

## CROSS TALK – the Benefice Magazine

Dear Friends

Have you come across Posada? It's something that we have been introducing in the benefice over the last couple of years and something that everyone can take part in (yes, even you!)

### What is Posada?

Posada is an old Mexican tradition where young people dressed as Mary and Joseph travelled from house to house asking for a room for the night and telling people about the imminent arrival of Jesus in the weeks leading up to Christmas. On Christmas Eve they would visit the local church to re-enact the nativity and place figures of Mary and Joseph in a stable.

Modern-day Posada uses nativity figures of Mary and Joseph who travel from place to place. This gives each 'host' the chance to create their own celebration in their home or place in the community.

Our churches at Dalton and Skipton-on-Swale have chosen to engage with Posada this year. Will you get to be a host to Mary and Joseph for a night?



### What is involved?

All you need to do is add your name to the Journey Rota. How can you do this?

At Skipton-on-Swale: by looking for the Rota at the back of church, or by contacting Julie Phelan at Pennant House;

At Dalton: by looking for the Rota at the back of church, or at the Christmas Fair on 7<sup>th</sup> December, or by contacting Jill Bailey on 01845 595925.

Decide which night it will suit you to 'host' Mary & Joseph. Another person from our community will make arrangements to bring the figures to your place at a time to suit both of you.

For the evening you 'host' Mary & Joseph you can choose to do what ever you like. Why not invite friends and neighbours in to see them, and share the prayer that will travel with them? Or just have a quiet night in with them, and share with them the things going on in your house and your life.

The next day you need to take Mary & Joseph to the next host on the Journey Rota (if this is not possible for you, then I'm sure something can be arranged).

It's as simple as that.

This is not 'just for the children' – it's for everyone to take part in, whether you live in a family house or by yourself.

The Journey ends when Mary and Joseph are brought to church during the Carol Service (Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December, 7.00pm at Skipton; Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4.00pm at Dalton) and, after their long journey, given hospitality at the stable, as they wait for their child – Jesus, the Light of their world and ours – to be born.

I hope you enjoy sharing the journey with them, and make the most of the opportunity to give them hospitality.

With all good wishes and every blessing,

*Susanne*

The Rev'd Susanne Jukes, Vicar (contact details on back page)

# Service Times and Details

## Services during November 2019

### Churches:

**Topcliffe** – St Columba’s Church, Church Street, Topcliffe YO7 3PA

**BSJ** – St James’ Church, Wide Howe Lane, Baldersby St James YO7 4PU

**Rainton** – Mission Room, Sleights Lane, Rainton YO7 3PH

**Dalton** – St John the Evangelist Church, Dalton YO7 3JA (follow signs to Sessay)

**Skipton** – St John’s Church, just off the A61 by the post-box, Skipton-on-Swale (Skipton Bridge) YO7 4SB

*Page numbers refer to the blue Common Worship Lectionary; we are now in Year C of the three-year cycle of readings. This month we move into the Kingdom Season (‘From All Saints to Advent’). In recognition that much of our reflection this month will be on those who have died, the colour is red.*

### 3<sup>rd</sup> November

9.15am	Dalton	<b>All Saints’ Sunday</b> Holy Communion
10.45am	BSJ	Holy Communion
6.30pm	Topcliffe	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer)

#### **Readings:**

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 Psalm 149

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Ephesians 1:11-end

#### *White*

Luke 6:20-31

### 7<sup>th</sup> November

11.00am	Topcliffe	Thursday Mid-week Communion
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### 10<sup>th</sup> November

9.15am	Skipton	<b>Remembrance Sunday</b> Holy Communion with Act of Remembrance
10.45am	Topcliffe	Act of Remembrance, followed by Coffee and then a shortened Service of Holy Communion
2.15pm	Dishforth	Act of Remembrance at the Cemetery

#### **Readings:**

Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 46

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Revelation 21:1-7

#### *Red*

John 15:9-17

### 14<sup>th</sup> November

11.00am	Topcliffe	Thursday Mid-week Communion
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### 17<sup>th</sup> November

9.15am	BSJ	<b>Second Sunday before Advent</b> Prayer Breakfast, Rainton
10.45am	Topcliffe	Holy Communion
6.30pm	Dalton	Evensong (Book of Common Prayer)

#### **Readings:**

Malachi 4:1-2a

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Psalm 98

#### *Red*

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

### 21<sup>st</sup> November

11.00am	Topcliffe	Thursday Mid-week Communion
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**24<sup>th</sup> November**                      **Christ the King**  
 9.15am      Skipton      Holy Communion  
 10.45am      BSJ      Holy Communion  
 10.45am      Topcliffe      Matins (Book of Common Prayer)

<b>Readings:</b>	<i>Page 1086</i>	<i>Red</i>
Jeremiah 23:1-6	Psalm 46	Colossians 1:11-20    Luke 23:33-43

**28<sup>th</sup> November**                      Thursday  
 11.00am      Topcliffe      Mid-week Communion

**Services during December 2019**                      *Please check next month's magazine for full details of Christmas services and events*

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**1<sup>st</sup> December**                      **Advent Sunday**  
 9.15am      Dalton      Holy Communion  
 10.45am      BSJ      Holy Communion  
 6.30pm      Topcliffe      Choral Evensong for Advent Sunday (Book of Common Prayer)

<b>Readings:</b>	<i>Page 3</i>	<i>Purple</i>
Isaiah 2:1-5    Psalm 122	Romans 13:11-end	Matthew 24:36-44

**5<sup>th</sup> December**                      Thursday  
 11.00am      Topcliffe      Mid-week Communion

**8<sup>th</sup> December**                      **Second Sunday in Advent**  
 9.15am      Skipton      Holy Communion  
 10.45am      Topcliffe      Holy Communion

<b>Readings:</b>	<i>Page 6</i>	<i>Purple</i>
Isaiah 11:1-10	Psalm 72:1-7	Romans 15:4-13    Matthew 3:1-12

**12<sup>th</sup> December**                      Thursday  
 11.00am      Topcliffe      Mid-week Communion

**15<sup>th</sup> December**                      **Third Sunday in Advent**  
 9.15am      Rainton      Prayer Breakfast  
 10.45am      Topcliffe      Holy Communion

**6.30pm Topcliffe Service of Lessons and Carols**

<b>Readings:</b>	<i>Page 9</i>	<i>Purple</i>	
Isaiah 35:1-10	Psalms 146:4-9	James 5:7-10	Matthew 11:2-11

**19<sup>th</sup> December** Thursday  
11.00am Topcliffe Mid-week Communion  
**7.00pm Skipton Family Carol Service**

**20<sup>th</sup> December** Friday  
9.30am Dalton Mum's n Tot's Nativity (in the Village Hall)  
1.15pm BSJ Dishforth CofE School Carol Service

**22<sup>nd</sup> December** **Fourth Sunday in Advent**  
9.15am Skipton Holy Communion  
10.45am BSJ Holy Communion with Baptism  
10.45am Topcliffe Matins (Book of Common Prayer)  
**4.00pm Dalton Family Carol Service by Candlelight with Posada**

<b>Readings:</b>	<i>Page 13</i>	<i>Purple</i>	
Isaiah 7:10-16	Psalms 80:1-7	Romans 1:1-7	Matthew 1:18-end

**24<sup>th</sup> December** **Tuesday, Christmas Eve**  
**2.00pm Topcliffe Crib Service**  
**6.30pm BSJ Carols by Candlelight**  
**10.00pm Dalton Christmas Communion**  
**11.30pm Topcliffe Midnight Mass**  
*for Readings, see below*

**25<sup>th</sup> December** **Wednesday, Christmas Day**  
**9.00am Topcliffe Christmas Morning Worship**  
**9.15am Baldersby Mission Room Christmas Communion**

<b>Readings:</b> <i>for Midnight Services and Christmas Morning. Set III</i>	<i>Page 26</i>	<i>white</i>	
Isaiah 52:7-10	Psalms 98	Hebrews 1:1-4	John 1:1-14

**26<sup>th</sup> December** Thursday  
11.00am Topcliffe *No Mid-week Communion this week*

**29<sup>th</sup> December** **First Sunday of Christmas**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday United Benefice Service**  
10.00am Skipton Holy Communion  
12.00noon Dalton Baptism

<b>Readings:</b>	<i>Page 13</i>	<i>white</i>	
Isaiah 63:7-9	Psalms 148:4-14	Hebrews 2:10-18	Matthew 2:13-23

# From the Parish Registers

## Baptism

*We are children of the same heavenly Father: we welcome you.*

## Weddings

*Those whom God has joined together, let no-one put asunder.*



**James and Charlotte Smith** (néé Bruce)  
following their wedding at Topcliffe Church on 30<sup>th</sup> August.  
What a lovely occasion!

## Funeral

3<sup>rd</sup> October                      Topcliffe                      **David John Allen** aged 88  
*Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him. May he rest in peace.*

### *Celebrating All Saints and Remembering All Souls*

All Saints falls, as always, on 1<sup>st</sup> November, and All Souls on 2<sup>nd</sup>. This year, because of the way the calendar falls, we shall be keeping the two occasions as follows.

It seems appropriate, too, to be having a service on 31<sup>st</sup> October. There is so much associated with this date, especially this year. As we continue our prayers for our country, and as we counter the unnecessary celebration of the forces of darkness with all the Hallowe'en activities, we celebrate instead Christ, the Light of the World and the hope for the future.

Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	11.00am 7.30pm	Midweek Communion Sung Eucharist for All Souls with a Mass setting by Victoria sung by Topcliffe Church Choir <i>with opportunity for names to be remembered and candles lit.</i>
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Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	<i>At morning Services today, there will be opportunity to have read out the names of those who have died, and, for those who wish to, to light a candle. The names of those who have died and whose service has been conducted by the Vicar during the last two years will automatically be included. Other names can be added to the sheet at the back of each church. Please write clearly.</i>	
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9.15am 10.45am	Dalton Baldersby St James
and at 6.30pm	at Topcliffe, Choral Evensong for All Saints (NB All Souls celebrated on Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> )

# Remembrance Sunday

10<sup>th</sup> November 2019



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| 9.15am  | Skipton on Swale   | Holy Communion followed by Act of Remembrance  |
| 10.45am | Topcliffe          | Act of Remembrance (half an hour)<br>followed by Refreshments<br>and then a short service of Holy Communion for those who wish to stay, or arrive at this point (beginning around 11.30am) |
| 2.15pm  | Dishforth Cemetery | Act of Remembrance   |

*Sundays are all very well ... but what about the rest of the time?*

*A message from Jill Bailey:*

## **Women's Faith Group**

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up.' 1 Thess. 5 v. 11

We are starting a new benefice group called Women in Faith. This will be a monthly group with the specific purpose of sharing and encouraging each other on our faith journeys. We will meet for an hour to chat, laugh, listen and reflect on a few verses of God's word.

First meeting is at  
**2pm, Thursday, 7 November, 2019.**  
At 16 Willow Bridge Lane, Dalton.  
*All welcome*

*The plan is to hold these gatherings on the first Thursday of each month. If you would like to go but can't make the first one, contact Jill, or Susanne on 01845 578513*

# Events

**First Saturday of the month  
St John's, Skipton-on-Swale**

*(Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November)*

**Open Church  
10.00am – 2.00pm**

friendly faces and ...  
refreshments, books, cakes, honey, cards  
– who knows what you'll find!

The plan had been to hold these Open Church days from April to October  
... but they've gone so well that they'll continue, at least to this month.

Thank you all for your support.

***Good News – The main church entrance is back in use again!***

## Wednesday Lunches

at Topcliffe Village Hall

**First Wednesday of every month  
(Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November this month)**

**12.00noon until 1.00pm**

**soup and cake**

Donations will go towards  
the installation of a new accessible path to St Columba's  
and for other improvements.

*All Welcome*

St Columba's Topcliffe  
**Christmas Fair**

**16<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

10.00am - 1.00pm

at Topcliffe and Asenby Village Hall

£3 admission (includes a drink and a hot turkey sandwich)

Can you help?

We are looking for donations of Cakes,  
Handicrafts or Raffle Prizes, please

If anyone wishes to have a stall, the cost is £5.

For all arrangements/offers of help, please contact  
Karen Morley on 07736 086369  
or Linda Carver on 01845 578014

*You are warmly invited to*

***Dalton Church's Sunday Lunch***

*Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019*

*12.30pm for ... 12.30pm*

*come and enjoy a 'proper Sunday lunch' with all the trimmings*

*Tickets: £12 from Terry Thorpe or any member of the PCC*

*Followed by a short Songs of Praise for those who wish to stay  
(in place of the Sunday evening service this month)*

## Dalton Christmas Fair

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December  
10.00-12.00noon  
in the Village Hall

Come and join the fun  
and meet Father Christmas!  
*And sign up for Posada!*

## Living Faith

Time ... Talents ... Money

### Thank You

Thank you to everyone who gives glory to God, lives out their faith in a day-to-day way, uses their God-given talents to build up the community, and supports the church ... whether it be by seen or unseen ways. It's never too young to start. Here is Emilia with some of the jam she made for the Talents Weekend at Topcliffe.

Thank you, Emilia!

Thank you,  
everyone.



# Celebrating Claro Enterprises

Thirty years ago, Susan and Christopher Brown started Claro Enterprises. Last month, they were awarded the Queens Award for Voluntary Service.

## Congratulations

to them, and to Maggie Archer and Colin and Elizabeth Reid who work with them  
- and to all at Claro. Below is the citation that explains their work.



### Claro Enterprises

Claro provides employment and training for those suffering with mental illness, particularly for those suffering from schizophrenia and other enduring mental illness such as manic depression, in a supportive and supervised environment. It is run by volunteer trustees who employ professional staff to achieve the aims of the charity and it has been active since 1989. Because the Founder Trustees and Volunteers of Claro had such a firm understanding of the needs of adults with mental health disabilities, they were able to set-up the workshop and almost instantaneously make a difference to every person who walked through the door. It is truly inspirational to see first-hand how everyone works together and communicates – not necessarily through words, in order to help each other and get the jobs in hand done to a very high standard.

Claro now provides support for an average of 40 service users and their carers and families every month of the year. All the users come from the Harrogate district and have a wide range of needs. In the last year, Claro has delivered 5,283 sessions and there are no other similar organisations in North Yorkshire. The trustees are fully involved in the charity, know exactly what is happening and are recognised by all service users. They use their contacts to secure contracts and find other activities such as the garden centre work. There is a variety of activities for service users ranging from assembly line work to manufacturing wooden items on complex machinery. Most wood products are made from MDF and are supplied both painted and unpainted, depending on the contract, to clients who then sell them on. The machinery ranges from basic woodworking to state of the art computer design technology. All abilities are catered for and users are encouraged to undertake the most appropriate tasks for their abilities. If working with MDF is not part of your skill set, but spray painting the products is, then they are encouraged to get involved in this way. In addition they can help in the kitchen or answer the telephones – all these activities help to make everyone feel a very important part of the team and this in turn encourages the building of self esteem.

It is well recognised that Claro Enterprises reduces dependency on primary and secondary healthcare services by providing regular, disciplined activity leading to new skills and a focus for service users. The assessors were impressed by the supportive, family atmosphere. Each service user is given a lunch which is eaten together with staff and trustees on site. These lunches are very often the only social contact that the users have during the day. Whilst Claro Enterprises receives grants from the County Council and an NHS Foundation, the sale of products and payment for services provides 58% of its funding and the trustees are determined to increase that percentage while fully recognising the challenges of operating in a commercial environment. All trustees are encouraged to seek further training to assist in their duties.

Claro Enterprises provides so much more than a safe haven for sufferers from mental illness. It has a sense of purpose which is reflected in the thinking and actions of its service users. They work in a real business producing goods and services for which there is a market. Buyers of the goods and services rely on Claro because of the high quality it provides and not because it is a charity. The sense of achievement in everybody concerned is palpable and impressed the assessors who came away from their visit hugely enthused. They are such a deserving recipient of a QAVS.

# 'Come and See' Mission

The Northern Bishops' Mission to the Diocese of York,  
12-15 March 2020



There will be various things going on in the Deanery and the Diocese during this time. The idea is that we plan something that we can ask friends and neighbours to - things that either introduce people to the Christian faith or help to deepen their (or our own) faith. Invitations, too, that then lead on to other invitations.

So far, we are planning two Messy Church events, one at Dalton and the other at Baldersby St James.

We're also beginning to plan a quite different evening of entertainment.

Watch this space!

*Susanne*

## News from the Schools

Topcliffe Church of England Academy

Dishforth Church of England Primary

Baldersby St James Church of England Academy

Queen Mary's School

I was in one of our schools last week conducting a Pupil Voice interview – asking the children about what they understood and what they appreciated about being in a Church School. Here are some of the comments from them:

“You get to pray to God and Jesus and say Thank You for all the good things. You get better living because you're with better people.”

They told me without hesitating that the school's core Christian Values were “Community, Respect, Perseverance, Hope”.

And when asked about a Bible story that illustrated one of those values:

“The one about the man who had the nets ... throwing them the other side ...” “It was Peter, he was a disciple.” “When he couldn't catch fish and Jesus told him to fish the other side.” “That's Perseverance.” “It's keeping on trying, it's not about winning.” “It's from the New Testament. That's the stories of Jesus's life. “The Old Testament is before he was born. It's the Bible.” “We get Bible stories in church ... in school ... in worship ... in the classroom.”

And when asked what their favourite Collective Worship (what used to be called 'Assembly') was, they immediately chorused, “Open the Book!” and proceeded to tell me all the stories that they'd seen and heard.

Thank you, Open the Book Team – your visits are greatly appreciated and well-remembered!

Susanne Jukes, Foundation Governor

**Have you ever wanted to go?**

## **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land**

Now may be your opportunity of a life-time. Next year, the Rev'd Dianne Gambol, Priest-in-Charge of the Hillside Parishes (Knayton, Leake etc) and The Rev'd Derek Simpson, Vicar of Thirsk, will be leading an 11-day trip based in Jerusalem and Galilee. The trip is organised through McCabe Pilgrimages, who are a respected and well-established tour company.

The dates: 19<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

The cost: £2,345

Further details and a booking form can be found at the back of church, via the Vicar, or by contacting Dianne on 01845 537253 or Derek on 01845 574742