

Penhill Benefice Church Magazine



See how the wild flowers grow! They don't work to earn, or craft their own clothes, but even King Solomon with all his wealth was not dressed as well as they are. Lk 12:27-28



Aug – Sept 2025

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.

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Vicar's Letter

Dear everyone,

Welcome to the current issue of the Beacon!

I would like to put on record my thanks to all those who contribute to getting this bimonthly magazine written, edited and delivered to so many homes across our area and for free! I'm grateful to our advertisers for their support which helps with our finances. Our distributers are a faithful band who six times in the year tramp the streets to bring you your copy! The lions share of work is done by Christine, our administrator in generating content issue by issue and she is owed a debt of thanks from us all.

We have wondered at times how much of the magazine is read and by how many people across the 12 villages – also, if there were areas you would like to see the Beacon covering. It would be a huge help to us therefore if you were able to respond to the questionnaire included within this edition – even if you only respond to a little of it.

Responses can find there way back to Christine in a range of ways – via a church member, left at the back of church, posted or emailed ... but all will be read with interest as we try and make the magazine a strong resource across our communities – the best that it can be!

As I reflect on the provision of a parish magazine it reminds me how important it is at all levels to keep in touch with one another. We are not meant to be isolated, and loneliness is a great scourge blighting the lives of many people. Strangely, even though we have more and more ways of contacting people, we are at the same time in danger of becoming more distant.

Back in the day, care was taken over letter writing, and then telephoning, (while watching the minutes closely) – but emails while valuable in so many ways have created a sense of distance. I marvel that we are able to speak to family abroad – and with live video – at no cost through apps such as

WhatsApp, and these conversations remind us of the value of face to face meet-ups.

The Beacon, I believe, does a valuable service in sharing information and drawing attention to the activities of the churches in the Dale, hopefully with some other articles of interest, and I hope it will continue and grow.

At the same time I hope that these warmer summer months will allow many of us to catch up with friends and family face to face and to enjoy meeting new people too. I hope we may see many of you at one or more of our services and events as we keep in touch with our maker too!

Tom

PS – remember to look for the questionnaire!

Thank you

Christian Aid Week 2025. A great big thank you!

The Christian Aid Week collection is **£561.30** inc. Gift Aid. Thank you to everyone who supported with delivering, collecting envelopes and donating. 'Thanks to your support, more farmers are adapting to the climate crisis — growing resilient crops and helping their communities to escape poverty'

Yorkshire Day Pudding Party

Best Pudding in Wensleydale Competition

Friday 1st August at 7pm at Newton le Willows Village Hall.

Bring & Share Finger Food Main Course then eat the competition sweets

Contact: Rev'd Chris 01677 450920 rector@lowerwensleydale.church

Church on Show at the Wensleydale Show Saturday 23rd August

Theme: Small Boats and Harbours

The Church About the Dale Trailer will be onsite and members from the Deanery will circulate around the show to enjoy friendship and chat.

Everyone is welcome to join in



Dates for your Diary...

Church Coffee Morning

10.30am -12 noon Redmire Village Hall Wednesday 6th August Wednesday 3rd September



Church Afternoon Tea

2-4pm, Redmire Village Hall
Wednesday 20th August
Wednesday 17th September

Benefice Prayer Fellowship

7.30pm, Aysgarth Institute

Tuesday 26th August

Tuesday 23rd September

We pray together for the Benefice, the wider church, local, national and international issues, and for personal concerns and each other.

We begin with a Bible Reflection and short discussion. Everyone is welcome.

St. Bartholomew's Church WW2 Exhibition Saturday 23rd August

Marking 80th Anniversary of WW2. Refreshments served in church

Alverton Singers present

'Songs Through Time'

with songs by Handel through to The Beatles 14:30pm Sunday 28th September 2025 St. Andrew's Church, Aysgarth Tickets: £10

Available on the door

Including Refreshments

In support of St. Andrew's Church and Alverton Singers

Bungokho Rural Development Centre



Church Army Africa 'Helping people help themselves' P.O. Box 385, MBALE, UGANDA. www.bungokhordc.com Email: bungokhordc@gmail.com Twitter: @bungokhordc

Mission Partners Bob & Ros Arnold will speak about their work in Bungokho at the 10.30am Benefice Service on Sunday 14th September at St Bartholomew's, West Witton. All are welcome.

Everything at the Centre at Bungokho has been and is a gift. Way back in 1995 a lady in Mbale, Esiteri Tremlet, in her latter years, wished that some of her land be gifted to the community to support and train it's people.

Church Army were the recipients of that land and the buildings. They asked Ross Elliott of CMS New Zealand to head up the development of this new venture. Ross created, in some very old buildings, a nursery school, and a tailoring school. He saw the need to expand to provide training in carpentry and building. Workshops were built and equipment was purchased.

Ross and his wife Pauline were due for home leave in 1999, and help was needed to manage the Centre while they were away. We were both given leave of absence, Bob from an insurance office and Rosalind from teaching. Supported by CMS, we spent six months at Bungokho. During that time, young people started attending the training in carpentry and building alongside the tailors. Young children continued to be enrolled in the Nursery school. We had previously spent 5 years in S.Sudan as CMS mission partners. Our time at Bungokho gave us time to think about what possibly might be our next step.

Moving on three years, to when the Elliot's felt that it was time for them to retire, CMS had selected us to become Mission Partners and we were asked to return to Bungokho. Just prior to our arrival, funding was made available from Germany for non government training centres to develop and expand their training facilities. Although over 100, applied less than 30 were accepted of which Bungokho was one of them. New buildings replaced the

old and equipment and tools were provided for the training. Later on, more funding from Germany enabled the very popular hairdressing course to be introduced.

As a self help training exercise, students built residential hostels for both ladies and young men enabling them to have safe accommodation if their



homes are far away.

While all of this was happening, the need could also be seen, to be involved with women's work in the rural communities by empowering them to have some independence and the ability to help support their families. This moved on at a pace with a team that has been recognized as

very gifted and is respected within the whole of the country. One of the frequent requests was to provide clean drinking water. Nearly 50 wells have been hand dug, some of which are over 15m deep.

The Centre needed to have local leadership and we worked alongside Davis Manana, the overall director, and Jimmy Magombe who is responsible for the women's extension work.

Since our retirement in 2011, courses in electrical instillation, plumbing and computer studies have been introduced.

There has always been a small tree nursery supplying young saplings into the surrounding area. At present the centre manages eight community nurseries producing over a million trees per year.

The women's community work has empowered over three hundred groups of which over two hundred are now self managed.

The day at Bungokho always starts with students and staff meeting together for a time of worship and reflection.

Bungokho's motto is 'Helping People To Help Themselves.' All of this built on gifts from people like yourselves empowering these people to stand alone.

Thank you so much for your involvement. Bob and Ros Arnold

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)

Sunday August 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

Sunday August 10th

9.30 am	Telephone Service
10.30 am	Holy Communion Penhill Together, St Andrew's, Aysgarth

Sunday August 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 August 24th

9.30 am	Telephone Service	
9.30 am	Holy Communion, St Bartholomew's, West Wi	
11.00 am	Morning Prayer, St Andrew's, Aysgarth	
4.00 pm	Evening Prayer, Thornton Rust Mission Room	

August Mid-Week Services: 9.30am Holy Communion
Thursday 14th & 28th August at St Bartholomew's, West Witton

Deadline for Oct – Nov 2025 edition of the Penhill Beacon is **Tuesday 2nd September 2025**

Please Email articles to: penhill.benefice@btconnect.com or post to:

The Coach House Office, Swinithwaite, Leyburn, N Yorks DL8 4UH

September Church Services:

Sunday September 7th

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 Witto

Sunday September 14th Holy Cross Day

10.30 am Holy Communion Penhill Together Service,

St Bartholomew's, West Witton.

Mission Partners Bob & Ros Arnold speak about their work in Bungokho

Sunday September 21st St Matthew

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



3.00 pm on **Sunday 21st September** at Redmire Village Hall

Sunday September 28th

9.30 am	Telephone Service
9.30 am	Holy Communion, St Bartholomew's, West Witton
11 00 am	Morning Prayer St Andrew's Avsgarth

Evening Prayer Harvest Service 4.00 pm on Sunday 28th September Thornton Rust Mission Room



September Mid-Week Services: 9.30am Holy Communion **Thursday 11**th **& 25**th **September** at St Bartholomew's, West Witton

Reflection and Prayer for August and September



It seems strange to think that by the time this is read we will be heading towards the end of summer and the beginning of Autumn. So many holiday visitors will have been, and still are, enjoying this very special part of the

world we are privileged to call home.

It is tempting for the visitor to think that all this beauty is "natural" but as we know for hundreds of years man has altered the landscape and continues to do so.

However, it's not called "God's Own County" for nothing, even though those who have lived here for generations have seen the closure of so many churches and chapels. Tempting also to think that the faith of those past close communities that bound them together in love, work and mutual help and hardship has died and that somehow God has lost interest in what happens here. Or maybe, in this modern world, that it's the other way around.

There is much kindness, generosity and consideration of others and this is still God's work, acknowledged or not.

A Prayer.

Father God, we pray for these Northern Yorkshire Dales, for the people who live and work here, for those who come to relax and those whose responsibility it is to serve this place.

We ask for your favour with the land and with the weather and for those who work the land and look after the moorland landscape and wildlife.

We pray for those who deliver services in health care, in emergencies, mountain rescue and the fire service. For those who go above and beyond in service to our communities through local projects and local government.

We ask also that you intervene in our lives, that you will remind us of how much you care, that you will lift us when life gets too heavy to bear and that you will meet us in your son Jesus, and that in meeting You will give us the living hope that can only be found in You. **Amen.**

Wensleydale Concert Series

All concerts are at St Andrew's Church, Aysgarth at 7.30pm.

Saturday August 16th
Mark Bebbington (piano)

Saturday September 6th Fitzwilliam String Quartet

Saturday September 20th

Callum McLachlan (piano) & Jeremias Fliedl (cello)

For full details please see: https://www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk/ TICKETS are £18 per person in advance, £20 at the door. For under 18s and anyone in full time education tickets are £1. Tel: 01969 663026 for queries. IMPORTANT for up to date information of parking at the RCP carpark adjacent to the church and alternatives see our Venue Information page. Limited parking at the church for people with mobility issues, please ring the number above.

Medieval Music in the Dales Thursday 12th – Sunday 15th September

Bolton Castle and St Oswald's Church This year's festival is all about medieval instruments Search MMitD online for the full festival programme, 2025

Deanery Prayer Meetings

11am - 12noon, East Witton Parish Room.

Monday 1st September

Everyone is warmly invited to come.

Wensleydale Filling Station

7pm at Thornborough Hall, Moor Road, Leyburn DL8 5AB Friday 12th September Speaker: Phil Ireson from Sheffield.

Contact: 07714 204024 mikehirst3@gmail.com

Prayer and Praise Live!

7pm at Chantry Hall, North End, Bedale, DL8 1AF **Friday 26th September** Rev Phil Stone (Scargill Movement Director)

Everyone welcome! For more info email lindajc54@outlook.com

At times do you feel overwhelmed with all the things that you need to get done?

Then think of your life as an hourglass. There are thousands of grains of sand in the top of the hourglass; and they all pass slowly and evenly through the narrow neck in the middle.

We are like that hourglass. When we start in the morning, there are hundreds of tasks which we feel that we must accomplish that day. But if we do not take them one at a time, and let them pass through the day slowly and evenly, as do the grains of sand passing through the narrow neck of the hour glass, then we are bound to break our own fragile physical and mental structure. Do not attempt more than God designed you to do.

When I say, "I am a Christian," I'm not shouting, "I am saved!" I'm whispering, "I get lost; that is why I chose this way."

When I say, "I am a Christian," I don't speak of this with pride. I'm confessing that I stumble and need Someone to be my Guide.

When I say, "I am a Christian," I'm not bragging I am strong. I'm professing that I'm weak, and I pray for strength to carry on.

When I say, "I am a Christian," I'm not bragging of success. I'm admitting I have failed and cannot ever pay the debt.

When I say, "I am a Christian," I'm not claiming to be perfect.

My flaws are all too visible, but God believes I'm worth it.

When I say, "I am a Christian," I still feel the sting of pain. I have my share of heartaches, which is why I cry His name.

When I say, "I am a Christian," I do not wish to judge. I have no authority; I only know I'm loved. *Author unknown*

Holy Cross Day

The Church celebrates the Cross as a symbol of Christ's victory over death.

Helena was a devout Christian, and after her son, Constantine, was converted, they agreed that she should travel from Rome to Israel, and seek out the places of special significance to Christians. Helena finally located what she believed to be the sites of the Crucifixion and of the Burial (and modern archaeologists think she may well be correct). She built one large church over them – the Church of the Holy Sepulchre which was dedicated on 14 September 335.

The sign of the Cross has been used by Christians since early times. Tertullian, writing his *De Corona* (3:2) around AD 211, noted that Christians seldom did anything significant without making the sign of the cross.

The Cross is the personal mark of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we mark it on ourselves as a sign that we belong to him. In the book of Revelation, we read that the servants of God are 'sealed' or 'marked' on their foreheads as a sign that they are His.

'Draw an I' That is you standing before the Lord, saying, 'here I am'. Then cancel that vertical stroke with a horizontal stroke — as if to say: "Lord, I abandon my self-will and make you the centre of my life instead. I abandon myself to your love and service."

"And when I am lifted up, I will draw all men unto me." (John 12:32). PP.

St Matthew

St Matthew was one of 12 apostles. He began as a tax-collector of Jewish race who worked for the Romans, before he left all at the call of Christ. From earliest times, he was regarded as the author of the first of the four Gospels. The Gospel of Matthew is in correct, concise style, very suitable for public reading.

His usual emblem as an evangelist is a man, because his genealogy emphasised the family ties of Christ. In art, he has been represented as either an evangelist or as an apostle. As an evangelist, he has been depicted sitting at a desk, writing his gospel with an angel holding



the inkwell. In the Middle Ages he was even given a pair of spectacles. Matthew was martyred by a sword or a spear, some think in Ethiopia.

Penhill Beacon Magazine Questionnaire

We strive to deliver the Penhill Beacon to most houses in the Benefice as a form of communication with you and to give you information about YOUR churches. The Benefice villages are: Aysgarth, Carperby, Newbiggin, Thornton Rust, Thoralby, West Burton, Castle Bolton, Redmire, Preston under Scar, Wensley and West Witton (& Swinithwaite). There are 6 churches and 1 Mission Room. Currently 820 Magazines are delivered by volunteers around the benefice. We are interested to hear your feedback and any ideas you have for future issues.

Question		Comments	
1	Which sections are you most interested in?		
2	Which topics would you like to see more of?		
3	Do you have any articles or stories to contribute for consideration?		
4	Is there anything you dislike about the Beacon?		
5	Which village do you live in?		
Do you attend church a] often b] sometimes c] seldom d] never			
Do you have any further feedback? (Please continue on separate sheet) If you would like to be contacted add your name and contact details here.			

Please return this form by 31st August in one of the following ways-Email: penhill.benefice@btconnect.com

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