

Beyond

The Pews

February 2018

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

Brassical Class

presented by

Rose Brass Trio

from London

Saturday 17th February 2018

5.00pm

All Saints' Church, Kirby Hill

£3 entry on the door

Proceeds in aid of All Saints' Church and
Boroughbridge Community Care

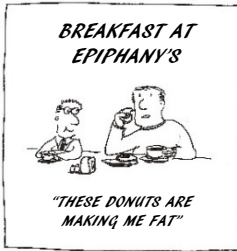
A programme of well-loved tunes
and Classical Brass Music,
with guest organist Phil Wilby.



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Thoughts on epiphanies and gifts



By the time you read this piece, we'll be in the middle of the season of Epiphany which runs from January 6th until the start of Lent on February 14th.

I suspect that *Epiphany* is an unfamiliar term to many people these days, along with other "churchy" words such as "Candlemas", "Rogation" and "Whitsuntide".

What does it mean and what's its significance?

In terms of the church year and tradition based on the Bible, Epiphany is the showing of the infant Christ to the Magi ("Wise Men") who, according to the New Testament account, came from the East and presented Jesus with gifts. It can, however, also mean a moment of unexpected revelation or realisation: an *insight* of some sort (the root meaning of the word from the Greek is "showing" or "manifestation").

What then is its relevance to us today?

Firstly, it's about gifts: the importance of giving and receiving them; and our attitude to giving. The Magi presented gifts to the baby Jesus and he is God's gift to us. The giving of Christmas presents is a reminder of the costly, very special gifts associated with that first "giving" described in Matthew's Gospel; and of our need to be generous.

Secondly, we can all have "epiphanies" (with a small "e") or epiphany moments when we suddenly, in a flash of insight, realise something for the first time. In this sense, an *epiphany* need have no connection with religion or feeling spiritual. For example, someone might, on seeing a photo of a lung riddled with cancer, have a realisation that smoking is a life-threatening habit and give it up!

We can't *contrive* epiphanies, but we can be on the look-out for them, and welcome them, when they appear because they may be "gifts" which can change our lives for the better.

John H.

What's On

Open Garden

Snowdrops and Hellebores

**Moor End Farm, Arkendale Road,
Staveley, HG5 9JU**

**Sunday 18 February and
Sunday 25 February
from 2 pm**

**Admission £2.50
Proceeds to be divided
between local Staveley charities**

Hot drinks; plant stall; book stall

NO DOGS

**Further details from
Ian and Dorothy Griffin on 01423 341982**

Friends of All Saints' Church

Easter Coffee Morning

**Saturday 24 March
10.00am to 12.00noon**

**All Saints' Church
Kirby Hill**

**Cake stall, raffle,
tombola**



Pancake Party

3.00pm Tuesday 13th February, All Saints' Church, Kirby Hill

Everyone welcome but please let Alison or Jeni know if you're coming so we know roughly how many to cater for.

Community Lunch

Thursday 15th February 12.00 -2.00, The Fox and Hounds

Why eat alone when you could be enjoying good food and good company at The Community Lunch? Book through church or with the pub direct.

Two courses £8.25

Christmas Charitable Giving

We are delighted to report that our churches raised over £935 for charities in this country and abroad. We are most grateful to all in the community who helped us raise this amazing sum.

Thank you from St Helen's

Thank you to all who supported our Wine Evening, Christmas Hamper Draw and Coffee Morning. The three events raised nearly £700 in total. The hamper was won by Margaret and Peter Crawford.



1st Boroughbridge Scout Group

The number of young people in the local area wanting to join 'The Great Adventure' of Scouting increases every year and no wonder, with the range of opportunities available. 1st Boroughbridge Scout Group has three sections. There are two full Beaver Colonies with boys and girls aged from 6 to 8 who meet in Coronation Hall on either Tuesdays or Thursdays – if you visit the hall on either of those evenings, you may have heard them! Cubs, aged from 8 to 10½, enjoy their meetings on Fridays and Scouts, aged 10½ to 14 follow on with a range of indoor and outdoor activities, sometimes venturing further afield and staying out overnight (with adult supervision of course!)

The past year has seen Beavers visiting York and enjoying DASQUEST, a treasure hunt around Ripon. Each week they play games together and start to learn basic skills such as First Aid which will be built on during their Scouting journey. One Colony made a garden in the outdoor area at Coronation Hall and the other was responsible for the Group's entry in the Christmas Tree Festival in Boroughbridge. Cubs and Scouts camped at Baldersby Park with other local Groups and enjoyed kayaking at Aldwark and bell boating from Boroughbridge Marina (perhaps you saw them down on the river). One of the Sixes was also in the finals of the County Cub Quiz and Cubs have also enjoyed a fascinating evening with members of our local Polish community. Scouts enjoyed lighting fires and cooking rabbits at the Backwoods Cooking day, undertook a cycling expedition and have practised map reading skills on overnight hikes, slept out in a barn, found out about democratic decisions in Parliament week and won the District Challenge Trophy for successfully completing 12 demanding activities in 2 hours, as well as planting bulbs along the canal and on Milby Island for your future enjoyment.

Three of our Scouts, who are still very much 'Boroughbridge' youngsters and have now moved on to be Explorer Scouts, have been selected as members of the contingent from North East England to attend the next World Jamboree to be held in West Virginia, USA in 2019. Part of this wonderful experience will be the fund-raising efforts which they have already started and the team-building, cooperation, problem solving and presentation skills they will develop which will stay with them throughout their adult lives. Another of our Explorers and a senior Scout have recently received County Commissioner Commendations for helping at the scene of a road traffic accident. They, and other teenagers, also give up their time to be Young Leaders, helping with the Beaver and Cub sections and being valued members of our leadership teams. For all the negative stories we hear about young people today, there are also many who are developing the attitudes and skills to be running our communities in years to come.

And as our local community is expanding, there will be many more children wanting to join 'The Big Adventure'. Whether these boys and girls have the opportunity to do so will depend on one factor – the availability of adults willing to help nurture and lead them through their formative years in Scouting. So if you know those potential leaders, please let us know.

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Christmas Draw Results

The Friends of All Saints' Church would like to thank all who supported the Christmas Draw. £643 was raised and the winners of the main prizes were:

£100 M&S Voucher	Diane Wooley
Hamper	Jean Askew
Christmas Cake	Ric Welsby

Lent News

Ash Wednesday

The 14th February marks the beginning of Lent and there will be the traditional service of Holy Communion with the imposition of ashes at 10.00 at All Saints' Church, Kirby Hill. This is a very moving service. If you've never been, why not come along?

Compline

During Lent we will be holding the beautiful and ancient service of Compline on Tuesday evenings at 7.00 in All Saints' Church, Kirby Hill beginning on 20th February.

Lent Appeal

As always during Lent we think of all that we enjoy and take for granted on a daily basis and the luxuries we tend to think of as necessities. Many people try to live more simply and take part in either fasting or the giving up of something like going out for meals; chocolates; alcohol or cakes. Members of our churches try to save money throughout Lent to help those who are much less fortunate than we are.

This year we are supporting USPG in their campaign to wipe out debt slavery in India; The Mothers Union as they provide holidays for needy families in this country and a student at college in South Sudan who is being sponsored by the churches of our deanery. If anyone would like to make a donation, or learn more, please contact Alison.

Lent lunch

At the vicarage, 12.00 -2.00 Wednesday 28th February donations to the lent appeal.



Our next meeting:

Thursday 15th February 2.00pm
St James Parish Church
Boroughbridge

our speaker will be:

Revd. Helen Bell, Methodist Minister
'Are you sure, Lord?'

For more information contact
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Diary Dates

Jan	31	7.30	Bible Study at 9 Market Hill
Feb	1	2.00	Jigsaw Club at Boroughbridge Library
	6	7.30	Kirby Hill WI
	13	3.00	Pancake party – see p3
		7.00	Prayer Group at the vicarage
		7.30	Skelton WI
	14	7.30	Bible Study at 9 Market Hill
	15	12.00	Community Lunch – see p3
		2.00	Mothers' Union at St James, Boroughbridge
		2.00	Jigsaw Club at Boroughbridge Library
	17	5.00	Brassical Class – see front page
	18	2.00	Open Garden – see p3
	20	7.00	Compline – see p6
	21	7.30	Bible Study at 9 Market Hill
	25	2.00	Open Garden – see p3
	27	7.00	Compline – see p6
			Prayer Group will follow Compline in church
	28	12.00	Lent Lunch at the vicarage – see p6



From the Registers

Christian Funeral

Dec	20	Sheila Clark	at St Helen's, Skelton
	21	Richard Lithgow	at Christ the Consoler
	27	Stuart Styan	at St James', Boro'bridge

Burial of Ashes

Dec	28	Richard Lithgow	at Christ the Consoler
Jan	16	William (Bill) Grayson	at All Saints', Kirby Hill

Sponsors

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Anon in memory of Florence Cooper

Ken & Irene Barley in memory of their parents

Your generosity is much appreciated

SERVICES

Date Sunday	4 Feb 2 before Lent	11 Feb Next before Lent	18 Feb Lent 1	25 Feb Lent 2	4 Mar Lent 3
CUNDALL		11.00 CW 2		11.00 MP	
KIRBY HILL	11.00 CW 1 6.00 SS	9.30 CW 1 11.00 Activ8 6.00 EP	11.00 AAW	11.00 CW 1	11.00 CW 1 6.00 SS
SKELTON	9.30 CW1		9.30 CW1	9.30 AAW	9.30 CW1

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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