

Beyond

The Pews

October 2017

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

Harvest Celebrations



Kirby Hill

1 October
11.00am
followed by
a finger buffet in church



Cundall

8 October
11.00am
followed by
refreshments



Skelton

8 October
6.00pm
followed by
Harvest Supper
in the Village Hall



*Do please join us at these community celebrations
of our rural life as well as God's bounty
everyone will be most welcome*

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Apologies

I was supposed to write this article in June. But I missed the Editor's email in my overbrimming inbox and as I composed my grovelling email, I was reminded that apologising is hard.

I have had a lot of practice over the years: from breaking the loo as a child (long story) to all sorts of failures since.

There is of course the initial hurdle to overcome: that of accepting we need to apologise in the first place. That goes through various stages: denial ("*It wasn't my fault*" or, "*He/She's being too sensitive*"), conditional acceptance ("*Yes, but it wasn't all my fault...*"), actual acceptance, feeling sorry (contrition), wanting forgiveness. These steps can take an instant, a long restless night, or even years.

Then there is the apology itself.

This is how it generally goes for me. I summon my strength to make the call or go to see the wronged person. I speak my lines, carefully worked out beforehand because I am nervous and want to get the words out right. And then... there is silence. *I think, Help me out here!* More silence. I fill it with something less articulate than my first attempt. The other person says, "Yes, well..." and then reiterates what I got wrong or why he or she is upset (*I think, I know all this...*). Finally, there is a grudging acceptance of the apology or at least an acknowledgement it has been given. There is no sense of forgiveness.

I eventually realised that I was starting in the middle: jumping in with, "Sorry" before acknowledging the fault or its impact on the other person. I was also not asking the other person to accept my apology or forgive me, leaving them to work out the response and us both in an uncomfortable position.

So, what should I do? Thinking about this and trying to do better (as I said I have had a lot of practice!) the approach I'd invite you to consider with me is this. Let's start slowly: acknowledge our fault; then focus on how the wrong thing affected the other person, not on how *we* feel. Let's acknowledge that it upset them, hurt them, made them look foolish, cost them money, inconvenienced them - whatever cap(s) fits. Then let's allow the other person to speak. They may need to get something off their chest, or they may not, but they will want to feel this was a conversation, not a lecture. Then ask for forgiveness. Then promise to try to do better in future. Then say thank you.

As I mulled over this pattern I realised I recognised it: you will too. It is the form of confession we use week by week in church and which we will all have come across at some stage in our lives.

Check it out next time you come.

S. T.

What's On

**Macmillan
Coffee Morning**

at
**Lilac Cottage
Norton le Clay**
the home of
Roger and Deana Webb

**Saturday
21st October**

from 10am

**Please come along
and bring your friends**

St Cecilia Orchestra

Ripon Cathedral

**21st October
7.30pm**

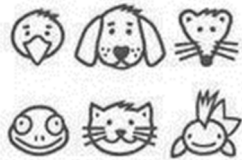
**Wagner - Prelude from
Tristan und Isolde
Beethoven - Symphony No.9
with Cleveland Philharmonic Choir**

**Tickets available from
Ripon Little Bookshop and
Bargain Books Ripon
St Cecilia website:
www.st-cecilia.org.uk**

Pet Service

This year our popular annual Pet Service will be at 6.00 on Sunday 29th October at All Saints' Church, Kirby Hill.

Pets and careful owners most welcome. Come and join us at this enjoyable and unpredictable service.



Community Lunch

The next date for a meal at the Fox and Hounds is Wednesday 1st November at 12.30 pm. It will be a hot buffet style lunch. To book a place, either sign the list in All Saints Church or call the pub on 01423 325239.

Diary Date

Sunday 10th December in Coronation Hall.

Children's Craft & Activity afternoon followed by tea, then Community Carols at 6.30pm. More details next month.



Skelton W.I. has once again enjoyed our W.I. year with a varied programme at our monthly meetings and also taking part in many of the workshops and other events organised by the North Yorkshire West Federation.

Coming up in October is a talk by Robin Allen, an expert in Inheritance planning who will give a talk entitled "Why a will might not be enough" This will be of interest to anyone who wants to make or who already has a will He will tell us about the pitfalls to watch out for when leaving money, with a few jokes thrown in along the way. Are you aware that anything you leave could go to someone else's family while your own grandchildren get nothing? So, come along on October 10th to the Village Hall in Skelton at 7:30p.m. and find out the facts. Gentlemen as well as ladies are welcome to come along as visitors so we hope to welcome you.

In November, we have a talk about the wildlife of Chile and December is a talk on Bell Ringing, both of which should make for an interesting evening.

As for 2018, that is still a work in progress!

Why not come along for a month or two and see if you like it. After all the W.I. is not all Jam and Jerusalem but an organisation to entertain and educate and it certainly delivers on both counts.

Work to begin in All Saints' Church



As mentioned in this magazine last month, the work to install the toilet and re-order the north aisle, will begin on October 9th. While the work is in progress some parts of the church will be inaccessible.

Sunday services will continue as normal, but, to minimise interruption to the work, it has been decided not to hold week-day services. Therefore, the Tuesday service of Morning Prayer will be cancelled and anyone wishing to attend the mid-week Communion service is invited to join the congregation at St James, Boroughbridge on Wednesdays at 10.45.

The work is expected to be completed by the end of November, following which the normal pattern of weekday services will be resumed.

Pews for sale

The work involves removing some of the Victorian oak pews from the north aisle. If you are interested in making an offer for one (or more) of these redundant pews, please email btpews@gmail.com for more information.

Children in Distress Love in a Box Appeal

It's shoebox time again! If you would like more information please contact Gill Ward on 01423 323564. Email gillandjohn@btinternet.com. Knitted items are also gratefully received.

From Alison

I am deeply grateful to Bishop Clive, Canon Michael and the members of our churches who have led all the services during my sabbatical. I have had great reports about the wonderful things you have all done; thank you.



Our next meeting:

Thursday 19th October 2.00pm
St James Parish Church
Boroughbridge

our speaker will be
Jean Thurman
Leeds Diocesan President of
Mothers' Union
'In the Steps of Mary Sumner'

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Diary Dates

Oct	1	10.30	Boroughbridge Methodist Church Harvest Festival followed by Harvest lunch
		11.00	Harvest Festival at All Saints Church, Kirby Hill – see p1
	3	7.30	Kirby Hill WI
	4	7.30	Bible Study at 9 Market Hill
	8	11.00	Harvest Festival at Cundall – see p1
		6.00	Harvest Festival at Skelton – see p1
	10	7.00	Prayer Group at the vicarage
		7.30	Skelton WI
	12	2.00	Jigsaw Club at Boroughbridge Library
	18	7.30	Bible Study at 9 Market Hill
	19	2.00	Mothers' Union at St James, Boroughbridge
	21	10.00	Autumn Fair and Coffee Morning at Boroughbridge Methodist Church
	24	7.00	Prayer Group at the vicarage
	26	2.00	Jigsaw Club at Boroughbridge Library
29	10.30	United Benefice Service at Cundall	
	6.00	Pet Service at Kirby Hill	
Nov	1	12.30	Community Lunch at the Fox and Hounds
		7.30	Bible Study at 9 Market Hill



From the Registers

Holy Matrimony

Aug 26 Tim Easton and Rachel Stanfield at Kirby Hill

Cremation

Aug 7 Gerald Houseman at Stonefall

SERVICES

Date Sunday	1 Oct Trinity 16	8 Oct Trinity 17	15 Oct Trinity 18	22 Oct Trinity 19	29 Oct Bible Sunday
CUNDALL		11.00 Harvest			10.30 United Benefice
KIRBY HILL	11.00 Harvest Festival	9.30 CW 1 11.00 Activ8 6.00 EP	11.00 CW 1	11.00 CW 1	Service at Cundall 6.00 Pet Service
SKELTON	9.30 CW 1	6.00 Harvest	9.30 CW1	9.30 AAW	

WEEKDAY SERVICES AT KIRBY HILL

Tuesday – see p5

9.00am MP (said)

Wednesday (except – see p5)

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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