. (Stand up – Mask on) seems to fit for most other purposes for the time being. We hope that this explanation is helpful for the next few weeks at least. *Dave*



Upper Wensleydale Benefice Services

January/Feb 2022



	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
30 Jan	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion		4pm Evening prayer by telephone

FRIDAY FEB 4th Sycamore Hall – Communion Service in the Lounge at 10am

06 Feb	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Morning Prayer		4pm Evening prayer by telephone
13 Feb	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	4pm Evening prayer by telephone
20 Feb	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Morning Prayer		4pm Evening prayer by telephone
27 Feb	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	8.30 Holy Communion 10.30 PIP	Evening Prayer	4pm Evening prayer by telephone

Come and join us from the comfort of your own home

Evening Prayer on Sundays at 4pm

As 4pm approaches call this number: [03330 164757](tel:03330164757) you will then be asked to enter the Room Number: [893 277 00#](tel:89327700) and the PIN: [2772#](tel:2772)

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



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