

## So how well do you know your Church?

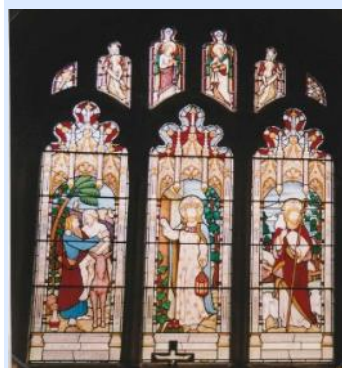
Here are the answers to last month's quiz plus a little background information

1. There are 6 bells in our Tower; all were retuned and rehung in 1999 in time for them to be rung for the Millennium.
2. We had a competition to name the Tenor bell, and the name chosen was 'Brigadier' in honour of the late Brigadier C. Tyron-Wilson who was a great benefactor of the church for many years. We are fortunate that the congregation can watch our bell-ringers at work each Sunday (if only) as we have a ground floor ringing chamber; many churches' bells are up very narrow and winding stairs as our ringers discover on their annual Bell-ringers 'World Tour' (a one day trip to 3 or 4 other churches to try out their bells).



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4. The 'Mass Dials' (there are 2) were 'discovered' by Revd Sandy Lofthouse. They are circular indentations in the stonework - one by the South door which leads into the Lady Chapel and the second is on the corner stones in the East wall. They were possibly indicators of the times of Mass before there was a clock, but nobody really knows what they were for. A number of old churches in Cumbria have them.
5. The 2 rows of pillars and arches do not match up. The semi-circular arches on the south side on their square bases are late Norman, and the more pointed arches on the north side are of the Decorated period (1340-77).
6. The 3 Kings depicted in one of the windows are Alban, the first Christian English King, Oswald an Anglo-Saxon King, and Charles 1 the Martyr King (according to some). There are some churches in England that are dedicated to King Charles the Martyr.
7. The window on the West wall near the entrance depicts Timothy (a companion of St. Paul) being taught by his mother, Eunice. The neighbouring light shows her mother, Lois.



8. The window which depicts the parable of the Good Samaritan is situated in the east window in the Lady Chapel, the left of 3 lights. The other 2 lights depict 'Christ, the Light of the World', and 'Christ the Good Shepherd'.

9. The medieval glass is found in the 2 windows on the south side of the Lady Chapel. These depict King Henry IV, fragments of Christ the King, and some coats of arms thought to belong to the Stanley family, Earl of Derby. The Stanley family were given the area of Westmoreland, including Beetham, after the Battle of Bosworth. Pieces of medieval glass are also part of the restored windows in the Bell Tower.

10. St. Matthew and St. James are shown in the window on the south wall.

11. The Clegg family memorial window is a very poignant reminder of the great losses of the 1914-1918 war. These two brothers both died at Gallipoli in 1915 fourteen days apart. How hard for the family. The window depicts St. George, St. Martin, and Christ receiving children.

12. Our evidence of the English Civil War is the despoiling of the Middleton tomb in 1647. Richard Sill of Whasset led an unruly mob, inciting the masters and pupils of Beetham School to join him and his followers including drunken soldiers of Cromwell. Possibly this is when some of the medieval glass was destroyed.
13. The Nativity Scene, including the Crib was given to the church for Christmas 1946 'to express gratitude for the real spirit of Christian brotherhood at Beetham'.
14. It was made by German POWs Bruno Bauman and Gabriel Fabian. It pays tribute to the work of reconciliation done by the parishioners of Beetham led by their vicar, the Rev A. Macleod Murray.
15. There are over 30 past vicars listed on the display beside the door of the Bell Tower. The most famous are the 2 William Huttons, Joseph Thexton and Dennis Wilson. The ones from this century are Ian Davies, Andrew Schofield, Gerald Garbutt, and Linda Lonsdale our first female priest.
16. There are many memorial stones and plaques around the church. The Families that have the most are the Huttons, the Yeats, the Thextons and the Wilsons. I suppose it depends where you sit in church as to which ones you notice and remember, so you may have some that I have not mentioned.

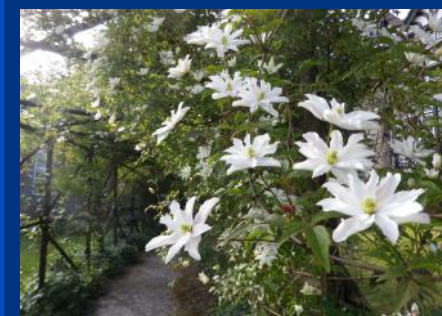


I trust you enjoyed doing this quiz. I expect the long-standing church members had no difficulty identifying the answers, whilst we relative 'newcomers' may well have found it more challenging. Yes, I did have to look up a couple of things --- just to check of course!!

Sue Smalley

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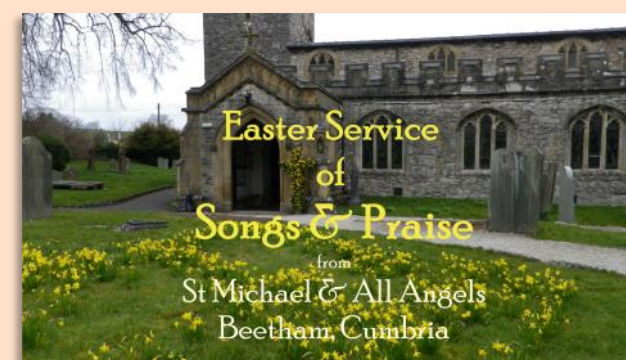


## Eastertide Celebrations

[www.beethamstmichaelandallangels.co.uk](http://www.beethamstmichaelandallangels.co.uk)

As we reach the joyous celebration of Pentecost, we reflect on what a different Eastertide we have all experienced this year. Our church was locked just before Palm Sunday, and our church services during the 50 days of Eastertide between Easter Sunday and Pentecost Sunday have had to be moved into the world of technology online

The Revd Andrew Norman continues to record the Gospel Reading, Sermon, and prayers for each Sunday, along with hymns for us to sing along to and music from our organist, Geoffrey Field, both recorded from their own homes. This half hour audio file is uploaded to our church website every Sunday for you to listen to at any time, along with supporting resources for prayer and reflection prepared by Andrew each week. In addition the webpage includes links to live national and local services streamed on Facebook and YouTube



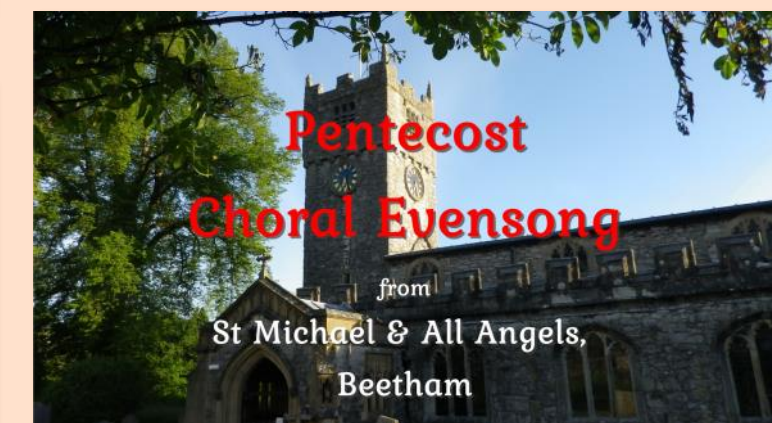
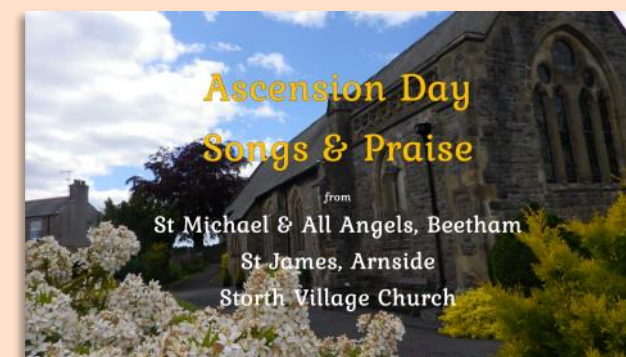
We have also been recording a series of YouTube video Services to celebrate our main festivals, with readings by members of the congregation, worship and music, and accompanied by images taken by church members

The first three videos ~ an Easter Day Service of Songs & Praise, the VE Day 75th Anniversary Service, and Ascension Day joint Service of Songs & Praise with St James Arnside & Storth Village Church ~ have already attracted nearly 1,000 views

## Our final video in this Eastertide series is a Choral Evensong Service for Pentecost

Please do join us for this Service of glorious music and evening prayer. It is available at any time by clicking from our website, or by searching on YouTube for Beetham Church Pentecost.

We hope that you will enjoy this special Evensong Service of celebration



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# Letter from The Revd Andrew Norman



Dear Friends

We begin the month of June the day after the great feast of Pentecost, or Whit Sunday, the day when as we read in the Acts of the Apostles (2.1-21), the Holy Spirit – the promised gift of the risen Jesus – descended on the disciples filling them with boldness, joy and confidence as they were commanded to take the gospel into all the world. The day of Pentecost, is commonly then referred to and celebrated as the ‘birthday’ of the Christian Church, when in the aftermath of Jesus’ ascension, the Holy Spirit was given as pledge and testament that the risen Jesus would remain with us to the very end of the age.

As the Church today, we are still a Pentecost people, believing that we still receive the fruits of the Spirit for the building up of our common life together, those gifts described by Saint Paul as ‘love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control’ (Galatians 5.22-23). As individuals and as a community we perhaps have had more time in recent weeks to pray for these gifts more earnestly, seeking the reassurance of God’s presence and peace amidst the worries and fears that have surrounded us all. Since, in praying for these gifts we ask for grace to live out the good news of God, that through us his presence might be seen more tangibly in the world.

Of course, the evidence of these gifts in the world is not restricted to the life of the Christian community, since we believe and trust that the Spirit of God is active and interested in all human endeavour and in all acts of sacrifice and service. As such, part of the calling of those who seek to follow Christ in everyday life is to recognise these things for what they are, signs of the Kingdom, and so ensure that they are celebrated and allowed to flourish. By doing this we announce to the world something of the peace and purpose that is to be found by living life in relationship with the God, who created, has redeemed, and continues to sustain us all.

As we continue to live through these strange times, with the opportunity that it brings for more time spent in prayer and reflection, perhaps we might become more observant and perceptive in recognising where the Spirit is at work? Where we need God’s help? And what we might do differently to reveal his many gifts in our words and works? By doing this we make good our belief that our lives are lived in the fellowship of God, and that no part of our existence, however small or insignificant, is detached from that relationship.

So often we have the temptation to make God fit into our established patterns and routines, to package him into certain parts of our life where we feel comfortable and assured in our faith and understanding. At a time when our normal practice is disrupted, we discover that God in his loving majesty is beyond all the false limits we erect for ourselves. Throughout the pages of Holy Scripture, we find God’s people reminded of this truth time and time again, in the wilderness, in exile, in times of adversity, until in the face of Jesus Christ we find the God that comes to meet us – so that by his grace,



we might know the truth about ourselves and thus know his presence with us at all times and in all places. We remember this particularly at the moment, rejoicing that even in this season of disruption and dislocation, the Church of God – its mission and its ministry continues – in pastoral care, in loving friendship, in prayer and devotion, and in service to our neighbours. By doing these things, we affirm God’s continuing involvement in all aspects of our lives, in the lives of those whom we live alongside and through our relationships with each other.

At the moment we might be scattered and slightly disillusioned, unsure of what the coming months will hold, not knowing exactly how our lives will have to be different and how our normal patterns will continue times of transition. In many ways, this is how the first disciples of Jesus felt on the day of Pentecost, as they awaited the gift that their Lord had promised them; the Spirit that made itself known in the rushing of the wind and in tongue of flame, uniting them all together with one hope and purpose, into one community and fellowship. Though separated at the moment, it is this community that persists here in Beetham and beyond, and the signs of the Spirit are still active if only we have the eyes and the time to recognise them.

There is no denying that things will be different as we move forward, as we adjust to whatever the ‘new normal’ will be, and how it will affect the various aspects of our lives. Whatever the future holds, God remains the same, his love never fails, and his grace never ends. At the start of this new month, may the Holy Spirit, which was outpoured on the first disciples those many years ago, console us, comfort us, inspire and enlighten us, so that we might be strengthened and encouraged us for all that lies ahead.

With my prayers for God’s blessing and protection for you and yours,  
As ever,

Post-Script

*It has been good to speak with so many from all across the parish in recent weeks, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me if there is anything that I can remember in my own prayers. If I have not been able to get in touch with you, this is not deliberate but due to not having access to your phone number and/or email, so please do ring or send me a message; it will be lovely to have the chance to talk to you. If you know of any who are sick, struggling or isolated at this time, again please do get in touch. I am trying to do my best to keep up to date with everyone and everything, reminded that in doing so, we share together in this responsibility together as God’s people, to support and care for each other. I know this is going on in unseen and loving ways, so please do keep it up, and let me know if there is anything I can do to help.*

### The Children’s Society Coronavirus Appeal

Each year our Beetham Church Christingle Service raises money for The Children’s Society to help vulnerable young people across the UK. In the past 10 years the Society has worked with over 200,000 vulnerable children, campaigned for 130 councils to improve their support, and brought about the creation of a National Missing Persons Register to protect children who go missing.

The challenges we’re all facing due to the Coronavirus crisis have put the most vulnerable children in even more danger as they face abuse, neglect and worsening mental health issues. The Children’s Society are delivering vital care packages and providing urgent support for children in imminent danger, but the lockdown has closed shops and meant that all fundraising events, house box collections and volunteering are cancelled.

An Emergency Coronavirus Appeal has been set up to enable people to make a secure donation online to help The Children’s Society frontline staff continue in their work at this time. If you would like to donate please visit [childrenssociety.org.uk/lifeline](https://childrenssociety.org.uk/lifeline)

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## Our Heritage

The ancient church of St Michael & All Angels stands at the heart of this village and is an iconic reminder that there has been a community here for centuries. Countless generations of Beetham folk have benefited from those services that churches have traditionally provided for all who have lived in their environs: baptisms, marriages, funeral services and burials together with worship and celebration throughout the changing seasons of the year.

It may be a surprise to many to learn that we receive not a single penny from the Church of England or any other national body towards the upkeep of this ancient

building. We have a notice on the inside of the main door that tells visitors that it costs over £920 every week to maintain the fabric of the building. That figure is not an exaggeration - in fact, it probably needs revising (upwards) in the light of ever increasing costs. And it does not include the costs of providing worship.

All the money spent on the building comes from fund-raising activities and donations. And people are very generous. When lead was stolen from the roof in 2013, and when it became apparent that insurance would not cover the cost of replacing it, the appeal from the churchwardens at the time was met with an incredible response from the local community and from the many people further afield who have a special regard for 'their' church.

Which brings us to the current situation. We have already lost in 2020 two of our major fundraising events because of the lockdown restrictions of the coronavirus pandemic - the Duck Race and the Flower Festival. We do not know when it will be possible to organise further events. There have been no visitors in church to buy bookmarks, cards or guidebooks or to pop a donation into the collecting box. The church, however, still needs to be maintained.

One of the changes brought about by the current lockdown is that more and more shopping is being done 'on-line'. And we can use that change to benefit our funds without any additional cost to buyers.



By registering with the on-line website, 'easyfundraising.org.uk', and nominating the Beetham Church Heritage Trust (Registered Charity No. 1092302) as our chosen charity, we can generate a donation each time we make a purchase from any of more than 4000 retailers including John Lewis, Aviva and Argos. It is not difficult to register. If you can shop on-line, you can register with easyfundraising.org.uk. Full details are printed elsewhere in this edition of Gateway and on the church website.

Amazon have set up their own version of a giving on-line scheme called 'Amazon smile' (smile.amazon.co.uk). If you ever buy goods from Amazon you can register for Amazon Smile and generate income for the Beetham Church Heritage Trust by nominating the trust as your chosen charity in the same way as via Easyfundraising. And it really does cost you nothing!

Please, if you do nothing else as a result of this strange situation in which we find ourselves, consider using easyfundraising.org.uk and/or smile.amazon.co.uk to help us in our efforts to maintain this church building and preserve it for generations yet to come.

Thank you, Brian Smalley



"DEAR MUSIC,

THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS CLEARING MY HEAD,  
HEALING MY HEART, AND LIFTING MY SPIRITS" Lori Deschene

I write this as Mental Health Awareness Week draws to a close on the 24th of May. Within most Beetham Community Band articles, I have referred to the power of music in all its forms, and its ability to heal wounds that medicine cannot touch. I think in this current climate it has never been more welcome or powerful.

As a band we have continued with our Zoom practice on Saturday mornings. Working on new pieces, polishing up old favourites, but above all enjoying the company. For those who are unable to join in, we remain in touch. Many of us are still serenading our neighbours on Thursday evenings, applauding all those keeping us safe.

I wonder if any one has blown the cobwebs off a long hidden away instrument, or after years of wishing to play or sing have finally had some time in which to explore musical possibilities. I hope so, because we will be back as soon as we can, and you will always be welcome. Whatever you play, at any level.

If you would like to know more about Beetham Community Band while you have the time,  
please call Tess on 015395 63254

"MUSIC is the universal language of mankind" Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



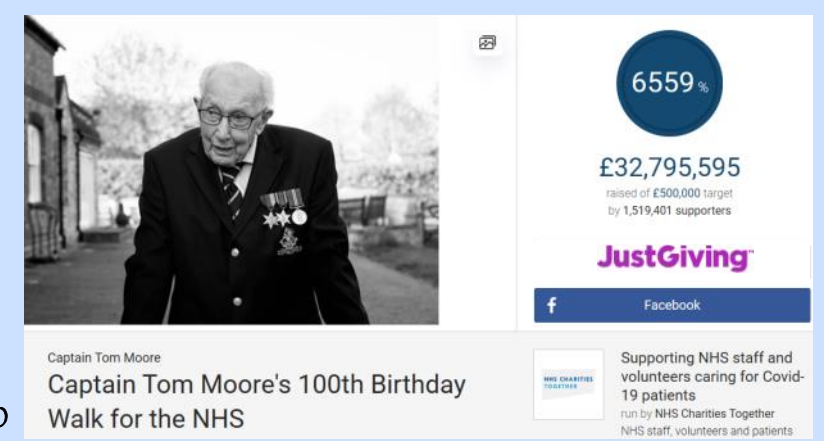
## CAPTAIN TOM

Daily on your patch of garden ground  
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The Queen and her people join to say:

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## VE Day Celebration

Despite the lockdown many villagers decided to find ways of going ahead with the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of VE Day on the Friday 8th May Bank Holiday, with bunting hung along every street. In glorious sunshine neighbours put chairs and tables outside their homes and chatted to each other across fences and over the road. Socially distanced drinks and cakes were enjoyed, and music (including some singing) brought people together in a lovely atmosphere amid the uncertainty of the coronavirus crisis.

The Church YouTube video of the VE Day Service has had over 350 views, in a poignant reminder of what we were all commemorating. Thanks go to everyone who helped to make it a day to celebrate.



## Beetham Bellringers Zoom Again!

In the May edition of The Gateway you were warned to watch this space as the Beetham Towerbell and Handbell ringers met for their next Zoom challenge of 'Bell-themed Headgear'. As can be seen from this evidence, there were certainly some interesting interpretations of the theme! The follow-up challenge of 'A Bottle with a Story' was equally mixed. Unusually for bellringers nearly all the bottles were alcohol related, varying from Green Goddess and Cassis to assorted brandies, malts, and fine wines. More revelations to be unmasked next month...





Thank you to our local  
NHS & Key Workers!



## Bird Quiz

Can you  
identify these  
birds?

No prizes - it is  
just for fun!

Answers in next  
month's  
Gateway

*With many thanks to  
John Graham of  
Kendal Rotary Club*


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- 2) 
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**Beetham CE School  
200 Club Results**

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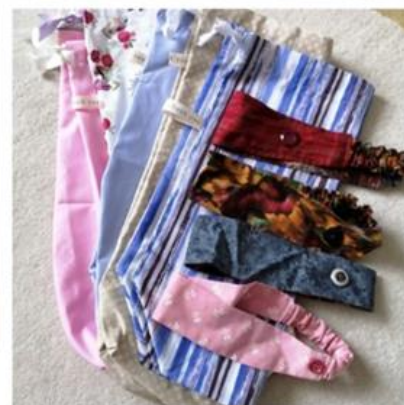
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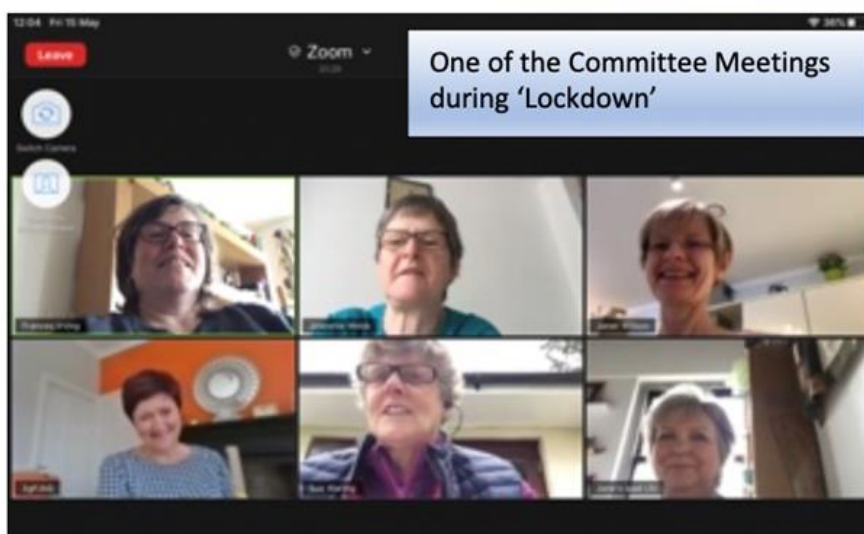
## Beetham WI Members have been busy during 'Lockdown'



Some of our members are frontline keyworkers yet they still manage to find time, along with other members, to make nearly 500 scrub bags and headbands. These have been distributed to Residential Care and Nursing Homes in the area, the Westmorland General Hospital, Kendal and the North West Ambulance Service.



Kendal Town Hall lit up for the NHS



Members will be informed by email or telephone when we are able to meet again at the M:Hub. In the meantime, stay safe, look after yourselves and keep in touch.



**Beetham Nurseries are open again!**

[www.beethamnurseries.co.uk](http://www.beethamnurseries.co.uk)

Beetham Nurseries Garden Centre and Growing Nursery have reopened with social distancing measures in place to protect our staff and customers.

*The Garden Cafe and Wood Fired Kitchen will remain closed until further notice. Toilets will not be available.*

Best wishes and stay safe



The Heron Corn Mill is pleased to announce the 'Make Yourself at Home' initiative, a series of special newsletters which will go out to subscribers every couple of weeks while we're shut down due to the current pandemic. The newsletters include recipes from our Bread of Heron group leaders, crafting projects from Kerry and more that you can try out in the comfort of your own home! To subscribe to the newsletter go to [www.heronmill.org/projects/make-yourself-at-home](http://www.heronmill.org/projects/make-yourself-at-home)



The Heron Theatre would like to thank all our members, supporters and volunteers for their patience during the lockdown. The theatre is continuing to be regularly maintained and we remain in touch with performers.

We do not know yet when we will be able to reopen, and what the theatre will look like with changes that we will need to make, but we look forward to welcoming you back as soon as we can. We hope that you all stay safe and well in the meantime.

## Beetham Parish Council

The next meeting will be held via Zoom on **Monday 1st June at 7pm**

Members of the public are welcome to pre-register to attend or submit comments by contacting the Clerk. Minutes of previous meetings can be found on the website at [www.beethampc.co.uk](http://www.beethampc.co.uk)

## CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE

Coronavirus is affecting all of our lives. Go to [cumbria.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://cumbria.gov.uk/coronavirus) to see what help is at hand.

## SOUTH LAKELAND

The South Lakeland Area Support Group issues a comprehensive Newsletter and Services Directory full of useful guidance and latest updates on services reopening.

To view or download go to the South Lakeland Local Updates option at [www.cumbria.gov.uk/coronavirus/communities.asp](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/coronavirus/communities.asp)

## A difficult time for young people - and for KEY:

but we wanted you to know that we are still providing a service during the Covid 19 pandemic to young people who have been involved with KEY activities. We had a difficult decision to make: as no face to face activities could take place, the Trustees decided to use the Job Retention Scheme to put our part-time member of staff, and our newer full-time youth worker on furlough.

With the help of Trustees, Emma is running several on-line sessions for groups each week, including craft sessions, games and the popular Acts of Kindness: the latest involved putting sunflower seeds in decorated envelopes and gifting them to members of the community. And, particularly relevant at this time, are the weekly Emotional Well-being sessions. She is also making herself available for one to one telephone conversations at certain times each day for young people who are having particular difficulties coping with the current situation.

A wider 'on-line' offer is being developed, which may well continue after lockdown and we are exploring what support we may be able to offer over the next year for current year 6 children as they move up into their first year at secondary school. We are also pleased to report that Janet Battye joined the Board of Trustees and is playing an important role as a line manager for Emma.

We know that very many young people have found the lockdown really hard and need the kind of support and contact that Key can offer more than ever. One of our worries is that one of the effects of the pandemic is that getting grants from charitable trusts and other funders is going to be very difficult in the next few years.

Raising the money to pay the youth workers' salaries has been a constant challenge and all the signs are that it is now going to be even more difficult. If anyone can point us to possible future funders the Trustees would be most grateful.

With our best wishes for the challenging times ahead,

Chairman: Peter Clarke and Trustees: Wilf Gill, Irene McKay, Greg Tagney, Mary Salter, Janet Battye and Linda Baverstock

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## BEETHAM AID

### CORONAVIRUS COMMUNITY SUPPORT

**As a community we are continuing to do our best to support those who need our help at this time**

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**or email [estateoffice@dallamtower.com](mailto:estateoffice@dallamtower.com)**

**If you reach an answer phone please leave a message with your name, address, telephone number and requirements and we will return your call.**

**If you wish to volunteer to help please ring 015395 64778**

**or email [beethamaid@btinternet.com](mailto:beethamaid@btinternet.com) leaving your name, address, phone number/email**

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