



Easter 4-7



Ascension & Pentecost

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From the Vicarage:

Engage with the King



I wonder what you might be doing over the coronation weekend. Perhaps you are spending it with family and having an afternoon tea in front of the 'telly' watching the Ceremony together? Maybe you are joining in with the local community in parties, fancy dress, songs and parades? Or are you just glad of a couple of bank holidays to catch up on that overdue DIY and spend some time on a good walk to escape it all?

Royalist or not, we have all been given the invitation and the time to join in with this moment in history. It will happen whatever our thoughts are.

Writing a Coronation song for our schools recently, I realised that it was much harder to write for a King than for a Queen. Why is that? Maybe it's because I had great respect for the late Queen, was certain of her faith in Jesus Christ and grateful for her loyal service. Writing for a King is something I do regularly; but not for a human King ... for King Jesus, who we worship and adore. "O Worship the KING" "KING OF GLORY KING OF PEACE"

Writing a song for the coronation of King Charles was, therefore, a challenge. As much as I respect him and the Royal family, I don't have a personal affinity or relationship with him and certainly don't worship him; yet I'm happy to encourage our youngsters to mark this date in history with music that reflects the day and to help them engage with it and the recognition that it deserves. But then I reflect on what I feel and know about My God and My King. I want to worship HIM and sing to HIM because I have a relationship with HIM and Faith in HIM. HE is the King of Glory. He is the King eternal, the Everlasting King, the Prince of Peace. Nothing compares to Him, so let's not even try.

So; join in the party with our communities with gusto and friendship, making memories to carry forward for ourselves and for future generations. Come and celebrate with us at The Gathering Coronation service on Sunday May 7th in Askrigg to give thanks and pray for the new King of England. But let us remember that we *all* have an invitation to another party. A celebration in Heaven hosted by the KING OF KINGS.

You might choose to look the other way, refuse the invitation, spend your time on something else or consciously decide to not engage, but when you encounter *this* King, He is for life and for all the time that lies beyond this life and He wants us to know Him personally. He was human too but without blemish and came to bring '*life in all its fullness*'

Jn10:10 Engage with this King. He loves you.

Sarah



Change of Venue



The next 'Gathering' will be on **Sunday 7th May**
10:30am at St Oswald's in Askrigg

A special **Coronation Celebration** together

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

Be a Blessing – Be Encouraged – Be Church

Coronation Celebrations



Askrigg

Saturday May 6th Village Coronation themed Scarecrow Festival

Sunday May 7th Coronation Communion Service in St Oswald's – 10:30am

Fancy Dress at the Cross on the Cobbles – 12 Noon followed by

'Bring and Share' Afternoon Tea on the Cobbles

Monday May 8th Coronation Football Match. Askrigg Utd v 'Askrigg Legends' KO 2pm



Hawes

Sunday May 7th Coronation Tea and Entertainment in the Market House – 2pm



The Filling Station Thornborough Hall, Leyburn

Friday May 12th 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: Roger Sammons - Newcastle

Roger has been a regular visitor to our Filling Station meetings and has spoken several times in the past. He has given a lot of his time over the years to prison ministry including working in Dartmoor prison.

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



Welcome to our new Bishop: The Bishop of Ripon. The Revd. Canon Anna Eltringham

The Revd Canon Anna Eltringham, currently the Team Rector for Oxted, in the Diocese of Southwark, will be the new Bishop of Ripon, Downing Street announced – Thursday April 27th.

She will swap Surrey's North Downs for the Yorkshire Dales and more when she becomes an Episcopal Area Bishop in the Anglican Diocese of Leeds, serving many rural parishes and varied urban communities from Ripon to Ribbleshead and Richmond to Wetherby.

"Being nominated to be the next Bishop of Ripon is an honour. I am excited to serve God and his people in this place and prayerfully grow his Kingdom on earth together," Anna said.

Looking forward to her new role, Anna said: "God has laid a number of things on my heart in recent times, including a passion for climate-care and justice; care for the wellbeing of clergy and all God's people; a vision for a church that serves as much beyond as within its buildings; and children and young people at the heart of it all."

Saxophone-playing Anna is married to Nigel and they have two daughters. They enjoy family trips out in her VW T25 campervan and visiting museums, galleries, arts events and the seaside. She also likes creative writing, walks in the country, trying to up-cycle furniture and chatting over a glass of something chilled.



Lent Lunches

A BIG Thank You to Julia and Graham DiDuca for providing the soup and to Pat Whitehead for leading the Taize style reflections. £170 was raised for Christian Aid



Thank You!



"What a lovely surprise to receive the flowers at St Margaret's APCM meeting last Tuesday.
Thank You everyone for your kindness"
Julia DiDuca

Stalling Busk - Flower Festival

Enjoy a visit to the lovely church of St Matthew's in Stalling Busk as part of your celebrations over the

Coronation Weekend

Church open Saturday, Sunday & Monday



Ecumenical Holy Communion Service

Ascension Day,

Thursday 18th May - 7pm

Jervaulx Abbey.

(East Witton Church if wet weather)

Always a most memorable event in the grounds of the Abbey.

Please bring your own seat.

Choral Evensong

With the Choristers of
Bradford Cathedral

St Margaret's Church: Hawes

Sunday April 30th 2023 4:30pm

Choral Evensong with Bradford Cathedral Choir

What a wonderful service we had with the choristers from Bradford Cathedral last Sunday. St Margaret's was full with some folks standing at the back. Joe Pilling delivered the sermon based on the transforming power of Christ and the power of worship and Ann Pilling and Andy Fagg read the lessons. My thanks to our amazing catering team of Stephanie,

Jennifer, Helen and Melanie who provided a wonderful afternoon tea for 50 hungry singer's. I was told by the choir that this was the best tea they have ever had!

Wensleydale hospitality at its best.



St Oswald's Tower Fund Concert

St Austin's Choir from Wakefield

Come and enjoy
a wonderful
evening of music

Saturday June 10th 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.



Upper Wensleydale Benefice Services

May 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
May 5th	Sycamore Hall – Communion Service in the long Lounge – 10am				
May 7th	 The Gathering - Benefice Coronation Family Communion St Oswald's, Askrigg 10.30 				
May 14th	Morning Prayer	Ecumenical Gayle Chapel	Holy Communion	Soup & Communion	Evening prayer by telephone
May 21st	Morning Prayer	Praise in the Pen	Morning Prayer		Evening prayer by telephone
Pentecost May 28th	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	2.30 Afternoon Prayer	Evening prayer by telephone

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/

Why not join us for **'Evening Prayer'** by telephone? It's simple to join in
Order of service attached



**Evening
Prayer**

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

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