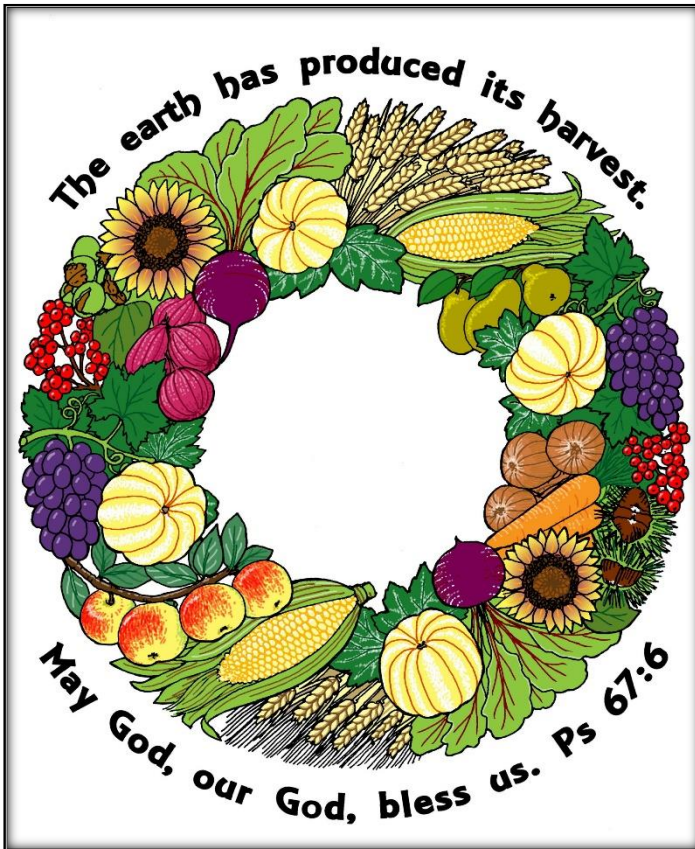




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Vicar's Letter

Autumn – full of colour, seasons of mists and mellow fruitfulness, and gathering swallows twitter in the skies, two lines from John Keats's Poem - 'Ode to Autumn'. Although global warming means that the seasons are not as predictable as in the past, still a season where nature shows her full glory.

The church at this time of year also prepares for a season of thankfulness and remembrance.

Thankfulness as the harvest is gathered in and our churches are full of glorious produce and floral displays showing the abundance of God's generosity. A time to reflect and give thanks to God, and a time, perhaps, to repent for our lack of care for the world that he has given, for our selfishness in not sharing the earth's bounty fairly and our failure to protect resources for others; But nevertheless a time of thanksgiving and doing what we can to share the resources that God provides for us.

There are many, both locally and in the wider world, that are unable to afford to feed themselves or their families, so if we are able it is a time also to share with others, whether that is donating what we can to a local foodbank, or giving financially, what we can, to the one of the many charities that support the welfare of others, even if it is only a small amount, all gifts are gratefully received.

Then we move to remembrance; All Saints Day, where we remember men and women in whose lives the Church as a whole has seen the grace of God powerfully at work. It is a time to reflect and give thanks for that grace, and for the wonderful ends to which it shapes human life. Our Benefice Service of Commemoration and thanksgiving on Sunday 3rd November at 3pm at St. Andrew's, Aysgarth, allows us also to reflect and give thanks in a more local and intimate way. It allows us to remember with thanksgiving before God those whom we have known more directly; those who gave us life, who nurtured us in faith and are yet separated from us by death.

Another day for both church and community to remember those who lost their lives in both World Wars and more recent conflicts such as Afghanistan, the Ukraine, the Middle East and the Sudan, is that of Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday this year on Sunday the 10th November.

One thing that these seasons, of both nature and remembrance have in common is a time for reflection, time to stop, take stock and to give thanks to God for all that He gives us in providing both for our physical needs and for providing friends and families who support us with their love, kindness and generosity through all life's journeys. And a time to remember that 'the Steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is his faithfulness.' *Lamentations 3.22,23*

I hope to see you and your family over the next few weeks at one of our services.

Yours in Christ,

Penny

Has Wensleydale Got Talent?

6.30pm

Saturday 12th October

at Holy Trinity Church, Wensley

There is a £50 prize for the winner!

All welcome. Entry £5.

St. Bartholomew's Church, West Witton

A churchyard maintenance day is planned for **Saturday 19th October at 10am**

If anyone would like to come along to help please bring along your own secateurs, trowel, kneeler, garden gloves and garden rubbish bag! Coffee and biscuits will be provided. Lunch at the fox at 12.00 for those who would like to.



Schools' Harvest Service at St Andrew's Church

The BAWB schools will be celebrating Harvest in a special service at **St Andrew's Church at 2.00 p.m. on Friday 4th October**. Each class will bring a contribution, and we will see a dramatic presentation of the feeding of the 5,000 – showing that Jesus can magnify the little we offer, and make it a huge blessing.

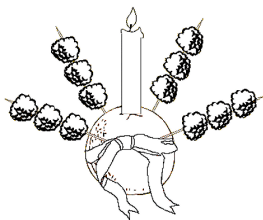
Although teaching at West Burton School has been temporarily suspended, the communities at this end of the catchment area remain very important, so it's especially good to welcome the children from all three schools – **Bainbridge, Askrigg and West Burton** once again to Aysgarth church.

Recently, it has worked well to have year groups from across the three schools being taught together – so all children in years 2 and 3 had been taught at West Burton.

It became necessary to turn to this temporary suspension while Governors review the new statutory requirement that children spend 32.5 hours in class each week, alongside the time and complexity of transporting them from their registered school to their taught school.

Sue Ryding, Chair of Governors, writes: ““As soon as we have a clear understanding of the implications of those options, we will then be in a position to consult with parents and the wider community as to how our federation can go forward.”

Messy Advent Christingle



2.00pm on **Saturday 30th November**
Redmire Village Hall
All welcome!

**Memorial Service at All Souls' tide:
Sunday 3rd November, 3.00 p.m.**

All Souls' Day is kept on November 2nd, and is also called
The 'Commemoration of the Faithful Departed'.

Once again we are inviting everyone to a service in St Andrew's Church,
Aysgarth, which this year will be at 3.00 p.m. on Sunday 3rd November.

Whether you are remembering someone who died recently or many years
ago, you are warmly encouraged to come and participate.

Within the service we each light a candle to their memory and place our
hope in the Light of Christ.

For those who wish, there will be refreshments after the service in the
Lady Chapel.

Remembrance Sunday 2024

This year, Remembrance Sunday falls on **November 10th**, and services will be
held at St Mary, Redmire; St Bartholomew, West Witton and St Andrew,
Aysgarth. All will begin at 10.45 a.m., and will pause for the Silence at 11.00.
We are inviting a Deputy Lieutenant from the North Yorkshire Lieutenancy
to join the service at Aysgarth, and if (as in the past two years) there is the
opportunity to invite a troop of Gurkha trainees, we shall invite them to all
the services. The trainees have always been impeccably turned out, and very
polite as they experience the way we remember the fallen from our
Christian tradition.

Please come and support this important occasion.

In addition, there will be a village **Remembrance at Thornton Rust Institute**
on **Saturday 9th November** starting shortly before 11 a.m., and it is probable
that there will be informal gatherings at village memorials on **Monday 11th,**
Armistice Day.

With major wars threatening to escalate and in the aftermath of the US
presidential election on November 5th, it is timely that we pray hard for
peace for the world and its peoples ...

Prayer Topics For October and November



“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him and he with me.” This month we reflect on our relationship with our Saviour Jesus and with friends and family as well as those we come into contact with as we live our daily lives.

The wonderful love of Jesus hopes we answer His knock. He’s never going to break the door down. He promises if we open the door, He will come in to us, to our lives, to our table. He will listen and answer our prayers. It’s up to us to respond. Jesus wants to have a deep and meaningful relationship with each and everyone of us.

Dear Lord Jesus, I pray that you will knock at my door. Give me a welcoming and receptive heart that will seek a deeper communion with You. Nurture my spirit with Your wisdom and grace so that I may daily grow closer to you.

Loving Lord, look upon my relationships with others. Teach me patience and understanding in my dealings with friends, family and strangers alike. Grant me empathy that I may have the time to sit and listen and help share the troubles which burden them, just as you listen when I call out to you. Give me an open, comforting, sympathetic and non judgmental mind.

Blessed Lord, I pray for the courage to face my own shortcomings and ask for your guidance to recognise and grow beyond them. Guard me against my infirmities and give me the strength to walk away from temptation and live my life according to your will. Forgive my transgressions and help me to grow in my spiritual journey with you so that I learn from my mistakes. Glorious Lord, in this troubled and difficult world help me to make it a better place. Let me be anchored in you and abide in your presence where true peace flourishes.

Gracious Lord, be with me on my journey in faith. Guide me in my daily decision making so that not mine but you will be done. Let the light of your love shine through me so that I might reflect your glory out to others and help them as they seek a relationship with you.

Church Services: In case of bad weather, please check our website penhillbenefice.co.uk/services for updates. **Phone services** - dial 0333 0110 946 and enter room number 61337190# and PIN 7450# (local charges apply)

Friday October 4th

6.30 pm **Harvest Pet Service** with 'find the mice!'
Holy Trinity Church, Wensley

Sunday October 6th

9.30 am Telephone Service

9.30 am Holy Communion **Harvest Service**,
St Margaret's, Preston under Scar

11.00 am Holy Communion, St Andrew's, Aysgarth

11.00 am Holy Communion **Harvest Service**, St Bartholomew's,
West Witton

2.00 pm **Harvest Service**, St Mary's, Redmire

4.00 pm **Harvest Service**, Thornton Rust Mission Room

Sunday October 13th

9.30 am Telephone Service

10.30 am Holy Communion Penhill Together Service,
St Bartholomew's, West Witton

Sunday October 20th

9.30 am Telephone Service

9.30 am Holy Communion, St Margaret's, Preston under Scar

9.30 am Holy Communion, St Mary's, Redmire

11.00 am Holy Communion, St Andrew's, Aysgarth

11.00 am Morning Prayer, St Bartholomew's, West Witton

Sunday October 27th (Clocks go back)

9.30 am Telephone Service

9.30 am Holy Communion, St Bartholomew's, West Witton

11.00 am Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Aysgarth

3.00 pm Evening Prayer, Thornton Rust Mission Room



October Mid-Week Services: Holy Communion at 9.30am
on Thursday 10th & 24th October at St Bartholomew's, West Witton

Sunday November 3rd

- 9.30 am Telephone Service
- 9.30 am Holy Communion, St Margaret's, Preston under Scar
- 9.30 am Morning Prayer, St Mary's, Redmire
- 11.00 am Holy Communion, St Andrew's, Aysgarth
- 11.00 am Holy Communion, St Bartholomew's, West Witton
- 3.00 pm **Memorial Service for all who are bereaved, Aysgarth**

Sunday November 10th



NO Telephone Service today

- 10.45 am **Remembrance Service** at St Mary's Redmire
- 10.45 am **Remembrance Service** at St Andrew's Aysgarth
- 10.45 am **Remembrance Service** at St Bartholomew's, West Witton

Sunday November 17th

- 9.30 am Telephone Service
- 9.30 am Holy Communion, St. Margaret's, Preston under Scar
- 9.30 am Holy Communion, St. Mary's, Redmire
- 11.00 am Holy Communion, St. Andrew's, Aysgarth
- 11.00 am Morning Prayer, St. Bartholomew's, West Witton

Sunday November 24th

- 9.30 am Telephone Service
- 9.30 am Holy Communion, St. Bartholomew's, West Witton
- 11.00 am Morning Prayer, St. Andrew's, Aysgarth
- 3.00 pm Evening Prayer, Thornton Rust Mission Room

November Mid-Week Services: Holy Communion at 9.30am
on Thursday 7th & 21st November at St Bartholomew's, West Witton

Dates for your Diary...



Church Coffee Mornings

10.30am -12 noon, Redmire Village Hall

Weds 2nd October

and

Weds 6th November

which is also Bolton cum Redmire Gift Day

Church Afternoon Tea

2-4pm, Redmire Village Hall

Weds 16th October

Weds 20th November



Benefice Prayer Fellowship

7.30pm, Aysgarth Institute

Tuesday 22nd October

Tuesday 26th November

Wensleydale Filling Station

7pm at Thornborough Hall, Moor Road, Leyburn DL8 5AB

Friday 11th October Speaker: Brian Wilson from Sheffield

Friday 8th November Matt Hirst from Hawkshead Hill, Lake District.

Contact: 07714 204024 mikehirst3@gmail.com

St Andrew's Gift Day

St Andrew's Day will take place in the week ending **30th November** and the Patronal Festival will be Sunday December 1st. The annual letter and associated envelopes will be distributed to houses in the parish around the middle of November.

Hymns and their Tunes

Alleluia, sing to Jesus and the tune Hyfrydol

It's safe to say, I think, almost all the hymns we have examined over the last couple of years or so have been written by academic theologians, ordained clergy or poets. In similar vein virtually all the tunes have been written by professional musicians, often church organists, or composers of note.

Today's hymn and its tune were both written by non-specialists whose main occupations were in fields well away from what we might expect. William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898) who wrote the words was born into a wealthy Bristol family and whose father was a surgeon. He spent most of his life as a manager of a marine insurance company in Glasgow. He obviously had an interest in composing religious verses as his other compositions include "As with gladness, men of old" and the harvest hymn "To Thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise" but it appears to be a sideline or pastime.

His upbringing and family background contrast with those of Roland Huw Pritchard (1811-1887) who wrote the tune. (One translation of "Hyfrydol" is aptly – melodious). Pritchard left his native Bala to find work first as a loom tender's assistant and later in a management role in the Welsh Flannel Manufacturing Company in Holywell, Clwyd.

He had a great interest in congregational singing and by the age of twenty had produced, in Welsh, a book of Christian songs for young singers in which Hyfrydol was one of the tunes. Welsh was his main language, and it is possible he spoke no English. I have a picture of him highly involved in and full of enthusiasm for the Welsh chapel congregational singing tradition though his burial place is in the Holywell parish churchyard.

It is highly doubtful to think that Dix and Pritchard ever met. I cannot trace an earlier coupling of words and music before the 1933 revision of the English Hymnal by Ralph Vaughan Williams. He arranged and harmonised the version we sing today. I suspect, however, that tune and words were already linked.

It is a wonderful hymn, and I remember vividly a few months ago it being the recessional hymn of the Wednesday Radio 3 Choral Evensong from St David's Cathedral. It was made extra memorable in that it was so heartily sung in Welsh. I wonder if Pritchard ever heard it as we hear it today. I somehow doubt it. *Geoff Hirst*

Reflecting Faith: Window Glass

Why do we have so much coloured glass of all shapes and sizes in church buildings? Stained glass in churches is similar to wall paintings in that it adds colour as well as traditionally serving the purpose of teaching non-literate people the great events and characters of their religion.

But glass is so much more than that.

The techniques used to create these windows have been refined over the centuries, and their intricate beauty has inspired countless artists and designers.

The way the light shines through the glass creates a unique atmosphere that is often described as ethereal or heavenly. In this way, the use of stained-glass windows helps to create a sacred space that is set apart from the secular world.

The light shining through the glass is shown onto the brickwork or stonework surrounding the glass and depending on the original colours, the intensity of the light, the angle of the sun's rays as well as the height and angle away from the watcher: these can range from vibrantly strong to softly muted.

Hundreds of years ago people saw the changes in light in this way as being very significant. It was thought that the light passing through was transformed or transmuted and because of this it had a healing and revivifying effect on people who placed themselves within its light.

If you visit a church on a sunny day enjoy the play of light being put on for you. What does it say about God's love for you? *Editor. Parish Pump*

Christmas-themed Advent Windows

They're back by popular demand! Bigger, brighter and better - or maybe just the same because they were so good last year! Carperby, Thoraby and West Witton villagers will be displaying their Christmas-themed Advent Windows throughout December, lighting them up each evening for neighbours and visitors to enjoy. Let us know if you would like to take part! See the benefice website for more information.

Posada Journey



During December knitted figures of Joseph and Mary (and the well behaved house trained donkey!) will once again travel around West Witton and Swinithwaite looking for shelter re-enacting Mary and Joseph's journey. If you would like to be a host to the Posada figures for a night please contact Christine (624542) or Mary (623813)

email: penhill.benefice@btconnect.com

Christmas Coffee Morning in aid of The Children's Society

10.30 am.

Thursday 12th December

Cote Gill, West Witton. DL8 4LT.



£5.00 There will also be a raffle. Everyone is welcome.

Where do postcodes come from?

Some 65 years ago, on 11th October 1959, Britain began introducing postcodes. They started in Norwich, and by 1974 had been rolled out across the whole country.

The idea was to speed up sorting following the mechanisation of the postal system. But for the process to work, people had to use it, and it was therefore important to make sure that people could remember their postcode easily. So, psychologists from Cambridge University were asked to assist in their design.

This worked so well that a survey in 2016 revealed that people are now more likely to remember their postcode than their debit card PIN (92%, compared with 77%). And the information sticks: apparently 17% of people questioned could still remember the postcode of the house they lived in up to 30 years earlier.

When the first postcodes were trialled in Norwich, the first three characters were NOR (now NR followed by a number) representing the name of the city, and the last three signified a particular street or large business.

Why Norwich? Because of its new sorting machines.

The main point of a postcode is to ensure that a letter or parcel gets to the correct Royal Mail sorting office, where it can then be sorted into the correct round. So the “outcode” will specify a postcode area and district, and will have up to four characters. The “incode” designates a particular postcode sector and delivery point, and always has one number and two letters.

What is a delivery point? It could be a street, part of a street or a single property. Or in rural areas, something a bit bigger. The postcode area is of course much larger: the smallest in Britain is WC in London, covering one square mile. The largest is IV, Inverness, at 6,243 square miles.

Tim Lenton/Parish Pump

Church bulletin notices that didn't come out quite right....

Glory of God to all and peas to his people on earth.

Applications are being accepted for two year-old nursery workers.

The pastor will light his candle from the altar candles. The ushers will light their candle from the pastor's candle. The ushers will turn and light each worshipper in the first pew.

What ushers do

Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother Joel were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud during the service. Finally, his big sister had enough. "You're not supposed to talk out loud in church."

"Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked indignantly.

Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers!"

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