



# The Benefice of Upper Wensleydale

## 'Church in the Home'

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### From the Vicarage:

#### Why bother with Lent?

**Lent** is meant to be a time of reflection. A period of prayerful contemplation on the events that lead Jesus to the cross and the triumph of Easter Day. From my perspective, despite my very best intentions, it seems to be rushing away from me again and I am having to fight hard to take control of the diary.

We will all have our preferred time of the day to sit with the Lord, to listen and to pray. My favoured time is early morning before the events of the day start to take hold. I am appreciating joining with the group from across the Benefice in following the Nicky Gumbel commentary on reading the Bible in a year. It's been so good to join with others in discussing our progress. I commend it to you.

So; before we reach the meditations of Holy Week and the celebrations of Easter, let's apply the brakes and consider what Lent is all about before it's been and gone. Fundamentally, it's about preparation. Preparation for Easter, preparation for Life and preparation for life beyond this life.

Without a mindful Lent and particularly the contemplative walk of Holy Week, it can feel like we stumble upon Easter almost accidentally and as a consequence we can lose out on its significance and awesome power in our lives. Canon J John reminds us that the best way to appreciate a sunrise is to have experienced the darkness that preceded it. Why not click on the link below and ask for the daily '**Watch and Pray**' Lenten reflections to be sent to your email inbox?

[www.churchofengland.org/faith-calling/what-we-believe/lent-holy-week-and-easter/watch-and-pray-resources-lent-2024](http://www.churchofengland.org/faith-calling/what-we-believe/lent-holy-week-and-easter/watch-and-pray-resources-lent-2024)

If we are to exist in the world in a manner which allows us to flourish, then we need self-discipline. Our modern society appears to struggle with this concept as we find ourselves surrounded by a 'have it all and have it now' culture. Saying 'No' to something in a self-controlled way, even something as small as a battle won over chocolate, sweet treats or scrolling through social media, can be far more significant than it might first seem. Experiencing the support of the Holy Spirit in this process is an essential part of our Christian formation. Whatever we do, or don't do, the purpose is to keep our attention on Christ, His voice and His will.

Lent doesn't last. Easter is coming. The struggles of life will, through faith in Jesus Christ, give way to a glorious victory and eternity spent with Him. The long Lent of life will take us into an eternal Easter! As a Church, nationally and locally, we would do well to consider the issue of eternity far more than we presently do. Just a few reasons as to why we should bother with Lent. There are lots of different opportunities to draw close to the Lord together in the coming month.

I look forward to greeting you along the way.

*Per Dave.*

# Benefice Easter Programme

There are a lot of events planned for the Easter period across the Benefice- here are some reminders, so that you don't miss out!

## Maundy Thursday – 28<sup>th</sup> March

Maundy Benefice Supper at St Oswald's Church, Askrigg starting at **6.15pm** prompt. Please sign up in church or let the office know for catering purposes (vegetarian option available). Reflective Holy Communion follows at **7.15pm**



## Good Friday – 29<sup>th</sup> March

Churches Together **Walk of Witness** from Gayle Chapel to Hawes starts at **10.30am**. During the walk we 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** from the beach at Semerwater, leaving at 2pm and walking to St Matthew's Church. Stalling Busk for Hot Cross Buns (approx. 3pm). The walk will pause for a short prayer at the cross in the old churchyard. The full walk (there and back) is about 3 miles, but there may be lifts back available



## Easter Sunday – 31<sup>st</sup> March

Begin the day in the beautiful and serene surroundings of Semerwater with the family **Daybreak Service** starting this year at **6.30am**. Watch the sunrise over Addlebrough and enjoy bread and fish on the shores of the lake, together with a short service led by Rev Dave. Later in the day, there will be a **Communion Service** in **Hardraw at 9am** and in **Hawes at 10.30am**, both led by Rev Dave. Rev Vera Sinton will lead the communion service at **Askrigg at 10.30am**



The next 'Gathering' will be on **Sunday 3 March**  
10:30am at St Oswald's in Askrigg



God's Commandments

We look forward to welcoming you there!  
*Be a Blessing – Be Encouraged – Be Church*

Taxi Buddies!  
If you need a lift, or can offer a lift, please let the office know



### Advance notice of Annual Parochial Church Meetings for 2024

**Tues 16<sup>th</sup> April**

10am St Margaret's Church, Hawes

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

10am St Oswald's Church, Askrigg

5pm St Mary & St John's, Hardraw

### St Oswald's Coffee Mornings

First Saturday in each month at the  
Village Hall 10am to 12 noon



Next one – this Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Speaker: David Dean**  
**Barnabas Aid**



**Barnabas Aid** have brought hope to suffering Christians since the early 90s, ministering primarily with the persecuted Church. They have worked in over 100 countries seeking to encourage both those who give as well as those who receive, now sending food and medical equipment in addition to money.

**David Dean** studied theology, science & medicine, followed by a church-planting ministry. He has been with Barnabas Aid since 2018 and communicates the day-to-day realities of the persecution and suffering of Christians across the world.



# PRAYER AND PRAISE

# LIVE!

A relaxed service open to all  
Chantry Hall, Bedale @ 7pm  
4<sup>th</sup> Friday every month  
Starting February 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Come and join us!



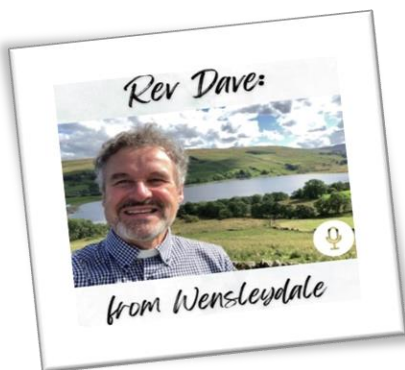
## Easter Sunday

**Garsdale Head Chapel – Easter Praise**  
at 2.30pm

Come and join the first meeting of  
2024 with Andrew Fagg and music  
led by Andrew Souter

## ‘Rev Dave from Wensleydale’

Apple and Spotify Podcasts



Listen in or Listen again

### Join us for Evening Prayer on a Sunday afternoon!

For some time now we have been offering the opportunity of sharing Afternoon/Evening Prayer by telephone in your own home. It is very simple to join in.

Follow the instructions below to join us at 4pm every Sunday afternoon

As 4pm approaches, call **03330164757**. You will 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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# Upper Wensleydale Benefice Services

## March 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
1 March	<b>Sycamore Hall – Communion in the TV Lounge- 10am</b>				
3 March	<b>The Gathering – Benefice Family Communion St Oswald's Church, Askrigg at 10.30am</b>				Evening prayer by telephone
10 March	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Café Style	12.30 Soup followed by Communion	Evening prayer by telephone
17 March	Holy Communion	Jubilate Family Service	Morning Prayer		Evening prayer by telephone
	Pathfinder's Lent Course 'Alive in Christ' - at the Vicarage: 5-6:30				
24 March	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Afternoon Prayer	Evening prayer by telephone
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28 March <b>Maundy Thursday</b>			6.15pm Benefice Supper followed by 7.15pm Holy Communion		
29 March <b>Good Friday</b>		10.30am Walk of Witness from Gayle Chapel to Hawes  11.30am Service at St Margarets		2pm Walk from Semerwater to Busk  3pm Hot Cross Buns	
31 March <b>Easter Sunday</b>	6.30am Daybreak service at Semerwater				
	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion		No Tel Evening Prayer

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