



St John's & St Cuthbert's - Churches of Hipswell Parish

The **Parish Church of St John the Evangelist, Hipswell**, built in 1811, houses a growing, welcoming congregation, and is a favoured location for baptisms, weddings and funerals locally.

Its daughter church, **St Cuthbert's, Colburn**, built for residents the new 1950s development, also houses a thriving congregation.

The aim of both churches is always to be, '**A warm and welcoming church, open to the wider community, confident in Jesus' love and presence**'.

Our recently-refurbished **St Cuthbert's Community Hall**, is a busy, popular, rentable space for the wider community, while also offering a great facility for church use. Supporting our local community is always high on our agenda. **Bookings:** 07852 156134

Church Service times:

St John's, Hipswell: Each Sunday at 09.30

St Cuthbert's, Colburn: Each Sunday at 11.00

Website: www.hipswellparish.org.uk/

After the departure of Revd Andrew Cromarty in early October, we will enter a period of Interregnum, before the recruitment of another vicar. During this time the Churchwardens, **Marie Smalley & Pauline Fenwick** will take charge (tel nos above right).

Our Regular Activities:

St Cuthbert's Wellbeing Café

Launched in the autumn of 2021 by Marie Smalley, a trained Lay Pastoral Minister, and a small team of trained volunteers, the **Wellbeing Café** is held on alternate Mondays, 1000 to 1200 in St Cuthbert's Community Hall, Colburn Lane, DL9 4LT. The welcoming team aims to provide a warm and supportive presence to those attending, with opportunities for conversation, connection and mutual encouragement. Refreshments are provided. It's aimed at over 18s – both members of the church and wider community. For more info, call **Marie:** 07852 156134 or **Pauline** on 07803 879110 or see <https://www.hipswellparish.org.uk/regular-events/>

Veteran's & Community Art Group

Our *Veterans' and Community Art Group* has been a well-liked and welcoming group for seven years. Tuesdays 1000- 1200, during term time only. Beginners and all levels of ability welcome. Cost: £2.50 per week, and free to Veterans.

Big Family Fun Days: These have been well supported & appreciated locally. Look out for publicity for future events.

Fundraising Quiz Nights: These enjoyable events take place monthly in St Cuthbert's Community Hall, Colburn Lane, on the last Saturday evening of the month. Entry fee: £2.50 + a small raffle prize. Free refreshments provided. All welcome.

Extra events: In addition, there are various extra events which run throughout the year, held either at St John's or St Cuthbert's. See church noticeboards for details.

This exciting project, launched last year, aims to bring members of our churches and the local community together to grow vegetables, fruit and flowers in raised beds in the grounds of St Cuthbert's Church, Colburn.

This has been financially supported through individual gifts, the Coop Community Grant Scheme, and grants from Richmondshire District Council, North Yorkshire County Council, Funeral Partners Ltd and SPAR UK. A small group of volunteers has built raised beds, installed sheds and, soon, a greenhouse; and tends both the existing gardens and The Natalie Harker Memorial Garden. We are grateful to a number of local tradespeople, who have offered their time for free, or materials on generous terms.

We are presently establishing a regular gardening group, to grow and share produce freely with the local community, and possibly, in time, to be able to offer occasional gardening support to those locally who are struggling to maintain their own. We welcome enquiries about regular involvement, as we continue to establish a sustainable team.

We believe that participants will benefit from improved mental wellbeing and opportunities for gathering socially. The offer of free produce to passers-by will improve diets locally and the larger floral displays will create greater beauty, for the enjoyment of the wider community. Current Project Lead: **Revd Andrew Cromarty**
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