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From the Vicarage

Schools are out! .. and it's time to absorb and hopefully enjoy the traditionally differently paced month of August. I know that for many of you the pace actually *increases* with children at home, the never ending demand of land and livestock and visitors flocking here on holiday. I left the classroom in 2015 after 33 years there (*a slow learner!*) but I still miss the sense of space and extended boundaries that August brought with it.

Preparing for a recent Deanery meeting I was taken by just how full of activity and blessing the year has been so far: so many different community concerts and events across the Benefice, courses, weddings, baptisms (including 2 by immersion in Semerwater at our daybreak service), school visits, children's work, coffee mornings, celebrations, renovations etc etc ... we all need an opportunity to slow down ... to refresh & recharge ourselves. With this in mind, we will be holding a reduced service structure this month so please check the calendar at the end of this newsletter which tells you what is taking place and where. We will be moving around the Benefice and enjoying worshipping with one another in our different buildings *and outside* on the beach at Semerwater with Hawes Silver Band, on Sunday August 24th at 3pm. It would be wonderful to see you there.

My article in this month's '**Upper Wensleydale News Letter**' focusses on the special sense of community spirit that exists in so many places in the dale. Sadly, it's something that doesn't always show itself as it ought in many areas of our nation, so where it does, I feel it should be celebrated and appreciated. There are plenty of opportunities to do just that with the various gala's and fete's and shows that appear at this time. Let's enjoy them and thank those responsible for their work in enabling them to take place.

August is also a season of Christian Conferences across the UK. **Keswick Convention** has just finished celebrating its 150th year; a truly wonderful sign of the Lord's grace on this special event that has blessed countless numbers of those who attend it or listen in. If you have never experienced the thrill of worshipping our God with thousands of others in the same venue at the same time, then I encourage you to do so - It's transformational.

Whatever you do and wherever you may go or be in the coming weeks, may this month of August bring 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 3rd August**
at 10:30am at St Oswald's in Askrigg



Psalms for the Summer

We hope to welcome you on Sunday Morning

Be a Blessing – Be Encouraged – Be Church

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



Friday Mornings Together at St Margaret's Church!



Looking for something to do this summer? Come along to our friendly, relaxed drop-in mornings for connection, crafts, play and plenty of cake! Open to all non-parents, parents, carers, and kids.

- ☕ Unlimited tea, coffee & cake
- 🎲 A fun activity for children
- 🗨️ A chance to chat, laugh & connect
- 📍 *Every Friday, 10am–12pm at St Margaret's Church*
- 💷 recommended donation £3 per family (includes everything!)
- 📅 Running every Friday morning during the summer holidays



No need to book — just come as you are.



Whether you stay for 10 minutes or two hours, we'd love to see you!



FROM THE BENEFICE CALENDAR



Baptisms

5 July	Aidan James Henning-Barnes	Hawes
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Weddings

12 July	Annabel Harrison & Stephen Brown	Askrigg
19 July	Saffron Willis & Richard Coates	Askrigg
26 July	Nicole Sunter & Callum Rosamond	Hardraw

Funerals

17 July	Margaret Elaine Ashton	Busk
19 July	Susan Raw (<i>Burial of Ashes</i>)	Hardraw
21 July	Tony Guy Routh	Askrigg

Going away this summer?

We hope you have a great time! Whilst you're away you don't have to miss out on your Upper Wensleydale services! You can:



- Dial in from anywhere to the live evening prayer service by conference call – see the details below.
- Alternatively – catch a recording of Dave's sermon for that week – the details are also below!

Stay Connected and make the most of the Bible teaching taking place across the Benefice.

Search for:

'Rev Dave from Wensleydale'

Latest episodes include:

- **July 6th** **'Tooled up by God'** Ephesians 6 and the armour of God.
- **July 6th** **'Choices'** parts 1, 2 and 3 Reflections from Psalm 1 from the Gayle Chapel 'Camp Meeting'.
- **July 13th** **'What do you see?'** Amos 7 God's plumb line – are we seeing the world as God does?
- **July 20th** **'Jesus is Enough'** Colossians 1 – Don't add or subtract from God's message: Jesus +/- nothing = everything!
- **July 27th** **Teach us to pray** – Luke 7 – The Lord's prayer



Available on Apple podcasts and Spotify



Join us for Evening Prayer

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, sit quietly, and join in with the half an hour service of prayer and reflection



ST MARGARET'S COMMUNITY CONCERT

What a wonderfully happy time we all had at St Margaret's Community Concert held on Saturday 19th July in Hawes.

The building was full and with extra seating provided. At the heart of the evening were the Hawes Silver Band with other musical contributions from the children of Hawes School, Maisie Richards and Eva Cockett, Christa Fagg, Tom and Claire Fremlin, Dan and Amy Cockett, Mal Carruthers, Alison Wade and Rev Dave.

Thank you to our fabulous team of 'Maggie's Angels' for all their help with the setting up and serving of refreshments and for 'multi-media Mike' (Hirst) for his sterling work on sound and light.

The concert raised approximately £700 for church funds.



31st August is a 5th Sunday

Sunday 31st August is another 5th Sunday. This means that the services will be a little different to both the regular service pattern and the special August pattern!

At **Hawes** there will be a BCP Communion Service at 9.30am

At **Askrigg** there will be Forest Church, worshipping in the outdoors at 10.30am– look out for info on the venue later.

At **Hardraw** there will be a Songs of Praise afternoon, starting at 3pm, to celebrate the return of the repaired organ. Choose a hymn and/or passage for this occasion – (in advance would be helpful!). Refreshments available.





Upper Wensleydale Benefice Services

August 2025

	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	
1 Aug	Sycamore Hall – Communion Service in the lounge – 10am				
3 Aug	The Gathering - Benefice Family Service St Oswald's Church, Askrigg at 10.30am				Evening prayer by telephone
10 Aug	Benefice Holy Communion St Margaret's Church, Hawes at 10.30am				Evening prayer by telephone
17 Aug	Benefice Holy Communion St Mary & St John's Church, Hardraw at 10.30am				Evening prayer by telephone
24 Aug	Holy Communion St Margaret's Church, Hawes at 9.30am Benefice Lakeside Summer Service at Semerwater at 3pm				Evening prayer by telephone
31 August	Songs of Praise at 3pm	BCP Communion 9.30am	Forest Church		No Evening Prayer

ADVANCE NOTICE

Tuesday 9th September - Joint PCC Meeting at 6.30pm at Sycamore Hall for PCC members of all four churches to discuss finance.

CORRECTION: In last month's newsletter, under **warden's contact details**, Stephanie's details should read:

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