

# **Beyond**

*The Pews*

June - mid July 2019



## **All Saints on the Church Green**

Village Celebration



**Sunday 30th June**

Quiz

Games

Open-air

'Big Lunch'

Songs of Praise

(bring and share)

at 10.30am

at 12 noon

**Everyone is very welcome**

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# Why do I go to Holy Communion?

**Sam Fletcher**

In my late teens, I experienced a time of instability familiar to many Christian young people. As I gained intellectual independence from my Christian parents, doubts formed about my faith: how could I deal with contradictions in the Bible, did arguments for the existence of God stand up, could science and faith be reconciled? These anxieties felt like fundamental threats to Christianity; my faith was 'brittle'; there was no flexibility or give—exert pressure on any point, and it would snap. It felt like a Jenga tower; pull out one brick and the whole thing would tumble.

Eventually, this precarious theology did collapse. Yet, left behind—and clearer than ever, unobscured by the fog of doubt and anxiety—was a feeling that I was, despite my confusion, loved by God. I did not know exactly what I meant by the word 'God', but I knew that I was somehow held; that, beneath the noise of life, there was a deep and profound hope. Free from a rigid and constricting framework, I was able to rebuild my faith based on this basic, emotional conviction. And then—suddenly, when I was 18—this too collapsed.

Depression takes many forms; for me, it drained the world of colour, of vibrancy. Life carried on, but beneath it lay a cold nothingness, an absence. At my lowest points, the conviction I had built my faith on—the sense of love as the ground of being itself—seemed to fall away. This was a new kind of doubt; not an intellectual doubt but an emotional atheism. Depression taught me that emotional intuition was an unstable foundation for faith.

Neither a faith grounded solely upon emotion, nor upon the unquestioning assertion of particular doctrines, is robust enough for our present context. In view of the mental health crisis among young people—and the increasingly secular intellectual climate—we require a *spiritual* daily bread, something reliable enough to withstand these challenges. This 'daily bread' takes many forms.

In my own life, I found something of what I had been looking for when—at university—I started attending a church that emphasised the regular reception of the Eucharist. When Christ offers himself in the Eucharist, his welcome is not conditional on our having all our theology sorted out, and all our doubts repressed. Nor does it depend on how we *feel*; Christ is present in the bread and wine whether we feel joyful and close to God, or anxious and far from him. The Eucharist thus transcends both intellectual debates and emotional states; we are invited to receive something tangible—bread and wine, body and blood—a gift that sustains us *because* we cannot sustain ourselves. Grace becomes palpable, even somehow edible.

# What's On

## ***Time and Space***

***Tuesday 4th June  
10.00 -10.30am***

***All Saints' Church  
Kirby Hill  
a chance to be quiet,  
pray or light a candle.***

***This isn't a service just a  
quiet half hour to use as you will***

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## ***Community Coffee Morning***

***In aid of  
Guide Dogs for the Blind***

***Tuesday June 18<sup>th</sup>.  
10am – 11.30am  
All Saints' Church, Kirby Hill***

***Tea/Coffee and Cakes and an  
opportunity to learn more about the  
work of Guide Dogs and to meet  
some pups.***

***Guide Dog Shop and Tombola***

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## ***Community Lunch***

***Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June  
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***

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## ***Songs of Praise***

***Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July  
6.00pm***

***St Helen's Church  
Skelton-on-Ure***

***Refreshments  
will be served following the  
service***

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## **Gratitude and appreciation.....**

The Friends of All Saints' Church would like to thank all who supported the concert in May given by The Northallerton Woodwind Ensemble. £475 was raised.

Thank you to those who supported our Lent Appeal - £608.50 was given. The money has been divided between USPG working with struggling communities in India and Boroughbridge Community Care supporting members of our own local area.

We were delighted to welcome Bishop Helen-Ann, our area Bishop, to our Rogation Service, kindly hosted by Ben and Kate Dale at Rooker Hill Farm. Thank you to those who contributed to the collection of £361.10, which has been given to Farming Community Network.

## **Latest News from Cundall Manor School**

Pupils from Cundall Manor School have had a very busy start to 2019 and we are very proud of the great work and experiences we have had as a community including celebrating our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, raising thousands for worthwhile charities and national success. Here are a few highlights of the year to date:

### **Cundall Manor School turns 60**

In January of this year Cundall Manor School celebrated 60 years since it welcomed its first pupils.

On January 27 1959, Cundall Manor opened its doors for the very first time and has seen the school go from strength to strength. Pupils and staff gathered on a fresh January day to celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of the school opening.

The anniversary celebrations will continue throughout the academic year with a series of events planned, culminating in the Diamond Cundall Ball on Saturday 22 June 2019. Joint Heads, Amanda Kirby and John Sample, were on hand to lead the celebrations. John Sample has been teaching at the school for nearly 20 years. He said: *"It is an honour to lead the 60th anniversary celebrations. Days like this will live long in our collective memory and we are delighted that we can provide so many wonderful opportunities for our pupils."*

### **Race for Life returns to Cundall**

Nearly two hundred North Yorkshire School pupils completed a charitable dash for cash in aid of Cancer Research. Cundall Manor School held the Race for Life in January, with pupils as young as FOUR and as old as 13 taking part in the race.

The pupils braved the cold and damp conditions to take on cancer and walk, jog or run in aid of Cancer Research UK's life-saving work. To help the pupils prepare, teachers have been using specially created resources by the charity which includes everything needed to stage the event as well as top fundraising tips.

Louise Bessey, Head of Girls' Games at Cundall Manor School, said: *"This is the third year we have run the Race for Life and it is great to see how the event has developed.*

*Most of us know someone who has been affected by cancer and we all have our special reasons for taking part and wanting to help more people survive."*

Cancer Research UK's Race for Life is an inspiring series of events which raises millions of pounds every year to help fund vital research.

### **National Award for Talented Pupil**

A Cundall Manor School pupil has scooped a national award for his artistic talents. 11-year-old William received the award for the Independent Schools Association Artist of the Month, due to his recent efforts on stage and in his music examinations. The music scholar travelled to the Grand Theatre in York to rehearse and perform in

The Grand Old Dame of York. The experience has been wonderful for William and has been a significant year for the York pantomime, as well-loved actor Berwick Kaler, who has been part of the show for 40 years, gave his farewell performance. William made the cast and was chosen to participate in some of the most high-profile performances, including Boxing Day, New Year's Eve and the emotional last night.

The ISA also acknowledged William's musical achievements, including an amazing 91% in his recent Grade 5 Music Theory exam.

Sarah Reece, Director of Music at Cundall Manor School, nominated him for the award. She said: *"William is a wonderful music scholar and it is clear to see that his hard work and dedication is paying off and to win the Artist of the Month award is a great accolade."*

Marketing Manager, Paul Swalwell, added: *"We were delighted to see William claim the award. It is a fantastic opportunity to see his commitment rewarded in such a wonderful competition."*

To find out more about the ISA Artist of the Month award, visit the ISA Arts Twitter Page, <https://twitter.com/ISAartsUK>



**Thursday 20th June**

**2.00pm**

**St James' Church, Boroughbridge**

**Mike Collins**

**'The Trinity in Art'**

**Followed by tea & biscuits**

**Everyone welcome**

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## **Bible Study**

The new series will be looking at the opening 11 chapters of the Bible. The opening session is on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> June and the dates for July are Wednesdays, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.

All sessions begin at 7.30pm and are held in All Saints', Kirby Hill.

Returning and new people are always welcome.

## **What's a Prayer Walk?**

Well, it's pretty much what it says on the tin: walking and praying. The idea is to walk through part of the parish stopping at various locations asking God's blessing on those who live; learn; socialise or work there. We'll be starting out from **Kirby Hill Church at 2.00pm on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** and our first stop will be outside the school. From there we'll turn into St John's Walk praying for those who live there, those working on the new development and those who will be moving in there. After that we walk down Leeming Lane stopping at Listers' Farm Shop before heading down to The Grantham Arms for a prayer. Crossing over the road we pause at the weir before heading back up the hill. Hopefully we will be visible and if you would like to join us or ask for a prayer when we're on 'your patch' you'd be very welcome.

## **Our churches: here for everyone**

The great thing about the Church of England is it's there for everyone who lives in the parish. Of course our 'core activity' is worship on a Sunday, but we have other smaller services on weekdays; we offer Bible study, films and opportunities to ask questions about the Christian faith. We are delighted when members of our communities come to their local church for significant life events: Baptisms; thanksgivings for a birth; weddings and blessings or re-making of vows; funerals and services of thanksgiving. In our churches we pray for those in our local community regardless of whether they come to church. Our churches have always been places where people come together to celebrate Harvest, Christmas, Easter and other special occasions.

During the summer months Kirby Hill church will be open during daylight hours for people to come in, sit quietly, pray, or just appreciate the beauty of this ancient building where prayers have been offered for almost a thousand years.

If you'd like to know more about our churches or the Christian faith please get in touch with Revd Alison or one of the churchwardens.

## Diary Dates

Jun	2	2.00	Prayer Walk beginning from All Saints', Kirby Hill
	4	10.00	Time and Space in All Saints', Kirby Hill
		7.00	Deanery Synod, Pateley Bridge
		7.30	Kirby Hill WI
	8	10.00	Churchyard clear-up at All Saints, Kirby Hill
	11	7.00	Prayer Group at The Vicarage
		7.30	Skelton WI
25	7.00	Prayer Group at The Vicarage	
26	11.00	Archdeacon Jonathan to visit All Saints', Kirby Hill	
	7.30	Opening session Bible Study series at All Saints', Kirby Hill	
Jul	2	10.00	Time and Space in All Saints', Kirby Hill
		7.30	Kirby Hill WI
	3	7.30	Bible Study at All Saints', Kirby Hill
	9	7.30	Skelton WI
	10	7.30	Bible Study at All Saints', Kirby Hill



## From the Registers

### Baptism

May 11 Poppy Jemima Rose May at Christ the Consoler

### Burial of Ashes

April 10 John Gray at Kirby Hill

### Cremation

April 18 James (Jim) Styan at Stonefall

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## SERVICES

Date Sunday	2 Jun Easter 7	9 Jun Pentecost	16 Jun Trinity	23 Jun Trin 1	30 Jun Trin 2	7 Jul Trin 3	14 Jul Trin 4
<b>CUNDALL</b>		11.00 CW 2					11.00 CW 2
<b>KIRBY HILL</b>	11.00 IC 1	9.30 CW 1 11.00 Activ8	11.00 CW1	11.00 CW1 and Baptism	8.00 CW2 <b>10.30 Service on Church Green see p1</b>	11.00 IC 1	9.30 CW 1 11.00 Activ8
<b>SKELTON</b>	9.30 CW 1		9.30 CW1	9.30 AAW		9.30 CW 1	

### 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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