



## Beetham Church Annual Flower Festival celebrating

# The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Thursday 2nd ~ Sunday 5th June

A weekend of celebration with glorious flower displays representing each decade of the Queen's reign, plus an exhibition of Beetham over the last 70 years, and live music

Thursday 2nd June ~ Flower Festival & Exhibition opens with the ringing of the bells

Friday 3rd June ~ Beetham Handbellringers at 11.30am & 12.45pm

Saturday 4th June ~ Beetham Band in church at 11.30am and during the afternoon.  
~ Fun celebrations at Beetham School from 11am~3pm

Sunday 5th June ~ Parish Eucharist at 11am

~ A Service of Thanksgiving for the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen in music and readings at 6pm

Please come and join us for this very special weekend

The church will be open from 10am to 5pm daily, with refreshments available each day  
Free entry ~ donations welcome in aid of Beetham Church



### What did you do in the Jubilee?

The present generations are exceptional in the fact that they have had the opportunity to celebrate and enjoy up to five royal Jubilees, those of more mature years, remembering the Silver Jubilee of King George V in 1935. Queen Victoria, of course, celebrated three such events, but our present Queen is the first British monarch to sit on the throne for seventy years.

The word 'Jubilee' means a special anniversary and is of biblical origin. It is referred to in the Hebrew Bible as a year of restoration and emancipation, usually after fifty years. In the Catholic Church, the word referred to remission from prison under certain conditions, granted for a year, after twenty five years. 'Jubilate Deo' or 'rejoice in God' is an Anglican canticle based on Psalm 100.

However, the English word seems to be derived from old French 'jubile' from late Latin 'jubilaus (annus)' 'year of the jubilee' based on the Hebrew word 'yobel', a ram's horn trumpet used to announce the Jubilee Year. The word is now associated with celebrating the decades of the Monarch's reign.

No doubt, we all have memories of the Jubilee celebrations in which we have been a part. In the 1977 Silver Jubilee, as a member of our local Church 'Young Wives' group, I remember country dancing through the village in red, white and blue skirts made by one of our members, then in Newmarket, taking on the role of Anne of Cleves with Henry VIII and his other wives, in a pageant depicting the lives of all the previous monarchs.

The Golden Jubilee of 2002 in Beetham found us enjoying the 'Jubilee Picnic' at Dallam Tower at the invitation of the Brigadier and Mrs. Tryon Wilson and then a Beacon fire and fireworks at Beetham Hall.

The Diamond Jubilee of 2012 was recognised on Shrove Tuesday just after the anniversary of the Accession. The thespians of Beetham Church led by Canon Sandy Lofthouse, provided the entertainment at the Shrove Tuesday Supper in the Heron Corn Mill Barn in 1952 style, 'on the wireless!' Guests were treated to 'Listen with Mother,' Flanders and Swan', 'The Goon Show', 'Take It From Here' and many other programmes to tickle and amuse. In May, 'Her Majesty, the Queen and Prince Philip' accompanied by their entourage and the Band of Beetham Primary School pupils, processed to the Church for a Jubilee service in weather reminiscent of the Coronation day in 1953.

What treats are in store for the Platinum Jubilee? The Annual Church Flower Weekend will depict the decades of the Queen's reign with flowers, music and an exhibition of Beetham life during the last seventy years, together with special Jubilee Church services. The infants at Beetham School have already painted portraits of the Queen and written to Her Majesty, who to the delight of them all, has replied with her thanks. Each of the children is busy making a souvenir plate from mod-roc to keep and to mark this special Platinum Jubilee Year.

Whatever you do or are involved in during this Platinum Jubilee, enjoy it all and give thanks for the devotion, service and long life of her gracious Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

God Save the Queen!

Dianne Lomax

## Letter from The Revd Andrew Norman

### Dear friends

Earlier in the year I wrote about the beginning of the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen, recalling that on Accession Day (6th February) Queen Elizabeth II became the first British monarch to celebrate seventy years on the throne. And, as those who have lived and are living through our country's second Elizabethan age, we are fully aware of the historical significance of such celebrations. When, in looking back on the last seven decades, we record the extraordinary (and perhaps unparalleled) progress socially, technologically and culturally that have benefited peoples across the world.

Though attitudes towards the monarchy differ and can be the cause of debate and disagreement; even the most ardent sceptic would be hard pressed not to recognise the diligent and unstinting service that Her Majesty has demonstrated throughout the last seven decades. As with hope and purpose, with faith and resolve she has sought to serve both God and through serving God do her utmost for the welfare of the people committed to her charge.

At the Coronation in June 1953, before anything else, the Queen was asked by the Archbishop of Canterbury whether she was willing to undertake all that would be asked of her. A reminder – after seventy years of service – that everything has followed came from Her Majesty's choice of all that was being asked of her. In recognising this we remember that that the Queen's lifetime of dedicated duty has not been predicated on a meaningless approach to doing what was expected of her, but rather an active decision to serve, regardless of the cost that it brings.

Such attitudes and values do not always chime well with our modern era, when in an individualistic and consumerist age we forget the meaningfulness of sacrifice and what this means in life, work and community; so that those around us (and not just we ourselves) can find happiness, contentment and flourishing. In this the Queen has, in our own unique way, heeded the words Jesus offered to his first disciples about the way he was asking them to go, 'if any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.' In short, we are taught the real beauty of life, the vision that God intends for us all, in our willingness and choice to give ourselves wholeheartedly to others. To love and serve as we trust that God has already sought to love and serve us, most tangibly in the life, teachings and example of Jesus Christ.

In The Book of Common Prayer, there is set down a prayer for our Queen that was intended to be, and in many places still is, prayed daily. Though the prayer was originally written for a different time and monarch altogether, in the ferment and fervour of the English Reformation, when the political and constitutional life of our nation was more fiercely contended than today. It would be difficult to find more apposite words to frame all the celebrations that will take place across the country at the beginning of this month; as communities both locally and nationally come together, in varied ways, in thanksgiving for our Queen's steadfast devotion to duty and service, including here in our own village.

*O Lord our heavenly Father,  
high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, the only Ruler of princes,  
who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth;  
most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour  
to behold our most gracious Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth;  
and so replenish her with the grace of thy Holy Spirit,  
that she may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way:  
endue her plenteously with heavenly gifts;  
grant her in health and wealth long to live;  
strengthen her that she may vanquish and overcome all her enemies;  
and finally, after this life, she may attain everlasting joy and felicity;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

With every good wish and prayer for God's blessing,




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### Hannah's Ordination

**Hannah Wallace will be ordained Deacon at Carlisle Cathedral on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30pm (with refreshments from 1.30pm)**

Andrew has received a letter from the Dean of Carlisle encouraging congregations to attend to support those being ordained, so if you would like to come along, you are invited and will be welcome. Do have a think over the coming weeks and we can coordinate numbers nearer the time.

Please do pray for Hannah, Greg, Sam and Bethan as they begin this new chapter.






**Kendal Salutes the Queen**

**COME AND SING SONGS OF PRAISE**

**Kendal Parish Church Sunday 5 June 4pm**

in the presence of the Mayor of Kendal

**2pm All singers welcome - Parish Hall**  
**4pm Everyone welcome - Songs of Praise**

Director **Jonathan Bielby MBE**  
Organist **Andy Plowman**

Music to include *Old 100<sup>th</sup> (Vaughan Williams)*  
*and Orb & Sceptre March (Walton)*

Celebration followed by Pimms on the Green

**St John's Levens invites you to join in our Citizen Science**

**Nature Watch**  
**Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**From 3pm**  
**In the churchyard**  
**Refreshments provided**

**The Christian environmental charity A Rocha UK wants to log the plants, trees, insects, birds and animals that call our churchyards in the UK home.**

**Come and join us! Help us to find out how biodiverse our church land is!**

**Please bring any binoculars, magnifying glasses and identification books you may have with you.**

**"I HAVE TO BE SEEN TO BE BELIEVED"**  
*Queen Elizabeth II*

**Beetham Band** Happy June everyone, and congratulations to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on her Platinum Jubilee. What a remarkable achievement and at 96 she still steadfastly upholds her Coronation promise to serve. Inspiring.

However, as this is the Beetham Community Band bit, I have looked into Her Majesty's musical interests. She is and always has been a huge supporter and lover of music, encouraging musicians from all walks of life. In 1930, Sir Edward Elgar dedicated one of his final compositions to Princess Elizabeth, Margaret, and the then Duchess Of York, (Queen Mother). It is entitled 'Nursery Suite'. She also has an honorary music degree - The Honorary Bachelor Of Music was awarded to her from the University of London.

Throughout the decades music from all around the world has been a constant companion during State Visits, banquets, the wonderful traditional Royal events. So, I think she will be thrilled to know there will be so many musical tributes to her during her Jubilee. Our modest troupe, Beetham Community Band is pleased to be playing their part. We shall play with pride but also much enjoyment. I feel at times music has provided for Her Majesty what it provides for us all. It transports us, it soothes and shines light on to cherished memories, it makes us smile & come together. We are all part of it, we all make music and sing our own songs.

**"IT IS WORTH REMEMBERING THAT IT IS SO OFTEN THE SMALL STEPS, NOT THE GIANT LEAPS, THAT BRING THE MOST LASTING CHANGE"**  
*Queen Elizabeth II*

So enjoy our music making over the jubilee weekend, and before I sign off I would like to share with you a recent review of sorts.... "BEAUTIFUL CHURCH, AND LOVELY MUSIC FROM THE ORCHESTRA, xx"

I will take that any time, the joy of live music and its appreciation. **GOD BLESS THE QUEEN !!**

Tess Rowlands

### Brain of Beetham Quiz

This month our Quizmaster Clive Holden has set a challenge all about Islands, Isles and Islets.

- 1) Of which Isles is the Lord of the Isles the Lord ?
- 2) Which island was ruled by the King of Bainibarbi ?
- 3) Which island imposes a limit of eight ?
- 4) Where in the United Kingdom can two islands with the same name be found ?
- 5) Which Island 'battle' accounted for K4 and K17 ?
- 6) Which islets are pancreatic ?
- 7) Which island cannot be toppled ?
- 8) On which island is Rupert Brooke's 'foreign field' ?
- 9) "I will arise and go now..."; to which isle ?
- 10) Which island forms part of a well-known palindrome ?

#### Answers to the May 2022 'Silver Screen' Quiz

1. British actor James Stewart assumed the name Stewart Granger to avoid confusion with the American James Stewart.
2. 'United Artists' was formed in 1919 by Douglas Fairbanks (Sen.), Mary Pickford, Charles Chaplin and D.W. Griffith.
3. Diana Fluck was better known to film fans as Diana Dors.
4. The Canadian Harold Russell, who lost both hands in World War II, won an Oscar for his performance in 'The Best Years of Our Lives' (1946).
5. "Napoleon", which dealt with his early life. Goodness knows how long it would have been if it had dealt with his trip to Moscow and back.
6. The lady holding a torch was the symbol for Columbia films.
7. "On the Town" (1949) was about three sailors (Gene Kelly, Jules Munshin and Frank Sinatra) on 24 hours shore leave in New York.
8. The two brothers were George Sanders and Tom Conway (real name Thomas Sanders). George Sanders, though the younger brother, was the first to play the part.
9. Carole Lombard (1908 - 1942), married to Clark Gable, was killed when, on tour selling War Bonds, the aircraft she was flying in crashed into a mountain.
10. The constantly frustrated wabbit hunter was Elmer Fudd, who, with his double-barrelled shotgun, never got the better of Bugs Bunny !!!!

### The Annual Beetham Duck Race 2022



After resting for two years, all the yellow ducks reappeared refreshed for their big day out on the River Bela. With kind permission of Mr & Mrs Gardiner, the Annual Beetham Duck Race made a welcome return on Ellers Meadow. More rain had been hoped for in the days before the race as the river water level was so low, but the forecast rain on the day itself luckily held off and the sun shone for the excitement of the racing.

All tickets quickly sold out, the duck catchers positioned themselves in the river and the Rev'd Andrew Norman willingly compered his first ever Beetham Duck Race with great enthusiasm. As the heats neared their conclusion betting on the Grand Quackers Final 'Tote' reached a frenzy, and many congratulations to all the winners!

Grateful thanks go to all the local businesses, groups and individuals who donated the many excellent prizes. Thanks also go to everyone in the village who put so much creativity into setting up their fun duckdecorations the night before. After an early morning judging the rosettes and prizes were presented to the winners:-

- First ~ "The Golden Age of Hollywood Ducks", Yew Tree Cottage
- Second ~ "Beetham Duck Tales", Church View
- Third ~ "Superhero Ducks", 5 Meadow Bank

Congratulations also go to all the other duckdecorated houses, which were all highly commended by the judge!

We are delighted to report that over £1,000 was raised for church funds. The ducks have gone back for another rest, and we look forward to next year's event with eager anticipation. A final thank you goes to the Rev'd Andrew and all the teams of duckcatchers, ticket sellers, refreshments, results runners, and road stewards for all their hard work



# School Corner

Beetham School is celebrating...

**HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE**

Saturday 4th June  
11am - 3pm

Fun for all the family	Dunk the Vicar
Bouncy castle & stalls	Face painting
Strawberries & cream	Bring one's own picnic
Fancy dress competition	Jubilee themed bake-off

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**STAY & PLAY**

Thursdays 10.45-11.45am  
(starting Thursday 9th June 2022)

at Beetham C of E School

in the EYFS classroom with our EYFS staff  
Mrs Tattersall (Teacher) and Mrs McCormick (TA)

Sessions are for children of all ages and their parent(s)/family member.

£1 per session including drinks and snacks for the adults and children.

It has been another busy month with lots of exciting things happening in school.

Our Year 6 children all sat their SATs in Maths and English. They were amazing with their positive and relaxed attitude throughout the week; really showing their maturity with the expectations of them. As a reward they were treated to marshmallows and hot chocolate around the fire pit on the field on Thursday afternoon.

All our Year 3 and 4 children took part in a rounders festival held by Dallam School. The children really enjoyed their experience and performed amazingly winning the majority of their matches - well done for your great attitudes and sportsmanship!

We continue to place a high importance on our environment and sustainability in school. This term our outdoor learning has focussed on stories in KS2. We have made story settings out of natural items as well as story stones to share with others. Key Stage 1 have been thinking about habitats and growth. We were using our observation skills to look at the different stages of the dandelions on our school field and thought about how they disperse their seeds. We also thought about the smaller creatures in our school and refurbished our 'Bug Hotel' using new pallets but recycling the old ones to create the pieces inside.

Key Stage 1 have also been learning about Baptism in RE. This included a wonderful experience of taking one of the school dolls to be Baptised at St Michael's led by Father Andrew.

Our EYFS class have welcomed some visitors this month. The children received a delivery of caterpillars which they made a habitat for and have watched over the last few weeks. These caterpillars have got bigger and bigger until they finally climbed to the top of their habitat and began to form a chrysalis. We now wait with excitement to find out the next stage of the life cycle - I wonder what that might be?!

Our big news this month though is that we have taken the Year 3 and 4 children on an amazing residential to Tower Wood. This was the first time in several years that we have been allowed to do residential so the excitement was high to say the least. All the children took part in outdoor activities including rock climbing, paddle boarding, canoeing and hill walking. It was a brilliant experience for all involved and thoroughly enjoyed.

We would like to thank everyone in the community and from further afield who supported the Duck Day and have shown support for our Jubilee celebrations. We are truly grateful for everyone's support.

This half term we will be saying a temporary goodbye to Miss McClure who will be leaving us to have her baby. We would like to thank her for all her hard work at lunch times and with playgroup and look forward to meeting the new addition.

We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Horsman at the end of this school year. Mrs Horsman has been with the school for 9 years and has decided that it is time for new adventures. We will all miss her calm demeanour and enthusiasm she brings to our school but wish her luck with her new adventures!

Best wishes  
Abi Johnson



## Beetham WI

Just after Easter we had a craft evening in which one of our members instructed us on making mosaic tiles; this is something we hope to repeat at a later date.

Beetham WI would like to thank those who supported the Kitty Brown Fashion Show held on 3rd May. It was a well attended evening and a huge success.

One of our members attended a course on how to knit a Fairisle pattern at the CWFWI office, as you can see it looks really good.

Our next meeting on 7 June is a talk by Nicola Dawes on the Owl Sanctuary - and there will be real birds present.

We welcome new members, so please get in touch if you would like to come and try [beethamwi@gmail.com](mailto:beethamwi@gmail.com)



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The Dale-Buri Guitar Duo RNCM  
Guitarists Nico Buri and Tom Dale play classical guitar

Friday 10th June, Drama 7.30pm  
The Jester's Jigsaw Lancaster comedy duo  
Sarah & Nicky return to provide improvised comedy

Friday 17th June, Drama 7.30pm  
King Lear Oddbodies  
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Saturday 18th June, Saturday Music 7.30pm  
Concert for a Changing World Keith James  
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Tuesday 7th June, 1-4pm

FOODIE FRIDAYS  
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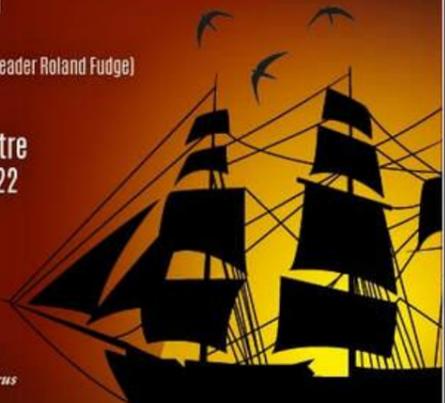
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