

**The Parish of Upper Ryedale  
Wish you a Happy Christmas  
and a Peaceful New Year**



# **Parish News**

**December 2018 & January 2019**

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<b>Rotas</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>
Cold Kirby Cleaning & flowers			
Coffee			
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## Revd Helen Rawlings writes

Dear Friends

This month sees us at the beginning of the church year with Luke's Gospel as we look forward to a new beginning, or Advent, and the coming of Jesus. Luke, out of all the Gospel writers, is the most poetic, think of Zacharias' Benedictus, Simeon's Nunc Dimittis and especially Mary's Magnificat. It is in this Gospel that we find the Nativity from Mary's point of view. In Luke we learn of a young girl of about 14, betrothed to a carpenter, visited one night by the Angel Gabriel, who tells her she has been chosen by God who will make her with child. Quite a shock as she is still a virgin. The angel tells her she will bear a son, who will be called Jesus (saviour) and who will bear the title "Son of the most High"

Mary gave herself completely in faith to God's calling, to be the earthly vessel by which God becomes man. Her faith gave her strength and bravery because the implication of her pregnancy was that she had been unfaithful to Joseph, her betrothed, and this was potentially a death sentence. She declares in the beautiful Magnificat "from this day forth all generations will count me blessed". This isn't said as a boast but in complete humility with gratitude to God for having chosen her.

Although this is the year of Luke we will also be looking, over Christmas and New Year, at Matthew who not only gives us Joseph's side of the story but also the story of the wise men at Epiphany, which we celebrate on 6<sup>th</sup> January.

Mathew uses the word magi, the same root where we get the word magic, and it must have seemed like magic to be able to interpret the stars as these men did. The word is also similar to the name of a religious sect from Babylon, highly regarded as astrologers. Babylon was where Daniel prophesied about the expected Messiah's birth so did they already know where and when to look and just used the stars to navigate?

Many people have tried to explain the star, as a coming together of planets; Jupiter, the kingly planet, and Saturn, sometimes representing the Jews, came together in 7 BC; perhaps that's what drew them. And why would they make that long difficult journey, they weren't Jews awaiting the Messiah, not just curiosity surely, did they know that this

king was to be born for all - a light for the whole world. But all this speculation, and trying to find explanations is surely missing the point that Matthew was trying to make

A biblical scholar called Marcus Borg suggests that we have 3 stages of learning or understanding in our lives:

The first as children (and a few adults I know) hear the stories and believe them at face value. They don't know how Santa managed it because they don't even have a chimney but the mince pie and sherry are gone and the presents are in the stocking.

Then we grow up and we want proof for all these stories; we equate truth with facts; a bit like those people trying to find an explanation for the star or that the time was wrong because the historical facts are inaccurate.

Then the third stage; we are able to hear the stories again and see the truth in them even though we know some of the facts may be questionable.

We see the truth behind the words, like the wise men of old we have an Epiphany

The Magi were wealthy and important enough to be received by King Herod but these men had travelled a great distance to kneel down and pay homage to a child born in the lowliest circumstances or from a Greek translation they "fell down and worshipped him"

It is only after they have knelt before the child that they offer their gifts. They are indebted to him. They, the wealthy and powerful wise men, pay the child homage because of the gift the child offers them.

After the visit, the Magi leave by another road so as to avoid Herod, having met Christ and received his gift they change, their eyes are opened and they go back a different way. They are perhaps the first Christian disciples

The story of the wise men reminds us that Christmas is about giving. But the real gift in this story is not about giving but about receiving, as we receive God's gift to us: A Saviour who came to bring new life and light to the whole world.

I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Deacon Helen

## **Scawton Christmas Fair**

**Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 2.00 – 4.00pm**

**The Reading Room, Scawton**

**Coffee, mince pies, Stalls and Raffle.**

**In aid of St Mary's Church funds**

## **CHRISTMAS HIGHLIGHTS!**



**16<sup>th</sup> December - Traditional Nine Lessons and Carols at All Saints, Helmsley at 6.00pm**

**23rd December - The Knitivity Crib Service at St Michael, Cold Kirby at 10.00am**

**Christmas Eve The Knitivity Crib Service at All Saints Hawnby at 4.30pm**

**Midnight Mass - Communion by Extension at All Saints, Old Byland at 11.30pm**

**Christmas Day - Communion by Extension at St Mary, Scawton at 10.00am.**

*For all the family; no longer than 45 minutes.  
Children - do bring a present to show us!*  
**JOIN US TO CELEBRATE!**

## **Parish News**

### **PCC Meeting**

The date for the next PCC meeting and the AGM is Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.00pm. at The Cottage, Cold Kirby.

### **Helmsley Parish Church**

**The Advent Carols Service** will be on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 6.00pm. All Welcome

**It's Tree Time** The Best of Helmsley themed Christmas Tree Festival is open 10.00am – 4.00pm daily from 1<sup>st</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> December. Entrance by donation.

All Welcome.

**Traditional Nine Lessons and Carols** on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm

### **Methodist Christmas Service**

The services at Rievaulx Methodist Chapel are:

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December - 6.30pm. Carol Service with refreshments afterwards.

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December - 10.30am. Morning Worship led by Rev. Ken Gowland.

## **COLLECTION FOR THE FOOD BANK**

During Advent we will again be collecting food for the Food bank in Middlesbrough. Bring a bag to a service or give it to Maggie Wood who will deliver it. Tins, pasta, rice, etc - not perishable goods. Bags may be available in church, though any bag will do!

### **Carol Singing**

This year's proceeds will be divided between the Yorkshire Air Ambulance & the Alzheimer's Society.

You are invited to begin your Christmas Celebrations by joining the Carol Singers on their rounds to sing your favourite Carols.

Further details from John & Sheila Foster (01439 770589)

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting Place at 6.30pm</b>	<b>Area covered</b>
Tuesday ,10 <sup>th</sup> December	Ashberry, Rievaulx.	Old Byland village and outlying farms
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Rievaulx Chapel.	Rievaulx village and outlying farms to Ashberry
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	'Carols in the Barn' at <b>4.30pm at Low Mill Farm</b> which is located on the Helmsley to Stokesley road, past Fangdale Beck, where it is the next farm on the left. You will see the Christmas lights from the road and there is plenty of parking space each side of the access track.	
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Sutton Bank Visitor Centre Car Park	Outlying farms and Cold Kirby village
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Scawton village near the church	Scawton village and outlying farms
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Bank Top Cottage, Rievaulx	Outlying farms from Newgate Bank to Stilton House (including Cringle Carr & Broadway Foot), Griff Farm & Abbott Hagg

## **What's on and News**

### **WI News**

The next WI meeting is on 5<sup>th</sup> December with Trudy Sanderson talking about Textile Design at 2.00pm in Rievaulx Village Hall. In the New Year the Annual Luncheon is to be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January at The White Swan, Ampleforth at 12.30pm.

### **Luncheon Club**

The next luncheon will be a Christmas one on 20<sup>th</sup> December. In the New Year we will revert to the usual dates of the last Thursday in each month, starting on 31st January, 2019

### **Cold Kirby Village Hall**

#### **Dates for your Diary:**

Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December: Mini Bookmark

Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> December: Village Hall Christmas Party

Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December: Bookmark

Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December: Mini bookmark

Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019: Mini bookmark

Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019: Bookmark

Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January: 2019 Mini bookmark

Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019: Bookmark

Please can we say a big thank you to Julie Bushell (treasurer) for all, the hours she spent getting a really good insurance deal for the hall saving us quite a bit of money in the process. She is this month's VH star!

Mini bookmark dates for December 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, January 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>

### **CHRISTMAS PARTY – 8<sup>th</sup> December. 3:00-6:00PM**

Saturday afternoon of the 8th December, Father Christmas has been booked! We are hoping that it will be a party open to all adults and children alike just bring a plate of food to share! There will be some party games and fun for the kids. If there are small children attending please could you provide a small, named, and unwrapped gift (under £5). Please can these be dropped off at Oakdale by 1<sup>st</sup> December giving time for the elves to check, wrap and pass onto Father Christmas. Thank you.

If anyone is free to decorate the hall for the event please contact Becky McMurray: 07985 676385

### **BOOKMARK**

Brace yourselves, I have some unsettling news in December...there is only one Bookmark, on the 12<sup>th</sup>. With the best will in the world, I think Boxing Day is best kept for left over turkey sandwiches and The Great Escape!! If I don't see you, have a lovely Christmas with lots of everything that makes you happy. Best wishes and many thanks for all your support in 2018.

Happy New Year. Well here we are in 2019, what will it have in store for us all? Whatever fun and frolics, plague and pestilence turns up on our doorsteps, you can be sure of the same warm welcome at Bookmark - a cuppa, bun and a chat, oh yes, and a book or two. Why not make a resolution to pop along for some festivities detox, dates for January are the 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. See you then.

Babs. 07814 938854.

### **Hawnby Dominoes**

At the Village Hall continues at 7.30pm on second Friday of each month. Remaining 2018 date is 14<sup>th</sup> December and in 2019 the dates are 11<sup>th</sup> January, 8<sup>th</sup> February, 8<sup>th</sup> March, 12<sup>th</sup> April, 10<sup>th</sup> May and 14<sup>th</sup> June. Refreshments and raffle. All welcome.

### **Helmsley Arts Centre at the Old Meeting House**

**Box Office 01439 771700**

**Web site: [www.helmsleyarts.co.uk](http://www.helmsleyarts.co.uk)**

**Theatre**



1812 Theatre Company: Red Riding Hood The Panto!. Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> December – Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2.30pm | 7.30pm  
Mr Dickens presents A Christmas Carol. Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm

### **Music**

Ricky Cool and the In Crowd present A Night At The Flamingo. Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm

### **Live Screening**

Bolshoi Live: The Nutcracker 2018. Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 3.00pm  
The King and I: From The London Palladium. Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00pm

Live Screening: The Tragedy of King Richard the Second. Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00pm

NT Screening: Antony and Cleopatra. Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00pm

Bolshoi Live: La Bayadere. Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> January at 3.00pm

National Theatre Live Screening: I'm Not Running. Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> January at 7.00pm

### **Other**

Grand Burns Night Auction. Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm

### **Workshop**

Taiko Drumming Workshop. Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> January, 10.00am-4.00pm

### **Exhibitions**

Tim Roberts Exhibition. Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> November – Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> January

Sally Parkin Exhibition. Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> November – Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> January

Helmsley Arts Centre Auction Exhibition. Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> January – Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> January

John Gale Exhibition. Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> January – Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March

### **Cinema**

First Man (TBC). Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm

Bohemian Rhapsody (Extra Screening) (12A). Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm

Bohemian Rhapsody (12A). Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm

Juliet, Naked (15). Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm

The Girl in the Spider's Web (15). Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm

Disobedience (15). Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 7.30pm

The Old Man and the Gun (15). Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm

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**Future Services in the Parish - February 2019**

Date	Sunday	Time	Service	Church
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	5 before Lent	10.00am	Communion by Extension	St John, Bilsdale

10 <sup>th</sup> February	4 before Lent	10.00am	Communion by Extension	St Michael. Cold Kirby
17 <sup>th</sup> February	3 before Lent	10.00am	Communion by Extension	All Saints, Hawnby
24 <sup>th</sup> February	2 before Lent	10.00am	Parish Eucharist tbc	All Saints, Old Byland
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	1 before Lent	10.00am	Communion by Extension	St Mary, Scawton

### Newsletter

Contributions for next Parish News February 2019 by 20<sup>th</sup> January  
To Chris Barnard, Garden Cottage, Old Byland.

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## Services in the Parish

### January 2019

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> January	8.45am	All Saints, Helmsley Morning Prayer
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> January Epiphany	10.00am	St Michael, Cold Kirby Communion by Extension
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	8.45am	<b>St Hilda, Beadlam</b> Morning Prayer
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> January (Baptism of Christ)	10.00am	All Saints, Hawnby Communion by Extension
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	8.45am	All Saints, Old Byland Morning Prayer
Sunday	10.00am	All Saints, Old Byland

20 <sup>th</sup> January (Epiphany 3)		Parish Eucharist
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> January (Epiphany 4)	10.00am	St Mary, Scawton Parish Eucharist
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	10.00am	St John, Bilsdale Communion by Extension

## Services in the Parish

### December 2018

Advent Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December (Advent 1)	10.00am	All Saints, Old Byland Communion by Extension
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	8.45am	All Saints, Helmsley Morning Prayer
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> December (Advent 2)	10.00am	St John, Bilsdale Communion by Extension
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> December (Advent 3)	10.00am	All Saints, Hawnby Communion by Extension
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	8.45am	All Saints, Old Byland Morning Prayer
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	10.00am	St Michael, Cold Kirby The Knitivity Crib Service

(Advent 4)		
Christmas Eve 24 <sup>th</sup> December	4.30pm  11.30pm	All Saints, Hawaby The Knitivity Crib Service  All Saints, Old Byland Communion by Extension (Midnight Mass)
Christmas Day 25 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00am	St Mary, Scawton Communion by Extension
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> December (Christmas 1)	10.00am	St John, Bilsdale Parish Eucharist