

Beyond

The Pews

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From Alison

Dear friends,

When I was a child, Christmas Day always followed the same pattern. Before breakfast we could open the small presents in our pillowcases (a tangerine, sugar mouse, wooden puzzle and paperback book); and after breakfast it was straight to church. Then followed Christmas lunch and The Queen's Speech; only then were we allowed to open our main presents.

All day long I wondered and anticipated what was in those four presents, longing for the time when I'd be allowed to open them. I'd look at them, pick them up, see if they rattled and how heavy they were, and try to guess which was the best present, because that was the one I always saved until last. As I grew older I learned that biggest didn't always mean best.

On the first Christmas, after much waiting and longing, God gave men and women the most generous and amazing present ever. Not money, not possessions, nothing large or outwardly impressive, but a baby: a tiny, vulnerable baby who was entirely dependent on other people; a baby who needed to be loved and cared for. That baby, born in Bethlehem, was none other than God himself: the gift God gave was nothing less than Himself; God with us, Immanuel.

May we welcome Him afresh this Christmas in our hearts and our homes, and may we care for Him through caring for others.

Do come and share in some of services events as we celebrate this wonderful season.

With my love and all good wishes for a very Happy Christmas,
Alison.

Wednesday Communion

On Wednesdays 16th December and 20th January there will be no 10.00 service at Kirby Hill; we are going to Boroughbridge for their **10.45** service.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who attended the Wine Tasting and Quiz on 11 November. Just over £350 raised for St Helen' Church.

What's On



Friends of Kirby Hill Church Christmas Coffee Morning

**Saturday 5 December
10.00 to 12.00**

3 The Croft, Kirby Hill

**Raffle & Tombola prizes with
a Christmas theme always
welcome**



Panto Time

The Hightimers are performing their 30th pantomime this year, Aladdin, which was the first pantomime they ever performed. This is a professional script, written by David Swann and has all the elements of the traditional pantomime with bad jokes, audience participation, pantomime dame and the evil baddy. There are plenty of opportunities to boo the baddy, cheer the goody and sing along with the comedy duo.

Performances are on

**Thursday 26th, Friday 27th,
Saturday 28th November
at 7.30 pm,
with a matinee on
Saturday 28th at 2.30**

**Thursday 3rd, Friday 4th,
Saturday 5th December at 7.30 pm,
with a matinee on
Saturday 5th December at 2.30**

**Tickets (£7.50, £5.00 concessions) are available from
the Post Office or Treharnes Chemist Boroughbridge or
email hightimers30@gmail.com or phone 07976 957903.**

Christmas Events and Services

Dec	1	7.00	Compline, Kirby Hill church
	6	6.00	Sacred Space for Advent (informal all age service) Kirby Hill church
	7	1.30	Carols and mince pies with 'Teamstar' Kirby Hill church
		6.00	Skelton Christingle in St Helen's and carol singing in the pub
	8	10.00	Cundall Manor Christingle in church
		12.00	Soup and Sandwich Lunch at the vicarage: donations to Christian projects in Palestine
		7.00	Compline and Prayer Group Kirby Hill church
	9	2.00	Skelton School Nativity in Christ the Consoler
		7.00	Skelton School Nativity in Christ the Consoler
		6.00	Kirby Hill Christingle in church
	11	7.30	Carol singing at The Black a Moor
	13	6.30	Community Carols, Coronation Hall
	14	1.00	Kirby Hill School End of Term service in church
		7.00	Cundall Manor Carol Service, Ripon cathedral
	15	9.15	Cundall Manor Pre Prep Christingle in church
		7.00	Compline Kirby Hill church
	18	6.30	Kirby Hill village carol singing; meet at the school gate
	20	8.00am	Holy Communion Kirby Hill
		9.30	Family Carols St Helen's Skelton
		11.00	Carol Service, Kirby Hill
		6.30	Carols by Candlelight at Cundall church
	22	7.00	Compline and Prayer Group, Kirby Hill church
	24	2.00	Acted Nativity, Kirby Hill church (ideal for families and young children)
		11.30pm	Midnight Mass, the first Communion of Christmas, Kirby Hill church
	25	8.00	Said Holy Communion, Kirby Hill
		9.30	Family Communion, Skelton
		11.00	Holy Communion, Cundall

*Do please join us at these events:
you will be most welcome*

With this issue of
Beyond the Pews
come
Greetings and Best Wishes
to you and yours for
Christmas and the New Year

with a very warm invitation to join us
at the special services which mark
our celebration of the

Birth of Christ

from

Alison Askew

the churchwardens in each of the parishes:

Deana Webb

Ruby Booker

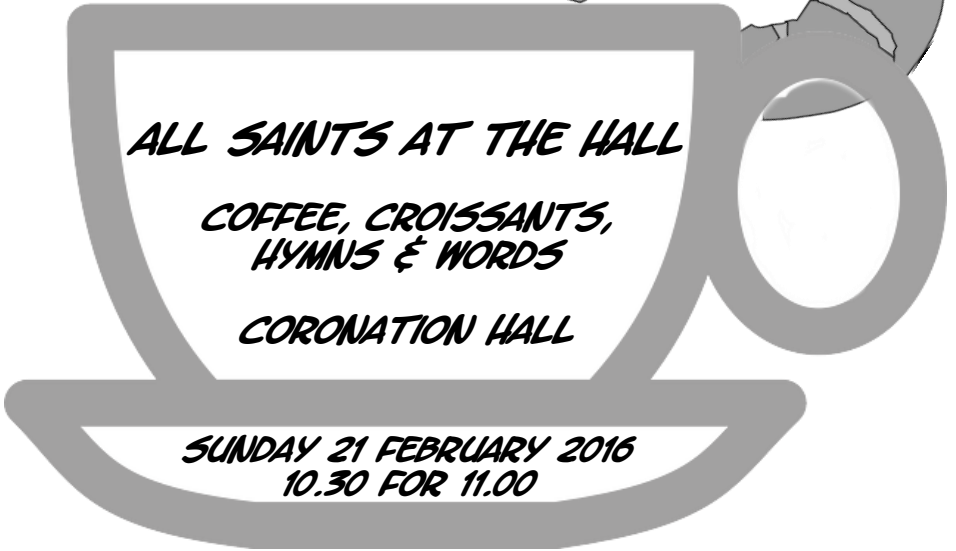
Rose Moulton

Sarah Tapley

Peter Greenwood

Rob Widdows

and all the members of the
church congregations in the parishes of
Cundall, Skelton, and Kirby Hill



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Diary Dates

Dec	1	7.00	Compline at Kirby Hill Church
		7.30	Kirby Hill WI
	7	1.30	Carols and mince pies with Teamstar children's choir at Kirby Hill Church – a free event for everyone
		6.00	Christingle at St Helen's, Skelton followed by carol singing in the Black Lion pub
	8	12.00	Soup and Sandwich Lunch at the Vicarage (12.00-2.00)
		7.00	Compline followed by Prayer Group at Kirby Hill Church
		7.30	Skelton WI
	9	6.00	Christingle at Kirby Hill Church
	13	6.30	Community Carols at Coronation Hall
	15	7.00	Compline at Kirby Hill Church
	16	10.45	Wednesday Communion at Boroughbridge - There is no service at 10.00 at Kirby Hill
	20	9.30	Family Carol Service at St Helen's, Skelton
		11.00	Carol Service at Kirby Hill Church
	6.30	Carols by Candlelight at Cundall Church	
27	10.30	United Benefice Communion at Cundall	
Jan	5	7.30	Kirby Hill WI
	10	3.30	Plough Sunday service, Ripon Cathedral
	12	7.00	Prayer Group at the vicarage
		7.30	Skelton WI
	20	10.45	Wednesday Communion at Boroughbridge - There is no service at 10.00 at Kirby Hill
26	7.00	Prayer Group at the vicarage	

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From the Registers

Funeral

Oct 29 Keith Hirst at Kirby Hill

Burial

Nov 4 Laurence (Lol) Willis at Cundall

Burial of Ashes

Nov 11 Phyllis Squire at Kirby Hill

SERVICES

See page 4 for all Christmas Services and events

Date Sunday	20 Dec Advent 4	27 Dec Christmas 1	3 Jan Epiphany	10 Jan Baptism of Christ	17 Jan Ep. 2	24 Jan Ep. 3	31 Jan Candlemas
CUNDALL	6.30pm Carols by Candlelight			11.00 CW 2		9.30 MP	
KIRBY HILL	8.00 CW 1 (said) 11.00 Carol Service		11.00 CW 1 6.00 SS	9.30 CW1 11.00 Activ8	11.00 FS	11.00 CW 1	10.30 United Benefice Communion
SKELTON	9.30 Family Carols	10.30 UBS	9.30 CW1		9.30 CW1	9.30 FS	

WEEKDAY SERVICES AT KIRBY HILL

Tuesday 9.00am MP (said)

Wednesday 10.00am CW2 (said)

CW 1 Holy Communion, Common Worship, order 1, Modern language

CW 2 Holy Communion, Common Worship, order 2, Traditional language

FS Family Service; **MP** Morning Prayer; **ES** Evensong,

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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