




# The Benefice of Upper Wensleydale 'Church in the Home'



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## 'Let us Pray'

**Thursday Feb 24<sup>th</sup>** – We wake today to the very worrying news that Russian forces have launched a major military assault on Ukraine. Amidst the uncertainty of what the future might hold for us and our European neighbours our Archbishop of Canterbury has spoken of how we can find our rest, peace and certainty in a God that does not change. The front page of this newsletter was prepared several days ago with a message of our need to pray for our world – it now seems that this was prophetic.

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Most people at some point in their lives will pray. Some do it regularly, some do it infrequently, some do it with others, some do it alone and in these days where our rolling news bulletins bring us regular updates of crisis and concern, there is a great need for prayer. The life of Jesus was a life of prayer and he encouraged his disciples to do the same <sup>Matt 6:7</sup> No matter what our age or circumstance, we can all pray. Whether we have an hour of just two minutes available, we can all pray and the world *needs* our prayers.

So let's talk to God. Be still before him and listen. Let Him know our heart and our longing. Pray for others, weep tears for others. The palms tell us that God hears our sighs and cries <sup>Ps.38:9</sup> and that our tears are remembered <sup>Ps56:8</sup> Many are broken so let's bow down and seek the Lord for this this nation, our world, the old, the young and the 'in-between'. For the grieving, the lost, the lonely, the outcast, the sick and the dying.

As we do, it's good to remember that the Church is for the broken not the mended, for the real and not the pretending. The Church is to open arms of love and not to open up shame. The Church is to offer freedom to ask the questions without the pride of knowing all the answers.

And why? Because it's all about **Jesus**. We can't do this without him. He knows the broken the lost and the lonely and he welcomes us all and says *'Come to me all who are weary and burdened and I will refresh you'* <sup>Mtt.11:28</sup>

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You have heard me quote these words of Jesus on many occasions:

*"In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."*

'Almighty God from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed; kindle in the hearts of all people the true love of peace and guide with your pure wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth until the whole earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen' **Justin Welby**

Rev Dave and Sarah



# Lent Groups: March

The Bible speaks consistently of the value and importance that there is in knowing God's word for our lives and I know that some of you have decided that 2022 would be the year when you would read the whole of the Bible - it's exciting to hear how much you are enjoying doing this. Alongside reading God's word, Jesus speaks of the value of **prayer**. Spending time with God, speaking with Him and listening to his voice.

I am excited and delighted to be able to announce that this Lent there is the opportunity for these two crucial elements to come together by you becoming a member of a '**Home Group**' which will begin an investigation into the nature and purpose of prayer.

Pete Greig is the founder of '**24-7 Prayer**' an international and interdenominational movement which has established a network and a culture of non-stop, day and night prayer around the world. **the prayer course** (a clear enough title) 😊 looks at *why* we pray, different *ways* of praying and *what* to do when our prayers don't seem to be answered.

Learning and discovering together is often best done in the comfort of a **home** where we can enjoy refreshments and conversation as we explore God's love for us and enjoy fellowship and friendship at the same time.

There will be **four groups** spread across the benefice which we hope will provide as wide an opportunity for as many of you as possible to engage with one of them. Each session will last about an hour and include a short video presentation and time for discussion

In Gayle: Leader – Rev Vera. **Monday at 10:30am** – 01969 666948

In Hawes: Leaders – **Mike and Pauline Hirst. Wednesday at 7:30pm** – 01969 667841

In Burtersett: Leaders – **Julian and Barbara Spykerman. Wednesday at 7pm** – 01969 666857

In Askrigg: Leader – **Stephanie Durrant. Wednesday at 7pm** – 01969 667944

Some of you may never have experienced this kind of thing before but I encourage you to step into something new; enjoy friendship and learn some more about how to talk to Jesus and listen to God in prayer. This is an **exciting** development in the life of the Church but places will be limited. If you would like to join one of the groups please make contact with the leader and let them know. I'm sure that you will not be disappointed.

Let's *be* encouraged *and* encourage one another. **Let's be Church.**



## **Shrove Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March - 11.30am onwards**

**St Matthew's, Stalling Busk**

Come and enjoy food and conversation at the hands of the acclaimed reputation of St Matthew's Pancake chefs!

## **Ash Wednesday - March 2nd- 7pm**

**St Oswald's Church, Askrigg**

Communion Service incorporating the ancient tradition of the imposition of ashes. This is where we are invited to receive the mark of the cross in ash on our foreheads as a sign of penitence hearing the words: 'Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ' - It's a moving service of preparation for the season of Lent.



## **Wensleydale Filling Station**

**March 11<sup>th</sup> Speaker -Ashley Peatfield *Morley Leeds*  
Thornborough Hall, Moor Road, Leyburn DL8 5AB 7.00 – 9.00pm**

### **Lent Lunches**

#### **Churches Together in Upper Wensleydale**

Our annual Lent Lunch series commences on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022**. Everyone is invited to attend to one or all the events. The lunches will again be held in Gayle Chapel Schoolroom, 12.00 noon Tuesdays 15<sup>t</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March and 5<sup>th</sup> April, consisting of a soup and bread lunch followed by a short reflection. A wonderful way to prepare for Easter, do join us

## ***A companion for your Spiritual Journey?***


Christian life and faith is a process of continuous development and growth. We can always learn more of God and his love and hopes for us. Many Christians through the centuries have found it helpful to meet regularly with another person of faith to talk about their relationship with God, and their on-going spiritual journey. The diocese has a number of trained spiritual companions that you can contact by following the links on the website <https://www.leeds.anglican.org/prayer-spirituality> or by telephoning the Diocesan Office on 0113 2000 540



# Upper Wensleydale Benefice Services

## Feb/March 2022



	<b>St Mary &amp; St John's, Hardraw 9.00am</b>	<b>St Margaret's, Hawes 10.30am</b>	<b>St Oswald's, Askrigg 10.30am</b>	<b>St Matthew's, Stalling Busk- 2.30pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>
Sunday 27 Feb	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	8.30 Holy Communion 10.30 PIP Family Service	Evening Prayer	4pm Evening prayer by telephone
<b>Shrove Tues</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>Pancakes</b> 			<b>Pancakes</b> served from 11.30am	
<b>Ash Wed</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> March			7pm Ash Wednesday Service		
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Morning Prayer		4pm Evening prayer by telephone
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March			11.00 Together in Prayer		
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Morning Prayer	Ecumenical Service <b>Gayle Chapel 10.30</b>	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	4pm Evening prayer by telephone
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Café Style		4pm Evening prayer by telephone
<b>Mothering Sunday</b> 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	8.30 Holy Communion 10.30 PIP Family Service	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** 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



## COVID Update

With the progression from a pandemic to an endemic situation, the government guidance regarding the wearing of face coverings and general response to the virus has been updated. Face coverings are no longer mandatory in public buildings so the decision to wear one or not is now reliant upon our personal discretion. As a church it's important that we love and respect one another and continue to behave responsibly towards one another. As we transition once again we will continue to do all we can to assess and monitor risk and maintain an environment where you can feel comfortable and as safe as anywhere else. If the local situation demands a change of response we will act

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