

Cross Talk



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CHURCH SERVICES

St. James' Church, Baldersby St. James with Dishforth, Rainton and Skipton on Swale

Sunday 1 st June, 10.45am	Holy Communion <i>followed by refreshments</i>
Sunday 8 th June, 9.30am	Breakfast Service <i>with coffee and croissants</i>
Sunday 15 th June, 10.45am	Holy Communion <i>followed by refreshments</i>
Sunday 22 nd June, 9.30am	Morning Service <i>followed by refreshments</i>
Sunday 29 th June	No Service Everyone very welcome



St John the Evangelist Church, Dalton

Sunday 1 st June, 11am	Holy Communion <i>followed by refreshments</i>
Sunday 15 th June, 11am	Family Service <i>followed by refreshments</i> <i>All are most welcome</i>



St. Columba's Church, Topcliffe

Corporate Member of the Prayer Book Society

Sunday 1 st June, 8.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) <i>led by Revd Dawn Ward</i> Choral Evensong <i>followed by pre-supper refreshments and wine</i>
Thursday 5 th June, 11am	Midweek Morning Prayer <i>with refreshments and fellowship</i> <i>led by Revd Dawn Ward</i>
Sunday 8 th June, 10.45am	St Columba Festival Eucharist <i>led by Revd Robert Williamson</i> <i>followed at 1.15pm by Village Barbecue</i>
Thursday 12 th June, 11am	Midweek Morning Prayer <i>led by Revd Dawn Ward</i>
Sunday 15 th June, 10.45am	Sung Matins <i>followed by refreshments</i>
Thursday 19 th June, 11am	Midweek Morning Prayer <i>with refreshments and fellowship</i> <i>led by Revd Dawn Ward</i>
Sunday 22 nd June, 10.45am	Holy Communion <i>led by Revd Robert Williamson</i>



Thursday 26th June, 11am

Midweek Morning Prayer *with refreshments and fellowship
led by Revd Dawn Ward*

Sunday 29th June

No Service

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Readings for the 7th Sunday of Easter to the 2nd Sunday after Trinity

(Page numbers refer to the Common Worship Lectionary.)

Sunday 1st June, The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Collect

O God the king of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place
where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Readings (p911)

Acts 16.16-34

Psalm 97

Revelation 22.12-14, 16-17, 20-21

Gospel: John 17.20-26

Sunday 8th June, Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

Collect

God, who at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

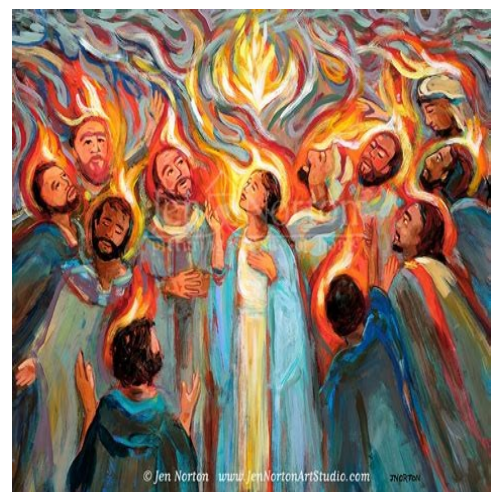
Readings (p923)

Acts 2.1-21 or Genesis 11.1-9

Psalm 104.25-35, [36,] 37

Romans 8.14-17 or Acts 2.1-21

Gospel: John 14.8-17, [25-27]



Sunday 15th June, Trinity Sunday

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity
and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Readings (p928)

Proverbs 8.1-4, 22-31

Psalm 8

Romans 5.1-5

Gospel: John 16.12-15



Sunday 22nd June, The First Sunday after Trinity

Collect

O God,
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed:
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
one God, now and for ever.

Readings (Proper 7 Related p969)

Isaiah 65.1-9

Psalm 22.18-27

Galatians 3.23-29

Gospel: Luke 8.26-39

Sunday 29th June, The Second Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Readings (Proper 8 Related p975)



1 Kings 19.15-16, 19-21

Psalm 16

Galatians 5.1, 13-25

Gospel: Luke 9.51-62

Reflection June 2025

In the last few years, green has become more than a colour. It has become a verb. To go green is to think about the future.

However green is a multifaceted word. Green can be used to mean naïve, inexperienced or untested. It can also be envious, or more unfortunately seasick.

It can be the place where you play bowls or golf, or it can be the centre of a village. It can be the signal to go, and it can be the sign of new life.

In some cultures, including our own, the colour green has plenty of positive meanings, which are deeply rooted in its psychological associations. However, green also has negative meanings in other cultures.

In Israel, green is a sign of bad news, in China, green means infidelity and in Indonesia, green has been traditionally forbidden.

More positively in Japan, the colour green is associated with eternal life, in Brazil, green is associated with nature and hope and in Ireland, the colour green is a symbol of patriotism.

However, in this country, one of the commonest uses now is when talking about the environment, with green being the predominant colour of our 'green and pleasant land'. The predominance of the colour green, meant that the Church of England chose it to symbolise what is known as 'Ordinary Time'.

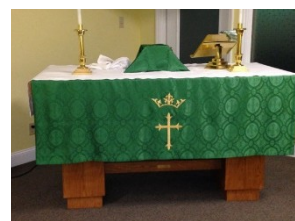


When you go into a Church at different times of the year, the colour of the decorations in the Church will change. At Christmas and Easter, we use white as a colour of celebration. During Advent and Lent we use purple to symbolise reflection and repentance. And then occasionally, as at Pentecost, Palm Sunday and during Holy Week we use red to symbolise the fire of the Holy Spirit but also to remember the saints and martyrs of the faith. But for most of the year, we use green, the colour of ordinary everyday life.

Green reminds us of the call to follow Jesus in the ordinary everyday matters of life, not just on the special occasions. It is a reminder that the God of our Sunday services is also the God of our Monday to Saturday work, rest and play, and that God is as much at work in the ordinary as in the extraordinary.

In the Green of Ordinary Time, we are invited to look again and to notice what we have been taking for granted. We are invited to see those places where God is quietly at work in the ordinariness of everyday life and then to join in with the work of God in bringing hope and life.

Part of our response may be to notice again the beauty of the world in which we live, and to respond with those small actions that each of us can take to care for that 'green and pleasant



land' so that the green spaces that we enjoy, can continue to be enjoyed by generations to come.

It may be that our response is to be those who experience the joy of God in Creation in the midst of a world that can feel chaotic and scary, and to invite others to join in the celebration of God with us in the ordinary.

God with us in the ordinariness of the everyday? Now that really is extraordinary.

Richard Byas

Rudston Monolith

The Rudston Monolith is the tallest standing stone in Britain. It measures over 7.6 metres (25 feet) high, is nearly 2 metres wide, a metre thick, and has an estimated weight of around 40 tons. The flat face of the stone faces the midwinter sunrise in the south-east. The megalith is situated in the churchyard in the village of Rudston in East Yorkshire which is situated between Driffield and Bridlington approximately 6 miles west of Bridlington and lies on the B1253 road.



The pointed top of the megalith is now protected with a metal cap. The stone originates from Cayton or Cornelian Bay 10 miles to the north. The stone was erected in approximately 1600 BC, and its depth into the ground may be as much as its height. Although it is assumed that the stone would have been dragged to the site, it may have been brought naturally to the site as a glacial erratic.

There is also a smaller gritstone in the churchyard of the same type which was once situated near the large stone along with a slab cyst grave. An oft-quoted legend recounts how the Devil threw the stone at the church and missed. A possible fossilised dinosaur footprint is said to be on one side of the stone, though a study by English Heritage in 2015 concluded that the claim was unsubstantiated.

The Norman church was almost certainly intentionally built on a site already considered sacred, a practice common through the country – indeed the name of Rudston comes from the Old English "Rood-stane", meaning "cross-stone", implying that a stone, already venerated, was adapted for Christian purposes. The churchyard of All Saints is of course much younger and although the Christianisation of the site took place around 1100AD the stone had already stood here for nearly 3000 years.

The monolith stands close to the Gypsy Race, an occasional stream that flows along the floor of the Great Wold Valley from close to the barrow of Duggleby Howe in the east, past another pair of barrows at Wold Newton and Willie Howe before turning south past the Argham Henge and Cursus down to Rudston itself where it bends sharply and heads eastwards to the sea at Bridlington. The whole of the Gypsy Race landscape was obviously important in prehistoric times and holds a rich selection of sites, most of which have been destroyed or badly damaged by ploughing, including many round barrows, several long barrows, four

cursuses and at least one henge. It continued to retain its importance into the historic period - a major Roman villa was discovered to the southwest of Rudston village.

In 1861 during levelling of the churchyard some 1.5 metres (4.9 ft) of the monolith was buried beneath ground. Sir William Strickland is reported to have conducted an experiment in the late eighteenth century determining that there was as much of the stone below ground as is visible above. He found many skulls during his dig and suggested they might have been sacrificial.



If you are anywhere near the area, this hugely impressive stone is certainly worth a visit as is the lovely early Norman church built around the year 1100 by William Peverel, lord of the manor. Of that Norman church, the tower remains, and you can still trace the original west entrance in the stonework at the west end of the church.

The Norman building was extended in the 13th century when both north and south aisles were added, along with the nave and chancel arch. In the

sanctuary is a slightly later sedilia.

The entire west end of the church is dominated by a huge organ donated by Sir Alexander MacDonald of the Isles, who played it for over 40 years. A plaque to MacDonald is set on the chancel wall. At the west end of the south aisle is a monument to Winifred Holtby, author of 'South Riding'. Holtby lived and wrote at Rudston House, and her grave is at the west end of the churchyard.

A great treasure of Rudston church is the beautifully decorated Norman font in tub shape, wonderfully carved with geometric patterns.

A Texan ranch owner was visiting the UK and visited a local pub in a sheep farming area of Yorkshire. He struck up a conversation with a sheep farmer in the pub. After a bit of chit chat, the Texan asked the Yorkshireman a question. The conversation went thus:

Texan - "So, how long does it take you to go from one end of your farm to the other".

Yorkshireman - "about 3 hours to walk from one end to the other"

Texan - "If I get in my car to drive from one end of my ranch to the other, it'll take me a day"

Yorkshireman, after some pause for thought - "Aye, I used to have a car like that."



Richard Byas

Baldersby St. James Church Events

MUSIC @ JUNCTION 50

On **Thursday 19th June at 7.00 pm** we welcome **"The Silver Keys" Clarinet Quartet** who love exploring all styles of music and, with members from all around the world, promise a concert with music from many countries and traditions. Thank you for your support of our concerts. We look forward to seeing you once again for an exciting evening. Tickets £12 on the door with supper/wine during the interval. Colin Reid – colinreid97@yahoo.co.uk 07770 620897

Coffee and Chat Every Tuesday morning between 10am and 12 noon for coffee, cakes and natter.

Welcome to DARWIN SCHOOL

Friday 27th June at 11.30am - We are delighted to welcome DARWIN SCHOOL run by Pebbles Education to Baldersby St James. Our school is once again going to be filled with young people, which is a great pleasure, especially for everyone who has been involved over the years. To celebrate we are holding a short service for Darwin School in church followed by a Bring and Share Lunch. Everyone is very welcome to join us and meet our new neighbours.

Susan Brown, Baldersby St James PCC

Dalton Church and Village Events

130 Club Results

February: £100 - Di Cox (No.71); £50 – Vince Moorhouse (No.115); £30 – Jean Brockhill (No.44); £20 – Bob Reed (No.17); £15 – Claire Hovvells (No.103); £10 – Terry Thorpe (No.43).

March: new 6 months for Village Hall funds. £15 – M Rose (No.23); £10 – Judy Spence (No.93); £6 – Hattie Spence (No.2).

April: £15 – Rhiannan Smith (No.45); £10- Sarah Hansbury (No.121); £6 – Alan and Fiona Crackell (No.99).

May: £15 – Dix Cox (No.71); £10 – Sylvia Binks (No.33); £6 – Nick Atkinson (No.97).

Coffee Morning

There will be a Coffee Morning in the Village Hall on Wednesday 4th June from 10.30am until noon in aid of the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. All are welcome to come along for a coffee and a chat.

Strawberry Teas

There will be Strawberry Teas in St John's Church on Saturday 21st June, 2pm until 4pm. There will also be a selection of sandwiches and cakes. There is no set charge, but donations will be very welcome towards ongoing repairs to the church roof. Please come along and support our fundraising and enjoy a lovely strawberry afternoon tea with friends, family and neighbours.

Dalton Fest

This year's Dalton Fest will be held in the village hall on Saturday 28th June. Doors open at 2pm, and bands begin at 4pm. Tickets are available on the Dalton Village facebook page or from Eleanor on 07841 036340, priced at £28 for a family, £12 adults, £6 children, under 4s free. There will also be fish and chips, pizzas, ice cream and candyfloss for sale. The bar will also be open, so please do not bring your own alcohol as it will not be allowed on the field. We are trying to raise funds for the village hall to keep events like this happening. Come along and enjoy a great family day out.

Dalton Village Gala

A date for your diary – this year's gala will be held in the village hall on Saturday 26th July from 2pm until 5pm. There will be baking competitions, children's races, a drawing competition and lots more. Another great day out.

St Columba's Church, Topcliffe

The popular **Thursday Morning Prayer Service** at 11am led by Rev Dawn Ward is an opportunity for fellowship followed by chat and refreshments.

The Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting held on Monday 19th May elected Chris Hewlett as churchwarden, John Phillips as Deputy Chairman, and the members of the PCC.

Christ the Consoler, Newby/Skelton-on-Ure.

On Thursday 22nd May St Columba's Church Choir sang evensong to an appreciative congregation in this Grade 1 listed church in the grounds of Newby Hall. The event raised funds for the Churches Conservation Trust for the maintenance of the church.

Columbatide Festival Sunday Celebration 8th June

You are warmly invited to any of the events. Details follow on page 9.

PARISH DIRECTORY

The Parishes of Topcliffe, Baldersby with Dishforth and Skipton on Swale, and Dalton.

There is currently no Vicar of the parishes. Until one is appointed, please contact our Area Dean, Rev'd Mary Rolls, mob: 07877 213327 email:

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St. Columba's Church, Topcliffe



St. Columba Festival Sunday 8th June

10.45am Columba Festival Service

led by Revd Robert Williamson

Mass in A by Eduard Rottmanner (1809-1843)

followed by Refreshments

1.15pm Village Barbecue in the Churchyard

with wine and soft drinks

Everyone Welcome

(but please notify John Phillips 01845 577034 for catering numbers)

**2.30 pm onward Guided Tours of the Church,
Church Tower and Churchyard**

(We regret the church tower is not accessible to children under 10 years due to safety hazards)

6pm Closing Service of Compline

(join us for a peaceful end to the day)

Everyone is most Welcome