

Serving the Benefice of Walkingham Hill

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Walkingham Hill Benefice

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The Pastoral Team

Home Communion: by our team of Eucharistic Ministers for anyone who is housebound or who finds it a struggle to get to church.

Home & Hospital Visits: permission must be sought if it is not for yourself.

Below are the names of the Pastoral Team Members, any of whom can be contacted about the above.

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|---------------------------------|-------------|
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The Churchwardens will also pass on messages (telephone numbers on Page 2)

Weddings, Baptisms, Funerals & Other Pastoral Matters

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Hello all

I hope you are keeping well. Whatever people think about modern technology, it's at times like this that many of us really appreciate it. Whilst we are all in physical isolation and unable to meet in person, it certainly hasn't had to be social isolation as it has enabled many of us to still communicate. Many things have still been happening, we have still been joining together in worship through the videos and prayers posted on Facebook and the bible study group have still been meeting on Zoom (a live video conferencing platform that enables people to talk as if they were in the same room together). Our youth group are still meeting on Zoom as well and our Link magazine has gone on-line. In fact, it has enabled us to take worship to people that usually wouldn't ever come to church. The engagement we have seen with the Facebook videos has far outnumbered the people we usually get in church. Change is something that many people struggle with, but over the past few weeks, we have been left with little option, change the way

we do things, or people can't join in at all and it has happened very quickly. We had no time to prepare or train for video filming and production or how to post these things online, or for people to get used to a change in worship gradually, and it left me in a very nervous and unsure position way out of my comfort zone (as I am sure it has for many others too). But, quite often God works best when we are out of our comfort zone, because then we have to rely on Him and not ourselves and our comfortable routines and He often surprises us when we trust Him and allow Him to show us what He can do. Then we can truly see the power of God at work. Change has happened quickly, but there are also going to be long term changes. It is very unlikely that the world will go back to how it was, and the church will also likely look different in the future. Certainly in the near future, technology is going to have to be relied upon in a greater capacity. So, if technology is out of your comfort zone, I would like to encourage you to try it. To step out of your comfort zone a bit and give it a go, you never know, you might

just be surprised by it and wonder what you have been missing out on. To view our Facebook page you can follow this link

www.facebook.com/ParishesOfStaveleyCopgroveScottonFarnhamArkendale (no breaks)

Or search 'Walkingham Hill Benefice' on Facebook and like the page for updates. If you would like to join the Bible study group, or Youth Group (high school age) please let me know, and I can get you added on.

If you need help trying to get online please contact me and I will do my best to help.

I will be posting some type of service every Sunday morning and

also something for Ascension Day on Thursday 21st May. Do also have a look over the page regularly because I will post other communications on there. The next big festival is Pentecost on Sunday 31st May, so hope you enjoy engaging with these in a different way this year.

Until we meet again,
God bless and keep safe.

Revd Claire.

Note: There are further church services available to download from the Diocesan website leeds.anglican.org, lots of other resources, and you can sign up for the regular e-news as well!

We care about all people in our community and want to make sure everyone has what they need. We are assisting the Parish Council with their buddy scheme, but if you would like a regular telephone conversation with someone for company or prayer, please call one of our pastoral team (all safeguarding & DBS checked).

Please don't suffer alone, there are helping hands available.



We particularly wish to thank Helen North, who has been instrumental in setting up the Buddy Scheme with the Parish Council, and appreciate the hard work by everyone involved to make sure we are all safe.

Readings for May 2020

| Date | Reading |
|--|---|
| 3 rd May W Easter 4 | NT Acts 2:42-47 Gospel John 10:1-10 |
| 10 th May W Easter 5 | NT Acts 7:55-60 Gospel John 14:1-14 |
| 17 th May W Easter 6 | NT Acts 17:22-31 Gospel John 14:15-21 |
| Thurs 21 st May W Ascension Day | NT Acts 1:1-11 Gospel Luke 24:44-53 |
| 24 th May W Easter 7 | NT Acts 1:6-14 Gospel John 17:1-11 |
| 31 st May R Pentecost | NT Acts 2:1-21 Gospel John 20:19-23 |
| ALL AGE VILLAGE SERVICES | <i>As advised when services recommence</i> |
| | Members of the congregation to read: Eucharist: OT/NT Village Service: As advised Special Services: OT/NT |

From the Register.....

Sadly we have laid to rest:

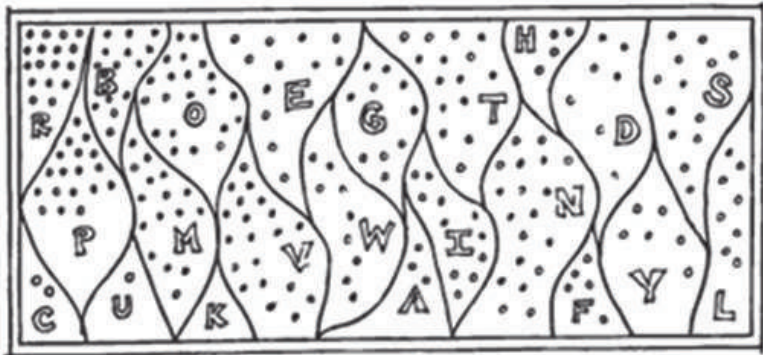
17th March : Joan Francis ARKENDALE

15th April: Edith Midmer STAVELEY

BibleWise

What Happened at Pentecost?

Count the number of dots in each space. Then use the letters to decode the message below about what happened at Pentecost. Check your work with Acts 2:4.



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Bible Activities For Everyone by Betty De Vries and Mary Currier. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books Publisher, 1999.

Scotton Methodist Chapel

Scotton Methodist church services can be found online on the Nidd Valley Circuit Facebook page.

They is daily prayer at 8am (live), plus Sunday services at 10.30am and 6.30pm.

The recordings are available to view at any time.

They have also recorded a 'Poetry Corner' with Rev Ann, and there is a Bible Study Group with Rev Grace.

Do join us and make some new friends!

The Bible Study Group

Are meeting by ZOOM!

*Everyone welcome to join in
- those who know nothing about the Bible
and those who know a lot!!*



Please ring Shirley 07707177504 for details



Are meeting on line!

To join in, contact Rev'd Claire
on 07912 104442 or
claire.renshaw@leeds.anglican.org

Walkingham Hill 100 Club

Supporting the Churches which make up the United Benefice of Walkingham Hill
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Winners for April 2020

| | | <u>Draw Number</u> | <u>Name/Parish</u> |
|-----------------|------|--------------------|---|
| 1 st | £100 | 15 | Mrs B Mellor St Michael & All Angels |
| 2 nd | £50 | 78 | Mr C Francis St Michael & All Angels |
| 3 rd | £15 | 9 | Mr P Edwards St Michael & All Angels |
| 4 th | £10 | 99 | Mr K Wilson St Bartholomew |

Total number of entries in the draw this month 115
(St Bartholomew 24, St Michael & All Angels 9,
St Oswald 4, St Thomas 10, All Saints 68)

For further details or to join ring Frank Shires on 01423 340687
Or email frankshires@sky.com

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(Registration of Non-commercial Societies) Regulations 2007,
Gaming Act 2005 LN/199308459 WK/080904601



Little Fishes @ St Thomas' Church, Scotton Baby and Toddler Group

Even though Easter has been and gone, we would like to show you the result of our Easter Drawing Competition, below, chosen by Revd. Claire.



The overall winner is Zac (age 9) for his picture that she thought portrayed a really good understanding of the meaning of Easter: the crosses from Good Friday, the shape of the egg representing new life and the rainbow reminding us of the hope we have because of Jesus' resurrection.

Solace in Nature

Oblivious to the plight of man
Nature continues
Savour the quiet , drink in the
stillness
Broken by owl , skylark , blackbird
Flash by the butterfly, peacock ,
brimstone,
Sight of the primrose, cowslip.
celandine,
Burst through of sticky buds, leafy
greeness,



Bumble bee active , searching, driven,
Watch and marvel ,hope seeps in
Reminder of regeneration

Helen Watkinson

Top Reasons For Joining The Church Choir

- You're running out of clean clothes and the robe saves on laundry.
- The church is usually crowded and you want to make sure you always have a seat.
- You've just been selected for jury duty and you want to get use to sitting with a large group of people.
- The collection plate is never passed to the choir.
- There's a clock in the back of the church and you want to know when one hour has passed.
- For years you have wanted to know who sits in the back of the church but were afraid to turn around and look.
- You've been known to nod off during the service and don't want the minister/priest to catch you.
- The chairs for the choir are padded and are the most comfortable chairs in the church.



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Clues and activities

Choose your wildlife treasures

You can pick and choose what's best for your family (as some of the treasures are harder than others) but your Wildlife Treasure Hunt needs to finish with the butterfly!

Hedgehog

Clue: I only come out at night, so you'll find me nestled somewhere dark and warm and quiet. I am spiky, but very sweet!

Activities:

To do now: Do you know what a baby hedgehog is called? (answer: a hoglet!)

To do later: Start leaving food and water out for hedgehogs so they become regular visitors to your garden!

Bumblebee

Clue: I love brightly coloured flowers, you'll find me near them going buzzy. I'm black and yellow, and pretty mellow, and my outfit's kind of fuzzy.

Activities:

To do now: Can you buzz like a bee?

To do later: Plant flowers in your garden, yard or window box!

Frog

Clue: I love to be in water, in fact it's quite a habit. And even though I'm far from furry you'll hear me saying 'tabbit'!

Activities:

To do now: Can you jump around like a frog?

To do later: Can you make a pond and attract a froggy friend?

Worm

Clue: Some people say I'm slimy, some people think I'm gross, but I help all our food to grow - even the jam that's on your toast!

Activities:

To do now: Can you wriggle on the floor like a worm?

To do later: Make your own wormery or pot some plants! Remember to use peat-free compost!

Blackbird

Clue: My coat may be dark as night, but I have the sweetest song... Look for me by tree or hedge as you walk along. **Extra clue:** my beak is the same colour as a carrot!

Activities:

To do now: Go to the window, can you see a blackbird from your house? They like to sit and sing from the tops of trees!

To do later: Make a note in your diary to plant a native bush or tree this autumn that produces berries, such as rowan, guelder rose or hawthorn. They'll provide a delicious feast for blackbirds and other birds during the autumn and winter.

Pipitrel in bat

Clue: I'm not a bird, I'm not a plane but, boy, I love to fly! On warm, dusky evenings, you might see me when you look up to the sky...

Activities:

To do now: See if you can catch a glimpse of one at dusk tonight! Look up to spot bats flying around at roof height. They flap their wings very fast and are easily mistaken for small birds. If you have very good hearing, you might even be able to hear their high pitched calls.

To do later: Make a bat box and learn all about the magical and mysterious world of bats...

House Sparrow

Clue: I am a friendly little bird, a really happy fellow. You'll often see me round about and my name rhymes with marrow.

Activities:

To do now: Go to the window, how many sparrows can you count in one minute?

To do later: [Make a birdcode](#) to attract sparrows and other garden birds to your garden, yard or window sill!

Seven-spot ladybird

Clue: I am a tiny red and black insect with a spotty, dotty coat. I'm popular with gardeners as I like eating little flies the most...

Activities:

To do now: Draw, or colour in, a ladybird!

To do later: [Plant some insect friendly wildflowers](#)

**Ground Beetle**

Clue: I live in nooks and crannies and I like dark places to hide. You probably think I'm a 'creepy crawly', but if you disturb me when I'm sleeping I'll be the one who's terrified!

Activities:

To do now: To do now: Crawl around like a beetle and find somewhere dark to hide!

To do later: Beetles and bugs are so cool! [Make a bug hotel](#) and see who moves in...

*The third page of the quiz will be inside the
JUNE version of the LINK!!
The Species Guide is printed on page 30 of this issue.*



BTO Garden BirdWatch Free Offer

During this current period of uncertainty, many of us are looking to our gardens to enjoy nature and be outdoors, to learn, and to improve our well-being.

BTO Garden BirdWatch (GBW) offers a great opportunity to learn more about garden birds and other wildlife, and to contribute directly to BTO's important scientific research on the value of gardens for wildlife. The more we know about how wildlife uses our gardens, the more we can make our cities, towns, villages and individual gardens better for nature.

The survey involves simply keeping a list of the birds you see visiting your garden over the course of a week, and then entering this into the BTO's online recording system. You can also record other garden wildlife, such as butterflies and mammals.

GBW is normally membership only, with an annual fee of £17, which includes an ID book and a quarterly magazine. The generous financial support of participants is what allows BTO to carry out its work monitoring garden wildlife and our scientific research.

However, we want to enable more people to get involved in garden wildlife recording under the current circumstances, to discover an enjoyable purpose in garden birdwatching, and to feel part of a community all working on the same project, even though all of us are confined to our own gardens. Therefore, we are offering free membership of the BTO Garden BirdWatch during the COVID-19 lockdown.

The free offer does not include the book or magazines and will be online only. It will include

- Access to the GBW online recording system.
- A regular e-newsletter with information on recording and identifying garden wildlife.
- Access the BTO's team of wildlife experts, to answer your questions.

The free membership will be valid for one year, after which it will expire or can be renewed at the normal rate.

To take part in Garden BirdWatch, please visit <https://www.bto.org/our-science/projects/gbw/join-gbw>

Garden BirdWatch is designed to find out how, when and why birds and other animals use our gardens. Participants send in weekly lists of garden birds and other wildlife, which are analysed by scientists working under the BTO's urban and garden ecology research programmes, to investigate the links between changes in wildlife populations and factors such as garden management, food, weather and urban structure.

Mike Gray
gbwmike@gmail.com.





Colour in and then cut out, stick on card and use as a jigsaw.

SCORCHERS SUPPORT FOOD BANK

Scotton Scorchers Junior Football Club are continuing their support for Harrogate & District Food Bank.

In view of the coronavirus restrictions a box for collections has been left at the home of Nigel and Helen at Barnstones, Scotton for people to continue dropping off donations.

Donations will be collected by Nigel Harper on Wednesday mornings for onward delivery to Knaresborough which is the local

drop-off point for our Benefice area.

This new arrangement gives Link readers another option for making donations to the food bank if you happen to be in the vicinity of Scotton.

For further information about this arrangement contact:

Nigel Harper on 866199 or

at

nigelkeith_harper@yahoo.com

Arkendale WI

As with other organisations, our meetings and activities are on hold for the time being.

We are receiving regular updates from our Federation which we are passing on to members to keep us all in the loop. We know that our members are keeping in touch with each other by various means and watsapp and telephones are in frequent use. While we are not able to see each other we can certainly keep in touch.

You can always call Diane 340440 and Margaret 340628 if you feel you would like to chat.

We hope to resume in the summer, but until then please keep safe and well.

We will see you soon.



Support for today, planning for tomorrow

Dementia Forward's support staff are all working from home, the helpline is open and the team are ready to take calls if you have any concerns about someone with dementia, need support or

just want to chat at this difficult time.

You can call us any time between 9am and 4pm, weekdays, on 03300 578592.

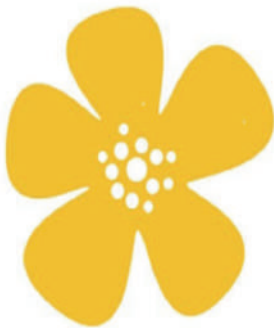
We are also trying to bring a bit of sunshine during this difficult time and keep people connected with us and their local communities, and have been asking our volunteers and staff to send in videos and pictures.

We have had some fabulous contributions from our local volunteers, including clips of them singing, pictures of pets and photographs of villages in bloom.

If you would like to send any contributions, you can email them to debby.lennox@dementiaforward.org.uk and we can share them on social media or via email.

We hope you all stay safe and well and keep positive.

Thank you. **Debby**



The **cheery buttercup** is our new fundraising mascot; chosen as it grows across North Yorkshire, evokes childhood memories and sparks conversation.

Do you like butter?

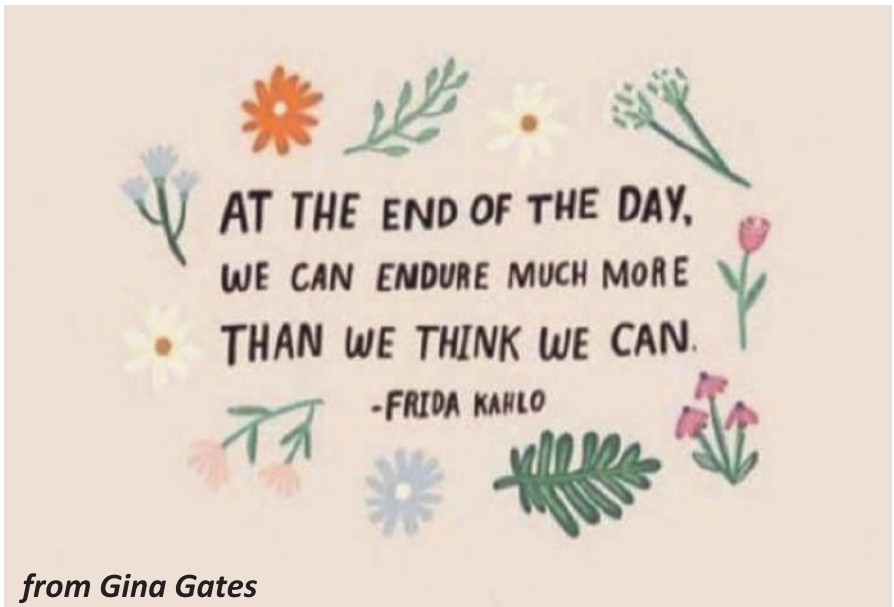
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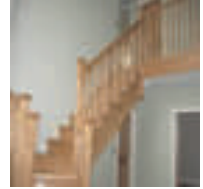
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