Easter 2 & 3

The Benefice of Upper Wensleydale

'Church in the Home'

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Something New

As a first year undergraduate, I joined the Bretton Hall Morris Men and had a great time learning how to tap dance with 6 other men on a table top. It was something new and an activity and tradition that had always intrigued me. Not a silk handkerchief in sight, we focussed on clattering each other with wooden staffs and making shapes with swords of varying length and flexibility whilst throwing one of our number up in the air to somersault and land back on the table. Great fun!

After several months of intense rehearsal we ventured out of the studio and with our hearts set on participating in this ancient pursuit we began to look for local Mayday festivals where we could share our newly honed skills. We soon found one but swiftly discovered that a Mayday parade in South Yorkshire was a very different experience from the pastoral scene we had imagined! Sandwiched between Arthur Scargill's National Union of Mineworkers and the local Anti Nazi League, we hopped and skipped and bashed and stomped with our ankle bells fighting to be heard above the yells of political slogans and the obligatory brass band. We felt a little out of place but did our best to bring something new to the thousands of folks lined up along the roadside. We were not invited back.

I love the way that springtime always heralds the promise of something new. After two years of having to react to circumstances dictated to us, the church in the upper dale is beginning a new structure to its services and events to try and offer something for everyone across the benefice. On the first Sunday of the month **'The Gathering'** is to restart, creating an opportunity for our four churches to join in worship and teaching together in a new way. Our flagship family event **'Praise in the Pen'** is moving from Askrigg to Hawes, creating the possibility for new people to engage with its mixture of worship, activity and fun. The recent turbulent events of pandemic, economic hardship and war in Europe has created an environment where many are chatting about the BIG questions in life more openly. The Café style event on the 4th Sunday is designed to encourage and enable discussion around such topical issues and to investigate what the Bible has to say about them whilst our new event for our older children seeks to provide a similar opportunity through a mixture of activity, friendship and discovery.

Traditional services of Communion and Morning and Evening Prayer will continue as usual across the benefice in our buildings and by telephone. It is our hope that this new structure will provide the opportunity to enjoy God, to continue to grow in our relationship with him and to enable those who are exploring faith to discover that joy for themselves. We hope that the interruptions we have all experienced to our regular pattern of worship might now be behind us and we look forward to seeing you and welcoming you all in our new service structure.

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

Rev Jane

Holy Week across the Benefice

St Oswald's, Askrigg
Flowers & Prayer Stations

Good Friday
Walk to St
Matthew's,
Stalling Busk

Walk of Witness to St
Margaret's, Hawes

Baptism and
Daybreak service
Easter Morning
Semerwater

St Mary & St John's,
Hardraw

Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers who decorated our churches

Come and join us

May 1st

The Gathering is back

A Benefice wide family communion service

May 1st - St Margaret's Church, Hawes 10.30am

Annual Parochial Church Meetings

St Matthew's, Stalling Busk	Thursday 28th April 10am
St Oswald's, Askrigg	Saturday 30th April 10am
St Margaret's, Hawes	Tuesday 3rd May 10am
St Mary and St John's, Hardraw	Tuesday 3rd May 6pm

The APCM creates the opportunity to hear of the things that the Lord has been doing in the church over the last year, update the electoral roll and to hear of the condition of the finances of the church.

Everyone on the electoral roll is invited and welcome to attend

Wensleydale Filling Station

Thornborough Hall, Moor Road, Leyburn DL8 5AB

Next Meeting: Friday 13th May. Speaker: Phil Ireson, Sheffield

Beacon for the Jubilee

The Hawes jubilee team is looking for a volunteer to organise the **building of a beacon** to light the sky along with others across the nation on **Thursday June 2nd.** Anyone interested should contact Abbie Rhodes at the Community Office 667 201.

Upper Wensleydale Benefice Services
April-May 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
24 April	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Holy Communion		4pm Evening prayer by telephone
May 1st	**The Gathering – Benefice Family Holy Communion St Margaret's Church 10.30**				
Friday May 6th	10.00am service for residents at Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge (tbc)				
May 8th	Morning Prayer	Ecumenical Service	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	4pm Evening prayer by telephone
May 15th	Holy Communion	**Family Service (Praise in the Pen)**	Morning Prayer		
May 22nd	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	**Café Style Outreach**	**Pathfinders Young People aged 10+ Activity Friendship Discovery**	4pm Evening prayer by telephone
May 29th	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer		

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Evening Prayer

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

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