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What does Christian Aid do?

It works to end poverty worldwide by empowering people to live with dignity, supporting marginalised communities to exercise their right to demand effective responses to the challenges and opportunities presented to them.

Together with their partners, they work to achieve shared goals, facilitating and brokering partnerships to promote accountability, empower civil society, broker coalitions, leverage resources and enhance advocacy.

Ok so what does that mean?

In this country maternal mortality is 10 in 100,000 births
In Myanmar it is 200 in every 100,000 births.

Why?

In the UK we have free health care and qualified midwives. In Myanmar Christian Aid are working to increase the number of women who have qualified birth attendants. In 2015 this figure had gone up to 39% compared with 21% within a year with the help of Christian Aid.

They have been responding to humanitarian emergencies and disasters around the world since 1945, providing urgently needed immediate relief and long-term support.

They commit almost a third of their total income (28.9million pounds) to their humanitarian work, and every year Christian Aid reaches millions of disaster-affected people.

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Rogation Sunday

On May 28 the three churches in our group will be celebrating Rogation Sunday at a local farm, not in church.

This Sunday was originally so called because of the words in the traditional Bible reading for the day: "Whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give to you". (The Latin word 'rogare' means to ask). But Rogation has a complex history.....



By the 17th century, the church in England had adopted the old Roman festival of Terminalia (meaning "boundaries"). In the days before Ordnance Survey maps, there weren't always clear lines of demarcation between the parishes, especially where there were open field systems.

During the procession, boys were "bumped" on prominent marks and boundary stones, rolled in briars and ditches, or thrown in the pond to ensure they never forgot the boundaries! In Victorian times this developed into *beating the bounds*.

Today, many churches in rural areas such as ours continue to include Rogation in the calendar. The service typically includes a blessing on growing crops in fields and gardens, and on livestock. In the agricultural cycle, the main themes are seed sowing and the tending of young plants and animals. Rogation takes place in the springtime when there is a renewing of the earth. In the UK, it follows Easter, the season of resurrection. Renewal and resurrection are therefore key underlying Rogation themes, but contemporary concerns might include:

- The enjoyment of the countryside by all, and access to it – what a privilege in North Yorkshire!
- An environmental awareness of the inter-relatedness of the created order – looking after our heritage
- Reflection on our relationship to the natural order. What does it mean to have "dominion" under God over the fish in the sea, the birds of the air, the cattle, the wild animals and the reptiles? Are the words 'stewardship' or 'management' more appropriate to describe this role these days?

Why not join us on May 28 to celebrate Rogation Sunday in the relaxed atmosphere of the Gills' farm in Langthorpe? You'll be most welcome!

John H

What's On

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Christian Aid collaborates in all areas of its humanitarian work with a wide range of partners and coalitions, in order to ensure their work is comprehensive and well-coordinated, and that the voice of disaster-affected people is always heard. Famine has been declared in parts of South Sudan – a country in the grip of a humanitarian catastrophe.

In Unity State, 100,000 people face starvation and people are dying every day. Another 1 million people are on the brink of famine.

This crisis comes after more than three years of conflict, which has resulted in tens of thousands of deaths and the displacement of 3 million people. Without homes and safety, nearly 4.9 million people across the country urgently need food and security. Christian Aid works for ALL people

Christian Aid Week

14th - 20th May: We Believe in Life Before Death

Christian Aid Walk Sunday 14th. Everyone welcome on this enjoyable walk of The Langthorpe Loop, starting from the vicarage at 2.00pm and returning for refreshments. Sponsorship forms available or just make a donation for taking part.

Tuesday 16th 12.00 - 2.00 Christian Aid Lunch at the vicarage – donations welcome.

Door to Door Collection: we will be collecting in some streets in our parishes, if you get an envelope please be as generous as you can. Could you help us by being a collector? Please let Alison know.

There will also be a **collection in Morrisons** manned by members of the church.

Rogation Sunday
Church on a Farm

Sunday 28th May 10.30

Lowfield Grange, Langthorpe
(Paul and Amanda Gill's)

Come and join us as we ask for
God's blessing on all of the farms
and members of the farming
community in our parishes.
It's always an enjoyable service.

Kirby Hill Village Celebration

Sunday 18th June
on the
Church Green 10.30

Open Air Songs of Praise
Displays of the village and
surrounding area
Games, quizzes and yes
it's back

THE BIG LUNCH at 12.00
More details next month.

What's going on in All Saints Church for Children and Young People?

Every month on the 2nd Sunday at 11am we have a special time for children, of any age, to have fun, be creative and hear about God. When you arrive, there are usually several activities ready for you to choose from and get involved in straight away. Parents can also try an activity or two or sit and talk with other parents or leaders. Then we all come together, parents and children, to hear a bible story and show our creations. We finish with our worship of praise and thanks. Children 6 years and under must be accompanied by an adult throughout the morning.

In church on the 1st and 4th Sunday during the 11am Communion service our Young Saints, Junior School children, meet in the back room where we read and talk over the readings for the day. We then re-join the congregation to take part in communion prayers. There is always opportunity given right at the end to tell and show everyone what they have done.

Pre-school children are also catered for during this service.

On the third Sunday at 11am we have an 'all age worship'. This service is not always held in church so look out for the notices. This is a great interactive service which everyone can enjoy.

We would welcome suggestions and ideas to offer to families on any day of the week. Or, if you would like to become a leader or helper please talk with Rev. Alison or Jeni about this.

This year's Summer Holiday Club is planned for Monday 7th, Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th August in Kirby Hill School (subject to confirmation of these dates) from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Open to all children up to the age of 13 years, it is free to attend but places must be booked in advance. A booking form will be available from late June. Under-fives need to be accompanied by an adult. We cater for any special needs but please let us know beforehand so arrangements can be made. There are a limited number of places for each session, so places booked and then not taken up will be charged £5 per session. We do lots of craft activities. If you can offer an activity or are willing to help on the day, please don't be shy, please let me know.

Do come along and try any of the above; we really would love to see you.

Jeni, Children's leader for All Saints Church.



Boroughbridge Mothers' Union usually meet
on the third Thursday of the month at 2.00pm in St James Church
Everyone is welcome to any of our meetings or events.

Thursday 18th May 2.00pm

We are delighted to welcome

Mrs Lynne Tembey

**World-Wide President of Mothers' Union
to an afternoon of Friendship and Fellowship**

For more information contact
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Aldborough and Boroughbridge Show

The Show Committee are delighted to announce that Aldborough & Boroughbridge Agricultural Show will be held in the Park at Newby Hall on Sunday 23rd July 2017. We are very grateful to the Compton family and to Stuart Gill for making us welcome and we look forward to a happy and successful day. Everyone is warmly welcomed to take an active part in any of the classes as well as enjoying the fabulous surroundings of our local countryside. For all details and updates visit: www.boroughbridgeshow.co.uk or follow us on Facebook/Twitter.

World War One Memorial

Sunday 6th August will mark 100 years since the death of our Great Uncle, John Thomas Hardcastle, who farmed with his brother, Arthur, at Mulwith Farm on the Newby Hall Estate. He joined the Yeoman Rifles (Kings Royal Rifles Corps) and was badly wounded at Flers on The Somme in September 1916. After recovering in hospital he returned to a different battalion with the KRRC early in 1917. He was taken prisoner of war in July 1917 after a desperate and disastrous battle on the Belgian coast (The battle of the Dunes). Our Great Uncle sadly died of a fever in a German military hospital in Dienze. We are thankful that he does have a resting place in the New British Cemetery at Harlebeke, West Vlaanderen in Belgium and we made the emotional journey to visit his grave in May 2015. He is also remembered on a family grave at St Helens in Skelton on Ure. All the men lost from Skelton on Ure are also remembered on a litany table made from walnut from the Newby Hall Estate which can be viewed in Christ the Consoler Church.

We are planning a small act of remembrance in Skelton on **Sunday 6th August**, particularly for the descendants of the families listed, followed by tea and cake in the Reading Room. More details from Kate Dale (Rooker Hill Farm) on 01423 322444.

Milby Island Improvement Project

The walk alongside the river Ure to Milby Lock from the bridge in Boroughbridge is an important asset for local people and for visitors alike. The amount of maintenance on this island between the river and canal has reduced in recent years resulting in a poorer environment and one which can only worsen as invasive plants such as Himalayan balsam and giant hogweed take hold. The area is now choked in the summer months by the Himalayan balsam which reaches eight feet in height, suppressing all other wild flowers and obstructing views of the river. The Milby Island Project has been set up by Charlie Merson, a Milby resident, and so far has the support of Kirby Hill (Milby) and Langthorpe parish councils, The Canals and River Trust and Newby Hall Estate, the owner of the land.



At the end of March, as our picture shows, volunteers started work on clearance of large amounts of flood debris and dead timber so that, later in the year, the area can be 'topped' to eradicate the balsam and hogweed in selected areas, to open up views and let other plants have a chance.

Lister Farms kindly loaned the heavy equipment and volunteers from Milby helped Charlie make a start on the project, which hopefully will be ongoing throughout the year if its aims are to be achieved.

If you would like to know more about the project or would like to volunteer to help please contact Charlie Merson at martlets.fas@outlook.com.

Martin Rae (Kirby Hill and District Parish Council)

The Kirby Hill and District Annual Parish Meeting

will take place at the Coronation Hall at 6.30pm on Wednesday 3 May. This is open to all residents of the parishes of Kirby Hill, Milby, Ellenthorpe, Humberton and Thornton Bridge and is an opportunity to find out more about the work of the Parish Council.

Jigsaw Club

I am planning to start a Jigsaw Club at Boroughbridge Library later in the year. If you have any jigsaws which you would be happy to donate, please leave them in the entrance hall at the library. I am looking for jigsaws suitable for adults, but there is some space to accommodate jigsaws for children in the children's section. For further details, or for collection please contact me on 01423 341982 or email me at Dorothy.griffin94@yahoo.co.uk.

Diary Dates

Apr	30	10.30	United Benefice service at Cundall
May	2	7.30	Kirby Hill WI
	3	2.00	Bible Study at 9 Market Hill
		6.30	Kirby Hill and District Annual Parish meeting in Coronation Hall – see p6
		7.30	Bible Study at 9 Market Hill
	9	7.00	Prayer Group at the vicarage
		7.30	Skelton WI
	14	2.00	Christian Aid Walk – see p3
	16	12.00	Christian Aid Lunch – see p3
	17	12.00	Community Lunch at the Fox & Hounds
		2.00	Bible Study at 9 Market Hill
		7.30	Bible Study at 9 Market Hill
	18	2.00	Mothers' Union at St James, Boroughbridge – see p5
	20	10.00	Boroughbridge Methodist Church May Fair and Coffee Morning including Art Exhibition by the Art Group
	23	7.00	Prayer Group venue tbc
	24	2.00	Bible Study at 9 Market Hill
		7.30	Bible Study at 9 Market Hill



From the Registers

Holy Matrimony

Mar 25 Tara Evans and Steven Kniveton at Kirby Hill

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SERVICES

Date Sunday	30 Apr Easter 3	7 May Easter 4	14 May Easter 5	21 May Easter 6	28 May Rogation
CUNDALL	10.30		11.00 CW 2		
KIRBY HILL	United Benefice Service at Cundall	11.00 CW 1 6.00 SS	9.30 CW 1 11.00 Activ8 6.00 EP	11.00 CW1	10.30 Service at Lowfield Grange Farm
SKELTON		9.30 CW 1		9.30 CW1	see p 3

WEEKDAY SERVICES AT KIRBY HILL

Tuesday

9.00am MP (said)

Wednesday (except – see below)

10.00am CW2 (said)

Third Wednesday of the month

10.45am at St James, Boroughbridge

CW 1 Holy Communion, Common Worship, order 1, Modern language

CW 2 Holy Communion, Common Worship, order 2, Traditional language

AAW All Age Worship, **FS** Family Service, **MP** Morning Prayer; **ES** Evensong,

EP Evening Prayer; **SS** Sacred Space informal all age worship,

IC Informal Communion, **Activ8** for children of all ages, parents welcome.

On the 1st & 4th Sundays at Kirby Hill, Sparklers Crèche is available in church during the service.

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