

Beyond

The Pews

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The Parish Magazine of Kirby Hill, Skelton cum Newby & Cundall with Norton le Clay

Greetings and Best Wishes

to you and yours for

Christmas and the New Year

with a very warm invitation to join us
at the special services which mark
our celebration of the

Birth of Christ

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Cundall, Skelton, and Kirby Hill

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Of Gifts and Givers....

Dear Friends,

It seems to me that gifts say a lot about the person who gave them.

We all have special things that have been given to us that we really treasure. Maybe their value lies in the fact that we had hoped and longed for the item for a very long time and then some kind person bought it for us knowing how much we wanted it. Maybe we know the thing was given by someone who had very little money and so for them, buying us the gift was a real sacrifice. Perhaps the gift was something that was actually made especially for us; a lot of love, time, care and skill went into it, it was a unique gift. It could be that the special gift was given to us by someone we loved who has now died and so it has a particular value to us.

Of course, Christmas is a time of giving and receiving. I wonder in what spirit we buy our gifts?

Christmas celebrates the greatest gift of all time: God's gift of Himself.

In giving Himself, in being both the giver and the gift, God held back nothing; no expense was spared. The one who created the universe Himself became a creature, part of His creation. The one who inhabits eternity became subject to the limitations of time. The one who is king in heaven was born a baby in a smelly dirty stable; the one who is almighty became totally vulnerable. If that isn't costly giving, I don't know what is! But there's more – the baby born in the stable grew up to become the man who was rejected, ridiculed and crucified.

God's gift of Himself was given freely to everyone. God's gift says 'I love you; you matter to me; your concerns are my concerns; I came amongst you to live as one of you to share your life to show that I am with you, I am for you. All I ask is that you receive the gift; that you share your life with me, that you make some space for me, for I want you to be with me for all eternity'.

May you be filled with joy and wonder this Christmas as we give thanks again for the greatest gift of all time.

With my love and all good wishes for Christmas,

Alison.

Do please consider coming to one of our Christmas services or events; you'd be most welcome.

What's On

*Friends of All Saints,
Kirby Hill*

Christmas Coffee Morning

*Saturday 1 December
10.00 to 12.00*

*All Saints' Church
Kirby Hill*

£1.50

*Cake Stall, Raffle & Tombola
Everyone welcome*

Coffee Morning & Book Exchange

Kirby Hill Church

*Wednesdays
5 December and 2 January
10.45 to 11.45*

*Why not drop in for a cuppa, a
chat and a book?
Everyone welcome*

All Saints @The Fox

*Sunday 20th January
11.00am*

*The Fox and Hounds
Langthorpe*

*An informal service for all the
community in the community*

*Why not share in the famous
Big Breakfast either before or
after the service?*

Carols and Mince Pies with

Teamstar

(Kirby Hill School Choir)

*Monday 10 December
1.00pm*

*All Saints' Church
Kirby Hill*

Community Christmas Lunch

*Thursday 20 December
12.00 to 2.00*

Fox & Hounds, Langthorpe

2 courses £11.95

3 courses £14.95

*A £5 non-refundable deposit
will be payable on booking
Menus and booking forms
available from the pub or
All Saints' Church, Kirby Hill*

*All members of the community
are most welcome*

Community Lunch

*Wednesday 23rd January
12.00 - 2.00*

*The Fox and Hounds
Langthorpe*

*book with the pub or
via Revd Alison*

*Always great value
Why eat alone when you could
be at the Community lunch?*

Christmas Events and Services

Dec	2	6.00pm	Readings and music for Advent, St James', Boroughbridge
	9	3.45pm	Christmas Activ8, Coronation Hall (see p3) followed by
		6.00pm	Community Carols, Coronation Hall
	10	9.30am	Cundall Manor pre-prep Christingle, St Mary's, Cundall
		1.00pm	Carols with 'Teamstar', All Saints', Kirby Hill Music and mince pies for everyone
	11	7.30pm	Cundall Manor Carol Service, Ripon Cathedral
	16	11.00am	Carol Service, All Saints', Kirby Hill
		6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight, St Mary's, Cundall
	17	2.00pm	Carols and Readings at Springfield Garth
		6.00pm	Skelton Christingle, St Helen's, Skelton
	18	6.00pm	Kirby Hill Christingle in All Saints', Kirby Hill
	20	12.00pm	Community Christmas lunch, the Fox and Hounds, Langthorpe – book at the pub or via Revd Alison.
	22	7.30pm	Carol singing at The Fox and Hounds raising money for charity
	23	9.30am	Family Carol Service, St Helen's, Skelton
	24	3.00pm	Acted Nativity, All Saints' Kirby Hill
		11.30 pm	Midnight Mass, the first Communion of Christmas All Saints', Kirby Hill
	25		Christmas Day
		8.00am	said Holy Communion, All Saints', Kirby Hill
		9.30am	Family Communion, St Helen's Skelton
		11.00am	Holy Communion, St Mary's, Cundall
	26		Boxing Day, St Stephen's Day,
		10.00am	Holy Communion, All Saints', Kirby Hill
	30	10.30am	United Benefice Holy Communion, St Helen's Skelton.

'Time and Space'

Tuesdays 4th, 11th and 18th December 10.00 -10.30am

All Saints' Church, Kirby Hill

Half an hour of quiet music, reflection and the chance to light a candle and pause briefly in the busy lead up to Christmas.

Compline in All Saints', Kirby Hill

Tuesdays 7.00 – 7.30 on the same dates as above.

Kirby Hill School Events

Christmas Fair



The Kirby Hill School PTA will be holding a Christmas Fair at Boroughbridge Sports Association Club (next to the Primary School) on Friday 7th December from 5pm until 9pm.

There will be a variety of craft stalls, so it will be a great opportunity to do some Christmas shopping!

There will also be a pizza van so no need to eat before you go!

If you would like to have a stall at the Fair (for £10) please contact the school on 01423 322713.

Christmas is Coming...

We warmly welcome local senior citizens to our nativity production on **Wednesday 12th December at 1.30pm in the School Hall**

Acted Nativity

Christmas Eve Afternoon 3.00pm All Saints' Church, Kirby Hill

In this fun, family friendly event we tell the Christmas story, sing carols and invite children to dress up as characters from 'the greatest story ever told'. Bring your own costume if you have one, otherwise we can provide clothing for most of the main characters! Everyone, young and old welcome.

Informal Communion for Epiphany

Sunday 6th January 11.00 All Saints' Church, Kirby Hill

A shorter, more accessible form of Holy Communion.

If you haven't been, why not give it a try? The service will be followed by refreshments.

Can you Help?

I am conducting some genealogical research and would like to appeal for information on the Revd. Lord who was vicar of Skelton with Newby 1953-81 and vicar of Cundall with Norton le Clay 1953-73, and lived in The Old Vicarage, Skelton on Ure HG4 5AJ until his death in 2000 at the age of 86.

I know the bare genealogical facts about his life. What I am interested in is fleshing him out as a human being - what was he like, his habits and interests, was he liked or disliked, any amusing anecdotes about him or vivid memories.

You can contact me by email at wolstan-dixie@hotmail.co.uk

Thank you,

Roger J Morgan

**This month we will be enjoying
fellowship at our Christmas
lunch out.**

We wish you all
a very happy and peaceful
Christmas from all of us at
Mothers' Union. We hope to see
you at any of our meetings and
events in 2019

'All Saints Girls'

Our next get together
Thursday 24th January 2019
All Saints Church, Kirby Hill
7 - 9pm
Drinks and light refreshments
Come and meet old friends and
make some new ones
Everyone Welcome

**Our AGM will take place on Thursday 17th January 2019 2.00pm
3 The Croft, Kirby Hill. Bring & Buy for MU funds**

For more information contact 01423325405
margaret.crawford47@tiscali.co.uk

A Special Messy Christmas Activ8

for all school age children from 5 years old

Coronation Hall on Sunday 9th December 3.45pm.

(N.B. the time was incorrect in last month's BTP)

There will be Crafts and Activities followed by tea at 5.15pm.

We will also be practising an entertainment for the
evening's annual Community Carols

We hope parents will come and join us from 5.15pm for tea,
and stay for 'Carols at Coronation Hall' at 6pm

Booking will be essential for this special event

To book a place please ring Jeni on 01423 323390

Please note there will be no Activ8 in church on this day

'Carols at Coronation Hall'

Sunday 9th December 6.00pm

Carols, music and readings with mulled wine and mince pies.

Everyone welcome

Diary Dates

Christmas Services and Events are listed on page 4

Dec	1	10.00	Christmas Coffee Morning, All Saints' Church – see p3
	2	6.00	Music & Readings for Advent, St James' Boroughbridge
	4	7.30	Kirby Hill WI
	5	10.45	Coffee Morning and Book Exchange – see p3
	7	5.00	Kirby Hill school PTA Christmas Fair - see p5
	9	3.45	Activ8 at Coronation Hall - see p6
		6.00	Community Carols at Coronation Hall
	10	9.30	Cundall Manor Pre-prep Christingle, Cundall Church
		1.00	Teamstar, All Saints' Church, Kirby Hill – see p3
	11	7.30	Skelton WI
	12	1.30	Kirby Hill School Nativity - see p5
	17	6.00	Skelton Christingle in St Helen's Church
	18	6.00	Kirby Hill Christingle in All Saints' Church
	20	12.00	Christmas Community Lunch - see p3
Jan	2	10.45	Coffee Morning and Book Exchange – see p3
	20	11.00	All Saints' @ the Fox
	23	12.00	Community Lunch at The Fox and Hounds



From the Registers

Christian Funeral

Nov	5	Alan Coles
	12	June Terry

at All Saints' Kirby Hill
at All Saints' Kirby Hill

Cremation

Nov	13	Ronald Prattley
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at Stonefall

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SERVICES

Date Sunday	16 Dec Advent 3	23 Dec Advent 4	30 Dec Christmas 1	6 Jan Epiphany	13 Jan Baptism of Christ	20 Jan Epiph. 3	27 Jan Epiph. 4
CUNDALL	6.30 Carols by Candlelight	9.30 MP			11.00 CW2		9.30 MP
KIRBY HILL	11.00 Carol Service	11.00 CW1		11.00 IC	9.30 CW1 11.00 Activ8	11.00 All Saints @ the Fox	11.00 CW1
SKELTON	9.30 CW1	9.30 Family Carol Service	10.30 United Benefice Service	9.30 CW1		9.30 CW1	9.30 AAW

WEEKDAY SERVICES AT ALL SAINTS' 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

CW1 Holy Communion, Common Worship, order 1, Modern language
CW2 Holy Communion, Common Worship, order 2, Traditional language
AAW All Age Worship, **MP** Morning Prayer; **ES** Evensong, **EP** Evening Prayer;
IC Informal Communion, **Activ8** Messy Church for children, young and parents.
 On the 4th Sundays of the month, at Kirby Hill, children's activities are available during the service.

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