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Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

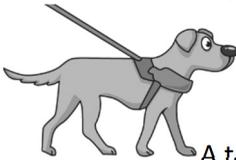
Thursday 21 February

2.00pm

Coronation Hall

'Paws for Thought'

A talk on Guide Dogs for the
Blind by Jeni Widdows
Everyone welcome



'All Saints Girls'

Pizza & Prosecco Evening

Thursday 28 February

7.30pm

The Fox & Hounds, Langthorpe

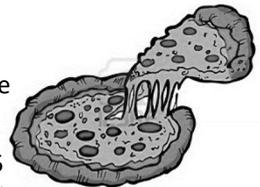
Fund raiser for Mothers' Union
An opportunity to find out more about MU
projects at home and abroad

Tickets £10

A glass of prosecco, pizza and raffle

Tickets from

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God, the Church and Brexit!

A view that one comes across among church people is that church and politics don't "mix" and should be kept separate. This means that the church shouldn't get involved in politics (and politicians ought not to interfere with the church?). But frequently church and politics sit comfortably with each other.

At All Saints, for example, we're involved with a number of charities. One of them is Candlelighters which supports children who suffer from cancer. It's obviously a "good cause"; it's non-political; it exists within the Christian domain (we can, for example, pray for the work of Candlelighters and feel that our praying is entirely appropriate). Politicians also get involved with cancer in connection with the NHS and public spending. We can, therefore, conclude that church and politics "mix", validly, when it comes to cancer support and similar issues; and we're happy with that idea.

But what about BREXIT? It's the big issue of our time, perhaps the biggest of the decade. The politicians don't appear to be sorting it out and the situation is looking increasingly desperate. Where is the church when it comes to BREXIT, one might ask; and, maybe, where is a belief in God in the BREXIT debacle?

Those who say that church and politics don't "mix" probably feel that their local church, and the church nationally, is irrelevant to BREXIT. They affirm that BREXIT isn't about moral issues or questions of "right" and "wrong" in which case there's no case for Christian involvement because BREXIT is pure politics. Most of us will tend to agree with this position. Church leaders haven't come up with an alternative plan to the ones proposed by the politicians and we conclude that talking about BREXIT in the context of church is a pointless exercise.

If the church can be excluded from the BREXIT debate, where does that leave God? Is he also peripheral, even irrelevant, to BREXIT? That's a difficult question for those Christians who believe church and politics are like oil and water, incapable of mixing. The problem is that God is in everything; indeed, he is everything because he's the creator of the universe who sustains it from day to day by his might and power. *Basically he's either in everything or nothing; he can't be active in some bits of his creation and not in others!*

BREXIT is bewildering: a *total mess*, one might say. But leaving God out of the frame isn't an option for Christians; he's there, in the mix; we believe he has a plan, even if it's not clear to us; we can trust him when it comes to the big picture (BREXIT?) as well as in the minutiae of everyday life. With BREXIT and everything else we are invited to acknowledge in faith the words of the 18th century poet, William Cowper:

"God moves in a mysterious way, his wonders to perform"

JH

What's On

St Cecilia Concert

Holy Trinity Church, Ripon

**Saturday 2nd February
7.30pm**

**Haydn Symphony 22
'The Philosopher'**

Schubert Symphony No.5

**Tickets available from:
The Little Book Shop,
Westgate, Ripon
Henry Roberts Books,
The Arcade, Ripon
and on the door**

Community Lunch

**Wednesdays
20th February
20th March
12.00 - 2.00**

**The Fox and Hounds
Langthorpe**

**Good food and good company.
Why eat alone when you could
be at The Community Lunch?**

**Details from the pub or
All Saints' Church, Kirby Hill**

Time and Space

The first Tuesday of the month 10.00 -10.30, All Saints' Church, Kirby Hill starting on 5th March.

Do you sometimes wish you just had time and space to be quiet, to think, pray or calm down? If so, this might be for you. The church will be open for a quiet half hour with calming music playing and the chance to light a candle if you wish.

Coming Soon.....

Pancake Party Shrove Tuesday 5th March 3.30 - 5.00, All Saints' Church, Kirby Hill

Everyone welcome at this fun event, but children of primary school age or under must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Ash Wednesday, 6th March, the first day of Lent

10.00 Holy Communion with ashes at All Saints' church Kirby Hill. We will be joined by children from year 6 at Kirby Hill School and our friends from St James'. This year for our Lent Appeal we will be raising money for USPG a Christian organisation supporting aid and development projects throughout the world and our local Boroughbridge Community Care. Details of Lent events next month.

Good Friday 19th April Walk of Witness

From All Saints' Kirby Hill to St James' Boroughbridge - more details next month.



1st Boroughbridge Scout Group

'Be Prepared' is the motto long recognised by generations as representing the ethos of Scouting; keeping up with modern issues has always been integral to that ethos and the recent development initiative entitled 'Skills for Life' is the movement's action plan for the next five years.

Scouting nationwide welcomes young people of all colour and creeds, of all backgrounds and interests and in these days when we hear of youngsters needing to develop resilience and responsibility, the Scouting programme for all sections is enabling them to help determine what and how they should make their activities happen and ensuring they have an impact on their local communities.

But as far as the youngsters are concerned, their weekly Beaver, Cub and Scout meetings are all about having fun with their friends, learning new skills, playing games, enjoying making things and especially exploring the outdoors, all the while developing those 'skills for life'.

Boroughbridge Scout Group has nearly 100 young members, both boys and girls aged from 6 to 14, and an incredibly dedicated team of voluntary leaders who undertake training in their own time to gain the skills required to guide the children in their care. The leaders are supported by parents and helpers who are willing to provide the extra supervision needed at various times and by a team of 'Young Leaders', teenagers who have enjoyed their time in the Group so much that, as well as belonging to Explorer Scout units in Ripon or Thirsk, they also volunteer to come back to Beavers, Cubs or Scouts to pass on their enthusiasm and 'skills for life'. And some come back again as adult leaders - after leaving the area for university life, Connor and Jamie are now back as adult leaders in training, the next generation!

In our community, Scouting is to be seen actively taking part in local life. Boroughbridge Group is well represented at the annual Remembrance service in Boroughbridge and some members actually attend ceremonies in their home villages too. Older Scouts help at Christmas time with Santa's Sleigh, accompanying the Lions Club in their work around the area collecting money for local good causes and others will be found cooking and selling chestnuts at the town's late-night shopping event. Boroughbridge Communicare's Christmas Tree Competition always has a Scout Group entry - and the spectacular pyramid tree made by Thursday Beavers was this year's winner!

2019 will see more opportunities to gain and use 'skills for life': an initiative in North Yorkshire for all members to be involved with tidying up their local communities; three of our Explorer Scouts will be travelling with the Yorkshire contingents to join with Scouts from around the world at the 24th World Jamboree in West Virginia, USA.; and three older Scouts are hoping to be selected to join a Unit of Scouts going to an International camp in Poland next summer - all young people from our community developing and using their 'skills for life'.

It is good for the youngsters to find out about local people and the skills which they have developed, so anyone willing to share those talents will be most welcome at Beaver, Cub or Scout meetings - you'll find us at Coronation Hall on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings during school terms!

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Christmas Charities Appeal

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the Christmas appeals organised by all three of our churches over the Christmas period: we raised a wonderful £896.10 to give to charity.

- **£275.10 for Candlelighters** helping local children with cancer and their families
- **£193.23 for the Children's Society** working with vulnerable and needy children and young people in our country
- **£333.27 for Embrace The Middle East** supporting various projects in that region
- **£96.22 for Jeel al Amal (Generation of Hope)** an amazing orphanage for boys in Bethany, not far from Bethlehem where Jesus was born.

Forthcoming Events

Christian Aid Week 12th – 19th May

For the last couple of years, we have raised about £1000 each year for Christian Aid, and we hope to do the same again. We will be holding a coffee morning, a simple lunch, a sponsored walk and a door to door collection. Would you be willing to help us in the door to door collection? The more collectors we have the more money we can raise for the world's neediest people. If you would like to help, please contact Revd Alison.

Church on a Farm: Rogation Service Sunday 5th May 10.30. Come and join us and our farming community as we ask God's blessing on the land, animals and all who work on our farms and in agriculture. This year we will be joined by Bishop Helen-Ann our Area Bishop so this service will be even more special than usual.

Celebrating our Villages Sunday 30th June 10.30 The Church Green, Kirby Hill

An opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones as we celebrate and give thanks for all that is good in our villages. There will be an open-air Songs of Praise on the green followed by The Big Lunch. There will also be games, displays etc. A great free event for all the community. Look out for further details nearer the time.

House to Rent

Langthorpe Parish Council has available to rent:

A two bedroomed semi-detached cottage, close to the Blue Bell. The Cottages were given to the Parish Council to provide social housing for local people.

Tenants might live, work or have relatives in the area and have a need to be housed locally. Please ring Mike Collins on 322458 for more details.

Diary Dates

Feb	5	7.30	Kirby Hill WI
	6	2.00	Bible Study at 9 Market Hill
	9	10.00	Churchyard Clear-up at All Saints' Church, Kirby Hill
	12	7.00	Prayer Group at the vicarage
		7.30	Skelton WI
	13	2.00	Bible Study at 9 Market Hill
	17	3.00	Faith in Film at All Saints' Church, Kirby Hill
	18	7.00	All Saints' Church PCC at the vicarage
	20	12.00	Community Lunch at the Fox & Hounds, Langthorpe
		2.00	Bible Study at 9 Market Hill
	21	2.00	Mothers' Union - see front page
	26	7.00	Prayer Group at the vicarage
	27	2.00	Bible Study at 9 Market Hill
	28	7.00	All Saints Girls - see front page
Mar	5	10.00	Time and Space - see p3
		3.30	Pancake Party - see p3
	6	7.30	Lent Bible Study at All Saints' Church, Kirby Hill



From the Registers

Christian Funeral

Dec 14 David Hodges at Christ the Consoler

Burial of Ashes

Dec 13 Ronald Prattley at Christ the Consoler
18 David Hodges at Christ the Consoler

Wedding Blessing

Dec 22 Jenette and Darren at St Helen's Skelton

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SERVICES

Date Sunday	3 Feb Candlemas	10 Feb 4 before Lent	17 Feb 3 before Lent	24 Feb 2 before Lent	3 Mar Sun before Lent
CUNDALL		11.00 CW2		9.30 MP	
KIRBY HILL	11.00 IC	9.30 CW1 11.00 Activ8	11.00 AAW	11.00 CW1	11.00 IC
SKELTON	9.30 CW1		9.30 CW1	9.30 AAW	9.30 CW1

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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