

Trinity


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The Benefice of Upper Wensleydale 'Church in the Home'

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Decisions

You sense in September a 'change of gear' as if nature is giving a last gasp before settling down to an autumnal slumber. As a child (and as an adult) it heralded the end of the summer holiday and a return to the rigours and ordered structure of the school day. Annoyingly, the weather always seemed to save its best for then, as if mocking our cocooned state in the classroom. The decision to return to school was made for us, but the choice of how we viewed that decision was entirely our own.

Our Bible readings for September have the theme of decision running through them and it was whilst preparing for some Sunday teaching that I came across the research undertaken by an American Professor of Psychology Joel Hoomans, who estimates that the average adult make over 35,000 separate decisions every 24 hours. No wonder we go to bed tired!

The narrative of the Bible is one of God's overwhelming love for us and His desire that we might know that love for ourselves, close up and personal. As you ponder the selected scriptures this month ask the Holy Spirit to reveal afresh the nature of the Lord's love for you that draws Him into the repeated cycle of invitation, grace and forgiveness around making the right decisions that will bring life, forgiveness and freedom to each and every one of us.

Moses tells the people that they have an important decision to make and it's a binary one. Choose '*life and prosperity*' or '*death and adversity*'.^{Dt.30} On the face of it most folks would see the choice as a 'no brainer', but the decision for life requires discipline and a resolution towards a change of lifestyle and priorities. Jesus is not saying that we should deliberately turn against our family^{Lk.14} but he is telling us that a decision for salvation through Him necessitates us making Him our priority in the way we live our lives^{Lk.16}. Being born again as disciple of Jesus secures our eternal destiny but demands us to change the way we live, think, behave, spend our time, focus our finances, love etc.

The prophet Amos reminds us that the Lord is a God of justice, Paul reminds us that Jesus died in our place, to save everyone from eternal separation from God and the psalmist continues to exhort us to praise and worship God for who He is; that trusting in Him alters our identity.

As the agricultural, recreational and educational calendar clicks forward once more, the hope of something new ahead remains. In a world where so much of what we thought we knew and could rely upon keeps changing and disturbing our way of life, Hope is indeed a precious commodity. The Bible speaks a great deal on the nature of Hope and where it can best be found. '... take hold of the life that really is life.'^{1Tim.6:19}

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

Rev. Dave

Stalling Busk Flower Festival

August 27th-29th

It's back in a new format as the village celebrates together.

Friday 26th 7.30pm – opening event with the Askrigg Ladies singing for pleasure group and refreshments.

Come and join us for refreshments also on Sunday afternoon after the Lakeside Service



It's Back!

Semerwater: August 28th

3.00-3.45pm

Bank Holiday Sunday

Open Air Service

Covid has kept us away since 2019 but we're back once again with the Hawes Silver Band in attendance to cheer us on our way with their music.

Come and enjoy the celebration and then share in refreshments at St Matthew's Church, Stalling Busk



'The Gathering' - Sunday Sept 4th

St Margaret's, Hawes 10:30am

Theme: *Living Lives out of the Love of God*



The first Sunday of the month creates the opportunity for the Benefice to encourage one another by gathering together in worship, declaring our unity and to hear what the Lord is saying to us as church in Upper Wensleydale. Please do all you can to be there, to bless the Lord and to bless one another.



Churches Together Harvest

Sunday Sept 11th - 6.30pm The Market Hall, Hawes
Led by Rev Phil Clark with the Hawes Silver Band

Ukrainian Refugees
Help required



We've been asked if there might be anyone on our Church contact list who might be willing and able to provide accommodation for a Ukrainian family seeking refuge in the UK. The family group consists of a mother with two children aged 1 and 7 and her mother in law. We have an email address set up for communications about Ukrainian homes and respite: wsharehouse@gmail.com.

If you think that you might be able to help please contact the email address to discover more and perhaps let us know here in the office that you are becoming involved.

Thank you – Dave

Dales Discovery 2022 - Thank You

If you have attended any of the presentations given during August at St Margaret's in Hawes, you will know just how interesting and entertaining they have been. Our thanks to Geoff Phillips, Stuart Armstrong, Jack Sutton, Roger Foreman and Mike Hirst for their time and expertise in preparing the talks and to Ian Woolley and Alastair Macintosh for arranging the events for us.



A great way to start and close your day

Lectio 365 is a free daily devotional resource that helps you to pray the Bible every day. Inspired by 'Lectio Divina' - a way of meditating on the Bible that's been used by Christians across the millennia – the app allows you to listen to and follow short daily Bible readings, thoughts and prayers throughout the week.

It's simple: Type Lectio365 into App Store
and get started

A big thanks to Julie Greenslade of the Upper Dales Community Partnership who was able to deliver back to university/college hampers to young people in the Dales using funding from the **Tesco Community Grant scheme**.





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

St Oswald's Church, Askrigg

HERITAGE DAY

Saturday 10th September

10am-4pm

Church open with stewards available

New information on features, memorials and architecture

Family history corner

And a series of short talks:

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| 11am | Early faith in the Dale |
| 12noon | Askrigg through the ages |
| 2pm | The Bells and Clock |
| 3pm | Who was St Oswald? |

Free entry – refreshments available



Upper Wensleydale Benefice Services

Aug/Sept 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-	Evening Prayer
Aug 26 - 29				Flower Festival 27-29 Fri 26th 7.30pm Festival opening concert with songs from Askrigg Ladies singing for pleasure group Refreshments available Sunday 28 th from 4pm	
Aug 28	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Café Style	3.00pm Lakeside Service Semerwater	No Evening Prayer
Friday September 2 nd	Sycamore Hall – Communion Service in the long Lounge – 10am				
Sept 4	The Gathering- St Margaret's Hawes 10.30am Benefice Communion Service				4pm Evening prayer by telephone
Sept 10		Heritage Open Day			
Sept 11	Morning Prayer	Churches Together Harvest 6.30pm Market Hall Hawes	Holy Communion	Soup Lunch from 12.30 – 1.15pm	4pm Evening prayer by telephone
Sept 18	Morning Prayer	Family Service Praise in the Pen	Morning Prayer		4pm Evening prayer by telephone
Sept 25	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Café Style	3.15pm Pathfinders	4pm Evening prayer by telephone

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