



6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>  
After Trinity

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

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## From the Vicarage: Balls, Batons and Ballots'

**July:** a General Election, the 'Euro24' Football Final and the Olympic games. What a month! There will inevitably be a mixture of celebration and commiseration as our hopes and expectations bring either delight or disappointment on the pitch, track or in the ballot box.

100 years ago the Christian sprinter Eric Liddell ran in the 1924 Paris Olympic Games. His exploits became the subject of the Oscar winning film '**Chariots of Fire**' in 1981. Liddell was born in northern China in 1902 to Scottish missionary parents. He was educated in London whilst his parents continued to work in China and it was at an early age that he made a personal commitment to follow Jesus Christ.

Whilst at school it became clear that he had a gift as an outstanding sportsman but it was later whilst at university that he moved his attention to athletics and became the fastest runner in Scotland. He was selected to run for his country in the 100m at the Paris Olympic Games and was seen as a firm favourite to bring home the Gold medal. Believing that his response to God's grace and goodness should begin by him honouring the Sabbath and keeping it free from sporting activity, he courageously withdrew from the 100m final when he discovered that it was to be run on a Sunday. Despite enormous pressure from the British Olympics management and the national newspapers for him to change his mind, he refused to compromise his faith and began to train at very short notice for the 200 and 400m races instead. He gained a bronze in the 200m and on the day of the 400m final he was handed a piece of paper with the following words from 1Samuel.2:30: '**He that honours me, I will honour**'. He ran the 400m race as if he was sprinting the 100m and won the Gold Medal.

Turning down various professional opportunities in sport, Liddell announced his firm conviction that 'God had made him for China' and he left in 1925 to become a teacher of English in a Christian College. He returned to Scotland to train as a Church leader and upon his return to China he married and began his missionary work. By 1941 the threat of a Japanese invasion was so great that British Nationals were advised to leave. Liddell's wife and family left for the UK but he decided to remain to help the Chinese people in those dark and difficult days.

He was imprisoned by the Japanese in a brutal prison camp but soon became a much respected leader amongst the inmates where he ran Bible studies and prayed regularly for their captors. Five months before liberation, the severely malnourished Liddell died of a brain tumour aged just 43. His gravestone bears the inscription from Isaiah 40:31 – '*They shall run and not be weary*'.

The Bible describes our lives as a race – a race of unknown length and one in which none of us know when we will reach the finishing line. Eric lived his life full of faith and integrity, keeping the name and teaching of Jesus Christ his priority in all things. As we face the clamour and demands of modern life, I find that there is much in his life that we can be inspired by. The Bible was his guide, Jesus was his Saviour and his goal was to serve Him in every which way he could.

To quote the final words of our Communion liturgy

**'With all these things in mind – Go in peace to love and serve the Lord'**

Rev Dave.



The next 'Gathering' will be on **Sunday 7th July**  
10:30am at St Oswald's in Askrigg

**Post-Election Optimism: Praying for the future**

*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.



# St Margaret's Festival Day

Stalls

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July 10am to 2.30pm

Cakes

Lunches



Community Raffle

Community Concert Fun: 7pm

## 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



**Thornborough Hall, Leyburn**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July**

**Speaker: Peter Dunn, Sheffield**

Peter was in local Baptist ministry for about 20 years in three different locations in the UK and then for 10 years was Director for Mission for BMS World Mission. This led him to forming a relationship with **Biglife**, a Disciple Making Movement with their roots in South Asia but now serving across the world. For the past four and a half years, he has been responsible for taking a lead with their work in Europe, seeking to apply the Biblical principles that we see in Jesus and the Early church in making disciples who make disciples.

# Music for a Summer Afternoon

## St Oswald's Church at 4pm - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July



Hannah (16) and Alice (14) are both enthusiastic **young musicians**, studying at the **Royal Academy of Music** Junior programme on Saturdays.

Hannah learns harpsichord with Masumi Yamamoto and Cello with Sue Dorey. She has recently performed Harpsichord at the London International Festival of Early Music and was a soloist for a Handel Concerto Grosso at St John's, Smith Square and Cadogan Hall. She is currently principal Cellist of the Royal Academy of Music Sinfonia and was the recipient of the cello prize this year at Richmond festival.

Alice learns violin with Lorraine McAslan and enjoys orchestral playing, most recently leading the National Children's Main Orchestra. As a soloist and chamber music player she has won prizes at many festivals, including Bromsgrove, North London and Richmond. In 2023 she was awarded the Junior Violin Prize at the Royal Academy and she has recently won Kingston Young Musician of the Year. As music scholars at JAGS and Alleyn's respectively, they both enjoy a wide variety of ensemble playing and performing.

Olivia enjoys a varied career as a teacher and pianist for singers, choirs, chamber groups and instrumental soloists. Together they formed the family trio, as a means of entertainment for them and their neighbours during lockdown. They have since invited friends to perform in annual street concerts, enjoying genres ranging from baroque to pop.

### Retiring Collection for Church Funds – Refreshments available

No need to book – Come along and enjoy!

#### 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

#### Auction of Sandstone Roundels

Salvaged stones from an old chimney in Hardraw Church Yard will be for sale by auction on

**Saturday 6th July at 2pm at Hardraw Church**

The 15 roundels could have numerous uses, but would make fabulous planters. This is a very rare opportunity to purchase a piece of local history. The proceeds will go towards graveyard maintenance. Hopefully the weather will be fine and the auction will be followed with a bring and share drinks and nibbles social.



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# Upper Wensleydale Benefice Services

## July 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 <sup>th</sup> July	Sycamore Hall – Communion Service in the Activity Lounge – 10am				
7 July	<b>The Gathering</b> <b>Benefice Family Communion</b> <b>St Oswald's Church, Askrigg at 10.30am</b>				Evening prayer by telephone
14 July	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Café Style	12.30 Soup followed by Communion	Evening prayer by telephone
21 July	Holy Communion	Family Service	Morning Prayer		Evening prayer by telephone
25 July			4pm Free concert: Music for a Summer Afternoon		
28 July	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Afternoon Prayer & Pathfinders	Evening prayer by telephone

Been away and missed some of Dave's sermons? Listen to the podcasts!

Search 'Rev Dave from Wensleydale' on your podcast platform

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## PARISH GIVING SCHEME

The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is a secure and simple way of giving to the church of your choice. It can be used to give regular monthly donations, or quarterly or annually if you prefer. **Not ready for a regular commitment?** Then you can use the scheme to make a one off donation whenever you want to make one!

Paying in regular amounts, using the PGS is very helpful for the Benefice as it helps with our cashflow and forecasting. The scheme works by making a Direct Debit from your bank account on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month, which is credited to our parish accounts on 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. If you opt to add gift aid, as a taxpayer, at no extra cost to you, this is also passed back to our parishes.

You can also opt to increase your donation annually – if you do this you will always be asked by the PGS before it is increased whether you want to increase it and at that point you can opt to increase it, leave it the same, or indeed decrease it!

**Setting up a regular gift with the PGS** is really simple. Choose one of 4 ways:

- Visit [www.parishgiving.org.uk](http://www.parishgiving.org.uk) and follow the instructions
- Or scan the QR codes below for Askrigg and Hawes
- Or phone 0333 002 1271 Monday to Friday 9am-5pm
- Or ask a PCC member for an application form which you can complete and post back to the PGS

At the current time, only Askrigg and Hawes are members of this scheme, but Hardraw and Busk will come on line shortly.



St Oswald's, Askrigg



St Margaret's, Hawes

For more information, please contact your treasurer.