



# The Benefice of Upper Wensleydale

## 'Church in the Home'

June 2023

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## From the Vicarage:

### Christians in Ordinary Time

What a month of celebration we had in May, with its usual bank holidays and special days for the coronation. The sun shone and gardens produced a bumper crop of blossom right up to Pentecost. That festival of the Holy Spirit rounds off the Easter Season with its stories of how Jesus came to be recognised as our King.

Now in June we are back into what the Church calls Ordinary Time though we have one more Sunday with a special label, Trinity. Preachers find it difficult to prepare sermons for Trinity Sunday because it is the day we put the whole Christian story together. We remember that when we talk about God we mean a being who is author of every part of creation including distant galaxies and yet is close enough to breathe words into our heart. Our God is utterly different from us and yet one part of God has been born and lived on earth and is one of us: our brother, our friend and our King. It is too much for one sermon, far too much for us ever to grasp all the implications.

So in the weeks after Trinity Sunday we are back to displaying green in Church to remind us of our normal lives in a world where green is the colour of grass and leaves and healthy vegetables. In Gospel readings from Matthew we will think about things Jesus taught and did. His message was that the kingdom of God is at hand and you and I are invited to be members. My passport issued under the late Queen says,

*'Her Britannic Majesty's Secretary of State requests and requires in the name of her Majesty all those whom it may concern to allow the bearer to pass freely without let and hindrance, and to afford the bearer such assistance and protection as may be necessary.'*

That doesn't mean I will be safe and free to travel in every country. There are places on earth that are hostile and dangerous for British citizens. But it gives me confidence to know that Britain is looking out for me and the reputation of my country is at stake in how I behave.

Jesus invites us to travel through our lives as his messengers, bringing compassion and care to people who need it. We carry invisible passports saying we belong to his kingdom. We will meet pockets of hostility and rejection as he did but we need never be ashamed of our citizenship and the home where we belong is never in doubt.

*Vera Sinton*



The next 'Gathering' will be on **Sunday 4 June**  
10:30am at St Margaret's in Hawes

*Be a Blessing – Be Encouraged – Be Church*



## Wensleydale Filling Station



**Thornborough Hall, Leyburn**

**Friday June 9th 7-9pm**



*These are monthly meetings where we can celebrate our Christian faith in an informal manner and which provide an opportunity to hear more about the love of God for our lives from a range of different speakers across the nation.*



**Speaker:**

**Speaker: Mark Pickles**

**'One thing I do' – Philippians 3**

Mark is married to Diane, and they have 3 grown up children and one grandchild. He grew up in Birkenhead, becoming a Christian when he was 16. He is an Anglican minister and has been a pastor in Cheshire and Derbyshire. He then taught at Oak Hill theological College in north London and was Director of Training for the North West Gospel Partnership until recently, taking up his present post as vicar of St Andrews Cheadle Hulme.

His great passion is the Lord Jesus Christ and his gospel of grace and longs to see both non-Christians come to know his saving grace and to see Christians experience and delight in this grace more fully.

If you would like to come along and need transport there, please let Dave know.

# St Oswald's Tower Fund Concert

St Austin's Choir from Wakefield

**Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm**

**'From Ancient to Modern'**



A programme of sacred music spanning over a thousand years. From the beautiful simplicity of plainchant through to the simple beauty of Gorecki. Music by Victoria, Palestrina, Byrd, Handel, Macmillan, Rutter and Chilcott.



Come and enjoy a  
wonderful evening  
of music at St  
Oswald's Church.

Admission free – retiring collection

## Join our Prayer Meetings

Did you know that the Benefice holds regular prayer meetings? Everyone welcome.

**St Margaret's, Hawes**

Every Tuesday 9.15-10am

**St Oswald's, Askrigg**

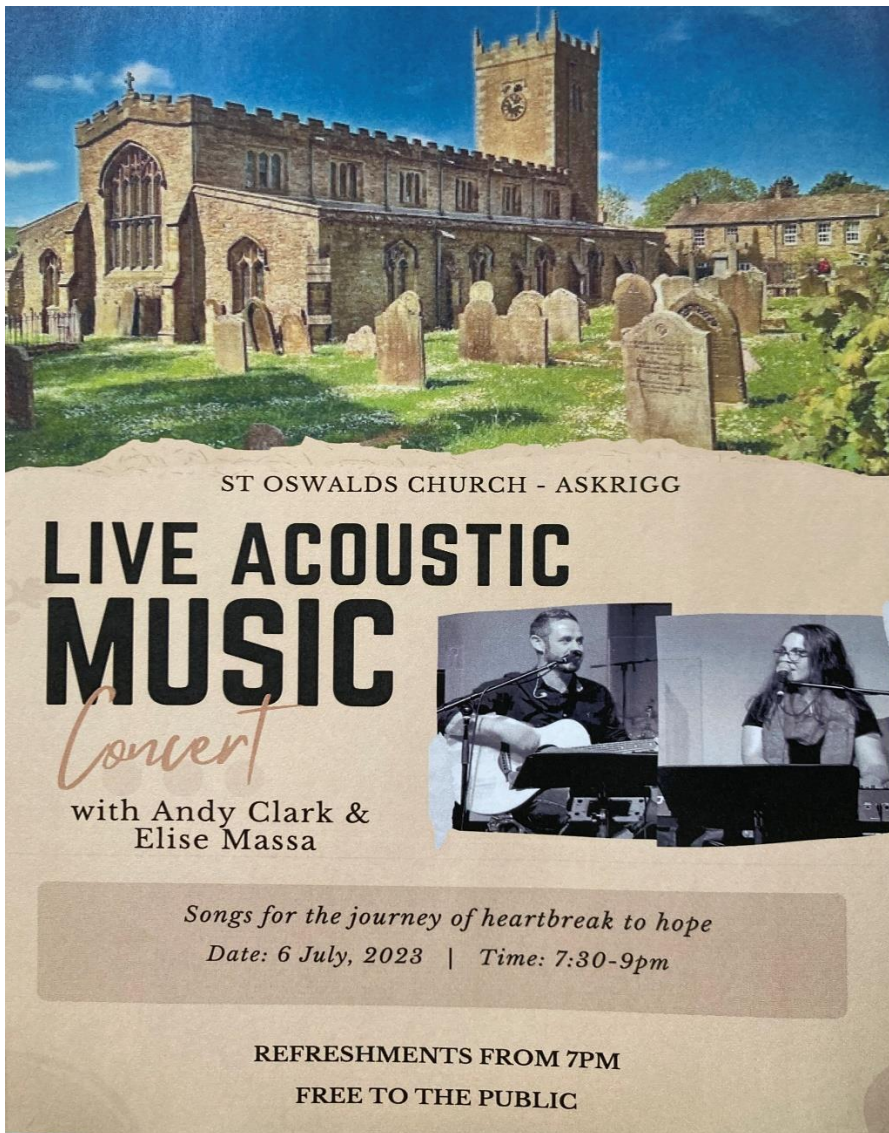
Every other Tuesday, 11am -12 noon  
(13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> June)

## Plant Sale at St Matthew's

There will be a plant sale in  
Busk on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June. Come  
along and bag a bargain.







**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

Come and enjoy an evening of live acoustic music in the company of

Andy Clark

&

Elise Massa



Doors open at 7pm at  
St Oswald's Church  
when refreshments will  
be served.

**Have you visited the Benefice website yet?**

Click on to the Benefice website:

<http://upperwensleydalechurch.org/>



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 (under 'Services') and transcripts (under 'resources' – 'From the Rev') are available on the website.

From the Benefice website, you can access information on any of the four Benefice Churches, including information on the building's history and services.



## Upper Wensleydale Benefice Services

**June 2023**



	<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</b>	<b>Evening Prayer 4pm</b>
June 2nd	<b>Sycamore Hall – Communion Service in the long Lounge – 10am</b>				
June 4th	<b>The Gathering - Benefice Coronation Family Communion St Margaret's Hawes 10.30</b>				
June 11th	Morning Prayer	Ecumenical Hawes	Holy Communion	Soup & Communion	Evening prayer by telephone
June 18th	Holy Communion	Praise in the Pen	Holy Communion		Evening prayer by telephone
June 25th	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Café Style	2.30 Afternoon Prayer 3.15 Pathfinders	Evening prayer by telephone

Why not join us for 'Evening Prayer' by telephone from your own home? It is very simple to join in:

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 are in... say 'hello' or sit quietly and join a short service of prayer and reflection



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