



The Benefice of Upper Wensleydale

'Church in the Home'

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From the Vicarage: *'Into Holy Week ... onto Easter'*

The week preceding Easter brings with it a multitude of emotions as we journey with Jesus through the events remembered in **Holy Week** to the victory and celebration of **Easter Morning**. These events are at the very heart of our faith. A friend asked recently "Which is the biggest God Gig? Christmas or Easter?" It was asked with genuine interest and my response came without hesitation.

Countless people have been born and then died, but Jesus is the only one who chose to die and then came back to life again. If He hadn't fulfilled the journey of Easter then there would be no hope, no salvation, no new life, no *eterna*/ life and no freedom! ^{1Cor15:14}

Easter Joy comes out of pain and suffering and many are asking deep questions right now. Where is God in this painful world? Where is God in the pain of environmental destruction? Where is God in the pain of sickness? The Lord is here, right in it with us. Because of these events He feels our pain, knows our anguish and understands our humanity ... because of Jesus. In this Holy week we remember that Jesus went to the pits of hell on our behalf ... but He didn't stay there.
Sunday is coming.

I encourage you to draw yourself into the account of the events of Holy Week. These days changed the history of the world. It is so easy to let what took place in these crucial days before Jesus' death to pass us by as we look to the celebration of Easter Sunday, but the celebration and the joy and the Victory of Easter Day is diminished when we allow this to happen.

There is no shortage of opportunity for us to engage as a church and that starts this Sunday – April 2nd as we gather together for our Benefice celebration of **Palm Sunday**. Come and join the Maundy Thursday Supper at St Oswald's in Askrigg at 6:15pm then remember the Last Supper as we share in a simple communion service at 7:30pm. Join us on Good Friday morning at Gayle Chapel at 10:15 for a Walk of Witness around the town. Reflect on the trial and the sacrifice at 11:30am in St Margaret's. Bring the family for a walk from Semerwater shore to the Old Cross at Stalling Busk at 2pm and then share in Hot Cross Buns in St Matthew's at 3pm. Then we wait ... and in the waiting we can remember and in the remembering we can give thanks for all that was done on our behalf that day.
Sunday is coming.

The JOY of the Victory of Easter Morning can never be understated. The power of death and hell is defeated - 'Love has Won'*

Easter Morning will begin with our usual **Daybreak Service** on the shore of Semerwater where we will be celebrating that life with Fish and Bread, just as Jesus did. Easter Communion will then be celebrated in every church building through the day. As we walk the way of the Cross, may we know the presence, the peace and the hope that is bound within it. And for when the day arrives

*'Let it be known' Tim Hughes
<https://youtu.be/nOf3Fro4mic>

Happy Easter!

Rev Dave & Sarah



The next 'Gathering' will be on **Palm Sunday April 2nd**
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

Prayer Stations at St Oswald's

Journey with Jesus

There will be a series of prayer stations in St Oswald's Church from Monday 3rd April, which will guide you through Easter Week.



Maundy Thursday Supper

The Benefice Maundy Supper (shepherd's pie and pudding, vegetarian option available) will take place **6th April at 6.15pm in St Oswald's Church, Askrigg**, followed by a service led by Rev Dave. Please let Stephanie know if you are hoping to attend for catering purposes (Tel 667944)

**YOU ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART
IN THE GOOD FRIDAY 2023
WALK OF WITNESS**
with Churches Together in Upper Wensleydale



**The annual Walk of Witness begins at
Gayle Methodist Chapel
10.30 am on Friday 7th April 2023.**

Members and friends of Churches Together in Upper Wensleydale will reflect on events of that first Easter nearly 2000 years ago, as we walk through the town to take part in a Good Friday service at: **11.30 am at St Margaret's Church.**

Good Friday Walk

April 7th 2pm
Semerwater

A walk using the public footpath along the side of the lake. 2.5miles return

A walk to the
Old Cross
Stalling Busk



Meet on
the Beach

Followed by:
Hot Cross Buns



At St Matthew's Church Stalling Busk

Easter Morning



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Semerwater

6:20am

Daybreak Service

Come and join us
BBQ Fish
on the beach

Picture: Anita Watson

JOIN US FOR

**Choral Evensong with
Bradford Cathedral Choir on
Sunday April 30th 4.30pm
St Margaret's Church Hawes**



In September 2021 Bradford Cathedral Choir restarted visiting parish churches across the Diocese of Leeds to sing choral evensong. Since they began in 2018, so-called 'Safari' evensongs have been a mainstay of the cathedral choir's calendar. They now make six visits every year, travelling across the diocese to bring cathedral music to different churches and congregations which wouldn't ordinarily be able to experience this wonderful style of choral worship.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting Dates and Electoral Roll

Hawes – Tuesday 25th April 10.00am, St Margaret's Church

Askrigg – Friday 28th April 2pm, St Oswald's Church

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 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



The Filling Station Thornborough Hall, Leyburn

Friday 14th April 7-9pm

Betty Clark Evangelist and Bible Teacher, Leeds



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





Upper Wensleydale Benefice Services

April 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 4pm
April 2nd	The Gathering - Benefice Family Communion St Margaret's Hawes 10.30				Evening prayer by telephone
April 6th	Sycamore Hall – Communion Service in the long Lounge – 10am				
April 6 th Maundy Thursday			6.15 Benefice Supper 7.15 HC service		
April 7 th Good Friday		10.15 Walk of Witness Gayle to Hawes 11.00 Service		2pm Walk from Semerwater to Busk 3pm Hot Cross Buns	
April 9 th Easter Sunday	Easter Communion	Ecumenical Easter Communion	Easter Communion	6.15 Daybreak Service Semerwater 2.30pm Easter Communion	Evening prayer by telephone
April 16th	Holy Communion	Praise in the Pen	Morning Prayer		Evening prayer by telephone
April 23rd	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Outreach café Style	2.30 Afternoon Prayer 3.15 Pathfinders	Evening prayer by telephone
April 30th		4.30pm Choral Evensong Bradford Cathedral Choir	Forest Church		None



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

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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