



The Benefice of Upper Wensleydale 'Church in the Home'



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From the Vicarage: *'On and into Lent'*

It was wonderful to share 'Shrove Tuesday' with so many others at St Matthew's in Stalling Busk, enjoying the feast of pancakes with good fellowship and conversation. My thanks to **'Team Busk'** once again for giving of their time and energy to help mark the day in such a lovely way.

With the Ash Wednesday evening communion service that followed it, Lent is now underway. A period of forty days, marking the time Jesus spent alone in the wilderness, fasting, praying and listening to his Heavenly Father in preparation of the start of his public ministry.

Even for those who wouldn't classify themselves as religiously observant, there is an understanding that Lent is traditionally a time when things are given up, of fasting from indulgencies and luxuries and perhaps forwarding any financial benefit onto those in greater need; sadly, it's not any great challenge in these turbulent times to find others in that category. Used correctly, Lent can be a most profitable time of reflection as we take the opportunity to intentionally set aside time and activity to look beyond ourselves and to the bigger issues of life. Spending time with the Lord and listening to his voice because we *want* to, is perhaps the single most important way that we can let him know that He is important to us. Establishing this as a part of our daily rhythm is transformational.

Explaining 'fasting' in a recent school assembly, I spoke of how giving something up for a while can help us appreciate it all the more when it returns. There is a reason behind the process. We see this in our worship liturgy, where familiar elements eg the 'Gloria' are removed for a period of time to help them feel fresh and alive when they are reinstated. I have always appreciated the approach of giving something up in order to 'take something on'. It's a positive approach and brings with it the real possibility for change in our own lives and in the places in which we live and work.

You might be considering this for the very first time or perhaps you're looking for a way of developing your daily prayer rhythm. Whatever the thinking, I encourage you to do so and to use the focus of Lent to help you begin.

You can read of many different events that are taking place this month across the Benefice. There are opportunities to see and receive in new ways such as the visit from Pastor Steven and the powerful performance of Mark's Gospel as well reminders of resources available to help you with your daily worship, study and reflection – Lectio 365, The Church of England's Lent study "dust and Glory", 'The Bible in a Year', 'Christianity Explored', 'The Filling Station', 'The Gathering' etc

I have always loved the promise of God that he is not hiding from us and that if we want to find him we can: *'You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart'* Jer 29:13

May the weeks that lie ahead bring you refreshment and a new perspective on the greater things of life and what it means to live it - as God intended - to the full. The Lord bless you and keep you.

Rev Dave.



The next 'Gathering' will be on Sunday March 5th
10:30am at St Margaret's in Hawes



'How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity' Psalm 133

Be a Blessing – Be Encouraged – Be Church



**Community Warm Space – Committee Room Hawes
Market Hall, Monday, Tuesday and Friday's 10-3pm.**

Come and join us for a cuppa and a chat in a warm
welcome space. Soup and a pud available on a Tuesday!

All free - Everyone Welcome



The Filling Station Thornborough Hall, Leyburn

Friday 10th March 2023 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Speaker: Dave Hopwood – Author and Speaker

<https://davehopwood.com/>

New Hope in Christ

An evening of worship, teaching and ministry

"See: I am doing a new thing" Is.43:19



Rev. Dr. Steven Francis is the Senior Pastor of 'Jesus My King' Church in North Carolina, USA. He has a worldwide ministry, speaking to churches and Christian conferences and has founded three Bible Institutes training and encouraging over 5,000 pastors.

Saturday March 18th
St Oswald's Church, Askrigg
6:30 – 8:30

*An opportunity to hear what the Lord is doing across the Nations
and to receive from Him.*

Prophetic meeting

March 19 2023
6:30pm-8:30pm
Hawes
Market Hall
Market Pl, DL6 3QN



Rev Dr Steven Francis
Senior pastor of Jesus My King Church, North Carolina USA

*Please register your interest
daveprophetic@gmail.com*

refreshments provided

Come join us for a night of the Word of the Lord, be ministered and watch what the Spirit of God is saying here in the Dales.

Rev Dr Steven has been called to be a prophet to the Church and to the nations, he has been in the ministry over 30 years and walks with humility and the fear of God. Deeply rooted in scriptures and travels the world to minister the Word of the Lord. He founded 3 bible institutes and trained 5000 pastors and 12000 leaders. He is the senior pastor at Jesus my King church, North Carolina and Singapore and has authored 13 books and training manuals.

stevenfrancis.org | jmkusa.com | Jesusmykingchurch

Snowdrop Sunday at Dog Kennel Cottage



A Big 'Thank You' to Mel and Steve Wills for opening the grounds of their garden and to Elizabeth Fawcett for providing such beautiful refreshments on Sunday afternoon.

£170 was raised for the village Bird Feeder which is to be situated in the grounds of St Oswald's Churchyard.

Lent Lunches

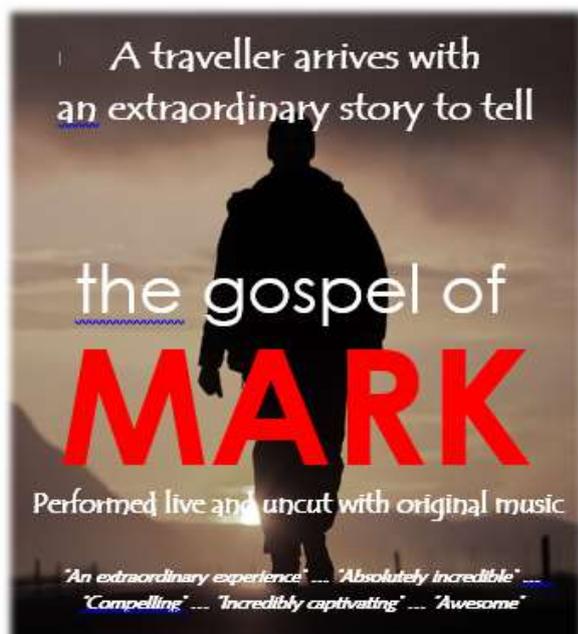
All are welcome to our Lent Lunches being held at Gayle Methodist Church, 12.00 noon Tuesdays 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th March 2023, with a soup lunch followed by a short reflection.

A wonderful way to prepare for Easter.

The Gospel of Mark

**Thursday March 30th St
Oswald's, Askrigg – 7pm**

A wonderful opportunity to see the full gospel of Mark dramatically and powerfully presented in this free one man performance accompanied by live music. The performance will make a very fitting conclusion to Lent and is most definitely an opportunity not to be missed. If you would like to reserve a place contact the office in the usual way: 01969 667553 or email: office@upperwenben.org



Thursday March 30th 2023
St Oswald's Church: Askrigg 7pm
Admission Free

Turn up on the night or let us know you're coming by contacting the office: 01969 667553 email: office@upperwenben.org



Our times together on Thursday evenings at **Sycamore Hall** have been relaxed, informative and enjoyable. Session 4 is Thursday Feb 23rd and our final meetings on March 2nd, March 9th and March 16th.

If you haven't been yet but would like join us please do come along. The sessions begin at 7:15 and run until 8:30. If you intend to join us for the meal please let the office know and that way we can ensure that the catering team are aware of the numbers to be present. The meals have been really wonderful and a great way of relaxing into the evening together.

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Thanks to Team Busk

A wonderful time together in St Matthew's on 'Shrove Tuesday' enjoying some beautifully cooked pancakes with a variety of fillings. Some new additions to the palette this year included Fruit Cocktail and Rhubarb! Thank you 'Team Busk'



Annual Parochial Church Meeting Hardraw

Wednesday March 29th 6pm, St Mary & St John's Church, Hardraw

The APCM is for the consideration of:

- (a) a report on **changes to the Electoral Roll** since the last annual parochial church meeting
- (b) an **Annual Trustees Report** on the proceedings of the parochial church council and the activities of the parish generally;
- (c) the **Financial Statements** of the council for the year ending on the 31st December preceding the meeting;

Everyone on the electoral roll is invited and welcome to attend.

The Hawes, Askrigg and Stalling Busk APCM's will be held in April

Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll is a declaration of interest and support for the church in the local community. This list of names can be updated just before the annual meetings of each Church and is an indicator of the life and mission of the church in that Parish. If you think you are not on this list and would like to be or you know of someone else who would like to be, please let us know at office@upperwenben.org or contact your Church Warden. Thank you for your support

Advance notices

Palm Sunday April 2nd -The Gathering St Margaret's, Hawes 10.30am

Prayer Stations at St Oswald's Askrigg 2-9 April

Maundy Thursday April 6th – Benefice Supper 6.15pm St Oswald's Askrigg

Good Friday 7th April

10.30 am Annual Good Friday Walk of Witness will start from Gayle Chapel to conclude with a 11.30 am service at St Margaret's Church Hawes

2.00pm walk from Semerwater to Stalling Busk -3.00 hot cross buns at St Matthew's

Easter Daybreak Service –April 9th - Semerwater 6.15am

Earthquake Relief

Financial gifts are urgently required to help with the relief effort. Please consider making a donation to help those desperately in need. The British Red Cross, Oxfam UK and Christian Aid are all part of the Disasters Emergency Committee.

To donate to the DEC visit

<https://donation.dec.org.uk/turkey-syria-earthquake-appeal>





Upper Wensleydale Benefice Services

March 2023



	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
Fri 3 rd March	Sycamore Hall – Communion Service in the long Lounge – 10am				
March 5 th	The Gathering - Benefice Family Communion St Margaret's Hawes 10.30				4pm Evening prayer by telephone
March 12 th	Morning Prayer	Ecumenical Morning Prayer 10.30	Holy Communion	Soup Lunch from 12.30-1.15pm 1.30pm Holy Communion	4pm Evening prayer by telephone
March 19 th Mothers' Sunday	Holy Communion	Praise in the Pen	Morning Prayer		4pm Evening prayer by telephone
March 26 th	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Outreach café Style	2.30 Afternoon Prayer 3.15 Pathfinders	4pm Evening prayer by telephone
Thursday March 30 th			7pm Performance Mark's Gospel		



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

Missed a Service?

If you've been unable to attend a particular Sunday service and would like to know what the teaching and reflection was on that particular day, then audio recordings are available by visiting <http://upperwensleydalechurch.org/services/>. Transcripts are also available by visiting http://upperwensleydalechurch.org/from_the_rev/

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