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from around our villages*



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Vacancy

Our Parishes are seeking to appoint a new vicar and so are in 'vacancy'.

For church matters please contact one of the Churchwardens.

Keeping all of us safe and secure!

Please take note of the symbols/icons on this page. They are intended to be informative and illustrative in relation to the topic; not merely decorative!



The parish church I attended in East Anglia (I was a PCC* member there) before moving to Boroughbridge in 2004 had no safeguarding policies and no events were ever, as far as I can remember, “risk assessed”.

I think, however, we were, as churches go, reasonably safe and secure: there were no dreadful accidents and no one was ever emotionally abused or bullied, to the best of my knowledge.....



TODAY THINGS ARE SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT IN THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND!



In our group of churches (All Saints’, St Mary’s and St Helen’s), we take Safeguarding (of everyone, not just children!) and Safety (including the risk assessment of all events and activities) very seriously indeed. For example, at All Saints’, “Safeguarding” and “Health & Safety” are agenda items at *every* meeting of the PCC, even if there is nothing to discuss under these headings at a particular meeting.

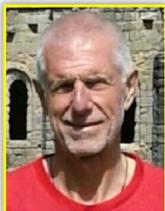
All members of the PCC *have* to undertake specific online safeguarding training; it’s compulsory! And every event involving members of the public, e.g. coffee mornings, concerts, musical events, open days, etc, are risk assessed, including the circulation and posting of a *printed* RA document.

The *theology* of focusing on safeguarding, being safe and avoiding hazards of all kinds in our churches is, of course, absolutely clear. When Christ was asked a question about the commandments, he mentioned two, specifically; one of which is that we should “love our neighbour as ourself” (Mark 12:31).



The verse is followed by the parable of the Good Samaritan which tells how a man was kind and helpful to a needy person, putting himself at risk in an insecure situation.

So, while there may be occasional grumbling in and around the church about excessive “bureaucracy” in connection with these safety concerns, we know in our hearts that they are strictly in accordance with our faith and so embrace them whole-heartedly.



John Helliwell

NB “PCC” = Parochial Church Council

Church Services

All Saints, Kirby Hill

JUNE

Sunday	1	11.00am	Holy Communion
Tuesday	3	10.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday	8	11.00am	Holy Communion for Pentecost
Tuesday	10	10.30am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	11	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	15	11.00am	All Age Worship
Tuesday	17	10.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday	22	10.30am	Messy Church
Tuesday	24	10.30am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	25	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	29	11.00am	United Benefice Holy Communion



JULY

Tuesday	1	10.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday	6	11.00am	Holy Communion
Tuesday	8	10.30am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	9	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	13	10.30am	Messy Church
Tuesday	15	10.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday	20	11.00am	All Age Worship
Tuesday	22	10.30am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	23	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	27	11.00am	Holy Communion
Tuesday	29	10.30am	Morning Prayer

10.30am Holy Communion at St James' Church, Boroughbridge on Wednesday 4th and 18th June, 2nd, 16th and 30th July

Compline at Christ the Consoler
Wednesday 6.00pm
June 18th, July 23rd

St Helens, Skelton

Sunday	1	June	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	15	June	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	6	July	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	20	July	9.30am	Holy Communion



St Mary and All Saints, Cundall

Sunday	8	June	11.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday	22	June	6.00pm	Evensong
Sunday	13	July	11.00am	Holy Communion



VE 80 Day Commemoration at All Saints, Kirby Hill

On Sunday 11th May, the community came together at All Saints Church to mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day with a day of reflection, creativity, and memories.



The day began with Messy Church outside in the churchyard, where families explored the theme of peace through crafts, stories, and hands-on activities. Children heard memories of VE Day from Rob Widdows, listened to a story about peace, and then created doves, a prayer for peace, colourful paper chains, and several other crafts, all under sunny skies and in a relaxed atmosphere.

Afterwards, everyone gathered for a relaxed hot dog lunch, cooked and served by volunteers from 6 Regiment Royal Logistics Corps (Dishforth), and a tempting selection of homemade cakes provided by generous volunteers. It was a wonderful time of fellowship, with conversation and laughter echoing around the churchyard.

In the afternoon, the event moved into the church for “Music, Memories and More...”, which included a thoughtful and entertaining programme of songs from the 1940’s, local wartime history and a poignant moment of remembrance that honoured those who served and sacrificed; the event also marked the 80th anniversary of the founding of Christian Aid.



The day was a fitting tribute to VE Day, celebrating peace, resilience, and community across the generations.

Warm thanks go to everyone who helped organise and take part in this very special event.



Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Boroughbridge and Villages

Diocese of Leeds

2025 Join us, Join in. We are changing lives!!

Boroughbridge and Villages Mothers' Union
Usually meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month
Coronation Hall 2.00pm

Thursday 19th June

A local outing.....all welcome
(lifts will be arranged contact below)

Thursday 17th July

Children in Crisis in the Holy Land
Speaker Ian Mills

Visitors and friends always invited and always welcome. If you want to know more about Mothers' Union, just come along or

Contact Jeni 01423323390

robertjeni1840@gmail.com

mothersunion.org



at All Saints Church, Kirby Hill

10.30am – 11.45am

Sunday 22nd June

(please note this change of date)



Sunday 13th July

We welcome all children, young people and parents, and look forward to seeing you!

For further information please email:
allsaintskh@gmail.com

The background of the poster features a bouquet of flowers on the left, including a large pink rose, purple flowers, and white baby's breath. On the right, there are several wine glasses on a table, some containing wine. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent white rectangle in the center.

Summer SOIRÉE

Friday 4th July 2025
7.00pm

Hawthorne Lodge,
Langthorpe

Join us for wine, canapes, and music
to raise funds for Kirby Hill Church

Adults: £10 | Under 16s: £5

For tickets, contact:
allsaintskh@gmail.com or
01423 325405

Kirby Hill W.I.

Kirby Hill W.I. meets on the first Tuesday of each month, 7.30 - 9.30pm in Coronation Hall, Milby (Boroughbridge) YO51 9BL.

New members are always welcome, just ring Linda (01423 322991) or Anne (01423 322458) to find out more or just come along.

Tuesday 3rd June: **The Adventures of an Amateur Contralto-** Susie Stevens

Tuesday 1st July: **Social Evening** – at the home of Marcia Dunn



Skelton W.I.

Skelton W.I. meets in the Reading Room on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm.

Tuesday 10th June: **The Battle of Myton on Swale.** Fought in 1319 with the Scots against the citizens of York. Named the “White” battle because of the number of clergy involved. Speaker Dr Rachel Whitbread of the Battle Field Trust.

July: **Great Yorkshire Show and Outing. To be confirmed.**

New members are always welcome. Please contact the Secretary, Wendy Jakeman, for more information 01845 501848.



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Boroughbridge Bowls Club
Aldborough Road between the
football pitch and the tennis courts

No equipment needed except sports shoes.
Club sessions Tuesday and Friday from 1.30 pm
and Thursday from 6 pm

More information needed?
Contact Caroline Harris
07789 048 357 or caroline@riverslea.net

All Saints Church, Kirby Hill

Churchyard Tidy

10.00am to 12.00 noon

Saturdays 14th June, 12th July

All help much appreciated

Please bring your own gardening hand-tools

Refreshments provided



Craft Group

All Saints Church Kirby Hill

Every 3rd Monday of the month 2 to 4pm

Bring your own project – refreshments provided



From the Registers

Funerals

12th April

Margaret Watkin at All Saints, Kirby Hill

16th May

David Herbert Bell (Stav) at All Saints Kirby Hill

What's happening in Skelton?

The Black Lion

The hard work continues at the Black Lion. The upstairs flat and landscaping are almost complete, we just need that extra push to get finished and need volunteers to come forward and get us over the line. Please help us if you can.



Our main volunteer session is on a Saturday morning 9:30-12 noon. We are grateful for any amount of time you can offer.

We also need volunteers to help in our cafe which opens Friday to Sunday 10-2pm. Roles are varied, bakers, waiting on, pot washer we also need someone to ensure the cafe is spick and span, this can be done either before we open or after we close it is not arduous work, emptying bins and dusting etc probably only takes 45 minutes. Obviously, when we secure a tenant, these voluntary roles will cease and we can all enjoy our time visiting the pub as customers. Hurrah!!

For further information please contact volunteers@skeltonblacklion.com or pop in and ask to speak to a committee member. Thank you

In the Reading Room:

Fortnightly **Thursday Coffee Mornings** 10am-12noon

Next dates: (not 5th) 19th June, 3rd, 17th and 31st July.

Saturday 7th June 2025 | 7.30pm

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Borodin ~ String quartet no 2 - famous Nocturne
Beethoven ~ String quartet op 59 no 2 Razumovsky
Haydn ~ String quartet op 64 no 4 in G Tost

Saturday
19th July 2025

7.30pm
Bar opens 7pm

Tickets
newbyhall.com/events

