

March and April 2025



Upper Rydale Parish News

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Who's Who

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Rievaulx WI events

On March 5th at 2pm Kate Senior will speak about her "Tall Ships Adventures"

April 2nd at 7pm Peter Mathers presents "London Squares and Gardens."

Dear Friends,

*'When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established' (Psalm 8:3)*

As March arrives, I hope that it doesn't roar in like a lion, we've had enough of wind and storms. Rather I hope that we've had a spell of calm days and clear nights to enjoy the Dark Skies Festival. It is such a blessing to live here in this part of the world and be able to go outside and observe the heavens in all their glory. They have been rather special lately with a rare alignment of planets visible during January and February, if you've been blessed enough to be outside on a clear night.

I last wrote to you as the old year drew to a close and we were still celebrating with the wise men who observed Jesus' star at its rising and were guided to meet with the infant and recognise all that he is. The idiom 'all the stars were aligned' is generally taken to mean that all that needs to be in place for a fortunate event to occur has been lined up. It feels a little bit like that here in Upper Ryedale. Things are lining up beautifully so that we can move forward into the future with hope. I've been blessed by joining with you in worship and in our church meetings and I am deeply grateful for the quiet and committed folk who look after our churches and each other with such loving care.

We will be advertising soon for a new priest to come and live and minister alongside us here. Please pray that the right person will feel the call, apply and that we will discern who that is. They will certainly be coming to a place where exciting things are happening.

Rievaulx Methodist Church have organised their wonderful Pancake Evening again on Tuesday 4th March at Rievaulx Village Hall. There are extended serving hours from 5 to 8pm and all proceeds are in aid of Yorkshire Cancer Research. It helps us all to get focused and ready for Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday 5th March with a service of Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes at All Saints' Helmsley at 7pm

We have our Lent Prayer Walk on 9th March which is based on the Lord's Prayer. It will be led by Bishop Barry Hill (who some of you met at Christmas when he celebrated with you at St Mary's, Scawton). Along with him will be Archdeacon Amanda Bloor, who has taken services here too and many other friends and supporters including the Reverend Andy Lindley the Ryedale

Methodist Circuit Superintendent, our own Reverend Ian Robinson and pathfinder Joyce Garbutt. A lovely opportunity to walk alongside wise and caring people, enjoying some prayer, worship, and friendship. If walking isn't your thing you can join in for coffee and cake at Old Byland, lunch at Cold Kirby, and a celebration service at Rievaulx Abbey. See the details elsewhere in the newsletter.

You are all warmly invited to join in with our Lent course, it follows on from the walk as it is based on Archbishop Stephen Cottrell's book 'Praying by Heart: The Lord's Prayer for Everyone'. It begins on Friday 14 March at 11.30am in All Saints' Helmsley and concludes with a soup lunch beginning at 12.15pm. It will run for 5 weeks, you don't need to buy the book to join in unless you would like to and you don't need to attend every week, come as you can.

Interest grows in the Saint Aelred Pilgrim Trail as it continues to draw local and national attention in social and print media. So much so that we are considering the possibility of transforming St Michael's Cold Kirby into a resource for walkers, pilgrims, visitors and our communities too. George Gyte will be sharing more information as it becomes available.

Please see our list of Holy Week and Easter Services across Helmsley and Upper Ryedale, the Easter Service in the parish is at All Saints' Hawnby this year at 10am on Sunday 20th April. To draw this newsletter to a close where it began, as April comes to an end, you might have opportunity to see the oldest meteor shower still visible today, the Lyrid Meteor Shower, first recorded in 687BCE. It nears its peak on Easter Day and is most visible just before dawn so come to the sunrise service at 5.45am. See what I mean about the stars aligning. I do pray that you have a blessed Lent and Easter with ample opportunity to enjoy all the wonders of creation.

God Bless

Revd Mel

The Starlight Night

Gerard Manley Hopkins

Look at the stars! look, look up at the skies!

O look at all the fire-folk sitting in the air!

The bright boroughs, the circle-citadels there!

Down in dim woods the diamond delves! the elves'-eyes!

The grey lawns cold where gold, where quickgold lies!

Wind-beat whitebeam! airy abeles set on a flare!

Flake-doves sent floating forth at a farmyard scare!

Ah well! it is all a purchase, all is a prize.

Buy then! bid then! — What? — Prayer, patience, alms, vows.

Look, look: a May-mess, like on orchard boughs!

Look! March-bloom, like on mealed-with-yellow sallows!

These are indeed the barn; withindoors house

The shocks. This piece-bright paling shuts the spouse

Christ home, Christ and his mother and all his hallows.

Saint Aelred's Pilgrim Trail: Update from George Gyte

I hope that you will join us on Sunday 9 March 2025, and take part in Bishop Barry's and Archdeacon Amanda's SAPT Lent Walk. It is our Spring project, and we are looking forward to it being an enjoyable outing amongst friends. Bishop Barry's Christmas Morning Service at Scawton went down extremely well and was enjoyed by a full congregation. This is another opportunity to meet our new Bishop with, amongst other things, a passion for roller skating!

Local artists such as Trudy Sanderson with her exciting SAPT textile installations, Daisy Barnes with her stunning mandalas, Katie Freeman's beautiful scenic oil paintings, and Sue Wressell's lovely frames of textile artwork are on display at exhibitions and installations in the churches along the route. These presentations and displays showcasing our local artistic talent are well worth visiting, so don't miss this opportunity.

This is a Gathering Walk, so it is up to you where you want to join, and how much walking you wish to do. If you walk from Old Byland it will be 8 miles to Rievaulx, if from Scawton it will be 6, and from Cold Kirby 4.5. As with our Launch Walk last September, a number of people will join us at Rievaulx to participate in the Abbey Service led by Bishop Barry and afterwards enjoy English Heritage's hospitality and be treated to hot drinks and refreshments in the Abbey Café where we will enjoy Steven Davies' splendid sausage rolls and delicious vegetarian and meat pasties.

The arrangements for Sunday 9 March are as follows:

10am: Coffee and cakes in the Church of All Saints, Old Byland where **Bishop Barry will lead short prayers.**

10.30am: Commence the Gathering Lent Walk.

11.30am: Prayers in the Church of Saint Mary, Scawton.

11.45am: Leave Scawton

12.45pm: Arrive for prayers at the closed Church of Saint Michael, Cold Kirby followed by soup and roll and your own packed lunch in Cold Kirby Village Hall opposite the church.

1.45pm: Leave Cold Kirby

3.30pm: Arrive Rievaulx Methodist Church for tea and biscuits followed by prayers in the Church of Saint Mary the Virgin

4pm: Procession commences led with Cross and Banner to Rievaulx Abbey Nave for a short service led by Bishop Barry accompanied by the Bilsdale Silver Band.

4.30pm: Hot drinks, pasties, and sausage/vegetarian rolls in the Abbey Café.

LENT COURSE

with soup lunch



**ALL SAINTS'
CHURCH
HELMSLEY**

ALL WELCOME

FRIDAYS

**DISCUSSION STARTS
AT 11.30AM
LUNCH AT 12.15PM**

**STARTING
14 MARCH 2025
FOR 5 WEEKS**

**alternative day;
Wednesdays at 7pm
starting 12 March 2025
The Millenium Room
St Hilda's Church
Nawton Beadlam**

**Based on the book
'Praying by Heart'
but book not necessary
to join in.**



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HOLY WEEK & EASTER

HELMSLEY AND UPPER RYEDALE

Holy Week is a time to reflect on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Remembering Jesus' actions, reflecting on his messages and recommitting to living as his disciples in the world today. May you have a blessed Holy Week and Easter.

Tuesday, 15 April 2025

10.30am to 12 Noon at All Saints' Church, Helmsley

Quiet Day led by Anne Jenkins and Moira Austin

11.00am at York Minster

Chrism Mass

Maundy Thursday, 17 April 2025

7.00pm at All Saints' Church, Helmsley

Liturgy of Maundy Thursday with Foot Washing

Good Friday, 18 April 2025

10.15am at Helmsley Methodist Church
Ecumenical Service followed by Walk of Witness ending in a short Service at

11.00am in Helmsley Market Place

1.00pm walk of witness from Rievaulx Methodist Church concluding with

1.30pm at Rievaulx Abbey

Good Friday Service

2.00pm at All Saints' Church Helmsley

Last Hour of the Cross

Easter Sunday, 20 April 2025

5.45am on Baxtons Bank (4 miles up Baxtons Rd)

Sunrise Service

9.30am at Bungdale Head Farm, Scawton

Breakfast followed by

10.30am All Age Worship

Easter Eucharist/Holy Communion

8.00am at All Saints', Helmsley - BCP

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10.00am at All Saints', Hawnby

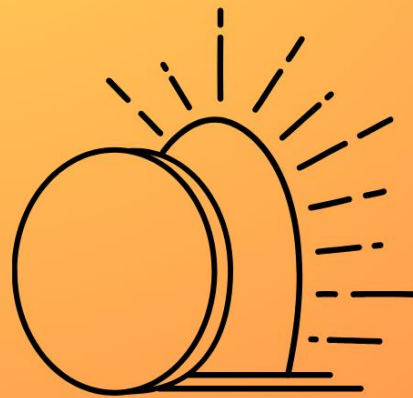
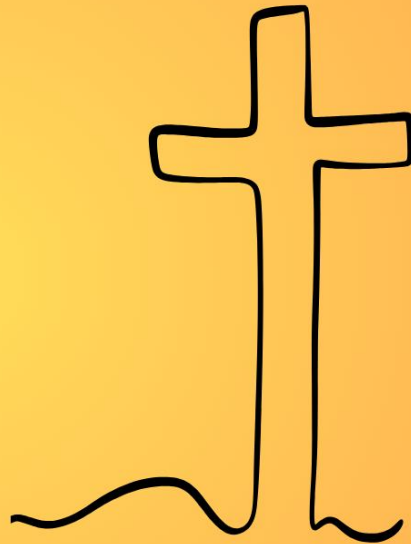
10.30am at Helmsley Methodist Church

11.00am at St Mary's, Rievaulx

11.00am at St Chad's, Sproxton

2.00pm at St Mary Magdalene's East Moors

6.30pm at Rievaulx Methodist Church



Scawton

Than you to everyone who helped with or supported the Scawton Christmas Craft Fair in November. We raised a fantastic £390 for church funds.

On Christmas morning we were privileged to have our service conducted by the Bishop of Whitby, Barry Hill. Thank you to the Wright family for the impressive music on organ, trumpets and violin, which made for a very lovely service.

RIP Shirley Ann Bentley

Shirley passed away at home in Scawton, where she had lived and farmed for many years along with her late husband, Herbert. Shirley was a real countrywoman who loved being with her horses and dogs. She enjoyed taking her horses and Jacob sheep to local shows and was a well known and friendly face in the village.

In recent years, she has enjoyed the company of her beloved dog, Heidi, and really looked forward to meeting her friends at the monthly luncheon club at Cold Kirby. Shirley will be sadly missed by her many friends.

Photo: Shirley, the longest serving resident of the village, cutting the celebration cake at the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in 2022.



COLD KIRBY VILLAGE HALL

DEFIBRILLATOR APPEAL

Very many thanks to everyone who contributed to the defibrillator appeal at the end of last year. Together we raised £231. So new batteries have been installed and essential maintenance carried out – and there is enough in the bank to carry on looking after the machine for the next year. None of us know when we might need it.....so it's important to keep it in good repair. Again, a very big thank you – and not least to Simon and Honor who continue to host the defibrillator at Estate Cottage.

HIRING THE HALL

The hall is always available for hire at competitive rates. You can hire the whole hall or the new smaller meeting room/community library which is a warm and comfortable space for smaller gatherings. We also now have broadband and WIFI which is a great thing for hall users and hirers. [To](#) make a booking or for more information please call Fiona on 07766 106609.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year's AGM will take place at the hall at 7pm on Monday 28 April. All welcome. The hall is a resource for all the community and we are keen to share plans and to discuss new ideas and new activities. The AGM is a good time for this. So please come along and have your say.

NEW TREASURER WANTED!

It's also always good having different people getting involved. Sadly, at the AGM Harri will be stepping down as Village Hall Treasurer, a role she has carried out exceptionally well for many years. She will be a hard act to follow but we now have to elect a new Treasurer. So please get in touch if you would like to take over this role – or help in any other way.

FILM CLUB

Film nights are now running on a monthly basis – the next dates are 14th March and 4th April. Each evening is a social event in its own right with a good movie built in! The subscription is £12 for twelve months -only £1 per film. Guests and new members are always welcome. Come and take a look. For information about what's on or to sign up please get in touch with Jerry (jcmwalker@aol.com or 07817 939252).

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

Friday 14th March- 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 22nd March – Pop-up café, from 10am.

Thursday 27th MARCH – Parish Lunch from 12 noon. All welcome. More information please contact Jane Holmes 07801 028481.

Friday 4th April - Film Club - doors open 6:45; film at 7.15 pm. Free to members or suggested donation of £3 on the door.

Saturday 19th April– Pop-up café from 10 am. Easter theme and egg hunt for children.

Thursday 24th April – Parish Lunch from 12 noon. All welcome. More information please contact Jane Holmes 07801 028481.

Monday 28th April – At 7pm. Annual general Meeting. All welcome. Further details by WhatsApp and email nearer the time!



RIEVAULX METHODIST CHURCH

Friday 18th April 2025

WALK OF WITNESS

through Rievaulx Village to Rievaulx Abbey

(Please meet at the Chapel at 1.00 p.m.)

FOLLOWED BY SHORT SERVICE

IN THE ABBEY at 1.30 p.m.

ALL WELCOME - COME & JOIN US!

Monday - Saturday 10am -3pm

Sunday - Closed

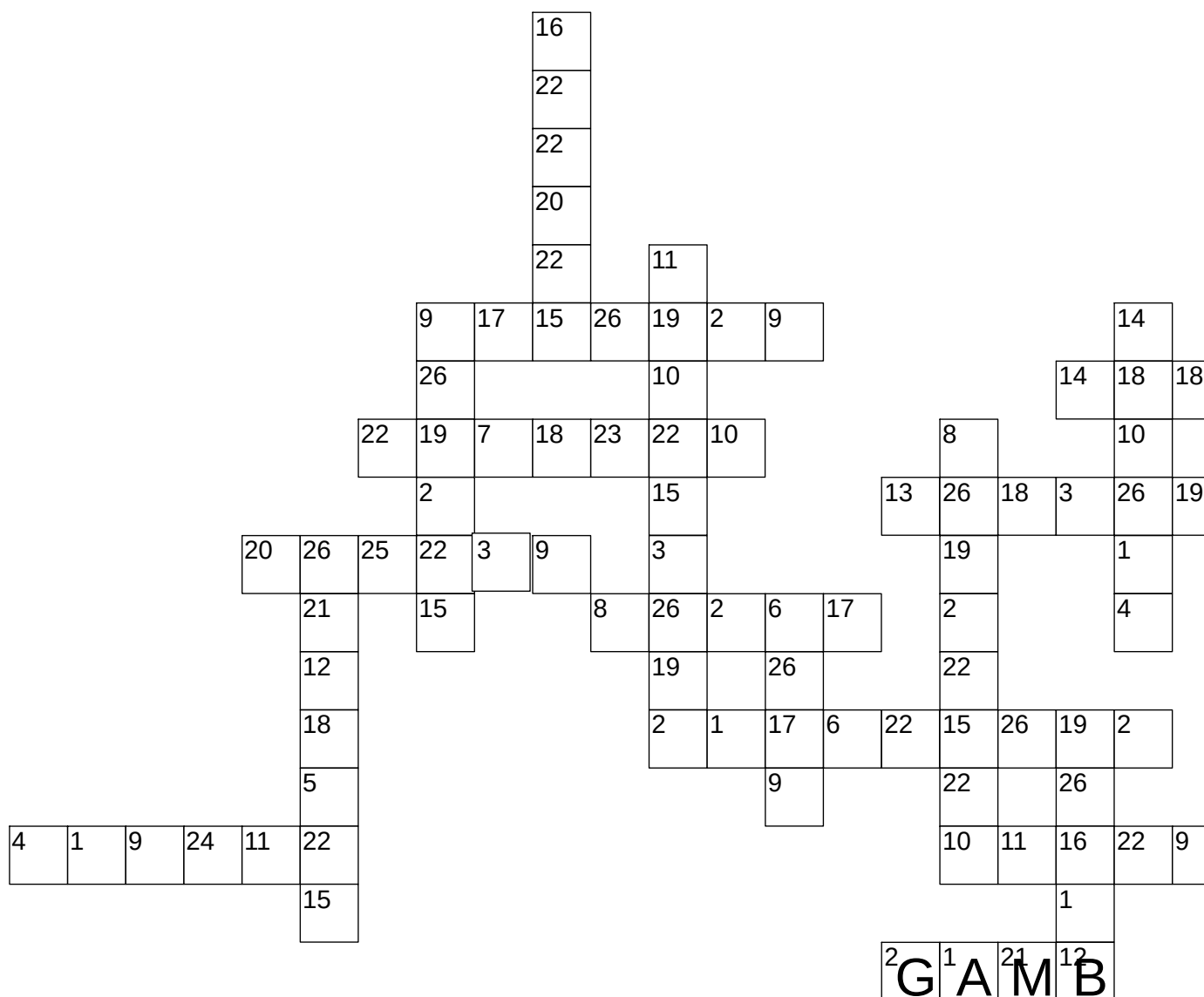
The shop is under new ownership and undergoing a makeover, Oli and Sally will be arriving permanently in May and the tearoom will be reopening for summer 2025. Chris and Christine will be running the shop in the mean time with the above opening hours. Pop in and say hello!

The eight letter word for last Parish new's word wheel was: Payloads. You could have also had...

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Codeword:



Services for March and April

Date	Time	Place and reader
Sunday 2nd March Sunday Next Before Lent	10.00am	St Mary's Scawton Revd Ian Robinson Parish Communion
ASH WEDNESDAY 5 th March	7.00pm	All Saints' Helmsley Revd Melanie Burnside
Sunday 9 th March 1 st Sunday of Lent	PILGRIMAGE	
Sunday 16 th March 2 nd Sunday of Lent	10.00am	St John's, Bilsdale Revd Jane Robertson Parish Communion
Sunday 23 rd March 3 rd Sunday of Lent	10.00am	All Saints, Hawnby Revd John Bramhall Parish Communion
Sunday 30 th March 4 th Sunday of Lent / Mothering Sunday	9.30am	All Saints' Helmsley Revd Melanie Burnside Parish Communion
Sunda 6 th April 5 th Sunday of Lent	10.00am	The Very Revd Peter Atkinson St Mary's Scawton Parish Communion
Sunday 13 th April PALM SUNDAY	10.00am	All Saints, Old Byland Revd Melanie Burnside Parish Communion
MAUNDY THURSDAY	7.00pm	All Saints' Helmsley Revd Ian Robinson Liturgy of MT with foot washing
GOOD FRIDAY	10.15am	Helmsley Methodist Church Revd Melanie Burnside Helmsley Walk of Witness

GOOD FRIDAY	2.00pm	All Saints' Helmsley Revd Anne Jenkins Last Hour of the Cross
Sunday 20 th April EASTER DAY	5.45am	Baxtons Bank Revd Melanie Burnside Sunrise Service
Sunday 20 th April EASTER DAY	10.00am	All Saints, Hawnby Revd Ian Robinson Parish Communion
Sunday 27 th April 2 nd Sunday of Easter	10.00am	St John's, Bilsdale Revd Anne Jenkins Parish Communion

Many thanks to our contributors, Melanie Burnside, Jerry Walker, Catherine Smith, Margret Redhead and to those who wish to remain anonymous. If you want to contribute to our next Parish News, the deadline for articles will be **19th April 2025**. Please send your articles to amelie@restall.net.