



# The Benefice of Upper Wensleydale 'Church in the Home'

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## From the Vicarage: 'Into Lent'

How interesting to note that this edition is number **100**

Number 1 was printed, (sanitised) posted and emailed out on the very first Sunday of the very first 'Lockdown' in 2020. We have all changed a great deal since then, but praise the Lord that Jesus remains the same: '... yesterday, today and forever' <sup>Heb.13:8</sup>

**February** this year holds several significant dates in the church calendar. Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> sees the celebration of Candlemas, February 13<sup>th</sup> is Shrove Tuesday and Feb 14<sup>th</sup> is the start of Lent. All will be marked in their own special way and we hope that you will be able to attend, enjoy and appreciate them as they are.

Our February '**Gathering**' at St Oswald's will mark '**Candlemas**' as we also celebrate the baptism of Charlie Arthur Rucroft. Charlie is Elizabeth Fawcett's grandson and it's a lovely combining of dates as many of our younger members will remember Elizabeth walking them down towards Mill Gill to 'plant' candles amongst the snowdrops in the woods to mark Candlemas. Candlemas recalls the presentation of the baby Jesus by Mary and Joseph in the Temple according to the custom that '*every first born male is to be consecrated to the Lord*' <sup>Lk2:23</sup>

Whilst there, they are greeted by Simeon who has been promised by God that he will not die until he has physically seen the Messiah for himself. Overjoyed he holds Christ in his arms and says the words we now know as the 'Nunc Dimittis'. "*Lord, now let your servant depart in peace according to your word.*" Simeon prophecies over him saying he will be a light for all people. Jesus goes on to affirm that He *is* the 'Light of the World' <sup>Jn.8:12</sup> and that *we* are also called to be the same. <sup>Matt.5:14</sup>

What a privilege to be called into that same life changing, world transforming mission of Jesus; to be alive *in* Christ, knowing who we are *in* Christ and living in the power *of* Christ. To do so fully we all need to pay attention to making sure that we know the wonderful promises of God revealed to us through His word. '*The word of God is living and active*' <sup>Heb.4:12</sup>

I encourage you then, to do all you can to attend this year's Lent Course '**Alive in Christ**'. The world desperately *needs* a Church who knows who she is so that she can operate fully with the power, authority and freedom that Jesus has blessed her with, sharing His light and His truth with boldness and confidence, making a difference in our families, our communities and our nation. This is our watch. When we trust Christ and know Christ for ourselves we know and understand that this is our calling. This is *our* time to grow and to *be* Church.

**'Learn some more in 2024'**

May this Lent be for you a purpose driven, Christ filled journey to the Cross of Salvation and the victory and celebrations of Easter.

Rev Dave.

The next 'Gathering' will be on **Sunday 3 February**

10:30am at St Oswald's in Askrigg



'Candlemas' and Baptism: Charlie Rucroft

We look forward to welcoming you there!

*Be a Blessing – Be Encouraged – Be Church*



**Alive in Christ** is a course for small groups, whose aim is to offer each member of the group a transforming experience of God's love, enabling them to love and forgive others and helping them to become confident about serving God as a member of Christ's Body.

Along the way, the course aims to help group members identify any areas of their lives that may be preventing them from knowing and experiencing God's love and, with the help of the course leaders, gently allow God to begin to address these issues.

The course will be held on Thursdays for 5 weeks, beginning on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge from 7-8.30pm. To help us with the printing of resources it would help us if you could let us know if you would like to attend by contacting the Office.

## Wensleydale Filling Station



Why not come along and join us? Be encouraged in worship and in what the Lord is doing across the UK. If you need a lift just let us know and we can arrange transport for you



**Thornborough Hall, Leyburn**

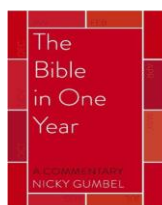
**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**Speaker: Jonny Hirst**  
**Rawtenstall**

Jonny is the minister at Kay Street Baptist Church in Rawtenstall and is also working for the NW Baptist Association with a special focus on young people and young adults. With his brother Simon he led the teenage work at King's Club in Askrigg for 8 years. He is married to Joy and they have a young daughter Jemimah and a dog Fintan!

## The Bible in One Year

Having a good working knowledge of the Bible is essential if we are to live our lives as God intended us to. Reading the Bible from cover to cover is something we should all do at least once in our lives (*and hopefully many more times than that*) But how to begin is the question that prevents most folks from even starting. Last year several members of the church family joined in reading the Bible in one year. We used a wonderful teaching resource from Rev Nicky Gumbel (the author of the Alpha Course) By setting aside just 20-25mins a day you are taken through the Bible in a thematic way, with helpful teaching notes, powerful testimonies and prayers.



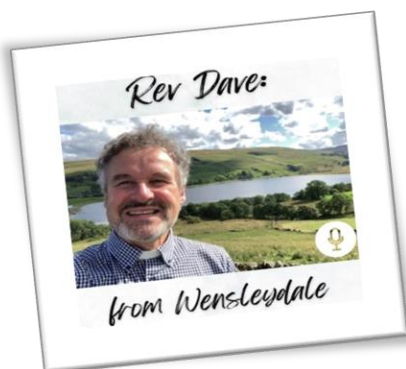
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Obviously other books and apps are available, but these are the ones that we recommend.

It's not too late to join in! Study books can be ordered through the office for approx. £16, **or** you can download a Kindle version for £6 **or** download the App for **free** and listen to Sir David Suchet reading it.

## 'Rev Dave from Wensleydale'

Apple and Spotify Podcasts



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## GOLDEN WEDDING SERVICE

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024 3.30pm

### Were you married in 1974 or earlier?

If you are celebrating your Golden Wedding or even a longer time together, Ripon Cathedral warmly invites you to share in this year's special service of thanksgiving and blessing, to renew your vows and to reflect on and celebrate your many years of married life

If you would like to apply for tickets to attend this unique service (regardless of where you were married or where you are now living) please send your name and address to:

Mrs Trina Knockton, The Chapter House, Ripon Cathedral, Ripon, HG4 1QT

email: CathedralAdmin@riponcathedral.org.uk Tel: 01765 603462



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# Upper Wensleydale Benefice Services

## February 2024

	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 2.30pm	Evening Prayer 4pm
4 February	<b>The Gathering –</b> <b>Benefice Family Communion</b> <b>St Oswald's Church, Askrigg at 10.30am</b>				Evening prayer by telephone
9 February	Sycamore Hall – Communion Service in the long Lounge – 10am				
11 February	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Café Style	12.30 Soup followed by Communion	Evening prayer by telephone
13 February	Shrove Tuesday – Pancakes at Stalling Busk			 <b>Pancakes 12- 1.30</b> 	
14 February	Start <b>Lent</b> with a service of Communion and the traditional 'Imposition of Ashes'		<b>Ash Wednesday Service 6.30-7.30</b>		
18 February	Holy Communion	Jubilate Family Service	Morning Prayer		Evening prayer by telephone
22 February	Alive in Christ course start first session – Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge at 7pm				
25 February	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Afternoon Prayer	Evening prayer by telephone
	Pathfinder's Lent Course 'Alive in Christ' - at the Vicarage: 5-6:30				

### Invite someone you know to join us for 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 in 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 someone who would appreciate the chance to do so. If this 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#**. Then you are in!  
Say hello and sit quietly and join in with the short service of prayer and reflection

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