



The Benefice of Upper Wensleydale 'Church in the Home'

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End of term and new beginnings

Visiting our local schools in recent days has reminded me of my days as a teacher and the mixture of anticipation and anxiety that fills the classroom as the end of the school year approaches and the summer holiday beckons. It's a time of increased pressure for staff as so many things have to be concluded and prepared for against a very tight time schedule as they, along with the children, look forward to the much needed summer break. For many, the long weeks of August signal rest and excitement at the thought and opportunity of freedom from the rigours of the timetable and study, but for our Y6 leavers the end of term brings a mixture of emotions. It's a time of finishing and a time of rest but it is also a time of change which can bring with it a great deal of apprehension around the uncertainty of what the future will bring.

Next week I will continue with the tradition of presenting Y6 children with a beautiful youth edition of the Bible as they leave the school environment that has been so familiar to them for the very last time and consider what a new start in September in a new place and with new people might bring. I will speak of hope and promise and the help and security that can be found in Jesus in times of change. Please remember them in your prayers.

On Tuesday evening, St Margaret's welcomed Archdeacon Jonathan Gough and a large number of church wardens from across Wensleydale and further afield as they made their vows to serve the Lord's church and His people. It was a wonderfully encouraging occasion where dozens of men and women stood as one and declared their allegiance to Christ and their heart to discharge their duties faithfully and diligently.

The role of **church warden** is such an important one and we are truly blessed that Julia, Stephanie, Susan, Alan, Jennifer and Miriam are willing to serve us all for another year. Just as for our children, may I also encourage you to pray for them regularly as they undertake their wide and varied role with the grace, stamina, skill and patience that they have shown so readily previously.

Service and **change** are themes that run through our scriptures for the next two weeks. Events may change around us but we worship a God who never changes and can be fully relied upon as we are called into His service to share the joy that there is in knowing him in our lives.

Please prayerfully consider the requests made in recent services as to how you might be able to help in this wonderful invitation from Him to be involved where you are. The ideas shared at 'The Gathering' are reproduced in this edition.

May the Lord bless you and keep you as you live for His glory.

Rev. Dave



Weddings:

Saturday July 16th 1pm – St Mary & St John: Hardraw

Ryder Sugden & Alexandra Morgan-Jones



Wensleydale Filling Station

Our meeting in Leyburn last Friday was a great time of teaching and worship as we heard Chris Bennet speak to us about Discipleship and the riches we have when we know Christ and live our lives for Him.

We take a break in August but will be back on September 9th.

Why not consider putting the date in your diary and joining with us next time.



King's Club

Don't miss out on the fun!

The 'King's Club' team are once again offering free holiday family gift packs on the theme 'One World' with a variety of surprises within them to help families have fun and explore faith together. The boxes can be collected from **Leyburn Methodist Hall** on **Wednesday August 3rd** or **West Burton Village Hall** on **Saturday August 6th** at a family fun session between 12 and 3pm.

Light refreshments will be provided. Come along and collect your box!



Can you help?

The Dales Community Partnership based in Hawes is looking for someone with a generous heart and a community spirit to take on the role of 'Voluntary Finance Director'. It's an important role within the organisation and one that is essential to its success and the success of the various businesses associated with it.

If you think that this might be you or you know of someone else who might be interested in taking on this varied and exciting position, then please get in contact with the benefice office: 01969 667553, office@upperwenben.org

How can I serve God and help the church in the Upper Dale to grow?

In July's Benefice service we watched and heard about what the Lord has been doing across the Benefice in recent weeks. It was exciting and encouraging. Paul reminds us that:

'You are the body of Christ. Each one of you is a part of it' 1Cor.12:27

I'm sure that those of you reading this would all want the church in the Upper Dale to still be alive and active and making a difference in people's lives in our communities in the future but we cannot take this for granted. Jesus calls us to serve Him by loving and serving others and sharing his Life, Love and Hope. We all have a part to play no matter how young or old, confident or physically active we are. Please spend some time in prayer asking the Lord what it is that he wants you to contribute, for we can all offer something.

Working together and contributing to the life and ministry of the church is always exciting as we know that by doing so people's lives are changed for ever as they encounter the love of Jesus.

We are ALL called to pray

How can I pray? How could I develop my prayer life? All these are good and right but maybe not all suit everybody. Circle where and how you see yourself praying?.

As part of a small prayer group triplet / In loud battle prayer / quiet contemplative prayer / intercession on Sunday / private intercession, fasting / prayer walking.

Could I lead or initiate a prayer group? What do you have passion to pray for?
Remember 'Where two or three are gathered, there am I.'

Try to connect with others in prayer. Don't wait for the Vicar!

Where are your gifts? It is likely that where you enjoy gifts and talents is a good indicator of how the Lord can use you.

Am I good at design and IT? Could I co-ordinate a monthly newsletter?

Can I walk and deliver leaflets or letters?

Could I be responsible for picking up church notices and posters from the vicarage or warden and putting them up in my church and community?

Could I support my church warden with Care of the building?

Could I clean? Could I decorate? Could I hold a coffee morning for fellowship?

Could I help with children? Could I share my faith with others?

Could I use admin /finance / accounting / IT skills to support churches/PCCs

Could I regularly visit the sick or elderly and pray with them?

Could I help delivering / organising food for open pantry

Could I play a musical instrument or sing to help lead our worship?

Could I help with welcome at services including funerals or weddings?

Could I read the Bible in church?

Could I serve coffee in church/bake and serve with hospitality?

Could I give more of myself to the Lords service?

Please pray and consider all these things... but then come back to us and share!



Upper Wensleydale Benefice Services

July/Aug 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
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	Evening Prayer 3.15pm Pathfinders	4pm Evening prayer by telephone
July 31	Songs of Praise	Holy Communion	Forest Church (meeting point TBC – see Facebook)		4pm Evening prayer by telephone
Aug 7th	The Gathering- St Margaret's Hawes 10.30am – Family Communion				4pm Evening prayer by telephone
Aug 14	Morning Prayer	Ecumenical Service in Gayle Chapel	Holy Communion	Soup Lunch from 1.00pm 2.30pm -Family Communion	4pm Evening prayer by telephone
Aug 21	Holy Communion	Family Service Praise in the Pen	Morning Prayer		4pm Evening prayer by telephone
Aug 28	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist	Café Style	3.00pm Lakeside Service Semerwater	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](tel:03330164757) you will then be asked to enter the Room Number: [893 277 00#](tel:89327700) and the PIN: [2772#](tel: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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