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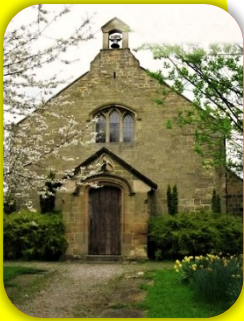
**2025**

*News and views  
from around our villages*



*All Saints  
Kirby Hill*

# BEYOND THE PEWS



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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.

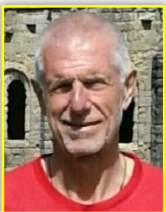
All members of the PCC *have* to undertake specific online safeguarding training; it's compulsory! And every event involving members of the public, e.g. coffee mornings, concerts, musical events, open days, etc, are risk assessed, including the circulation and posting of a *printed* RA document.

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

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



## JULY

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

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

Compline at Christ the Consoler  
Wednesday 6.00pm  
June 18<sup>th</sup>, July 23<sup>rd</sup>

## St Helens, Skelton

<b>Sunday</b>	1	June	9.30am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	15	June	9.30am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	6	July	9.30am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	20	July	9.30am	Holy Communion



## St Mary and All Saints, Cundall

<b>Sunday</b>	8	June	11.00am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	22	June	6.00pm	Evensong
<b>Sunday</b>	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 80<sup>th</sup> 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.*





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

**Boroughbridge and Villages Mothers' Union**  
Usually meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month  
**Coronation Hall 2.00pm**

**Thursday 19th June**  
**A local outing.....all welcome**  
(lifts will be arranged contact below)

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> 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

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[mothersunion.org](http://mothersunion.org)



at All Saints Church, Kirby Hill

10.30am – 11.45am

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

(please note this change of date)

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**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July**

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

For further information please email:  
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The background of the poster features a close-up of a bouquet of flowers, including a large pink rose, white baby's breath, and purple hydrangeas. In the foreground, there are several clear wine glasses, some containing a light-colored liquid, set on a dark surface.

# 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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> June:** **The Adventures of an Amateur Contralto-** Susie Stevens

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> 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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More information needed?  
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07789 048 357 or caroline@riverslea.net

### All Saints Church, Kirby Hill

#### Churchyard Tidy

10.00am to 12.00 noon

**Saturdays 14<sup>th</sup> June, 12<sup>th</sup> July**

All help much appreciated

Please bring your own gardening hand-tools

Refreshments provided



### Craft Group

All Saints Church Kirby Hill

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month 2 to 4pm

Bring your own project – refreshments provided



## From the Registers

### Funerals

12<sup>th</sup> April

16<sup>th</sup> May

Margaret Watkin at All Saints, Kirby Hill

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](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup>) 19<sup>th</sup> June, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> July.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025 | 7.30pm

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Haydn ~ String quartet op 64 no 4 in G Tost



**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

**7.30pm**  
Bar opens 7pm

**Tickets**  
[newbyhall.com/events](http://newbyhall.com/events)

