

Beyond

The Pews

March 2019

Mothering Sunday

**All Saints' Church
Kirby Hill**

**31st March
10.30am**



**Come and join us for an
informal family friendly
Communion Service**

Floral gifts

Followed by refreshments

This is the only service in the Benefice on this day

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Science and God

The night was cold and the stars were bright. Star. There was Orion with his belt and sword. Turn around for the Plough and its pointers to the Pole Star. And all that just a fraction of this universe, let alone universes beyond ours.

Amazing television programmes have extended our minds to what is out there. Science more and more is opening up new worlds, not just in the skies. Not long ago, aware of our lack of knowledge, people would ascribe things that were still mysteries to God. So God became "The God of the gaps", filling in what we did not know. As more and more was discovered, so God shrank. Gradually, as scientific knowledge increased, God would be squeezed out.

Some think that has already happened. But that is to misunderstand both science and religion. They are not in conflict. They answer different questions. To ponder how it works, look to science. To know why, turn to God. The immensity of the universe speaks of a great God beyond our imagining. God is the "why" of things.

The Bible begins with two differing accounts of creation. They are not scientific accounts of how the World was made. If we wish to know that, we must go to science. What they do say is that this is God's world, created by him in all its immensity.

Yet amid all this wonder, the great God was born in Jesus and came down to our human level. The great God of the universes is not aloof in sovereign state but very near. That is, as a hymn says, "A great and mighty wonder". A Muslim mystic, praying to God, said "You are nearer than the vein in my neck". An old hymn puts it like this:

"Out beyond the shining of the farthest star,
Thou art ever stretching, infinitely far.
Yet the hearts of children own what worlds cannot
And the God of wonders loves the lowly spot."

We are on the brink of the season of Lent. Whatever else we resolve to do in Lent, perhaps we could spend two minutes contemplating a different wonder each day.

+Clive

What's On

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.

**Friends of All Saints' Church
Easter Coffee Morning**

All Saints Church, Kirby Hill

**Saturday, April 13th
10.00am - 12.00noon**

**Cake stall, raffle,
children's egg hunt**

**Entrance £1.50
includes coffee and biscuits**

Community Lunch

**Wednesday
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**

**Northallerton Woodwind
10th Anniversary
Spring Concert**

All Saints Church, Kirby Hill

**Saturday, April 27th
7.30 pm**

in aid of church funds

**Tickets £7.50 available soon
Includes interval glass of wine**

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.

Songs of Praise

Songs of praise and dedication of the new floodlights at Helen's Skelton, Sunday 10th March at 6.00pm; everyone welcome. The short service will be followed by refreshments.



Kirby Hill Guides

It has been quite a busy year at Kirby Hill Guides this year with girls heading off to Canada, working on their Baden Powell Challenge and the launch of a new Girlguiding programme, a dance competition and many outdoor activities were also enjoyed by all.

In August 2018, 3 girls headed off to Canada to spend time and camp with Canadian girl guides.

“ When we were in Alogonquin we had to canoe to our island to camp for the next three nights, to get to our island we also had to portage which means carrying our canoes over our heads and go back and collect our bags over rocks and dams. It was fun but also quite scary.

On the last day of our stay at Alongquin we saw a black bear eat the tree, a moose drink some water and a snapping turtle whilst we were pumping water from the lake. This is very rare as even the Canadian leaders and guides said they never see bears, moose or even turtles at Alongquin.”

2 girls have completed their Baden Powell Challenge this year. It is a series of 10 challenges ending with an adventure, they chose a water-based adventure this year, spending a day canoeing, sailing, kayaking and making a raft. After a night of camping by the lake side, they assisted the instructors and helped the Brownies enjoy a day of bellboating, canoeing and sailing. Congratulations to Evie and Eleanor.

They will be a few of the last Guides to be awarded the Baden Powell as a new and exciting programme has been introduced to the girls. A 21st century programme has been introduced, feeding up through Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers. At each stage they have opportunities to complete challenges known as skill builders, interest badges and a Gold award through a series of themes. In Guides, badges include mixology, vlogging, upcycling and whittling to name a few. The girls have embraced the new programme and it will be fully up and running in September 2019.

One important change has happened at Kirby Hill Guides this year, after 36 years of being fully involved with the unit, Hilary has decided the time has come to retire. Hilary set up Kirby Hill Guides in September 1982 with her friend Cindy Taylor. The number of girls had increased in Boroughbridge so Kirby Hill was opened to relieve the pressure. It has been a successful unit ever since! Hilary had been hoping to sneak off quietly but the District surprised her in November with a presentation and in January Guides past and present wished Hilary well. Kirby Hill Guides will continue with Hilary's daughter Naomi running the unit alongside Cindy's granddaughter Amylea. We will be making sure Hilary will return at regular intervals. No doubt many ex Guides (including me) still living in the area have fond memories of Hilary and her antics over the last 36 years. We all say thank you and enjoy your relaxing Tuesday evenings.

If anyone is interested in Guides (or Rainbow, Brownies and Rangers) then please get in touch.

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Thursday 21 March

2.00pm

Coronation Hall

**'All Saints Embroidered
Wall Hangings'**

A talk by Barbara Matthews

Everyone welcome

Followed by tea & biscuits

'All Saints Girls'

..... a MU initiative

Thursday 28 March

7.00 - 9.00pm

All Saints' Church, Kirby Hill

Meet old & new friends

Refreshments

Everyone welcome

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What's On in Lent

Lent Appeal

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.

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

10.00am 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'.

Lent Bible Study Starts 6th March

Wednesdays during Lent 7.30pm All Saints Church.

You are all invited to join the group which will be studying Paul's First Epistle to the Thessalonians and his Epistle to Titus. We'll meet for an hour, followed by refreshments for those who wish to stay on for a further half hour. John H

Lent Lunch 12th March

12.00 - 2.00pm All Saints' Church.

Compline from 12th March

Every Tuesday evening during Lent 7.00pm All Saints' Church.

Mothering Sunday

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Easter Coffee Morning 13th April 10.00am

Organised by the Friends of All Saints' Church - see p3 for more information.

Maundy Thursday, 18th April 7.00pm

Sung Holy Communion at St Mary's Church, Cundall with the Benefice choir and Boroughbridge Parish Choir.

Good Friday 19th April Walk of Witness

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

Responding to Flooding in Milby

The Milby flooding sub-team works in conjunction with the Boroughbridge Emergency Committee and Harrogate BC when river flooding is imminent. There are three of us in the team: Martin Rae, Jane Newby and I. We could do with a fourth member, ideally someone living in Milby. To find out what is entailed, please contact me, John Helliwell, on 01423 320731. Thank you.

Diary Dates

Mar	5	10.00	Time and Space at All Saints' Church, Kirby Hill - see p3
		3.30	Pancake Party at All Saints' Church, Kirby Hill - see p3
		7.30	Kirby Hill WI
	6	7.30	Lent Bible Study at All Saints' Church, Kirby Hill
	12	12.00	Lent Lunch at All Saints' Church, Kirby Hill - see p6
		6.45	Kirby Hill PCC at the vicarage
		7.00	Compline at All Saints' Church, Kirby Hill
		7.30	Skelton WI
	13	7.30	Lent Bible Study at All Saints' Church, Kirby Hill
	16	10.00	Kirby Hill Churchyard clear-up
	19	7.00	Compline at All Saints' Church, Kirby Hill
	20	12.00	Community Lunch at the Fox & Hounds, Langthorpe
		7.30	Lent Bible Study at All Saints' Church, Kirby Hill
	21	2.00	Mothers' Union at Coronation Hall
	26	7.00	Compline at All Saints' Church, Kirby Hill
	27	7.30	Lent Bible Study at All Saints' Church, Kirby Hill
	28	7.00	All Saints' Girls at All Saints' Church, Kirby Hill



From the Registers

Cremation

Jan 28 Shirley Barnes at Stonefall

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SERVICES

Date Sunday	3 Mar Sun before Lent	10 Mar Lent 1	17 Mar Lent 2	24 Mar Lent 3	31 Mar Mothering Sunday
CUNDALL		11.00 CW2		9.30 MP	
KIRBY HILL	11.00 IC	9.30 CW1 11.00 Activ8	11.00 AAW	11.00 CW1	10.30 United Benefice Family Communion
SKELTON	9.30 CW1	6.00 see p3	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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