



The Benefice of Upper Wensleydale

'Church in the Home'

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From the Vicarage:

A time of refreshing

It's August and School's out heralding the start for many of the season of family holidays and an opportunity to break away from the usual routine.

The Welsh poet W.H.Davies is perhaps best remembered for this opening line from his poem 'Leisure': *'What is this life if, full of care, we have no time to stand and stare?'* Successfully used in recent years in a leisure company's television promotion, it invites us to pause and consider all that is around us with fresh insight. Living in the beautiful landscape of Upper Wensleydale there is much to be gained from doing precisely that, and so the Dale will soon be filling with visitors seeking recreation and rest from the usual routine. We aim to do the same this month with a break from our usual rhythm of worship across the Benefice.

In June our PCC's supported the idea of making August a month where everyone might experience something different and to enable our wonderful team of lay leaders to also have a break from their regular servant role. You will know from the circular email messages and from looking at this month's service calendar that we will hold just one service on each of the four Sunday's in August creating the opportunity to worship together as a Benefice in Hawes, Askrigg and Hardraw with the fourth Sunday being given to our annual lakeside celebration on the shore of Semerwater with Hawes Silver Band. I know that many of you are already looking forward to being able to gather as 'church' around the Benefice and to use the opportunity to refresh yourselves spiritually as well as physically. Please do not let any transport challenges stop you from attending. There is always someone who can help get you to where you want to be. Just ask.

I hope that you will both see and *seize* this change to our regular rhythm in the light with which it was intended; to create an occasion where we can encourage one another by meeting together in our different buildings, whilst working with our usual August holiday absences.

The writer of the letter to the Hebrews reminds us of a theme you have often heard me repeat:

'Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing.'

Instead, let us encourage one another all the more.' ^{Heb.10:25}

August is also a season of Christian Conferences across the UK and I know that some of you will be attending these. If you have never experienced the thrill of worshipping our God with thousands of others in the same venue, I encourage you to do so - It's transformational - then come back and encourage us all with the news of what you have heard and received.

Whatever you do and wherever you may be, may this month of August bring to your heart and home the peace and the refreshing you both need and long for.

'The Lord bless you and keep you' ^{Num.6:24}

Per Dave.



The next 'Gathering' will be on **Sunday 3 September**
10:30am at St Margaret's in Hawes



*An opportunity to reconvene after the summer break and to pray for and to bless our children
into the new school year and in some cases new schools*

We look forward to welcoming you there!

Be a Blessing – Be Encouraged – Be Church



The Bank Holiday Sunday in August presents a lovely opportunity to celebrate in the open air with the Hawes Silver band. The service takes place by the tranquil shores of Semerwater.

Refreshments will be provided by the team from St Matthew's Church.

Weddings in Upper Wensleydale

In the next couple of months, we have 3 weddings in the Benefice. Please remember these couples in your prayers:

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| 29 July | James Dodd & Mally Dolphin at Askrigg Church |
| 19 Aug | Rob Cloughton & Alice Watts at Askrigg Church |
| 16 Sept | Michael Frith & Aysha Newrick at Stalling Busk |



FUNERALS

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| 1 August | Graveside funeral for Joan Lumley, Hawes Cemetery at 11am |
| 22 August | Thanksgiving service for Cynthia Abraham at 1.30pm at Askrigg |

**Come and watch the first-ever multi-season series about
the life of Christ - from the beginning!**

Chantry Hall, Bedale @ 1.30pm starting 6th July



The Chosen is an historical drama of the life of Jesus. Come and experience his life and the Bible in a new and inspiring way.

Each episode lasts about 30-40 minutes and offers us the opportunity to see Jesus' life and the bible in a new way. We meet each Thursday afternoon from 1.30pm, watch an episode and then spend a little time talking about what we have seen. It has been moving, thought provoking and inspirational, so from 6th July, we are starting again, from Season 1, Episode 1. We would love more people to come and experience this remarkable series. It has proved to be a time to get to know one another better whilst exploring our faith. Come and join us!

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
(8th and 22nd August)

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.

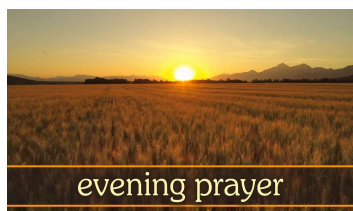


Upper Wensleydale Benefice Services

August 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
Aug 6th	Benefice Communion St Margaret's Church, Hawes at 10.30am				Evening prayer by telephone
Aug 13th	Benefice Communion St Oswald's Church, Askrigg at 10.30am				Evening prayer by telephone
Aug 20th	Benefice Communion St Mary & St John's Church, Hardraw at 10.30am				Evening prayer by telephone
Aug 27th	<div>Said Communion service St Margaret's: 8:30am</div>		<div> Lakeside Service with Hawes Silver Band Semerwater Beach at 3pm Come and join the Celebration! </div>		



Evening Prayer on a Sunday

For some time now we have been offering the opportunity of sharing in a service of Afternoon/Evening prayer by telephone from your own home. It is very simple to join in. I am confident that there are many more people in the upper dale who would benefit from joining with us. You may be one of them or you may know of someone who would appreciate the chance to do so. If that is the case, then follow the instructions below and we look forward to welcoming you at 4pm on a Sunday afternoon.

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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