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

**July 3<sup>rd</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>**

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## **Let's not grow weary of well-doing**

I have just come back from a week's holiday on the coast of East Fife just south of St Andrew's. The sun shone much of the time and there was hardly a breeze from the sea. As we drove from one lovely fishing village to another, we passed fields of rich agricultural land. The potatoes and brassicas were not yet ready for harvesting but delicious strawberries and raspberries fresh from their polytunnels were in all our local shops. What a feast! I couldn't help thinking, though, with sadness of the stories we hear today about harvests going to waste because of a shortage of people willing to dig and pick.

Jesus reminds us this Sunday that God needs people to work in his harvest fields; but what does that mean for most of us? What kind of fruit is God interested in? What are we to grow and pick, distribute and eat? The answer to this is varied because the whole of God's creation is varied and his plan for each of us is different. But let us think about the bigger picture.

- God wants a world in which we human beings live lovingly, joyfully and peacefully with each other. That involves working to resist greed and envy, fear and laziness.
- God wants a world in which we live in harmony with the plants and animals, the insects and the soil. That involves wrestling with the storms, the viruses and the dangers of our lives.
- God wants a world in which people trust that God reigns and they praise God and pray. That involves admitting failure and allowing God to forgive us and help us to change. And it involves telling others about that forgiveness.

So Jesus sent his disciples out to mix with people, to welcome them, to heal the sick but also to keep passing on the news that God is at hand, God's kingdom is here and God is inviting us to enter it and to let it enter us. The harvest fruit begins with the good things that are growing in the lives of those who love God and trust Jesus for forgiveness. Then the harvest is extended as we pass on the message and more and more people are recruited for God's kingdom.

Next week, in the well-known story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus challenges us to beware of our prejudices and our pride. If we think that we know who the good people are in God's kingdom - we are bound to be wrong. If we think we know who is working against God - we can easily be wrong as well. And if we think that saying the right things about God is what matters - we may be lining up with the people in the story who hurried on with their religious business, passing by a wounded man on the roadside. The true test is the measure of generosity and kindness that springs up from our hearts and leads to action.

So, as the Apostle Paul puts in Galatians 6 v 9, "Let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up."

*May the Spirit bless you, Vera*

On Tomorrow- July 1st



## Helping Richmondshire to Heat, Eat and Meet

Tennants, Leyburn – 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 10am-3pm

The cost of energy, food and transport is rising exponentially. At Tennants Auction Rooms on 1<sup>st</sup> July you can meet people and organisations who can help you:

- save money, manage debt
- transition to new forms of energy,
- grow and eat cheap healthy food,
- and solve your travel and transport problems.

Let's all work together to help our community!

The event includes

- Community support organization information, advice and practical help
- Energy cost management and renewables energy advice
- Food bank/shares, cooking demo, grow your own and community gardens
- Electric vehicles, e-bikes, car share, public transport and community buses

Admission is free

For full details of participating organisations' visit [www.richmondshireclimateaction.org](http://www.richmondshireclimateaction.org)

Organised by Richmondshire Climate Action Partnership





## 'The Gathering'

July 3<sup>rd</sup> 10.30am  
St Margaret's Church Hawes

*'The Harvest is plentiful  
but the labourers are few'* Lk.10:2

This month we hear and celebrate all that the Lord is doing in Upper Wensleydale.

Come along to our monthly opportunity to join *together* as church.

We look forward to welcoming you there

*Be encouraged; Be blessed; Be church*

Join us for a Soup lunch  
at St Matthew's, Stalling Busk  
1-2pm Sunday July 10th  
followed by Holy Communion





# Wensleydale Filling Station

Thornborough Hall, Moor Rd, Leyburn DL8 5AB

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July

Speaker: Chris Bennett

Chris has been a pastor of 3 different churches for a total of 38 years. In addition he lectured in subjects such as New Testament, Greek, Hebrew and homiletics for many years at London Seminary. He is married to Esther and they have 3 grown up children. Presently he is the minister of Alexandra Road Congregational Church in Hemel Hempstead. He says that he likes playing the violin and walking in the Lake District.

If you would like to be there and need a lift, please let Dave know: 667553



## Weddings

July 9<sup>th</sup> Jack Fawcett & Alice Bell  
St Oswald's: Askrigg 12 Noon.

July 16<sup>th</sup> Ryder Sugden and Alex Morgan-Jones  
St Mary & St John's Hardraw 1.00pm

## Dates for the Diary

### Dales Discovery Talks

St Margaret's Church, Hawes at 8pm

#### 3rd August

'A Rivers view of Wensleydale' a film made in 1998 by the Late Cliff Steanson

#### 10th August

'Bridges, walls and barns' Stuart Armstrong is presenting photographs by Jack Sutton.

#### 17th August

Bird singing and identification in the dale' Roger Foreman from Y.D.N.P.

#### 24th August

'Early faith in the Dales' With Mike Hirst

Admission is £4 per person, and the proceeds will be donated to The Friends of St Margaret's Church.



# Upper Wensleydale Benefice Services

## July 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>
July 3	<b>The Gathering- St Margaret's Hawes 10.30am – Family Communion</b>				
July 10	Morning Prayer	10.30 Ecumenical Service in <span style="color: red;">Gayle Chapel</span>	Holy Communion	Soup Lunch from 1.00pm 2.30pm -Family Communion	4pm Evening prayer by telephone
July 17	Holy Communion	Family Service Praise in the Pen	Morning Prayer		4pm Evening prayer by telephone
July 24	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Café Style	2.30pm Evening Prayer Pathfinders 3.15pm	4pm Evening prayer by telephone
July 31	Songs of Praise	Holy Communion	Forest Church		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

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