




The Benefice of Upper Wensleydale 'Church in the Home'



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An opportunity to help



The display of a flag, be it for a nation or a particular cause, can galvanise great emotion and we are seeing that in action with the colours blue and yellow appearing in so many different places as a show of support towards the people of Ukraine.

In the 'Age of Sail', ships were identified by the flags (or 'colours') that they flew from the top of their masts. In a sea battle, any ship that wished to surrender would lower her colours. There is a story of how, during the great sea battle of Camperdown in 1798 between the Royal Navy and the Dutch, the colours of the British flagship were shot down. Recognising the danger that this would be taken as a sign that the British had surrendered, a sailor, Jack Crawford, climbed to the top of the main mast and, ignoring heavy fire, replaced the colours by nailing them to what was left of the mast.

For a ship's captain 'to nail his colours to the mast' was to do two things. First, it was to state clearly the identity of the ship and who she served and secondly, it made surrender virtually impossible. The ship would remain loyal to the last.

Identity is important and dominates the news at the moment. The scripture readings over the next few weeks speak of who we are before God and of our identity in Christ. Identity affects behaviour. The psalmist's write of a longing for relationship with God, Jesus reminds us of its importance and St Paul encourages us to 'stand firm in the Lord' – loyal to Christ in all we do.

We are currently witnessing many people doing many good things in response to the humanitarian crisis unfolding across Europe. As church in the upper dale, we too should be responding and doing what we can to contribute because that is what Christ instructs us to do. *'Love your neighbour'* Mark 12:31. We shouldn't be timid about explaining why we are joining the response either but be prepared to 'show our colours'. It's what Jesus wants us to do.

Two churches within the benefice have already sent over £450 to the emergency relief fund and the others will be responding in the coming days. Helen Percival from 'The Mulberry Bush' in Hawes has been organising the collection and delivery of vital aid to the frontline and the children of BAWB schools have all been involved in collecting items and helping load the 5 Vans which left for Poland this week. More will follow. St Margaret's in Hawes has become an additional place where essential items can be left for collection and there is a list of what items are particularly required in this newsletter. If you would like to contribute in any way but cannot get items to a collection point please ring the Vicarage and let us know and we will come and pick it up.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rev. Dave."



Home Groups
have started!



Three of the newly planned Home Groups have met for the first time this week focussing on the subject of prayer.

'**The Prayer Course**' has been written by Pete Greig, 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 course 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. Each session will last about an hour and include a short video presentation and time for discussion.

There are **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.

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. I am sure that you will not be disappointed.

Not involved yet but would like to be?

Then please get in touch with one of the leaders. The groups may have started during the season of Lent but it is their intention to continue meeting together into the future.

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

Dementia Awareness Training

The leading North Yorkshire dementia charity, Dementia Forward, is offering awareness training for businesses, individuals and community groups in The Upper Dales

Date: 17th March 2022

Venue: Hawes Market House

Time: 3.00pm to 5.00pm



The training will cover what dementia is and common types of dementia. It will help you understand why some behaviours might occur, and explore ways we can all support people living with dementia both at home and in the local community. Every business or group that completes the training will receive a sticker to display, showing their commitment to supporting people affected by dementia. Please email Julie@udcp.co.uk to register

Lent Lunches Starting on Tuesday

Our annual Lent Lunch series commences on **Tuesday 15th 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 15th 22nd and 29th March and 5th April, consisting of a soup and bread lunch followed by a short reflection. A wonderful way to prepare for Easter, do join us

Drop in Cafe



in the committee room, Hawes Market Hall 10am-2pm

4th April, 9th May, 6th Jun, 4th Jul, 1st Aug, 5th Sept, 3rd Oct, -7thNov, 5th Dec

Come along for a cuppa, a cake and a chat, it would be great to see you everyone is welcome!

We will be welcoming other organisations to join us eg. Citizens Advice, AgeUK, MIND, Dementia Forward, Living Well, Carers Trust. Details of who will be attending and when will be confirmed prior to the drop in café.

Open Pantry is now available and open to everyone. You will find Open Pantry in St Oswald's Church, Askrigg and in The Market Hall, Hawes. Also available – a selection of second hand books and information regarding energy efficiency, including free energy efficient light bulbs and carbon



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



Upper Wensleydale Benefice Services

March 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
Friday March 11 th	Communion service at Sycamore Hall – 10am In the Long Lounge				
Sunday 13 th March	Morning Prayer	Ecumenical Service Gayle Chapel 10.30	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	4pm Evening prayer by telephone
Sunday 20 th March	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Café Style		4pm Evening prayer by telephone
Mothersing Sunday 27 th March	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	8.30 Holy Communion 10.30 PIP Family Service and Baptism	Evening Prayer	4pm Evening prayer by telephone



ITEMS NEEDED FOR UKRAINE AID COLLECTION

New Blankets, Sleeping bags, Pillows

First aid items: dressings, bandages, tactical tourniquets, triangular bandages, gloves,

Medications: paracetamol, ibuprofen, antihistamine, calpol

Sanitary Products

Nappies, Baby bottles, Baby formula

First Aid Kits

Power banks

Torches

Warm Socks

Thermals

Disinfection products

If you are in a position to donate any of the above items, they can be dropped off at the Mulberry Bush, Hawes or St Margaret's Church in Hawes. Any **monetary donations** can be left at the Mulberry Bush – these will go towards transport costs for volunteers.

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