

# **Beyond**

**The Pews**

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

## **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**

and the churchwardens in each of the parishes:

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Sarah Tapley  
Tom Robinson  
Rob Widdows

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

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## All I Want for Christmas

Dear Friends,

The shops are displaying all their alluring Christmas goodies and the advertisers are busy telling us of the seasonal 'must haves', the things we can't manage without and that every child is expecting.

When I was a child, we got things we needed for Christmas plus one fairly modest gift we really wanted, like an item of clothing or a game. In today's society we tend to expect expensive things that we don't really need simply so we can keep up with others- the latest mobile phone; new gadgets that we'll probably only use a couple of times; more jewellery when we don't even wear what we've got; designer clothes.....I often wish there was a way of turning back the clock so we got less and truly appreciated the things we did get, but that's probably a sign of getting old.

If I could have any presents I wanted this Christmas I would ask for a world where no-one was hungry, homeless or a refugee; where no-one was a victim of war; terrorist attacks; oppression or injustice – a world in which all people lived together in harmony and mutual respect.

The giving and receiving of cards and presents is wonderful; it fills us with joy as we share good food and drink with family and friends; it is lovely seeing Christmas lights and decorated trees, all these things make us feel good and happy and add to our celebrations.

Joy and giving are at the heart of Christmas, for God wanted to bring real, lasting joy to the world, not by giving a showy present, not by giving lots of money, but by giving Himself. The creator chose to be born among us as a baby born in a stable. He came because He loves us, because He wants to share in our lives, because He wants us to know that whatever is going on in our lives He is there standing beside us. God gives us more than baubles and lights on a tree; He gives us His light to guide us and show us how to live, how to make the world a better place for everyone; His light gives us the joy that will remain long after this year's 'must have' gifts have been relegated to the pile on its way to the charity shop.

Christmas celebrates the day God was born as a baby in Jesus, but it also celebrates the fact that each and every day God comes to us in humility and wants us to make room, space and time for Him in our lives and in our world. How different the world would be if we welcomed the baby born at Bethlehem who is the Creator, living amongst us.

With my love, prayers and best wishes for a very  
Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year,  
Alison.

# What's On

**Skelton Newby Hall School**

## **Christmas Fair**

**Sunday 3rd December  
11am - 3pm**

**Stalls, raffle, refreshments  
and Santa!  
Please come along  
all welcome**

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**From January 2018  
Jigsaw Club**

**will meet on the FIRST and THIRD  
Thursdays each month at 2 p.m.**

**Jubilee Room above  
Boroughbridge Library.  
Cost is £1 per session.**

**For further details contact Dorothy  
Griffin on 01423 341982 or email  
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**Wise men visiting  
at  
The Fox and Hounds  
Langthorpe**

**Join them on  
Sunday  
January 7th 2018  
at 11am  
for**

**All Saints at the Fox**

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## **Community Lunch**

**The Fox and Hounds**

**Wednesday 17 January  
12.00 -2.00**

**2 course hot buffet £7.95**

**Please let the pub know if you are  
going; this is an event open to  
anyone.**

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## **A Special Messy Christmas Activ8**

for all school age children from 5 years old

**Coronation Hall on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 3.45pm.**

There will be Crafts and Activities followed by tea at 5.15pm.  
We will also be practising an entertainment for the evening's annual  
**'Carols at Coronation Hall'**

We hope parents will come and join us from 5.15pm for tea,  
and stay for 'Carols at Coronation Hall' at 6pm

**Booking will be essential for this special event**

To book a place please ring Jeni on 01423 323390  
Please note the different venue and time this month

## Christmas Events and Services

Dec	4	7.00pm	Compline, All Saints Church, Kirby Hill
	5	2.00pm	Advent Group at the vicarage
	6	12.30pm	Community Christmas Lunch, The Fox and Hounds, Langthorpe. Pre-booking is necessary
	8	2.00pm	Kirby Hill WI Carol Service, All Saints Church, Kirby Hill
	10	9.30am	Holy Communion, All Saints Church, Kirby Hill
		11.00am	Holy Communion, St Mary's Church, Cundall
		<b>3.45pm</b>	<b>Messy Christmas in Coronation Hall followed by</b>
		<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Community Carols in Coronation Hall</b>
	11	9.30am	Cundall Manor Pre-Prep Christingle St Mary's Church, Cundall
		<b>1.00pm</b>	<b>Carols with 'Teamstar' and mince pies All Saints Church, Kirby Hill</b>
		<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Christingle, St Helen's Church, Skelton followed by carol singing in the pub</b>
		7.00pm	Compline, All Saints Church, Kirby Hill
	12	2.00pm	Advent Group at the vicarage
		7.00pm	Cundall Manor Carol Service, Ripon cathedral
	17	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Family Carol Service, St Helen's Church, Skelton</b>
		<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Carol Service, All Saints Church, Kirby Hill</b>
		<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Carols by Candlelight, St Mary's Church, Cundall</b>
	18	7.00pm	Compline, All Saints Church, Kirby Hill
	19	2.00pm	Advent Group at the vicarage
		<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Village Carol Singing for charity in Kirby Hill meet at the school gates</b>
	<b>20</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Christingle, All Saints Church, Kirby Hill</b>
	<b>23</b>	<b>8.00pm</b>	<b>Carol Singing for charity at the Fox and Hounds</b>
	24		<b>Christmas Eve</b>
		9.30am	Family Service, St Helen's Church, Skelton
		11.00am	Holy Communion, All Saints Church, Kirby Hill
		3.00pm	Acted Nativity, great fun for all the family All Saints Church, Kirby Hill
		11.30pm	Midnight Mass, All Saints Church, Kirby Hill
	25		<b>Christmas Day</b>
		8.00am	Said Holy Communion All Saints Church, Kirby Hill
		9.30am	Family Communion, St Helen's Church, Skelton
		11.00am	Holy Communion, St Mary's Church, Cundall

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

**All Saints Church**  
*warmly welcomes you to a*

**Community  
Christmas Lunch**

*Fox and Hounds, Langthorpe*

**Wednesday 6th December 2017**

*at 12.00 (eating at 12.30pm)*

*£11.95 two courses*

*£14.95 three courses.*

***Full menu and booking form from Jeni on 01423 323390.***

***Please book your place before December 1st to  
Rev Alison or Jeni/ Rob  
or telephone direct to the  
Fox and Hounds.***

## **Blessing and Dedication**

In the context of the 11.00 service at Kirby Hill on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, Advent Sunday, Bishop Clive will bless the new toilet and re-ordered north aisle before they are put to use. We are deeply grateful to all who helped pay for this work which will make the church building much more useful to the wider community.

## **Parish Party**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January:** Epiphany 6.00pm Holy Communion in Kirby Hill church followed by parish party. We particularly invite those who have contributed to the costs of the toilet and north aisle project.

## **Cancellation**

Unfortunately, the Advent Carol Service due to have been held at Cundall on 3<sup>rd</sup> December has had to be cancelled as it would have clashed with two similar services locally. You are encouraged to go to the service at St James' Boroughbridge at 6.30 or the Cathedral at 5.30.

## **Weekday Services**

During December Holy Communion will be at its normal time of 10.00 on Wednesdays at Kirby Hill other than on 20<sup>th</sup> December when we will be at Boroughbridge at 10.45.

Members of Mothers' Union wish you all a very happy and peaceful  
Christmas season and every blessing for 2018

**Thursday 14th December**

Members, families and friends Christmas lunch out

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 10am**

World -wide Wave of Prayer

St James Parish Church

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018 2.00pm**

Meeting and A.G.M.

3 The Croft, Kirby Hill

Everyone is welcome to join any of our meetings, services and events

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## Diary Dates

Dec	8	2.00	WI Carol Service, All Saints Church, Kirby Hill
	10	6.00	Community Carols in Coronation Hall, everyone welcome
	11	1.00	Carols and mince pies with Teamstar (Kirby Hill School choir) Kirby Hill Church, everyone welcome.
		6.00	Skelton Christingle in St Helen's Church followed by carol singing in the pub
	16	10.00	Christmas coffee morning Boroughbridge Methodist Church
	20	6.00	Kirby Hill Christingle in All Saints church
Jan	3	7.30	Bible Study at 9 Market Hill
	4	2.00	Jigsaw Club – see p3
	6	6.00	Holy Communion for Epiphany followed by parish party All Saints Church, Kirby Hill
	9	7.00	Prayer Group at the vicarage
	17	12.00	Community Lunch at the Fox and Hounds
		7.30	Bible Study at 9 Market Hill
	18	2.00	Jigsaw Club – see p3
	23	7.00	Prayer Group at the vicarage
	31	7.30	Bible Study at 9 Market Hill

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## From the Registers

### Holy Matrimony

Oct 21 Clephane Compton and Carolyn Lum at Christ the Consoler  
Gemma Swiers and Ryan Rivers at Cundall

### Cremation

Oct 26 Colin James at Stonefall Crematorium  
Nov 8 Mildred Ashworth at Stonefall Crematorium

# SERVICES

For details of services on 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> December see page 4

Date Sunday	31 Dec Christmas 1	7 Jan Epiphany	14 Jan Epiphany 2	21 Jan Epiphany 3	28 Jan Epiphany 4
<b>CUNDALL</b>			11.00 CW 2		9.30 MP
<b>KIRBY HILL</b>	<b>10.30 United Benefice Service at Skelton</b>	11.00 All Saints at the Fox 6.00 SS	9.30 CW 1 11.00 Activ8 6.00 EP	11.00 CW1	11.00 CW1
<b>SKELTON</b>		9.30 CW1		9.30 CW1	9.30 AAW

## WEEKDAY SERVICES AT 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**

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

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

**AAW** All Age Worship, **FS** Family Service, **MP** Morning Prayer; **ES** Evensong,

**EP** Evening Prayer; **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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