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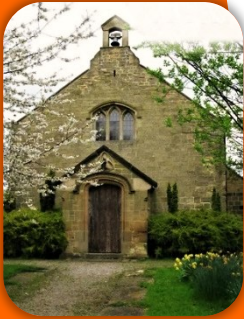
**2025**

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from around our villages*



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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.

## EASTER UNWRAPPED

If you're reading this at home, we hope that you're doing so with rays of spring sunshine streaming through the windows. Perhaps it's more realistic to imagine grey, cloudy skies outside – this is England after all! But regardless of the weather outside, we can all feel a sense of optimism that the winter is behind us, and we have several months of longer, brighter days to enjoy.

We're now into the season of Lent, an important time in the Christian calendar which offers space for spiritual reflection and preparation as we approach Easter. What comes to your mind when you think of Easter – time off with the family or a little indulgence in chocolate treats? Lent is a time when people often give things up, denying ourselves of things like chocolate, wine, or maybe social media. But another way to approach this time of year is to imagine the possibilities it gives us to 'do' rather than 'deny'.

### **So, what does Easter offer us the opportunity to 'do'?**

**LOVE.** It seems there is so much hatred in our world, and many people feel lost, fearful, or hopeless. Reaching out to someone with an act of kindness, loving someone when they least expect it, or even when they least deserve it, can make a huge impact. At Easter, we remember the unconditional love expressed by Jesus – love that is life-transforming and world-changing.

**FEEL.** Whatever is happening in your life now, hopefully you will be able to find someone who understands and can lend a listening ear. Or maybe you can be the one to share in someone's joys or feel their pain. One thing you can be sure of is that God understands every possible human emotion, and we can bring all of that to Him, however we're feeling.

**PRAY:** You may not be a praying person, but prayer is a wonderful part of life that enables us to communicate with God. Easter reminds us of the prayers that Jesus prayed as he offered up his life on the cross. That very act means that we can come to God in prayer and bring anything and everything in our lives to Him.

**LIVE:** Just as everything in nature comes to life in this season of spring, Easter reminds us that Jesus is alive and He offers life in all its fullness to us, not just for a season, but for all our lives.

**CHANGE:** In this crazy and sometimes dangerous world, we can reflect on the events of the first Easter that changed the world forever. We may not feel like we can do anything that can make a difference, but every act of kindness, every expression of love, can not only change us, but the cumulative effect can change situations, events, and even the course of history.

**Mark Jowett and Rose Moulton**

*Churchwardens, All Saints Church, Kirby Hill*



## Farming update

The early part of 2025 has been challenging for many in the farming community, with personal worries and anxieties and concerns about the future of family businesses and the outlook for farming as we have known it. Old and young will have been reflecting on their own situations and, perhaps, having to confront the reality of a new future.



Whatever our circumstance, we do have the knowledge that we are still a strong, resilient and compassionate community. This has been played out with our coming together, both in London and many more areas right across the country. Industry leaders continue in their dialogue with Farming Ministers and the Treasury to suggest alternative options which would not directly target genuine family farms but eliminate the tax advantage for non-farming investors who have been responsible for escalating land prices and the associated consequences. Surely in turbulent times, such as those we are all seeing right across the world, our UK farmers and food producers are vital to every member of our population? We possibly don't always appreciate just how fortunate we are to have access to a variety of safe, nutritious and home-grown foods – for now at least.

On a brighter note, Spring seems to be on its way with the brave appearance of all our wonderful and colourful spring bulbs, together with activity on our farms as the land dries a little and allows for tractor work to begin. Those who are lambing are gearing up for a busy time and always hope for kind weather and warm days once the ewes and lambs get out to enjoy the new grass. I hope you will all take some time to enjoy new beginnings in our local area and really notice the wonder of nature all around us.

*Kate Dale*



## HIGHTIMERS

### THE HIGHTIMERS ARE CELEBRATING 40 YEARS

of entertaining and presenting Pantomimes, Plays and Musical Shows.

On **SUNDAY 20TH JULY AT CORONATION HALL** from **12pm**

we will welcome anyone who has been involved with the group over the years.

It will be a trip down memory lane and a salute to the future.

If you would like more information please contact,

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# PLANTING OUR SPRING GARDEN

As the season of Spring is upon us and Easter weekend will soon be here, where are our thoughts taking us?

Gardening? Well, this is the time we usually begin to plan what we shall be growing this year. With proper planning, we can look forward to an abundant harvest.

Life? Well, do we plan a schedule for our lives so we and others can reap the rewards? I'm not sure that we do, so here is some help to enable us to get going with a plan.

## FOR THE GARDEN OF OUR DAILY LIVING

### **Plant 3 rows of Peas**

1. Peace of mind
2. Peace of heart
3. Peace of soul

### **Plant 4 rows of Squash**

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness

### **Plant 4 rows of Lettuce**

1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another

### **No garden is complete without Turnips**

1. Turnip for meetings
2. Turnip for service
3. Turnip to help one another

### **To complete our garden, we must have Thyme**

- 1 Thyme for each other
- 2 Thyme for family
- 3 Thyme for friends

Water freely with Patience and cultivate with Love.

There is much fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow.

**Rose Moulton**

# Church Services

All Saints, Kirby Hill



**Open Church**  
All Saints Church will  
be open daily from  
Sunday 30th March

## APRIL

Tuesday	1	10.30am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	2	10.30am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	6	11.00am	Holy Communion
Tuesday	8	10.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday</b>	13	11.00am	Messy Church - Palm Sunday
Tuesday	15	10.30am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	16	10.30am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	20	6.00am	Sunrise Service of Light <i>followed by bacon butties</i>
		11.00am	<b>Holy Communion for Easter Day</b>
Tuesday	22	10.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday</b>	27	11.00am	All Age Worship <i>followed by Annual Church Meeting</i>
Tuesday	29	10.30am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	30	10.30am	Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion at St James' Church, Boroughbridge on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> May

## MAY

<b>Sunday</b>	4	11.00am	Holy Communion
Tuesday	6	10.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday</b>	11	10.30am	Messy Church
Tuesday	13	10.30am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	14	10.30am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	18	11.00am	Rogation service <i>at Lowfield Grange Farm, Langthorpe</i>
Tuesday	20	10.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday</b>	25	11.00am	Holy Communion
Tuesday	27	10.30am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	28	10.30am	Holy Communion



## St Helens, Skelton

<b>Sunday</b>	6	April	9.30am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	20	April	9.30am	<b>Holy Communion for Easter Day</b> <i>at Christ the Consoler</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	4	May	9.30am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	18	May	11.00am	Rogation Service <i>at Lowfield Grange Farm, Langthorpe</i>

## St Mary and All Saints, Cundall

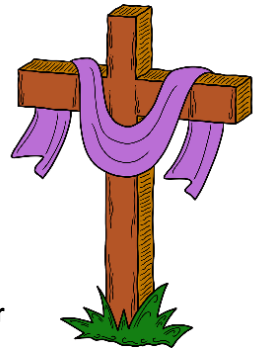
<b>Sunday</b>	13	April	11.00am	Holy Communion for Palm Sunday
<b>Sunday</b>	20	April	11.00am	<b>Holy Communion for Easter Day</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	11	May	11.00am	Holy Communion





## Holy Week

14th to 18th April



<b>Monday</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer at Kirby Hill</b>
		<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Compline at Kirby Hill</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer at Kirby Hill</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion at Kirby Hill</b>
		<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Compline at Christ the Consoler</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer at Kirby Hill</b>
		<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion for Maundy Thursday at Cundall</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9.45am</b>	<b>Walk of Witness</b>
			<i>Meet at St James Church, Boroughbridge to walk to All Saints, Church, Kirby Hill where there will be refreshments.</i>
		<b>2.00pm</b>	<b>An Hour before the Cross, at Kirby Hill</b>

# Easter

## UNWRAPPED

EXPLORE | ENGAGE | ENJOY

Join us on a journey as we explore Easter in a different way. There'll be things for all ages to do at interactive stations, or you can just pop in to look around or enjoy refreshments.

**All Saints' Church, Kirby Hill**  
**Monday 14th - Thursday 17th April**  
**2.00 - 4.00pm**

(Pop in at any point between these times)





# Easter Events

An invitation from  
All Saints' Church Kirby Hill

Friday 18 April

**9.45am: Good Friday Walk of Witness**

Meet at St James' Church, Boroughbridge

**2.00pm: An hour before the Cross**

Sunday 20 April

**5.15am: Dawn Chorus**

Listen to the birds in our churchyard with  
local ornithologist, Colin Slator

Book your place by calling 07702 082180

**6.00am: Sunrise Service of Light**

Followed by hot drinks and bacon butties

**11.00am: Easter Sunday Communion Service**

All Saints Church, Kirby Hill

## Rogation Service

in a barn

(followed by refreshments)

on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 11am**

at **Lowfield Grange Farm, Skelton Road, Langthorpe**

Come to support and pray for  
our farming community

**Everyone is very welcome**



# VE DAY



COMMEMORATING THE END OF  
WORLD WAR II IN EUROPE

All Saints' Church,  
Kirby Hill

Sunday 11th May 2025

11.00am: Messy Church  
(for children and accompanying adults)

12.30pm: Hot Dog lunch

1.30pm: Music, memories,  
& more...

**Special features:**

RAF Dishforth

Boroughbridge Guitar Group  
and guest musicians

Marking 80 years of Christian Aid  
(founded as WWII ended)

JOIN US FOR SOME OR ALL OF THE ABOVE

## Churchyard Contemplations

Most mornings I visit the Churchyard to fill the bird feeders and see what is around. It's a great place to enjoy the peace and quiet, offer up a prayer or just sit and stare. I attended a funeral this morning where a wonderful prayer was read called Prayer for the Out of Doors where these lines come from:

*Restore to us the lost use of our souls and senses and something of the wilderness of the bird and beast if we have grown too tame. May no birdsong fall upon our ears in vain; may no flower of the field bloom to dull eyes.*

As we enter Spring we start to hear more birdsong in the morning and wild flowers appear that are endangered elsewhere. Flowers help pollinators to thrive, essential for farmers, gardeners and US!

There is a patch of Meadow Saxifrage to the right of the main path from the Lych Gate which usually appears in May. Look for small white flowers with five petals. This flower has really declined and is now very rare due to the loss of hay meadows.

Look out for the odd cowslip in the wildlife area and Bird's Foot Trefoil, also known as Granny's Toenails(!) which is an important food source for the caterpillars of some butterflies.



Clare Slator

# 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  
meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month  
Coronation Hall 2.00pm**

**Thursday 17th April  
A Good Friday Reflection**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May  
Art and Spirituality**

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

Contact Jeni 01423323390

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

# CRAFT GROUP

-  in All Saints Church, Kirby Hill
-  every 3rd Monday in the month
-  2 - 4pm
-  Refreshments, cake and chat!
-  Bring your own project
-  Eg. sewing, knitting etc
-  For more details contact Gill Ward
-  Tel: 07834 955959

Free of charge

# EASTER COFFEE MORNING

All Saints' Church, Kirby Hill  
Saturday 12 April 2025 | 10am - 12pm

Hot drinks and cakes | Tombola | Raffle  
Activity stall run by Kirby Hill School children

Catch up with old friends or meet  
new ones, and help us raise funds for  
our beautiful church.

More information: [allsaintskh@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintskh@gmail.com)



at All Saints Church, Kirby Hill

10.30am – 11.45am

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April

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Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May

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)

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> April:** **The Story of Holme Farmed Venison** - Nigel Sampson

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May:** **Challenge Yourself, I Did: Trekking in Peru** - Wendy Lill



## Skelton W.I.

Skelton W.I. meets in the Reading Room on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm. Please note the Speaker always "goes first" so if anyone is interested in coming along just for the talk, they don't have to sit through the whole meeting.

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April:** **Animals in Wartime.** A return visit by Joanne Aston with the stories of brave Cats, Dogs, Horses and a Pigeon!

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May:** **From Trash to Treasure** with Betty's Cone Exchange.

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

## All Saints Church, Kirby Hill - Churchyard Tidy

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April: 9.00am – 11.00am**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May: 10.00am to 12.00 noon**

**All help much appreciated**

**Please bring your own gardening hand-tools**

**Refreshments provided**



## Lent Giving

During the period of Lent All Saints Church, Kirby Hill is raising money for the Trussell Trust, an anti-poverty charity and community of food banks. Look out for more information on how to donate to the charity on the weekly notice sheet and on Social Media.

## From the Registers

### Burial

29<sup>th</sup> January

David Edward Dilworth at All Saints, Kirby Hill

### Funerals

3<sup>rd</sup> February

Neil Gordon Brierley at All Saints, Kirby Hill

3<sup>rd</sup> March

Peter Henry Arthur Stanley at St Mary & All Saints, Cundall

# What's happening in Skelton?

## The Black Lion

Work has started on the tenants' accommodation; this is another huge task, but good progress is being made. We now have heating downstairs - hurrah!!



Our community cafe goes from strength to strength; word of Trish and Pat's homemade bakes is spreading far and wide. We hope you will come and visit. We are currently open Friday - Sunday 10am until 2pm.

Paint removal has begun on the front and side of the building, the old paint is proving very tenacious, it doesn't want to leave us! The back field area is unrecognisable; it has been levelled, and our landscaping team have some grand designs coming to fruition. We are still looking for volunteers, if you have any spare time we would love to hear from you, for more details please contact [volunteers@skeltonblacklion.com](mailto:volunteers@skeltonblacklion.com)

## In the Reading Room

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

Next dates: 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> April, 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> May

**T H U R S D A Y**

**7PM**

**LIFTING THE ROOF  
CHRIST THE CONSOLER  
NEWBY HALL  
NORWEGIAN BRASS BAND**

**Manger folkehøgskule**

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

**Parking  
Toilets  
Bar**

CHRIST THE CONSOLER NEWBY HALL

# Easter Sunday

RARE OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY A SERVICE IN THIS BEAUTIFUL CHURCH ON THE EDGE OF THE NEWBY ESTATE AND THE VILLAGE OF SKELTON-ON-URE

SERVICE AT 9.30AM | SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> April 2025  
FAMILY SERVICE  
TEA & COFFEE | EASTER EGG HUNT

ALL WELCOME – EVEN IF CHURCH IS NOT NORMALLY YOUR THING.  
COME ALONG THIS EASTER SUNDAY