

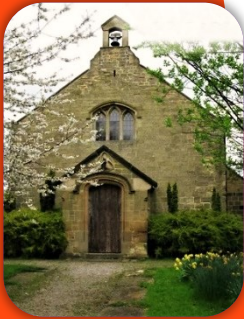
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2023

*News and views
from around our villages*



*All Saints
Kirby Hill*

BEYOND THE PEWS



*St Helen's
Skelton-on-Ure*



*St Mary & All Saints
Cundall*

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This month's edition of Beyond the Pews is kindly sponsored by

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Our vicar Stephen is on sick leave at the moment. During this time, please contact the churchwardens (see page 2). The church family continues to pray for him and his family, and we hope that he will make a full recovery.

The God of surprises

“A mouse is enough to stagger sextillions of infidels”, observed the American Poet Walt Whitman. His words are a reminder that there is more to life than can be described in words or reduced to a formula. To demand that all must be tested by science is to ignore a whole dimension of life.

Walt Whitman's words point to the mystery at the heart of life and the wonder in which we respond to it. We sometimes say “There's more to that than meets the eye”. George Herbert's often sung hymn speaks of it:

“A man that looks on glass,
on it may stay his eye;
or, if he pleaseth, through it pass,
and then the heavens espy”.

There is the mystery of the world that speaks of God without defining or confining.

A Christian pilgrim is always to be ready to be astonished – to be confronted by the actions of the God of surprises, the one who is “ever old and ever new”. Again, not just be ready but in the right way to cultivate that sense of wonder that stretches us, that takes us out of ourselves and deeper into reality. In Herbert's words, to see 'Heaven in ordinarie'.

Another poet, William Blake, captures this cultivation of wonder:

“To see a world in a grain of sand
and a heaven in a wild flower;
hold infinity in the palm of your hand,
and eternity in an hour”.

As the Harvest hymn says:

“For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God”.

Bishop Clive



Church Services

All Saints, Kirby Hill



OCTOBER

Sunday	1	11.00am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
Tuesday	3	10.30am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
Wednesday	4	10.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
Sunday	8	10.30am	MESSY CHURCH
Tuesday	10	10.30am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
Sunday	15	11.00am	<i>Harvest Festival All Age Worship</i>
Tuesday	17	10.30am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
Wednesday	18	10.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
Sunday	22	11.00am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
Tuesday	24	10.30am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
Sunday	29	11.00am	<i>United Benefice Holy Communion at Kirby Hill</i>
Tuesday	31	10.30am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>

NOVEMBER

Wednesday	1	10.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
Sunday	5	11.00am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
Tuesday	7	10.30am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
Sunday	12	9.30am	<i>Holy Communion (NO MESSY CHURCH)</i>
		10.50am	<i>Remembrance Service at the Village War Memorial</i>
Tuesday	14	10.30am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
Wednesday	15	10.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
Sunday	19	11.00am	<i>All Age Worship</i>
Tuesday	21	10.30am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
Sunday	26	11.00am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
Tuesday	28	10.30am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
Wednesday	29	10.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>

10.30am Holy Communion at St James' Church, Boroughbridge on Wednesday 11, 25 October, 8, 22 November

St Helens, Skelton

Sunday	1	October	11.00am	<i>Family service with Baptism</i>
Sunday	15	October	9.30am	<i>Harvest Festival</i>
Sunday	5	November	9.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
Sunday	19	November	9.30am	<i>Family Communion</i>



St Mary and All Saints, Cundall

Sunday	8	October	11.00am	<i>Harvest Thanksgiving service</i>
Sunday	12	November	10.50am	<i>Remembrance Service</i>





ALL SAINTS CHURCH
KIRBY HILL

HARVEST FESTIVAL
ALL AGE WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday 15th October at 11am

...followed by a picnic lunch in church
Please bring your own picnic;
drinks will be provided

**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 the Food Bank & the Harrogate Homeless Project

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families
Boroughbridge and Villages **Diocese of Leeds**

Thursday
19th October 2.00pm

Coronation Hall, Milby
YO51 9BL

An afternoon hosting
Ripon Cathedral Branch
'Autumn and Apples'
Refreshments

Everyone welcome....just come along



Contact Jeni 01423 323390
Any donations for Mothers' Union projects at home and abroad.

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

**All Saints Church
Kirby Hill**

Thursday 26th October

FREE!

Coffee morning

10.00 – 11.30am

A Community Coffee Morning
Coffee, cakes and chat
A warm welcome to everyone

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families
Boroughbridge and Villages **Diocese of Leeds**

Thursday
16th November 2.00pm

Coronation Hall, Milby
YO51 9BL

A reflective time of
worship to mark the start
of the 16 days of Activism

#NoMore1in3
Mothers' UNION
End abuse and violence now

Everyone welcome....please just come along. Refreshments
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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 October: *Call my Bluff Wine Tasting - Les Dames du Vin*

Tuesday 7th November (Annual Meeting): *Poinsettias for Christmas – Linda Milburn*

A Farming update

The September sunshine felt very welcome after a disjointed Summer of June heat, July rain and mixed weather in August which meant a disruptive harvest period - a race to combine crops, then another race to bale and gather in straw, establish crops for Autumn and oilseed rape for next year. You may have noticed some late-night operations with combines and tractors working into the evening. This flexible, determined approach to getting the job done is testament to all those who live and work on farms or are part of a contracting operation putting in the hours without complaint, working as a team to bring in our harvest. We all benefit from these efforts, and it is worth remembering that most of our food begins at farm level. As farming families, we can be proud that our small community is still a vital part of the lives of so many others; our hope is that everyone is well fed with honest and nutritious food. We have all become rather disconnected with EXACTLY where our food comes from and have become quite complacent about having what we want, when we want it. The cost-of-living crunch has brought into focus the true cost of things, particularly our food. For a long time, we have enjoyed cheap and plentiful food. Times are changing; that may not continue, particularly if new policies dictate that we are comfortable about bringing in foodstuffs produced to lower welfare standards (sometimes completely unregulated) and we are happy to rely on the availability of all that we require from elsewhere. UK farming feels this is a dangerous strategy; Academics like Sir Tim Lang warn against assuming that 'someone else will feed us'. Tim's book 'Feeding Britain' outlines many of the problems in the food system and offers solutions. It's worth a read if you're interested to find out more.

We were delighted to welcome Mark, Jo, Clare and her sister for combine experiences in August. They were fascinated with the size of a combine harvester, together with all the technology on board with screens to watch and monitor to maximize and measure quality, yield and output. We hope they enjoyed it!

Thank you to all who take care when walking on local footpaths and to those with dogs. Thank you to those who take litter home and dog walkers who take responsibility for their poo bags rather than leaving them in trees or hedges; no-one wants to find those on a walk, farmers don't want them left around our rich local wildlife and farm animals.

Wishing everyone some moments to reflect on how much we have that we can be thankful for in this community. There are so many quiet acts of kindness, both given and received. Thankyou.

Kate Dale



Kirby Hill & District Parish Council Update

- We are part of North Yorkshire Council which is a “unitary” one (Harrogate BC no longer exists!)
- Our NYC rep is Nick Brown who represents sixteen parishes which have been divided into two groups of eight.
- Our sub-group will meet with Nick, our “link” with NYC, every two months, approximately.
- Kirby Hill & District PC, which includes Kirby Hill, Milby, Ellenthorpe, Thornton Bridge and Humberton, comprises seven councillors and a clerk (Martin Rae)
- KH & DPC could not be described as “diverse”. It comprises only one female; all of us are “elderly” and of the same ethnic group and social class; and most councillors live in KH whereas, in 2023, the majority of residents live in Hockley Croft* and Milby Grange (both in Milby parish which is grossly “unrepresented”!)
- There are currently vacancies on the parish council, should you wish to apply.
- Any member of the local community may attend a PC meeting as a matter of right but cannot vote.
- As a PC we continue to work hard to represent residents across a range of issues, including opposition to the KH Motorway Services, of course.

**which is in Kirby Hill parish, NOT in Langthorpe, contrary to local opinion!*

John Helliwell, Councillor for Milby, along with Charlie Merson



Friends of All Saints' Church
Kirby Hill

**Christmas
Coffee Morning**

All Saints' Church
Kirby Hill

Saturday 2nd December
10.00am to 12.00 noon

Raffle
Cake Stall
Tombola
Coffee & Mince Pies
All Welcome

‘Tunes & Blooms’ at All Saints Church, Kirby Hill THANK YOU

Many thanks to everyone who was involved in any way to make the recent ‘Tunes & Blooms’ weekend such a successful event. Your enthusiasm, time, energy, skills and commitment were greatly appreciated.

What's happening in Skelton?

The Black Lion

The photo shows the strong support for the acquisition and refurbishment of the Black Lion.

Please look at www.skeltonblacklion.com to keep up with news regarding the pub.



Bridge Lunch at Newby Hall

Thursday 26th October – a few tables are still available. Call Elaine Greenwood (01423 324778) for more details and to book a table.

In the Reading Room:

Pop-Up Pub

Last Pop-up Pub with Grub at the Reading Room from 7pm on Friday 29th September.

Cash only on the bar (Rudgate Viking on pump & a range of other drinks), card accepted for fish & chips by Mr Chips. All readers of BTP are warmly welcome – it's our last one of the season - 'Last of the summer wine, beer etc'.

Fortnightly Coffee Morning Thursday 10am to 12noon.

Next dates: October 12th & 26th, November 9th and 23rd

Skelton WI meets each month at 7.30pm. New members are always welcome.

Tuesday 10th October: London Squares and Gardens

Tuesday 14th November: Willow wreath making for Autumn and Christmas

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

- 16 July** Leo Kelly at All Saints Church, Kirby Hill
29 July Everly Marie Winchester at All Saints Church, Kirby Hill
5 August Pip Edward Copperthwaite Wilson at All Saints Church, Kirby Hill
11 August Libby Dee Parkes at All Saints Church, Kirby Hill

Marriage

- 22 July** Lucy Brierley and Tom Priestner at St Mary and All Saints Church, Cundall
1 August Danielle Kinder and Alex Paramore at St Mary and All Saints Church, Cundall
15 August Katharine Farndale and Daniel Holliday at St Mary and All Saints Church, Cundall
2 Sept Daisy Olivia Swiers and Daniel Charles Watchurst at All Saints Church, Kirby Hill

Funeral

- 8 Sept** Linda (Lyle) Collier at St Helens Church, Skelton on Ure

Confirmation

- 3 Sept** Constance, Temp, Sarah, Charlotte, Violet, Sophia, Immie, Alex at St James' Church, Boroughbridge