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After Trinity

The Benefice of Upper Wensleydale 'Church in the Home'

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From the Vicarage

As I look out of my study window the proverb *'Make Hay while the Sun shines'* springs immediately to mind as our farmers are literally doing just that. The fields throb to the sound of machinery cutting and turning and gathering the precious crop, whilst tractors scurry up and down the lanes transporting equipment from one end of the dale to the other.

'What a sight are bristling hayfields, basking, baking under sunshine. Some have wept at seeing such glory!'

Piers Browne

I love it when I can stand in the stillness of an evening garden and savour the fragrance of their work as it drifts gently across the fields. 'Glory' indeed.

August heralds an opportunity for many to experience a change of pace as our children (and school staff) enjoy a welcome break and the number of visitors to the Dale increases as our cafes, restaurants, bars and hillsides fill with people seeking rest and refreshment.

Please take note that in this spirit, we will be holding just the one service every Sunday and that this will rotate around the Benefice. Where you can, I encourage you to take the opportunity to gather to worship in a building you might not normally visit. If you're able to take a holiday away from the Dale then why not visit a different type of church whilst you're away and tell us all about it on your return. The August Bank Holiday weekend will see Hawes Silver Band coming once again to the shore of Semerwater to lead the music in our outdoor service, 'Bside the Lake'. Let's hope that the weather is kinder than it was last year .. it can't be much worse! It would be lovely to welcome you wherever and whenever you can.

Many of you are now aware that the funeral service for **Piers Browne** will be held in St Oswald's on Friday August 2nd at 11am. If you're able to attend the family have said you should dress in whatever you feel comfortable in for a funeral but with perhaps a 'splash' of colour in special tribute to his life as an artist.

You can see from the pictures included in this edition that July has been a month of considerable activity. I am most grateful to everyone who has been involved in the very wide range of different events. 'Wonderful Wensleydale Fare' has featured at them all and I've absolutely loved it! Thank You.

I hope that you might find the opportunity to savour (even if for just a small amount of time) a different pace during August. May it bring you refreshing and renewal to your body, your mind and, essentially, your spirit. As Jesus said:

"Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." Mark6:31

Rev Dave.



The next 'Gathering' will be on **Sunday 4 August**
10:30am at St Oswald's in Askrigg

'Thanksgiving and Rest'

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.

Chadwick-Jones Trio perform at St Oswalds



Those attending the concert at St Oswald's on 25th July were treated to a wonderful afternoon of music from sisters Hannah and Alice and their mother, Olivia.

In the interval, there was a Wensleydale afternoon tea to enjoy – and it certainly was!

At the end of the concert, there was a chance to see the progress in the work on the tower and to listen to a talk on some of the more interesting inhabitants in the churchyard.

Piers Barnabas Browne

Piers died peacefully at home on 8th July. The funeral service will be held on Friday 2nd August at St Oswald's Church at 11am, followed by a private cremation. The family would love to see his church family and friends from the village at the service. Dress Code: 'Whatever you feel comfortable in with perhaps a splash of colour.'

Margaret Valerie Alderson

Val of Dale House, Bainbridge died on 20th July. There will be a Thanksgiving Service at St Oswald's Church on Monday 5th August at 12.30pm.

St Margaret's Festival Day

It was lovely to see so many people enjoying themselves at St Margaret's Day on 20th July! Thank you to all those who helped out by donations, practical help in the run up and on the day or by coming and adding to the fun. Over £4000 was raised to help with the ongoing maintenance of St Margaret's building.





Evening Community
Concert in
St Margaret's



HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY to Sue Foster's Birthday Celebrations at Hardraw





Pathfinders

Some of our Pathfinder group enjoyed a fun night's sleep over in St Matthew's Church, Stalling Busk. We visited and fed Jackie Masterman's Alpacas – fascinating animals – friendly and very inquisitive. They then learned how to start a fire with a 'Bow Drill' (hard work and not so successful) and a 'Fire Steel' (easier and much more successful!)

Spaghetti Bolognese for supper, a night time walk, some sleep(!) and Pancakes for breakfast all made for a memorable time together.

Thank you Miriam and Tabitha for making this happen





Upper Wensleydale Benefice Services

August 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 th August	The Gathering Benefice Family Communion St Oswald's Church, Askrigg at 10.30am				Evening prayer by telephone
11 th August	Holy Communion St Margaret's Church, Hawes at 10.30am				Evening prayer by telephone
18 th August	Songs of Praise St Mary & St John's Church, Hardraw at 10.30am				Evening prayer by telephone
25 August	Holy Communion St Margaret's Church, Hawes at 9.30am Lakeside service at Semerwater including Marriage Blessing at 3pm				No Evening Prayer today

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

Been away and missed some of Dave's sermons?

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