# Brain of Beetham Quiz

This month our Quizmaster Clive Holden is challenging you to 'Figure it out'

- 1. How many Joeys would make one pound?
- 2. How many went into the valley of death?
- 3. Calliope, Clio, Erato, Ourania and Thalia were five. How many more were there and what were they?
- 4. How many British Kings figure in the titles of Shakespeare plays?
- 5. How many 'ends' are there in a game of Curling?
- 6. How many Confederate states fought in the American Civil War? Can you name them?
- 7. What could be 4840 or 6150.4 or 7840?
- 8. How many tales were listened to by Shahryar?
- 9. How many of Queen Anne's children survived into adulthood?
- 10. When did eleven days go missing?

#### Answers to February 2022 'Dates' quiz

- 1) The Glorious Revolution occurred in 1688, when the Catholic James II was replaced by the Protestant William III and Mary.
- 2) The 'Forfarshire' struck a rock off the **Farne Islands** in **1838**, an incident which made Grace Darling famous.
- 3) Desperate Dan first appeared in 'The Dandy' in December 1937. Cow Pie ? Yum, yum.
- 4) The Old-Age Pensions Act was passed in 1908, with David Lloyd George getting most of the credit.
- 5) Captain Robert Jenkins had his ear cut off in 1731 for raiding Spanish ships, but war did not start until 1739.
- 6) 'You ain't heard nothin' yet' was spoken by Al Jolson in the pre-talkie 1927 film 'The Jazz Singer'.
- 7) Eric Arthur Blair (alias George Orwell) wrote the novel 'Nineteen Eighty-Four'.
- 8) The message was sent by Alexander Graham Bell by telephone in March 1876.
- 9) Kristallnacht (The Night of Broken Glass) was a **pogrom against the Jewish population** by the Nazi S.A. ('Brownshirts') and others on 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> November **1938**.
- 10) King George II led his troops (though not from the front) at the Battle of **Dettingen** in **Bavaria** in June 1743.

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# PARISH MAGAZINE OF ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS, BEETHAM MARCH 2022

# Lent & Easter at Beetham Church

The early snowdrops in Beetham churchyard are being joined by the rich colours of daffodils, crocus, and tulips as we begin to head towards Easter. Our Lent and Easter celebrations at church begin on 2nd March, with Ash Wednesday marking the First Day of Lent. All are welcome to our church services, and further details will be available on our website and in The Gateway

Wednesday 2nd March ~ Ash Wednesday Evening Service

Sunday 27th March ~ Mothering Sunday

Sunday 3rd April ~ Passiontide Evening Service

Thursday 14th April ~ Maundy Thursday Evening Service

Friday 15th April ~ Good Friday

Saturday 16th April ~ Vigil Evening Service

Sunday 17th April ~ Easter Sunday Morning Service

A reminder that if you are unable to attend these services the special YouTube videos created last year for Ash Wednesday, Lent, Mothering Sunday, Palm Sunday, and Easter are still available to watch on YouTube via our website



There will also be a series of Lent Study Groups across the Mission Community, with the six week courses being held at Levens, Milnthorpe, and Storth. For more details and dates please pick up a leaflet at the back of church

www.beethamstmichaelandallangels.co.uk

# **Letter from The Revd Andrew Norman**

#### Dear friends

The news that has dominated coverage over recent weeks relating to the diplomatic tensions surrounding Russia's border with Ukraine has served to remind us of the precariousness of so much in our world. The threat of war on a scale not seen since the wars of the twentieth century has jolted our awareness in contemplating so much of our existence that we can easily take for granted, and how easily peace can be disturbed and overturned. Of course, though the origins of such instability lies in the history of geo-politics in the region and how it

though the origins of such instability lies in the history of geo-politics in the region and how it has shifted over the course of several decades, the news reports of ordinary villages and communities readying themselves for the prospect of combat is nothing less than frightening, especially when we consider how far-reaching the consequences might be of conflict between NATO and Russia.

It is easy so far away from such troubles to become, if we are not careful, rather immunised to the suffering and sorrows that we see on our television screens, hear on our radios, our read in our newspapers. Though our collective experience of the pandemic has taught us something of our shared proximity to each other and how our good is tied up with the good of our neighbour, a reality we remember with some poignancy as our country marks the second anniversary of the announcement of the first Coronavirus lockdown this month. If we are not alert and attentive to each other, looking beyond ourselves rather than simply giving way to inward looking attitudes, then it is easy to slip back into habits of living that seek only our comfort rather than those around us.

The beginning of this month marks the start of our journey through the season of Lent, the period of the Christian calendar that intentionally prepares us in heart, soul and mind for our celebrations of the good news of Easter. In mirroring the forty days that Jesus spent fasting and praying in the wilderness at the beginning of his earthly ministry, we are encouraged to see the weeks of Lent as an opportunity to grow in grace and in holiness. Learning more and more of what it means to know and trust God in the normal circumstances of our lives, in order that we can more readily reflect something of his love and goodness.

To keep Lent faithfully isn't to lose ourselves in habits of trying to prove our spiritual worthiness, acting holy or good simply for the sake of it. Rather it is to turn aside from the ordinary routines of our life in order to reflect; to notice what is going on, to detect both what and who is of significance in our lives. By walking through Lent we are reminded that we do not just live for ourselves, taught that the way of blessing, namely the ways of God revealed in Jesus, are ones in which understand our responsibilities towards each other. In Lent we recognise our common calling as children of God – formed from the dust and destined for glory.

Consequently, Lent might best be summarised as a season of reconsideration; opening ourselves up to God so that he might teach us both wisdom and humility in how we make the most of the gifts that he has entrusted to our care, not just for our own good but for the building up of each other. By seeking after such insight, Lent offers us all then – if we choose it - the opportunity to both learn and grow. We do this by first examining and reflecting and then, if we need to, altering our habits; asking for God's help in seeking to arrive at a fresh appreciation of his loving concern for us all. In doing this, let us pray that God might make clear the ways open for us, even when the times seem precarious and troubling, to bless and enrich the lives of others.

It is good to be last not first, pending the present distress; it is good to hunger and thirst, so it be for righteousness.

It is good to spend and be spent, it is good to watch and to pray:

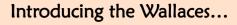
Life and Death make a goodly Lent so it leads us to Easter Day.

'Lent' by Christina Rossetti

With every good wish and prayer for the Lord's blessing,

As ever,







Greetings to all! It's a pleasure to have the opportunity to introduce myself ahead of joining you in the Kent Estuary Mission Community from this summer.

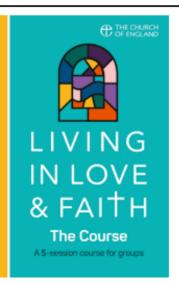
My name is Hannah Wallace, and myself and my family are very much looking forward to moving to Arnside at the beginning of June ahead of my ordination service in Carlisle cathedral at the end of that month. I will then begin working as a trainee minister – a curate - under the supervision of Andrew. The decision-making process to get to this stage has been very peaceful and we all feel like Arnside and the surrounding villages will be a wonderful place to live, enjoy and serve for these next 3 to 4 years.

My husband, Greg, and our 2 children – Sam (8) and Bethan (6) – have lived in Ulverston for about 6 and a half years (both of us originating from Kent). We love walking and exploring the outdoors as a family and enjoy various other activities between us including mountain biking, cricket, reading, ballet, woodwork and singing (you'll have to wait until we meet to learn which activity goes with which person!). Moving to start my curacy post will mean big changes for us as a family – a change of school for the children and a change of role for Greg too, who has been working as the Activities Manager at Kepplewray (a Christian outdoor education centre in Broughton-in-Furness). As I adjust to my new post, Greg will be taking up the role of interim house-husband (not, as he likes to joke, early retirement!), and then to see what God has in store for future work.

My prayer for our time here is that we will be able to learn from and join in with the current church and other local activity, and enjoy a sense of community as we walk the wonderful path of the Christian life together with you.

I look forward to meeting you in person soon and getting to know you and the rest of the communities in your wonderful corner of the world! We would appreciate any prayers for a smooth transition, and I will be praying for you all too.

God bless, Hannah



**Kendal Deanery** 

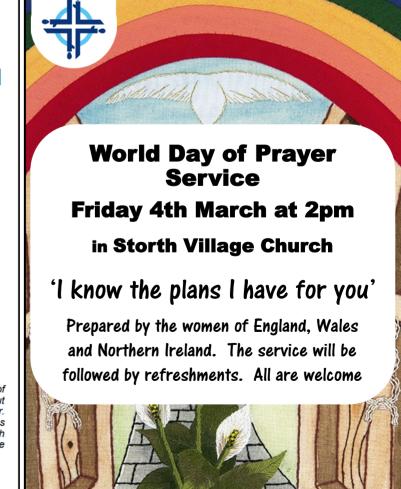
Come and pray, study and learn together

Beginning on Thursday 10th March 2022 from 7.30pm-9pm for five weeks at Beetham CofE Primary School, Beetham, Milnthorpe, LA7 7AS.

All are welcome.

Living in Love and Faith is a set of resources from the Church of England produced to help inspire people to think more deeply both about what it means to be human, and to live in love and faith with one another. Living in Love and Faith tackles the tough questions and the divisions among Christians about what it means to be holy in a society in which understandings and practices of gender, sexuality and marriage continue to change.

For more information, or to sign up, please contact
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'I THINK WE'RE GOING SOMEWHERE, WE'RE ON TO SOMETHING GOOD HERE, ADVERSITY, WE GET ROUND IT, SEARCHED FOR JOY, IN YOU (MUSIC) I FOUND IT

Relient K, Pressing On

Happy March! I can smell Spring approaching and the brave deceptively strong snowdrops heralding the season. Everything feels new this March, one might even hope this year will be full of all the right events to be enjoyed with new appreciation. The above quote is from a Christian rock band. It's focus is on moving forward and leaving our worries behind us, working out what a change in direction might mean for you. I don't know about you but I feel I have had lots of time for reflection. There have been changes but music has never been more important in my life. Music of every genre and taking part in making music just the best thing constantly.

Our growing Community Band is now enjoying our live Saturday morning sessions. We have a lot to look forward to, an awful lot of fun to be had and indeed are having already!

Recently we were invited to play at Gaskell Hall for the Walks For All group. We were not blessed with the best weather that day, but those that turned out despite the rain made us very welcome. It was a lovely morning, playing music long remembered, some audience participation, but crucially making connections through music. We are thrilled to say we will be playing for them again. It was our first real outing in a long while. Waistcoats and dickie bows were on show as were the smiles. Whilst you know by now, the main aim of the band is for fun, it is lovely to have a purpose, a performance to share. After all it would be a little selfish keeping all the fun for ourselves wouldn't it?



#### 'MUSIC UPLIFTS US AND GIVES US HOPE' The National Association for Music Education

Our lovely new members are settling in well and discovering what they would like to play, or indeed revive a past hobby. You know, full of dust or not, that instrument in your loft, shed, garage, will come good with a little tender loving care. Or if you are as handy as our double bass player, you make your own, well almost.

So, you Lockdown musicians, come and meet us, have a chat, sit in with us if you like, I know you will be surprised. Some things there are no words for, you just have to see for yourself. For more information call me, Tess, on 07725 580095

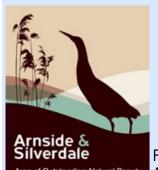
'MUSIC IS A PROVEN ANTI AGEING THERAPY.....' Tess (89)......

Stay hopeful, be safe, love your music.

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#### **Walks for All in the Arnside & Silverdale AONB**

Join us for an easy guided walk aimed at people living with dementia and their carers. The walk is open to anyone who would like the support of our friendly group to discover the beautiful landscape, wildlife and culture of the area. The walk will last no more than an hour, and afterwards there will be the chance for a chat and a cuppa in one of the local cafes



#### March walks start at 10am each Tuesday at the following locations:-

1st ~ Leighton Hall, Peter Lane, Carnforth, LA5 9ST
8th ~ Holgates Holiday Park, Cove Road, Silverdale, LA5 0SH
15th ~ The Albion, The Promenade, Arnside, LA5 0HA
22nd ~ Old School Brewery, Holly Bank Barn, Warton, LA5 9PL
29th ~ The Heron Corn Mill, Mill Lane, Beetham, LA7 7PQ

For further information, contact the project leader Feleena Taylor on 07474588585 or the AONB Partnership on 01524761034, or visit www.arnsidesilverdaleaonb.org.uk/events

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After our success (and welcome boost to Church funds last year) we are planning to run a plant stall once again this year during the month of May

Allow me, if I may, to introduce you to a botanical conundrum: "DIVISION IS MULTIPLICATION"

- mathematical nonsense, of course, but in horticulture it is true! Springtime, and March in particular, is an ideal time to lift and divide herbaceous plants. The oldest least vigorous pieces can be discarded but you will have any number of new young healthy plants. Replant the best - pot up the rest!

As well as having invigorated the existing plant, you will have a number of potted plants which you might possibly choose to donate to the plant stall for sale in May!

All donated plants are welcome at Long Orchard on Church St, preferably labelled, any time between now and May.



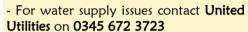
Thank you, John Lomax

# Passiontide Evensong at 6pm on Sunday 3rd April An Evening Service of hymns, readings and anthems for Passiontide. All are welcome

#### Dudley, Eunice & Franklin

After being battered by strong winds and rain in the recent storms, including a tree falling across the road into Beetham near the war memorial, South Lakeland Area Support have provided a reminder of local Helplines in case of emergency:

- For Electricity North West, call 105. For updates on power cuts, you can visit www.enwl.co.uk/powercuts





- If you wish to report a problem on the county's roads, please report online to **Highways** at the County Council website **www.cumbria.gov.uk/roads-transport**
- Keep up-to-date with the weather at www.metoffice.gov.uk
- For latest roads information visit www.cumbria.police.uk/traffic

#### Church Away Day

Our previous Church Mission Action Plan (MAP) has now expired. Many of the actions included in the MAP were successfully completed despite the interruption of the covid pandemic, but it is now time to review our action plan for the next 3-4 years

The PCC will be holding an 'Away Day' on Saturday 19th March to develop our new MAP. If you have any recommendations for topics that you would like to be discussed or considered please get in touch with any member of the PCC, or pick up a suggestion sheet from the back of the church and return it to one of the churchwardens before 16th March. All ideas welcome!



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We find ourselves returning to school for the second half of this school year - how time flies!

We began the month by learning about Candlemas. We learnt the story of Simeon and Anna at the Temple before taking part in activities to remind us that Jesus is the light of the world. We each made a Christingle whilst learning about the different elements, followed by recycling old jars to make candle holders and finally we made candles. The years 5 and 6 children recycled the candles from church and school to make their own candles to take home and use, whilst the rest of the school made candles using recycled toilet roll tubes. The morning concluded with a service at church where all the children lit their Christingles in our time of reflection as the lights went down.

As mentioned in last month's Gateway, we have some very successful runners in our school who were selected to represent the South Lakes District in the County Finals at Hunter Hall, Penrith. We are really proud of Ben, Lucy and Arthur who endured a challenging course (include a stream and wall jump!) and came 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> in their races.

Part of our school motto is Caring for Everyone. To celebrate this aspect of the school we held an ethos morning where activities were planned to learn more about how we can care for each other and our environment. We welcomed members of Kendal Fire Service and Kendal Police Service who talked to us about how to stay safe on the roads; Mrs Bradshaw stepped in at the last minute to complete the activities designed by the AONB on the topic of recycling and caring for our environment; and members of Years 5 and 6 designed activities of sharing a book mark with others to show we care about them and making bird feeders for the school field and garden. The morning was a great success where children truly showed their caring sides by working together in their house groups.

PCSO Newman returned to school to help inform the Year 5 and 6 children about Online safety. They completed a workshop before planning their own activities to deliver to the rest of the school. On Safer Internet Day all the children in Year 5 and 6 engaged the different classes in activities to help each child stay safe online and make the correct choices when using the Internet. It was lovely to see the children learning from each other - another part of our motto.

The final week of term was Children's Mental Health Week. We thought about the different emotions that we all feel at different times and how we could talk about these as well as support each other to show these emotions rather than bottling them up. Some children even make scribble drawings showing the different emotions as a caricature.

Our half term concluded with the majority of the school staying for the FOBS film night. Children changed into their PJs and the lights were turned low for the screening of Despicable Me and Paddington with servings of popcorn and sweets - a great way to finish the half term!

This term was also cause for celebration on two fronts. Firstly, the arrival of our new chromebooks. We now have enough chromebooks for each child to use during their Computing lessons as well as support learning in other areas of the curriculum. This means the children are able to develop their skills independently on equipment that can keep up with them! Our second piece of good news was the success of our bid for the National Lottery: Awards for All Grant. This was to purchase and install the trim trail on the field -work should begin soon!

We have squeezed so much into a short term and are ready now to see what the new half term will bring!

#### Beetham WI

Its been a very busy month for Beetham WI. We enjoyed a demonstration by Jan Berry on "Making Sugar Flowers" on 1st February. It was amazing the flowers looked so real as you can see in the photographs.

> We met members for a coffee morning social at the M Hub. A few members braved the wet weather to decorate the village with green hearts - this is a National WI initiative to coincide with Valentine's Day to encourage us all to "Share the Love".

A craft evening was held and we all learnt how to weave and understand the various techniques that can be used.

Sadly we lost a valued member and former President this month - Judith Lawson. She will be sadly missed.

Our next meeting is 1st March with

a talk by Jim Bispham on "Walking Across Ameríca".

Visitors are most welcome.





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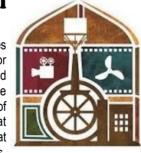
They usually have plenty of interesting stories to tell of their experiences, so be prepared for a fascinating evening!

For more details email: info@theherontheatre.com

#### **Heron Corn Mill**

#### HANDS-ON AT THE MILL

Hands-On is a new initiative which provides 3 hour crafting and baking workshops for elderly people, people with dementia and their carers, wheelchair users and people who are unable to stand for long periods of time. The sessions take place in the barn at Heron Corn Mill, with participants working at table-height on a variety of small projects



Each workshop is led by qualified tutors with many years of experience working with older people and people with dementia

These are COVID Safe workshops with PPE provided and social distancing measures in place where necessary. Attendance is FREE but numbers are strictly limited, so if you know anyone who would benefit please email info@heronmill.org or call 015395 64271 to book a place, and we will do our best to accommodate your individual needs..

#### HANDS-ON: CRAFTING WITH ERIKA

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#### HANDS-ON: BAKING WITH KATE & ANN

Next Sessions: Wednesday 2nd March, 1 - 4pm Monday 11th April, 1—4pm



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#### BEETHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER ISSUE No 45, OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2021

The meeting between BPC members and Environment Agency (EA) proved useful and the subsequent EA report for a more intensive survey and to include historic issues was welcomed. What final recommendations, and more importantly what action, comes out of this remains to be seen. Regrettably, all these things take time. Meanwhile seasonal flooding will, alas, continue.

The recent gales have seen many tree casualties nationally and Beetham parish has had its share of these. Meetings have taken place on the two BPC sites (Sandside Cutting and the smaller area known as Plot 4 at Slackhead) with work now agreed for the remainder of the present financial year and for the financial year 2022/23, recognising the priority that must be given to fallen and potentially dangerous trees. This work is costly and must be done within BPC's budget allocations. BPC continues to confirm its commitment to sustaining and promoting biodiversity on the basis of professional advice and within budget constraints.

The planting of new trees is to be the theme of the celebration of the Queen's platinum jubilee celebration in 2022. Progress has been made in identifying suitable sites for this in Beetham parish and specifying preferences for tree species. Young trees for this specific purpose are currently available free-of-charge. The project to trial wild flower planting in the parish is also progressing.

You will recall that leachate from the now-defunct Slackhead (Hale) Marble Quarry had been brought to the attention of the higher local authorities and resulted in a toxin-free rating. However, BPC had felt the need to bring this situation to the attention of the Environment Agency, which has now also given visual improvement here a low priority. SLDC have been asked to consider a further inspection.

Despite the urgency attributed by BPC to extension of standing room at the B5282/Carr Bank bus stop, actual progress here has been disappointing. Contractors interested in the job proved difficult to find, although this has now been resolved. The next hurdle is to obtain the necessary permissions from Highways, which could not be done until the identity of the contractor and details of their work procedures were known. An added complication is the need for traffic controls on this busy stretch of road whilst work is

Commemorating the fallen in military conflict, and war memorials in particular, are traditionally an optional and unofficial responsibility for parish councils. BPC has agreed to take over responsibility for the parish memorials in Beetham and Storth to ensure a continuing high standard of upkeep. Regular professional cleaning will take place as from spring 2022.

There have been complaints about the excessive heavy traffic through Beetham village, possibly due to a growing number of foreign delivery drivers and increasing reliance on satellite navigation. After due consideration BPC concluded that, although increased signage might help, enforcement would be a problem and the parish council itself could do little to help.

> **Beetham Parish Council** Next meeting will be held in **Storth Village Church** Monday 7th March at 7pm

Members of the public are welcome to attend Minutes of previous meetings can be found on the website at www.beethampc.co.uk

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#### Gateway Distribution—can you help?

We are looking for volunteers to distribute the paper copies of The Gateway in the Whassett and Elmsfield areas of the parish. Please contact the Editor if you can help in either location

#### Important message for advertisers

Now that Gateway is back to both paper and online circulation we do aim to contact each advertiser individually to ascertain your ongoing requirements. You may be aware that some ads were slightly altered as it became necessary during lockdown to realign some pages. Do please let us know if there are any details you would like us to change.

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