



*All Saints  
Kirby Hill*

# BEYOND THE PEWS



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Skelton-on-Ure*



*St Mary & All Saints  
Cundall*



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## From the Registers

### Baptism

Daisy Isabella Greenwood, 2<sup>nd</sup> March at Christ the Consoler.

### Funerals

Christine Susan Elstob, 10<sup>th</sup> February at All Saints, Kirby Hill

Stanley David Greer, 19<sup>th</sup> February at All Saints, Kirby Hill

Roger Michael Murphy, 15<sup>th</sup> March at All Saints, Kirby Hill

Leslie Reginald Gill, 25<sup>th</sup> March at All Saints, Kirby Hill



*Please continue to remember Stephen and Charlotte in your prayers as we await news of his application for early retirement. (see p5 for an update from Stephen). During this time, if you need to get in touch, please contact one of the churchwardens (details on 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.*

### **What is God calling you to do?**

Laurie Lee's *Cider with Rosie* begins, "I was set down from the carrier's cart at the age of three; and there with a sense of bewilderment and terror my life in the village began".

My life as an ordinand began when I was slightly older; with a telephone call from Paul Slater then Bishop of Kirkstall. After long years of discussion and prayer, I was to start training for ordination.

Since then, I too have known bewilderment and terror. Bewilderment over how to submit assignments online, and terror as I thought, repeatedly, "I can't do this". But mostly I've known great joy, lots of fun and much blessing. For the past three years I've attended lectures and residential retreats. I've written essays, done presentations, recorded videos. I've prepared and led worship and been honoured to spend time on placement at a church, a cathedral and a hospice.

But everything will change at Petertide, when I am to be ordained Deacon and begin life as a parttime assistant curate at St Andrew's, Starbeck, with the wonderful Revd. Phil. I have no doubt I will be bewildered anew, and certainly know fresh terror.

So, why am I telling you all this? Firstly, to say thank you. For your prayers, for being interested, for encouraging me, being excited for me. Your support has made a huge difference.

Secondly, to encourage *you*. I was at an age when people were expecting me to retire rather than take on an additional job when I had that call from +Paul. My point is you are never too old, or too young, to make a change. What is God calling you to over the next ten years – or one? And if you are not sure, what might you experiment with? Coming to church more often? Joining a study group to have the Bible come alive? Volunteering as churchwarden or PCC secretary? Ordination? Whatever it is, go for it. Never let a mere bit of bewilderment and terror put you off.

### **Sarah Tapley**

*Ordinand, St Hild College, Mirfield*

*Sarah is a Churchwarden at St Mary and All Saints Church in Cundall and is currently training at St Hild College for ministry in the Church of England.*



# Church Services

All Saints, Kirby Hill



## APRIL

Tuesday	2	10.30am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	3	10.30am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	7	11.00am	Holy Communion
Tuesday	9	10.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday</b>	14	10.30am	Messy Church
Tuesday	16	10.30am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	17	10.30am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	21	11.00am	All Age Worship
Tuesday	23	10.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday</b>	28	11.00am	Holy Communion
Tuesday	30	10.30am	Morning Prayer

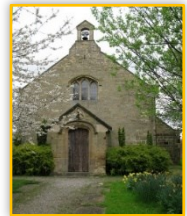
10.30am Holy Communion at St James' Church, Boroughbridge on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> April, 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> May

## MAY

Wednesday	1	10.30am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	5	11.00am	Rogation service at Manor Farm, Kirby Hill
Tuesday	7	10.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday</b>	12	10.30am	Messy Church
Tuesday	14	10.30am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	15	10.30am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	19	11.00am	Holy Communion for Pentecost – <i>if possible, please wear something red/orange</i>
Tuesday	21	10.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday</b>	26	11.00am	Holy Communion
Tuesday	28	10.30am	Morning Prayer

## St Helens, Skelton

<b>Sunday</b>	7	April	9.30am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	21	April	9.30am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	19	May	9.30am	Holy Communion



## St Mary and All Saints, Cundall

<b>Sunday</b>	14	April	11.00am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday</b>	12	May	11.00am	Holy Communion



## An update from Stephen:

Dear Friends

I recently saw an Occupational Health specialist about my illness. Her view was that even with treatment it would be unlikely that I would be able to return to work in the next five years. So, the Church Pensions Board have decided that I should retire. We don't have a home of our own, so we will be renting one from the Pensions Board. They are still in the process of finding one for us and once this is done, we will be able to settle on a date for moving.

As some of you will know Charlotte has also had some significant health problems and has recently had a major operation (5 and a half hours!) so for the next couple of months she will be recuperating, and I will be doing my best to look after her. I am so sorry that our time with you all has been so short. Thanks for all your kindness and prayers. Be assured that I will continue to hold you all in my prayers in the years to come. Yours aye, Stephen



All Saints Church, Kirby Hill

# Rogation Service

in a barn  
(followed by refreshments)

on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 11am**  
**at Manor Farm, Kirby Hill**

Come to support and pray for  
our farming community

**Everyone is very welcome**

## Christian Aid Week 12<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024

**We stand together.**

**For dignity. For equality. For justice.**

**This year the theme is poverty and the cost-of-living crisis in the UK and abroad.**



**christian aid**

Coffee Morning  
Thursday 16 May  
10am-12 noon  
All Saints Church  
Fundraising for  
Christian Aid

Christian Aid works with the most vulnerable people in 29 different countries.

Malnourishment and poverty affect more than 70% of people in Burundi, a small country in Africa. Christian Aid is working to empower families in Burundi to build reliable and diverse incomes.

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May Clare, Dorothy and their 2 dogs are doing a sponsored walk from York Minster to Ripon Cathedral. To donate, please visit [www.justgiving.com/page/dorothy-gray-1707059567927](http://www.justgiving.com/page/dorothy-gray-1707059567927)

The money raised can help ensure more people get the skills and knowledge they need to fulfil their hopes and ambitions. Together we can make a lasting difference. Thank you for your support!



**Messy  
CHURCH**

at All Saints Church, Kirby Hill

10.30am – 11.45am

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April**  
+  
**Sunday 12<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

All Saints Church  
Kirby Hill

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

**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**

**2024 Transformation in Action**

**Coronation Hall 2.00pm**  
**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April**  
A photographic Adventure  
John Helliwell

**Coronation Hall 2.00pm**  
**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May**  
Christian Aid  
Jeni Widdows and friends

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

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

**BINGO  
NIGHT**

**CORONATION HALL**  
**Saturday 18th May at  
7.30pm**

**Tickets £7.50**  
**includes Pie & Pea supper**

Vegetarian and gluten-free  
options can be pre-ordered  
with ticket purchase

**£100 JACKPOT  
last house**

**Bar and Raffle**

This event is brought to you by  
The Friends of All Saints Church, Kirby Hill

For tickets and more information:  
01423 325405 or [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 2<sup>nd</sup> April: Himalayan Garden & Sculpture Park - Joel Dibb, Head Gardener

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May: Paper Magic - Margaret Beech

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INSPIRING WOMEN



**Christ the Consoler** on the edge of the Newby Estate offers an exciting programme of events for 2024, including classical music, jazz, an international Steinway pianist, theatre, and some great church services too!

**First up is an Easter Day Service with Easter egg hunt.** Start your Easter Day (31<sup>st</sup> March) in this breathtakingly beautiful Church.



Whilst Christ the Consoler is no longer used for regular services, this is a rare opportunity to come along and enjoy a lovely family friendly service which will be followed by tea and coffee and a little Easter egg hunt for the younger ones. Even if Church is not normally your thing, come along this Easter Sunday at 9.30am, no ticket required, just bring something for the collection.



Then on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm (bar opens at 7pm) our first musical event of the year starts when **Fifi La Mer and Oliver Wilby will take you on a journey through 100 years of French music** from Offenbach to Gainsbourg. They will take you to the “city of lights” with their repertoire of musical gems, sharing tales of mystery, romance and heartache that we so often associate with Paris.

**Tickets available via Newby Hall ([www.newbyhall.com/events](http://www.newbyhall.com/events))**

## Spring Litter Pick

The Kirby Hill & Langthorpe parish councils are organising a litter pick on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April** starting at 10am. The area to be covered will include Leeming Lane from the A168 roundabout in the north to the riverside picnic area in Langthorpe and some of the footpaths and bridleways around Kirby Hill, Milby and Langthorpe. The exact extent will be decided nearer the time when the number of volunteers is known. Litter picking equipment and hi-vis waistcoats will be provided. Anyone interested in taking part or wanting more information should contact Jill Dunderdale (01423 322360), Mike Collins, (01423 322458) or Martin Rae, Kirby Hill & District parish clerk (01423 322886)



# What's happening in Skelton?

## The Black Lion

By the time this issue of Beyond the Pews is circulating the Black Lion at Skelton-on-Ure should be back under the ownership of the community.

This is thanks to the huge efforts of the Pub and Hub Group, the generous share pledgers and the successful bid for government levelling up funding.



After nearly 5 years of closed doors at the pub it is obvious that there will be still much work to be done in a relatively short space of time and with not a large pot of money. The group now would therefore welcome help from volunteers.

Offers can be made to: [secretary@skeltonblacklion.com](mailto:secretary@skeltonblacklion.com)

If you wish to pledge funds or add to your previous pledge please visit the [skeltonblacklion.com](http://skeltonblacklion.com) website. This news should be a great relief to the village as there has been so much uncertainty as to who the future purchaser might be. We can now look forward to creating not only a pub but a welcoming hub space for Skelton.

## In the Reading Room

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

Next dates: 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> April; 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

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

9<sup>th</sup> April – The Adventures of an Amateur Contralto by Susie Stevens

14<sup>th</sup> May – Diaries, Deadlines and Dahlias, a return visit by Pater Mathers for another garden related illustrated talk.

New members are always welcome.

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



## You're invited to **CONNECT** love live learn

Come and join us at 'Connect', a group designed to help us grow together in our understanding of our faith, the Bible, and how we can connect and thrive as a church community.

From 3 April, on alternate Wednesdays at 3.00pm  
and Thursdays at 7.30pm at All Saints Church, Kirby Hill.

For more information contact Jo Jowett: [jo.jowett@gmail.com](mailto:jo.jowett@gmail.com); 07711 070253