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After Trinity

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From the Vicarage Office

A few weeks ago, I was leading the Evening Prayer Telephone service – if you've never dialled in before, you should try it! The New Testament reading for that week was from Paul's letter to the Ephesians (4:25-5:2). The words at the end of the passage really struck a chord:

'Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children and live in love, as Christ loved us'

Have you ever thought about living your life in imitation of God? That is an interesting thought, isn't it? But what does it mean in reality?

We know that we are all created in the image of God. We all also have the ability to be creative, like God. We can imagine and create things – just look at the variety of things people have designed and built and the stories that have been written. So we can imitate God in that way but I don't think that was what Paul meant when he tells us to imitate God!

"Be imitators of God," Paul writes, *"as beloved children."* I think the key here to understanding what Paul means is in the words, *"beloved children."* We are all God's beloved children, and just like all children, we learn by imitating our parents -in this case, our heavenly father. And as we are God's beloved children, we should act like it.

Paul says earlier in the passage:

"Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you."

Imitating God begins with kindness, and with love and forgiveness. Jesus demonstrates his kindness and compassion in so many ways throughout his ministry.

Put away bitterness, Paul tells us, together with all malice, and be kind to one another. That means - be kind on social media. Be kind on the roads. Be kind in shops and restaurants. At church. At work, at home, with our families. Be kind to one another and to ourselves. Put away all our nasty thoughts. Be full of grace and forgive one another, endlessly.

It sounds easy to do, but it really isn't. Wouldn't the world be a better place if it was filled with kindness? As God's people, we should be leading the way on this and as we move into autumn, I am going to try to imitate my God more closely. A wave of kindness has to start somewhere – where better than Wensleydale?

Steph



The next 'Gathering' will be on **Sunday 1 September**
10:30am at St Oswald's in Askrigg

Be 'Imitators of God' Eph.5:1

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.

Been away and missed some of
Dave's sermons?

Listen to the podcasts!



Search 'Rev Dave from Wensleydale'
on your usual podcast platform

St Oswald's Coffee Mornings

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



Next one – Saturday 7th September

Wensleydale Filling Station



Thornborough Hall, Leyburn

Friday 13th September

Speaker: Sebastian Rab

Sebastian and Rachael Rab moved to the Dales in 2022 to take on the leadership of the Jonas Centre, a Christian residential centre and holiday venue. Currently living in Reeth, they are part of Reeth Evangelical Congregational Church and contribute to church life around the Dales. Seb has worked with different churches across North Yorkshire and as a UCCF staff worker with the university Christian Unions in York

Invite someone you know to join us for Evening Prayer on a Sunday!

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 short service of prayer and reflection

A Blessing for the start of a new school year:

The year is tilting toward the start of school again, but truth be told, we're not ready. We're still hanging on to summer, to the promise it held for long-awaited connections and celebrations, for refreshment for our bodies and souls in water and sky and colour and sunlight, and all those little moments given to us where we could linger just a little longer. Now that it's almost over, we don't want to let it go. The beauty. The freedom. All that was life giving.

God, could you help us stretch it, extend it, and maybe even blend it into this coming school year? Parents, students, teachers, all, may your newly structured days breathe with creativity, your new duties be infused with delight. As you write on those fresh new calendars may you trust that your plans are a lot like magic ink ... much may seem to disappear into obscurity, but whatever is done in love will remain.

Harvest 2024

This month sees our Harvest celebrations and we would draw your attention to the services taking place this month.

On **Sunday 8th September**, Churches Together are holding their Harvest Celebration at Hawes Market hall with the Hawes Silver Band at 6.30pm.

On **29th September**, the Askrigg celebration will take place at 10.30am at Lowlands Farm. This is weather dependent, and if the weather is bad, we will hold it in church. Below is a picture from last year's celebrations! Then in St. Mary & St. John's Church, Hardraw, the Harvest Celebration will begin at 3pm, followed by refreshments in the Green Dragon Inn. Both services will be led by Rev Dave.



Keswick Ministries and the Keswick Convention

'Keswick Ministries exists to inspire and equip Christians to love and live for Christ in His world.'



The Keswick Convention runs for three weeks each summer. The central theme this year was 'Resurrection' but each week had its own separate programme, and speakers for the Morning Bible Study, the Evening Meetings and the Seminars throughout the day. More than 12,000 people attended over the three-week period and in addition meetings were live streamed around the town to overflow venues as well as being available to watch live at home or at many locations around the world. The convention was supported with stalls and literature from many Christian organisations and the '10ofthose' bookshop: <https://uk.10ofthose.com>

If you want a taste of this year's talks or details of next year programme as well of details of the full work of Keswick Ministries, visit the website: <https://keswickministries.org>

You could watch on 'catch-up', to the Bible readings on Isaiah by David Gibson from week one, Studies from Ezekial by Andrew Sach from week two or Studies on the Psalms by Vaughan Roberts from week three. Alternatively, watch one of the evening meetings just to get a feel for the worship and teaching.

Next year will be its 150th year and it has always provided teaching from God's word free of charge. There is no need to book – you just turn up. (Though of course you will need to book accommodation in the town well in advance or just visit for a day). The work of Keswick Ministries and the cost of the Convention are covered totally by donations.

Since moving to its new site by the old Pencil Factory it has totally renovated the building to provide training rooms and conference facilities that are used during the convention weeks for seminar venues and the youth and children's programmes. Throughout the year, Keswick Ministries are now able to provide Bible Teaching and training events as well as being a resource for churches across the region and beyond.

Mike and Pauline Hirst

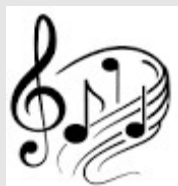
KEEP THIS DATE FREE!

Saturday 26th October at 2.30pm at St Margaret's Church, Hawes

Mal Carruthers (Organ) together with guest vocalists, returns with

"MUSIC FROM THE MOVIES 2"

More details to follow in October's issue



Joint PCC Meeting

The next joint PCC Meeting will be held on:

Tuesday 3rd September at 6.30pm
at **Sycamore Hall**.

If you are on one of our PCCs, please make every effort to attend.

Upper Wensleydale Men's Breakfast



Saturday 14th September, 8.30am-10am,
Sycamore Hall Restaurant, Bainbridge

Full English Breakfast or scrambled egg on toast.

Afterwards there will be a short talk followed by a discussion. Please contact Rev Dave for further information

Concert

St Mary & St John's Church Hardraw
Saturday 14th September at 6.30pm

A concert with a varied programme of music will be held on 14th September in Hardraw.

Taking part will be:

- Dave & Sarah,
- Irene Whaley & Andy Souter
- Askrigg Ladies who sing for pleasure

Entry is free of charge with any donations going towards our church organ restoration.



Summer in the Benefice

Marriage Blessing



Baptism



Weddings



Marsett Thanksgiving



Marriage blessing of Paul & Jude

Weddings of:
Brittany & Jamie in Askrigg
Kimberley & Rob in Hawes

Last service at Marsett Chapel

Baptism of Florence during Forest Church





Upper Wensleydale Benefice Services

September 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	
1 Sept	The Gathering Benefice Family Communion St Oswald's Church, Askrigg at 10.30am				Evening prayer by telephone
3 Sept	Joint PCC Meeting 6.30pm at Sycamore Hall				
6 Sept	Sycamore Hall – Communion Service in the lounge – 10am				
8 Sept	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Café Style	12.30pm Soup followed by communion	Evening prayer by telephone
14 Sept	Concert 6.30pm				
15 Sept	Holy Communion	Family Service	Morning Prayer		Evening prayer by telephone
22 Sept	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Afternoon Prayer & Pathfinders	Evening prayer by telephone
29 Sept	Harvest 3pm	Morning Prayer	Harvest		No Evening Prayer today



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