

November and December 2024



Upper Ryedale Parish
News

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Who's Who

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Dear friends,

The season of the Church year from All Saints to Advent reminds us that no Christian stands alone. Through our baptism we are drawn into the family of the Church, members with each other in Christ and part of the company of saints. Our belonging extends beyond death. As Charles Wesley said:

One family, we dwell in him,
one Church, above, beneath;
though now divided by the stream,
the narrow stream of death

With All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, we commemorate all the faithful departed, those whose lives are examples of the grace of God at work. And we celebrate our belonging to this great crowd of witnesses, giving thanks for those who have inspired or nurtured our faith and all those whom we love. Likewise, Remembrance Sunday is an opportunity for us individually and as a community to confront the horrors of war, renew our prayers for peace and to hold in our memories all those who suffer for the love of others.

The Church year comes to a close with the Feast of Christ the King, we pray that God's kingdom will be revealed finally and in all its fullness.

As the Church year turns we enter Advent a season of expectation as we prepare to celebrate the coming (adventus) of Christ's earthly ministry and his final advent as a judge at the end of time. As we journey to Christmas we are to recall the central truth of the Word made flesh for our salvation.

Thomas Merton says that a physical pilgrimage is acting out an inner journey, and an inner journey is reflecting on the signs and meanings of that geographical travel. One without the other is possible but both together is best. However, I think that as we circle around the Church year, we travel physically in time. Taking the opportunity in Advent to watch, wait and reflect is intentionally making that inner journey too. As we travel through Advent and towards Christmas together may we take those big steps in faith that bring us closer to God, with the courage that was given in grace to Christian in Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress; 'Come, pluck up, heart; let's neither faint nor fear'.

Revd Mel

COLD KIRBY VILLAGE HALL

IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The outside of the hall has now been repainted and is looking much smarter! The next step is to upgrade the old kitchen/book room to turn it into a comfortable meeting room and community library, and will be having a couple of working party sessions in November. Volunteers always welcome – if you could spare a couple of hours to help please get in touch with Jerry (07817 939252) or Alistair (07808 022436)



FILM CLUB

Film nights started up again on 11th October with a screening of Wicked Little Letters, which was much enjoyed. The next film night will be of Friday 8th November, 6.45 for 7pm. New members from across upper Ryedale are always welcome. The subscription is £12 for the year and we will have one screening per month, normally on the second Friday of the month. To sign up please get in touch with Jerry (jcmwalker@aol.com or 07817 939252).

GRASS CUTTING

Many thanks to all those who have helped with the grass cutting this year. Hopefully it will not need to be done again until the spring, when we will be asking for your help again!

COMMUNICATIONS

Rona is now looking after the village round robin emails. If you want something sent around this way please get in touch with her on rslator@gmail.com. Our local WhatsApp group is a great way to share and receive information quickly. It also welcomes new members - contact Jerry on 07817 939252 by text or WhatsApp.

THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER AT THE HALL IS AS FOLLOWS

Friday 8th November - Film Club - doors open 6:45; film at 7.15 pm. Free to members or suggested donation of £3 on the door. Contact Jerry or June on 01845 597851 or 07817 939252.

Saturday 16th November – Pop-up café, from 10am.

Saturday 19th November – Pop-up café, from 10am.

Thursday 28 November - Parish Lunch, from 12 Noon. Contact Jane Holmes on 07801 028481.

Friday 13th December - Film Club - doors open 6:45; film at 7.15 pm. Free to members or suggested donation of £3 on the door.

Saturday 21st December – Christmas Social – BYO event. Further details by email and WhatsApp.

HIRING THE HALL - The hall is always available for hire at very competitive rates. We also now have broadband and WIFI which is a great thing for hall users and hirers. [To](#) make a booking or more information please call Fiona Tamkin on 07766 106609.

The hall is a resource for all the community and we are keen to welcome new ideas and new activities. So if you can contribute at all or want to try out something new at the hall please get in touch.

On 8/9/24 the Baptism of Adeline Aurora Pounds, daughter of Jonty and Nicole, was held in Scawton church. There was as a lovely service led by Rev. Mel Burnside, with lots of friends and family present. We wish Adeline every blessing in the future.

The Scawton harvest festival and supper was a very enjoyable evening. Many thanks to all who helped with the event and those who donated food so generously to the food bank. Special thanks must go to Tony for delivering the



What's happening on the Saint Aelred's Pilgrim Trail?

What a Launch Event!

What a wonderful day we had for our Yorkshire Churches Day Ride and Stride Launch Event on 14 September 2024. The weather was just right for striding and riding at 8am as folk began to gather at Hawnby to begin this historic day. Reverend Mel and Ben stamped Pilgrim Passports and sent our thirty-four walkers, two runners, three cyclists, and three horse riders (well okay full disclosure, Ebony aged 12 and Oliver aged 9 were on Robin and Dakota, both ponies!), off on their 12-mile journey. All our churches had stunning exhibitions in them, with more riders and striders gathering along the way. Lots of coffees and cakes were consumed at All Saints, Old Byland, Dorothy stamped Pilgrim Passports and dished out more drinks in the iconic Saint Mary's, Scawton, whilst Honor and Margaret were run off their feet serving the major influx of more walkers and riders at Cold Kirby Village Hall. Everyone was determined to join in the fun and walk down the Cleveland Way to Rievaulx.

At Rievaulx after a welcome cup of tea or coffee at the Methodist Church, folk gathered in the village street to head for the Abbey, trying to keep up with Graham, Andy and Ben as they processed with Banner and Cross to the Abbey gates. The ancient ruins of Rievaulx were bathed in sunshine and light, whilst the valley echoed to the sound of the Bilsdale Silver Band and lusty hymn singing. I will never forget the sight of all the walkers and horse riders processing up to the Abbey Nave for one of the most moving and memorable services of celebration I have ever attended. Reverend Mel had 100 service sheets printed, and we soon ran out of those, and groups had to share. I think there were more than 150 people supporting this joyful occasion with press-ganged monks and two medieval peasants centre stage with Brother Anthony, everyone listening to the readings, joining in the prayers and singing well known hymns.

It was rounded off with a host of people in and around the Abbey Café enjoying a glass of fizz and eating Café Manager Steven Davies' delicious canapés whilst listening to some fine speeches.

Thank you to Helmsley Town Council for funding our Launch Day and to Tuukka Laakso and the English Heritage team at Rievaulx for hosting us so splendidly.

What's Next?

Do check out our brilliant website (<https://www.saintaelredspilgrimtrail.com>) which is constantly updated with news and new ideas by the amazing Gareth Jenkins, Reverend Mel and Mal, and we have new requests for brochures or help with accommodation daily. We have nearly sold out of guidebooks already! Our website has had 4, 533 visitors in the last two months, not bad for a Helmsley and Upper Ryedale based, small and specialist site!

People have started using our new trail for charity walks (see Claudine Pelsler's blog on the website) and the Friends of Helmsley Primary School are in discussions about using it for sponsorship to raise funds for the new school playground in 2025.

Sponsorship for YHCT and our rural and historic churches

Thank you to everyone who sponsored/donated to our riders and striders on the Ride and Stride Gathering Walk. We raised the magnificent sum of £2,020. That is a brilliant amount of money going towards a noble cause.

Publicity

I am losing count of the newspapers and magazines that have been carrying stories about the Saint Aelred's Pilgrim Trail! We seem to have struck a pilgrimage vibe, or zeitgeist, when we decided in 2023 to create and launch our trail to interest and engage people with our rural and historic churches, villages, and town of Helmsley. I hope you manage to see the **latest beautiful four page spread in the November issue of Yorkshire Life**. It is illustrated by the stunning photographs that the well-known Yorkshire photographer, Val Mather, took of the Regia Anglorum Re-enactment group on the Trail in early September. Just beautiful.

Save the Date

Don't forget to save the date and join us on a **Gathering Lent Walk with the new Bishop of Whitby, Bishop Barry Hill, on Sunday 9 March 2025**. Details to follow in the next issue of our Parish Newsletter.

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Wed 8am to 1pm

Sun 10.30am to 8pm

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Sudoku

Answers (From last PN news)

Puzzle #1

7	9	1	5	3	8	2	4	6
3	4	2	9	1	6	8	5	7
8	6	5	4	7	2	9	3	1
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4	1	6	3	8	7	5	2	9
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Word Search

Name: _____ Date: _____

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Find and circle each of the words from the list below. Words may appear forwards or backwards, horizontally, vertically or diagonally in the grid.

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Services for November December

stockings snowman northpole Hotchocolate santa
reindeer jumper baubles scarve gloves festive
tree hat fire cosy warm

Date	Time	Place and reader
Sunday 3 rd November	10.00am	St Mary's Scawton Revd Anne Jenkins Parish Communion
Sunday 10 th November	10.00am	All Saints, Old Byland Revd Ian Robinson Parish Communion
Sunday 17 th November	10.00am	St John's Bilsdale Lucy Willshaw Morning Prayer
Sunday 24 th November	10.00am	All Saints, Hawnby The Very Revd Peter Atkinson Parish Communion
Sunday 1 st December	10.00am	St Mary's Scawton Revd Ian Robinson Parish Communion
Sunday 8 th December	10.00am	All Saints, Old Byland Lucy Willshaw Morning Prayer
Sunday 15 th December	10.00am	St John's, Bilsdale Revd Melanie Burnside Parish Communion
Sunday 22 nd December	9.30am	All Saints, Helmsley Revd Melanie Burnside Parish Communion
CHRISTMAS EVE	4.00pm	All Saints, Hawnby Revd Melanie Burnside Crib Service
CHRISTMAS DAY	10.00am	St Mary's Scawton <i>..... to be confirmed</i>
Sunday 29 th December	9.30am	All Saints, Helmsley Revd Melanie Burnside Parish Communion

Many thanks to our contributors, Melanie Burnside, Catherine Smith, George Gyte, Jerry Walker and to those who wish to remain anonymous. If you want to contribute to our next Parish News, the deadline for articles will be **18th January 2025**. Please send your articles to amelie@restall.net.