



# The Benefice of Upper Wensleydale

## 'Church in the Home'



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## From the Vicarage:

### Life and Hope

I've never known a Lent like it. Perhaps it's because Easter is earlier this year that I feel as if I've been playing constant 'catch-up' since Ash Wednesday. But Holy Week is now with us and as I look back I see that Lent has been a very full time with many significant events for us as a church family along the way.

We have said goodbye with love and thanksgiving to Hugh Bridgman, Minnie Tallantire and Tony Pantlin. Faithful servants of the Church in Hardraw, Askrigg and Hawes respectively. Hugh served many years as organist in St Mary and St John's, Minnie was a committed and enthusiastic member of the tower bell ringers and involved in the organisation of the Askrigg hand bell team and Tony gave of his very wide and considerable professional skills and experience in steering the church through the major restoration works at St Margaret's as well as serving faithfully for many years on the PCC.

We have seen the baptism of Charlie Arthur Rucroft, the Lent course 'Alive in Christ' (online, at Sycamore Hall and, for our young folk, at the Vicarage) Lent Lunches with 'Churches Together' and Men's Breakfast all working alongside our usual planning meetings, Home Groups, Prayer meetings, Sunday worship, home and hospital visits, school assemblies and meeting the happy couples that are preparing for their weddings this year and next. There has been sorrow and joy.

The disciples knew the joy and the sorrow of life in their years with Jesus but crucially, they discovered that amongst the challenges and the sadness that life can bring us, there is always hope and where there is death, through faith in Jesus Christ, there is also Resurrection.

'**Christ is Risen**' are the words we will declare with confidence on Easter Morning and those words set the tone for our lives together as Church in the upper dale. *Because Christ is risen* we have hope. Because *Christ is risen* we have the knowledge *and* the personal understanding that we are not sharing a mere set of beliefs but something, *someone* who we can place our complete trust in and know and experience for ourselves. Jesus is not just a historical figure but a reality that we encounter and walk our lives alongside with. This is why it is so important that we take our responsibility of sharing what we know with others .. to pass the baton on. The psalmist writes:

*'Even when I am old and grey, do not forsake me, my God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come.'*<sup>Ps.71:18.</sup>

I encourage you to make use of the opportunities that have been created for you to be able to spend time together as church in the remaining days of Holy week - that we might know more deeply the love that took Jesus to face the agony and degradation of the cross on our behalf and then revel fully in the joy and the celebration and the Life that is in His Resurrection.

**'Christ is Risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!'**



Rev 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**



Then at **2.30pm** in **Hawes Junction Chapel** at Garsdale Head, Andy Fagg will be leading an Easter Service. If you've never been to this beautiful small chapel, now is the time to visit and experience worship in this lovely location.



The next 'Gathering' will be on **Sunday 7 April**

10:30am at St Oswald's in Askrigg



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

Car Parking available on the cobbles, at the Village Hall & at the former Carrs Billington site.

### **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

*Please attend and support your church*

### **St Oswald's Coffee Mornings**

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



Next one – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April

## **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 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**Speaker: Graham Emerson**

**Church in the Barn, Penrith**

Graham was born in Northern Ireland and moved to Penrith at the age of 10. He is married to Clare and they have four children. He has been the Pastor of the 'Church in the Barn' near Penrith for 21 years.

<https://churchinthebarn.org.uk/>



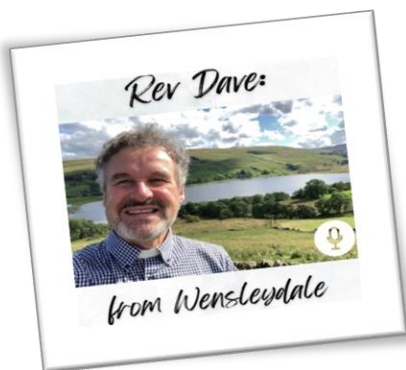
# PRAYER AND PRAISE

# 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!

## ‘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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*Rivers of Life*

***Celebrating 10 years of Rural Life  
in the Diocese of Leeds***

Bishop Anna and Dean John, with the support of  
the Bishop of Leeds, invite you to  
Ripon Cathedral for a celebratory service to mark  
the Tenth Anniversary of the Diocese of Leeds

**on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 3.30pm**

*Please be seated by 3.10pm*

RSVP by 22<sup>nd</sup> April

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## Askrigg Work Day

### 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024

There will be a work day at St Oswald's to which everyone is invited to help. There will be some gardening (clearing ivy from graves, pruning, tidying etc) and plenty of internal work (brass cleaning, dusting, hoovering, kitchen cleaning etc). We will be working from 10am to 4pm, but feel free to drop in for any length of time. A simple lunch will be provided to the workers.



# Upper Wensleydale Benefice Services

## April 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
5 April	Sycamore Hall – Communion Service in the long Lounge – 10am				
7 April	<b>The Gathering –</b> <b>Benefice Family Communion</b> <b>St Oswald's Church, Askrigg at 10.30am</b>				Evening prayer by telephone
14 April	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Café Style	12.30 Soup followed by Communion	Evening prayer by telephone
21 April	Holy Communion	Jubilate Family Service	Morning Prayer		Evening prayer by telephone
28 April	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Afternoon Prayer	Evening prayer by telephone

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## Pastoral Conversations

"Love leaves legacy. How you treat other people is the most enduring impact you can leave on earth."

**A basic introduction to good pastoral care**

**Online OR on site :Wed 8<sup>th</sup> May 7-9pm**

**The on site training will be at St Matthew's Church, Leyburn DL8 5FD**

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