



The Benefice of Upper Wensleydale

'Church in the Home'



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Let's Pray

This past week has seen the second anniversary of the evening when our Prime Minister Boris Johnson, issued to the nation the declaration; *"You must all stay at home."* So much has taken place since that night. So many lives lost. So much disruption to our lives, our livelihoods and our communities. And just as we were struggling to imagine what this would mean for us all and how long we would be subjected to this unknown danger, we could never have imagined that following on from this tragedy would come another; one of heartbreak and destruction of war in Europe. The attack on Ukraine was condemned across the globe and our Archbishops were swift to comment. *"The horrific and unprovoked attack on Ukraine is an act of great evil."*

Since then the church nationally has been encouraging Christians to help in whatever way they can to alleviate the suffering of millions of refugees thrown into desperate need. Upper Wensleydale has been responding with its usual generosity and compassion. Helene Percival of 'The Mulberry Bush' in Hawes with the help of her brother mobilised a collection of emergency goods which were then driven in a convoy of 5 Transit wagons to the frontline in Poland within days. The community of Askrigg donated over £800 of goods and in addition, two of the churches in the Benefice have already donated over £450 with more to follow.

I was fortunate to be able to attend a concert on Sunday afternoon given by the Richmondshire Orchestra in which all the proceeds were sent to help the refugee crisis. The programme began with a most moving performance of the Ukrainian anthem sung by a Ukrainian member of the orchestra. *'Lord, Oh the Great & Almighty, protect our beloved Ukraine.'* A prayer that many are crying out.

The need for ongoing financial help remains a high priority and this can be done through official organisations such as the **Disasters Emergency Committee's Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal** which is supported by a number of charities including Christian Aid, the Ecumenical Relief and Development 6 agency of the British and Irish churches. Financial gifts will help provide food, bedding and temporary accommodation for people who have fled the conflict. The second is through the **USPG-Diocese in Europe Emergency Appeal** which is looking to support the front line work of chaplaincies across Europe as well as Christian charities carrying out humanitarian work both in Ukraine and responding to the arrival of refugees in neighbouring countries.

I have also received a number of enquiries asking how you might be able to respond with regards to providing accommodation for refugees. I have had several conversations this week with Yvonne Peacock our councillor on the North Yorkshire District Council to try and discover if the council will be able to provide a lead on this for us. In the meantime the church's national office has produced a very helpful document to provide advice and information on the different ways we might offer help, including that of accommodation. A link is provided on page 3 of this newsletter. As we watch the brutal destruction of lives and property our hearts ache but we must always remember the power of prayer. We can all take part in that, day and night. Let's join the Church throughout the world as we pray for peace, justice and end to violence.

'God is our refuge and our strength, an ever present help in time of trouble.'

Psalm 46

REV Dave



Home Groups
are underway



All four of the newly formed Home Groups are now meeting in Gayle, Hawes, Burtersett and Askrigg and appreciating looking at 'The Prayer Course' by Pete Greig

We're delighted that the groups have started so positively.

The course will run beyond Lent but the intention is that the groups will then stay in place to enjoy regular prayer, study and fellowship together.

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

If you are unable to attend a Home Group but would like to follow the teaching then the videos and resource material can be found at: www.prayercourse.org



A **BIG** thank you to the Hawes Christmas Lights team who have been up the tower of St Margaret's to ensure that the cross is working once again and shining brightly over the Town.

It's been lovely to hear from local residents (and from those further afield accessing remote webcams) of how much they appreciate the sight of the cross lit up on the tower. It really has been missed.

Lent Lunches

Our annual Lent Lunch series continues in Gayle Chapel Schoolroom at 12.00 noon on **Tuesday 29th March and 5th April**. Everyone is invited to attend. The lunches will consist of a soup and bread lunch followed by a short reflection. A wonderful way to prepare for Easter, do join us

Mothering Sunday



This Sunday March 27th

Come and join us as we celebrate an opportunity to thank God together for our Mothers and everyone who has played a 'Mothering Role' in our lives.

St Margaret's, Hawes: 10:30 including **Communion**

St Oswald's, Askrigg: 10:30 'Praise in the Pen'

St Mary & St John, Hardraw 9am 'Morning Prayer'



Toolkit for Churches Responding to the Crisis in Ukraine

Inspired by the warm response from churches and community groups, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have produced a toolkit that provides information on the current situation, details of where you can most helpfully donate, practical support you can offer (particularly in relation to those who have fled to the UK), a guide to advocacy and prayer and theological resources. You can access the full toolkit from our website at <http://upperwensleydalechurch.org/services-2/>



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

From the Diary:

Baptism. Isla Sofia Weston-Kettlewell – March 12th St Oswald's
Joseph Richard Atkinson – March 13th St Oswald's

Funeral: Mary Walters – March 8th St Oswald's and Skipton Crematorium Chapel



Upper Wensleydale Benefice Services

March/April 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
Mothering 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
Friday April 1st	Sycamore Hall: Communion Service in the Long Lounge: 10:00am				
3 April	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion		4pm Evening prayer by telephone
10 April Palm Sunday	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer Ecumenical Service	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	4pm Evening prayer by telephone
11-18 th April	Holy Week: Visit our Passiontide Prayer Stations in St Oswald's				
14 April Maundy Thursday	St Oswald's: 6.30pm Come and join our Maundy Thursday Supper 7.15pm Short Communion				
15 April Good Friday		10.30am Walk of Witness from Gayle Chapel to St Margaret's 11.30am short service of reflection around the cross		 2.00pm walk from Semerwater to the Cross at the ruined church, Stalling Busk and then on to St Matthew's for Hot Cross Buns from 3.00pm	
17 April Easter Day		Holy Communion	Holy Communion	6am Benefice Daybreak Easter Celebration with BBQ fish inc Baptism at Semerwater	4pm Evening prayer by telephone
24 April	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Holy Communion		4pm Evening prayer by telephone

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

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