

## NOTICES for the week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**Dates for the Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCM):** Anyone on the Electoral Roll of the church can attend the APCM. If any church electoral members are unable to attend but would like a copy of the Annual Report please contact Tom or email [penhill.benefice@btconnect.com](mailto:penhill.benefice@btconnect.com)

**Preston with Wensley:** 10.30am, 30<sup>th</sup> April, Preston under Scar Village Hall.  
**Bolton cum Redmire:** 7pm, 1<sup>st</sup> May at St Mary's Church.

**Bolton cum Redmire Church Coffee Club:** 10.30am-12noon, Wed 1st May at Redmire Village Hall.

*A working party will be meeting at St. Andrew's on Saturday, 4th May, 10.00 am to 12.00 noon. A variety of jobs need doing around the church and churchyard, so if you want to help, please come along. For more details contact Neil Piper on 663747 or email [nepiper@btinternet.com](mailto:nepiper@btinternet.com).*

*Refreshments will be provided.*

**50 Daily Devotions:** To subscribe to receive a daily devotion to help mark the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese please contact Tom or Christine for details.

**Ecumenical Holy Communion Service for Ascension Day With The Rt Rev'd Anna Eltringham, Bishop of Ripon:** 7pm, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May at Jervaulx Abbey (East Witton Church if wet weather). With Bedale Band. Please bring your own seat and park across the road at the Tea Room Car Park. The collection from this service will go to Christian Aid.

The deadline for any articles for the next Penhill Beacon is **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May.**

**Rivers of Life. Sunday 12th May at 3.30pm.** Celebrating 10 years of Rural Life in the Diocese of Leeds. Bishop Anna and Dean John, with the support of the Bishop of Leeds, invite you to **Ripon Cathedral** for this celebratory service. RSVP Tel: 01765 603462. E: [judithbustard@riponcathedral.org.uk](mailto:judithbustard@riponcathedral.org.uk)

**WANTED: Sessional cleaning staff at the Jonas Centre, Redmire.** Shifts ad hoc, generally 5 hrs on a Monday/Friday between 9am-3pm, £11.50 per hour. Please share with anyone who might be interested. Contact Mandy for more info: 01969 624900

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# The Penhill Benefice

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

## 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

**Phone service - dial 0333 0110 946**

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

#### TODAY

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

#### SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> May: Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 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



Daily Hope, a free national telephone line, offers music, prayers and reflections from the Church of England at the end of the phone.

A Church of England initiative in partnership with CONNECTIONS at Holy Trinity Claygate, and Faith in Later Life.

The line – which is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044**

#### 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,  
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ  
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:  
grant that, as by your grace going before us  
you put into our minds good desires,  
so by your continual help  
we may bring them to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## First Reading: Acts 8: 26-end. [NRSV - updated edition]

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." <sup>27</sup> So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means "queen of the Ethiopians"). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, <sup>28</sup> and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. <sup>29</sup> The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."

<sup>30</sup> Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked.

<sup>31</sup> "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

<sup>32</sup> This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

"He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,  
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup> In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.

Who can speak of his descendants?  
For his life was taken from the earth."

<sup>34</sup> The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" <sup>35</sup> Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

<sup>36</sup> As they travelled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?" <sup>38</sup> And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup> When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup> Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and travelled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

## Gospel (and second) Reading: John 15: 1-8. [NRSV - updated edition]

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup> He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. <sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

<sup>5</sup> "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

<sup>8</sup> This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

## Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:  
grant us to walk in his way,  
to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Psalm:** 22: 25-end.

## Readings for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024. Sixth Sunday of Easter

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 10: 44-end 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: John 15: 9-17. Psalm: 98.

**Psalm: 22: 25-end.**

25	From you comes my praise in the great congregation; ♦ I will perform my vows in the presence of those that fear you.
26	The poor shall eat and be satisfied; ♦ those who seek the Lord shall praise him; their hearts shall live for ever.
27	All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, ♦ and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
28	For the kingdom is the Lord's ♦ and he rules over the nations.
29	How can those who sleep in the earth bow down in worship, ♦ or those who go down to the dust kneel before him?
30	He has saved my life for himself; my descendants shall serve him; ♦ this shall be told of the Lord for generations to come.
31	They shall come and make known his salvation, to a people yet unborn, ♦ declaring that he, the Lord, has done it.
	<b>Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.</b>