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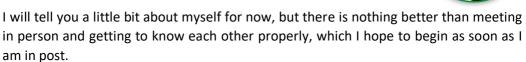
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Welcoming our new Vicar, Revd Claire Renshaw

Hello friends.

I'm writing this short introduction before my installation, so haven't yet met many of you, but I am really looking forward to spending time with you and getting to know you all.



I am a local Yorkshire girl, having grown up in Boston Spa and then moved to Wetherby when I bought a house with my husband. I trained and worked in accountancy (practice) for a number of years before becoming a Christian in my mid twenties. As I became more involved in my local church, St James in Wetherby, I began to explore a calling to ordained ministry, which I started in 2012 on the contextual pathway on The Yorkshire Ministry Course at Mirfield and gained a degree in Theology. I was ordained in 2015 and undertook my curacy in the Knaresborough Team, doing further postgraduate study in theology. In 2018 I then moved to Staveley and was Rector of the Benefice of Walkingham Hill (Staveley, Copgrove, Arkendale, Farnham & Scotton). In 2023 we then moved to Ripon where I was Canon Pastor at the Cathedral, and where I realised the heart of my vocation is in smaller, more intimate and personal community and pursued a move back towards where my passions lie.

My husband Steve is a Gas Engineer and I have two children, Thomas who is 21 and at Huddersfield University studying Mechanical Engineering and Sophie, who is 19 currently on a year out but hoping to go to university next year.

I am a trained spiritual director and have a strong interest in Christian spirituality, new monasticism and rhythms of life that strengthen, support and guide us on our journey through life to discover more about ourselves, God and the beautiful creation we are a part of - and our place and purpose within it.

Vision wise, I see the church as a caring, supportive community where we all work, worship and learn together, bringing our unique and individual talents to share and participate in making the world a better place and growing the Kingdom of God together and I look forward to sharing this special responsibility with you.

Please hold my family and I in your prayers as we begin this new chapter and we look forward to getting to know you all and becoming part of your community over the coming years.

Revd Claire

Church Services

All Saints, Kirby Hill

Morning Prayer

AUGUST

Sunday	3	11.00am	Holy Communion
Tuesday	5	10.30am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	6	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	10	NO MESSY CHURCH	
Tuesday	12	10.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday	17	11.00am	Holy Communion
Tuesday	19	10.30am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	20	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	24	11.00am	All Age Worship including a Baptism



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Wednesday	3	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	7	11.00am	Holy Communion
Tuesday	9	10.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday	14	10.30am	Messy Church
Tuesday	16	10.30am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	17	10.30am	Holy Communion

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at St James' Church, Boroughbridge on Wednesday 13th and 27th August, 10th and 24th September

Sunday 31st August at 11.00am
United Benefice Holy Communion at
Christ the Consoler

St Helens, Skelton

Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer

Holy Communion

All Age Worship - Harvest Festival

Sunday	3	August	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	24	August	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	7	September	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	21	September	9.30am	Holy Communion



St Mary and All Saints, Cundall

Sunday	10	August	11.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday	14	September	11.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday	21	September	6.00pm	Evensong









Saturday 16th August 2.00pm

Summer of Hope Fundraising

Tea and cake afternoon in Marcia's lovely garden **Hawthorn Lodge Langthorpe YO51 9BZ** Tickets from any MU member £6.00 or just come along.

Everyone welcome

Helping women in the DRC through literacy circles and savings groups



Thursday 18th September 2.00pm Coronation Hall Milby "Spider-flavoured Sausages" Revd Daphne Kitchen

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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at All Saints Church, Kirby Hill

Sunday 10th August Summer Break - NO Messy Church

> Sunday 14th September 10.30am - 11.45am

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

For further information please email: allsaintskh@gmail.com

ALL SAINTS CHURCH KIRBY HILL HARVEST FESTIVAL **ALL AGE WORSHIP SERVICE**

Sunday 21st September at 11am

A warm welcome to everyone

Gifts of non-perishable food (tins / packets etc) will be gratefully received at the service and will be donated to a Food Bank & the Harrogate Homeless Project



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 5th August: Dance the Night Away! - Jackie Norton & Dance for Well-being

Tuesday 2nd September: DNA & Me - Matt Burghardt

Skelton W.I.

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

Tuesday 12th August: Stitches in Time - Historic handiwork, sewing, tapestry, etc held

by the National Trust, with Glennis Whyte.

Tuesday 9th September: The Commonwealth War Graves Commission. A talk about their

work.

Please contact the Secretary, Wendy Jakeman, for more information 01845 501848.





Please bring your own gardening hand-tools

Refreshments provided

Farming Update

Kate Dale

At the time of writing, harvest has begun! With some long and busy days ahead for our farming community, we remind them all to stay safe and take care and we ask our local rural dwellers to be patient and vigilant as big machines move around local roads.

The last three months have brought some very personal sadness to our farming community as we lost Neil Chester on 29th April as a result of a tragic farm accident. The huge turnout at his funeral in June was testament to his life in farming and a very real need to support his wife Lorraine, his Mum Eileen and sister Anne as well as his sister-in-law Heather and their families. They continue to be held in our thoughts every day. The Chester family came to Low Moor in 1890 and successors have farmed there ever since.

Besides the busyness of harvest time, we can all enjoy the many country and agricultural shows held throughout the summer months. They are a valuable part of community life in many areas across the country and we have lots to choose from across Yorkshire. If you have never been to a country/rural/agricultural show before, do consider having a day out with your families over the summer holidays if you can. Many of them keep our farming heritage and traditions alive and that is certainly the case with The Aldborough & Boroughbridge Show held recently at Newby Hall.

Whatever you are busy with over the next few months, please find some joy in nature and the countryside and take time to slow down and enjoy the very simple things in life. They are free, they are there for everyone and they put perspective into our daily lives and the bigger world picture. We are fortunate to live in a lovely part of the country and in a community that cares. Start each day with a grateful heart.

From the Registers

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Baptisms			
24 th May	Poppy Mary James at St Mary & All Saints Cundall		
14 th June	Ethan Michael David McCarthy at St Mary & All Saints Cundall		
	Grace Alma Sarah McCarthy at St Mary & All Saints Cundall		
28 th June	Felix Anthony Field at St Mary & All Saints Cundall		
12 th July	Barnaby Stephen Hepworth at All Saints Kirby Hill		
Funerals			
30 th May	Delia Margaret Thelwell at All Saints Kirby Hill		
10 th June	Thomas Neil Chester at Christ the Consoler (Cremation at Maple Park)		
10 th July	Dawn Elizabeth Carver at All Saints Kirby Hill		
Interment of Ashes			
12 th July	Eeline Ailsa Ferrier at All Saints Kirby Hill		

What's happening in Skelton?

The Black Lion

The building is now 97% complete. There are outstanding outdoor jobs to do including landscaping, refurbishing some of the outside areas, painting the old cellar and the front wall etc



We are making a concerted effort to secure a tenant. We have some interested parties but at the time of writing we haven't interviewed as yet. We have always managed to have great communications with the media, we have been on BBC Radio York, Five Live, BBC Radio 2, appeared on BBC online, appeared in various tabloids and one red top newspaper! We have had interest from a television company. We hope this will help put us on the map and perhaps help with recruiting a tenant.

Don't forget our popular cafe is open every Friday-Sunday, 10am-2pm.

POP-UP PUB NIGHTS

The next Pop-up Pub nights at the Black Lion will be on 8th and 9thAugust. The pub will also be hosting an Art Exhibition over that weekend.

For further information about how you can help, please contact volunteers@skeltonblacklion.com or call in and ask to speak to a committee member. Thank you

In the Reading Room:

Fortnightly Thursday Coffee Mornings 10am - 12noon Next dates: 14th & 28th August; 11th & 25th September.



Join us for Compline on Wednesday 20th August and 24th September at 6pm

We are open daily throughout the year, free entry with voluntary donation

For more information on our history, events and services visit www.christtheconsoler.com

