

NOTICES for the week beginning 30th March 2025

Bishop Nick wrote to clergy on Monday:- “I write this morning to inform you that I have submitted my resignation to the King and he has accepted it. I will retire as Bishop of Leeds on 30 November 2025 after nearly twelve years in post”.

We pray for Nick and Linda ... and are glad he is able to preside and preach in this church on **Sunday May 18th**.

A total of **£432** was raised for Médecins Sans Frontières valiant work in Gaza at the Food for Thought Evening on 18th March.

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 10th April**.

Church Coffee Morning: 10.30am–noon, **Wed 2nd April**, Redmire Village Hall.

Monthly Deanery Prayer Meetings: 11am - 12noon, **Monday 7th April**, East Witton Parish Room. Tea/ coffee available at 10.45am. All welcome.

Evening Lent Reflection: Tuesday 8th April.

We will reflect on the subject discussed at the April 1st Food for Thought Evenings. **Time 7.30pm** at Aysgarth Institute. All welcome.

Wensleydale Filling Station: 7pm, **Friday 11th April**, Thornborough Hall, Leyburn. **Speaker: Roger Carswell from Threshfield** who has written several books about the gospel and endorsed many others including ‘Fine Gold’ – a book about many significant Yorkshire Christians. He normally has Christian literature to sell - so come prepared! For further info contact 07714 204024.

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.

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The Penhill Benefice

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

30th March 2025



Phone service - dial 0333 0110 946

Enter room number **61337190#** and the PIN **7450#**

TODAY

- 9.30 am Telephone Service
- 10.30 am United Benefice Holy Communion Service
St Bartholomew's, West Witton

Sunday 6th April. The Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 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
- 3.30pm Installation Service for The Revd Canon Dr James Theodosius, Archdeacon of Richmond and Craven at Ripon Cathedral.

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.

Prayer of Preparation

Loving, compassionate Father,
As a mother hen gathers her chicks,
so you draw the whole human family to yourself.
Bring us together now, Lord,
that we may today and forever be united under your wing
in all our sorrows and joys.

Amen.

Collect

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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: 2 Corinthians 1: 3-7. [NRSV - updated edition]

Paul said,

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, ⁴ who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. ⁵ For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. ⁶ If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. ⁷ Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

Gospel Reading: Luke 2: 33-35. [NRSV - updated edition]

The parents brought in the child Jesus

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul, too."

Post Communion Prayer

**Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food
and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Psalm 34: 11-20.

Readings for Sunday 6th April. The Fifth Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Philippians 3: 4b-14. 2nd Reading: John 12: 1-8.

Psalm 126.