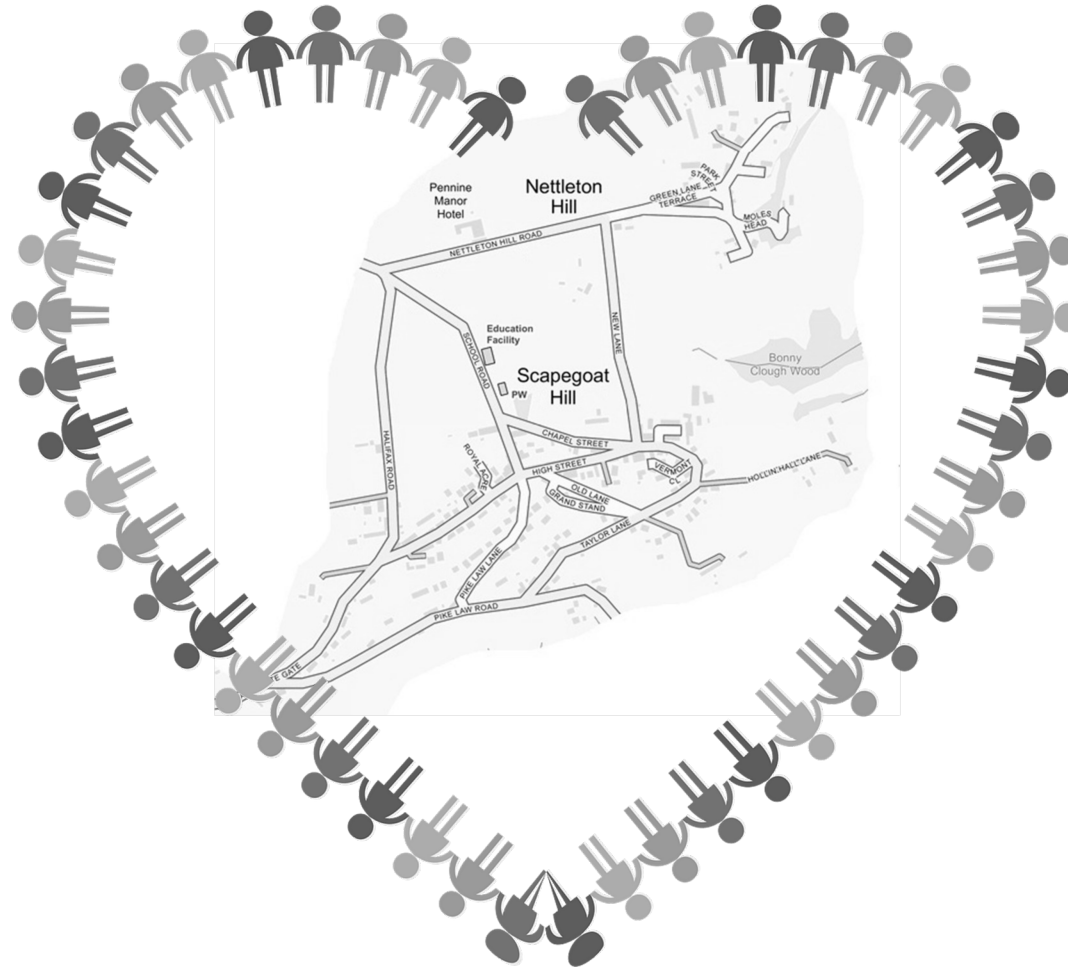
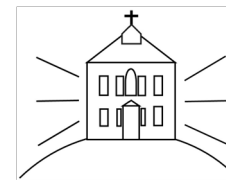
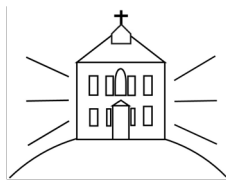


# Scapegoat Hill & Nettleton Hill Church & Community Newsletter November 2025



Community is much more than belonging to something;  
it's about doing something together that makes belonging matter

Hebrews 13:16—"And do not forget to do good and to share with  
others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased"



# Scapegoat Hill Baptist Church

## Our Vision

As a family of believers, we aim to bring the message of Jesus to our community in a relevant, meaningful and friendly way, building bridges of faith and hope on the journey of life.

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**YOUR NEAREST  
DEFIBRILLATOR  
IS LOCATED**

	Scape School—Outside on school wall Nettleton Hill—Outside at triangle in middle of village Liberal Club—Outside the club Scape Church - Inside church in the Deacons Room - front right	
Defibrillator		Defibrillator

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## Church Chatter

When I was at Junior School – which seems a very long time ago – autumn was one of my favourite times. We lived near Beaumont Park at the time so it was a delight to go to the park, collecting lots of things for the Autumn Table at our school. Looking for the biggest, reddest leaves was a good challenge and hoping it wouldn't rain before we got a few decent ones. Finding undamaged acorns, beech nuts, conkers and other autumn goodies kept us happy for ages. It was exciting to see the table fill up as we all brought our goodies to display, it made a lovely show when it was full.



Also, another distinctive thing about that time of year was that there seemed to be a distinctive smell in the air. People were starting to light their coal fires as it got colder, so there was a smoky smell from the chimneys and the foggy mornings and damp days had their own atmosphere. Of course as November approached there was the smell of fireworks, although I'm sure I don't remember them being set off as early as they seem to be nowadays. The morning after bonfire night there seemed to be a lingering smoky smell all the day afterwards.

There are lots of other childhood smells that always bring back memories, reminding me of happy times at Junior school. It's nice to remember things like that and this time of year, as we approach the Christmas season, it's good to be reminded of why we celebrate this time. God's precious gift of His only Son to come as a Saviour for us is definitely something we should celebrate and be grateful for. It's the gift of life for us!

Every blessing, Frances

## Scape Nature Group—Wellbeing and Nature

### What does wellbeing mean to you?

Is it a feeling of health and happiness or of quiet contentment and acceptance? We rarely think about our wellbeing when our lives are going well, but suffer terribly after a heartbreak or bereavement.

A growing body of research has demonstrated the calming and relaxing influence of nature, on our minds and bodies especially during emotional upset and trauma. Being in nature is such an effective way to calm a busy and anxious mind and the sight of natural beauty can trigger positive emotions in the brain.

### But how does this happen?

When we are stressed, irritated anxious or distracted our bodies are flooded with the stress hormone cortisol. We can end up feeling helpless lacking energy and motivation. Being out in the fresh air exposed to nature, even for 20- 30 minutes is linked to a significant drop in cortisol. Serotonin and dopamine are both hormones released to regulate mood. Exposure to sunlight boosts the level of the feel good hormone serotonin.

When you ask someone where their ‘happy place’ is, it is invariably somewhere where they feel good, outdoors surrounded by nature. When you are in this happy place your brain releases a rush of dopamine increasing positive mood and emotions. Too little of either of these hormones can cause mental health conditions.



Even though we may recognise these positive feelings we rarely think about our relationship with nature. We go from our house to our cars or buses to school buildings and offices and barely look up from the screens of our phones to notice a dandelion growing through a crack in the pavement. Children no longer play out.

But is now widely acknowledged that children who spend time outdoors are healthier and happier and more likely to grow into adults who care for the natural world. With one in eight children suffering mental health problems and 1 in twelve children going on to develop mental health problems into adulthood, it has never been more crucial to get children off screens and playing outside. We can create more joy and more calm in our lives by being outside. Nature can both lift your spirits and calm you down.





## How to get started

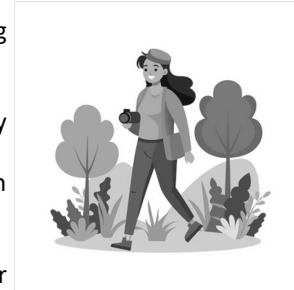
Start with a brisk walk every day. It needn't be a long walk just make sure the air is fresh and you're surrounded by nature.

Take the kids to the park or the woods on your way home from school.

Spend time in green spaces a park a woodland or even your garden.

If you can't get outside sit by a window.


See and cherish nature's beauty in your own way for your own wellbeing.

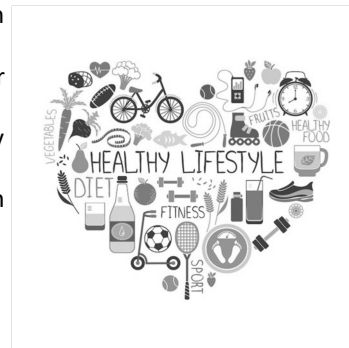


## The Five Ways to Wellbeing

In addition to spending time in nature, there are five recognised ways to support and

improve your wellbeing. Developed from extensive research, these simple actions can be woven into daily life to help you feel more positive and able to get the most out of life:

1. **Connect:** Build relationships with the people around you, whether it's family, friends, colleagues, or neighbours. Taking time to nurture these connections provides emotional support and a sense of belonging.
  2. **Be Active:** Physical activity is not only good for your body, but it also boosts your mood. Find an activity you enjoy, from walking and cycling to dancing or gardening, and make it a regular part of your routine.
  3. **Take Notice:** Be present and pay attention to the world around you – notice the changing seasons, the sights and sounds of your environment, and appreciate the simple things. Mindfulness can enhance your appreciation of life and help you stay grounded.
  4. **Keep Learning:** Try something new or rediscover an old interest. Learning new skills or exploring new topics can boost your confidence and give you a sense of achievement.
  5. **Give:** Acts of kindness, whether big or small, can make you feel happier and more fulfilled. Volunteer your time, help a friend or stranger, or simply smile and say thank you – these gestures foster community and wellbeing.
- Incorporating these five ways alongside time in nature can bring more balance, joy, and resilience to your everyday life.
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They shall not grow old..

**Sunday 9th November**

**10.30am**

**Tuesday 11th November**

**10.45am**

with Scapegoat Hill School

**all welcome**

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**2025  
REMEMBRANCE**



### **Autumn Term Highlights**

We had a wonderful Harvest celebration with our school community. Children performed songs from singing assemblies and shared thoughtful readings about farming and food. Their artwork, inspired by David Hockney, beautifully reflected the colours and textures of autumn.

We're now looking forward to commemorating Remembrance Day together in November.

Since September, our new playground—funded by our fantastic PTA—has brought joy to playtimes and outdoor learning. We're incredibly grateful for the continued support from our wider community. We also enjoyed a fun filled disco together on Wednesday 22nd October.

Across school, children have been engaged in exciting learning. Class 3 explored Ancient Greek myths such as Hercules, Daedalus and Icarus and the Trojan War, sparking rich discussions about morals and storytelling.

Year 1 developed map skills by exploring the school grounds and creating their own maps. Reception investigated seasonal changes through sensory play and art. Both groups also explored the human body and senses through fun experiments.

Class 2 focused on place value in maths and basic greetings in French. Their Stone Age-inspired art, based on Lascaux cave paintings, was full of texture and movement.

We've also celebrated Diwali and Black History Month, learning about traditions and influential figures including Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King and Mary Seacole.

Thank you again for your continued support. Wishing all our families a restful half term—we look forward to seeing everyone in November!

Best Wishes Miss Shackleton

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# NOVEMB

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THUR

<b>3</b> SCHOOL REOPENS ALPHA 6.30pm 	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> ESCAPE 1-2-3 	<b>6</b> ESCAPADE 7pr
<b>10</b> ALPHA 6.30pm 	<b>11</b> Remembrance Service with Scape School 10.45am Deacons Meeting 6pm 	<b>12</b> Craft & Chat 2pm	<b>13</b>
<b>17</b> ALPHA 6.30pm 	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> ESCAPE 1-2-3 	<b>20</b> ESCAPADE 7pr
<b>24</b> ALPHA 6.30pm 	<b>25</b> Deacons Only Prayer Meeting 6pm	<b>26</b> Craft & Chat 2pm	<b>27</b>

Contact [news@scape.church](mailto:news@scape.church) to include a community date in a future calendar / To






# BER 2025

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Family Service 10.30am Steve Daniel <i>Church Flowers</i> Jacqui: Much loved & missed—Only a thought away—Mum In memory of Pat Muirhead from Andrew, Kath and all the family
7pm—9pm 	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Prayer Breakfast 9am	<b>9</b> Remembrance Service 10.30am John Jaiyesimi <i>Church Flowers</i> In loving memory of a dear Mum, Dad, Grandma & Grandad—Pauline, John & Family 
	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Escape Coffee Morning & Christmas Market 10am 	<b>16</b> Family Service 10.30am Simon Shaw <i>Church Flowers</i>
7pm—9pm 	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> ALPHA DAY 10am for 10.30am Finish 3.30pm 	<b>23</b> Communion Service 10.30am Frances Brown <i>Church Flowers</i> In memory of Mum—Val & Chris
	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Sunday Service 10.30am Canon Martyn Crompton <i>Church Flowers</i> Remembering Nicholas Holmes with love Mum

/ To donate flowers in church to remember a loved one contact [news@scape.church](mailto:news@scape.church)

### **Which Well and Where?**

The three public wells at Scapegoat Hill as defined, set out, in the Golcar Inclosure Awards of 1823 are:-

***Spring Head, Spout Hill & Treacle Delph.*** The definition states; “Watering places for here and ever after as they have being accustomed for their water and the watering of cattle”.

***Spring Head*** is located at Slawit Gate at the junction of Halifax Road and High Street, (formerly The Pike Law Edge Road) and still exists, unfortunately now under lock and key.

***Spout Hill*** is at the opposite westerly end of The Pike Law Edge Road, below the junction of New Lane and Chapel Street. Long before the Chapel was built, Chapel Street was The Scapegoat Hill Road. Spout Hill Well is built into the wall next to Lockwoods Yard and can still be seen but bricked over.

***Treacle Delph*** is the most difficult to locate and now confused incorrectly with Grandstand and was buried to construct a house but still exists under the ground.

An important point of law applies to these wells:

There are two water courses:- The water flowing in and the ‘surplus’ water flowing out. The water cannot be claimed and the basis of this Law is Biblical. “Water cannot be coveted or monopolised”. (Genesis 29:8)

These wells are not to be confused with private wells and other troughs along highways, carriageways, occupation roads or in fields. Geographically if you look at the location of dwellings they may appear sporadic but the reason being is most houses were situated on draw wells, often built in a terrace of three dwellings, 1,2 & 3. Dwelling number 2 had the draw well and dwellings 1 & 3 have access to the draw well. This arrangement comes under ‘Water Rights’ but are private to the dwellings. There may also be a barn or stable. High Street (Pike Law Edge) located between Spring Head and Spout Hill, has draw wells all along the route, either in the house or yard and up to twenty feet deep. These houses were mainly weavers cottages relying on a water source. Then another question arises: “What of the waste water and sewage”?

The Dipping Well is also located along High Street and still exists but not easy to find. Hands up, how many Scapers can still claim heritage to ancestors who where dipped and baptised in the Dipping Well opposite Parkin Square?

*Tanner*



## The Old Testament explained—Part One

The Old Testament is the first major section of the Christian Bible, and it's composed of 39 individual books. The first five books, written by Moses, tell of the rise of mankind, the call of Abraham, and the formation of the Nation of Israel. The other books pertain to wisdom and poetry, the history of Israel, the Law of Moses, and various prophets. It's called the "Old Testament," meaning the "Old Covenant," as a reference to the covenant God made with Israel when He instituted the Law through Moses.

**The Torah:** The first five books of the Bible are called the Torah—a Hebrew word meaning "instruction." They are also referred to as the Pentateuch, meaning "five scrolls."

**Genesis:** The Book of Genesis is the book of beginnings. It focuses on God's creative actions, the Fall of Adam and Eve, the degradation of the human race and the corruption of the world. Following the Flood of Noah, God calls Abraham, a man who completely trusts God and to whom God makes a promise that he will be the father of many nations and through his offspring all the people of the world will be blessed. This is a promise that the Redeemer will come one day through Abraham's bloodline.

**Exodus:** Exodus means "the departure," and this book portrays the departure of Israel from Egypt after years of captivity. During their 40 years of travel in the wilderness, they receive the Law of Moses, a covenant that God makes with them in which He promises to provide for them as long as they are faithful in their obedience to Him.

**Leviticus:** One of the twelve tribes of Israel was the Levites, and the book of Leviticus focuses on the duties and responsibilities of the Levites in leading the Nation of Israel in their worship of God, as well as on laws and regulations to keep Israel holy before God.

**Numbers:** The book of Numbers tells of the 40-year wanderings of Israel in the wilderness of Sinai. It begins with Moses and Aaron taking a census, includes a description of the people's failure to trust God when they come to the Promised Land, and describes their punishment: that the older generation must all die before the younger can enter the land.

**Deuteronomy:** Deuteronomy literally means "second law", and it's the book that records Moses' repetition of the Law, as well as adding some additional laws that are necessary for life in the Promised Land. Moses encourages the people's faithfulness to God and exhorts them to be obedient as they enter the Promised Land.





**Burglars targeted two houses in Scape** on the same day and police believe they are linked. The break-ins happened on Tuesday, October 7. West Yorkshire Police are appealing for information. One burglary was in Taylor Lane and the other in Vermont Close.

The Taylor Lane burglary happened between 1.10pm and 9.30pm. A suspect or suspects are believed to have entered through the front patio doors and stolen a small amount of cash and electrical items.

The Vermont Close break-in was between 8.30am and 11.30pm, where the suspect or suspects are believed to have initially gained access to the property through a glass panel in the garage door. Despite extensive damage to the house, nothing was taken, police said.

A Force spokesman said: "The two burglaries are believed to be connected due to the timeframe and proximity of the addresses. CCTV enquiries and Ring doorbell footage are being reviewed to identify a blue Transit van that may be linked to the suspect."

Please keep your eyes and ears open and report anything suspicious to the police. Never approach anyone yourself. Its not worth it!

**Mobile phone theft** is on the increase

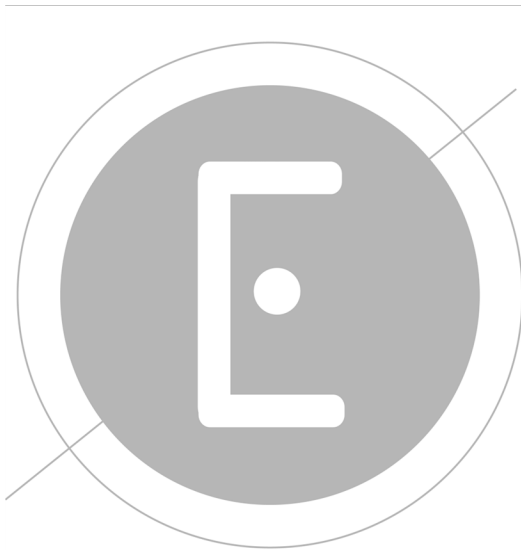
**Protect yourself from mobile phone theft**

- Don't leave your phone, iPad, tablet or camera unattended, out of your sight, or left on a table. Thieves can grab a phone from a table in seconds.
- Be aware of your surroundings and only use your mobile when it feels safe to do so.
- When you've finished using it, put it away. Would you walk around with £1000 or more of cash in your hand???

**Things to do now that will help if your phone gets stolen**

- Use your phone's security features to stop someone using your phone if it's stolen. Choose a strong PIN, passcode, password or pattern.
- Get your phone's IMEI number by typing \*#06# on your phone keypad. Keep a note of it somewhere other than on your phone. The IMEI can help track the phone down if it's lost or stolen.
- Set up a tracking app on your phone so you can see where it is from another device like a laptop. Use it as soon as possible, before thieves have a chance to disable it.
- Turn off message previews, so that thieves won't see any messages about reset or login codes when your phone is locked.
- Make sure your phone data is regularly being backed up in case of theft

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# ESCAPE 1.2.3

ESCAPE is back for it's second year!

Fun and games for young people held in the Chapel

Wednesday 5th and 19th November

Escape 1: 4-6 years—6pm to 7.15pm

Escape 2: 7-10 years—6pm to 7.15pm

Escape 3: 11-14 years—7pm to 8.30pm

(There is some slight fluidity in these age groups)

Grown up kids see opposite for ESCAPADE!

**Don't miss the ESCAPE Christmas Market & Coffee Morning**

**Saturday 15th November from 10am**

*Email [escape@scape.church](mailto:escape@scape.church) for more information*

pool table  
table tennis  
air hockey



# Don't

let kids have all the fun

F1 simulator

table football

Fifa football on XBOX

Thursdays

6th & 20th Nov, 4th & 18th Dec

**7- 9pm**

bring your own drinks alcohol allowed

@ Scapegoat Hill Baptist Church  
over 15's

*(Under 18's must be accompanied by a responsible adult)*

# Discovering Christmas

**Jesus' Birthday is approaching fast!**

More details will be available in the next newsletter but here are some

## **December dates for your diary**

Friday 5th —7.15pm—Coffee, Cakes and Carols

Thursday 11th—2.15pm—School Carol Concert

Followed by School Christmas Fayre back in the school

Friday 18th—7pm—Multimedia Christmas praise Evening

Sunday 21st—10.30am—Nativity Service

Sunday 21st—4pm—Carol Singing in the village

Sunday 21st—6pm—Vintage Brass

**NEW THIS YEAR**—Wednesday 24th—11.45pm to 12.15am—Midnight Service

Thursday 25th—11am—Christmas Day Service



*PS—Be on the lookout for our Advent Door from 1st Dec*

*Open it each day to discover more about **Christmas***