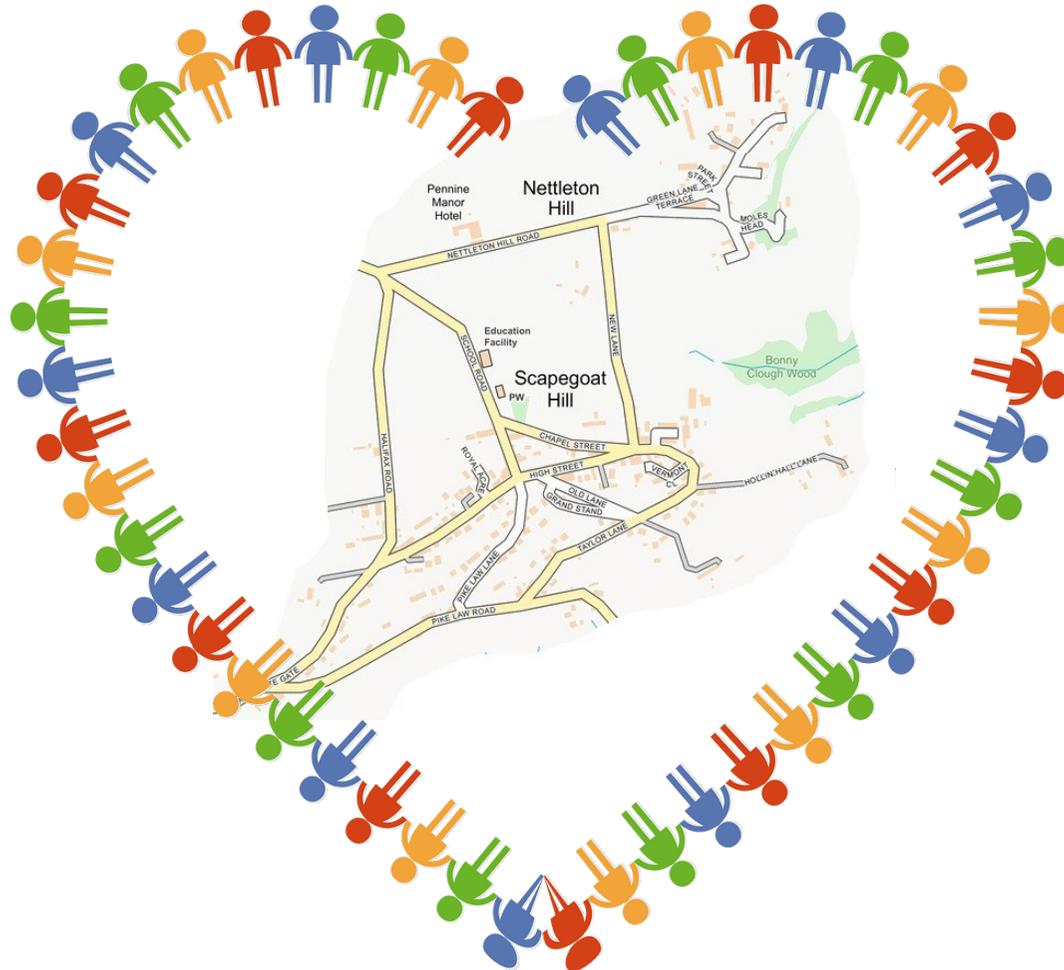
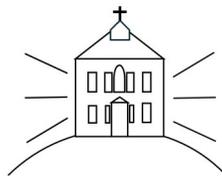


Scapegoat Hill & Nettleton Hill Church & Community Newsletter February 2026



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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Liberal Club—Outside the club
Scape Church - Inside church in the Deacons Room -
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Church Chatter

Hi Everyone

The thing that's on my heart to share with you is about just how much God cares about the little things that trouble us (although they may seem enormous to us!)

I've had 8 major ops before – but a new knee job – that really scared me.

That was for two reasons; I'd seen six other friends have new knees and it was not an easy ride and I was frightened of being a whimp; and, as an ex nurse I had watched doctors doing lumbar punctures and I was terrified – ABSOLUTELY terrified of having a spinal anaesthetic!

So, first of all, NHS admin had dropped me off the list. I should have been in in April but when I rang to chase it up in August I discovered my name wasn't on any list. That was frustrating, but in the end I have to believe that the timing was in Lord's hands and He knows best.

So when I saw the anaesthetist that morning I shared my fears. He replied that when he watched some doctors doing lumbar punctures it made him cringe too! I asked whether sedation came before the spinal but he didn't answer. Down in the anaesthetic room, he got the canula in my hand and they turned me into position for the spinal – then something started to feel different. I looked at him and said you've done it, haven't you? Next thing I knew, I was in recovery and I had never felt anyone even touch my back. He'd put the sedation in early and I knew nothing at all about the spinal anaesthetic.

If you are a brave soul, I may sound a bit pathetic – but to me it was the biggest thing that happened around the op. God knew my greatest, deepest fear and He intervened. I thank Him for the care of the anaesthetist.

As for the other fear of being a whimp – it wasn't the easiest of journeys, but doing what you're told is the key.

I'd also like to say thank everyone who cared and prayed for me during this time. My progress has been good, I'm further on than I should be and I truly believe God has carried me through this and thank you for being part of this journey through your love and prayers. Liz

“Cast all your anxiety on Him, for He cares for YOU” 1Peter 5:7

Scape Nature Group—Let's get Scape buzzing

Bees first appeared 140 million years ago when insects were enormously abundant. Flowers back then were tiny, and green or brown and not adapted to attract insects. Some plants started producing pollen and nectar to attract more pollinators and coloured petals to advertise this reward and the world burst into colourful bloom.

120 million years ago there weren't any bees, but certain wasps started feeding only on pollen and nectar. These were the ancestors of today's bees. Bees are essentially wasps that became vegetarian.

Bees are some of our most important pollinators, ensuring that wildflowers set seed and reappear each year and also that our fruit and vegetable crops give us bountiful harvests.

Today one in three of the different types of crops we grow depend on bees to pollinate them. Imagine a world without blueberries, tomatoes, blackberries, raspberries, avocados, strawberries, cucumbers, blackcurrants, pumpkins, chilli peppers, coffee and chocolate! And those are just a few of the crops that would be affected if pollinators like bees were to disappear.

It would not only be crops that would be affected, 90% of all wild plant species require pollination. Without pollinators our meadows and hedgerows would have no colourful flowers and ecological systems would collapse.

It is claimed that Einstein said that 'If bees disappeared off the face of the earth, man would have only four years left to live.' It's not known if this is accurate but it makes the point that bees are profoundly important to our wellbeing.

But bees are struggling, our countryside has fewer flowers than it once had. Almost all our hay meadows and flower rich chalk down land were ploughed up in the twentieth century and thousands of miles of hedgerows were dug out.

Those hedgerows that remain are awash with fertilisers and so tend to grow only coarse aggressive plants that thrive in fertile conditions such as nettles docks and hogweed.

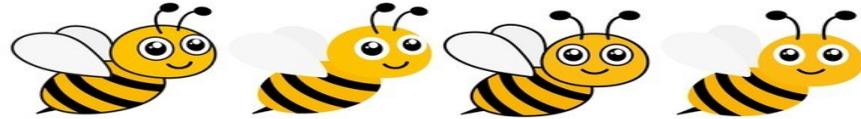
Wildflowers that manage to grow are contaminated with cocktails of insecticides which paralyse and kill bees leaving them dazed confused and unable to navigate.

We need to look after our native bees and provide them with refuges where they can feed breed and thrive.

The good news is that this is easy to do. We can make our gardens into havens for bumblebees, wild bees and other pollinators no matter how small they are.

A balcony, window box or even a simple grow-bag can produce copious flowers and attract hungry bees.





The UK is home to 25 species of bumblebee. Easy to identify because they are big furry and beautiful. Their buzzing lazy flight, the perfect soundtrack to a summers day pottering in the garden. There are 25 species to be found in the UK.

It's February and if the sun shines the first bumblebees will appear from their winter hibernation. They will be starving hungry and will have been living off their fat reserves for the last six to eight months.

The few flowers around are vitally important: winter heathers, hellebores, and crocus are amongst the first flowers and will be mobbed by ravenous queen bees. Provided they can find enough food they will then search for a nest, flying just above the ground scanning for holes. If they find a dry dark safe cavity usually an old vole or mouse nest they settle down to make their nest. Bumblebee nests can grow to have between 50 – 400 bees.

The UK is home to 244 species of solitary bee. Solitary bees tend to be smaller than bumblebees and most of them lead solitary lives.

They have no queen or communal nest as each female constructs her own nest which may be a burrow in the ground, a hole in a dead tree a hollow plant stem or even an empty snail shell. Most people go their whole lives without noticing these little creatures yet they live all around us.

I hope this article will inspire and encourage a few gardeners to ditch the insecticides plant bee friendly plants and our children will be able to grow up as we did, hearing the buzzing drone of bumblebees.

How you can help save our bees

Plant a border with native wildflowers that bees love such as borage, comfrey, pulmonaria, knapweed, and foxglove. Or herbs such as marjoram rosemary and lavender.

Plant a window box or even a simple planter to attract hungry bees.

Grow flowers rich in nutritious pollen (native wild flowers are best, annual bedding plants provide very little nutrients for bees)

Avoid using pesticides and insecticides in your gardens (birds are the best pesticides)

How Scape Nature is helping our local bees

Here in Scapegoat Hill we're doing our bit to help our local bees.

We're planting a wildlife friendly hedge in the graveyard consisting of hawthorn, hazel blackthorn, rowan, and dog rose.

We're planting a wildflower border in front of the hedge with perennial flowers that bees love. Please join us and **'Let's get Scape buzzing.'**

Email news@scape.church to join the Scape Nature WhatsApp group and get involved

FEBRUAF

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THUR

2	3	4	5
9	10 Deacons Meeting 6pm	11 Craft & Chat 2pm ESCAPE 1-2-3 	12 ESCAPADE 7pr
16	17	18	19
23	24 Deacons Prayer Meeting (Open—All Welcome) 6pm	25 Craft & Chat 2pm ESCAPE 1-2-3 	26 ESCAPADE 7pr

Contact news@scape.church to include a community date in a future calendar / To

MAY 2026

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

			<p>1 Family Service 10.30am Steve Daniel</p> <p><i>Church Flowers</i> On memory of my dear husband, Brian—Love Angela XX</p>
	6	7 Church Weekend Away	<p>8 Communion Service 10.30am Simon Shaw</p> <p>Church Weekend Away <i>Church Flowers</i> In loving memory of a dear Mum—Elaine & David</p>
<p>7pm—9pm</p> 	13	14	<p>15 Family Service 10.30am Chris Baskerville</p> <p><i>Church Flowers</i> In loving memory of my dear husband, Wesley— Eileen Church Meeting 12:45pm</p>
	20	21	<p>22 Sunday Service 10.30am Ken Speake</p> <p><i>Church Flowers</i> In loving memory of Dad from Nicky</p>
<p>7pm—9pm</p> 	27	28	<p>1 Sunday Service 10.30am Steve Daniel</p> <p><i>Church Flowers</i> In loving memory of Mum & Dad from Nicky</p>

To donate flowers in church to remember a loved one contact news@scape.church



Please be aware there has recently been a rise in fake notes, mainly £10 and £20. Check your money - we work hard to get it!

How to check your banknotes
<https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/-/media/boe/files/banknotes/take-a-closer-look.pdf>

Have you been contacted by your 'bank' arranging to collect your bank card and pin number due to suspicious activity on your account?

Have you received a call from a 'police officer' asking you to withdraw cash to hand over as evidence as part of a confidential investigation?

This is courier fraud!

Banks and Police would never send a courier to your home to collect any of the above.



To report please visit <https://www.reportfraud.police.uk/> or call 0300 123 2040

HARE COURISING IS ILLEGAL



Hare coursing is where dogs are trained and used to chase, catch and kill live hares. Hare coursing is illegal under the Hunting Act 2004. It is illegal to participate, attend, knowingly facilitate or permit land to be used for a hare coursing event.

If you know of/believe hare coursing activity is happening on your land or near where you live, please can I urge you to contact our local police force using 101 or CRIMESTOPPERS (0800 555111) If you suspect a crime is currently taking place then you should contact 999.

*Email news@scape.church to join the Neighbourhood Watch WhatsApp group
Find more information at wypcommunityalert.co.uk*



Young Voices at Co-op Live

One of the most exciting preparations happening in school is for the Young Voices concert, which will take place at Co-op Live later this term. Pupils have been rehearsing enthusiastically and are enjoying learning a range of uplifting songs, including a Pop Medley and the much loved Wicked Medley. We are sure the children will represent Scapegoat Hill with real pride at this concert.

What's Been Happening in School

In Class 3, pupils have been exploring computer aided design (CAD) using a website called Tinkercad. They are learning how to design practical projects such as playground layouts, alongside more imaginative and fantastical designs of their own. This work has encouraged creativity, teamwork and problem solving.

The children have also been learning about the artist Wayne Thiebaud, well known for his colourful paintings of cakes and desserts, which have inspired some vibrant artwork. In history, Class 3 have been studying the Shanghai Dynasty, gaining insight into life in ancient China.

Class 2 have been producing excellent writing, including work on designing advertisements. In science, they have been learning about plants and what they need to grow, while geography lessons have focused on understanding the difference between human and physical features in our world.

In Class 1, pupils have been learning all about volcanoes, including writing a recount of a visit to a dormant volcano as part of their topic work. They have also been exploring British weather, learning about the seasons and the wide variety of weather we experience in our country throughout the year.

Sporting Events

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils are currently preparing for a handball tournament at Colne Valley High School. They have been developing their skills and teamwork in PE lessons and are looking forward to representing the school at the event.

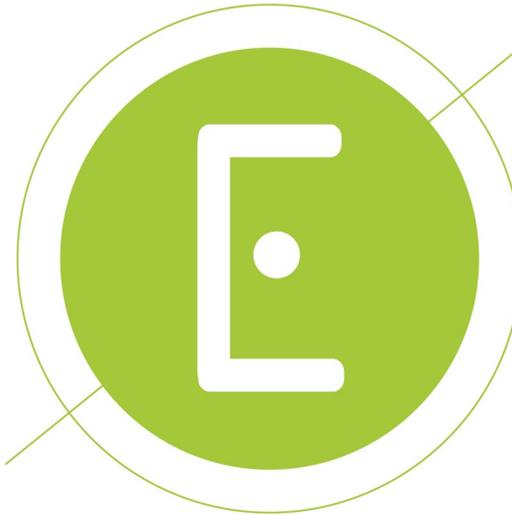
Safer Internet Day – 10 February

The school will be marking Safer Internet Day on Monday 10 February. This year's theme focuses on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and what this means for children and young people today. Pupils will take part in discussions, activities and quizzes exploring how technology can be used safely and responsibly.

There are also resources and quizzes for families to explore together at home, helping to support safe online habits for all ages. This can be found on this website, Safer Internet Day 2026 - UK Safer Internet Centre

Thank you to everyone in the Scapegoat Hill community for your ongoing support. School life continues to be an important part of village life, and we're proud of how the children's learning, creativity and achievements contribute to the wider community.

Miss Shackleton



ESCAPE 1 · 2 · 3

After a trial run last year we have decided from 2026,
ESCAPE 1,2 & 3 will all meet together from 6pm to 7.15pm
and each age group will have its own specific activities.

Every other Wednesday—See Calendar for dates

See you there!

Email escape@scape.church for more information

pool table
table tennis
air hockey



Don't

let kids have all the fun

Calling all adults and over 15's!

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

Every other Thursday—See calendar for dates

Pool table, table tennis, air hockey, foosball, darts,
Xbox FIFA football and much more

(Alcohol in moderation allowed downstairs in the church)

