

## NOTICES for the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**West Witton PCC Meeting:** 7pm, **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March**, in the Village Hall.

**Wensleydale Filling Station:** 7pm, **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March**, Thornborough Hall, Leyburn. **Speaker: Gerard Charles.** For further info. contact 07714 204024.

**Lent Lunches for Christian Aid:** 12 noon until 1.30pm, on Fridays.

**14<sup>th</sup> March** – Thoraby Village Hall Soup & Cheese Lunch with Coffee and Tea. *No fixed charge, donations to Christian Aid.* All welcome.

**21<sup>st</sup> March** – West Witton Village Hall. **28<sup>th</sup> March** – Carperby Sports Pavilion.

**Men's Breakfast:** 8.30am-10am, **Sat 15<sup>th</sup> March**, Sycamore Hall Restaurant, Bainbridge. [Full cooked breakfast - £10.00]. All welcome.

**Church Afternoon Tea:** 2-4pm, **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March**, Redmire Village Hall.

**Benefice Food for Thought in Lent.** 6.30 for 7.00 pm: West Burton Village Hall.

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March: Speaker - Bishop John Pritchard. Book by Tues 11<sup>th</sup> March.**

"Who am I now? - Identity and role in the different chapters of life".

**Menu - chicken casserole with herby dumplings (veg option available).**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April: Speakers – Revd Ian and Revd Dr Linda Robinson.**

"Where are we headed? Finding hope in a time of crisis". **Book by 25<sup>th</sup> March.**

**Menu - Lasagne with salad and garlic bread (vegetarian option available).**

**Cost for each: £15** (to include main course, tea/coffee) Bring your own drinks.

Home-made desserts - with donations to the speaker's choice of charity.

**Book with Anthony Day:** Tel: 01969 624171. (days.gordonlodge@btinternet.com)

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Council. *Please contact Anne Day (email as above) to offer to make a dessert.*

**The Very Narrow Bridge of Life:** Stories Through the Church Year by Revd Peter Jenner. A book about finding joy in a world that sometimes seems difficult to navigate. Profits from the sale of the book will be shared between St Andrew's Church, Aysgarth and the Stuart Warren Foundation which supports a PhD student from the South African Region to study Chemistry at the University of Cambridge. Copies are £10 from: [booksbyljr@gmail.com](mailto:booksbyljr@gmail.com)

Some of you may be interested in listening to BBC Radio 3 **Choral Evensong** at 3pm on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March** live from Sidney Sussex college Cambridge. Aysgarth organist Geoff Hirst was a member of this college choir sixty years ago!

**Easter Lilies:** To buy a lily for £5 in memory of a loved one, please contact Dayle Williams (625094) or Liz Piper (663747) **by Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April.**

# The Penhill Benefice

*United parishes of Aysgarth, Bolton-cum-Redmire, Preston with Wensley & West Witton*

## 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025 The First Sunday of Lent

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### TODAY

9.30 am Telephone Service

10.30 am Holy Communion Penhill Together Service, St Andrew's, Aysgarth. The Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally DBE, The Bishop of London, will speak firsthand about the work of Christian Aid.

### THIS WEEK: Thursday

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

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March The Second Sunday of Lent

9.30 am Telephone Service

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

9.30am 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

### Evening Lent Reflections: Tuesdays 25<sup>th</sup> March and 8<sup>th</sup> April.

We will reflect on the subjects discussed at the previous week's Food for Thought Evenings. **Time 6.30pm** at Aysgarth Institute. All welcome.

### New Church Electoral Roll For 2025:

A reminder - This year everyone who wishes either to continue to be on the electoral roll for their local parish church or to be entered for the first time must fill in a form which is available from Electoral Roll Officers.

### THE BENEFICE MISSION STATEMENT

The Penhill Benefice is committed to show the love of God and the saving grace of Jesus. We share together as the body of Christ, in prayer, worship, ministry and fellowship. In the power of the Holy Spirit we are called to mission and outreach and to be a support and comfort in the community.

## Collect

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:  
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;  
and, as you know our weakness,  
so may we know your power to save;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## First Reading: Romans 10: 8b-13. [NRSV - updated edition]

“The word is near you,  
in your mouth and in your heart”  
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim),<sup>9</sup> because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.<sup>10</sup> For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation.<sup>11</sup> The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.”<sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.<sup>13</sup> For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

## Gospel Reading: Luke 4: 1-13. [NRSV - updated edition]

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness,<sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished.<sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.”<sup>4</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.<sup>6</sup> And the devil said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please.<sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.”

<sup>8</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is written,  
‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

<sup>9</sup> Then the devil led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here,<sup>10</sup> for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’  
<sup>11</sup> and

‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

<sup>12</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”  
<sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

## Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,  
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;  
by it you nourish our faith,  
increase our hope,  
and strengthen our love:  
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,  
and enable us to live by every word  
that proceeds from out of your mouth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Psalm 91: 1, 2 & 9 -end

### Readings for Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March. The Second Sunday of Lent

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Philippians 3: 17-4 v.1. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Luke 13: 31 - end.  
Psalm 27.

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