

# Beyond

The Pews

April 2020

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



## Easter Day

6.15am Service of light with the lighting of the Easter Fire followed by bacon butties at All Saints', Kirby Hill

9.30am Family Communion at St Helen's, Skelton

11.00am Holy Communion at All Saints', Kirby Hill

**We are delighted that Bishop Helen-Ann our Area Bishop will be leading the service.**

Do come and join us for what promises to be a very special and joyful service.

There will be refreshments afterwards.

There will be Easter eggs for children at all of our services on Easter Day.

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## **Looking for light at the end of the tunnel.....**

Dear Friends,

As I sit down to write this the coronavirus outbreak has just been declared a pandemic. Every day we are hearing of more cases, more deaths and more cities being put into isolation. The scenes from Italy, of a whole country locked down, are hard to take on board; it's more like a horror movie than reality. Of course, people are concerned and we know we may well have to change our own way of life soon, at least for a while. We all long for light at the end of the tunnel; a sign of hope, a good news story. Easter is just that: light at the end of the tunnel, a good news story for all people for all time.

Jesus, an innocent man, the only perfect man who has ever lived, had been crucified, left to die as a criminal and his body had been placed in a tomb. For those who believed in him the light had been extinguished and their source of hope had been done away with. He was dead and they were desolate.

None of them expected what happened next. Three days after his death God raised him to life and for forty days he met with his followers, talked with them, ate with them; they were convinced beyond all doubt that he was alive, raised from the dead. Christians believe this same Jesus is still alive and that he offers the gift of resurrection life to those who believe in him and want to be with him eternally. His resurrection shows that love is more powerful than hatred; light eventually overcomes darkness and God's life is stronger than death. Jesus' resurrection helps us to believe that even the darkest hour can be transformed; that there is hope even when it's easy to fall into hopelessness.

Of course, those caught up in the worst of the coronavirus outbreak cannot see Easter yet, they are stuck in the darkness and despair of their own Good Friday. In our churches we are praying for them that they may receive the help, strength and hope that they need.

During this difficult time and with the other challenges we face both as communities and as individuals, may we catch a glimpse of the good news of Easter, of hope, resurrection and the triumph of good over evil and of God's unquenchable love for us.

With my love and prayers,  
Alison.

Because of the nature of this letter it may well be out of date by the time you read it.

# What's On

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

***All Saints Church, Kirby Hill***

***Saturday, April 4th  
10.00am - 12.00noon***

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

***Entrance £1.50  
includes coffee and biscuits***

## ***Community Lunch***

***22 April  
12.00 -2.00***

### ***The Grantham Arms***

***Why dine alone when you could  
be at The Community Lunch?  
Good food; good company;  
good value***

***This is an event for any local  
residents and friends  
Menus are available from  
All Saints Church and The GA.***

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## **Informal Lent Course**

Wednesday April 8<sup>th</sup> 2.30 - 3.30 the last session of the in Kirby Hill church

## **Prayer Group**

Tuesdays April 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 7.00 at the vicarage. If you have anyone or anything that you would like to be remembered in prayer please tell Revd Alison, Jeni Widdows or put a note through the vicarage door.

## **Church Annual meetings**

Skelton: Monday April 6<sup>th</sup>, 6.00 pm in St Helen's church

Cundall Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup>, 7.00 pm at Lilac Cottage, Norton Le Clay

Kirby Hill Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup>, 6.00 pm in All Saints' church

## **Pilgrim Course on The Lord's Prayer**

Have you ever wondered what the Lord's Prayer means or how it is relevant today? Then come along to Kirby Hill church at 7.00pm on Wednesday evenings beginning on 22<sup>nd</sup> April for an enjoyable one-hour session.

## **VE Day Weekend**

8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> May As there are so many high-profile events being organised in Boroughbridge we encourage people to support them: there will be no events organised by the churches in our villages.

## **Coronavirus**

Due to the ongoing situation, it is possible that some of the events advertised in this magazine may be cancelled. Please check with the individual event organisers.

One of the strengths of our WI is the friendships forged across the wide age range of members within it. We welcome all women, regardless of their background, sexuality, ethnicity, religious or political beliefs to join us. Our monthly WI meetings are held in a room at ground floor level which is wheelchair accessible. We are active in the community supporting the welfare of our members and others.

At each monthly meeting, there is a speaker or an activity plus the chance to catch up with other members over a cup of tea and a biscuit.

Outside of the monthly WI meeting we have a Book Club, Dining Out get togethers, Coffee Mornings for a chat, Craft activities, Pudding Club, Theatre Visits and a monthly Walking Group and we welcome members' suggestions for further activities. All of these are very informal and friendly.

Our WI is also part of the North Yorkshire West Federation region, which arranges additional opportunities to attend events, extend skills and knowledge in a variety of activities. Kirby Hill WI were runners up at last year's Federation WI Great Yorkshire Show Competition and were also successful in winning the annual Federation Quiz. The Federation also runs a Rock Choir which members can join.

Information about our WI is available on our website, [kirbyhillwi.org.uk](http://kirbyhillwi.org.uk), on Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest.

Open the doors of Coronation Hall, Milby in the 15 or so minutes before our monthly meetings start and you will hear up to 40 women having a chat, catching up, welcoming new faces and speculating on what the meeting will bring. Look out locally for our information posters.

Come along to a meeting as a visitor and see for yourself. We meet at the Coronation Hall, Old Station Yard, Milby Lane, Milby on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. If the thought of walking into a room where you don't know anyone is uncomfortable, please do call Jean Morris on 01423 324178, and one of us will be waiting to welcome you.



**Thursday 16th April 2.00pm**  
**St James' Church**  
**Boroughbridge**  
**Oberammergau**

A talk on the once every 10 years passion play by  
Barbara Vaughan from Wetherby MU  
Everyone welcome, Refreshments  
For more information contact  
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## **Christian Aid Week 10<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> May**

Can you help us to help some of the world's poorest people and tackle climate change?

We are looking for volunteers to do some door to door collecting during the week, or to collect in Morrisons on either Monday 10<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May. We are holding a sponsored / give a donation walk on the afternoon of Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May.

There will be an afternoon Tea for Christian Aid at The Grantham Arms during the week- tickets from Kirby Hill church or The Grantham Arms. If you can help in any of the above or would like more information, please contact Revd Alison.

## **Rogation Service, Church on a Farm**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 10.30 at Manor Farm Kirby Hill by kind invitation of Richard and Margaret Wilkinson.**

Do come and join us at this popular, annual service as we ask God's blessing on the land, seeds, livestock and the local farming community. Let's show them our support after the dreadful weather they've had to deal with in recent weeks when many crops have been destroyed. The collection will be for Farm Community Network helping farmers and farmworkers in difficult circumstances.

## **Services for Holy Week and Easter 5th to 12th April**

### **The most important week in the church's year**

#### **Palm Sunday**

- 9.30am Holy Communion at St Helen's, Skelton
- 10.50am Procession from outside Kirby Hill School
- 11.00am Holy Communion at All Saints', Kirby Hill

#### **Monday**

- 9.00am Morning Prayer at All Saints', Kirby Hill
- 9.30am Holy Communion at All Saints', Kirby Hill
- 5.30pm Evening Prayer followed by the Annual Meeting at St Helen's, Skelton

#### **Tuesday**

- 9.00am Morning Prayer at All Saints', Kirby Hill
- 9.30am Holy Communion at All Saints', Kirby Hill
- 5.30pm Evening Prayer at St Helen's, Skelton
- 7.00pm Compline at All Saints', Kirby Hill

#### **Wed.**

- 9.00am Morning Prayer at All Saints', Kirby Hill
- 10.00am Holy Communion at All Saints', Kirby Hill
- 5.30pm Evening prayer at St Helen's, Skelton

#### **Maundy Thursday**

- 9.00am Morning Prayer at All Saints', Kirby Hill
- 7.00pm Sung Holy Communion with the Benefice Choir at St Mary's, Cundall

#### **Good Friday**

- 9.45am Walk of Witness  
Begins outside All Saints' Church, Kirby Hill  
arriving at St James' Boroughbridge at 11.00am
- 2.00pm The Last Hour – a service of readings, hymns and meditations at All Saints', Kirby Hill

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- 11.00am Holy Communion with Bishop Helen-Ann at All Saints', Kirby Hill  
There will be no service at Cundall on this day

There will be Easter eggs for children at all of our services on Easter Day

## Diary Dates

Apr	4	10.00am	Easter Coffee Morning - see p3
	7	7.30pm	Kirby Hill WI Upper Wharfedale Fell Rescue Association - Howard Driver
	14	7.30pm	Prayer Group at the vicarage
		7.30pm	Skelton WI
	16	2.00pm	Mothers' Union at Coronation Hall - see p5
	19	11.00am	<b>There is no service at All Saints', Kirby Hill</b> The congregation is invited to attend the service at Cundall
	22	12.00nn	Community Lunch at the Grantham Arms - see p3
	28	7.30pm	Prayer Group at the vicarage
	29	10.45am	<b>NB The Wednesday Morning Communion Service will be at St James', Boroughbridge</b>



## Advance Notices

### First Steps 2 School- Peru

Quiz at Coronation Hall Saturday 2nd May 7.00pm

More information to follow nearer the time.

### Community Coffee morning

All Saints' Church, Kirby Hill 19th May

in aid of Mothers' Union

### Cow Shed Hog Roast with Swing Band

Saturday 4th July at Clive & Heather Swiers, Beck Farm, Cundall

in aid of St Mary's Church, Cundall

### Friends of All Saints Church

Afternoon Tea at Hawthorn Lodge Saturday July 11th

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# SERVICES

Date Sunday	5 Apr Palm Sunday	12 Apr Easter	19 Apr Easter 2	26 Apr Easter 3	3 May Easter 4
<b>CUNDALL</b>			11.00 CW2	9.30 MP	
<b>KIRBY HILL</b>	11.00 CW1	6.15 Service of Light 11.00 CW1	No Service	11.00 CW1	11.00 CW1
<b>SKELTON</b>	9.30 CW1	9.30 Family Communion	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 people and parents. On the 4th Sundays of the month, at Kirby Hill, children's activities are available during the service.

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