

# **Beyond**

**The Pews**

June - mid July 2018



## **All Saints on the Church Green**

Village Celebration



✦ 'Big Lunch'

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June**

Quiz

Games

Open-air

'Big Lunch'

Songs of Praise

(bring and share)

at 10.30am

at 12 noon

**Everyone is very welcome**

Come and celebrate all that is good about our village and neighbourhood. We will be joined by members of Kirby Hill School and 6 Regiment RLC. We will be raising money for two local charities Dementia Forward and St Michael's Hospice.

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The short life and very public death of Alfie Evans has been on my mind ever since the story broke. And not just in my mind, but causing my heart to ache, and some spiritual struggling too.

Any child's death is hard to bear. We feel he or she has had their future stolen from them, we feel for the acute grief of the parents and other family who have nurtured the child and who will for ever carry the loss. Alfie's death, and sadly, many others of all ages in this world where we can do so much medically, adds a distinctly modern dimension: if we can prolong life, should we?

We often answer this in terms of quality of life, but that is increasingly hard to define and differs from one individual to another. For some, a "Do Not Resuscitate" notice is their dignified way of keeping control, for others it would be giving up whilst there is still hope. And who are we to define what is quality in life?

On the one hand, we don't know what a person in a coma or in a vegetative state can sense, what is really going on in their intellect, whether they have a spiritual connection to God. People do wake up from these states, miracles happen.

On the other hand, we also do not know what the person is suffering. We can see how the lives of so many around them are being put on hold, defining their own value by how much they put into the fight for, or care for, their loved one.

In previous centuries, we knew where we stood: we did our best and prayed and then rejoiced or grieved as the outcome determined. We didn't play God. But now we can - we make that decision, as to whether to turn off the incubator or the life support. And we have very ungodlike considerations to take into account, such as limited NHS resources and how things are playing out in the media.

And where is God himself in all this? Why does He let us suffer? Why does He give mere mortals such godlike powers? It is tempting to rail against God, to blame Him. As the Lord's prayer puts it, He wants His kingdom to come and for His will to be done, on earth as it is in heaven. It is in part through our response to this horrible suffering that we grow, we pray, closer to God's will being done.

There are no easy answers and how do we get them? We read and we listen, to religious and non religious views, test what we hear against our experience and our conscience, we discuss in respectful non judgmental forums; but above all we focus on God: what the scriptures teach us, what the life of Christ teaches us, what we learn through prayer and meditation.

After all, if we are to play God, there is only one role model.

Sarah Tapley

# What's On

## **Book Exchange**

*All Saints' Church  
Kirby Hill*

*Wednesday 6th June  
10.45-11.30*

*Why not drop in for a cuppa, a chat  
and to buy or swap a book?*

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## **Community Lunch**

*The Fox and Hounds*

*Wednesday 13th June  
12.00 -2.00pm*

*2 courses for £8.25.*

*Menus are available from the pub  
or Kirby Hill Church  
Why eat alone when you could be  
at the Community Lunch?*

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## **Boroughbridge Lions Family Cycle Day**

*10th June 2018*

*Marshalled cycle ride from  
Boroughbridge to Great Ouseburn  
and back (approximately 12 miles)*

*Registration on the day  
from 10.00am*

*Ride begins 11.00am  
£5 per adult, £3 per child  
or £12 per family*

*For more information email  
familycycleday@aol.com*

## **Coffee Morning for the Pulmonary Hypertension Association**

*Saturday 23rd June*

*10.00am to 12.00 noon  
at  
Lowfield Grange  
the home of  
Paul & Amanda Gill*

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## **Games Afternoon**

*Boroughbridge Methodist  
Church Hall*

*Thursday 12th July  
1.30pm to 3.30pm*

*An afternoon of nostalgia  
with music, beetle drive and other  
games*

*£1.50*

*Includes tea and biscuits*

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*All Saints Church Kirby Hill*

## **Open Sundays**

*May to September  
2.00pm to 4.30pm*

*In June, an exhibition highlighting  
the last 91 years of Kirby Hill WI  
will be on display*

*If anyone has any photographs etc.  
and would be willing to loan them,  
please contact Hazel Goss  
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**CUNDALL MANOR SCHOOL**

Pupils from Cundall have had a very busy start to 2018 and we are very proud of the great work and experiences we have had as a community including raising thousands for worthwhile charities. Here are a few highlights of the year to date:

### **Race for Life returns to Cundall**

Nearly two hundred North Yorkshire School pupils completed a charitable dash for cash in aid of Cancer Research.

Cundall Manor School held the Race for Life on Wednesday 10 January, with pupils as young as FOUR and as old as 13 taking part in the race.

The pupils braved the cold and damp conditions to take on cancer and walk, jog or run in aid of Cancer Research UK's life-saving work.

Louise Bessey, Head of Girls' Games at Cundall Manor School, said: "This is the second year we have run the Race for Life and it is great to see how the event has developed. Most of us know someone who has been affected by cancer and we all have our special reasons for taking part and wanting to help more people survive."

Cancer Research UK's Race for Life is an inspiring series of events which raises millions of pounds every year to help fund vital research.

### **An 'Oar-some' Day as Cundall Pupils Tackle Row-athon**

For one day only, children from Cundall found out just what it takes to row the Atlantic with help from the Row4Victory crew. The 4-man crew are set to take on the daunting 3,000 nautical mile trip across the Atlantic in December 2018 as part of the inaugural Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge, raising funds in support of the Royal British Legion and Soldier On.

The team paid Cundall Manor School a visit to encourage children to get involved with rowing and to tell the children a little more about the great work charities that support ex-servicemen and servicewomen do.

The crew are friends from across Yorkshire and represent all areas of the military. Will Quarmby, Fraser Mowlem RAF, Glyn Sadler former Royal Marines Commando and Duncan Roy former Royal Engineer are currently raising awareness about the challenge while training relentlessly in preparation for the event.

They will attempt to win the four-man concept class race and smash the current race record. The race could take between 29 and 70 days with the team rowing two hours shifts in pairs and will be completely unsupported and self-sufficient.

Pupils from the North Yorkshire School took part in a 3-minute dash to see which house could travel the furthest with the Tudors claiming the top prize.

Over 250 pupils competed for their House on the same machines the crew have been training on, with everyone from Year 2 to Year 10 getting the opportunity to compete.

Head of Key Stage 2 at the school, Stuart Bayne, helped arrange the event. He said: "The House Row-athon was a wonderful event. It is always a pleasure to see all our children engaging in such a fun and worthy cause."

### **Out of this world experience**

Pupils were treated to an experience of a lifetime following the visit of a Former NASA Astronaut. We played host to Rick Mastracchio at the end of the Lent Term to hear all about his experience in space and his career to date.

Rick, who is a veteran of four NASA missions, popped by the local school as part of a wider tour across Yorkshire. In his career working for NASA he logged 227 days, 13 hours, 38 minutes in space, including NINE extravehicular activities outside of the space station. Rick is one of just over 500 people ever to make it outside of the earth's orbit.

In Rick's advice to the fascinated pupils was to excel at their studies, but also to challenge themselves and acquire a wide variety of skills. His unique and valuable experience on the astronaut selection board later in his career taught him that being an astronaut is not all about academia. Adding, whether it is playing a musical instrument, competing at sports or being good with their hands, all these skills contribute to creating a well-rounded person.

Headmistress at the school, Mrs Amanda Kirby, introduced Rick to an appreciative audience of pupils. She said: "It is an absolute honour to welcome Rick to Cundall Manor School. It is not every day that you get to meet a person who has lived such an extraordinary life."

"Rick's experiences give him a very unique perspective on life and for him to get on stage at our school and speak to our pupils is an experience that I am certain none of our pupils or staff will ever forget."

Pupils from the school also got to ask the former NASA astronaut their own questions including his opinions on how he sees the future of space travel developing. Pupils then got the chance to pose for a photo with Rick.



## **Mothers' Union**

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 21st June, 2.00pm** at St James' Parish Church, Boroughbridge. We will be welcoming our link branch members from Warley, Huddersfield.

For more information contact Margaret 325405 or [margaret.crawford47@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:margaret.crawford47@tiscali.co.uk).

## **All Saints' Church Evening Services**

Our Sunday Evening Services of Sacred Space and Evening Prayer at Kirby Hill have now been discontinued as they were no longer meeting a need. There will be occasional evening services for special events which will be well advertised.

## **Milby Island Improvement Project "Balsam Bash"**

As part of the ongoing battle to arrest the spread of the invasive Himalayan Balsam on Milby Island there will be an organised attack on the emerging plants on **Saturday 9th June**. Anyone who would like to join in and help pull up the balsam should meet at **10.00am** where the lower (riverside) path meets the upper (canalside) path.

## **Joygernaut**

**A Library Event on Wednesday 13th June. 7.00pm**

Joygernaut is a spoken word show about kindness. It is an interactive show currently touring North Yorkshire Libraries during May and June.

It is performed in the round by poet Andy Craven-Griffiths and has been informed by Andy's research into the science behind why being kind can make us happy. The Show is for 14+, lasts approx. 1-1/2 hours and is a Pay What You Like On The Night.

For more information visit <http://www.joygernaut.com/> or call into the Library.

## **St James' Church, Boroughbridge**

There will be a service to celebrate the **70th Anniversary of the NHS** on **Friday 6th July at 7.00pm** at St James' Church Boroughbridge. Serving and previous NHS employees will be especially welcome.

We send our love and good wishes to The Revd Dr Diane Westmoreland, vicar of the Boroughbridge group of churches on her retirement at the end of this month. We hope she and Keith will have a long, happy and healthy retirement.

## **Friends of All Saints' Church, Kirby Hill**

**Afternoon Tea**

**Saturday 14th July from 2.30pm** at Hawthorn Lodge, Langthorpe, the home of Marcia Dunn. Tickets at £5.00 each on sale soon. More details next month.

## Diary Dates

Jun	5	7.30	Kirby Hill WI
	6	10.45	Book Exchange at All Saints', Kirby Hill - see p3
		7.30	Bible Study at 9 Market Hill
	7	2.00	Jigsaw Club at Boroughbridge Library
	12	7.00	Prayer Group at the vicarage
		7.30	Skelton WI
	13	12.00	Community Lunch - see p3
		7.30	Bible Study at 9 Market Hill
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	21	2.00	Jigsaw Club at Boroughbridge Library
		2.00	Mothers' Union at St James, Boroughbridge - see p6
	26	7.00	Prayer Group at the vicarage
	27	7.30	Bible Study at 9 Market Hill



## From the Registers

### Holy Baptism

Apr 29 Jemima Harriet Somerville Robinson at St Helen's

### Remaking Wedding Vows

Apr 29 Alan and Kath Rayner after 25 years at St Helen's

### Christian Funeral

Apr 19 Raymond Wright at St Helen's  
followed by burial at Christ the Consoler

### Cremation

Apr 19 Edna Bartram at Stonefall

May 8 Carol Metcalf at Stonefall

### Burial of Ashes

Apr 24 Edna Bartram at All Saints'  
28 Evelyn Calley at All Saints'  
28 Sheila Clark at Christ the Consoler

May 8 Mary Ward at All Saints'

8 Jessie Pointer at All Saints'

17 David Matthews at All Saints'

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## SERVICES

Date Sunday	3 Jun Trin 1	10 Jun Trin 2	17 Jun Trin 3	24 Jun Birth of John the Baptist	1 Jul Trin 5	8 Jul Trin 6	15 Jul Trin 7
<b>CUNDALL</b>		11.00 CW 2		9.30 MP		11.00 CW 2 6.30 ES	
<b>KIRBY HILL</b>	11.00 CW 1	9.30 CW 1 11.00 Activ8	<b>10.30 Service on Church Green see p1</b>	11.00 CW1	11.00 CW 1	9.30 CW 1 11.00 Activ8	11.00 AAW
<b>SKELTON</b>	9.30 CW 1		9.30 CW1	9.30 AAW	9.30 CW 1		9.30 CW1

### 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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