



PENHILL BEACON

Penhill Benefice Church Magazine



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 Brothers and Sisters in Christ

I am writing this after what have been a busy couple of months for the Christian Church. With the journeying through Lent and Holy Week, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and then the celebration of Easter and the risen Christ!

On a wider international scale we, the Christian church, have mourned the death of Pope Francis and then joined in and celebrated with announcement of the new Pope Leo XV1.

Life at times can be busy and as we journey it's timely to perhaps remind ourselves that not only should we be 'doing' but we also enable space to ensure that we just 'be'.

Christ, often, through his earthly ministry took time out to just rest in the presence of God and to 'be' with his disciples.

It's in those moments of just 'being' that we can 'reground' ourselves, gain clarity of who we are and who God wants us to be, reassess our priorities and refresh our body, minds and souls.

As we enjoy the creation around us and start planning holidays, let us hold onto the 'space' where we can just sit and enjoy 'being'.

It maybe that we let a few more weeds grow in the garden so that we can sit and enjoy the butterflies, bees and birdsong.

It maybe we just sit and enjoy the company of others rather than rushing to our next appointment.

It maybe we just sit and enjoy a cup of coffee and watch the world go by rather than going to the next historic building that is a 'must see' on our city break.

Whatever it is that we are planning over the summer months – let us reflect on the words of the Psalmist in Psalm 46: 'Be still and know that I am God'. Let us enjoy 'being' rather always 'doing'.

Yours in Christ

Penny

Thank you

At the Benefice Service at St Andrew's, on March 9th with The Rt Revd and Rt. Hon Dame Sarah Mullally DBE, The Bishop of London a total of **£257.50** was raised for Christian Aid. Thank you to all who contributed.

The Lent Lunches raised a total of **£1,125.04** for Christian Aid Lent Appeal with their work towards a world without poverty. In addition, the **Food for Thought** evenings raised **£432** for Medecins sans Frontieres (Gaza) and **£248** for Parkinsons (UK). Thank you to everyone who took part and contributed in any way.

The Witness of the Cross 2025

On Good Friday the wooden Cross was blessed at St Margaret's Church, Preston-under-Scar. The pilgrims continued with the cross around another nine villages in the benefice. At each village there was a prayer and reflection. At the end of the journey the cross was carried into St Andrew's Church, Aysgarth for the Good Friday Service.



Swaledale Festival Concert

St Andrew's Church, Aysgarth

Friday 6th June at 4 - 5pm

Event no. 55. Pianist and harpsichordist Xiaowen Shang

Adult £16; Under 25 £3

Please contact: enquiries@swalefest.org Office number: 01748 880019.



Dates for your Diary...

Church Coffee Morning

10.30am - 12 noon

Redmire Village Hall

Wednesday 4th June

Wednesday 2nd July

Church Afternoon Tea

2-4pm

Redmire Village Hall

Wednesday 18th June

Wednesday 16th July

Benefice Prayer Fellowship

7.30pm, Aysgarth Institute

Tuesday 24th June

Tuesday 22nd July

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.

Deanery Prayer Meetings

11am - 12noon, East Witton Parish Room.

Monday 2nd June

Monday 7th July

Everyone is warmly invited to come.

Prayer and Praise Live!

7pm at Chantry Hall, North End, Bedale, DL8 1AF

Friday 27th June. Everyone welcome!

For more information email lindajc54@outlook.com

Wensleydale Filling Station

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

Friday 13th June *Speaker: Andy Clark from Chester.*

Friday 11th July *Speaker: Sebastian Rab from The Jonas Centre, Redmire.*

Contact: 07714 204024 mikehirst3@gmail.com



Wensleydale Concert Series

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

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.

Saturday June 14th Iyad Sughayer (piano)

Saturday June 28th Fenella Humphreys (violin) & Emma Abbate (piano)

Saturday July 12th Ben Cruchley (piano)

Saturday July 26th James Gilchrist (tenor) & Anna Tilbrook (piano)

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.

Musicals for A Midsummer's Evening

Saturday 21st June 7pm at St Margaret's, Hawes

Join Amy and Mal for an evening of Songs from the Shows
Amy Cockett Vocals. Mal Carruthers Keyboard (also feat. Rev. Dave Clark).

Entrance is free with retiring donations towards the Organ Restoration fund. *This event is supported by J Blades & Sons*

Richmond Chamber Orchestra

Sunday July 13th 3.00pm at St Andrew's Church, Aysgarth

Yorkshire's new orchestra presents lovely relaxing music for a summer's afternoon. An Elgar masterpiece, Bach's E major violin concerto, Janacek's *Idyll Suite*, Percy Grainger's bumptious *Molly on the Shore* & Tchaikovsky's exquisite *Andante* for cello & strings - plus a mystery piece...

Soloists Philippa Mo (violin), Helen Dawson (cello) & Sally Cathcart (piano)
Tickets £15.00, U18 £7.50 from www.ticketsource.co.uk, call 0333 666 3366, or at the door. More information at www.richmondchamberorchestra.co.uk



family activities

Activities for all the family and all ages.

Time: 11 - 3pm *No unaccompanied children *

Monday 28th July, Leyburn Methodist Chapel

Wednesday 30th July, Hawes Market House

Any questions, or if you wish to volunteer, etc., please get in touch with Gillian gillian.lunn@leeds.anglican.org

Prayer Topics For June and July



As we settle into summer and enjoy the longest days of the year and fair weather for spending time with family and friends, we are also working hard, worrying about the state of the world, thinking of the road ahead. This is a good time to celebrate our church and reflect on our relationship with it and our roles serving one another.

Dear Lord, as we navigate the myriad things making us worry, please help us to make the time to step away from our busy and hectic lives and celebrate your blessings and our church and community. We are thankful for the many fellow Christians who are present for us, in our Penhill Benefice and beyond. They help us in many ways, seen and unseen. We pray for those who are lost and need additional attention and support.

Heavenly Father, as we celebrate Pentecost, we are thankful for the joy and responsibility the Holy Spirit bestowed upon the Apostles. We celebrate the birth of St John the Baptist and his mission before God. We commemorate the life and works of Saints Peter, Paul and Thomas, and reflect on their leadership and ministries. We admire the Apostles and find their stories inspiring. We are challenged by them too and look for guidance to find our roles as those sent out (apostles) to serve in *our* generation.

Merciful God, in these long days and short nights, we pray for those who are suffering from illness, pain, grief or anxiety. Relieve them of pain, and uncertainty, and give them hope. Show us how to comfort them and help them receive your healing message.

Gracious God, as we have been commemorating the sacrifices made for us in past wars and conflicts, we pray for the hard-working women and men who keep us and our allies safe today. We pray for those in conflict and pray that peacemakers uncover common ground to find peace.

Loving God, as we welcome friends and family to our beautiful Dale, let us be thankful for the riches around us. Help us to be mindful stewards of our surroundings. Help us to remember those in need and share our time, treasure and talents to benefit others.

Amen

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 June 1st

- 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 June 8th Pentecost

- 9.30 am Telephone Service
- 10.30 am Holy Communion Penhill Together Service, St Margaret's, Preston under Scar



Sunday June 15th Trinity Sunday

- 9.30 am Telephone Service
- 9.30 am Holy Communion, **Holy Trinity, Wensley**
- 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 June 22nd

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

Sunday June 29th

- 9.30 am Telephone Service
- 10.30 am Holy Communion Benefice Service, St Andrew's, Aysgarth

June Mid-Week Services:

Holy Communion at 9.30am on **Thursday 5th & 19th June**
St Bartholomew's, West Witton

July Church Services:

Sunday July 6th

- 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 July 13th

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

Sunday July 20th

- 9.30 am Telephone Service
- 9.30 am **Songs of Praise**, 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 July 27th

- 9.30 am Telephone Service
- 10.30 am Holy Communion Penhill Together Service, St Bartholomew's, West Witton with The Rt Revd Nick Baines, Bishop of Leeds

July Mid-Week Services:

Holy Communion at 9.30am on **Thursday 3rd 17th & 31st July**
St Bartholomew's, West Witton

PENTECOST

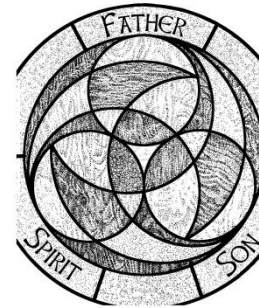
Fire of Pentecost, Whit Sunday

"You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth" Acts 1:8

The disciples of Jesus had just been through a three-year long roller coaster adventure with Jesus that had culminated in His death, resurrection and ascension into heaven.

The range of emotions would have been hugely taxing in the days leading up to Pentecost, as they remembered Jesus weeping in the garden of Gethsemane, betrayed by Judas, brutally beaten and crucified, and then dead and buried. Then there had been the shock and awe of finding out that He was alive again! But then He had left them again, to return to His Father. By the time the day of Pentecost arrived, the disciples would indeed have welcomed some fresh spiritual fire!

Trinity Sunday, celebrating our God who is Three Persons



Trying to explain the doctrine of the Trinity has kept many a theologian busy down the centuries. One helpful picture is to imagine the sun shining in the sky. The sun itself – way out there in space, and unapproachable in its fiery majesty – is the Father. The light that flows from it, which gives us life and illuminates all our lives, is the Son. The heat that flows from it, and which gives us all the energy to move and grow, is the Holy Spirit. You cannot have the sun without its light and its heat. The light and the heat are from the sun, are of the sun, and yet are also distinct in themselves, with their own roles to play.

The Bible makes clear that God is One God, who is disclosed in three persons: Father, Son (Jesus Christ) and Holy Spirit. For example:

Deuteronomy 6:4: 'Hear O Israel, The Lord our God, the Lord is one.'

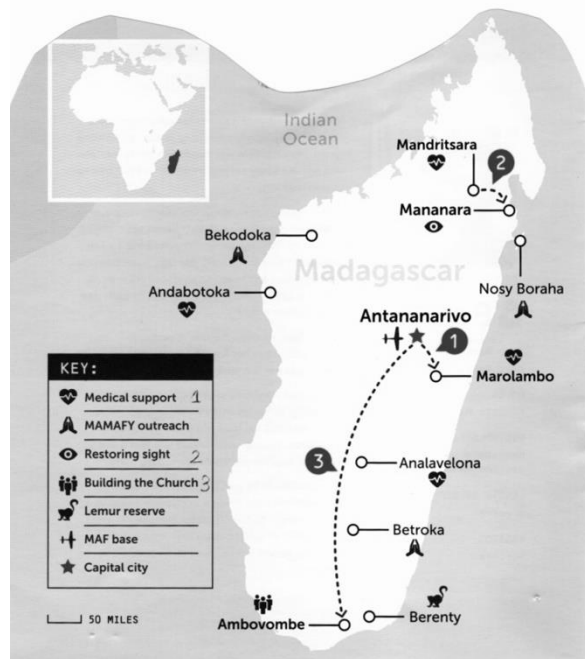
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Thursday 3rd July 2025

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JOURNEY WITH MAF

Our plane has landed in Antananarivo, **Madagascar's** capital city. Behind stunning coastlines of turquoise Indian Ocean, mighty baobab trees and dramatic forested mountain ranges, Madagascar's hidden depths mask some of the most complex needs.

Mission Aviation Fellowship, MAF, was granted government permission to operate in the country in 1988 and since then this humanitarian assistance and Christian ministry has brought physical healing and spiritual hope across the island.



The population is 25.6 million and life expectancy is around 66 years. The climate is tropical with huge cyclones from January to March. 80% of the population depend on agriculture to survive. 88% in rural areas do not have adequate sanitation. 4,000 children die each year from drinking unclean water. 50% of the under fives are severely malnourished and a measles outbreak recently claimed 1,100 lives mainly children.

MAF now flies into 55 airstrips across the country in remote

locations. Last year nearly 2,000 passengers were carried by MAF over 107,000 miles. 20 Malagasy and 4 internationals compose the current MAF staff in Madagascar, from logistic specialists to pilots, mechanics to finance managers and ground staff.

MAF has organised Madagascar Medical Safaris (MMS) to some remote villages. A typical safari lasts 5 to 10 days. MAF transports medical teams who see hundreds of patients in busy settlements like Andabotoka performing several operations in temporary clinics. 30,000 patients have

been examined during the last decade. Often the Malagasy professionals volunteer their free time to treat the suffering. One of MAF partners is Salama, a non-profit organisation that procures medicines at affordable prices for public health facilities. Medications for the most needy are provided free. MAF has also been delivering polio vaccines for UNICEF.

One airstrip in Berenty in the far south east of the island, is a lemur reserve. It is the closest point to the deeply malnourished people of the southern region. You must be watchful landing here as the lemurs are often intent on stealing food!

Mandritsara, a 90- minute flight from the capital can take more than 30 hours on dangerous roads and MAF has been partnered with the Good News Hospital here for over 20 years flying teams into remote village clinics.

“Suddenly thieves came and stole my only two cows and fired at me”, relates the farmer, Bendalana. Shotgun pellets hit him in the back and the thieves left him for dead. Luckily MAF was able to land a team of Hover Aid medics and Bendalana was finally rescued and a doctor removed some of the pellets and reassured him they would be back with the next flight. Bendalana, a very relieved father of seven said, “The doctor coming here is priceless for us”.

MAMAFY means “to sow” and MAF’s flights take pastors and evangelists into remote villages to “sow seeds” of God’s love among those who would otherwise remain unreachable. Two Malagasy students, Mahery and Malatina spent days teaching the Bible to young people on the remote island of Nosy Boraha, a place known for its spiritual darkness and only reachable by a perilous 90 minute sea crossing. Wycliffe Bible translators are translating the Bible into many of the different languages spoken in Madagascar.

Before we leave, ask God to bless the dedicated MAF staff in Madagascar and the pilots as they help to bridge the gap between remote villages. Pray for those affected by limited access to clean water and that this can be resolved. Pray for the partnerships between MAF and other organisations like MMS, Hover Aid, Salama, Mamafy and links with the Good News Hospital. ***Fitahiana ho anao = Blessing to you.***

Our next destination will be Papua New Guinea. Have a good flight.

Palm Sunday Procession 2025

On Palm Sunday the church congregation set off from Redmire Village Hall with palms aloft to the church service at St Mary's. The palms represent



Jesus' triumphant return to Jerusalem when he was greeted by cheering crowds waving palm branches.

They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting,
"Hosanna!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Blessed is the king of Israel!"
John 12:13.

Clypping the Church

The age-old ceremony of Clypping the Church was carried out at St Bartholomew's Church, West Witton after the Benefice Mothering Sunday Service. A good congregation encircled about half of the building, stretching out arms and holding hands with one another. Facing inwards, vicar Revd Tom Ringland, blessed the church and the worshipping community. The circle then turned outwards, Revd Tom blessed the worshipping community and prayed for the world beyond.

Traditionally held in England on Easter Monday or Shrove Tuesday or a date relevant to the Saint associated with the church. The work 'clypping' (or clipping) I Anglo-aon in origin and is derived from the word 'clyppan', meaning 'embrace' or 'clasp'.

Christians adopted this tradition to show their love for their church and the surrounding people.



God's Garden

Plant three rows of peas:

Peas of mind, Peas of heart, Peas of soul.

Plant three rows of squash:

Squash gossip, Squash grumbling, Squash selfishness.

Plant three rows of lettuce:

Lettuce be faithful, Lettuce be obedient, Lettuce love one another.

Plant three rows of turnips:

Turnip for services, Turnip for meetings, Turnip to help one another.

Plant three rows of thyme:

Thyme for God, Thyme for Bible study, Thyme for prayer.

And finally –

Water freely with patience, Cultivate with love,
And remember – you will only reap what you sow.



Summer Solstice – longest day of the year 20th June

June, of course is the month of the summer solstice, the month of the Sun. *Sol + stice* come from two Latin words meaning 'sun' and 'to stand still'. As the days lengthen, the sun rises higher and higher until it seems to stand still in the sky. The Summer Solstice results in the longest day and the shortest night of the year.

Those notices which didn't come out quite right...

Spotted in a safari park: *Elephants, please stay in your car.*

Notice in health food shop window: *Closed due to illness.*

In a Laundrette. *Please remove all your clothes when the light goes out.*

This coming Sunday our special service will be qin at 11:00 am.

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