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Epiphany

Readers will be aware that we are now in the season of Epiphany which runs from January 6th until the start of Lent. Epiphany is one of those strange “churchy” words with two meanings: 1. the coming of the Magi (or “wise men” or kings) to see the infant Christ; 2. a sudden realisation or understanding of the nature or meaning of something.

Archimedes, an Ancient Greek, is said to have shouted “Eureka” when, on getting into a bath and displacing some of the water, he recognised an important scientific truth in connection with the volume of irregular objects. “Eureka” translates as “I have found it”; or, we might say, “Got it!”

The Apostle Paul had a similar experience on the road to Damascus: a kind of realisation that persecuting Christians wasn’t what he should be doing. It was life-changing for Paul and, ever since, if someone is said to have had a “road to Damascus experience”, that’s what it means: life changing.

Did you find your recent Christmas fairly “secular”? For example, was there more of Santa than Jesus Christ? Did few of the cards you received have anything to do with Christianity? We are becoming, increasingly, a secular society and it’s easy to leave God out of the equation and work on the assumption that he’s no longer there. Agnosticism is widespread in our culture; it’s a fact. Most of us have doubts and uncertainties about God and our relationship with him. The church, however, takes the view that it’s OK to have doubts and I suspect that God, however we conceive him, takes a similar view of things.

God is, above all things, a God of Surprises. Well, that’s true for me: he has been surprising me most of my life. I haven’t had a “Road to Damascus experience” or shouted “Eureka” when I suddenly grasped an essential truth about him. But he does continually, mainly in undramatic ways, provide muted revelations: “Epiphany” experiences.

A very great Christian writer, CS Lewis, wrote a book entitled “Surprised by Joy”. It’s about how he became a Christian. Later he wrote a series of wonderful stories about a place called Narnia, one of which is the well-known “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe”. There’s a scene in the first part of the story where some children are hiding in an enormous wardrobe and, somehow or another, having pushed aside a whole lot of fur coats, find themselves in a new world – Narnia.

Could this be a metaphor for one of the ways in which we come to understand, or perhaps re-understand, God? We’re in a dark place; there’s a bit of struggle; we press on; and suddenly newness breaks in and, ultimately, there’s joy.

Whether or not we shout “Eureka” and leap out of the bath, as Archimedes did, is altogether another matter!

John H.

What's On

**Shrove Tuesday
9 February
Pancake Parties**

**at
the Vicarage**

**4.00 to 5.30
children and families**

**7.00 to 8.30
adults**

**Friends of Kirby Hill Church
Easter Coffee Morning**

**Saturday 19 March
10.00 to 12.00**

3 The Croft, Kirby Hill

**Raffle & Tombola Children's
Egg Hunt**



The Boroughbridge branch of Mothers Union usually meets on the third Thursday of the month at 2.00pm in St James Parish Church. Check out the poster on the gate prior to meetings or contact Margaret on 325405 or margaret.crawford47@tiscali.co.uk

At our next meeting on 18th February our Speaker will be Canon Wendy Wilby from Ripon Cathedral who lives in the Windmill, a familiar sight to those who travel along the B6265 to Ripon. Canon Wendy says, "I was ordained Deacon at the Cathedral in 1990 and Priest in 1994, which of course was a special year for women throughout the CofE. After many years of ministering in different dioceses, I find myself retired and back in Yorkshire, so I couldn't be more delighted to have been installed as an Honorary Minor Canon in a Cathedral that I love. I look forward to contributing in any way I can, whilst also putting my feet up a little and enjoying my windmill garden!" Why not come along and hear what she has to say?



WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

**Friday 4th March 10am
St James Parish Church, Boroughbridge**

Women's World Day of Prayer is an international, ecumenical, prayer movement that invites women, from a different part of the world each year, to prepare a worship service through which their hopes and fears for their country may be brought before the whole world in prayer.

This year's service, which takes the theme 'Receive children, receive me' has been written by The Republic of Cuba. Why not come along, sample the service and maybe a piece of Cuban Mojito Cake too!!

WWDP website: www.wwdp.org.uk.



1st Boroughbridge Scout Group

Christmas Shopping night, Santa's Sleigh, Remembrance Parade, Plot to Plate, litter picking in Kirby Hill and treasure hunting in the High Street, the people around Boroughbridge can hardly miss the presence of Scouting in our area!

The members of the 1st Boroughbridge Scout Group, wearing their distinctive khaki and lemon neckers, come from all the villages around, including Kirby Hill, Skelton, Langthorpe, Minskip, Ouseburn, Staveley, Dishforth Airfield and Dishforth village, as well as the town itself. There are over 100 youth members, the Beavers being aged 6-8, the Cubs 8-10½ and the Scouts from 10½ - 13½. At the beginning of each term we welcome in new members, usually the boys and girls starting off in Beavers, but there are also a considerable number who decide to 'give it a try' at a later age - usually because their friends have been telling them about their latest activities. And as the oldest Scouts reach the age to move on to Explorer Scouts, meeting up with other teenagers who share a love for adventure, the outdoors and new experiences, several also decide to return as Young Leaders to pass on the fun they have themselves enjoyed. Having just said 'au revoir' to a particularly large group of 10 senior Scouts, several of whom are well known in Kirby Hill, each one is looking forward to new and widening horizons with the Ripon or Thirsk Explorer Units.

2015 saw the introduction of a new national programme to guide and steer the adults and youngsters in planning the activities they wish to do, under the encompassing ethos of the Scout Movement. Outdoor activities figure largely, whether camping, hiking, navigating or enjoying water activities such as kayaking or bell boating. But developing individual's own characters through service to others and learning how to look after themselves both physically and mentally are also important areas within Scouting.

2016 sees the centenary of the Cub Scout section and there will be national events to celebrate. Boroughbridge also has its own special anniversary - 40 years since the present day Pack was formed. As many members as possible from that first Pack have been traced to help the current members share a special evening together!

A brilliant team of 20 or so Leaders give their time and expertise as a regular commitment and then many other adults are willing to pass on particular skills to help the young folks; our oldest Scouts have just gained their Mechanics Badge thanks to the help of David and Linda at Boroughbridge Auto Services. Tuesday Cubs have found out about overcoming sight loss thanks to Jenni and Wendy has again led Cubs in amazing craft activities at which she is so talented. Perhaps you could share your interests with local children? All offers are welcomed and can bring a new dimension to their experiences helping them develop into the citizens of tomorrow.

And, of course, we always welcome anyone who would like to join this worldwide organisation. Our Group Scout Leader, Mike Collins, ensures all the children on our waiting lists are able to start at the earliest opportunity so it is a good idea to put their details on the list from as early an age as possible - a bit like enrolling for Eton! Contact him on 01423 - 322458 or mike_anne_collins@hotmail.com if you know any young people, boys or girls, who would like to join The Adventure.

A Huge Thank You

Thanks to everyone filling their “tubes” and generous donations we have raised £9222 so far. The total cost will be £30,000 which includes new seating, flooring and refurbishment of the North Aisle as well as the toilet itself.

We are applying for grants but please carry on the good work of filling the tubes. If anyone is without a tube please contact Alison, one of the church wardens or your Beyond the Pews “postie”.

Thank you

The Toilet Committee



Get Your Kids Active at Boroughbridge Library

Active Kids Fair in the Jubilee Room, 2 – 5pm on Friday 19th February 2016.

Kirby Hill Church’s Activ8 club is taking part in the event which will host a variety of clubs and organisations including sports, karate, dance classes and scouts. There will be displays and demonstrations and a chance for children to find out how to join in the activities that interest them most. Entrance is free. Refreshments will be available. www.northyorks.gov.uk/libraries

Kirby Hill C of E Primary School Nursery



Places are available at our nursery for children in the term of their third birthday (£13.50 per morning) or from the term after their third birthday (funded).

We offer breakfast club, afternoon sessions and after school club for funded children. For further information call 01423 322713.

TIME FOR A SPIRITUAL SPA OR DETOX?

Ash Wednesday (10th February) sees the start of Lent, a six-week period leading up to Easter.

Traditionally Christians have used it as a time of fasting, or at least giving up something they enjoy and giving money to charities or good causes. It is also used as a time for self-examination; looking at the way we live our lives, our priorities, and perhaps changing them. Many use the time for really appreciating so much in life that we normally take for granted and assume everyone else enjoys (food, healthcare, freedom, education etc.). Many Christians use the six weeks of Lent to spend more time in prayer, learning about their faith, and doing more to help others both locally and further afield.

Lent can be a time of real growth and refreshment. To help Lent be a special time we have extra events at our churches and would love to welcome you to them.

Tuesdays 7.00 Compline (a short, ancient, and very beautiful service) Kirby Hill church.

Wednesdays 7.00 – 8.00 Study/ Discussion Group at the vicarage on 'The Joy of the Gospel'.

Lent Lunches: Soup and Sandwiches, no charge, but donations to our Lent Projects welcome. Tuesday 16th February; Wednesday 2nd March and Monday 14th March all at 12.00 – 2.00

Mothering Sunday (half way through Lent) special services for families (with flowers for Mums) 9.30 at Skelton and 11.00 at Kirby Hill.

Palm Sunday, 20th March 11.00 Procession with Palms and horse/ donkey from the war memorial Kirby Hill.

Next month, details of events and services for Holy week and Easter.

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Diary Dates

Jan	31	10.30	UBS Family Communion for Candlemas, Kirby Hill
Feb	2	7.30	Kirby Hill WI
	7	6.00	Sacred Space "How might we use Lent?"
	9		Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Parties (see page 3)
		7.30	Skelton WI
	10	10.00	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion with imposition of ashes
	16	12.00	Lent Lunch at the Vicarage (donations welcome)
		7.00	Compline at Kirby Hill Church
	17	10.45	Holy Communion at Boroughbridge (no Kirby Hill service)
		7.00	Lent Group at the Vicarage
	21	11.00	All Saints at the Hall (see front page)
	23	7.00	Compline in Kirby Hill Church followed by Prayer Group
	24	7.00	Lent Group at the Vicarage
Mar	1	7.00	Compline at Kirby Hill Church
	2	12.00	Lent Lunch at the Vicarage
		7.00	Lent Group at the Vicarage
		7.30	Kirby Hill WI
	4	10.00	Women's World Day of Prayer at St James' Boroughbridge
	6		Mothering Sunday (special services for families, with flowers)
		9.30	Skelton
		11.00	Kirby Hill
	8	7.00	Compline at Kirby Hill church followed by Prayer Group
	9	7.00	Lent Group at the Vicarage
		7.30	Skelton WI

Details of services for Holy Week and Easter next month

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

Nov	29	Austin Thomas Downes	at Kirby Hill
Dec	5	Max James Gajczak	at Kirby Hill
	6	Evangeline Alice Gill Wardle	at Kirby Hill
	13	Henrietta Jane Hardy	at Cundall

Burial of Ashes

Nov	27	Betty Coyle	at Kirby Hill
Dec	1	Elsie Wensley	at Kirby Hill

Funeral

Nov	30	Derek Styan	at Kirby Hill
Jan	7	Ronald Dodsworth	at Kirby Hill

Cremation

Nov	17	Kathleen Hutchinson	at Stonefall
Dec	29	Vera Willis	at Stonefall

SERVICES

Date Sunday	7 Feb Sun before Lent	14 Feb Lent 1	21 Feb Lent 2	28 Feb Lent 3	6 March Mothering Sunday
CUNDALL		11.00 CW2			
KIRBY HILL	11.00 CW 1 6.00 SS	9.30 CW1 11.00 Activ8	11.00 All Saints at the hall see front page	11.00 CW 1	11.00 Family Communion 6.00 SS
SKELTON	9.30 CW1		9.30 CW1	9.30 FS	9.30 Family Communion

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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