



The Benefice of Upper Wensleydale 'Church in the Home'

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Epiphany moments

Can you remember a moment when you had a sudden realization that someone important had appeared in your life? The summer before I became a student I was in a camp in Keswick and a large group of us were climbing Skiddaw. An older woman, one of the leaders drew alongside me and got into conversation about my hopes and fears. What would it be like to be known as a Christian at university? In a short time I had such an encouraging vision of Jesus being alongside me and having work for me to do. Then quite naturally she stopped to catch her breath and began to talk to someone else. She cropped up more times in my life but I never forgot that first appearance.

Epiphany means 'appearing'; it can also mean 'a striking realization'. In this Church season we look at stories where Jesus appears and people realize something about him for the first time. In some it is a baby, weak and vulnerable that appears and yet those magi realise they are seeing a future king. Simeon and Anna had the same experience when Jesus was presented in the temple, the story that rounds off Epiphany. But in between we see Jesus as an adult beginning his ministry. He startles John the Baptist by joining the crowd who are confessing their sins in the water of the river Jordan. This week he appears at a wedding in Galilee where his mother realises that his ministry has begun with a joyful sign – wine overflowing. Next week we see him appearing as a preacher in Nazareth announcing good news to the poor and the fulfilment of prophecy.

We start the joyful celebrations of Christmas so early now that it is hard to keep it going throughout the long dark hours of January. But this is a good time to look back on times when God or Jesus or the Spirit seemed to appear in our lives in a fresh way or we had a sudden realization of how that affected our lives? The exhilaration may have faded. What was new then may seem old hat now. Yet, if we look back at those moments, we can ask, 'What was the grace God gave me then? What was the permanent gift that has affected the course of my life?' Perhaps just by asking that question we may catch a glimpse of something God is trying to give us this month. Could it be a new sense of peace as we face some of the dangers and fears in our lives? Or a moment of insight when we see how we can respond and live out the love he pours into us.

Jesus, may we know you more clearly,
love you more dearly
and follow you more nearly
day by day

Rev Vera Sinton

Get Bell Ringing in 2022!



Join a free introductory course
on bell ringing run by the
Wensleydale Ringers

The Wensleydale Ringers are offering a series of short interactive online presentations on the techniques, benefits and fun of bell ringing.

Combined with practical hands-on training in the bell towers at **Aysgarth and Askrigg**, this is the ideal introduction for anyone interested in finding out whether bell ringing is for them. We invite you to join this course to discover and learn an absorbing new interest.

If you are interested in finding out more please read the full details on
St Oswald's website

<http://upperwensleydalechurch.org/st-oswalds/bell-ringing/>

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Baptisms

Tommy Thompson
Sunday 16th January

at St Mary & St John's Church, Hardraw

Emilia Harrison
Sunday 23rd January

At St Oswald's Church, Askrigg





Upper Wensleydale Benefice Services

January 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
16 Jan	Holy Communion Baptism of Tommy Thompson	Holy Communion	Morning Prayer		4pm Evening prayer by telephone
23 Jan	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	8.30 Holy Communion 10.30 Praise in the Pen Family Service	Evening Prayer	4pm Evening prayer by telephone
30 Jan	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion		4pm Evening prayer by telephone

Come and join us from the comfort of your own home for
Evening Prayer on Sundays 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



Funeral Notices

The funeral of **Nora Oversby** is on **Friday Jan 14th** at 12.00 in **St Margaret's, Hawes**
 The funeral of **Jane Kemp** is on **Saturday Jan 15th** at 1.00pm in **St Margaret's, Hawes.**
 If you are attending please give yourself time to sign in and remember to wear a face covering

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