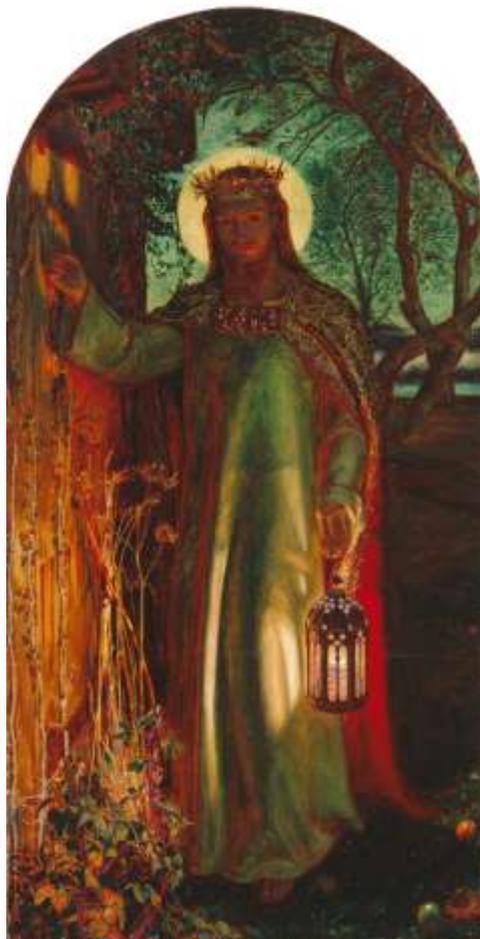


The Parish of Upper Ryedale

St John, Bilsdale Midcable. St Michael, Cold Kirby.

All Saints, Hawnby.

All Saints, Old Byland. St Mary, Scawton



Parish News

October/November 2020

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Cold Kirby Cleaning & flowers	To be arranged	
Coffee		
Old Byland	Sue	Sara A
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The Revd Helen Rawlings writes

Dear Friends

These are quite worry times with so many regional lock downs and spikes in COVID.

Let's pray that we are spared from any increase in this area of North Yorkshire. I know many of us are still using home deliveries in order to avoid mixing with others, and we are all still helping each other in many ways. You will find our service times and places in this Parish News, rest assured that all precautions are taken to avoid any spread of Covid

I am making limited visits but because they are 'doorstep' visits and the weather is getting more autumnal, it's not always possible, so a chat on the phone has become a substitute. Do call me if you would like a visit or just for a phone chat 01439 798175

*Almighty God,
healer of the sick and strength of the weak,
look with mercy on all those who suffer at this time.
Bring healing to those who are sick,
bring peace to those who are anxious,
bring strength to those who care for them,
and bring wisdom to our leaders
that our whole society may journey together through this difficult time
with determination and generosity,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

During the last few weeks in church we have been hearing the parables about what the Kingdom of Heaven is like. One of those parables is about a King's invitation to a wedding banquet. It was quite usual at that time to send advance invitations to a wedding but not give the exact time; and then send out the servants to gather the guests together once all the preparations were made.

It seems obvious that God is 'the King' and the invited guests are the Jews—invited long before to be God's own people – but when the time came for them to receive the final invitation – in the shape of God's own son – they contemptuously refused

This resulted in an invitation being sent out to the highways and byways to sinners and gentiles who had never expected an invitation to the Kingdom of God

The servants sent out being the disciples

An invitation from God. Is an invitation as joyous as a wedding feast. A joy missed if the invitation is refused. And we have a responsibility to accept the invitation

The parable also reminds us that things that cause a person to refuse to recognise Christ are not necessarily bad in themselves .. one went to his estate ... another to his business; they didn't go off on an immoral adventure. But it does show that it is all too easy to be so caught up in our business – our

work – so busy with things of ‘time’ that we forget things of eternity; being so busy with the organisation of life that we forget life itself.

The picture on the front cover is *The Light of the World* by the founder of the pre-Raphaelite brotherhood, Holman Hunt, and illustrates the line from Revelation

“Here I am, I stand at the door and knock” It also illustrates an invitation to God’s Kingdom

The painting was taken a world tour and thousands flocked to see it. An estimated two thirds of the population in Australia and New Zealand, and is credited with many conversions to faith. Hunt painted more than one version but the first finished its journey at St Pauls Cathedral where it hangs to this day and it is well worth seeing.

A young boy was standing with some tourists being shown the picture in St Paul’s and the guide was explain how Christ had been knocking but nobody had opened the door. The boy exclaimed “perhaps they were out at the back”. Many of us are ‘out at the back’ when Christ comes knocking. Just like in the parable, there are so many things to occupy our attention that we do not respond to the invitation.

The light of the world knocks at the door of our hearts and waits for an answer. The saviour wears kingly robes, a crown of cruel thorns, and has the marks of the nails in his hands and feet. There is no handle visible; the door can only be answered from the inside.

Christ doesn’t use the power he has to push his way in. We have the responsibility as humans to open our lives and hearts from within; to open the locks and latches with repentance and faith.

There are weeds, even brambles, around and in front of the door; it has sadly not been used for some time.

Christ does not give up easily, but his feet are turned away from the door as if he is preparing to leave.

The living bible translation reads *“I have been standing at the door and I am constantly knocking”*

He waits for an answer ready to flood our lives with his eternal light but unless we open the door, our lives and hearts to him, we will remain in darkness.

Deacon Helen

Parish News

AGM and PCC Meeting

At the recent AGM and PCC meeting the Church Wardens and other Officers were all elected as proposed. At the end of the PCC meeting a discussion about the future of our churches was led by Tim Robinson, our Vicar. The main conclusions were that the 5 churches could not be sustained in the long term as the congregations were becoming smaller and older and there were some churches where there is little or no support from the village in which they are located. The Diocese cannot close a church unless it is requested by the church itself.

An alternative options for those churches with little support could be that they become Festival churches, i.e. that they only open for church festivals , such as Easter or Christmas and weddings, funerals or baptisms. The downside of this would be that the churches have to be maintained, cleaned and decorated for any services and this cost might not show a significant saving.

The freewill offering to the Diocese has not been as successful as hoped and might be changed. If the Diocese went back to a quota system it could be more difficult for individual churches to meet any increased demand for offerings.

The other option could be a complete closure of one or more churches and the possibility of being sold off. The consequences of closing any church are not entirely clear, but for instance all of our churches have church yards which are still open for burials

Tim proposed that each church should consider the various options with their various communities and at their annual meeting early next year, before the PCC meeting in March to see if there is a consensus view to be taken forward for further action.

What's on and News

McMillan Coffee Morning

Claire and her friend Sarah would like to thank everyone who so generously sent donations of cash, cheques, cakes, raffle prizes and all who called in for take away coffee.

We also sincerely thank Barkers furniture store for their support in allowing us to display the garden furniture which was donated by a Macmillan supporter and raffled and won by Donna Taylor of Carlton Husthwaite.

Despite the restrictions of COVID this year it was altogether a wonderful success with an amazing total of £2942.33p collected and has now been sent to Macmillan. A VERY BIG THANK YOU.

Claire and Sarah.

Luncheon Club, W I News and Hawaby Dominoes

All of these activities are in abeyance for the present.

Cold Kirby Village Hall

The hall Committee have been sending out an email newsletter to keep local people informed and I reproduce part of it here.

Highways have been in touch to say that they do plan to go ahead with the process of establishing a 30mph limit and their engineer had visited the village again in order to review the location of the possible speed limit against the National regulations. In response to a number of points made at the recent village hall meeting the email from Highways said:

"The limit of the speed limit should start roughly at the western boundary of The Chapel House land. I'm aware that some villagers would like the speed limit to commence at the village nameplate but this is simply too far

away from the village. The start of a 30mph limit must be associated with commencement of development.

Lowfield Lane becomes unmade just beyond the Village Hall/Ings House, so the limit will need to start/finish at that point. The road is still public highway beyond this point, so the Regulations do necessitate that it is signed. Strictly speaking there should be two pairs of 30mph repeater signs within the village. However, there is some flexibility with this requirement so we could reduce it to a single pair if residents wished. I suggest we place them on timber posts which are aesthetically preferable to metal posts. I'd appreciate any thoughts on this."

There should be a formal consultation as part of the process but meanwhile if you want to comment please get in touch with the local Highways manager, Tim.coyne@northyorks.gov.uk.

THE VIRUS

As everyone will know, the case numbers have been increasing sharply in the UK over the last couple of weeks and North Yorkshire is no exception. Across the county as a whole there have been a further 1,228 cases since the last of these updates at the end of August, and a further 455 cases in York. This is roughly a sevenfold increase compared with the month of August. The Scarborough and Selby districts have been placed on the Government's "watchlist" because of the speed of increase. Scarborough has had 206 new cases since the last bulletin. In the same period there have been 49 new cases in Ryedale - significantly more than during August but proportionately still very low compared with most other places - and 155 new cases Hambleton. There are no extra local restrictions anywhere in North Yorkshire - long may this continue!

KEEPING IN TOUCH

I am not planning to continue with these updates, unless the situation changes markedly and new needs arise.. Despite all the worries about the virus, people seem to have adjusted to somewhat different ways of living for the time being. Parish News is back to provide information about local events and the like. The village WhatsApp group (let me know if you want to be added) and Facebook page continue. The most important things are to keep going, keep social distancing, keep smiling and stay safe. "Hands, Face, Space".

Helmsley Arts Centre at the Old Meeting House

Box Office 01439 771700

Web site: www.helmsleyarts.co.uk

The Arts Centre has re-opened with a limited programme of events.

Please note no physical tickets will be distributed for any of the events. Please bring your booking confirmation email with you to the event (on your phone/tablet is fine!) or alternatively we will have a list of everyone who has booked ready at the door. All seat allocations will be given to you on your arrival at HAC. Please read the Centre's [guidelines](#) before your visit. If you have any questions or concerns please email director@helmsleyarts.co.uk.

Music

Imogen Cooper: Live at HAC. Sunday, 8th November at 7.30pm

The Barbican Quartet: Live at HAC. Sunday, 22nd November at 7.30pm

Kathryn Stott: Live at HAC. Friday, 27th November at 7.30pm

Live Screening

Bolshoi Ballet: Romeo & Juliet Sunday, 11th October at 3.00pm

Bolshoi Ballet: The Lady of the Camellias. Sunday, 1st November at 3.00pm

Workshop

Macrame Hanging Planters with Poppy Oldham. Sunday, 15th November, 9.00am- 12 noon

Exhibitions

Greg Winrow: Regional Intrigue Exhibition. Sunday, 4th October – Friday, 30th October

Jon Entwistle Exhibition. Sunday, 4th October – Friday, 30th October

Cinema

Love Sarah (12A). Friday, 16th October at 7.30pm

Hope gap (12A). Friday, 23rd October at 7.30pm.

Pinocchio (PG). Friday, 30th October at 7.30pm

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Tearoom serving locally sourced value for money teas and snacks till late.

Mobile top ups and bill payments. Wireless broadband internet access

Sincere Thanks from Jeffrie and Ann Strang

Ann and I would like to say thank you to so many people in the local community who wrote or phoned offering help and comfort during a dark period when I was very ill in York Hospital. The response from so many people demonstrates what a close knit and caring community we live in. I am pleased to report that I am progressing well since coming home on 7 September. Thanks to all of you.

Future Services in the Parish – December 2020

Date	Day	Time	Service	Church
6th December	Advent 2	9.30am	Communion	Helmsley
13th December	Advent 3	10.00am	TBA	St John, Bilsdale
20th December	Advent 4	10.00am	TBA	St Michael, Cold Kirby
24th December	Christmas Eve	4.00pm	Crib Service	All Saints, Hawnby
		10.00pm	Midnight Mass	All Saints, Old Byland
25th December	Christmas Day	10.00am	TBA	St Mary, Scawton

Newsletter Contributions for the next Parish News for

December2020/January2021 to be received by 22nd November.

To Chris Barnard, Garden Cottage, Old Byland.

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Sunday 4 th October (Trinity 17)	10.00am	All Saints, Hawnby Harvest Readings; Joel 2.21-27 & Poem - Leisure
Sunday 11th October (Trinity 18)	10.00am	St Mary, Scawton Readings; Philippians 4.1-9 & Matthew 22.1-14
Sunday 18th October (Trinity 19)	10.00am	St Michael, Cold Kirby Readings; 2 Timothy 4.5-17 & Luke 10.1-9
Sunday 25th October (Last after Trinity)	10.00am	All Saints, Old Byland Readings; Bible Sunday Colossians 3.12-17 & Matthew 24.30-35
Sunday 1st November (All Saints Day)	9..30am 3.00pm	All Saints, Helmsley Communion St John, Bilsdale All Souls Service
Remembrance Sunday 8th November (3 before Advent)	10.30am	All Saints, Hawnby Remembrance Service of the Word
Sunday 15th November (2 before Advent)	10.00am	St Mary, Scawton Readings; 1 Thessalonians 5 1-11 & Matthew 25 14-30
Sunday 22nd November	10.00am	St Michael, Cold Kirby Readings;

(Christ the King)		Ephesians 1.15-end & Matthew 25.31-end
Advent Sunday 29th November (Advent 1)	10.00am	All Saints, Old Byland Readings; 1 Corinthians 1.3-9 & Mark 13.24-end