

*February / March 2024*



*All Saints  
Kirby Hill*

# BEYOND THE PEWS



*St Helen's  
Skelton-on-Ure*



*St Mary & All Saints  
Cundall*



**Holy Week and Easter  
on pages 6 and 7**

*News and views  
from around our villages*

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Please continue to remember Stephen and Charlotte in your prayers as we await news of his application for early retirement. During this time, if you need to get in touch, please contact one of the churchwardens (see page 2).

We are fortunate that we have Bishop Clive Handford and Revd Angela Cooper living in the benefice. They will be leading most of our regular worship and officiating at Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals.

I wonder how many New Year resolutions are still intact. Well, whether or not they are still operative there is another opportunity.

We are soon to enter the season of Lent, the most solemn time in the Christian Year. There is a centuries old tradition of giving up something for Lent. Some people each year give up alcohol. Children have been known to say “Yes, but not chocolate”! Whatever we give up, it should not be something too easy. There needs to be at least some sacrifice in it. Each time we say “No” to ourselves can prompt a thought about Jesus's own fasting and temptation which we traditionally remember on the First Sunday of Lent. It can help us remember his sacrifice for us. We may recall those many in the world who do not have the luxury of fasting.

While giving up something has usually been thought of as a way we mark Lent, an alternative, or better an additional way, is doing something positive. There is a wide range of possibilities. Just two examples might be undertaking some study exercise or giving more to a food bank.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday which this year falls on 14<sup>th</sup> February. That is also traditionally St Valentine's Day. Keeping both in a mutually authentic way may prove a challenge!

One last thought. Jesus said that when you fast you should do it privately and not make it obvious to everyone. In other words, don't point to yourself. It should be what might be called “Secret religion”.

However you keep it, have a good and positive Lent.

+Clive





at All Saints Church, Kirby Hill

10.30am – 11.45am

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February

+

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March

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

For further information please email:  
[allsaintskh@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintskh@gmail.com)



Because of the date of Mothering Sunday this year, All Age Worship and Messy Church at All Saints are swapping Sundays in March.

See the adverts on this page for details.

## Lent Giving

For a number of years, the church of All Saints Kirby Hill has asked people to consider supporting a specific charity during Lent. This year the Jeel Scholarship Fund has been chosen for our support. You can save a little each week of Lent and bring it to All Saints Church on Easter Day (in an envelope clearly marked JSF please), support the Lent Lunch (details on page 8) or make an online donation at [www.mccabetravel.co.uk/donate](http://www.mccabetravel.co.uk/donate).

## All Saints Church Kirby Hill

Come and join us for an

**All-Age Worship Service**

for

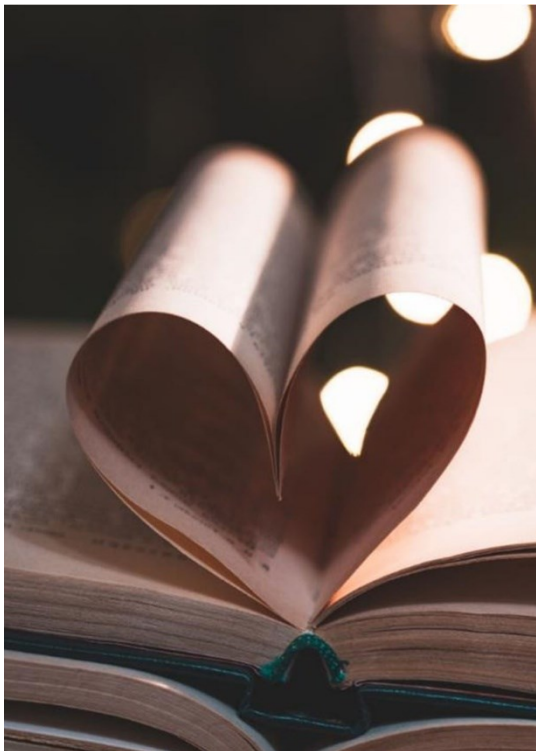
**Mothering Sunday**

followed by refreshments

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

at 11am

A warm welcome  
to everyone



## An invitation to explore faith together!

We're starting a new group to help us grow together in our understanding of our faith, the Bible, and how we can connect and thrive as a Christian community.

The group is open to those from any church in the benefice and will be suitable for anyone wanting to explore the Christian faith or grow spiritually - whether you attend church regularly, occasionally, or rarely.

The finer details are still to be determined, but we will meet weekly on the run-up to Lent, then fortnightly thereafter.

To express interest or for more details contact Jo Jowett:

[jo.jowett@gmail.com](mailto:jo.jowett@gmail.com); 07711 070253

### Some Lent/Easter Words

“Shrove” (as in Shrove Tuesday, Feb 13) – linked to “shrive” or “shriven”: confessing your sins and being forgiven by a priest.

“Lent” (starts on Feb 14) – shortened form of an Old English word meaning “spring season”.

“Ashing” (as in Ash Wednesday, Feb 14) – the ashes are created by burning palms from the previous year’s Palm Sunday and symbolise mortality (dust-to-dust).

“Mothering” (as in Mothering Sunday, March 10) – can refer to our own mothers; or “mother” church; or Mary, mother of Jesus.

“Palm” (as in Palm Sunday, March 24) – palm branches were waved to welcome Jesus on his entry to Jerusalem.

“Maundy” (as in Maundy Thursday, March 28) – from the Latin “mandatum”, meaning a command; Jesus *commanded* his disciples to love each other.

“Easter” (Easter Sunday, March 31) - possibly derived from “Eostre”, a pagan goddess associated with spring and fertility.

# Church Services

All Saints, Kirby Hill



## FEBRUARY

<b>Sunday</b>	4	11.00am	Holy Communion
<b>Tuesday</b>	6	10.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>Wednesday</b>	7	10.30am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	11	10.30am	Messy Church
<b>Tuesday</b>	13	10.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>Wednesday</b>	14	10.30am	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	18	11.00am	All Age Worship
<b>Tuesday</b>	20	10.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>Wednesday</b>	21	10.30am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	25	11.00am	Holy Communion
<b>Tuesday</b>	27	10.30am	Morning Prayer

## MARCH

<b>Sunday</b>	3	11.00am	Holy Communion
<b>Tuesday</b>	5	10.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>Wednesday</b>	6	10.30am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	10	11.00am	All Age Worship for Mothering Sunday
<b>Tuesday</b>	12	10.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday</b>	17	10.30am	Messy Church
<b>Tuesday</b>	19	10.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>Wednesday</b>	20	10.30am	Holy Communion
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	24	11.00am	Holy Communion
<b>Tuesday</b>	26	10.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday</b>	31	6.15am	Service of Light
<b>Easter Day</b>		11.00am	Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion at St James' Church, Boroughbridge on

Wednesday 28 February, 13, 27 March

*(please check St James' Church publicity for Ash Wednesday [14<sup>th</sup> February])*

# Church Services

St Helens, Skelton

## FEBRUARY

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>

## MARCH

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion for Easter Day</b>



## St Mary and All Saints, Cundall

## FEBRUARY

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
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## MARCH

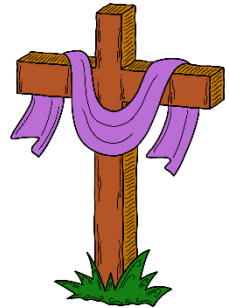
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion for Easter Day</b>



## Holy Week

25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> March

<b>Monday</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer at Kirby Hill</b>
		<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Compline at Kirby Hill</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer at Kirby Hill</b>
		<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Compline at Skelton</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer at Kirby Hill</b>
		<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Compline at Cundall</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer at Kirby Hill</b>
		<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion for Maundy Thursday at Cundall</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>9.45am</b>	<b>Walk of Witness</b>
			<b>Starting at St James Boroughbridge and walking to All Saints Kirby Hill where there will be refreshments.</b>
		<b>2.00pm</b>	<b>The Last Hour at the Cross at Kirby Hill</b>





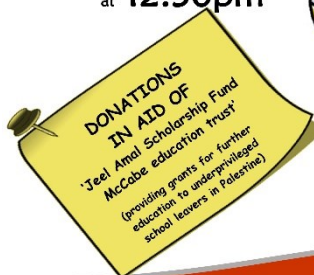
# LENT LUNCH

at All Saints Church Kirby Hill

on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March**  
at **12.30pm**



**Delicious  
homemade  
soups and  
sweets**



**A warm welcome to everyone**

For further information, to book a place or  
to enquire about transport to the lunch,  
email [allsaintskh@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintskh@gmail.com),  
phone Margaret (01423 325405) or sign the notice in church.



## Jeel Scholarship Fund Cathedral Pilgrimage

Dorothy Gray and Clare Slator are intending to visit all 42 of England's Anglican Cathedrals to publicise this charity. Clare has visited Palestine many times and met the students that JSF supports.

Inspired and created by Revd. Alison Askew, JSF provides further education grants to school leavers at Jeel Al Amal, one of McCabe Educational Trust supported projects. Jeel Al Amal is a Christian organisation that cares for young people, regardless of their religion, at a day and residential school near Bethany in Palestine.

We wrote to the cathedrals before visiting and our first trip was to Newcastle and Durham where we were enthusiastically welcomed. We left them information about our students and how to sponsor them.



We drove first to Newcastle Cathedral to meet Dean Lee. The Dean, who has visited Jeel twice, gave us a guided tour of St Nicholas Cathedral. The only cathedral in England to be named after Santa Claus! The Cathedral, though small compared with Durham, is doing some amazing work with homeless people and their Café 16 is staffed by prison leavers, mentored by the Oswin Project. The cakes are baked in HMP Northumberland.



Dorothy, Scout the collie, I and of course my dog Kit then walked the Pilgrim route from Jesmond to the cathedral and back taking in the remains of St Mary's Chapel which was one of the most important Pilgrim places in the 15<sup>th</sup> Century.

We moved on to Durham, leaving the dogs in the car, for a walk through the town up to the stupendous cathedral.



We had our photos taken next to the sanctuary knocker and entered, passing the Venerable Bede's burial site. Passing the memorial to the miners I took a photo as it is hewn in a black coal like wood. The miners did risk their lives and it seemed a fitting memorial.

The café here had to be visited, for research purposes, but the cheese scone was taken home for a member of the backup team who declared it almost as good as one of Rose's!

St Cuthbert's remains and St Oswald's head are buried behind the altar in a very peaceful, prayerful chapel. We took time to light candles and pray. It was a good way to finish our first day of Pilgrimage.

I hope you do not find this too irreverent, and we would love you to find out more about Jeel by asking Clare or Rose at All Saints Church Kirby Hill, Canon Michael Glanville-Smith email: [mrglanvillesmith@gmail.com](mailto:mrglanvillesmith@gmail.com)

You can make an online donation at [www.mccabe-travel.co.uk/donate](http://www.mccabe-travel.co.uk/donate) **specify that it is for JSF and don't forget to advise us about Gift Aid.**

Details of how to pay by Bank Transfer or cheque are also on the website.

# Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Boroughbridge and Villages

Diocese of Leeds

## 2024 Transformation in Action

**Coronation Hall 2.00pm**  
**Thursday 15th February**  
**'Do Something for Lent'**  
**Jeni Widdows and friends**

**Coronation Hall 2.00pm**  
**Thursday 21st March**  
**'This is Passion week..... are**  
**we prepared?**  
**Sheila Aston**

Visitors and friends always welcome  
Want to know more about Mothers' Union? Just come along.  
Refreshments, Fundraising and Friendship

As Members or Friends of Mothers' Union we:

**Strengthen**  
communities all over the world

**Help**  
the most disadvantaged at home

**Shape**  
and advocate for the rights of families

**Build**  
supportive, loving relationships

**Develop**  
our own relationship with God

Mothers' UNION  
**#NoMore1in3**  
End abuse and violence now



Some of the members of Boroughbridge Mothers' Union demonstrating their support of the global 16 day campaign against domestic violence & abuse at St James' Square, Boroughbridge in November.

**Awareness & Action**

Contact Jeni 01423 323390 or visit [mothersunion.org](http://mothersunion.org)

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> February: Birthday Dinner; Members only

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March: A New Approach to Medicine; Richard Halladay

**theWI**  
INSPIRING WOMEN

## A Rochas Bronze Eco Award

All Saints Church is pleased to announce it has been granted the A Rochas Bronze Eco Award. This award is about showing how we as a church care for God's Earth in five key areas of our life and work.

**Worship and Teaching:** Embedding creation care in worship, prayer, and learning.

**Management of Church Buildings:** Finding energy efficient and innovative ways to manage our places of worship.

**Management of Church Land:** Nurturing spaces for people and nature.

**Community and Global Engagement:** Transforming local and global communities and ecosystems.

**Lifestyle:** Living joyfully and sustainably as followers of Christ

We looked at subjects as big as changing our energy supplier to a "green" one (and cheaper too!) to encouraging the use of fair-trade products for refreshments.

Outside the church you may have noticed the wildlife area. We took part in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch, in January 2023, and the Beautiful Burial Grounds Count on Nature in June. We hope to encourage more community involvement next year with this.

Further afield, we take part in Christian Aid's Annual Week in May which raises funds and awareness for our brothers and sisters in lands affected by Climate Change. Nearer home small things like taking part in litter picks is recognised in this award.

We hope to continue working our way up to the Gold Award.



## Craft Afternoons

You are invited to come along to All Saints Church Kirby Hill on the third Monday of each month where you can meet with others interested in a variety of crafts. The next two sessions are on 19<sup>th</sup> February and 18<sup>th</sup> March. So bring your sewing, knitting or any other craft, or just have a natter; you will be most welcome. Refreshments will be available. Phone Gill Ward 97834 955959 if you have any queries. We look forward to seeing you there.



# What's happening in Skelton?

## *The Black Lion*

Progress for the community acquisition has not advanced as swiftly as hoped but remains on course and substantial progress is anticipated in 2024.



## **In the Reading Room:**

**Fortnightly Coffee Morning** 10am to 12noon.

Next dates: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> February, 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> March

**Skelton WI** meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm.

13<sup>th</sup> February: The Story of DNA by Helen Davison

12<sup>th</sup> March: Beaded Flowers with Pat Dunhill who will bring beads threaded onto wire for members to make little flowers.

New members are always welcome.

Please contact the Secretary, Wendy Jakeman, for more information

01845 501848

## Thank You



Thank you to all who supported the organ recital by Chris Dodd before the Carol Service at Cundall. £291 was raised and Chris has received an email from the charity expressing their gratitude.

## From the Registers

### Funerals

Norma Swiers of Yearsley, 5<sup>th</sup> January at Maple Park crematorium followed by Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary and All Saints, Cundall

Jacqueline Rae, 16<sup>th</sup> January at Maple Park crematorium